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To the ODFW Team,

I became aware today through an email from one our sales representatives that the new 2019 Oregon hunting regulations have a significant change that may impact one of the riflescopes that we work on here at our Oregon facility in Wilsonville. In the attached proposed regulations change language that we reviewed, there was no mention of "…scopes that receive information from a rangefinder or any electronic device". The original proposed language only covered "…scopes with rangefinders". Had we known this conversation was going on, we definitely would have spent some time with ODFW to discuss this topic and help educate everyone on how the system works and how to compare it to products that are already available in the marketplace that are not prohibited.

This new prohibited method reads squarely against our new Sig Sauer Electro-Optics Ballistic Data Xchange BDX system. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this new regulation change as the BDX scope can also be used with a preset BDC reticle, much like any other scope that has been on the market for years, and is allowed in Oregon. It seems to me that we all might benefit if I made a trip down to the ODFW offices, this week if possible, and I could explain the new BDX technology and the different ways that it can be used. Receiving ballistic updates in the field from the rangefinder to the riflescope is only way to use the system, it can also be used to set up a digital BDC reticle with multiple fixed holdover points before you go hunting and the scope then receives no updates in the field. A lot to discuss and more than happy to come visit with your team to demo the product and talk through the various use cases. My concern is that this new regulation wording seems to have been written to squarely address the new BDX product. We had no indication from the attached PDF that this was being considered and had no opportunity for input. This will have a major impact on our business here in Oregon and regardless of the outcome, I think we would all benefit from a discussion of the product and how to word or interpret the new language in such a way that delivers the best result for ODFW and Oregon hunters. I have left a voicemail with Michelle Dennehy as well, but wanted to reach out via email to see if we can accelerate a discussion. Please email back or call my cell phone at 603-686-4528. I appreciate your consideration regarding this matter.

Prohibited Methods

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt or shoot from or across a public Rd, Rd right-of-way or railroad right-of-way, except persons legally hunting on Rds closed to use of motor vehicles by the public.
- Hunt for or kill any wildlife for another person.
- Hunt any game mammal with dogs, except western gray squirrel.
- Hunt, locate, or scout for the purpose of hunting any wildlife with infrared or other night vision sight or equipment except trail cameras.
- Use an artificial light for hunting any wildlife, except raccoon, bobcat and opossum provided the light is not cast from or attached to a motor vehicle. This includes laser sights or any other sights which project a beam to the target, including scopes with electronic rangefinders and scopes that receive information from a rangefinder or any electronic device. This does not include battery operated sights which only light the reticle.
- Take game mammals with trap or snare.
- Use any poisoning, immobilizing, or tranquilizing drug or chemical to hunt or kill any game mammal.

Thank You,

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