

# **Exhibit H**

## **File 1**

**Public Correspondence Received  
March 10, 2021 to March 12, 2021**

# **Exhibit H**

**Public Correspondence Received as of  
June 3, 2021**

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Brian Mayfield <dustypeppers7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 10:30 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Yes, yes and yes! We hunt Starkey and it's been getting killed (literally) by the bow hunters. They swarm in like locust, can drive all of the gated roads, and hunt up until the day we show up. Our hunting there has gone from seeing elk every day to not seeing a single elk during the season.



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**From:** Gary Mayfield <gary@gamma-software.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:58 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I would like to add my voice of support to the proposal to add additional units to the eastern Oregon controlled elk hunt regulations, especially Starkey. We have seen a drastic reduction in the number of bulls and elk in general in the Starkey unit the past 3-4 years. It has gotten so bad that we made the decision not to hunt there any more. I believe that these changes, if implemented, will help bring that area back to a place where we would like to hunt again.

Thank you.

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*The angler forgets most of the fish he catches,  
but he does not forget the streams and lakes  
in which they are caught.*

-- Charles K. Fox

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**From:** Dave Winters <dpwinters1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I have been bow hunting since 1972 in the Heppner unit. Because of the over crowding during the rifle season. Now with more modern bow equipment, the bow hunters have grown substantially over the last few years. A lot of the hunters I have talked too are rifle hunters first and bow hunters second. If they don't draw a tag for a rifle hunt they buy a general season bow tag. Which I feel is not right. I have nothing against rifle hunters, but for the most part they don't put in the time needed for bow hunting, which over the years have resulted in a lot of lost animal's. Thats not say all bow hunter make good choices in shoots leading to lost animal's. I have felt for years that you should have to apply for either rifle or bow for a particular season. So I'm in favor of having a draw for archery season in the units you have mentioned.

Thank you for your time

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**From:** Vici Peters <vpeters@Leupold.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastern Oregon Archery Elk Season Changes

Hello,

I understand the challenges faced by ODFW in effectively managing elk populations in Northeast Oregon. I have archery hunted Starkey Unit for much of the last 40 years. I also live in Vernonia so have truly enjoyed being able to hunt both environments over a whole month every year. If this change goes into effect, I think I will never hunt Starkey again, which really makes me sad. I would like to make a suggestion. I think you should make only out of state tags a drawing for these areas. Here is why. When you look at license plates in hunt camp at LaGrande Reservoir for the last 7-8 years, the majority are Washington plates. Apparently there was an article in a hunting magazine about that time that touted the great hunting opportunities here. I am happy to enjoy the hunt experience with our out of state friends but, if their large numbers of participants are affecting the hunting opportunities for Oregonians, I think it is reasonable to limit their access before you affect Oregonians with blanket changes. You should also consider that locals in the northeast are running out of any hunting opportunities that they do not have to draw for. I would find this very frustrating if I had purchased hunting land in the area and had cultivated its hunting habitat for years so I could enjoy it as is the case for several of my friends. Please consider this. Thanks for your time.

Vici

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**From:** casey crum <caseycrum77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:46 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2022 elk proposal

I doubt you're getting much positive feedback on the upcoming change but I would like to leave some. Most folks I talk to haven't done their homework and are only thinking of themselves. I've lived in eastern Oregon for 40 years and look forward to the change I'd like to see the woods less crowded during archery season by unsuccessful rifle applicants and/or folks who apply for the big three archery elk tags and then go get a general tag after being unsuccessful. Change is necessary I hope you go through with it.

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**From:** Jaden Bales <jadenbales95@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastern Oregon Archery Elk Proposal Comments

Hi there,

I appreciate the Oregon Department of Fish And Wildlife's work to provide solutions to issues identities in the 2020 hunter survey - the same one that resulted in the controlled hunting of all Eastern Oregon mule deer archery units.

I would like to express, I feel the Eastern Oregon Archery season for elk follow suit and fully move to a controlled archery season east of the Cascades. I feel doing this would do three key things:

1. Create continuity in an already complex regulation system
2. Help reduce point-creep in many of Oregon's Rocky Mountain elk rifle hunts
3. Provide a better experience on the ground for archery hunters in the field.

If we move forward with the proposed partial-controlled seasons, there is a high likelihood elk herds in the OTC areas will see even more pressure than currently in archery season, because as the survey showed, 75% of Oregon's hunters prefer rifle hunts, and will continue to try and build points while going hunting each year.

Additionally, there is not a major biological necessity for archery hunters to be controlled as-is, since archery harvest is largely compensatory harvest in Oregon. Therefore, it makes most sense to provide a consistent message of spreading archery hunter pressure, reducing point creep, and providing more rifle opportunity. That way, Oregon's archers do not have false expectations for the outcome of going to a fully-controlled season.

This will be my 14th season hunting in my home state of Oregon, and while I have loved going archery elk hunting over-the-counter, I am confident moving to a total controlled season structure east of the Cascades will provide a better experience in the woods for archery and rifle hunters alike, well into Oregon's hunting future.

Thank you for your time,

Jaden

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Take care,

Jaden Bales

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**From:** mattthurman22 <mattthurman22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:30 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I would like all of Eastern Oregon to go to a draw but it's a good start. I've archery hunted in Eastern Oregon for 42 years and it's become very frustrating.

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

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**From:** Daniel Embertson <danembertson@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:29 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastern Oregon archery elk proposal

I already left an email but wanted to add one thing for archery elk and deer. The biggest excuse for going to controlled hunts for archery deer and elk is new technology like bows with 80 percent let off that shoot 300 fps. I'm asking for a general statewide deer and elk season for traditional archery only. Could be part of the general tag just you can still hunt eastern oregon with traditional gear. Why punish the trad guys they are already the underdogs and have been since compound bows became better than recurve. This might increase the number of people interested in traditional archery which would be a good thing. I pray you take this into consideration.  
Daniel.

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**From:** jerry carlson <jkcarlbel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:22 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Archery Restrictions for 2022

Dear ODFW

Mar, 2021

Thank you for sending your very informative e-mail regarding your proposed restrictions for the 2022 Archery Elk Seasons in Eastern Oregon. I replied to this proposal last year, but our comments seem to have fallen on deaf ears. As a trained biologist, and a senior citizen who still archery hunts, I see a lot of twisted thinking by ODFW, of late. In fact, it's causing a decrease in resident hunters who are looking to hunt out-of-State nowadays, rather than waste their time/money in Oregon. Clearly, grave problems exist with ODFW's proposal, and with controlled hunts in general. I will list them below:

1. In looking over your (ODFW) 2019 Archery and Rifle harvest for the Imnaha Unit (where I mostly hunt), I noticed that **Archery hunters harvested a total of 5 elk**; whereas, **Rifle hunters slaughtered a total of 120 elk**! Sadly, our party of 6 didn't harvest a single elk, and we're excellent hunters! Clearly, archery hunters have less impact on elk than even motor vehicles do! Is the Imnaha unit crowded? No! Is any archery hunt crowded? No! Compared to rifle hunters, there is no comparison. Do you merely want 8 more dollars (which screws the hunters who reside in Eastern Oregon)? Or are you merely catering to rifle hunters' complaints? If so, then it will bite them in the arse – why? – because I will say the heck with archery hunting, and begin competing with them for rifle tags. That won't be good for them, because I'm a more stealthy hunter than they are. Hmmm...

Below is the quote from your e-mail:

Over the last 40 years, archery hunting has certainly become increasingly popular, with participation and harvest now exceeding limited entry rifle bull hunts in some units. Biologists believe the structure of the season is also contributing to complaints about over-crowding among archery hunters and elk distribution problems, with more elk on private land and fewer on public land during hunting seasons.

Over-crowding and over-harvesting by archery hunters is simply not true! As a youngster, I first accompanied my dad on an archery hunt at Mt. Emily in 1957. Back then, there were more hunters, and a hunter was able to hunt archery areas, and then gun hunt all seasons, if unsuccessful early on. More game, more hunters, less rules, going where one pleases = more freedom and less ODFW nonsensical tyranny. (By the way, the controlled hunt concept has been one of the worst brainfarts in the history of Oregon hunting, and only second to the idea of allowing wolves to decimate the elk herds.)

2. For those of us who have been putting in for preference points, with the hope of hunting our old growing-up stomping grounds (Mt. Emily in my case), we will now see our preference points go away if we have to apply for a unit that we are more likely to get. I hunt the Imnaha unit most of the season, since I have a house/property there, but I like to try Fossil and other units too. Hunting and

wandering in the woods is a pioneering concept folks. Control hunts kill tradition and freedom, and these proposed controlled hunts would be wasting my points by applying to hunt at all, although the points we save seem to be suffering from "point creep" anyway, so hunting at all for us older folks is disappearing altogether, all thanks to poor decisions being made by ODFW. No wonder poaching (which I detest) has increased!

3. This proposal appears to be a way in which ODFW can discriminate against those of us who live in Eastern Oregon. We can't even hunt where we live and pay property taxes, without competing with other folks in the State, yet they are able to hunt freely on the west side without being locked in a specific unit. (No one should be locked into a specific unit! Get rid of the controlled hunts by taking the top 5 point brackets each year until the points are all gone, then go back to the old days. It would be far more equitable, and we wouldn't be losing hunters to other states.)

4. Wolves are an epidemic catastrophe. I don't mind having a few wolves in the State, but you folks need to allow them to be hunted – to fear man. They brazenly kill for the sake of killing, and they are running the elk ragged. Personally, my wife and I don't go for a hike anywhere on our land without being armed. Their tracks are everywhere, and the elk and deer are disappearing as a result of their unchecked killing sprees. ODFW – please get a clue! If any Game biologist disagrees with me on this subject, then send them back to school and have them pay special attention to the ecological concepts of Food Pyramids, Chains, and Webs. Today, in our once-wonderful State of Oregon, we have an upside Food Pyramid – it doesn't work, folks! Education = enlightenment.

Hey look – it may seem like I'm being too harsh on you folks here. The fact is this, ODFW is mostly comprised of good folks who do the right thing. I've worked for the public in both the military and the field of education (teaching Biology – high school and college level), and it isn't easy. I've also been an outdoorsman my entire life – almost 7 decades. What we need is for government agencies, such as ODFW, to loosen the apron strings a bit, and remember that all government employees should be endowed/trained with the concept of "service." In our Constitutional Republic, the people rule the roost – not the government. We don't need the government to pick our nose, or wipe our ass. LOL Indeed, excessive control by ODFW (controlled hunting) is morally wrong and ineffective – your data isn't as important as you think it is; after all, data is sometimes bereft of common sense and is highly inaccurate; moreover, it robs citizens of their freedom in choosing where to camp and hunt. Please take my comments to heart. Thank you for hearing me out... ODFW enlightenment is possible (I hope).

Sincerely, Jerald L. Carlson

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**From:** chesterholmes490@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:06 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastern Oregon elk

In my opinion every unit that a rifle hunter has to apply to draw an elk tag archery hunters should have apply for an elk tag also. It's the only fair way to hunt eastern Oregon deer and elk. Archery hunters have longer seasons and hunt in the rut for elk. All Oregon hunters know that Oregon fish and wildlife officials are greedy by continuing to jack up licenses and tag prices so look how much more the state would make if the archers had to apply for all eastern elk units!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Carol Robart <rcrobart1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I fully support limited entry archery hunting in the units highlighted in red.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Aleksey Nogin <annaleksey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 8:55 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** archery changes

I'm about to quit hunting with all you do. Like a spoiled wife never satisfied with all she does, keep doing changes.

This is what i feel about YOU 😊

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**From:** Mike Burbee <mike@columbiaconcretesawing.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Controlled Archery Elk Hunt

I don't understand why we don't make everyone declare if they are going to hunt archery or rifle before the draw dead line. I don't know how many people I have run across over the last 30 plus years that are archery hunting because they didn't draw a tag. If you make the proposed unit changes it only hurts the people that have always hunted archery. If you declare before the tag dead line that you are applying for an eastern Oregon rifle tag and you don't get it, you can hunt general season rifle and not hunt archery. People who are dedicated to hunting archery should not be the ones who should have to draw a tag. The ones who do it because they don't draw a rifle tag should.

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**From:** David Tolman <bluemountaindave@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 8:20 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comment on proposed archery changes

One of the issues with the proposed changes is that unsuccessful rifle applicants can still purchase general archery season tags, forcing more hunting pressure in those units open for general over the counter archery tags. If all of the units were draw-only then the hunting pressure could truly be controlled.

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**From:** Parker Nguyen <parkerrnguyen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 8:06 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

ODFW,

As you know, bow hunting has become TOO popular. In many of the eastern units, it's nearly impossible to get away from the crowd of bow hunters. One day in Ukiah, I called in 6 separate hunters. Even after packing in 15 miles into the wilderness, I still constantly run into other hunters. I think this would definitely help the populations. Even though most of these chumps eat tag soup, they still pressure the hell out of the animals and make it worse for everyone.

Thanks - Parker

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**From:** richard kidd <lewisriverfish@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 8:06 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Controlled Archery Elk

This is a wise move

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Daniel Embertson <Daniel.Embertson@rfpco.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 7:40 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** archery elk proposal

I am not in support of archery elk controlled hunts. This will just make it hard for people in eastern Oregon to be able to hunt. It will also frustrate people and cause more to say F it and start poaching. If it is decided to go to controlled hunts it shouldn't be unit by unit but multiple units in one hunt to keep at least a little flexibility. For instance my group might hunt sumpter unit in the morning Starkey in the evening and desolation the next day 3 different units but all hunting spots are within 3 miles of each other they just happened to be across the road. You could make a blue mountain hunt or something and combine multiple units in that draw. And I am very displeased at the decision to make eastern Oregon deer draw you guys only listen to riffle hunters comments who have been jealous of bow hunters flexibility for a long time. That in itself will cause a lot of resentment and most likely poaching unfortunately. But you guys make the rules. Please take my words into consideration. Thank. Oh yah and it will make the remainder of the state more crowded like western Oregon.

Daniel

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**From:** Jon Nelson <jdnelson995@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 7:28 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I'm very concerned about the proposal creating extreme crowding and pressure in the remaining general units. This proposal not only moves my preferred unit to a draw where I can't hunt it every year, but will likely focus extreme amounts of pressure on my home units that remain a general season. Overall this proposal is likely to ruin elk hunting for me and I will likely stop buying tags and hunting.

I think a statewide controlled hunt is the best way to go for ODFW to balance the opportunity available to hunters and the quality of the experience they are likely to enjoy in the field. Playing pinball with other hunters and trying to intercept or ambush panicked animals running from too many people in the woods is not enjoyable. The increased competition in these scenarios also results in what I perceived as a general downgrading of people's ethics in the field. The resulting bad behavior gives all hunters and the entire sport a bad name. All of these issues, which reduce the quality of the experience for many if not most hunters, will lower hunter recruitment and retention over time.

While initially unpopular, I think a statewide controlled hunt would distribute opportunity more equitably, improve the quality of the experience for hunters, and better enable wildlife managers to do the work they are tasked with, which is the ultimate goal.

I do not support the current proposal and believe the agency needs to rethink its long-term goals with elk archery seasons, while incorporating a more holistic perspective of all the various factors

-Jon Nelson

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**From:** Dawson Eddy <dawson.yeti99@gmail.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Draft Proposal

Okay I have been hunting elk in Eastern Oregon with my bow for many years. And while I like that we currently have controlled units, turning those other units into a controlled unit will only anger the hunting population and cause an extreme increase in out of unit poaching and such things. Instead we should look to other states for what they are doing. Several of my friends and I have been saying for years that this needs to happen, as combined we have over 300 years of hunting experience.

1. We NEED to cut the amount of rifle tags drastically for both deer and elk. In some cases, I have seen more tags given out than bucks in the unit. So cut rifle tags first because only 1-10% of all archery hunters are successful in a year on average.
2. Instead of making the units controlled, they need to be branch antlered or bigger. Or 4 point or better. This will dramatically increase the quality of our herds such as many units in surrounding states. Many states offer a couple spike only and fork-n-horn tags in such units.
3. Make it harder for out of state hunters to get a tag. Not necessarily raise the price, but make draw opportunities narrower. I know several hunters who have been putting in for Mt.Emily for 15 years and never drawn while an out of state friend put in for 3 years and drew.
4. MAKE HUNTERS CHOOSE THEIR WEAPON. Keep the general season but make it so that hunters have to choose their weapon. No more of this, oh I didn't draw rifle so now I will just bow hunt. If you do this, it will have wonderful effects on our herd population, quality, and over all hunting experience. Please consider these ideals. We all just want a better hunting experience. Oregon has one of the biggest elk populations in the world, we need to take care of it.

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**From:** Michael Prohoroff <michael.prohoroff@countryfinancial.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 7:21 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Dear sirs and madams,

I wanted to touch base with a couple thoughts/ideas about the new proposed changes for archery elk hunting on the east side. I have been following this for the last year and wanted to weigh in. It seems to me that what you are trying to do is:

Reduce some of the archery elk harvest or at least be able to control the number of elk harvested.

Simplify the regulations.

Get some equality between rifle and archery elk hunting.

Possibly help the point creep issue we have.

Collect more revenue from archery hunters.

I think this idea would do all of those things:

First, make hunters choose a weapon. If you are going to apply for a rifle tag, you must hunt with a rifle and vice versa.

Next, in all units in Red on your map have capped tag numbers. You already have those numbers for the controlled hunt proposal and they can be adjusted as needed to help meet objectives. These would be OTC, but first come, first served. So for instance tags go on sale at 6am on a specific date and once X number of tags for that unit are sold it closes down. I think the best way to set this up would be in your app and have the ability to put a first choice, 2nd 3rd etc and then purchase. If your too slow for first choice and it's sold out when u hit the purchase button the system try's your 2nd choice on down the line. It would be great if the system could real time tell you what units have tags still available.

You could actually do this for every unit In the state that's general and charge \$8 and most would pay it. You could have branch bull tag quota, spike tag quota and cow tag quota (all backed by science as to the numbers needed for sound management) a lot of meat hunters don't care about killing a bull. The branch bull tags would go first, but if a family has hunted an area for 40 years and they miss on branch bull tags they can get spike or cow tags and still enjoy their family traditions. (Obviously this would be were herd numbers warrant spike and cow hunts)

Now this doesn't address the point creep problem, but here is an idea for that. No point savers. You apply for a hunt and don't draw, you get a point. You draw and you hunt and it clears the slate. You do not have the option to continually bank points while hunting OTC. This could be implemented now and would equally effect everyone currently in the system and make hunters choose. Do I apply for a big 3 tag knowing that if I don't draw most of the best otc tags in the state will be gone by the time have results. You could also make the date for purchasing otc tags after the draw results so everyone has the same chance to purchase them. This, in conjunction with choosing a weapon would start righting the ship on point creep. I have also read about some things other states do that could help. A jubilee hunt every 5 years or so where you double the tags in the big three to help clear some points (as long as MO would support it) you could even make it variable depending on the winter the before. If we had a bad winter with a lot of winter kill or the wolves are especially hungry on year, you could suspend it. Just a thought.

Anyway, I hope someone reads this and it's discussed. I think we all know changes are coming and I for one appreciate you guys holding off on these changes to get more input.

Thanks,

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**From:** Billy Lee <billy@tri-leehomes.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 7:20 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

You might as well throw Lookout Mt under the controlled hunts for archery as well. Lookout Mt has a ton of elk and extremely little public land. Not a lot of people know that, but enough that it would be completely over run during a general season because of its proximity to the proposed new controlled units. Some guys have that unit figured out and have been enjoying it with little pressure and good hunting for a long time. With it's recent success rates, it will get noticed and trampled.

Thanks,

Bill

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**From:** Jeremy Hoffman <fishstalker147@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 7:19 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk changes

My 2 cents if they are worth anything. As a western general archery hunter i feel if eastern oregon becomes controlled i would love to see western controlled as well. My fear is everyome who doesnt draw their eastern tag will come to the coast its already crowded with washington archery hunters i feel it would just make matters worse.

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**From:** Billy Lee <billy@tri-leehomes.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 7:11 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hi,

I can't believe we have to go through this again. You guys are tormenting archery hunters here. If you want less pressure in the woods you need to change up the seasons. Make archery hunters pick a side of the state and or even a half of September to hunt. Stop throwing everyone in the woods all at once. All your going to do by creating more controlled hunts is creating over crowding in the units that remain general especially the west side, which can be just as bad as anywhere in eastern Oregon. There are tons of hunters in and around the willamette valley who are partial to hunting both side of the state.

Then what? I have to burn my points I've been saving for a big hunt in one of our "prized units" just to hunt a otc worthy unit I've been hunting for over a decade? Or just be okay with not hunting every year where I usually do?

How about we take care of our commitment to hunter opportunity in this state first.

Make ALL Non-resident tags controlled in ALL units for ALL species.

Serious elk hunters will hunt them however they have to. As mentioned in your article, there's been advancements in bow technology to allow more effective hunting especially during the rut. Of course guys are going to take advantage of that. And the same guys are going to be consistent in killing an elk with a rifle or muzzleloader if you force them that way. Take me for example, you think I won't be able to kill an elk in Oregon if I don't have my bow tag?

Stop shooting spikes? That'll probably help your bull to cow ratios.

Shoot more cow.

Even if Eastern Oregon is all controlled, your still going to see the over crowding because everyone goes to the exact same spots. The general elk hunters who dont want to put in the extra effort are the ones complaining about over crowding. But if you look at where most people camp, it's right off the main road next to other hunters because there's sites established from years past.

I've been in the most crowded units with people camped in every direction and you can still find pockets of ZERO pressure if your willing to find them.

The unintended result your going to see is more serious archery elk hunters going back to rifle or muzzleloader because the advantage will be back in those styles of hunting. And these are the guys killing most your elk so get ready for that. Just built my .300 win mag last year in anticipation you'd be taking away this opportunity. We've also started hunting out of state the last two years. Check out what Idaho did with their general rifle deer season. Some hybrid of that could work here for elk archery.

Make ALL Non-resident tags for ALL species controlled only.

Thanks,

Bill

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Davies, Kirk William <Kirk.Davies@oregonstate.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 6:03 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed archery elk regulation

The problems with not having archery elk be a draw will be perpetuated with this new plan. I strong suggest that all of Oregon be a draw for archery elk. Some units may be drawn with second choices, but then hunter pressure will be more controlled. Making all units a draw will create better hunting and improve safety. The new plan will just shift the over pressure from the northeast units to other units. This pressure negative impacts other wildlife, such as mule deer. If there is not a general rifle season for these units, why should there be a general archery season?

Kirk Davies

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**From:** Casey Sallee <caseysallee14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 6:01 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Good morning,

I would like to give some feedback on the new archery elk proposal. I feel like this is a step in the right direction towards better quality elk hunting in the proposed units that will be going to a draw tag. Last season I tagged along with my friends to call for them during the elk season in the heppner unit. The amount of hunters in that unit was appalling, four wheelers driving everywhere, guys driving around drinking beer with bows in hand. There is zero respect for other hunters. Apparently it's appropriate to park right next to someone and walk straight into their set up and blow up their hunt. We talked to several groups of hunters throughout the season, out of all the groups of people I heard of seven different bulls that were wounded and never recovered. The amount of elk that are wounded and lost during archery season now is astonishing and probably is a big reason you guys are not reaching the bull cow ratios. I rifle elk hunt in the saddle mountain unit every year. Six out of the ten bulls my group has killed the last couple years have had a broad head in them. That percentage is unbelievable. The only concern I have with making these eastern Oregon units a draw is the amount of people it will push to the coast because it's a general hunt still, I would like to see the entire state go to a draw system. The general units have been overrun with people that don't draw their rifle tags and are not serious about bow hunting which in turn leads to poor shots being taken, and lots of road hunting. Thank you folks for trying to do something, this is a step in the right direction.

Casey Sallee

Owner

Mill Creek Plumbing LLC

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**From:** Travis Toman <travistoman84@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 5:53 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Important Feedback re Archery Elk draw Proposal

Hi,

First off, thanks for opening this draft proposal to feedback from the public. I am a born and raised Oregon resident. I grew up hunting archery elk in eastern Oregon since I was 2 years old with my extended family. It was a very special time of year for our family. Almost like a family reunion you could say. This proposal is on the verge of threatening it. Below are some alternate options I would ask you consider as a first step.

1. Currently Oregon Archery season allows any out of state residents to buy over the counter general archery tags. This should change first. No more general OTC tags for archery elk in Oregon. They should be draw only and the number of tags are managed by OFWD.
2. In an effort to reduce over crowding during the 30 day general archery season. Refrain from shortening the general season to less than 30 days. This will only make things worse. Instead, keep the season open for 30 days but make 3 point or larger bull a draw only for these units in eastern Oregon that are showing a decline in bull to cow ratio. Keep spike and 2 points open as a general. They are not likely to breed at this age. Now OFWD can control how many breeding bulls (3 point or larger) are harvested each year per unit in an effort to keep the bull to cow ratio numbers at a healthy status.
3. Last resort... its what you are proposing basically. Units with suspected "low bull to cow ratio" become a draw only for any bull during the 30 day archery season and neighboring units.

Sincerely,

Travis Toman

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**From:** Monty Hall <kmhall60@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 1:32 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** "Archery elk proposal"

You changed the deer season I stopped buying the tag. If you change the Elk season I will stop buying the tag and likely the license too.

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**From:** Levi Brown <countrybrownboy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:32 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

I'd say leave it the way it is, statewide archery should be over the counter.

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**From:** Ron Young <nwpaving01@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:50 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I live in bend

I hunt murderers creek unit, and have been looking into north side and silvies units, I strongly believe that the it should remain a general tag however I do believe Archery season should not be a full 30 day hunt!

Some thoughts so far are

1. 14 day total season or
2. 2 separate seasons 14 day first and 14 day second or
3. Choose the unit at time of tag purchase the unit you will hunt on a first come first serve basis offering so many tags for a particular unit but not by preference points

These are some options that I believe will help manage the elk populations. I'm sure I will have additional ideas

I do not have any preference points and have never thought I would need to build preference points to have an opportunity to kill an elk and I don't intend to start building preference points

My daughter is 17 and she archery hunts with me and I believe it is ridiculous that she would need to build 20 preference points to have the chance to harvest a decent bull in some units.

I hope you will consider some of the options I have made By making these drastic changes to the east side is going to seriously overcrowd the western side and you will have the same problem!!!

Follow the groups on Facebook and you will see for yourself

Thanks  
Ron

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** u.miklos <umiklos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:26 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Controlled Bow hunt for Elk Pine Cr unit. 2022

HI,

The proposal cites the low Bull ratio to cow , in the Pine creek unit. To make a controlled bow hunt. The overall Elk population is way over the ODFW Objective.

I do not understand why we try to make controlled BOW hunts if the cows are overpopulated.

Why just limit the general bow season **for cows only?**

ODFW always asks to sell more elk tags, get more hunters, more yung hunters, more mentors for young hunters, for income, SO does not make any sense to make controlled bow hunting In Pine Cr for **cows** in bow season!

FOR COW ELK. ONLY !!!!

PLEASE NO CONTROLLED BOW HUNT FOR COW ELK IN PINECREEK.

**PLEASE NO CONTROLLED BOW HUNT FOR  
COW ELK IN PINECREEK. !!!**

**Thank you  
Miklos Ugrai**

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**From:** Rodney Carpenter <rodncarp280@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:03 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I strongly support the effort to limit archery elk tags in an effort to manage elk herds and hunting experience. I feel that making hunters choose to either apply for controlled hunts or buy an archery tag is the best way to go. Allowing the purchase of an archery tag if unsuccessful in the drawing is poor management in my opinion.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Michael Bull <michaelbullpe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:59 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

To whom to make concern at ODFW,

I find myself in disagreement with your proposed 2022 archery elk proposal to make many of the northeastern Oregon units into a controlled hunt drawing. I understand that management objectives and hunter opportunity benchmarks must be met. However, I think far more good could be done by controlling exponential growth of the predator populations and further enforcing existing game laws to limit poaching. If even further regulations were necessary, I would also support having to pick a single game unit to hunt. In summary, I prefer a chance to hunt every year in Oregon and don't believe that this opportunity would be mutually exclusive with the state meeting management objectives in Northeast Oregon if the predators and poaching were better controlled.

Mike Bull

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**From:** Jeff Bledsoe <jeffxbledsoe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

**Eastern Oregon archery elk hunting changes proposed for 2022**

The proposed changes are the minimum I'd like to see. I believe all of Eastern Oregon should be controlled draw for archery elk.

The reason for my opinion is simple. ODFW has failed to limit the number of out of state archery hunters purchasing over the counter tags. I believe this is simply due to ODFW putting out of state license and tag revenue over proper and fair management of our game and hunting opportunities for residents.

A few years back I was on the south side of the Stawberry Mountains just before the start of Archery Elk. I was both amazed and later incensed in all the California license plates, they were camped everywhere, hundreds of them in just the small area I was visiting/camping. I asked around and found they were all there for Archery Elk and the reason was because they could simply purchase their tags over the counter, no draw required, no limits on number of out of state Archery Elk tags sold. Oregonians have to wait YEARS to get a rifle Elk tag and they simply drive up here and buy an Archery Elk tag. If they weren't hunting during the rut it wouldn't have such an impact, but they do and that causes them to have a high percentage of success verses not during the rut.

Not only due they do this, but they both brag about how successful they are in their take ratio due to hunting Elk during the rut AND how dumb the people of Oregon are for allowing them to come up and do it! Many said they thought it was allowed simply due to revenue generation, they didn't care about the price, they happily pay the price and get their tag. Many go home with meat while we're waiting sometimes for many years to draw a tag. On top of it we don't get to hunt during the rut and get to hunt after they have stirred up the game. They are right, Oregonians are dumb for allowing this to happen. Opportunities to hunt should be primarily for residents and some for out of state, not to those that are simply able to fork out the fees and get a tag because ODFW is trying to maximize revenue.

The areas shown in red, the proposed Archery Elk draw areas should be made draw. Additionally all units with herds should be Archery Elk draw areas, if not all Eastern Oregon. Fossil, Grizzly, Paulina, Maheur River, Beulah, Sumpter, Lookout, Warner, and Steens Mountain units should be Archery Elk controlled draw areas as well as those proposed in red. They all have ample numbers of elk such that Archery tags should not be over the counter while rifle hunters have to wait years to draw for an opportunity to hunt.

Honestly I'm surprised this blatant discrimination against rifle hunters and residents hasn't landed in the courts with class lawsuits against ODFW, the state, and the commission members that allow this to continue, it certainly should be litigated as I believe it is discriminatory.

Regards,  
Jeff Bledsoe (Oregon Native)  
Lake Oswego, Oregon

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**From:** Corey Smith <tin.bender@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:37 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hello, I am actually supportive of this plan for the most part. I think it will be better and easier to manage the elk herds and will cut down on the overcrowding of hunters in certain areas as mentioned in the article. Also there will be less archery elk hunters overall, I think, because a lot of people put in for good rifle elk tags but go archery if they don't draw the rifle tag. You wouldn't be able to do this now unless you were able to draw some of the archery units on second choice.

Yes it will be inconvenient to me because I like to be able to hunt in a couple different units if I want to, sometimes, which you still could do in the general season areas, but all the ones I normally hunt are in the proposed draw area of course.

Overall I think it's a good plan.

One more thing- I know a lot of buddies that hunt archery elk in the Snake River and Pine creek units that have hunted there for a lot of years. It used to be really descent hunting for elk there if your willing to hike the canyons, but the last couple of years has been horrible hunting over there. All of them are sure it's because of the wolves in that area. Whatever the problem is, please do something to restore the elk herd in those areas.

Thank you for asking the opinions of the hunters! I didn't expect that but I appreciate it.

Corey

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Travis Stephens <rts1988@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:28 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

Ridiculous!

Archery hunters account for a small fraction of the elk and deer harvest. I would suggest predation would be a great place to focus any or all efforts. Open a wolf season, establish a quota for cougars taken with the assistance of hounds.

Archery hunters are not your answer. I'd rather see alternating hunting years than penalizing archery hunters.

One would ask why you can go to the Idaho side of the Snake River, with Oregon in view, and see elk and deer daily while hunting. Maybe ODFW should ask our neighbor for some advice. In addition to archery hunting in Oregon, I've been paying to hunt in Idaho for a few years.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Brooks Smith <brkssmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:23 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comment on Archery Control Proposal

Comments:

The proposal needs to discuss the expected increase in demand or use of non control hunting areas. I expect there will be an increase or overflow of hunters hunting the General Bow Hunt Areas. I expect some General Bow areas may have too many hunters (example: Fossil, Malheur River and Belah).

The State should consider implementing or reducing the out of State hunting tags and area hunt quotas as a measure to reduce demand or pressure on General Archery Licensing not under the Controlled proposal.

Excessive numbers of hunters in any zone outside the Controlled Area Hunts will impact Rifle Hunters success if these areas are overwhelmed by bow hunters.

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## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Nathan Pratt <mknzydrfr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

To whom it may concern,

I have been hunting elk in Oregon for 30 years, and my extended family (Grandpa and Dad) have been hunting Elk in Oregon since the 1950s. I agree with the Proposal to make Archery Elk hunting Controlled Hunting ONLY.

I can remember when there were two cow elk seasons in the Starkey Unit, and it was typical to see herds numbering in excess of 500 animals. The good old days shouldn't be behind us they should be in our future, we owe it to the animals we hunt.

My reasons for agreeing with the proposal are as follows:

1. As archery Elk hunting has become more and more popular, I hear more and more stories of bull elk shot but not recovered by archery hunters. These hunters continue to try to kill a bull after shooting an animal and not recovering it or the meat. I know of one hunter who has stopped archery hunting after he finally found his 6x6 bull a week later, dead but with the meat spoiled.
2. During the rut, the mature bull elk are more easily found due to their proximity to the cows and their focus on mating. During later season rifle hunts the big bulls have retreated to their post rut sanctuaries and are much more difficult to find.
3. I fear that if all the mature bulls are killed by archery hunters, and the spikes are all killed by rifle hunters, there will be no bulls left as breeding stock, or not enough bulls to ensure a good gene pool, which is necessary for a healthy herd.

Additional Suggestions:

1. If elk are being driven onto private lands due to excessive hunting pressure, why not divide the hunt into more seasons, for example: Colorado has 3 rifle bull elk seasons. People would get the opportunity to hunt but the animals would be educated early, and with fewer hunters there would be less possibility of one hunter pushing elk into other hunters.
2. Adopt the same rule for elk and deer hunting that exists for antelope, you can't shoot at an animal within 50 yards of a motor vehicle. This would be effective especially for rifle hunters.
3. Finally, I would like to see a limit on the number of Spike bull elk tags. Archery hunters and any bull rifle hunters should be restricted to 4 point or better bulls, in Eastern Oregon. Second season elk hunters have a hard enough time even locating elk after so many hunting seasons, let them have a shot at the spikes.

I would really like to see Oregon's Elk Herds restored to their former glory, there is certainly enough habitat for them to prosper.

Thank you,

Nathan Pratt

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**From:** JEFF DARCY <jeff\_drcy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:10 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** I don't like your current or proposed plan

Kill more predators. Allow hunting with dogs. That will help the deer and elk populations.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Daniel Brent <daniel@theheatingspecialist.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:06 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed changed to general hunts

Why do we allow so many out of state hunters?? This had been an issue for years that people from Neighbor in Washington and as far as Pennsylvania can buy a general tag and hunt the state of Oregon. This proposal will mostly hurt the residents. Also, predators are a large factor on the decreasing herds. Predator management? Wolves prey on the big game as do cougars and bears.. it is my opinion these should be addressed before denying resident hunters the opportunity we've had for years. I've archery hunted for 10 years now and never harvested an elk or deer.

+ Enjoy

Daniel Brent

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**From:** Zane <bigzee8343@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:03 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Dear ODFW,

Please do not change eastern archery elk units to controlled. The General archery elk tag gives an archery hunter the freedom of choice to hunt when and where is convenient but also when necessary. Wildfire season coincides with archery season. Each year we are seeing more and more wildfires, having the option to hunt on the east side of the state when the coast range is shut down is very important. Or vice versa. With less access each year on the coast range it's important to keep hunter opportunities open. More controlled units will only cause overcrowding in remaining general units. Part of your argument to make certain units like imnaha, snake river, pine creek is because bull management objective numbers are low. I believe managing those units like saddle mountain with a 3 point or larger regulation would help bull elk numbers. Protecting younger animals who are more likely to be harvested and create a more mature age class of animals. It's a win for the elk and us hunters, rifle and archery.

I also think it would be a good idea to explore some kind of archery stamp or certification, maybe mandatory hunters safety before anyone can hunt, not just under 18 . This goes for rifle hunters too. There are tons of individuals who haven't shot their bow or rifle all year long only to sight in the weekend before season and they go hunt with a bow that isn't Broadhead tuned. Being familiar with your archery equipment in particular is and should be mandatory. There are a lot of hunters who hunt and have poor ethics. Those are also the individuals who probably wouldnt take the time to go to hunters Ed or jump through the hoops to get a certification/stamp.

Lastly smart predator management needs to implemented. I know this topic has been beaten to death and is sour grapes but it's a fact. Managing deer and elk but not effectively managing bears, cougars and wolves isn't a balanced plan. We need decisions made based off of science and biology not political or emotional.

Thanks  
Zane Wood  
503-473-4148

Sent from my iPhone

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Hunter Shaw <hunter.dc.10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:49 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hello,

I do not agree with the proposal for the changes to archery elk hunting for 2022. I have a multitude of reasons but I'll list just a couple.

Archery elk hunting is extremely difficult as it is. It requires a relatively high degree of investment mentally, physically, and financially. To then limit the areas where those truly invested people can hunt is an absolute disrespect. It's not like rifle hunting. You actually have to put in the physical work of tracking elk and getting close enough for a shot. I find it very hard to believe that there are enough truly driven and lucky people hunting those units to cause any kind of significant population damage.

For many folks, myself included, taking time off to go east for a hunting trip has become family tradition. Sure people can find other things to do but they shouldn't have to.

The last reason I'll list is somewhat two fold. By limiting the places people can archery hunt you are just shifting the pressure to other areas. This will just lead to declining populations in those areas in the near future. Which you will be able to honestly blame on overhunting, but it will have been your fault. This is the start of chasing your own tails that never ends. Along with this there are people that live near those areas proposed to be controlled in 2022 that will not travel to hunt. They will continue to hunt the same area, they will poach big game. So you will reduce legal opportunity but at the same time increase poaching significantly. Which none of us want to see.

I also did not agree with the changes to archery deer season for this current year. In fact I felt quite blindsided by the decision. Even with a hard winter, disease, and lack of predator control I saw more mule deer in the ukiah unit in a 2 day trip than I did blacktail the rest of the year.

What would truly help big game populations in Oregon is if you, the ODFW, would allow hunting cougars and other predators with dogs. Cougars are wildly out of control. I can personally attest to the cougar population in the mohawk valley roughly doubling in the past year based off countless sightings of different families of big cats all throughout the valley not to mention the many livestock lost.

I'm not sure how it would be possible without an insanely expensive and invasive study but if the ODFW could prove, with picture and video, that overhunting is truly the cause of the declining populations I would happily suggest the entire state take a year off of big game hunting to help boost populations. But I have yet to see any proof of these claims. I've in fact seen a lot of picture, video, and first hand evidence that suggests lack of predator control is the true cause of declining populations.

The decisions ODFW has made recently have truly started to make me consider moving my family and I to Idaho or other similar states. What are states like Idaho and Montana doing to keep their hunting and fishing plentiful? All the outdoorsman I talk to from those states act like deer are pests and the states give out enough tags to make you think that. How can Oregon manage their wildlife like other states that have plenty?

In conclusion I do hope this email will find someone willing to read it and listen. I do appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts I just hope they are truly considered.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Jason Dunn <1jdunner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:37 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Archery Elk Change

I'm in agreement with the proposed changes to the archery elk season. Limiting general area tags to specific zones will reduce concentrated pressure in certain areas. Spreading hunters out will reduce pressure and help to better inform ODFW on harvest reporting and over pressured areas. This will improve hunter success and improve overall herd numbers.

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Parker <parkercmack@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:27 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hey I wanted to say that I don't believe moving archery elk to controlled for Eastern Oregon will be an adequate solution to address the elk population concerns. The reality is the successful harvest rate for archery elk is already so small (14% according to 2019 harvest numbers for Eastern Oregon which I think is higher than usual) that I think it really hurts hunters more than anything. As an avid archery elk hunter from Eastern Oregon, this change could be devastating for my favorite hunt of the year. I don't have any alternative solution to propose since I am not well versed in population control but I hope we can reconsider the ramifications of this change and try and work out a different solution that doesn't shut so many hunters out of the opportunity to elk hunt and pursue their passion like myself.

Parker Mack

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** RenegadeRebel@protonmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I've hunted elk here for 45 years. Each year for the past decade the herds have dwindled due to you giving out more Private Hunts to fee Ranchers who sell OUR elk to the highest bidder!!! Worse yet is you allow them to shoot pregnant cows till the end of March!!!! Due to this Negligence the elk herds around the Ochocos have dropped by 80%!!! Where herds of up to 300 once roamed the biggest herd I've seen in the last 3 years is 12 head!!!!

This is NOT ACCEPTABLE!!!!

STOP SELLING OUR DEER AND ELK TO WEALTHY FEE RANCHES!!!!!!

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Norm Hatcher <normhatcherjr77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:20 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Control bow elk hunts

Good plan has been needed for a long time also for deer controlled bow hunting is needed

Sent from my iPad

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** jacob.w.krueger <jacob.w.krueger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I understand maintaining elk populations however this sounds like a money grab to me. My assumption would be an eight dollar application fee for the controlled hunts proposed much like with what happens with rifle controlled hunts. I find it hard to believe that the actual cost of processing an individual electronic application runs that high. Additionally, archery season runs for an entire month and one of the luxuries of the season is the ability to travel far and near for hunting opportunities. An individual with a controlled hunt tag in the proposed area would be limited to only that location and would put constraints on people wishing to hunt in these areas who live in and would have to commute from western oregon.

Regards, Jacob Krueger

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10e, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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**From:** Bryan Carey <bc1kwikfish@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:49 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed archery controlled hunts

This response is likely a waste of my time, you've probably made your decision already. But, can't help but respond.

You do understand how difficult it is to harvest an elk with a bow and arrow.

If you are so concerned about the elk population, why do you allow so many rifle tags, you have youth hunts prior to archery season and during archery season. Elk are wound up by opening of archery season, Can't the youth hunt start after archery season.

Let's make it so if person applies for rifle elk tag and is unsuccessful, he can't turn around and buy archery elk tag.

That would cut back on archery pressure.

Cougars are huge problem in this state, you know how many game animals they kill on average per year per cougar. Do the math. You could issue free cougar tags with purchase of hunting license, perhaps multiple free tags. This won't replace running with dogs but could help.

\* stop issuing as many rifle elk tags

\*youth hunts after archery season

\*if hunter is unsuccessful for rifle elk draw, don't allow person buy archery elk tag \*free cougar tags to help control population.

Unless, the whole idea is to increase revenue, I have wasted my time.

We spend more money every year on hunting and fishing licenses and tags. salmon and steelhead runs are a shadow of what they were just a few years ago. Look at Alsea and siuslaw winter steelhead runs this year.

Oregon should have great fishing with all the money we give ODFW.

That's my (2) cents worth, I hope my time spent writing this was not wasted.

Bryan Carey

64 years old, lifetime Oregon sportsman.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Austin Jackson <austin\_jackson2@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:48 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I agree with odfw that archery hunting has become more popular. There's a large number of those people who put in for a rifle tag don't draw anything and then go pick up a general archery elk tag. I feel like you would cut the number of archery hunters down drastically that are in the OTC woods if you made hunters pick a weapon at the beginning of the season. For example if I were to apply for a ochoco rifle elk tag and was unsuccessful at drawing that tag I wouldn't be able to go get a archery elk tag. I would be stuck only being able to hunt a general rifle tag.

I have strong feelings that would drastically drop the number of archery hunters in the woods. Allowing the people like me who only archery hunt to keep our general season. I know far to many people who put in for rifle tags only to fall back on archery tags when they don't draw. Nothing against these hunters but in my experience these are the hunters who take their bows out the week season starts and who typically wound and loose animals because of lack of practice.

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**From:** connor holland <connorjholland91@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:45 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

Hello, i am an archery hunter and i have been for many years. I am very happy to see that archery deer and archery elk will be draw tags in eastern oregon. I am definitely willing to support that and i thank you for trying to help the animal populations

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**From:** JAMES HEITMANEK <jheitmanek@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:34 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

First of all let's be upfront for the reasons that ODFW wants to change the general season archery to a draw. All of the archery hunters know that it is for the additional revenue from draw applications. For the last 10 years every decision ODFW has made has been based primarily on how much additional income it would bring. So at least let's be honest about it.

Secondly, why should all the units around a unit that needs reduced bull harvests be made draw units? Again more income from draw applications. A number of years ago I contacted ODFW asking why there were 3times as many antelope tags for rifle hunters than for bow hunters in the Warner unit and was told it was because of quality of the hunt. They said bow hunters had to have water holes and waterholes were limited in the Warner unit. So ODFW decides the way I decide to stalk a game animal. Most of the archery hunters I hunt with prefer spot and stalk. So you see ODFW already screws things up plenty without trying to pull the wool over our eyes on this one too. I realize we can't do much about what ODFW decides in this state but we are already pretty much a laughing stock in the way our game resources are managed. At least be honest about why you do these things. Thank you

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Don Thorn <donbthorn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:27 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** I think the new plan to make units controlled is great,better to get on it now than wait too long for numbers to decrease even more.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Jeff <softserve03@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:26 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Let the guys on the west side shoot cows again if they choose!! More and more antler less opportunities for rifle hunter and almost none for archery guys trying to fill a freezer!

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Wesly Cochell <cochellwesly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:24 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

How about just making all hunter's declare either rifle or bow .a lot of rifle hunters put in for rifle tags and if they don't get them then they go Archery hunting. What are you going to do about preference points that people have saved for draw tags

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**From:** Gary Longhorn <elkslayer3710@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed new archery regulations

I don't agree with the proposed new archery draw units. To improve numbers of elk and other species maybe odfw should look at bringing hunting for predators with dogs back. Our elk and deer population have been devastated to the high numbers of cougars, bears and now large packs of wolf's. Let the sportsman reduce our numbers of predators before you start punishing the archery hunters.

I've been archery hunting for 30 years and I have never seen so many predators as I have in the past several years. When baiting for bears and using dogs was legal the predator population was low the elk herds and deer herds were healthy. Since taking away our right to hunt predators with dogs or bait bears our herds have been desimated by predators over several years.

Bring back baiting and hunting with dogs and our deer and elk herds will get healthy again.

Gary Longhorn  
Sportsman

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**From:** Ryan Martin <tcruiser72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:15 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hey there, my name is Ryan Martin. I agree with the fact that you need to address the big game numbers in our state!! I believe that you are approaching the problem from the wrong angle. You are taking the easy approach which is to punish all of us hunters because you think we will just roll with it!! The problem needs to be taken head on and all of us know, including you guys, that the problem is actually the huge increase in predator numbers over the last 10-15 years!! These numbers have gotten out of control!! You are looking to punish all of our outdoors men and women instead of dealing with these other agencies (environmentalists) that are backing all of the predators!! I am asking you guys to please think about how big of an impact that these types of changes make across the hunting community. We are not stupid in the sense that we will never gain anything back, once we agree to this change then it's gone forever! If I didn't feel passionate about the outdoors then you wouldn't be reading this!! Thank you for taking the time to read this!

Ryan Martin

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**From:** Andrew Huber <andrew\_huber54@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:15 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

To whom this may concern,

If over crowding is an issue in some areas during the archery elk season and if most hunters would prefer to rifle hunt as stated in the article that you published than I believe that you should make the hunter pick between which weapon choice they would like to hunt prior to applications or even to buy a general tag. Hunt either only archery, muzzleloader, or rifle. What you choose is what you get. Just like Washington State is currently doing. That way if you don't draw your rifle elk tag you can't fall back and buy and OTC general elk archery tag. You could also make people choose Eastern Oregon or Western Oregon, just like what is done in Washington State. That would make people choose up front what they really want. These options would disperse people based off the restrictions mentioned above.

Thank you,

Andrew Huber

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**From:** ronald powell <ronpowellor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:12 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Cc:** ronald powell  
**Subject:** Archery controlled hunt proposal

If we are to go to controlled hunts for archery elk there should not be an option to archery hunt if the rifle application is unsuccessful. I have bow hunted for Elk in Oregon since 1968. A large percentage of "new" inexperienced archery hunters are rifle hunters who did not draw a rifle tag and decided to buy or borrow equipment in June or July. Many practice shooting or calling very little other than watching videos of shots taken 45 to 75 yds or more and walk through the woods constantly calling. I have killed 19 bulls in my life and have never taken shot over 30yds and have never lost an animal. The number of wounded animals has gradually increased over time. This is not addressed by hunter surveys and data would be highly inaccurate if obtained by voluntary self admission. Dead and wounded elk found or seen by other hunters or arrow heads found in harvested animals by rifle and bow hunters are not only a more reliable indication of the increase in wounded animals by last minute conversions to bow hunting.

Ronald Powell  
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**From:** Darin <dndkzone@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:09 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Here's an idea rifle hunters that put in for a rifle season and do not draw a control tag can buy a general rifle season but cannot buy an archery tag and Archery hunters that put in for controlled tag that do not draw can buy a general season Archery but cannot hunt rifle. I know a lot of rifle hunters that do not draw their tag pick up a bow and hunt Archery which I do not think it is right because they do not put in the time to practice and that turns into a lot of unethical shots.

This will be my 39th year archery hunting elk and I have seen the populations increase here on the west side for Roosevelt elk I can no longer go into any of these places that I used to go and not run into multiple hunters.

So in my opinion if you want to hunt with a rifle, rifle is what you get! If you hunt with a bow, bow is what you get! "And if you don't get what you put in for that year here's your preference point good luck next year!"

Darin DeNoble

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Brendan Shroll <brendans25@clatskanie12.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk for heppner

I have hunted the Heppner unit almost all my life and we run into a lot of people and bulls. There is a lot of elk there and it makes no sense why you guys are doing this. I understand some Elk populations in some units but for the heppner unit there is a lot of Elk and a lot of bulls.  
Thank you for your time!

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**From:** Jacob Riggs <jacob.roy.riggs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:41 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I don't see how putting more restrictions on hunters who are already struggling to be successful in this state will solve the conservation issue. Archery numbers are already so low. Maybe take a look at the numbers predators take and do something about that issue (yes the number of predators is an issue). Why do we not address the real issues like how the state mismanages it's lands? Instead you're creating new restrictions which are nothing more than a money grab. Great job Oregon.

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**From:** Kenny Girres <kennygirres@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:38 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** elk draw in eastern oregon

first of all make it where your a rifle hunter or an archery hunter. pick your weapon, if your a rifle hunter and you dont draw the tag tuff luck, but the way it is now the rifle hunters dont draw so then they do archery with very little experience. flinningg arrows at any thing they see. leaving many many wounded animals. Make archery hunters pass a shooting test.

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**From:** Kelly Hess <streetfool@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:36 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk

This is inappropriate. We should have a voice in the changes you are making. This is not about proper game management, this is about getting more money from us every year. The prices of licenses and sportspack is outrageous. This is supposed to be a family activity, but it's so expensive, it's getting difficult to go hunting.

Sincerely

a very upset Oregon hunter

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**From:** Rick Miller <rickinhalfway@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:28 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

I live in Halfway and have hunted in the Pine Creek & Keating areas for 55 years, 39 of which have been archery. At 68 I'm too old to learn a new area, so will have to stop if this goes to a draw. I know some control is necessary. Could you consider reversing the rifle seasons, making both a over the counter purchase, but the spike season first. This would alliw those that choose archery because they cannot get a big bull tag go with they buddies every year in either season they want. Also I have watch the elk in this area for my life, you probably know that most of the elk shot in the 1st season are shot within the first couple hours of the opening day, many of which are spike. Then the older bulls go into hiding, if they are not already there because of being worn out because of the rut, or already in hiding from the first rifle shoots in buck season. So having a spike hunt first would mean more older mature bulls surviving. Those that want a big mature bull are usually younger men and women that can go into difficult locations and still be successful and can still go on a party hunt with all their friends. I think you would sell more tags and make more hunters happy. After all having a party hunt every year with friends sounds like good times. Thanks Rick Miller

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**From:** The Life Outdoorz <southernoregonhunting@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:24 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastern Oregon Draw Hunts

Hello, thank you for asking for Hunters input. I sure miss my time on the access and habitat board and working with you all. I have given the whole restructuring idea a bunch of thought.. If we cut the state into two different general tags I don't think we should use the PCT as the split. I purpose we use I5. The reason I'm against using the PCT is that it cuts all the cascade wilderness areas in half. Cascade elk are nomadic elk and the investment of effort and time to hunt them is huge. We typically are in the wilderness several miles and if the herd moves just a couple of hundred yards into the other unit our investment is wasted. The reason these units differ from other eastern units is that most of those units geography isolate the herds. The reason I say put the cascades in the eastern general is due to elk population. Majority of the elk west of the cascades live west of I5. Most of the elk east of the cascades live in the proposed draw units, so lumping the cascades in with the rest of Eastern Oregon would actually equally split the state, just my two cents.

Thank You  
Nate Bailey  
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**From:** Ralph Veldink <rveldink@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:20 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I hunt very little in Western Oregon any more because access is so restricted by the large number of private timber companies. Is ODFW doing anything to help with access to these lands. It seems like access keeps getting worse every year.

I am now 73 years old and probably don't have very many years left to hunt. While I prefer to rifle hunt I am only able to get a rifle elk tag every other year in my chosen unit. I have been filling in the years I failed to draw a rifle tag with archery hunting. Although I have never harvested an archery elk it is still fun to go to the places I am familiar with. Your proposal would cut my ability to hunt where I want in half. I would hope that you could give some additional preference to seniors that don't have much time left to physically be able to hunt.

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**From:** Brian Rogers <bdr72@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:23 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

From the research I have done, the number of rifle hunters (elk) is several thousand more than that of archery elk hunters. This being the case it of course makes sense the rifle elk hunters take the brunt of tags being decreased. Rightfully so simply due to a much higher volume of rifle hunters.

It is my understanding there is literally no science regrading herd management to implement any changes for the archery season. In fact, it was publicly said by an ODFW biologist the decision was a "social" one due to the higher volume of rifle elk hunters being upset that the very low volume (in comparisson) of archery hunters have a general season for most of the state.

Its a simple numbers game. For example, 72,000 rifle elk hunters vs 25,000 archery elk hunters. Squeeky wheel gets the grease for state revenue or ACTUAL science?

Fact is, archery elk hunters harvest a very low percentage of elk in Oregon. While most think archery hunters "see more elk" therefore they harvest more they are wrong. Archery hunters rarely get an actual oppportunity to even come to full draw on an elk let alone harvest one. That is the simple truth. Biologist know it and any ethical archery hunter knows it as well.

Be honest with your constituents. There is no science behind any of this. Your own biologists have publicly said so.

B. Rogers

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**From:** mike hurley <4mhurley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Proposal

Yes, this is long overdue! Archery hunting in these units needs to be controlled. For many reasons but I will just say these areas and really all of eastern Oregon needs controlled hunting for archery just like rifle.

MikeH  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Neil Mefford <NMefford@Covestic.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:18 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Dear ODFW,

I know your job is difficult and there is growing pressure by many special interest groups to eliminate hunting all together. As an avid outdoorsman who has hunted OR for several years, it saddens me to see opportunity eliminated for hunters. Your recent proposal to change many of the eastern OR game units to controlled hunts for elk is yet another disappointing blow to hunters. Tag and license fees play a big part in funding herd studies and management programs. Unfortunately our media neglects to recognize the value sportsmen and women play in these programs and promote the idea that game will manage itself. We all know it won't and reducing hunter opportunity and ultimately the \$'s that fund sound management programs is maddening and sad at the same time.

I am a non-resident and pay the increased fees each year for my OR license and tags. I would rather see you increase fees than reduce opportunity. Granted, I don't want hunting to become a rich person's sport, but I also don't want to see opportunity taken away. If fees are raised, then some people would not be able to afford hunting each year, but could still hunt every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The increased tag and license fees would offset the loss due to less hunters, but still allow for opportunity.

Please give it some thought before becoming the next state to restrict opportunity to resident and non-resident US citizens.

**Neil Mefford**

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**From:** Fred Heard <freddyjoeheard@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Bow hunt proposal 2022, get rid of some of the predation!!! Wolves, cats etc

Sent from my iPhone

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Greg Engalgau <greg@statewidesurveying.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** ODFW Elk Proposal

Honestly, where to start. Well, I'm Greg I am a 43 year resident of Oregon and have been hunting big game since the legal age of 12. When I was 12, hunting was fun and exciting, you know why? We as kids actually seen game. I truly feel sorry for these kids now days, you and I both know we have no mule deer and elk numbers are dropping dramatically and have been for 5 years. So answer me this, I have twin girls that are the age of 8, in Halfway where I used to deer and unfortunately still archery elk hunt both big game species are below what you call management objectives. I have hunted Pine Creek for 25 year, the last 17 years two weeks during archery season. Now we're are not deer hunting, but we may see one or two bucks in those two weeks. How are kids going to enjoy that? They won't! It's sad.

Now elk. What used to be a unit full of elk we seen 4 bulls in two weeks last year. The elk herds are down to three or four in a herd, with minimal calf's. Elk are now displaced as you said but not cause of hunting pressure, it's cause of predators. Don't bullshit the hunters, we know. Hunters, loggers and recreational folks have always been in the woods with no displacement into Pine Valley. Now a majority of the elk in the unit are down on the wide open ranches. They are smart, they don't want to get chased and murdered all day, every day.

In the mountains above Pine Valley there are no tracks and no scatt. A units where multiple bulls were called in everyday less than 10 years ago. It's practically a dead zone.

In regards to people, yeah there is quite a few. Most being close to the roads. I put over 100 miles on my boots last year, only running into hunters 1 time. It's not the hunters, It's the agency.

The problem, you folks manage absolutely nothing. Your an agency filled with college kids that thinks they know more than the previous generations, well you don't. If you disagree I'll take you for a hike anywhere you want in the Pine Creek Unit. The local biologist agree with the hunters, they won't say anything because they want to keep their jobs.

With your lack of management the once famous snake river unit is a dead zone. I personally know outfitters who harvested only 1 bull for 49 archers. Some hunters even called the outfitter early to come get these cause there is no game.

What are you going to do? Take away from the folks that put food in your family mouths. Remember you are supposed to work for us and advocate for us the hunters. But, you don't. We pay more for less.

I started hunting deer in Montana 5 years ago. We see on average 10-15 bucks a day! Yep, I said a day. I have already quit hunting mule deer in Oregon. If you take away are archery rights you will lose me, my friends, and my family for hunting big game in Oregon. I will complete my 17 preferences point for elk then thats it.

I will gladly pay over 1000 bucks to get a deer and elk tag in a state where opportunity is amazing and they welcome hunters. Most importantly, my kids will enjoy hunting and have an opportunity as we did growing up.

So, what's your plan? You don't have one. The only plan is to take away from us.

You are more than welcome to call me anytime.  
Please excuse my writing, it's from a iPhone.

Yours Truly

Greg 971 235 0037

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** joshzabransky@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** "Archery elk proposal"

ODFW,

First I want to say that this is not a bad idea because of the amount of pressure where I've been hunting in desolation for the past 24 years. But this proposal leaves me with 13 points in my pocket and that seems like I'm going to have to make some serious decisions about how to play this out. Desolation is not a unit I want to burn my points in yeah I love to hunt there I'm from eastern Oregon and think that being from the east side and being controlled when the west side comes over and crowds all the hunting on the east side but yet the west side has a general season which us eastern folk don't even care to come over there to hunt. I'm not sure what the answer is but maybe have zones in which you live in get a better opportunity or chance to draw rather than state wide west side flooding the east side. Time to start hunting other states

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jesse <jesse@pacrestoration.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:06 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Good evening,

After reading what's being requested for draft changes on the current setup I don't believe a hunter can make a educated conclusion on if he likes or dislikes the plan until they know how many tags will be allocated for those areas and how that information was derived. The more info and data that I have the more I'm open to change. I'm personally not one for more control unless I feel confident that by giving up something we'll be getting something in return for the next generation. I'm not a fan of how the deer population has been Managed over my life time so I'm reluctant to give up general season opportunities. Point systems are a rabbit hole that once established you can't un do. Point creep is the worst. Please post more information on tags that's planned on being issued and how many archery elk hunters are in those units during archery elk season. Thanks

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**From:** Kelvin Crawford <kelvin.crawford@biomassfirespeciality.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:06 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

Please don't do this. Hunter overcrowding will be solved by the hunters....go somewhere else....get out of the pickup. You are not managing game. You are trying to manage people. If someone got a ticket when driving 40 on gravel and running people off the road...throwing out beer cans, the woods would be a better place. I love to hunt at 64. Thank goodness that I have the means to hunt elsewhere because I have not and never will apply to hunt. Canada will be my destination next year. Oregon will lose my 10000\$ in fuel tags motel rooms. I am sickened and will encourage others to do the same.  
Kelvin Crawford

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**From:** Raines, Benjamin D <BENJAMIN\_D\_RAINES@homedepot.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:58 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hello,

I'm an archery elk hunter and always will be. I love it, I love the challenge and the amount of game I see. I'm not very successful but I love to hunt.

First and foremost, we need to stop letting bow hunters kill cows in the units we are trying to control. If we are wanting more bulls not killing bulls is one thing but first we should keep the females alive to have more babies. That should be a no brainer.

I completely understand the need to pull back on archery hunters as I've seen a huge increase in bow hunters over the years. The length of season is fantastic and the amount of game seen and success has been good. What I am most concerned about is guys not drawing tags and because of that they will hunt western Oregon general season. We have a ton of elk out west and I would hate to see more pressure on Roosevelt elk. I agree with limiting archery kills but there are better ways to do it than a controlled season because that's just going to shift guys to hunt other areas and soon we will be controlled across the entire state and I don't think that's needed. What we need is to limit the number of bulls taken but you're only contemplating one of the three different ways to do it. You mentioned three ways to control harvest; one is season length, the second is weapon used, and the third is controlling number of tags. The only avenue that seems to be viewed is controlling tags.

Could we shorten the season for eastern Oregon archery, thus limiting the number of bulls taken due to a shorter hunt? End it a week earlier than western Oregon or start it a week later. Or do both, have it be a two week season, starting in early September until mid September. If this were the case I would make eastern Oregon archery a general season but you would have to choose to hunt east or hunt west general, so guys don't inundate western Oregon the first and last weeks of the season and hurt Roosevelt herds. Don't make it a draw, just choose which side of the state and if you choose east you have a shorter season. If I had to choose I would hunt west and I think it would pull pressure off units simply because of a shorter season, plus it would reduce bulls killed because less time to hunt and less hunters. In short: General season archery but you have to choose western Oregon (4 week season) or eastern Oregon (2 week season).

Another idea is if you made more units traditional archery only. Forget controlled tags altogether (although I have a feeling that \$8 app fee is part of the thought process here) and just limit those units that you want to control to traditional archery only. There are areas where this already exists in the state due to it limiting success because of the sheer difficulty in taking an elk with traditional equipment. General season archery but only traditional archery in those units you want to reduce bull kills.

To summarize, I love hunting east but I completely understand the need to reduce bull harvest. I think traditional archery in those units that need controlled is an easy first step. Shortening the season would be a second option, perhaps with those two factors combined to really cut down on harvest. I think our last option would be to control the units with draw tags. Try the first two and see what happens over the next decade, you will see results.

Stop killing cows in units we need to increase bull numbers, limit hunters to traditionally archery only, shorten the season (but make us choose to hunt east or west at the same time, that would reduce hunters on its own, me included) and if none of that works then control the unit with draw tags.

Thanks,  
Ben Raines  
971-286-1047

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**From:** Scott Simmons <scott@csquaredv.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:58 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Understanding the need to propose fair regulations to control both overcrowding of hunters and healthy elk herds, I feel this new arrangement unfairly restricts traditional archery hunters. I propose an "open state" Traditional Archery season tag be created so traditional archers aren't unfairly limited by both compound and rifle season changes.

The success rate of traditional archers should not be thrown in under a single heading of "archery" which unfairly lumps us into the broader category with more successful compound hunters.

Please make this adjustment to the proposal. The change will promote more traditional hunters enter the woods and help maintain a balance within hunting activities.

Thanks,  
Scott Simmons  
503-341-3134

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**From:** Dave Campagna <davec@kronsbergelectric.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:58 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Bravo, that's a start.

While I do favor this proposal, I strongly favor all big game hunters choose their weapon ( Rifle or Archery) prior to May 15.

I do like the direction things are headed.

All you folks keep up the good things you are doing for wildlife.

Sincerely  
David Campagna

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**From:** mikemiller234@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:53 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Draw

Don't make Eastern Oregon a draw hunt for Archery. Keep it the same.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Houston Woods <houstonwoods23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:53 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Do not do it.

I do not support making more controlled hunts. Our current system is working so well that Oregon has one of the highest elk herd numbers in the country 3rd if I'm not mistaken.

Houston Woods

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Rudie Reiniger <rreiniger@DOTFOODS.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:52 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

To whom it may concern,

As a lifelong (58 Years old) Hunter in the Heppner Unit I applaud and plead the state to move forward with the implementation of Controlled Hunts for Archery Elk. As a dedicated Rifle Hunter our hunting party of 6 family members live for our Elk Hunts. We are lucky to draw a Branched Antler tag every 3-4 years. The last two times we've received Branched Antler tags we haven't even seen a branched bull. I also feel that the amount of 1<sup>st</sup> Season Spike only tags is extremely over tagged and manipulated. I see many parties of hunters hunting with 1 or 2 branched antler tags with the remainder of the party hunting with Spike Tags. We all know what happens in reality with many of these hunts. All people in the party are available to shoot Branched Antlers if they get the chance. When this system first started the large majority of tags were for Branched Bulls and those who didn't get these would hunt general 2<sup>nd</sup> spike only season. You felt like you had a decent chance of at least seeing a big bull.

I drift from the main topic of controlled archery hunts. I'm not an anti-Bow Hunter person but like the state has described in the summary the bow hunters are bagging a much higher success ratio for Bulls. Some of this is timing, due to Bow Hunters being able to Hunt in the middle of the rut, as well as substantially longer season in which Big Bulls are hunted for weeks! Much of the challenge is that Hunters have adjusted and figured out that if I bow hunt I can hunt big bulls every year and I can potentially hunt for weeks. More Bow hunters, hunting big bulls during the rut, means less bulls will survive.

Please try to develop an equitable controlled hunt for Branched Antlered Bulls for Bow Season.

Thank you for listening!

**Rudie Reiniger**

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**From:** Jon Turkington <jondturkington@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:50 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Before any committee decides or thinks about breaking up Oregon into a more convoluted bow hunting season. Predator numbers need to drastically be reduced. The real problem with the low game numbers is, exorbitant amount of several different kinds of predators that are drastically reducing the game population. I don't agree with what is being proposed for the archery elk general season. To me it feels like another way to gain more money into a bank account that is not being used adequately already.

Ridiculous proposal,  
Jon

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**From:** Todd Loyd <tjmloyd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal.

I am all for making all of eastern oregon a controlled hunt area. I realized that hunting is part of family tradition and my family's use this time too come together and make memories. I don't want to take that away from them. So I would like to see all of eastern oregon a controlled elk hunt for branch bulls and maybe general season for spike elk. This would be a way of control the harvest. As the population of elk increase again, you can increase the number of controlled tags given out. But if it's a tradition for all to go to hunting camp, this would give everyone an option to hunt. Thanks for listening and asking for opinion on this. I'm glad to see something happening with this issue.

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**From:** Jeff Calavan <laughingmallard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:45 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk change

I'm a Native Oregonian and hunted here for 50 years. I will start hunting out of state. This is ridiculous.

You are going to lose all of us archery hunters.

The wolves are your issue not us. I hunted the Eagle caps last 2 years. Saw elk then nothing but wolves.

Elk left and so will we if you do this!

Thanks

Jeff Calavan

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Brian Burk <landpro958@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Dear ODFW,

I have hunted the Starkey unit for many years. This last year I saw more people than ever before. People were EVERYWHERE. I get that some of the reason for that was the big fires in western Oregon closing zones there.

In a scientific point of view it should be considered that your survey was done in a time when mother nature via fire had redistributed the hunters.

My preference would be to strictly limit the amount of non-residents that can hunt. Other states are doing it. I saw lots of out of state plates. Please give residents a preferred chance here. We pay dearly to live here.

Brian Burk age 62  
Bend, Oregon  
458-256-7362

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**From:** Yvonne Hanscom <yvonnehanscom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:31 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed controlled archery elk hunt

You guys should be cutting the rifle hunters in half if you want to keep the f\*\*\*\*\* populations up they're the ones that Slaughter the the elk not the bow hunters and you guys need to learn that all you guys give a s\*\*\* about his f\*\*\*\*\* money

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Yvonne Hanscom <yvonnehanscom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:28 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed controlled archery elk hunt

You know you said a bunch of the rifle hunters in there and they slaughter the Bulls every year now the bow Hunters go in and they may get one or two compares to 20 with the rifle Hunters so why f\*\*\* with the bow Hunters you guys are becoming bulshit

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**From:** Yvonne Hanscom <yvonnehanscom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:25 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed controlled archery elk hunt

We we think it's b\*\*\*\*\* I was born and raised in Oregon and all you guys want to do is take our f\*\*\*\*\*  
s\*\*\* away I'm to where I'm not going to f\*\*\*\*\* hunt anymore I've hunted for 35 years straight and all you  
guys f\*\*\*\*\* want to do is get the f\*\*\*\*\* out-of-staters in here is b\*\*\*\*\*

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**From:** Cameron Albee <camerona@nezperce.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:25 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Great Idea. Really getting run over here in Eastern Oregon. I can only speak for the Imnaha unit as I hunt and recreate there. Archery is so popular now with all of those Western Oregon folks scrambling out of the cities to enjoy what we have here in Eastern Oregon. Hunting experience has deteriorated drastically. Too bad you can't do this sooner.

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**From:** Dan Shults <shults4851@q.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:18 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I am opposed to a controlled hunt for archery elk in the North Fork Malheur unit. I'm 71 years old and don't know how many elk seasons I have left. I hunt the North Fork Little Malheur Unit. Hunting pressure during bow season could be effectively reduced by using the road closure strategy employed during rifle season in this unit. Significantly reducing vehicle access would reduce the pressure on elk from bow hunters. Thank you.

Dan Shults  
541-868-7084

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**From:** David Wright <grumpyda7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:17 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

Make the bow deer for east the same as the elk please

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**From:** Chad Scott <crscott78@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:15 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I am NOT in favor of a Controlled Hunt on the Eastern side of the state for Elk! You will lose money on people who will buy preference points. Changes like this will go drive people to not hunt there for the state will not be bringing in as much Revenue.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Eric Wilson <wilsonator99@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Why don't we start by not allowing unsuccessful rifle hunters to become bow hunters? That is why 75% would rather rifle hunt, but if they don't draw... you let them buy an archery tag instead. Instead of limiting the places archery hunters can go, just don't allow the over crowding of rifle hunters join us. You are either going to bow hunt, or rifle hunt? It's that easy.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ryan Rayburn <rayburn.ryan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:00 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I do not support the current proposal. I have been bowhunting Oregon for over 17 years. In my opinion Oregon does not provide a quality hunt for Elk or Deer. Its wildly mismanaged. I live in western Oregon and hunt elk locally, but I do normally go over to the Northside unit for the last 10 days of the season. I can tell you first hand running into other hunters isn't the issue. The people that are complaining about running into other hunters I doubt get more than a few hundred yards off the road. Yes, more elk are on private land than on public these days. I would argue that doesn't have anything to do with hunters. The fact is the forests are not managed correctly and the animals are not managed correctly and quality feed is on the private land not on the forest floors. Before you take away our current right to hunt most of this great state for archery elk over the counter ( which we will no doubt lose forever as I doubt the commission would ever go back to the current structure ) why don't you go to a pick your weapon system? I listened to your online conference on Youtube back in September and I believe the gentlemen named Nick brought this up toward the end and stated that archery hunters pick up a rifle tag when they do not draw. Either he misspoke or has no idea what he is talking about. Its the complete opposite and I know as the guys I hunt eastern oregon with pick up the bow when they do not draw the east northside rifle tag and go over and bow hunt with me. When they do draw I go over by myself. I would support a choose your weapon approach. What you are currently proposing is only going to do two things. One, its going to vastly over crowd the folks that hunt the Oregon coast as we will be forced to hunt the westside if we do not draw our eastern Oregon elk tag. Secondly, its going to draw a lot of people to just go out of state and hunt Idaho which is a higher quality anyways. That will result in loss revenue as well.

Thanks for hearing me out. I hope you are taking our comments and suggestions seriously.

Ryan

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**From:** Clinton Spriggs <csgoducks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Family hunt plan

I do not support this proposal. I have major concerns about this proposals effects on our Roosevelt elk units. I do not believe your decision is based on statistics, I think it's more on opinion. However I would support the family hunt plan that OHA and OBH.

Sincerely,  
Clinton J. Spriggs

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**From:** trace moorhead <tslesquire@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:48 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Why can we not have one year of "choose your weapon" and then see how far bowhunter numbers plummet. Nobody is questioning the fact that rifle hunters that fail to draw pick up archery tags in lieu of general season rifle. You would have far fewer "bowhunters" in the woods if you were not allowed to buy an archery tag after applying for a controlled rifle tag.

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**From:** trace moorhead <tslesquire@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk proposal

You had one and this proposal is the best you have? This is garbage, make zones based on scientific imperial evidence!!!!!!

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**From:** Brett Eichenberger <br.eich62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I have real concerns with the adoption of controlled Archery Elk hunts. The introduction of controlled hunts don't seem to have had much effect on game management numbers, but has had a big effect on hunter success and opportunities.

Controlled rifle tags in many eastern Oregon units can take several years of accumulating preference points to even get a tag and my fear is, controlled Archery Elk will end up in the same place.

Gone will be the opportunity for individuals to elk hunt every year in the eastern part of the state because of the number of tags available versus the number of 1st Choice applicants for both rifle and archery seasons.

Already hunter numbers are on the decline because of the chance of success and the number of years it takes to get an Elk tag if you want to hunt with a rifle on the east side of Oregon, and now you want to further restrict hunter access by implementing a controlled Archery Elk for the east side.

I'm a lifelong Oregonian hunter and I'm of the opinion that those at ODFW would just as soon see hunters go away, at least that is what these controlled hunts seem to be doing.

If the changes to Elk hunting access means I can't hunt in Oregon every year for Elk on the east side of the state either with a bow or rifle, I will consider going to other states to hunt Elk that have much easier access to tags, even for non-residents, but then maybe that's what ODFW's end game is....no hunters.

Here's to hoping controlled Elk hunts for archery do not happen, but I won't be holding my breath!

Brett Eichenberger  
Tigard, OR

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles."  
- Doug Larson

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**From:** Scott Jennrich <sjennrich@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastern Oregon Archery ELK

I read the proposal for 2022 and beyond Eastern Oregon Archery Elk Seasons. For the most part I like the proposal. I was surprised and happy to see some Eastern Oregon units still are still proposed to be over the counter for now. I have a couple of thoughts which I've expressed below.

What I read attributed the changes to low bull to cow ratios, increased archery take as a percentage of total take, pushing of animals onto private land and hunter density issues. If I remember correctly I believe current management objectives are 15-1 or 20-1 for most of these units. I would urge those objectives be re-defined in the 5-1 to 10-1 range. I think that is a more natural range for the animals and would greatly the reduce big herds congregating on private land from the beginning of archery season through rifle seasons.

In regards to the hunter density issue. Has any thought been giving to breaking the archery season into multiple archery seasons? A first and a second season perhaps. I've seen the over-crowding issue first had in the Silvies. The current 30 day season is long. I would support measures that maximize hunter opportunity while having the ability to reduce take.

One issue that I've worried about for some time is preference points. I believe I have 12 or so elk preference points. I originally started collecting hoping for a high quality rifle hunt. The more I hunt with a bow, the more I prefer it. I am know envisioning cashing the points in for a high quality archery hunt someday. Perhaps a hunt with my son before he heads to college. It would pain me greatly to have to cash in all those points to hunt the Silvies as I am still a ways from the dream hunt I've been saving up for. No easy answer to that one. I paid the money, chose to archery hunt to save points, and then the rules change on me. I am sure others are in the same boat.

Sincerely,  
Scott Jennrich

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**From:** Skyler Finney <larkski.gaming@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hello,

After reading through the proposal for again restricting hunting opportunity, I'm glad at least some changes have been made or attempted. However I feel as if the specific numbers quoted for the Starkey unit should not be attributed to all the current new proposed draw units.

The original proposal was created using statistics from surveys of hunters and was a very misguided survey that was not unbiased in its direction. Coupled with the fact odfw has gone record in prior meetings with committees that no actual elk harvest statistics were used to base the choosing of units or the east side, only the survey statistics. I would have to assume that this new proposal is much the same

The elk harvest statistics for archery hunters in the Northside unit for example, for the past many years is usually in the 5% success rate, which I have to imagine is far below rifle data sets.

Again I think while this proposal is slightly better I suggest changes as followed to better suite the units themselves, and the cities and economy's that support said units.

1. Remove the east and west boarder choice. This does nothing but cause issues for hunters and families in the event of a fire in an area much like the 2020 fires in the valley and coast. The flexibility is required, otherwise odfw is just making a headache for themselves that will insure more cost down the road in the event fires occur.
2. Use actual harvest statistics per specific unit to decide if a unit needs to be controlled or open. See Northside example above. Controlled hunts barely help with pressure, and controlled hunts should be used per science based population control only. Not because a constituent complained there are too many people in "their" hunting spot.
3. Allow for ease of transfer for drawn units that have fires in their area. As 2020 showed us, entire zones can be unable to be hunted due to a bad fire season. Flexibility of some sort is needed, otherwise a whole planned hunt, that one has spent time planning and executing can be ruined by 1 bad fire.
4. Make the units above draw for out of state hunters only. This limits pressure while allowing instate to still hunt freely.

I hope that the odfw takes the time to consider my above thoughts as well as others and does what is actually right based on science and not lobbying from interest groups or individuals that do nothing but cause in fighting amongst a dwindling group of the state.

I Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Skyler Finney

## **BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Joseph Clark <joseph.clark00@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:53 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hello,

I am *really happy to see ODFW taking a step in this direction* and choosing to be proactive in addressing the hunter density and management objective issues concerning some of these units. Though this new proposal (and last year's Eastern archery deer change) will greatly reduce the number of my future hunts in Oregon, it is a small sacrifice to promote healthy herd populations throughout the state. This conservationist mentality, I believe, should be in the forefront of every hunter's mind.

I can imagine that there are those who would complain about the proposal or view any reduction in opportunity as a personal slight. I just wanted to send my thoughts and let you know that there are those of us (even non-residents) that maintain a forward-thinking perspective and are in support of measures taken for the good of the species.

My only request would be to potentially consider extending the previous discount for general elk/deer tags to some of the new controlled units for non-resident active duty military. I understand that ODFW is unique in its appreciation to our service members by extending discounts to active duty non-resident members of the armed forces. Most states only offer the reduced prices if the member is stationed within the respective state. This financial incentive has been one of the guiding factors leading myself and the small group I hunt with to Oregon and we truly appreciated it!

That said, I understand the department has their own fiscal obligations to consider. I imagine there will be a noticeable drop in revenue by introducing capacity thresholds on the Eastern deer units during the archery season this year. I do not know what percentage of the overall non-resident hunter population is active-duty military but if that is where the department is looking to recoup revenue then it will simply be something we have to cope with. These proposals cause nonres/active-duty to see a 1,454% cost increase to a deer tag and 1,087% increase to an elk tag in Units that were formerly "general season".

Again, I don't blame the ODFW for aligning with what every other state does as I already pay those prices in Idaho and Arizona. Perhaps ODFW could consider designating limited entry units as "*Controlled-Regular*" or "*Controlled-Premium*"? Sort of a middle ground where I, as active duty military, would pay the full non-resident price for those better units that have the lowest tag allocation (54-58 come to mind) but could still take advantage of a discount if I were to draw a tag for another less-desirable unit?

Just one hunter's opinion...

V/R

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**From:** J Ketch <joshuaketch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** New elk proposal

I have a question regarding the new elk proposal. In the press release it states that you need to choose either west side general elk, easy side general elk, or your controlled draw hunt. But if you read the myodfw page it does not say that you have to choose west side or easy side for a general hunt. It makes it sound like you can hunt both sides like you can now. Could you clear this up for me? Thank you for your time.

Josh

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Zach Clark <zclark\_007@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:17 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Good Day,

I appreciate the chance to have input on the proposal. I am fairly new to elk hunting and enjoy the amount of opportunity. I am not really a horn hunter but I understand the need to help the ratio.

The problem I have is the draw system that is in place. Point creep really prevents me from even trying as it is and just stick to the general tags which I prefer in the areas that are proposed to become draw. I would rather have less bull tags sold or limit the number of general tags sold. I'd rather sit at the computer to do first come first serve. Once the units are placed in the draw I just lost roughly half of my hunting choices.

If others are like me and I'm sure a lot are they will all be pushed to the other general units. Which I would think would cause issues with hunting pressure and conflicts along with those elk populations in the future.

Thank you for your time!

V/r,

Zachary Clark

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**From:** Thomas Ghasedi <tdgschool@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:13 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hello this is Thomas Ghasedi, I grew up hunting all my life mostly rifle hunting, but I'm new to archery hunting as of the 2020 season. As a resident of western Oregon I found out quickly it's hard to find places to hunt that aren't closed due to fire restrictions west of the cascades. Thankfully I was able to travel to eastern Oregon and hunt the desolation unit and came close multiple times to fill a tag but unfortunately came up short. In my opinion In the desolation unit the hunting pressure wasn't all that bad, I never ran into anyone while I was on my hunt, the real pressure is people running up and down the roads and not actually hunting. I was in elk almost everyday and I had my fair share of chances on very mature bulls. On the other hand I believe the predators are starting to get out of control in the state of Oregon. I came across my fair share of cat kills, and saw plenty of wolf tracks in the desolation unit. I do believe the cause of the decline in elk, and deer herds in Oregon are due to cougars, bears, and now wolfs. Yes hunters contribute to those numbers, but we are only aloud one elk tag each year rifle or archery. There is no way the decline in elk and deer herds are cause by humans. I think the new proposal to make eastern Oregon a draw hunt will discourage a lot of people to use their points they saved up for say a mnt Emily hunt which takes 20+ years to draw. As a young man who is 23 I only have 7 elk points saved up and it's just not worth using all my points on a hunt I could've hunted generally in years passed. All I want is to be able to elk hunt every year with my family and keep the tradition going. Thank you for considering the hunters point of view on this subject.

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Kyle Meyer <kaiuhl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hi folks,

I have hunted the Imnaha River in the eastern Wallowas for the last six years. I agree that it is overcrowded—the combination of increasing wolf and hunter numbers have made a significant change in elk movements and vocalizations just in the short time I've observed the area.

A concern I have with this proposed change is that the vast majority of hunters in that area hunt both sides of the Imnaha River and often right along it. Elk herds are in the valley bottoms at night, and I've been party to or seen at least a couple elk killed with a few hundred yards of the boundary of the Pine Creek and Imnaha units.

I would be strongly in favor of merging Pine Creek and Imnaha units for the controlled hunts so as to continue allowing existing hunter usage patterns.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Meyer  
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Kyle Meyer

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**From:** Taylor Boudreau <boudreau.taylor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I'm reaching out regarding the 2022 Archery elk proposal to add a comment. I'd like to see changes to the proposal to have a single general archery elk tag for all general units in the state. Since archery elk seasons now most directly overlaps with fire seasons, opportunity to hunt can often be severely limited depending on wildfire conditions, and consequently picking one side of the state can have significant consequences to opportunity to hunt.

A single general archery elk tag, even with the reduced number of units, still distributes hunters who choose to purchase the tag, but ensures that a specific area of the state having a bad wildfire year doesn't prevent someone who's already purchased a general tag from having an opportunity to hunt elk during their season.

Additionally I would like for the controlled archery hunts in the north east units to be good for more than one unit, especially in the units in and around the wallowas. The unit boundaries are often in the middle of the wilderness, and a single unit tag, could easily mean a fire could make the entire unit unaccessible. Combining multiple units, such as Innaha/Pine Creek, Minam/Catherine Creek, Desolation/Sumpter, would make these tags more attractive and better hunts while making them more resilient to access issues.

Thank you for your consideration!

Taylor Boudreau

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**From:** Jimmy Flatt <jimmyhuntersofcolor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:47 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

To Whom it May Concern,

I have recently become aware of the proposed plan to make archery hunting in the eastern side of the state controlled and I am here to say I believe that the proposal will harm hunting opportunities more than it will help.

As a founder of a non-profit aimed at breaking down barriers to entry into hunting, closing down basically half of the states productive elk land area will shy hunters away from buying a tag every year, or will cause hunters to crowd into other productive general season areas. With R3 so critical to the North American model of conservation, and ever increasing importance right now, it is crucial that you consider other methods of managing the populations and access to them.

For instance, I have been advocating for the reopening of hound seasons for cougar and bear. This action will not only create valuable jobs for professional houndsmen to do guided hunts, but will also manage the predators who prey on the elk herds. Along the same lines, I believe it is time to introduce a wolf tag to manage the ever expanding wolf populations on the eastern side of the state who take a toll on the elk populations. Furthermore, creating these opportunities will attract more hunters to participate leading to more funding for the department.

I believe that what you are trying to do is great, but I believe the method to achieve that goal is flawed. IF you are to pursue this plan further and decrease access to that part of the state, I would love to see ODFW find a way to offset the loss of opportunity with other opportunities.

I implore you to investigate other options that will increase access not decrease access.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**Jimmy Flatt**

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**From:** Jason Wuertz <jason.wuertz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:16 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I have a question first: The proposal states that people will have to choose western general, eastern general, or eastern controlled. What will happen to western controlled hunts? I often hunt with a late season archery elk tag on the west side that allows me to hunt the general season as well. Will that option go away?

I very much like having the options to go many different places with the general season tag. It allows me to be flexible with the different conditions at the time whether that be weather, fires, crowding, etc. I very much like the option of hunting the east side for a weekend and spending the rest of my time in northwest oregon. I very much like hunting the general westside season and having a couple weekends to hunt a cow in late season. I do not want to see these opportunities go away.

I will ONLY support further restrictions on archery hunting IF measures for predator control are also included at the same time. However, I know that my voice for this will not likely be received.

Therefore, my suggestion is to make the controlled east side hunt such that it combines units into one or two different tags. Combine units to give hunters the ability to move around based on their own needs and desires. Don't lock people into one specific unit. There are many reason for this, but a very obvious one is that if a fire takes hold in a unit, that could lock them out for the season.

Please consider combining individual units into larger groups for the controlled hunts.

Thanks,  
Jason Wuertz  
ODFW# 1077573 | Resident

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**From:** Jason <guide42@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:12 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed archery draw units

To whom it may concern,

In regards to the archery proposal for the control hunts. I don't think that is the right way to manage the population of elk, or deer for that matter. In all honesty it should be a "pick your weapon" type of deal. I personally know many people that will put in for elk and deer tags in numerous rifle areas and when they don't draw. They just pick up a bow and hunt with a bow afterwards.

If you limit these people to choosing a weapon before they submit for a tag. Then in my opinion you will help regulate the number of hunters in said units.

Or, you can limit the number of tags sold for each unit. Idaho does this method and it seems work out well for them

Jason

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**From:** Karl S <kfsh12@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I am opposed to this initial draft proposal as written. Before forcing this drastic revision on the dedicated archers in this state why didn't you start with a more reasonable change such as 'choose your weapon' to first see the positive effects of that?

Your own documentation shows a discussion about "Choose Your Weapon" but the initial draft plan instead chooses a redistribution of harvest toward rifle hunters. So the same hunters that get opportunity both ways (apply for rifle but go general archery if unsuccessful) would now get rewarded with even more opportunity at the expense of dedicated archers.

*"Many commenters support requiring hunters to choose their weapon. Commenters argue that implementing a choose-your-weapon system will help reveal how many archery hunters actually exist in Oregon. In addition, most commenters support this idea, because they believe requiring people to choose between bow, rifle, and muzzleloader will greatly reduce the number of hunters in the field, which will lead to less crowding and less pressure on the deer population. Further, many commenters believe that requiring hunters to choose their weapon before hunting will leave the state with only the most experienced and responsible archery hunters."*

The initial draft proposal is flawed and needs substantial modification before a final plan can be presented for Commission review.

Karl Swanson  
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**From:** Monty Sasser <msasser@ccmaint.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:53 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** "Archery elk proposal"

I think this is a great proposal. What happens too often is that a person will put in for a rifle draw hunt and not be successful so they simple go Bow hunting in the same unit they were not successful in for rifle. Also the fact that the Bow season accounts for a high percentage of the Bull kills in units. It needs to be managed better and it should share equitably the kill rate percentages.

Monty Sasser  
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**From:** Kevin Madison <kevin.madison@tuality.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

THANK YOU!!!!

Moving archery elk hunting in Eastern Oregon is long overdue and I'm greatly looking forward to this happening. I welcome ODFW finally having the ability to manage harvest and hunter crowding issues through the issuance of tags unlike they have in the past.

The only thing I would request and strongly encourage is for significantly higher bull/cow ratios be implemented in the management objectives for nearly all of these units now that harvest management is able to be achieved. This would greatly increase the overall quality of Oregon's elk hunting.

Sincerely,

Kevin Madison

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**From:** Raider Heck <raiderheck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:15 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Archery Elk units

30 years archery experience in the Malhuer unit , I'd recommend that Malhuer be included in a limited archery drawing as well. Overcrowding already has been a problem there for easily 20 years. Local bios and OSP can attest to the many large camps, excessive hunter concentration, and declining, or less than MO herd comp. or count. Leaving this unit in General will only further, and quicker have negative impact on the unit.

I'd be willing to discuss my thoughts further if you feel there's any merit.

I served on Oregon's first Archery Review Committee In 2001-2002, as well as Oregon's first Mule Deer Plan in 1989-1990. I'm not new to understanding the challenges ODFW faces as the world of hunting, our landscape, and technology changes.

As an archery and rifle hunter, I've advocated for proper management of our big game herds and the best tool there is for management, the hunters. Future availability of both will require some sacrifices for everyone today.

Thank You,

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**From:** Walt Sharp <waltbull16@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:50 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery proposal

I support Wayne indicts proposal only!

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**From:** Brad Hayes <bradlhayes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:48 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I appreciate your efforts to control excessive hunting pressure and overcrowding and to sustain healthy, quality elk herds; however, I feel implementing controlled archery hunts on individual units is unnecessarily extreme. I suggest lumping all the highlighted units into one controlled hunt, essentially creating a "choose your weapon" scenario. Your own data indicates that 75% of hunters would rather hunt with a rifle. Archery hunts are overcrowded because they are used as a fallback hunt. Eliminate that option. Force hunters to choose a weapon in May and the number of archery hunters will likely drop substantially. Give this approach 5 years and if harvest is still too excessive, then go to the more extreme approach. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brad Hayes

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**From:** jlbarron@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:41 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** ARCHERY ELK LIMITATIONS

Hello the camp

I am 78 years old. I have hunted and killed a lot elk in several states. You cannot go in the woods after archery elk season and not find dead and dying bulls. The wounded loss is something that nobody wants to talk about, but it should be a part of the data used for management. Elk are big strong animals with a will to live. Arrows kill quite a few, but only a portion of those ever get tagged. A time ago, I hunted elk with a bow, but I just could not handle the wounded loss. One loses far less with a rifle. I am not advocating the elimination of archery. I do believe that archery numbers should be limited.

Jerry Barron

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**From:** Doug Boedigheimer <boehunter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:40 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Regulation Changes

Morning. I'm okay with making the proposed archery units draw only. I am a devout archer hunter. That said, how about also making hunters declare their weapon, i.e., firearm or archery? Over the years I've talked with hunters who were professed rifle hunters, but when they didn't draw a rifle tag, they simply picked up a bow which they rarely ever used, except when they couldn't get their rifle tag. This seems to me to be a bit ridiculous, given the huge number of hunters afield, and the apparent limited number of animals to pursue.

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**From:** Dan Sepulveda <DanS@roth-heat.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:30 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2022 elk controlled hunt

As hard for me as it is to come to terms with it, I truly believe the proposed controlled hunts in NE Oregon are long overdue. The only concern I have moving forward with this proposal of ,controlling NE Oregon and leaving W Oregon general elk open, is the fact it will more than likely drive additional pressure to the already overcrowded northern coast range areas. I believe that we should have hunters select what they want to hunt with at the beginning of the year or when applying for tags. This would help eliminate the crowd that doesn't truly want to archery hunt but heads towards the coast when they don't draw rifle tags over east.

Thanks

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**From:** Ty McEwen <tymcewenart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:29 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2022 archery elk draft

I strongly disagree with the draft to turn several of the units in north eastern Oregon into a controlled hunt. This will only create further crowding , and hurt people in those communities who enjoy archery elk hunting every fall. To limit crowding.. why not simply put a cap on non resident and resident tags per unit. And make everyone pick one unit to hunt? -Ty

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**From:** Jody Gallaway <jody@gallawayenterprises.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:29 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

ODFW:

I understand the challenges associated with wildlife management and achieving balance between hunting opportunities and wildlife populations. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I own a small ranch within the Silvies Unit and appreciate the LOP program.

Regarding the proposal to make archery a controlled season I have a few questions and comments.

- I can't find any information regarding the change in opportunity for LOP tags if the change to controlled hunts is finalized, please clarify. The number of poor hunters who run around on ATV's on public ground, and hike through the forest bugling incessantly drive wildlife onto private ground, so a change in opportunities on private ground does not seem equitable.
- Complaints about over-crowding among archery hunters should not be considered in the decision to change to a controlled hunt. The decision should be based on population systematics and wildlife management objectives. Reasons for over-crowding may have nothing to do with elk distribution and everything to do with lazy or uneducated hunters. The reasons and considerations of archery hunter over-crowding would be speculative and I would like to believe this decision is based on hard population data.
- The proposal states that the driving reason for changing to a controlled archery season is to meet bull management objectives (MO) so if ODFW changes to the controlled archery season and in a few years the management objectives are met would ODFW go back to the current system? Or is this permanent? Otherwise the reason for changing to a controlled season seems a bit disingenuous. Please add language that requires a reversion within a reasonable amount of time back to general seasons when MO are met for 3 out of 5 years.
- It's my understanding that the Silvies Unit and others have met the management objectives but the decision to include these units in the controlled season is because they could not sustain an increase in harvest which is speculated to occur if they were left out of the controlled season. I can't find any data that drives this conclusion, could you please provide?
- If this is truly about meeting MO then only units that are not meeting MO should be moved to controlled seasons, especially in those units where there is a greater percentage of private property than public and afford more protection for elk. ODFW can always add additional units to controlled seasons if MO are not met in the future. The addition of units meeting or exceeding MO seems overly restrictive.
- I fully support a controlled archery season only in units not meeting the MO in any 3 out 5 year monitoring period.

Regards,

**Jody Gallaway**

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**From:** JARROD BURCHAM <burchamjarrod@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:28 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery proposal

I support this plan 110%. I would support it even if it was pushed more towards every unit being a draw unit in EO. What can I do to show my support for this proposal?

Thank you  
Jarrod Burcham  
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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Edward Renfroe <edrcgvertex@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:27 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Bow Elk Hunt

Leave it alone some of us only get east on weekends and can't hunt all week long some of us still didn't get an animal even hunting east on a weekend I call prejudice against the guys working all week paying taxes that can't afford to take a week or more off to spend in eastern Oregon hunting if you pass this lawsuits will be filed you are being PREJUDICE AGAINST GUYS LIKE ME THAT ACTUALLY HAVE TO WORK FOR A LIVING AND ONLY HAVE OUR WEEKEND TO HUNT EASTERN OREGON AND IF WE GET TIME FOR WESTERN OREGON ITS ONLY AFTER WORK...

The state of Oregon is now Being Bias against The Real Blue Color working man that is Paying taxes and paying Your Salaries, I think it's high time we pass laws the the people that Run administrative services in our state departments are determined by the people which is what we should do as an independent Non affiliated voters time we draft a bill since No One Will Listen To Us....

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**From:** Rocky Tilander <rtilande@kellersupply.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:16 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Controlled Hunt

I am both a rifle and archer for Elk.

I believe going to a draw system for archery, much like the rifle season would achieve management objectives for Elk. I Elk hunted Starkey (rifle) for 25+ years, and was discouraged by decline of available animals year after year, that I and our hunting group quit hunting all together.

My cousin is strictly an archer, and VERY successful. He hunted Starkey years ago and has seen an absolute explosion of archery hunters in that unit, so much so that he has relocated to a much less crowded unit.

So, I guess what I'm trying to say is I and a whole handful of Elk hunters I know, strongly support a draw/controlled system for archery.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Bri Johnson <nbahrc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:15 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk proposal

Good Morning,

After reading the proposal. I think it is definitely a step in the right direction. I am concerned that it doesn't touch on the overcrowding issue. I firmly believe it would help if people either had to choose their weapon or their hunt before the draw and either they get it or don't. No falling back on general season if you don't get your tag.

Thank you for you time and we hope you have time to address this.

Nick

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**From:** Terry Anderson <terry.anderson812@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:14 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk hunt

Hello,

I am a little dismayed at the new proposal for making all of eastern Oregon archery Elk hunts a controlled hunt. My hunting party and I have hunted the Imnaha unit for decades. We count on being able to purchase general archery hunt tags in the seasons when we are unsuccessful in drawing a rifle Elk tag for the Imnaha unit. It would also force us to choose either rifle or bow. We always wish to rifle hunt Elk in the Imnaha unit but when we are unsuccessful in drawing a tag we then choose to archery hunt the Imnaha unit. It is hard to see the need for the added restriction when ODFW themselves have maintained that Elk numbers are "at or slightly above management objectives" in the Imnaha unit. We never see crowds during archery Elk season. I hope that ODFW will reconsider this proposal as I, like many others, may not have that many Elk hunts left to participate in.

Thanks  
Terry Anderson

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** DBerck <daberck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:04 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Good morning, while I see the path and reason Odfw is proposing this change I would like to voice my opinion on what's going to happen.

It's my belief that a big majority of archery Elk hunters have saved up alot of points to use on a premium hunt and will unwilling to burn these points on a previous over the counter tag, so they will try to hunt the fringe around the "red zone" and those ares will become extremely crowded and you will just move your bull to cow ratio problem to areas that really can't support that pressure and also making it a horrible experience for hunters in that area. By doing this draw proposal your hurting the die hard hunters and rewarding the slackers who had no points and just run around in the woods not knowing what they are doing flinging arrows everywhere and pressuring elk.

I believe a better solution would be to create a archery hunter qualification class and weed out the pressure from the weekend warriors who are basically out there just because they had nothing better to do. Another solution I think would help is to not take all your points to draw an easy tag, a guy with 16 points is not going to apply for a unit like Starkey with all those points when it would take maybe 2-3 points to draw. But if it only cost that hunter 2-3 points I do believe you would see them apply and slowly drop the point creep that's been plaguing the Oregon archery system. Also while on the topic please change away from a preference point system to a bonus point system.

Thank you,  
David Berck

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**From:** Herb Goblirsch <herb.goblirsch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:57 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Changes to elk archery

Thank you for addressing this issue which is long, LONG, overdue. I seldom comment to you, but how you've managed ( or lack of ) archery elk has long been a stone in my craw! I own a ranch in Central Oregon and have hunted elk since 1958. Hunting elk, by any means, during the rutt, has been your biggest mistake, unless you are offering a very special " trophy" hunt, for a very few tags. I'm sure you are aware of how " stupid " the biggest, trophy animals are in heat? When archery elk in Oregon began - with the long season, during the rutt, nearly all the best rifle hunters switched over to it. Many ODF&W bios among them, so I speculate that is why any changes have been so long in coming. Today, many the garage rafters are filled with trophy 6-pt racks by archers. High among them a good friend retired from ODF &W. He openly tells me that hit animals escaping is a common occurrence, even among proficient archers. My Dad taught me that putting an animal to be harvested out of its misery as fast as possible, is the duty of every rancher, and hunter. Very often I see herd bulls limping to keep up with the herd going into rifle season. This year it was a 6x7 bull with a 100 herd, limping from an arrow in the shoulder. Some survive, some don't, there's too much suffering inflicted by too many amateur hunters of insufficient skill with a bow - but they're there because of a liberal season in the rutt. The best way to reach your " objectives " on elk, overall, would be to put the archery and rifle seasons together - out of the rutt ! Maybe give archers an extra week, after rifle season. If one of your objectives is to make the maximum amount of elk hunters happy...this would do it. God luck and thanks for the opportunity to comment. Herb Goblirsch, Mitchell, OR.

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**From:** hplost243@aim.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:31 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hello all at ODFW,

I am Vincent Raila, a resident of Athena, Oregon. I understand the intent behind ensuring the eastern boundary units being affected by increased popularity due to the "minimal rules" aligned within our general archery elk season. I understand that, as the data reads, most units haven't met MO in the last 5 years. Last year, I hunted Starkey unit. Due to the number of hunters found in the back country, and amount of predator sign found, This includes all predators. I saw two bulls. That's it. I ran into 4 hunters as well. We decided on switching our unit to Catherine Creek about a week into season and had better results.

In truthful telling I am in support of legislative change that can help better manage the herd, I just don't know if making every bordering unit to the west a controlled hunt experience. If numbers are off, why not institute a cow only hunt in certain GMU's and split the hunting season in half. Half of the season bull or cow, other half cow only. I use this as an example from what WDFW did with the Colokum reserve near Wenatchee, Wa. I have hunted that unit numerous times, generally the first week is spike only, and the next is cow or spike only.

I am just one hunter who wants to be able to take his kids into the wilderness and be able to hunt as a family and pass along conservation and the benefits of it without the unnecessary need of burning points or having to build points and waiting YEARS to be able to hunt near my home. (Mt. Emily) It is difficult as a family man to leave my family for a week or two and travel distances just to be able to hunt.

There has to be another option for controlling the numbers. Slamming every bordering unit and turning them into a controlled hunt is going to bring a lot of backlash. Your elk numbers are going to rise, but not because of management. It will be because hunters will leave the state and pursue other opportunities afforded to them.

Please reconsider. It is hard enough as a hunter as it is. Institute a change that benefits conservation as a whole. Not by what a chart reads.

Thank you for your time.

Vincent Raila,  
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**From:** bstocking3 <bstocking3@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:20 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** archery elk proposal

I feel the elk seasons should be more balanced in terms of days of opportunity.  
Example 7 days first season archery 7day 2nd season archery. On a draw bases.  
Reason. Hot weather temperatures, low bull numbers, prediation of wolf and cougars.  
Why should archery hunters get such a long season for same tag price? Balance things up.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9+.

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**From:** Daniel Picard <daniel.picard@perennialpower.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:07 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I would like to add comment to the 2022 Oregon Archery Elk Proposal.

As a lifelong resident of Eastern Oregon (44 years) I have bow hunted deer and elk in multiple units for 32 years. My feedback on the Eastern Oregon Archery Elk Proposal is as follows:

1. Make all the Eastern Oregon Archery Elk units a controlled draw
2. Cut the amount of tags allotted well below the amount of number of people that reported they hunted for general archery. Example if 1600 people reported they hunted Heppner general OTC archery elk in 2020 then cut the number of tags to 1000.
3. My opinion of why there is a major pushback against this is that this proposal is more of a money grab than anything (\$8 per controlled hunt application).
4. The major reason I would not support this is that I view this proposal the same as the Archery deer proposal, we were told the major need for a controlled archery hunt was to reduce hunter density in popular units and also that our deer herd was almost 50% lower over the last 30 years. Then ODFW set tag allotments at a level higher than the amount of people that reported they hunted. Example in 2019 760 people reported they archery hunted Heppner for deer, the 2021 allotment for Heppner archery deer is 1210 tags. How does this help with hunter density or lowering harvest rates?

Daniel Picard  
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**From:** Rorden, Dustin B <dustin\_b\_rorden@rl.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:58 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Growing up in Weston Oregon for 35+ years and having to move to Washington for work about 5 years ago, I buy an out of state license annually to hunt Oregon general archery season unit if I don't draw Mt. Emily unit for archery, it has been since 1998 since hunted there!

I know ODFW is going to change these units I hunt now to controlled units "Catharine Creek, Ukiah, Miniam) I just ask you give enough tags allocation to these units to be able to draw a tag.... Not like Mt. Emily, Walla Walla, or Wenaha where only a handful of tags are only given. Please revise the out of state allocation guidelines, only 5% of tags are allocated to out of state hunters, In some units there are no chance to draw at all...

Make it so out of state hunters have a chance to draw a tag with preference points like an in state hunters percentage chances. Bring up the 5% tags to at least 20 or 25%. Proposal also is to make the ability to allocate only a portion of one's preference points to a controlled unit, so if I want to hunt the Miniam unit I do have to use all my current 17 points to draw this tag (I could opt to only use 5pt to be placed in a controlled drawing of my 17pts I have).

Make some of the controlled units you mentioned in the proposal and keep them general so the pacific northeast (PNE) is not ALL controlled (maybe place restrictions like 3pt bull or bigger...? Or Bull only unit, get rid of Any Elk???, make some adjacent units general (example is Miniam controlled, Catharine Creek general, Starkey controlled, Desolation general and so on so forth) available to hunt the people that live PNE can hunt somewhat close to home and people out of state not having to drive nearly to Idaho State to hunt (may as well keep going and just hunt Idaho at that point).

What about restrictions on the general 2<sup>nd</sup> season rifle? Why are we not seeing that season affected???

I spend thousands of dollars to hunt Oregon and have all my family there... like many out of state hunters. Not to mention the \$1300 in tags and license annually it would be a loss to ODFW, but more to me of only hunting every other year or more.

Dustin Rorden

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**From:** dominic lovato <dominiclovato5@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:03 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Dear Sir or Madam,

I fully support the proposed changes to the Eastern Oregon archery elk seasons.

Thank you,  
Dominic Lovato

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** Sean Hotmail <mosseyback@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:53 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Controlled hunt proposal

I have elk hunted the Beulau, Murders, and Malheir units for the past 16 years. I have seen a growth in elk populations. I have also seen a growth in archery hunters this past year especially. In my opinion the controlled hunt area should cover Beulau, and Malheir units also. From 2008 I have spent five weeks every year in these areas during the archery season. The farther east from summit prairie that I hunted, the fewer elk I found. I do believe that these units would benefit greatly if they were controlled also. I do have a ton more information and pictures from to prove my point on elk growth, if someone would like to contact me.

Thank you Sean Norvell

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** michael benesch <mrbastoria@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:43 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** archery regulations

To whom it may concern,

I like the idea of requiring archery elk hunters to pick eastern Oregon, western Oregon, or a controlled hunt for their hunt. I think it should be modeled similar to the rifle hunts. ODFW knows about how many archery tags are sold each year, and spread the hunting pressure accordingly. I hunt the Saddle Mountain unit with a rifle, and never liked the idea that any archery hunter could hunt in a controlled rifle hunting unit. Thank you for stopping the cow hunting with a bow. Michael Benesch

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**From:** James Shannon <stackedracks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:03 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk Proposal 2022

I feel making the areas in the state which actually hold huntable numbers of elk a controlled draw is not a solution and rather another band aid. The issue seems to be between rifle and archery hunters. Rifle hunters account for three times as much harvest if not more anyways. I feel a much better solution is a "pick your weapon" application process in which you build points for rifle or archery and cannot jump back and forth bench buying a general tag if you don't draw a rifle tag. If you choose a controlled archery hunt to apply points towards you are then only eligible for archery in that species. Example...

Apply for a Weneha archery controlled bull tag. I don't draw because I only have 13 points.

I am only eligible for a general archery tag because so applied for archery.

Because I was not successful in this I gain a preference point.

Next year

I apply for a rifle controlled elk hunt in Weneha.. I'm not successful because I only have 14 points. I'm only able to buy a general rifle tag, likely for spike elk.

I gain a bonus point.

This seems like it is just technology changes and then will be easy to see how many people jump ship from rifle to archery. By limiting this I think hunter crowding will be less. People are going to hunt where the elk are. Until there is only 40-50 tags for each unit, your gonna see people. I have archery hunted for over a decade and haven't seen many more people than when I begun. It's partly whining because everyone wants the woods to themselves and partly because well numbers aren't that great, people have figured out where they are and. Naturally go there because we want to harvest.

Blowing the dreams of people like myself to finally hunt a u it like Wenaha or Mt Emily in a state we grew up in by sidelining us for years trying to finish building points is not a good way to keep care of your longtime residents and point builders. Hunter recruitment isn't an issue as it was though. We have seen 30%+ growth in applications for even spring bear. Make the

“new people” build some points and earn it a little like the rest of us who have for years on end only to see it getting stripped away for some hurt feelings because you might have to wait.

This or make it a lottery and stop giving preference points. Once the current holders are gone by using them they are a thing of the past.

James Shannon

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**From:** Levi Morris <Imor501@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed archery elk draw

This is coming from a concerned archery and rifle hunter. In your comments you pointed out that rifle hunters have taken all the tag reductions in the last 20 years and with that said with this proposal you are in a way going to reduce tags to rifle hunters even more! Let me explain starting with looking at archery hunters. As a archery hunter and part of many groups I like to archery hunt due to the timing of the season, it's a great time of year with decent weather and the family can easily come along and not to mention the screaming bulls. The most important point about archery that draws many is being able to go have a chance in the areas we grew up hunting in every year!

Now to the point of why this will affect rifle hunters is because me and all of the hunting community that I have spoken to if pushed to use preference points will very likely use them on rifle tags. Thus in turn will take away tags from only rifle hunters, continuing the tag reduction to rifle hunters.

I would like to address the point that odfw pointed out in their column saying that you have failed to reach your goals of cow to bull ratios. I feel that odfw as a whole has horribly failed it's supporters with their poor management and in turn you punish the supporters by limiting tags and limiting opportunities! That being said maybe odfw as a whole should look into themselves and realize that predators and not actually checking populations is the actual problem and there has been nothing said about trying to remedy that problem.

Maybe take a look into bear tags where it takes years to draw tags for the units that are proposed to make a draw elk tag and those units are littered with bears and cougars. Take another look into cougar hunting making it very hard to hunt them because you need a controlled hunt tag for that unit. I understand it's to help with reducing poaching but surely you can come up with some way to figure out a solution to many of these problems and then once the predator situation is under control then you can look into cutting tags and punishing the people that pay you bills and wages.

I apologize for expressing my frustrations but I hope someone of importance reads this and takes into consideration what I have said here Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Adam Raymond <adam.c.raymond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I think this proposal makes sense and has my support to have part of eastern Oregon go controlled archery elk. Thank you for finally doing this.

Adam Raymond

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**From:** Steven Sachs <stevensachs1911@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I would like to show my support for the proposed changes to the archery elk regulations starting in 2022. While I would like to see greater changes implemented; similar to the 2021 archery deer regulations, such that all of eastern Oregon was moved into the controlled tag drawing system, I do support the proposed changes for 2022. Some units, such as Heppner, Desolation and Ukiah have become so crowded during archery season that I will not hunt there again until these changes are made. Thank you for taking the first steps to improving not just the opportunity but also the quality of the experience for many Oregon hunters.

Steven Sachs

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**From:** Matthew Elliott <matte@worksharptools.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:34 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

To Whom it May Concern at ODFW,

I would like more information on the specific biology and conservation approach behind this decision.

I would also like to know if my following assumption is correct: when looking at the proposed map it seems you may be planning to lift the draw on Powers archery. Why?

Also, this plan does not seem to address the issues of hunter distribution and elk population management over the long term. It seems to be addressing current issues while not making a global change and as a result will simply move the congestion to the general units left.

Point creep across those draw units will also make them very challenging to draw, likely quite rapidly, as we've seen in other units even before so many points were "on the board."

Furthermore, with what has been happening during fire seasons in the past five years (at least) and the large amount of huntable land in Western Oregon that is timber property, people who choose the west could possibly not have a hunting season at all outside of what would be massive congestion on the BLM and State Forrest that would be accessible. I would guess this would also lead to even more unwanted and unpredictable elk management issues.

Here is what I think you should consider that would be a longer term solution:

- All units become limited entry. Hunters must pick their unit (or some group of two or three that you make into zones/regions). Take a page from Idaho here. This concept works and should offer you the most control over hunters and wildlife. Work towards combining this with the other thing Idaho does right.....
- You do away with the point system and go to random draw. That's an old concept that is proving ineffective at providing opportunity. It was never meant to become a 25 year to draw thing. At this point, with what's happening with point creep, at 38 years old with five elk points, I will never draw one of the premier units or have really much of any chance. People don't need guarantees, they need opportunities and the point system we have, that is very easily cheated as well by people putting in family members who don't even hunt and applying with them as a party (yes, this happens A LOT!!!!). You can do this. Draw a line and tell everyone that they have five years to use their points and work towards eliminating the point system.

Please contact me back. I would like to speak with someone about this.

Regards,

Matt Elliott

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**From:** shane harrison <beau5093@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:19 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I think you are going in the wrong direction. Last year while up hunting I seen more out of state hunters than Oregon. You should limit their tags. Along with closing several roads more people are driving their utvs in places where we used to walk into.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** mike wright <mikewright192@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:16 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk and deer

You can kill cow caf or bull then you add the wolf, how can the heard survive? I am 66yr old i have seen the  
heards numbers drop

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Brad Valloni <valloni\_16@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:55 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

This is not necessary. Leave the controlled archery units the way they have been for years. Bow hunters have enough handicaps already don't make it harder too kill elk in oregon than it already is.

Sent from my Verizon Smartphone

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**From:** Richard Braatz <braatzrichardjp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk changes

I am all for the new proposal for archery elk except for one part, I do not feel separating west and east side is a good idea especially since archery season is right in fire season and most of western Oregon is shutdown or vise versa or like what happened last most of Oregon was shutdown. Please don't limit us to one side and allow if you draw a controlled archery tag you can still hunt general archery season west or east side. I am all for some units going controlled but like I said please don't limit us more when archery hunters already have problems on trying to find land to hunt during fire season.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Gene Dey <genedey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:39 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed elk plan

To whom it may concern,

As a long time Oregon elk hunter, I have watched odfw do some very good things to promote quality opportunity. Sled springs has been an absolute perfect model of what it takes to make a quality unit. I think ,making the primary north east units draw only, will improve quality and possibly quantity despite the fact that sometimes Oregon hunters will have to settle for less than optimum opportunity.

Do you have estimated tag numbers for the proposed draw units yet ? Why would you not manage the entire state thru drawings as well?

Thanks for listening,

Gene

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** kailey smith <kbonfire33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:39 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hello I'm writing in concern of the new 2022 archery elk proposal. I am not in support of this. I have been hunting since I was 10 years old, making it 11 years worth of hunting. I understand the need to bring the elk population back to where it needs to be, but archery season is the time of year I look forward to most. I have a huge passion for hunting. I think we need to get the predator population under control before we decide to make more units draw units. Cougars, bears, coyotes, and wolves have deeply impacted our herds on the east side. I hope my input helps.

Sincerely,  
Kailey Smith

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**From:** Joshua Hindman <jhindman675@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:32 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

As a hunter in Eastern Oregon I understand the importance of managing the elk herd while trying to balance hunters ability to experience the resource.

I feel if this proposal goes through you are limiting the hunters ability to archery hunt most years while saving points to rifle hunt. Also you are removing the ability for me to archery hunt in multiple areas in eastern Oregon. You would also be reducing the revenue for ODFW because people that mainly want to rifle hunt but buy an OTC archery tag every year will no longer be purchasing tags every year.

I feel another option would be to sell a set number of over the counter tags in the proposed control units allowing you to archery hunt currently open eastern Oregon Units. if you purchased one of those tags you could still get a preference point but couldn't get a controlled unit tag (like current otc tags). This would allow a person to hunt most every year but allow you the ability to better manage the elk herds.

Thanks for your time.

Josh Hindman

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** John D, George <oregonranchhand@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:29 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery season changes

I fully support odfw's changes to archery tags to controlled numbers like rifle seasons. I would also support a reduction of the archery season from 30 days to 2 weeks.

John George  
Bates oregon  
541 805 4609

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Tony Jenner <trjenner23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:27 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk proposed changes.

Instead of changing this archery controller hunts in most general otc archery tag areas how about shortening the archery season and make the last part of the rut a controlled muzzleloader hunt in those areas? We definitely need a muzzleloader hunt in eastern oregon for an any bull tag

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**From:** Edward Mulder <mulder544851@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:31 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

We love the proposal. Our group of 4 hunters have rifle hunted the controlled elk hunts in mostly the Starkey unit, several years in the Heppner unit, and a couple years in Desolation.

We have noticed over the years adverse changes in success, changes in elk patterns - staying on private lands longer, and thus changes in where hunters are concentrated .

We applaud the new proposal as a way to truly follow the science, help the elk population, and for making the chance for harvesting an elk more equitable.

Thankyou,  
Ed Mulder

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**From:** Chris Shaw <chrisshaw1977@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:25 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Hunting draws

What about if you had some sort of limited entry draw across the state, each unit whether you made it a archery hunt or a rifle hunt there would be allotted five or 10 any ball tags the very last week of September between the archery hunt now and the rifle deer season. You could even push back the rifle deer season a week or just have a seven day limited entry hunt. I think it would be Beneficial to the points creep in the state and to the harvesting of animals to get some sort of management program into these hunting units. The state of Utah does a great example of this plan, they run their archery limited entry any bull tags from August 15 until approximately September 15 with the rifle early season any bull tag starting the next day. That hunt runs nine days, and then it goes directly into a early-season muzzleloader any bull tag. I personally have 14 elk points in Oregon and frankly there is absolutely nothing in between a six or seven year snake River elk tag to a 18 or 19 year Walla Walla or Mt Emily elk tag that's a guy can draw. There are a couple hunts in between there but the odds and the statistics of the harvest are not great in the couple to choose. Now there are great Elk hunts in the state of Oregon for 3 to 4 or five points that are fun hunts but any person that has 12 to 17 points is kind of stuck. I just thought this would be a great way to relieve some points creep in the state and potentially harvest a great animal during that time of year. I personally would love to see the last week of September be some limited entry rifle elk Hunt but that's just me but I know there are lots of guys that would switch to a archery hunt in that time of year with those kind of odds. Thank you for listening I hope this finds the right person and would love the feedback of your thoughts.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joe Hunt <joehunt480@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:25 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I am a 42 year old lifetime Oregon resident and hunter. I support the proposed changes to the archery elk seasons. I believe in the long run it would provide more balanced management of the resource between archery and rifle hunters. I believe rifle hunters would benefit in the long run with increased opportunities. I also believe archery hunters would benefit from reducing the overcrowding issues that are becoming problematic.

Joe  
(503)803-2314

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**From:** Craig Fosdick <craig.fosdick@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk hunting

Sent from my iPhone if you feel that there are too many bulls being taken during the crowded archery season the open it back up to an either sex tag and there will be fewer bulls killed each year during archery season do to the fact that most archery hunters are looking to fill their freezers to feed their families for the year and if they kill a bull it's a bonus

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**From:** South Valley Little League <southvalleylittleleague@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:02 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wayne Endicott archery elk proposal

I would vote to allow Wayne Endicotts idea for archery to be heavily considered for my vote.

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**From:** Brian <beez33\_00@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:47 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I support the new elk proposal. I believe it will cut down on over crowding in the popular units, leading to a better hunting experience.

Thanks, Brian

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Jim Kaus <jkaus@arcticsheetmetal.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hi, just my two cents worth here. I'm hoping the draw elk proposal is just aimed at getting better elk numbers up, but I really don't think this will help much. What will help in my opinion is—getting wildlife management back in control of wildlife, not Portland, and Pita.

I've been hunting the snake for about 30 years. When i started there were bulls around every tree (slightly exaggerated) but it was 3point or better then. After a few years it went to any elk for some reason and stayed that way for a long time. Now that the elk hunting there is horrible its back to 3 point or better and no cows and not recovering.

The real issue isn't over hunting, its the wolves and cougars. This last year i hunted the last week of the season and didn't hear one bugle, nothing came in to calls. Other hunters seen elk run out of breath by wolves. Heck, coyotes hardly howl any more they're scared to give away their location to the wolves.

So I really hope you don't do the draw, it will over populate western Oregon me included since i live here any. You need to get control back and take care of the real problem. Easier said than done i know but you have my support if you go for it.

Thank you

Jim Kaus  
503-313-5290  
Arctic sheet metal.

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**From:** Dan Hamrick <oryotebuster@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:41 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

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Hi,

I do not have any problem with Eastern Oregon becoming a draw for archery elk hunting. One of my main concerns is if you're going to offer a draw for eastern Oregon then you need to significantly reduce the tag numbers and start managing for more of a quality hunt and quit worrying about opportunities so much in the state of Oregon. Working in the woods every day I see no possible way that very many units in the state of Oregon are close to the management objective for Elk, the only way you would meet management objective is if you were lowering your number of elk that you want to have in the unit to meet your management objective . The populations on private property for the most part should not be counted in your management objectives for the unit because most of those do not allow any kind of hunting access so those elk are not available for the general public to even try to harvest . Elk populations from what I've seen and talk to a lot of other hunters , most units in eastern Oregon have been on a steady decline and the hunting pressure is absolutely INSANE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! during archery season. If you're not going to limit the tag numbers, And start managing Quality hunts instead of opportunity and \$\$ only , then I would much rather see elk season just left the same because it's not gonna do anything for hunting pressure. we have to start concentrating on managing game and not a checkbook if there's any future left for Oregon Elk and Deer herds.

Thanks  
Dan Hamrick

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Josiah O'Malley <omalleyftns@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:40 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my opinion with the new draw units for archery elk. Changing deer season already messed up our season enough. I am a back country hunter. I have adapted to the number of hunters out in the field and chose to find wilderness areas and go dealer than anyone else is willing to go. This is just going to force me to either not hunt every year or go and hunt the "general" areas that are full of roads and hunters hunting off those roads. Please don't do anything else to us archery hunters. The success rate is low enough.

Josiah O'Malley  
ISSA certified personal fitness trainer  
Crossfit level 1 trainer  
Certified Gymnastics trainer  
Certified Adaptive trainer  
Certified Functional Strength Coach  
Certified Crossfit Kids trainer

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**From:** Alan Gronewold <algronewold@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:26 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

1. The Minam should not be controlled, in the wilderness area.
2. Have you considered breaking the month long season into two, early and late?
3. Consider putting hunt units together, to form regions (ie Heppner, Ukiah, and Starkey, for instance) to give hunter's more flexibility.
4. The controlled hunt tag should also serve as a general tag for the remainder of the general hunt areas. Especially Western Oregon. Why not?
5. If I can't hunt elk every year, what's the point of living in Oregon? Residents in most other western states can archery AND rifle hunt for elk, OTC!! In an 8 week season!!
6. Kill more bears, wolves and cougars. That will get our elk herds back above management objectives.

Alan Gronewold  
Sublimity, OR  
541-215-3266

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Crystal Wilhelm <OregonRanchDogs@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:20 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk

Not enough controlled units. Everything in green should be a controlled unit as well! If rifle hunters should have to pick a unit to hunt their entire season, archery hunters should as well. Them being able to leave their unit creates a lot of road hunters. And uncontrolled number of general tags in one unit instead of spread out to reduce the stress on an area.

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**From:** Steve Dowdy <st.dowdy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk and deer tags

I am a landowner in the Catherine creek unit. I want to make sure If I don't draw a special tag that I will be able to get land owner preference tags for my property.

Thank you Steve Dowdy  
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La Grande Oregon 97850  
541-231-0651  
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**From:** Danny Olson <olsonhunter@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:32 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastern Oregon draw

Hey - thanks for looking at changes. Less people is always nice but a balance. One major issue that you guys even failed to mention so far is non- residents. If there isn't enough elk for resident all non -resident must but cut ASAP. Now that's not good because they front a big bill. Increase prices, cut non resident to at least 10% of tags.

Call me - let's talk.

Dan  
541-280-4289

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Randy D <fourfootchicken@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:26 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

To Whom It May Concern,

If this is an actual attempt to manage hunting pressure, I support you 100%. If this is a way of rewarding land owners with highly coveted tags, you will be exposed. If this is a failure of wolf management, I will continue to support the decimation of a voracious predator that was driven to near extinction, for good reason. In short, be honest, for goodness sake, can we have at least one honest Two Face Kate state department?

With All Due Respect,

Randy Deyton

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**From:** mdshulters@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:18 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

This proposal seems fair, A change I would like made is to make a general tag good for all general areas, east and west. Thanks.

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jim Middleton <jim\_m1971@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:13 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** The article states 60 percent of elk are taken during archery season? Why not make everyone choose a weapon, you either hunt archery or rifle. That would take a lot of hunters out of the woods during archery season. Eliminating those rifle hunters that ...

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**From:** Tim Conlon <bucknard45@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:11 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Bucknard45@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Draw for archery

When you disenfranchise those people that live in the controlled hunt areas With a draw system you are more likely to have a poaching problem. And when you don't address the predator problem as the true problem for low bull to cow ratios the problem will persist. Thus never getting out of the cycle,creating a generational poaching problem in those controlled hunt areas. Which in turn creates more numbers problems.

We as hunters have no faith in ODFW due to the poor management of Salmon-steelhead runs in this state. It's always a downward spiral. Look at the Draw system for Eastern Oregon Rifle hunt for Muleys and what a joke it's become. The Deer are running 90 miles an hour due to the generational poaching that takes place all year around. ODFW what ever you think your biologists suggest do the opposite,because this state is becoming a disaster. Without predator management and these controlled hunt draw Systems we will get the same results as our salmon steelhead debacle,Failure!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Azura <jobugg3@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery season Weapon of choice

Please consider!

The proposal of 2022 archery season is extremely depressing as a single mother with children.

I live in Pendleton Oregon and have grown up in Ukiah most of my life. As a young adult I was extremely busy raising children which I did not having the time to hunt with my grandfather or my father which now both have passed.

However I have learned the ability to track animals, cow call and hunt with a bow. This is one of my greatest passions and something I can pass on to my children.

If the new proposal is turned into a draw season I will be depended on learning a new unit which is very difficult because I have a daughter that's in junior high and I will not be able to make it home every night. Plus, as the soul Provider in my home because of being a single mother this takes a lot of effort and time planning.

I truly wish you would consider weapon of choice the first of February or even March.

I believe this would solve the issue on rifle hunters following on the last resort of purchasing an archery general season Elk Tag.

This will also allow you to monitor the individuals who truly have the passion of archery hunting.

I'm an archery hunter and will always be true to my  
Desire to hunt with my bow.

Please consider this email.

However if it is going to be a draw next year I will probably not hunt Oregon because of the difficult.

Thank you

Azura dee Gaige

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**From:** kyle cashman <cashman2291@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:05 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

The draft looks good other than including Grizzly unit. that is the most over crowded unit in my opinion of hunting there since roughly 2007. cant go in any drainage without bumping into people, elk population has potential for good growth and trophy potential but over crowding and elk constantly getting pushed onto the private. this is my opinion on the subject and have a quite a few friends who agree  
Thanks Kyle Cashman

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**From:** Dylan Moore <dwademoore212@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:02 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk controlled input

Please read all of this and please consider it. I've been looking at keeping an open mind with the new controlled archery elk proposal. As a lifelong bow hunter and conservationist I will agree there are some benefits of the new proposal that I would actually enjoy, like less people in my desired unit I like to hunt and a overall solution to help the elk population, however I think there would be some downfalls as well, I recently conducted a survey on Facebook group called Oregon archery elk hunters and I asked them what there plan was going to be for when archery elk becomes controlled I asked 136 people total 47% of people said they would decide to hunt the coast range 25% said they would hunt in a different state and no longer hunt in the state of Oregon 19% said they would still hunt eastern Oregon and not the coast/cascade area and 8% said they only hunt the coast/cascades. I'm afraid with this new regulation change this is going to hurt the rosevelt elk population I honestly feel you would be better off making the costal and cascades a draw as well because there is going to be a significant impact on the rosevelt elk population please consider this.

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**From:** Zackary Bacca <greatbacca.zb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:57 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

Please don't change Ukiah unit, that's the one time of year I get my family together and we all can hunt together , I appreciate your efforts in managing the wildlife. Archery season is already hard enough as it is, turning it into a controlled Hunt would be devastating to some hunters like myself who only get a harvest once every few years.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** mmcdaniel <mmcdaniel@alumni.uidaho.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:51 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Eastern OR archery elk change.

Dear ODFW,

I would not vote in favor of making all the proposed general elk units into draw only based on your criteria. This will greatly increase controlled rifle applications reducing rifle hunting opportunity and archery opportunity. Instead I would suggest reducing archery season length and moving timing to be away from peak rut. This will give archers opportunity to hunt every year but will reduce harvest success and thus increase bull:cow ratios. Everyone wins.

Sincerely,

Mike McDaniel  
Desolation unit rifle hunter of 20 years Big Game Biologist Outdoor Enthusiast

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**From:** April Anable <aprilanable@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Please leave Eastern archery elk hunting as is. Having the opportunity to hunt each year is incredibly important to my family, regardless of weapon. By changing the current model, you are severely limiting hunting opportunities for many people.

Kindest regards,  
April Anable

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**From:** Renee <renee\_greg\_hadden@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:41 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

I totally agree that archery branch bull harvests is too high. The high pressure is putting the majority of the elk onto private property before any bull rifle hunts. I have camped in the same spot for over 35 years and have seen the elk available to rifle hunters on forest service ground go to almost zero over those years. It doesn't help that much of the ground we use to hunt has been purchased by out of state owners who allow no access. They have also put in alfalfa fields to hold the elk on their ground. Maybe we need to have you negotiate with these owners to allow some access like Mo tana does.

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**From:** Dustin Gustaveson <dustingustaveson@centurytel.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:38 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I support making archery elk hunting draw statewide!!

Dustin

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**From:** Erik stewart <e26stew@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

I absolutely am 100 percent against making Eastern Oregon a controlled Archery elk hunt. The general season allows those who do not draw a rifle tag to chose the option to hunt with a bow and get out. Eliminating general season to controlled would minimize opportunities for the next generation of young hunters to get out and experience what it's like to elk hunt. This would also interfere with a yearly family tradition for most hunters its the one time of the year to get together with family and spend time hunting together and camping. We should be making a bill to reduce the number of bears and other predators such as bringing dogs back into predator hunting. This would greatly bring back the deer population as well as the elk.

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**From:** Garry Morlock <gmorlock1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:34 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery season changes

Yes PLEASE do something to limit the amount of archery hunters in the field. It is disturbing to find so many dead animals with arrows in them when in the field after the archery season. Last year during a muzzleloader season we found 2 dead mule deer does, and a dead cow elk with arrows in them in the Heppner Unit. Something needs to be done about the irresponsible non ethical archers

Thank You

Garry

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**From:** Prestyn Miller <prestyn10@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:33 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** I know you guys won't end up reading this but I'll send it anyway. Hunters are not damaging herd sizes compared to predators. For example look at the cascade mountains there used to be elk all over in the cascades and the majority of elk killed where ...

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Brian Harmon <brianharmon94@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:26 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Ideas for eastern oregon archery elk controlled hunts

Good afternoon, I am writing today to once again make my voice heard on this subject. Please consider using the Idaho model for archery elk tags in Eastern Oregon. Or at the very least make all units controlled or zones with tag quotas.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Cal Stocking <iamgonefishing@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:23 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Changes

This is great news. I am a non resident rifle hunter and have hunted the Starky unit for years. Many many bulls are taken and also wounded during the archery hunt. The season is much longer than needed, They should have a 5 day season just as the draw rifle hunters do. This would be a great change that i hope will change the bull to cow ratio in a positive manner. the elk population isn't even close to what it used to be in the Starky unit. Last year was the first year we have hunted and not seen a branched bull. Spike population is way way down and i was glad to see the special draw spike tags lowered also.

Thanks for the possible changes and you have my full support.

Cal

Cal Stocking  
33641 Hamilton Cemetery Rd.  
Sedro Woolley WA 98284  
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**From:** Brayden Wells <boostedrabbit78@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:15 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2022 archery regulations dissatisfied

Hi my name is Brayden i have been hunting for years and years and I have hunted as much ground around oregon as I possibly can I am a fellow archery hunter I practice year round almost every day and I would like to just say that I am not in favor for the proposition you guys are thinking about undertaking just because of the fact your taking more land away every year either due to new restrictions or because people suck and dump garbage in the woods and trust me I have always been for picking any trash up the woods are my home and that's not we're garbage belongs so pls for the sake of Oregon and it's archery hunters do not pass this proposition because all your doing is taking more from us true Oregonians who enjoy the woods and like putting food on our table for families I am not specifically located in the area you are thinking about closing down but first off if you close that down to controlled hunts only every single archery hunter from the upper right corner of oregon will have to hunt elsewhere or another state and that is plain wrong we should have access to every land weather it's public or private timber company's so pls take those into consideration and also I'm only 18 and this is how I feel I hope there will be a lot more emails coming to you and too disagree with your proposition.

Sent from my iPhone

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Tim Cohron <fishon\_cohron@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:06 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery general hunts

Well here is the real problem,  
PREDATORS!!!!??

I sent an email before you changed archery deer to controlled deer but fell on deaf ears, this probably will too but here we go.

We have too many predators in eastern oregon, the cougar and bear population has tripled since baiting and hounds were banned, then let's introduce wolves, not the native wolves but it's larger brother, these predators are killing machines and the #1 reason for pour numbers but we as hunters get the blame and loose opportunity. And then the money grab, \$8 for every new application to hunt east, that is a ton of extra money and it's wrong. I apply for everything every year so it doesn't change for me but the families that go general Archery deer east side get screwed. My biggest bitch about the way the archery deer draw is successful applicants for an eastern deer archery tag can't use that tag for late season western tag, that really sucks and another lost opportunity. As for this Archer elk proposal I can live with it but should make archery deer coincide with the elk draw, and any drawn tag should be able to be used late season western Archery deer tag!

Bottom line is we need less predators if you are ever going to bring back populations, that's a fact, and this is why western oregon is still a general season tag but that will change if we don't control the wolves.

If you guys actually took the time to read my opinion I want to say thank you!

Tim Cohron

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Jake Hays <jakeh\_06@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:51 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery controlled proposal.

Leave archery hunts alone, you guys do nothing but take away opportunity. You limit nothing when it comes to rifle hunters, they are allowed to use the biggest baddest rifle money can buy, with the most up to date optics and drop charts. Animals are getting shot at over 600+ yards on the regular now days, and yet archery hunters are getting the bad rap. We finally got to use mechanical broadheads and lighted knocks for crying out loud. The only thing you are going to see by doing this is more people giving up hunting in the state of Oregon. People are not going to wait 5 years to hunt elk in this state, it is already bad enough to live in the east side of the state and have the blues be your back yard, the weneha, Walla walla, and Mt.emily units at that. And not be able to just go up and hunt with friends and family, you ruined tradition, we have a massive predator problem in this state big issue being wolves! All you do is protect predators and take away hunting opportunity. And how is it fair to leave the west side of the state open to OTC hunts and close the east side so now our draw will be flooded and the guys living here get to hunt every few years while the west side hunters can apply for hunts and if they do not draw, just buy a tag and hunt at home. It is a bunch of BS. Leave us alone! This state needs to ditch ODFW and just go back to the Oregon hunters association, and let the hunters run the program, the people who are actually out in the woods and see what is happening, not people in Salem who think because they have a degree they know everything there is to know, especially when most of them do not even hunt let along have been to this side of the state, they just want to tell us how we should run our side.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** Bri Clark <clarkfam5020@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:45 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk proposal

Hello!

I am a general season archery hunter and I like where the proposal is going. I do have one comment or suggestions. Please fix it so that if you go for a draw/controlled tag you can't fall back on general season Archery.

And maybe it is currently written that way, I just didn't see it, unfortunately year after year, we are seeing new hunters who didn't get their rifle tag or whatever and a huge amount of wounded deer and Elk. I feel it would be best if you either had to choose your controlled hunt, or general season.

Thank you for all you do.

Sabrina

We do appreciate what you do and please consider this option.

**BORISCH Roxann B \* ODFW**

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**From:** Jeremy Smock <smock1123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:40 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk hunting proposal

To whom it may concern:

First of all why does archery hunting need to be regulated in these units to begin with? We are now issuing over the counter damage tags that are killing thousands of elk on but we need to limit archery hunters? Give me a break, if we could shift our focus on predators in the northeast Oregon instead of attacking big game hunters that would be great, But if we are looking to do a draw system let's make it state wide. There is absolutely no reason someone from the west side can sick back and save points up and hunt their backyard when I can't even hunt mine. Let's break this into a region setup that includes western Oregon as well. Make people burn their points.

Or second option is pick your weapon, if we make it if you apply for a rifle hunt then you can't go buy a archery tag that would reduce the archery hunters by 25% at least in my opinion. In closing there is absolutely no reason to make all these units a draw. If odfw feels it is a priority to do so then make it state wide. Thanks JeremySmock

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mike Tanner <Sales@unilatch.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Please make ALL of Malheur River, Beulah, Sumpter and Lookout units controlled instead of breaking up the units. Makes enforcement as well as regulations much easier.

*Mike Tanner*



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**From:** Tylynn Scoggins <tylynscoggins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:24 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Limiting archery hunters

I am against this solution to limit archery hunting. Oregon has been a great option for hunters that prefer to use their bow for hunting elk. I strongly disagree this answer to limit us bow hunters will increase the elk numbers. I believe the current and strongest issue is Predators. I would like to see the real science that proves archery hunters are taking that big of a toll on the herds.

Thanks your your time Tylynn.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jt Parsons <furbear.alaska@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk purposal

I think a change to the elk season for those areas would be proper as for the hunting both deer and elk has gone down in those areas. Maybe make it locals only for those controlled tags, so locals can still harvest their meat.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ken Shelton <mr\_steelhead@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comments on proposed archery elk changes

I am all in favor of the proposed changes. For years the better archers have killed a disproportionate amount of the branch bulls. Some hunters get one yearly where rifle hunters only get an opportunity to hunt after meeting the preference points needed. Also the archers have turned in for the premium rifle tags knowing they can still hunt archery when they don't draw. Rifle hunters only have poorer hunts such as spike only hunts to fall back on. Also the high numbers of animals wounded and not retrieved for archers takes a toll. For all these reasons I am in favor of the areas being put into controlled hunts. Ken Shelton

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**From:** Drew Butterfield <butterfieldae@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:05 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

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Thanks your your time Drew

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**From:** Jeffrey Kruggel <jeff\_kruggel2006@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** initial draft proposal

Ridiculous!

OTC Archery Elk Hunting should not be modified at all. Cut tags for rifle elk and eliminate all rifle cow tags across the state.

Just my 2 cents...

Jeff Kruggel

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date: 9 March 2021  
To: Jeremy Thompson  
From: Vic Coggins

Subject: Archery Elk Limited Entry Seasons

ATTN: These recommendations are from me and do not represent the Oregon Hunter's Association.

I worked as an ODFW Wildlife Biologist in the Wallowa District from 1967-2012 and presently have a wildlife management business based in Wallowa County. During that time, I've watched calf survival drop from averages of mid-40's (calves per 100 cows) to single digits. Bull survival improved during the time period of 2005 to 2016, but has since plummeted to present levels. I believe because cougar numbers are high and wolf numbers increasing, predation is responsible for the drops in elk calf survival. There may also be cow elk productivity issues related to high densities of hunters in some units during the breeding season. This was observed in the late 1970's when pregnancy rates plunged to 53% following the establishment of a general archery season. The archery season was closed for three years and pregnancy rates increased to nearly 100%. The Chesnimnus Unit went to limited entry for archery season (rifle seasons were already limited to 1500 tags in a nine-day season) and pregnancy rates returned to normal. Since those days, general elk season archery hunters have continued to increase and bull survival has declined, especially in general season units.

The Minam, Snake River, Imnaha, Keating, and Pine Units are all below bull management objectives and are having predation issues reducing calf recruitment. I recommend that these units be changed to limited entry hunts. There are also complaints from archery hunters (especially from the Imnaha Unit) regarding too many hunters. All of the units mentioned above should be limited entry with hunter quotas by unit as the Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, and Wenaha have been for many years.

Thank you for the consideration of these issues.

Respectfully,

Vic Coggins  
Coggins Wildlife Mgmt. Services

cc: Chair Mary Wahl; ODFW Commissioners and Director Melcher (odfw.info@state.or.us); OHA Directors & Staff

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**From:** Mike Slinkard <mike@hecsllc.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:13 AM  
**To:** ODFW.Commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Curt Melcher  
**Subject:** archery elk draw

**Categories:** Forwarded to Wildlife

Dear ODFW commissioner,

I am a lifelong bowhunter and resident of John day. I have been watching with interest to some of the disc

I must say that after witnessing the yearly invasion of non resident bowhunters pour into all the units in this effort being put into doing something about the crowding issues we see here every season.

I feel very strongly however that doing a general archery draw is the wrong way to address the problem an who live here in the heart of eastern Oregon elk country. The crowding problem is now, and has always be of eastern Oregon fill with non resident hunters to the point that elk are now escaping to private lands and

We can't blame those who come here because virtually every other elk state has implemented some type of residents so it is no wonder that we get inundated each year. They are simply taking advantage of the opp problem has been horrible for many years and just seems to worsen every year.

This situation could be easily solved by either implementing a non resident quota per unit or implementing addressing the actual cause of the majority of overcrowding directly without taking away opportunities for C access to hunt and especially to continue to grow the hunting lifestyle for future generations.

As it stands now the archery elk hunt is really the only opportunity for families to enjoy and grow our huntin killed this activity for those hunters already as they simply can't draw tags for the entire family on any consi that much more difficult.

Also with the recent expansion of anti hunting groups promoting their members to apply for hunting tags to erodes hunting opportunities.

In closing as a lifelong eastern Oregon hunter i implore the department and the commission to please fix th Oregon that pay dearly through the myriad of taxes and fees to the state of Oregon. A simple non resident affecting the residents who are entitled to the opportunity to utilize and enjoy Oregon elk. By the way this s. Thank you for your time and please don't hesitate to reach out to me if i can help in any way with this proce

Sincerely

Mike Slinkard  
John Day Oregon  
541 620 1490

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