

# **Exhibit H**

## **File 2**

**Public Correspondence Received  
March 12, 2021 to March 16, 2021**

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**From:** Alexi M <odottore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello,

I support the proposal to shift to a controlled archery hunt in NE Oregon units. As noted, rifle hunters have taken the brunt of the reduced tags (i.e. they get fewer opportunities to hunt) while archery hunters have not seen any changes. Introducing controlled hunting for archery (and muzzleloader? - not mentioned) would level the playing field. More importantly, this would help improve the health and long-term stability of the elk population.

Thank you,  
Alexander S Miller  
Eugene, Oregon

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**From:** Thompson, Leroy (Ash Grove) <leroy.thompson@ashgrove.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:16 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** draw hunting

The number of bow hunters I seen in the desolation unit last season was the most hunters ive ever seen in one spot in all my years of hunting . this draw is the only solution I see so that we all can continue to hunt

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**From:** Tim Jensen <tim.jensen@oregonstate.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:06 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

To whom it may concern,

I write to request that ODFW allow bowhunters with eastern Oregon controlled or general tags to **also** hunt the general season in western Oregon.

The tag-equity and population management rationales are sound and I'm grateful for the work ODFW is doing in those areas. However, the issue here boils down to hunter opportunities in ways that don't impact those key goals. By maintaining current status, controlled bow elk tag holders can access day hunts in western Oregon without giving up eastern Oregon trips. For those who would contend that it's not fair to rifle hunters, who are contained to one for the controlled elk tag, I would humbly note that bows can't shoot a 1,000 yards. The disparity between these two weapons warrants accommodation for bowhunters.

**I strongly urge ODFW to allow hunters with eastern Oregon controlled or general tags to also hunt western Oregon's general season.**

Thank you for considering this proposal and for the work you do —

Respectfully,

Tim Jensen

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**From:** T M <zevrali@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:00 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

This is an excellent proposal!

Over the last 10 years the Imnaha Unit has been overrun with bow hunters. In the area I hunt, Imnaha Divide, I would estimate there are four times the amount of bow hunters then there was 10 years ago. The pressure and disturbance this causes elk and all wildlife is immense and disrupts the Elk's rutting/mating season and natural migration movements. This proposal will reduce the amount of bow hunters and have great benefits for elk, mule deer and all wildlife.

I hope tag numbers will also be limited in all the archery elk draw units and I believe looking at dividing the season into the first two weeks and the last two weeks in these units is also a good idea. For example, where I hunt, in the Imnaha Unit there would be 200 draw tags for the first two weeks and 200 draw tags for the second two weeks. This would provide for far less environmental disturbance, a quality hunt and still allow for a good number of tags for the season- 400. In comparison I think the Chesnimus Unit currently has 300 draw tags for archery elk.

I am in favor of the current archery elk proposal and I also want a limit on draw tags and looking at dividing the draw tags to a first and second season.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

Trent Morrell  
Portland/La Pine

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jim Wagner <jimmydon69@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:52 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** archery elk proposal

good morning,

as stated, the number of bow hunters, the equipment used and the average skill levels of bow hunters has drastically changed over the past several years. i believe that the commision is somewhat over due to update the management of archery elk. leaving as much of the state to general season as outlined in the plan is fair. in the future these changes most likely will increase preasure on some general units and more changes will have to be made. this is only my unqualified opinion but it seems to make sense.

thank you  
Jim

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**From:** Chad Moles <dr\_moles@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 11:15 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2022 Archery Elk Recommendations

To whom it may concern ;

I do feel that the Grizzly unit should not be left as a general unit in Eastern Oregon. The number of archery hunters have steadily increased in this unit over the past 5 years and I feel that it will only worsen if not included in the limited draw hunts.

Thank you for hearing our concerns!

Chad Moles

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Christopher Roberts <chriswill03039@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 8:00 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I think it's a bad idea to make more units a draw hunt with elk. I switched from rifle to bow because I couldn't draw a rifle tag every year. This will hurt new and young hunters especially if they want to hunt with a big group of family or friends. I recently moved to Idaho and if this change happens I will not be hunting Oregon any more.

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Mike Doden <mdoden1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 7:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

To whom it may concern,

I'm an Oregon resident and avid archery hunter. I am writing to provide feedback to the proposed changes to the 2022 archery elk seasons to better manage elk populations and hunting pressure in popular units. In the past 9 years that I've hunted Oregon archery general season, I have spent time hunting 6 different general units. I have noticed increasing issues related to hunter crowding and greatly diminished hunt quality. I do believe that high hunter density on public land during archery season does result in Elk being pressured onto private land resulting in private land-owner complaints and recent measures taken to offer more depredation / cow hunts on private property to mitigate those complaints. I do believe that intense hunting pressure in some general archery units may also play a factor in decreased elk breeding success (in September) and contribute to increased calf mortality in the Spring with greater predation opportunity during. I do believe that ODFW should be allowed to make real-time annual tag allotment adjustments to help achieve management objectives (MO) unit by unit.

In general, I welcome the proposed changes to the archery elk season for the purpose of achieving management objectives, improving herd quality, age class, and aspects related to breeding success. I also welcome the changes for the purpose of decreasing hunter density and improving hunt quality. I actually preferred the 2020 proposal more so which had all the eastern Oregon general archery season units convert to limited draw units. However, the 2021 proposal is still a much better than keeping the status quo. There are simply too many hunters in most general archery units in Eastern Oregon and hunting quality is suffering. My feedback:

- I have a concern that the remaining Eastern Oregon general archery units will become especially crowded with hunters since it appears that those who are unsuccessful on their harder to draw rifle / archery limited draw hunts will still use these hunts as their back-up.
- Remaining "general archery" units should also have a cap on non-resident tags of the same 10% of the total (perhaps 10% of the previous three-year average). Most all western states have implemented greater limits on Non-res hunters in general hunts and my suspicion is that non-res numbers could increase greatly as % of hunters within the remaining general units. Please do not keep nonresident tags unlimited in general units.
- I would welcome further decrease in tag numbers in most of the new limited draw archery units from their historical number of general hunters as they were already overcrowded from a hunter density perspective.
- I have heard some advocate for going to "zones" comprised of multiple units in the new limited draw areas (similar as Idaho) vs keeping the current units. I am not in favor of going to large zones (from our current units) as it wouldn't allow ODFW enough control to manage hunter numbers within a specific area.
- Implement more road closure during Archery season in high road density areas to help diminish pressure on elk movement off of public lands.

In addition to going to a limited draw in historically general archery units in eastern Oregon, there is another aspect involving archery season that I believe should be addressed. "Hunter success" during archery season is determined by animals successfully harvested and tagged. There is no way to measure animal mortality related to wounded animals / poor shot placement or inability of the hunter to recover a wounded animal. This past year alone, myself and my hunting partner came upon 3 archery elk kills unclaimed and these animals were obviously not tagged. You can assume that those hunters likely continued hunting after shooting those animals. I had also spoke with another first-year nonresident hunter who was going into his third week hunting after gut shooting a spike bull with a mechanical broadhead. He was heading into his third general unit and he was stoked about it. Animal mortality will happen, I'm just concerned it's happening at an unnecessarily high rate with current archery hunting practices. I have concern that a growing number of new archery hunters taking up the sport without having good understanding or commitment of understanding what goes into adequate bow set-up, factors insuring proper arrow flight, or ethical shot selection with archery. Some are merely rifle hunters that choose hunting general archery season as a back-up just because they can, or hunters recently new to archery with a poor understanding of what it takes to ethically harvest an elk. Archery hunting is not the same as rifle hunting (and vice versa). One can easily argue that it does take more commitment and practice to become effective with archery hunting. Considerable thought and practice goes into ethical archery hunting and too many treat it as simply their "right" to pick up a bow, grab some arrows, screw on any broadhead a few weeks before season and fling it at deer or elk because they have a tag. I'm sure the archery shops love the sales, but it's time for archery hunters to view archery hunting as a privilege and Elk as a resource to be managed and ethically harvested. Two additional recommendations I have:

- Implement an Archery certificate program that would require archery hunters take a course similar to hunter safety education that is specific to archery hunting and helps promote ethics and understanding of archery proficiency prior to being allowed to archery hunt.
- Disallow the use of mechanical broadheads for elk hunting. They are a simply not ethical to use for elk sized game, especially so for less-proficient archery hunters. Generally poor penetration and higher failure rates. Again, I'm sure the archery shops and manufacturers enjoy the sales, but it was a bad move to approve mechanicals for elk in the first place.

Thank you,  
Mike Doden

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**From:** Dick O <dickob1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 6:36 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Having hunted the Snake River & Imnaha units since the late 90's with modest success, except for the last 3 years as an archer with no success, I'm truly disappointed in your plan to convert them to controlled hunting.

The last several years of rifle hunting in the Snake R unit were QUALITY hunts due to secondary road closures. My son & One of my grandsons & I hunted the Puderbaugh Ridge/Crazyman Creek/Summit Creek area and we didn't mind packing quarters up to 3 miles to the roadhead because there wasn't a whole lot of competition..

Imagine the shock of driving to the gate 3 years ago to do some scouting on Puderbaugh Ridge only to find the gate open and 5 RV's at a man-made pond. Guess what. They hadn't seen anything. DUH! This was about 1 week prior to the end of archery season, which is the time of my only vacation for the year.

My point is, if you want to limit hunters in an area, secondary road closures are an effective way to do it.(probably cheaper, administratively)

Lack of numbers can also be addressed through the politically incorrect subject of predator control. I realize that is a sensitive issue for you that you may be unable or unwilling to address.

All one has to do is get off their butt & go walk trails to understand that there are a lot more kills than can be attributed to hunters. Skeletal remains are everywhere.

I'll be 82 when the season opens this year & I'm obviously resentful of your controlled hunts plan. My son & grandson decided to join me 3 years ago when I announced that I would be strictly archery after being both a rifle hunter for 68 years & a bow hunter for over 50 years.

I'm a full-time archery tech at Sportsman's Warehouse in Portland & I can tell you that a lot of my customers share my views.

Sorry for rambling, but this is an emotional issue for me as well as for a lot of other hunters.

Love & Blessings,  
Richard O'Brien, Canby, OR

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**From:** John Larison <john.larison@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 4:51 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Thank you for this chance to comment on the archery elk proposal. I write as a lifetime Oregon resident who has hunted elk across 7 units every year since I turned 8 in 1988.

I welcome these proposed changes, but request one change that will improve hunter access and increase our days afield without significant changes to harvest numbers. **Please allow hunters who draw a controlled elk tag to also hunt Western Oregon's general season.**

I understand the logic of limiting hunters who draw a controlled tag from hunting the eastern Oregon general tag areas. Those arguments do not hold water when we consider allowing hunters with a controlled tag to also hunt western Oregon units.

Many of us live on the westside and take a family trip out east during the bow season (I take my three kids and my parents, just as they took me and my grandparents). Before and after the eastern oregon trip, we do lots of day elk hunts near our home in the Alsea unit. These are priceless opportunities to give the kids a chance to experience hunting as a way of life--rather than a once a year vacation. Many of our most precious days afield together come on those sunny afternoons in western oregon. Under the current proposal, my children would miss these opportunities.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

Best,

John

John Larison  
Bellfountain, Oregon

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**From:** Donald Maywald <crewof61@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 12:39 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery season changes in 2022

I believe that while these changes have some good suggestions that need to be done, and as they are on a limited basis should help to prevent putting too much pressure on the other general season units.

I believe that there are other changes that should be looked into that are influencing the increase in archery success over the last few years. This is the changes in design and technology of today's compound bows. There was a time that shooting an arrow beyond 60 yards was considered unacceptable by most archery hunters as too risky. Most bows did not deliver enough kinetic energy to make these longer shots effective. With the improvements over the last ten years in archery technology this is no longer the case. I know of many hunters who consider 100 yard shots acceptable and have the equipment to do it. Draw weights of 80+ pounds, arrow speeds of 330 fps and sights with lenses are readily available. This is putting the range of many archery hunters at the same level as rifle hunters.

Just as we have draw weight minimums for hunting, maybe it is time to have limits on draw weight as well. The changes continue to improve the effective range of archery equipment and without limitations this will only become more of an issue. As an archery hunter myself I see these changes making the sport less about the traditional skills and more about the ease of taking longer and longer shots. As the stats from ODFW already confirm archers are already taking a greater share of the harvest in all units. I believe that we need to place restrictions on where these improvements are going if we are going to maintain the sport as it has been known. Otherwise, how long before we see compound bows delivering the same performance as crossbows?

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**From:** Daniel Moncrief <moncriefwildlife@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 11:40 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** New Archery Elk Changes

Hello I am an avid archery elk hunter and taxidermist living in Joseph and would like to voice my opinion on the proposed changes that are affecting my area.  
First of all, I am totally in favor of limiting the overcrowded general units. The quality of the hunt has been destroyed by too many people. You realistically can count on someone charging in on any bull that is vocal! This has been a problem for quite a few years, and I personally would rather take a chance on not drawing a tag than experience the carnival atmosphere we have going on now!  
I have noticed that 9 out of 10 hunters I meet are from the westside, why are they allowed to have (general) tags and still come over here and bombard our units? We should have county privilege for preference points. At least, give us locals a one point advantage for residency!  
In closing I would like to voice my opinion on the archery deer change to being a draw. The best thing Oregon could have done for our deer! They are just extras, for the westsiders that come elk hunting and get shot, wounded, by people that don't really target them! I appreciate all the efforts ODFW puts into trying to manage the game and the people!

Thank

You, Dan Moncrief

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**From:** Roger and Lisa Thomas <ednapagel@q.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed bow hunting regs 2022

Hello,

First, I am a rifle hunter for 50 years. The days of hunting where and what type of hunting I want to are pretty much gone. So thank you for after the 25 years you mention, you are looking at other ways to control hunter harvesting of elk. Especially on the east side where bull ratios seem to struggle more than on the west where I live. Also doing a controlled hunt for bow will make more revenue for you folks with the entry fees.

Yes I prefer to hunt on the east side. I have hunted the west when I don't draw my east tag. However, with what Weyco has done since buying the Fibre land, hunting on the west is becoming more and more frustrating. That's a whole nother story!

I am all for regulating the bow hunters! With their improvements in equipment and hunting during the rut. They certainly have an advantage over rifle hunters and is the reason so many I know have switched to bow hunting. With a bow, what I hear from the hunters is they have a much better chance to get a trophy bull vs maybe a spike or at best a rag horn on the west side with a rifle. I believe this harvesting of trophies to be true as we see this more and more over the last decade as we drive east for deer camp. We try to get there as bow hunters leave the national forest so we can get our favorite spot to camp. Along the way, we see way more trophy elk on display in vehicles heading west than we used to. Also wonder what effect of harvesting the larger bulls has on the herds health as far as passing on those genes of the older bulls?

You mention 75% prefer rifle vs 23% prefer bow hunting. What are the actual percentages not preferred? I would have thought more bow hunters than what you describe.

Finally, after this controlled bow hunting is implemented. Where will those who don't draw end up and what issues will that create? That's why you folks get the big bucks (money, not deer). Stay tuned lol.

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts.

Roger Thomas  
Rainier, OR

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**From:** Lane Parry <lparry@eoni.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Controlled Archery tags

I would like to comment on the proposed controlled archery tags proposal for North East Oregon.

I feel that the number of archery hunters have increased to the point that it is having a negative impact on hunting experience.

It has been my experience over the past several years that bugling to locate and call in bulls more often results in calling in other hunters. With rifle hunting another hunter can be in the same drainage and not have a negative impact and in some occasions a positive impact due to other people moving the elk around. As a long time archery hunter I have become frustrated to the point that I am strongly considering not archery hunting in Oregon and spending my time and money hunting other states that do not have as much pressure and better bull to cow ratios.

On the subject of bull to cow ratios; I believe that it is **poor management** to allow hunters to kill yearling spike bulls. I believe the the ODF&W should adopt a brow tine or better restriction for ALL elk hunts and do away with the Spike Only season. I see absolutely no scientific reason to kill these young bulls, not killing these young bulls would rapidly and significantly improve the bull to cow ratios and the hunting experience.

As for Mule Deer, I have been told that the mule deer populations in the Keating Unit, which is where I hunt, is at 40% of the target. Which is quite obvious by the number of deer encountered. With these numbers being so low and seem to be getting lower, I feel that mule deer seasons should be closed or significantly restricted to allow populations to rebound.

I also feel that elk populations have been on the rise for several years and the high elk populations are having a negative impact on mule deer. Therefore I believe that elk populations could be reduced by replacing the second season spike only hunts with an over-the-counter cow tag for all the units and the tag should be valid for public and private lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Lane Parry

Baker City, OR

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**From:** Sorbenots <mail@sorbenots.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I am one of the group of hunters who fully support the movement towards regulations of the archery elk season in Eastern Oregon. I have lived in Baker City for the past 50 years, hunting every year since I was old enough. I have witnessed many changes to not only the big game regulations, but also to the hunters and the industry we support.

Most of us do like change, rules or limitations, but all of these are necessary as time progresses. Admittedly, many years ago when I first heard that rifle elk general season would be "spike only", I thought ODFW had ventured off the map. However, in hindsight this initial move made me focus a bit more on the type of hunter I wanted to be. I have archery hunted elk ever since 1985, and couldn't be happier.

Reasons why I have embraced the current 2021 change to making archery deer seasons draw as opposed to general, and support the proposed changes to archery elk.

- **Point Creep.** Let's face it, without change this will make high demand opportunities virtually unavailable to our children and grandchildren. Taking the random chance folks out of the more desirable application draws will certainly be a step in the right direction.
  - I have applied for the late archery rut hunt for the Beulah Unit for the past 12 years. When I first started, 100% draw odds were in the 6 pref. point range. Last year I did not draw with 12. This common reality of point creep was very frustrating to me. However, under the old system I realize how I was also part of the problem. I was happy to throw my name in the hat each year for this late season hunt. The result of being "not selected", meant I would grab my general archery deer tag which was easy to fill and I was happy to have. This year was the first time I actually had to make a choice. Although a bit bitter with 12 preference points to consider, I can see how my one specific choice under the new regulations improves the draw system in Oregon.
  - With regards to elk hunting. I typically apply for a Weneha or Mt Emily archery elk tag every year. Although I have drawn a few HD archery tags in the past, I am actually most content hunting in the general season of Sumpter and Beulah. Applying to one of those units should be my 1<sup>st</sup> choice draw application. In a perfect world, I would draw my Beulah archery tag each year and each year my preference points would be 0. Again under the current draw system, I "muddy" the application pool in the higher demand units, diminishing the opportunity to those who are intent on pursuing those specific tags, either with max points or in the 25% random draw.
    - Note: This 25% random draw has not only a great part of the Oregon draw, but will improve for all with these proposed changes.
- **Saturation of "general" archery tags.** For those of us who spend a significant time hunting in Oregon, we realize that many of the Eastern Oregon archery elk units are simply spectacular. That is until the past few years. These general archery seasons have become a dumping ground for all who do not draw a rifle or HD archery tag. It is also the go to for the individual who watches a hunting video on August 1<sup>st</sup> and decides to give the hunting thing a try. I would rather miss a draw or twelve in the next 20 years than spend another year like 2020 in the Oregon archery elky woods,.
- **Dedication:** At the risk of sounding callous, the proposed changes to the Eastern Oregon archery elk tags would dampen and eliminate many of the hunting Bozos currently out there. This has become a serious issue over the past few years. Far too many times I have personally had requests or heard stories about someone wanting to borrow a bow to go hunting next week when the season opens. I assume this is the same pool of folks that generate the "hunters" who run ridges on their quads blowing the latest and greatest Primos every ½ mile or so, or drive back and forth on the same stretch of road hoping one will appear in front of them.

Choosing specific units, during specific seasons in June requires a level of dedication. The proposed change will create a structure that promotes a more dedicated, mindful and ethical participant during these seasons.

- **Far past due:** It was over 20 years ago I first heard the “choose your weapon” spiel from a friend of mine. I’m sure I rolled my eyes at the time. Maybe 2000 was premature on such a move, but we are several years past due on this needed regulation.

I appreciate the hunting opportunities that have been afforded to me. I support the proposed changes to the Eastern Oregon archery elk seasons and will continue to support any change that creates a balance between quality and quantity of hunts.

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**From:** Derek Yost <dny8088@gmail.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hello I'm writing regarding the archery elk proposal. I'm one who aspires to hunt elk with a bow. I've worked for the FS in the Malheur National Forest doing silviculture work as season employee for 5 years I've spent a lot of time in the woods during bow and rifle seasons in all districts of the Malheur.

My thoughts are twofold, first I support limiting tags in all the units of eastern Oregon I realize it's hard to balance opportunities with wildlife populations and pressure. I've seen way to many people out there during this time of year and FULLY support limiting it to a draw for all eastern units.

The other thing I want to mention that isn't part of the proposal however, I feel it should be considered, is please raise our nonresident tag prices. If I want to go to Wyoming or Arizona I will pay heavily as a non-resident and I expect it. Tag prices need to increase for nonresidents. Thank you for your time.

Derek Yost

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Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Chris Johnson <3leggedelk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I am 100% in favor of the proposal to make the subject units controlled hunting for archery elk. While I suspect the proposal has some benefits to elk population management, I'll leave that to the experts in ODFW. My issue is hunter overcrowding.

There are way too many archery hunters under the current situation and it makes hunting very un-enjoyable. ODFW, from my view, does not seem to focus very often on hunt quality. It appears it is all about hunt quantity (as in \$\$\$). That makes for frustrated hunters that are bumping into each other as they hunt. I suspect this is one reason hunter numbers are dropping.

While I support this proposal, I also support keeping the tag numbers low to enhance hunt quality.

Thanks!

Chris Johnson  
Jacksonville, OR

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**From:** ODFW Commission <ODFW.Commission@state.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 8:12 AM  
**To:** 'Borisch, Roxie'  
**Subject:** FW: Archery elk

-----Original Message-----

**From:** JARROD BURCHAM <burchamjarrod@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk

I'm all for putting Eastern Oregon into a draw system for archery elk. Unit specific tags not the zone nonsense I keep seeing suggested. I have been over there during season taking the scenic route from point a to b and what I see for overcrowding is disgusting. It makes me want to quit hunting Oregon all together.

Thank you  
Jarrod Burcham

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**From:** Aaron Feigum <Aaron.Feigum@pgn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 7:46 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

To whom this may concern,

After last year's COVID-19 and fire season I believe a draw hunt in the indicated areas would be a good thing.

My experience last year was not typical of normal archery elk hunt seasons in eastern Oregon. There were a lot of people. I saw 10 times more hunters in the woods than I saw elk. When I did see elk, they were spooked easily. I think adding the eastern Oregon units as draw hunts would be a great idea.

My proposal would be to split the general season into 2 seasons. 15 days of early season and 15 days of late season. I think this would cut the pressure a little and allow more opportunity.

Thanks,

Aaron Feigum



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**From:** Chad Johnson <Chad.j@gotridentgroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 7:30 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Sir or Ma'am,

I hope the decision has not already been made to change eastern Oregon archery to a draw. I find it hard to believe that it is archery hunters that are impacting elk numbers. I think there should be some thought to predator control. Last year I saw 5 bears in 11 days and now the wolves have moved in. Not to mention the mountain lions that have always been there. I guarantee that the predators are taking far more elk than the archery hunters. I also hope that some thought has been put into the financial impact. Hunters spend a lot of money each year and many of those small towns are counting on that to survive. I hope enough hunters take the time to voice their opinions on this and someone is listening. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Jeffrey Kruggel <jeff\_kruggel2006@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 6:28 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Taking Opportunity

If the proposed units become part of a draw what do you think will happen to the general season areas? I believe all of the remaining locations will be completely overrun with hunters. Or general rifle seasons will get hammered with more hunters. Or Both! Let's face it rifle hunters kill the majority of the elk in Oregon and your trying to take OPPORTUNITY from archers in response to rifle hunters complaining about killing less animals. This will fix none of the problems we see in Oregon. Until we get control of the predators we will never rebound to acceptable Bull to Cow ratios. Do email responses from actual hunters even sway the vote or is ODFW still just set in there ways and will approve this just like Archery Deer Hunting last year? I'm literally sick to my stomach knowing my hunting future is in the hands of people who are only money hungry and could care less about the animals and hunters... prove to the thousands of archery hunters in this state that you still care about opportunity and not just money.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** kpDub33 <kpDub33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:57 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk

I feel The people that live on private land, And live in elk country should put up a fence That is able to keep the elk on public land and not private. And quit putting so many cattle on public land that they eat all the food the elk and deer need to live On. So the Elk have no choice but to follow the feed which is on private land because public land has been fed off. I see this everywhere I hunt. And the Cattle spread noxious weeds. Why punish the hunters who spend good money in this great state And rely on meat For their families.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20+ 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

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**From:** Johnny Tigue <tiguej44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:31 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Bow season

I feel like the changes you are proposing to do to bow hunters in eastern Oregon is not right in regards to making them draw hunt's. Especially to the bow hunters that have been bow hunting most of there lives and find it a challenge to take a trophy bull or even a cow elk. To us this is a trophy in itself. The reason there is damage to the heard's or more than usual wounded animals are do to rifle hunters that apply for a rifle tag in the eastern Oregon units then don't draw a tag. They then turn around and pick up a bow for the first time in their life only months or weeks before bow season starts. So instead of punishing those of us bow hunters that are loyal year after year I think if you apply for a rifle tag for eastern Oregon elk or deer then you shouldn't be able to go and get a bow tag. You have made your choice for that year and hunt the western general season, and that goes the same for bow hunters.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion in this matter.

Johnny Tigue

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**From:** Carrier Plumbing <carrierplumbing@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:50 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Controlled elk tags.

I think this is a great idea. In fact, I think it should be all of eastern Oregon should be draw units for both elk and deer. I have hunted the desolation unit for over 30 years and have seen the damage the bow hunters have done to the amount of deer and elk in the unit. Our friends that live there have commented about how there is 4 to 5 times as many bow hunters in the area compared to rifle hunters. And we see it in the amount of campsites we come across during rifle season.

I'm sure there is more to it, but I would like to see the whole east side made controled hunts for both deer and elk just like for rifle.

Thanks  
Ray Carrier

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**From:** JARROD BURCHAM <burchamjarrod@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk

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I'm all for putting Eastern Oregon into a draw system for archery elk. Unit specific tags not the zone nonsense I keep seeing suggested. I have been over there during season taking the scenic route from point a to b and what I see for overcrowding is disgusting. It makes me want to quit hunting Oregon all together.

Thank you  
Jarrod Burcham

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Donald L Jenkins <djenkins19400309@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:13 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Preference points for Oregon Hunts

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It is long past due that all hunters for any hunt in Oregon should be able to designate the number of preference points HE or SHE wants for a first choice hunt. We have paid for these points and should be able to use them in any manner we want.

An example is making Eastern Oregon Archery a draw. I have twelve "Deer" preference points that I have been saving for years. If I put in for an Archery deer tag as my first choice and draw I would "lose" all my points on a hunt that takes none or one or two at most.

I feel this is an issue that needs to be addressed and wondering if it is even legal.

Donald L Jenkins

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**From:** Travis Middleton <tmiddletontts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

First of all I want to express thanks for the ability to make public comments on the current proposal for 2022. As a relatively new hunter in this state (the last 5 years) I must say that I am extremely concerned about what the future holds in this state for big game hunting and do not think the current archery season structure is sustainable for the animals or the hunters and needs a huge overhaul.

I hunted in one of the units that is being proposed to go draw the first year I archery elk hunted, I have not returned since due to the extreme amount of people and amount of vehicle/atv traffic. I have hunted the north coast specifically Saddle Mountain every season since and I must say the overcrowding is just as bad as it is in the NE part of the state. I do not think this proposal is going to help that situation on the coast which is primarily hunting on private timberlands that are often closed for a good portion of the season or you have to pay to have access ( weyerhauser land ) my concern is that by making only NE oregon a draw that the pressure on the coast will continue to get more out of control with a shrinking amount of access on the coast for hunters that time of the year.

This proposal also does nothing to address the current problem with point creep in this state, As a new hunter it is all but pointless to even purchase points because I can not catch up to the point creep under any circumstances, given those circumstances how do you expect to recruit youth or even hold onto the hunters you currently have when no one can draw any of the hunts because they can not catch up to the point creep. I am extremely concerned all this proposal will do is push more hunters into the already overcrowded units on the coast and make the hunting absolutely awful. I ask that you please consider taking more drastic steps to reduce pressure across the state, not just move it from one area to another. Making people pick a weapon or making archery a draw for EVERY unit would help with both pressure across the board, make it easier to manage the elk herds and bull:cow ratios and the current preference point situation making the hunting more sustainable in the long term.

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**From:** Jeffery Yost <jefyost8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:49 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk draw tags for eastern oregon

I'd like to take time to make a comment on a draw tag system for archery.

I have hunted archery in years I have not drawn a rifle elk tag. In the years so far, I have not let an arrow fly at an elk. I've found it takes a lot of learning to get close enough to kill any elk. I have enjoyed the challenge and the time in the woods. With family and friends.

I'm not opposed to these changes. I've been the rifle hunter not getting a tag for 4 years. There are choices all over the State. And I don't mind following those chances. However, there is a lot to be said for knowing an area. I try to stay and hunt in areas I've spent years learning.

I would not expect to get a tag every year. But having the choices and opportunities would be great.

Sincerely, Jeff Yost.

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**From:** Schmidlin, Matthew D <matthew.d.schmidlin@intel.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:42 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Oregon Archery unit change

ODFW State Biologists,

As a hunter/ Rancher's son I FULLY support the new unit boundary changes. I have been archery hunting since 1994 and decided to do archery hunt for the reason of over crowded rifle unit hunts. In the past two decades alone, I have not understood why archers get to pick and choose for 85% of the state to hunt. I fully understand that archery season is a month long, but with a bow there is a level of skill needed to harvest a legal bull. But if you decide to go forward with these changes could you please look at the coastal units with herds that are doing extensive damage to farmers land and crops. Yes, you have a damage hunts that do help this issue but opening archery back to cow harvest is essential to herd management. We are also seeing the hoof rot issues in the saddle mountain and Scappoose units the last 4 years. Possible ideas if you didn't want to open the entire season of archery to ANY elk; would be the last week of season be OPEN to any elk in the units with real damage.

Thank you again for this proposed new change in Archery unit boundaries. I feel this will absolutely help with over crowding hunting in most areas. You really are making it safe for hunters by making these choices.

Best Regards,

Matt Schmidlin

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**From:** David Semich <flyshndave@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:11 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I have always believed that you should NOT have been able to purchase an archery tag after being unsuccessful in drawing a rifle tag!

Try this and see how many apply for an archery tag in the eastern units.

I believe the draw for archery will keep some of the “fall back on it” rifle hunters out. I believe that some didn’t take archery practice very seriously.

Dave Semich  
Bend, OR

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**From:** Gunnar Aten <gunnaraten@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:42 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** My thoughts on the Proposed plan.

I say don't do any changes like that not unless you guys are going to only do it for at most like 2 or 3 years in order to grow the herds up a bit more besides that it just gets too confusing having to learn new rules every year that just ruin hunting experience because so many rules as is. It's hard to get people in general to want hunt because its so much of a hassle to be able to go hunting with all the rules you have to know and the reports do as is already. so just leave it as both seasons the way it is now unless its only going to be done that way for 1 to 3 years.

Others may disagree with this that is fine but these are just my thoughts on this.

~Gunnar Aten

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**From:** Ron <owings.ron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:30 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposal

This is a good start but does not fix the greatest detriment to population...re-introduction to predator control methodologies!!!

Sent from Ron

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**From:** Dave Justus <davejustus52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 6:47 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Elk archery seasons

I'm not sure what your sincere goals are, but if you want to enhance elk hunting in Eastern Oregon (EO), you're going to have to assume control of the human and predator part of the equation.

I'm not going to bore you with my hunting story just that I've been doing it since 1964 with a rifle and with a bow since 1988.

The issues you have presented do not have simple answers. The solution to the current problem is multi faceted and long term. **THERE WILL NOT BE ONE RIGHT SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.** If you are thinking in that direction, hunting in this state will decrease to the point that no one will want to hunt here.

1. **Wolves.** The population of wolves in EO has increased to a level that is criminal. The deer have been the first to suffer, elk will follow and then sheep, cattle, domestic animals and pets (some of this has already occurred). At least five states have already spent the dollars to mitigate the wolf issue, why do we have to reproduce their data? There have been numerous in depth studies on wolves verses prey species and the effects, some have shown increased hunter success ratios due to elk dispersal from remote areas, but all have recommended and implemented population control measures.
2. **Other predators.** Simply this, you need to hunt black bears when elk calves are the most vulnerable; approximately June 1st through June 15th in EO or when your data shows the bulk of calves are born, until they mature enough to evade and survive. You could extend a week or two on either side of this time period. Setting seasons to make them similar or matching the west side is pointless and counter productive, it may simplify your synopsis but it accomplishes nothing towards calf survival. Lions and coyotes are elusive and almost impossible to eradicate without poison, dogs or intense control programs. Lions are prevalent in EO and their impact on elk herds is noteworthy. Most of the elk kills I have found are from lions, but this is mainly due to their methods and habits after the kill. Coyotes will be here long after we are extinct.
3. **Hunters.** You're some what on the right track in making archery a controlled season, but solving a problem politically is not really solving the problem, you're just putting a band aid on a compound fracture. No one is going to be happy with what you do! So, do the right thing the first time! Your issues lie with:
  - A. **Party tags.** My goodness, limit them to no more than four people. If folks want to go camping with their friends or family, awesome, but do it in the summer. Hunting season is not the time for this.
  - B. **Tag along hunters.** No one without a current validated tag can posses, carry, be in possession of or handle any archery equipment or firearms for the duration of the designated season. End the loop holes and you end 90% of the law enforcement issues! Everyone does this, so stop it. There are plenty time and opportunities to hunt other species...unless of course they're hunting in the Wallowa's and their from Eugene. **Remember, practical honest game management and not game management by politics or popular opinion.**
  - C. **Road closures.** Work with the USDA (the BLM and FS love to close roads) and local agencies to determine where road closures would benefit the quality of the hunt and the quality of the animal taken. Oregon

is the only state that I have hunted that does not do this  
some research! Find out why it works and how to manage it!

during hunting season. It makes sense, do

**D. Choose your weapon.** I couldn't begin to tell you how many people I personally know that have a bow in their closet, but prefer to rifle hunt. I know no one that bow hunts, but draws for a rifle tag. What you're proposing can and will solve some of this problem, but making it state wide and all inclusive controlled hunting seasons is the best and only fair method. Otherwise your penalizing hunting residents of EO.

**E. Anterless seasons.** I know a lot of archery hunters that would take a cow or doe if they could. Enough said. I personally know ranchers that would love to have hunters take cow elk out of their corn, potatoes or alfalfa. Make it simple and tell the wildlife and state police not to be so concerned about. You want to control the numbers of prey species, this is good way to do it and it makes the ranchers, farmers and hunters happy. But you need to do a much better job on communicating the opportunities that exist.

These are the main points I wanted to make and I apologize for not going into more depth on each point, but I bet you've heard them before or thought about them. I could go on as there are many more issues concerning hunter ethics, safety, woodsmanship, respect and awareness of others, but most of that is what they should have been taught before they ever picked up a weapon and has little bearing on game management.

Thanks for your time, Dave Justus.

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**From:** Daniel Absolon <elkhunterdan97@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 5:36 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hi,

I have hunted Oregon archery elk season as a nonresident for 30 years. The way to improve the bull/cow ratio is to open up the archery tag to any elk, like it was many years. Another thing is to reduce the predators like mountain lion, wolves and black bear. The predator reduction will help the 100 cow/calf ratio.

My brother and I hunt the Heppner unit. The elk population has dropped in the state since the wolves coming in around 2002 and the loss of hound hunting for mountain lion and black bear.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Absolon  
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Crystal Falls, Michigan

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**From:** Ben Raines <b.raines@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hi,

We should try a few things before controlling hunting over east. I understand it's not the entire eastern part of the state but it's the main units. We should really try to make Oregon a free open place to hunt and our last ditch option should be to control it. There are proven ways to limit bull harvest that don't include controlling the unit.

The easy solution is to have traditional archery equipment only in those units, as we do in some other areas of the state already. This greatly reduces harvest rates but still allows people to hunt.

If that doesn't work then simply shorten the season. Make it a two week hunt instead of four. Make guys choose east or west if you do this (see below) so not everyone hunts west on the weeks eastern Oregon isn't open.

Force general season guys to choose eastern or western. I'm a western Oregon guy but hunt east because it's fun. If I had to choose I would only hunt west, so making us choose would pull hunters away automatically. Not a draw, just choose what general season you want to hunt; east or west.

We should also have those units as bull harvest only so we can allow the cows to survive and possibly push guys away from those units who hunt them because of either sex tags.

Try some or all these things combined and you will see a huge reduction in harvest, with making it harder to kill and elk but also pushing guys away from the hunts like myself who would rather hunt west if some or all of these restrictions were in place over east.

Try it for a decade and then make it a draw tag if you don't see populations come back, but I guarantee you will see more bulls and stronger herds with the above factors in place. Make it harder for us to kill a bull over east, but still give us the option to hunt. If you control those units you will see everyone come west and we will have a problem with Roosevelt herds soon enough and we will be right back here again.

Thanks,  
Ben

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**From:** Russ Bond <russ1bond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Opinion

I believe that changing the General Archery Elk to draw will not achieve the the desired result. Limiting the number of OTC spike tags is a more reasonable alternative. General season hunting is the best way to promote hunting opportunities for new hunters. Limiting the numbers of non-resident hunters for general season hunts as also an option. Until Appropriate Management Levels for elk populations and desired bull/cow ratios has been reached, a draw for all hunts for non-resident hunters would be more appropriate. Allow Oregon residents hunt opportunities first.

Regards,  
Russ Bond

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**From:** brett treadway <fishmortician@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Hello and thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on the archery elk season. First of all, I think that when you choose your hunt it should be, only archery, only rifle or only muzzle loader. If one chooses to hunt rifle elk, that's their preference and if they don't draw a elk tag, then they don't hunt elk for that year. They shouldn't have the opportunity to go get an over the counter archery elk tag if they don't draw their rifle tag. I am a dedicated archery hunter! I always apply for a draw archery tag for NE Ore. When I don't draw, I get my over the counter archery elk tag. What is frustrating, is running into other hunters during archery season and finding out they put in for a rifle tag and didn't draw their rifle tag. Then they go buy a over the counter archery tag and still hunt. The problem I see with this is, I believe there are way too many people that do this. Therefore flooding the woods with hunters! They are NOT dedicated to archery hunting! I believe they don't put in the time to be proficient with there archery equipment. They take unethical shots and wound animals and possibly never recover the animal. I also think there should be a minimum weight of an arrow broad head combination of 500gr. I personally shoot 670gr. It guarantees me full pass through on my shots even when bone is hit. Too many people shoot too light of an arrow for speed. In other words trying to kill an elk with a .223 cal rifle. It can be done for sure. But most people that hunt elk with rifles use magnums. There's a reason they do. It puts the animal down faster!

I also think that the long rifle cow season is ridiculous. The cows are already bred during this season. So when a hunter takes a cow they are essentially killing two elk. If people want to hunt cow elk give them a 5 to 7 day hunt just like the Bull season. But make the season where the cows aren't pregnant! I read about low bull counts, so why kill a pregnant cow that could possibly have a bull calf. Another thing is, most hunters won't take the time to see if the cow their going shoot is a dry cow. Their just going to shoot the first cow they see to fill their tag! I hope you will consider making the draw process to where you only have one choice to hunt. The way the draw is set up now It enables hunters to have a second chance to hunt when their preferred hunt was rifle to begin with. It's unfair to dedicated archery hunters who have to deal with rifle hunters trying to be archery hunters when their not archery hunters!

Thank you very much for your time  
Brett Treadway ID 391380

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Scott Tigue <tigstax@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:32 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk hunts changes.

I want to know why Oregonians that lived in oregon their whole life are being punished for over crowding from out of staters that movies in to oregon in the last 10 years and rifle hunters that buy archery tags because they can't draw a rifle tag. These so called archery can't even hit a 3×3 target at 20 or 30 yards and here they are taking the true archers tags. These people are wounding more animals that the elk population can support.

Thank for listening

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Travis Rockwell <travis.rockwell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Dear ODFW,

I am in full support of separate point systems for rifle and archery seasons.

This could be accomplished by giving hunters a one-time choice of what they want to do with their existing points.

Option 1: Put all points into rifle points for a given species

Option 2: Put all points into archery points for a given species

Option 3: Put some points into rifle and some points into archery for a given species

With this new archery specific point system, I am in full support of the opportunity to draw tags for both seasons. Some years a hunter might draw a rifle elk tag and an archery elk tag. Some years a hunter might draw one. Some years a hunter might draw none. This should make a significant increase in revenue for ODFW. I would recommend doing this for all species.

I agree that we can make some changes that will be beneficial for wildlife and hunters. I also agree that a controlled hunt for archery in Eastern Oregon is necessary, but your current proposal is punishing your most loyal hunters. Hunters that have patiently been applying for managed units for 15+ years are put to an unpleasant decision. Give up their points, or give up their preferred hunting grounds. I do not believe anybody is going to burn up 15 points to hunt archery elk in the newly controlled units. They will hold onto their points and move on to hunt Idaho.

Please, take the time to consider this proposal. I would be more than happy to talk in greater detail about some additional ideas that could help to make this transition more palatable for your patrons. I believe what I am proposing will increase revenue for ODFW and most importantly accomplish our goal to best manage animal numbers for the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Travis Rockwell  
503-329-3943

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**From:** nate bond <nbond1980s@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:28 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Firstly. Your website is terrible. I purchased a sports pac and got a deer tag voucher on 3/13/21. THERE IS NO LINK OR PAGE ANYWHERE ALLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THAT VOUCHER OR ANY OTHERS FOR A CHANCE TO DRAW A TAG FOR ANY UNIT WHATSOEVER. Secondly. You changed deer tags from over the counter sale the day before the season started. To draw only with an entry deadline of March 15 and gave bow hunters no information about what we needed to do or how to go about doing it. There is nothing on the odfw website saying attention bow hunters, these things have changed and this is what you need to do. It is completely unacceptable for you to fundamentally change something like the tag application process and then do nothing to inform the people that it effects. You had an obligation to do that and you chose not to. Thirdly, if your changes are due to animal population as you say. Then the overwhelming evidence would suggest addressing that in the rifle hunting season. Bow season harvests are a fraction of rifle season and you know it. Apologies for the language but stop pissing on the archery community. Yes, further limiting rifle season will push some rifle hunters to archery. How about making it so rifle hunters can't choose archery as a backup if they don't draw a rifle tag. Make it a straight up one or the other choice. But first address your janky non user friendly website and give clear application instructions for archery hunters.

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**From:** Tom Jenkins <tom@nwmaintenancesolutions.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 9:27 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Tom Jenkins  
**Subject:** 2022 Archery Changes

My question is why is West Beulah included in the new controlled archery units? I have hunted this area for 30 years. Elk numbers and hunting pressure rise and fall in this unit. If elk number are low in this Beulah, why do we have damage control hunts and why can we still harvest cow elk in archery season?

I'm not a biologist, but it seems if we could grow more elk, that would deal with the problem of declining elk numbers in all these units. In my opinion you are missing the bigger issue of growing predation on the elk herds. "IE" Cougar, bear, and wolf. We have seen more and more cougars on our trail camera's. This is the #1 issue with deer and elk numbers. IMO.

History has shown when you restrict opportunity, hunter number decline. Which means conservation revenue declines.

I get the overcrowding issue in some of these units. Starkey, Heppner, ect. Just not sure why Beulah is included in this change.

I would love to see data backing up this change.

Regards, Tom Jenkins

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**From:** Kurt Smith <kurt@cedarrocksolutions.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 9:23 AM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Greetings,

Thank you for being open for public commentary on the topic of the new Archery Elk Proposal. I've only hunted archery for elk in Oregon and enjoy both the coast range and the more popular units in the east side of the state. I've witnessed the crowding in the Heppner Unit in the past few seasons, but I've also enjoyed plenty of opportunities. With the increase in wildfires in the past few years, I feel it's important to allow hunters the flexibility to pick areas of the state that may be at lower risk of fire during the season. A couple suggestions I have for helping mitigate the crowding and harvests, but still allowing for freedom of where to hunt:

- Split general archery into 2 seasons: 14 day 1st season, 14 day 2nd season. No restriction on which of the general season units they can hunt, but limit to the dates.
- If not splitting the season, consider just shorting it by a week for all general seasons. I've really enjoyed the long season, but I'd be willing sacrifice the length of season over going to 'draw only'.
- Open up more units to a general season or draw only 'Trad Only' for those units where we need to mitigate harvest. I've switched to Traditional this past season, and really enjoy it.
- Open up limited antlerless tags or any elk for early general season in the coast range. That may draw some applicants and hunters to that side of the state where the herds are closer to MO. Those who select those tags are limited to hunt only those units for the season.

Thank you all for what you do for Oregon Wildlife. I appreciate that you have to propose some unpopular new rules and regulations and it's next to impossible to do without upsetting someone.

Again, THANK YOU!

Kurt Smith, MBA

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**From:** leslie dewey <lesdew@embarqmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 7:51 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** archery

It's about time to control the archery hunters. A lot of them were putting in for rifle tags and then go archery hunting until they got drawn. People need to select how they are going to hunt and apply. If you apply for a rifle tag, you hunt with a rifle and the same with a bow.

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**From:** Chris Larsen <oneshotslim@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 7:49 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery ELK proposal

Glad to see some change happening. I have hunted eastern Oregon for 51 years. There has been much change in that time. Some good some not so good. I think you are on the right track with limited entry for archers in eastern Oregon. It is a great start. I would like to see archery season shortened but that is just me. Parody between rifle and archery would be great. Spike only hunts for archers is great. Just a note. 20 years ago our success rate was 75%. In the last 10 years it has been 10%. We are a much more experienced crew these days but just don't see the game we use to. Hopefully your changes can help. If not I will retire from the hunting game.

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E

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**From:** Roger Downard <rd2broke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 8:00 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us

Odfw do nothing to help wildlife ,charge more money and reduce oportunaty, state wide eastern or western spread hunter's out!!

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**From:** Sherman, Jeff <JSherman@atkore.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 7:52 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Controlled Season

I understand the logic behind limited entry for archery elk. I have two suggestions.

1. Since the advancement in archery technology is partly responsible for increased harvest, how about allowing the same general open season for traditional archery only. Anyone hunting with a compound bow has to draw a tag. This would solve the harvest issue and allow the archery hunters that really need to be out in the woods the opportunity to continue to do so every year. Find a way to let the sportsman continue to hunt while still managing the population, but make us go back to more fair chase.
2. The straight preference point system needs to go. Let's adopt a bonus point system or a hybrid system where some tags are random and some are preference. We need to give everyone a chance and try to reign in point creep.
3. Bonus tip. Get rid of the wolves and let us be the predators. We don't have room for two apex predators.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jeff Sherman

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**From:** Erica Appleton <ecappleton2013@gmail.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

Please add statewide traditional only tags to all Eastern Oregon Units. The technology impacts to harvest ratios from compound bowhunters are not applicable to traditional bowhunters. Thank you!

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**From:** kevin hescock <elkbowkevin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 5:59 PM  
**To:** ODFW.Wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Archery Elk Changes

Good Day,

I am contacting you today to voice my concerns and opinions regarding proposed archery elk season changes. First little background about myself: I am a lifelong Oregonian and have archery hunted yearly since 1982 and have archery elk hunted since 1984. During that time I've seen many changes in the wildlife dynamics. I currently reside in the Springfield area since 1991 but am originally from Klamath Falls.

One of the first things comes to mind is the significant decrease in wildlife populations since the mid-1990s after response to some heavy winters and increased predator populations. I've also seen and encountered mountain lions in three different wildlife units on three separate occasions. Two of such occasions I was being stalked. (but we are not talking about predators here were talking about archery elk hunting)

The current proposed plan by ODFW taking into consideration the map below. Considering the population dynamics of Eastern Oregon elk the red and blue shaded units likely represent 60+% of the elk population of Eastern Oregon. These units are typically the most popular units including those which have historically been and are currently archery draw units. I am in support of this proposal in favor of it over the proposal brought forth from Wayne Endicott.

This proposal balances out the most popular elk hunt units in Eastern Oregon with still allowing for general season opportunity. Personally living in Western Oregon I do most of my early-season archery hunting in the south and central Eastern Oregon units. Capital densities are quite low in most of the green units with success rates being rather low for archery elk hunters.

I am in favor of this plan as long as it is NOT an Eastern or Western Oregon tag choice. Being from Western Oregon we are often faced with industrial timberland fire closures nearly every year in Western Oregon private forest lands. This leaves us with little public land or forced to hunt Eastern Oregon units. The draft 2022 archery proposal will still allow hunters opportunity to hunt Eastern Oregon when fire seasons are high and mostly undisclosed in Western Oregon. That is IF we are not forced to choose from Western or Eastern Oregon hunting. I do not believe that is an equitable solution based on the fact that nearly every year Western Oregon stars are faced with fire season closures. Making archery hunters choose between Eastern and Western Oregon Elk hunting would likely result in lost opportunity as many hunters do not have the time or means to travel long distances to hunt.

I support this plan alive for the following modifications:

- 1. all western Oregon and green units are general archery elk hunt units allowing hunters the choice to hunt Western or Eastern Oregon during the August September season.
- 2. Limiting the blue and red units to the average number of hunters reported hunting in those units for tag allocations based on numbers over a five-year period using Hunter reporting statistics.
- 3. Limiting nonresident hunters to 5-8% of the blue and red unit tag allocation.
- 4. No "Party Hunting" applications allowed in the blue and red units, making these units single hunter only application units. This would allow more hunters opportunity to draw tags on an individual basis while still still not limiting hunting opportunity. As of now we are allowed up to I believe eight hunters per application. Party hunting applications would eliminate opportunity for hunters to draw tags in those units.
- 5. if a hunter is unsuccessful in a draw of one of the blue or red units they are still allowed to purchase a general oregon archery elk tag and receive a preference point for being unsuccessful.

--6 Making all red or blue units three-point bull or better will increase the age class and bull to cow account ratios ( make this applicable both to run rifle and archery hunts)

--7 COMPLETE elimination of all spike bull hunts in all blue and red colored units.

--8 allow harvest of a cow elk in all of the red and blue-chip units for archery elk. Reason being is that our success rate is so low that allowing for substitute cow harvest will result in increased bull to cow ratios. While I am not a biologist, I have been around long enough to know that allowing spike harvest or immature bull harvest does contribute to less bull to count ratios overall by reducing the number of bulls escaping hunting pressure and maturing to be branch at levels. By limiting or even limiting spike harvest and instituting a three-pointer better rule the amount of four-point and better bulls will undoubtedly increase.

Eliminating spike bull hunts during the WEHENA, ME EMILY, WALLA WALLA, IHNAMA, archery elk hunts would significantly decrease Hunter pressure and increase the quality of hunt one would have without having 250-5000 other hunters out there "hunting spikes". Based on feedback I've had from hunters who have drawn one of the big four archery elk unit tags every one of those people had problems with hundred pressure from Spike hunters during the prime part of the archery elk season. the last thing I would want after waiting 18 to 22 years. while these units is to have some "Doug Flutie" come charging in tooting his Elk bugle trying to call in some spike while I'm working on it mature bull. This happens a lot!

I am in favor of this plan over the plan opposed by Wayne Endicott for the following reasons.

This plan allows for general season opportunity for Eastern Oregon when most of Western Oregon would be shut down to fire closures. This will allow Bow Hunter's opportunity to get out and hunt in Western or Eastern Oregon in any given year. I myself split probably 60 /40 % Eastern/Western Oregon hunting.

Wayne Endicott plan creates zones out of batches of units which will definitely result in less crowding in some units however elk densities are so low in many of the Eastern Oregon units that are green chips that you have to spend several days hunting and scouting to simply locate elk. Making hunters choose a "zone" to hunt in for archery elk in Eastern Oregon is a step in the right direction but in my opinion it further limits Hunter opportunity for those that must travel to Eastern Oregon to hunt. The only benefit I would see in that plan is Eastern Oregon residents hunting their home "zone".

The last thing I would like to touch on is reference points and point creep. Either plan will address point creep and take hunters out of the points pool. However myself I have 12 elk points and 11 deer points.

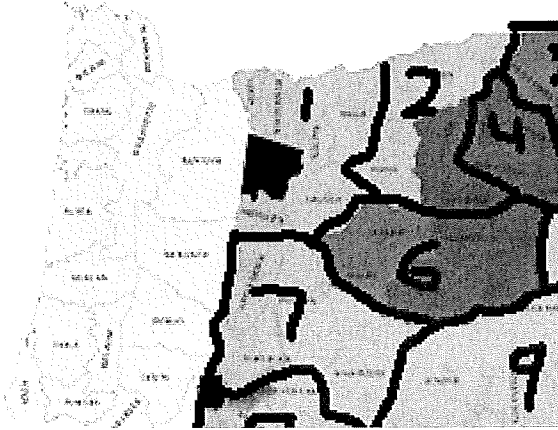
Currently I am in what we call no man's land to draw one of the more popular Eastern Oregon archery elk units at this time. But would lay points on the table if I were forced to draw one of the other units. But if I were forced below all my points on one of the green units in one shot that is complete travesty to the whole point system and in no way an equitable solution.

NOW ON TO DEER! This is a very large sore spot in my mind. ODFW took the most extreme change case scenario with the scheduled change to individual draw units for Easton Oregon archery. This was done without enough input from actual archery deer hunters who are impacted extremely by this measure and change. This is the case with archery deer in Eastern Oregon and the change to individual unit draw for archery deer. In my mind and based on populations and my knowledge of the areas there is not a single unit in Eastern-Oregon that is worth waiting five or more years to hunt. Other states have much better heard management and opportunity which could be hunted on a semi annual basis or even yearly basis if purchasing over-the-counter out-of-state tags. The deer populations and hunt quality is simply not there and not worth the waits. The only solution this does solve is taking people out of the points pool by making them blow points if they simply want to hunt Eastern Oregon archery deer. How is that FAIR and equitable? Well in fact it is not!

What I am proposing is using Wayne Endicott's model for zones to be applied to archery deer! this will allow for adequate hunting opportunity for people living in those "zones" and still allow for hunters in western Oregon or even out-of-state an opportunity to hunt mule deer in Eastern Oregon. As of now you have to choose which unit you want to hunt blow all your points, and have no opportunity to need to hunt Western Oregon Gen. season or late season whatsoever.

The recent change did nothing but reduce Hunter opportunity and my mind was not an equitable solution to a supposed problem. The fact is that more people have taken up archery hunting due to slightly longer seasons and the increased opportunity allowed to hunt in most areas throughout the state under the general archery season. By moving Eastern Oregon to unit by unit control hunting for deer this eliminated an extremely high percentage of opportunity for archery deer hunters. Basically we got the shaft.

I have included a map with proposed deer zones for archery deer hunting. I make the suggestion that anyone drawing one of those zone hunts also have the opportunity to lead season in Western Oregon if unsuccessful in that particular hunt. Reason being is that mule deer archery success rates are so low that allowing additional opportunity in the late-season in western Oregon units can still allow for hunters to harvest quality game meat for consumption.



Above is my archery deer eastern oregon plan Drawing tag in any of those zones but still have opportunity to hunt late season general western oregon. This allows western oregon hunter the choice to hunt late or early season.

Thank you for your time.  
Kevin Hescoc  
Springfield OR



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**From:** KAREN MUSTIN <a420k314@aol.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Elk changes

All you guys do is slowly take more and more away from us while raising your revenue. I guess it doesn't matter if we complain every time you take more from us. Your decisions are the law. One day we'll wake up and have no hunting rights at all if this keeps up. I do not agree with any of the archery elk changes. It's just fine the way it is right now.

Aaron Mustin

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**From:** Robert Campbell <tailgatebob1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 4:23 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed archery elk draw

Why wouldn't you make either the whole East side or the whole state draw? By only selecting some units, you will be taking unsuccessful applicants and shoving them all into the very few left and over hunting those units. It's what you did when making your trophy units draw. The trophy units have an abundance of elk and it pushed a bunch of people into the left over general units. It also enables rifle hunters that aren't successful at a chance to archery hunt, which takes the opportunity away from some true archery hunters. Make the hunters choose a weapon. If you make everything draw, then you can manage every unit, which let's face it, is needed. Allowing too many people into any choice area is just promoting over crowding and a poor experience. The out of state tags will need to be managed as well. If you leave as proposed, then you are sending the message to all of us that the only thing important to the state is money and the management of game for the high concentration of predators to feed on.

Sincerely,  
A disappointed in our State Robert Campbell  
Life long Oregon archery resident

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**From:** Jeff Bailey <toddcreek1@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Good afternoon.

A couple of comments on your proposal.

I believe that the proposed drawing for archery elk is way too broad.

For example: I know first hand that in the Murderers Creek unit, the Aldrich mountain area is way too crowded.

Make a specific "Aldrich" hunt that is draw only, but leave the rest of the unit general season.

Also, I would strongly suggest that the points system be separated for rifle and archery, for both deer and the proposed elk.

I don't want to have to use my rifle points for a possible archery draw. I'm not suggesting that a person be able to hunt in both rifle and elk, but that the points should be kept separate.

One last note.....if you are going to decrease the number of hunters in the woods, then stop the out of state hunters.

For example, I have archery hunted the Silvies unit several times, and there is a huge camp in the area I hunt that is full of California hunters. In the neighborhood of 20 to 30 tags. Knocking them out of the pool would make more sense to me.

Bottom line is that our hunting opportunities are becoming fewer and fewer.

More regulation is going to lead to hunters either leaving the state, or breaking the law, by not adhering to the regulations.

Thank you

Jeff Bailey

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**From:** Wade Bond <weazlrox@gmail.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I think that we need to cut rifle tags in units that are being hunted too hard, and make some units branch antlered tags only for archery and rifle, to give the smaller bulls a chance to grow up and you will see a growth in the population. There are a lot of bulls being taken during the general season archery, but how many are branch antlered? Get rid of spike tags and cut the rifle tags down. And you will be amazed how the population grows.

-Wade Bond

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Patty Bowers <dustdevils1209@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 3:33 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery elk proposal

I support the move to go to limited entry for archery elk hunting in the proposed units as a start. Eventually all units that are limited entry for rifle hunting should be limited entry for archery hunting for elk and deer.

Wayne Bowers

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**From:** brad@gamma-software.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 1:47 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** RE: Archery Elk Proposal

To whom it may concern,

I am very much in favor of going to controlled archery hunts. As a long time rifle hunter, it is difficult to go into a unit (Starkey) to see that has been completely hunted out by everyone and their Brother.

Thanks,

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Brad Mayfield  
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**From:** Mike Vandehey <vandeheytwins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 1:03 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Re: Archery Elk proposal.

Also you can't have two predators hunting the same animal . The species will become extinct. Wolves and Man hunting the same animal. It's nothing but bad news. It used to be fun to hunt / fish but anymore it's not. My Dad is 88 yrs old Korean war vet fished and hunted his whole life 10 years ago he was glad to get out of it because of the politics. Many of his friends felt the same. I just about quit hunting last night when my Army Vet hunting partner of 10yrs 7 tours Afghanistan/ Kuwait told me about this news. Its time to move out of this Liberal State it very toxic.

On Fri, Mar 12, 2021, 12:07 PM Mike Vandehey <[vandeheytwins@gmail.com](mailto:vandeheytwins@gmail.com)> wrote:

I really have a problem with the ODFW decision's as far as fishing goes you guys let the sealions desimate the runs and when it's to do something about it you folks failed. Prices keep going up to fish and no fish to catch , fish are smaller , boat fees keep going up. fishermen are calling it quits. Now the Deer, Elk crisis's you have screwed that up with the Wolves. I know many bow hunters me included that have simply quit areas. Wolves ate everything Hell's canyon , Imnaha , Snake river ,Pine creek all those zones up around there , .Meachem wolves all over in town eating livestock you simply don't get it ,but no it looks good on paper. And to all your Wolves lovers. Your like Congress a total failure. I have no confidence in you Folks . When are you going to start listening to the hunters / Fisherman we pay you wages and support the economy. I have contributed to you folks for 48 yrs fishing and hunting I gave up fishing last year cuz of your incompetent decisions the State had made and I'm mad as hell about this decision your about to enforce. So now we have to be drawn.Bow hunters Like I've said in the past this government will screw this up just like everything else they touch. Listen to the people! Not your wallets.

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**From:** Rod Adams <outlook\_D1579962027A9401@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 12:50 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

## Comments on Proposal

As a Hunter, I applaud your efforts to give equity to rifle and archery seasons in regards to numbers of Elk harvested each year in each season with regard to the inequalities of the weapons involved. Hunters mainly fund the O.D.F.W. through tags and license sales and we all want to be able to pursue our desire to Hunt every year. I hunt with both centerfire and muzzle loader rifles and a long bow and appreciate the chance I get every year when the gates open and those remaining Hunters take the opportunity to enjoy what for most of us a lifelong excursion into a way of life most have left far behind but miss badly. I would like to see the Agency take a more proactive position in All discussions regarding Wildlife with other State and Federal Agencies whenever they come up and to allow the vast knowledge, practical applications and results on records to improve the impact for O.D.F.W. within those discussions and become a leader for Wildlife concerns rather than reacting to actions by others and take your place as an equal partner in these concerns. You are backed by education, expertise and engagement of your Biologists and personnel and also by the Hunters who depend on you to keep the future of Hunting and Conservation in Oregon.

Thank you  
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**From:** John <johnpalmore@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 12:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk proposal

Hi, I have been hunting the Starkey unit for many years now and have noticed a steep decrease in the number of Bull Elk to the point I have stopped hunting Elk in the hopes they would repopulate. Cow numbers seem to be getting better but Bull Elk sightings are rare. The Deer population seems to be much worse. I would like Fish and Game to suspend hunting until numbers return to an acceptable level for both species. Thank you for addressing this issue.  
John Palmore

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Chris Flury <chrisflury1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 12:17 PM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

Hello,

I'm writing regards to the Archery Elk Proposal being discussed.

I have been a rifle hunter, fighting the draw odds for the past 40 years. About 7 years ago I started archery hunting and have become quite fond of the challenge and adventure/experience. In my hunting travels for archery, (Keating, Desolation and Coast units), I have experienced more and more encounters/engagements with wolves over those 7 years, and fewer encounters/engagements with elk during that time. In this "study" I do not see any reference or accounting to the effect that the wolves have had in the proposed "draw" areas when they have clearly been increasing while the elk have been decreasing. And this does not even begin to address the mountain lion increase due to the removal of "dog hunting methods", and their effect on the population. (Last season I found two full bull elk skeletons within 50 feet of each other with the strong odor of cat urine in the area. Bones picked clean, not partly consumed like a wolf). In my "informal" surveys of other hunters, the amount of success in archery hunting in comparison to the increased numbers of archery hunters has gone down, not up in those same areas proposed, all while having more wolves.

I do not know the amount of out of state archery hunters there are?

Would a draw system for out of state archery hunters, while still allowing a resident general season in the proposed areas be a possibility?

What about having the "general season" tags be split in half, allowing 2 weeks for one group, and two weeks for another? Trying this model for a couple of years before going full bore to a draw system if it's still necessary?

After the amount of people I saw out archery hunting last year, I am not opposed to some way of regulating the numbers of hunters. I just don't know that going to a draw system is the best answer.

Thank you for allowing me to give input

All the best,

Christoopher Flury  
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**From:** Rodney Ferry <Docta\_Rod@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal

I am okay with the proposal or any proposal that manages wildlife the way it should be managed. Just make sure you are considering that as hunting pressure decreases hunter success rates increase. This is especially true for archery hunters. It might be just as effective to knock the 1<sup>st</sup> week off the season thus increasing pressure per day decreasing success rates with out having to limit tags which can ultimately decrease revenues for the department. I also wonder if we are decreasing tags due to a lack of predator control since the elimination of hound hunting and baiting bears. Now we can add wolves to the list of mostly uncontrolled predators.

It is really hard to try to comment on a proposal when the historic numbers of animals or trends in population as well as the trends in hunter numbers and success rates are not known. What other options were considered? The email states you considered numerous options but not why they were discounted. Would 2 seasons like we have for rifle hunters serve the purpose without cutting tag numbers?

I for one believe everyone should have the opportunity to hunt every year and therefore we need to decrease success rate by shortening seasons, changing dates, limiting equipment, etc. We also need to fight back on predator control methods so our game animals can be managed properly by science and not emotion. As long as there is still some general season for those that don't draw a tag and everyone has the opportunity then I am okay. You can make a spear or a knife season for when I don't draw a rifle or bow tag but please continue to give me the opportunity to hunt every year. I have been hunting for over 50 years and the opportunities to hunt seem to decrease over time.

Rod  
Rodney W. Ferry  
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**From:** Brooks Smith <brkssmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 11:54 AM  
**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Control Proposal - Comments

Additional Comments

Covid 19 has increased the demand for outdoor recreation activity. One could expect more hunters to hunt locally.

Reducing hunting numbers in hunting units is expected to increase hunters in non restricted areas.

Increased hunter use will reduce the hunting experience in General Unit Areas i.e. reduced solitude.

Hunter quotas will be necessary in General hunting units to reduce excess numbers of hunters and to reduce wildlife disturbance.

It is expected where hunter numbers are not controlled on public lands, big game will relocate to private lands.

Large wildfires have reduced big game hiding habitats. It is expected hunters will concentrate their hunting in areas that have not had recent large fires. ODFW needs to adjust hunting numbers when there are major changes in big game habitat.

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**To:** odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Archery Elk Proposal.

Oregons decline of Deer and Elk started years ago when western Oregon voted to ban hunting Bear and Cougar with dogs. With no way of really control there numbers the predation increased and then the enterductuon of the gray Wolf is what tipped the scales in the predators favor. Too give the Deer and Elk a chance to recover more needs to be done in controlling the predators numbers, not limiting the number of hunters. With the limited chances to draw the young hunters are getting discouraged and will find other recreational opportunities and ODFW will soon be out of business.

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I have a lot of points built up and if you make all the main areas a draw then what happens to my points under this new proposal. It wont be fair that I have to use all of them just to hunt my second choice. I still believe that if you had to declare weather your rifle or archery you could have done the same thing. It would have reduced the number of archery hunters.

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