

Exhibit H

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Public Correspondence Received
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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: FW: Archery review comments
Attachments: Archery Review Comments Donheffner.pdf

From: Paul Donheffner <paul4oha@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:00 PM
To: THOMPSON Jeremy L * ODFW <Jeremy.L.THOMPSON@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Archery review comments

Hi Jeremy:

I wish your report to the Commission actually had recommendations, but I guess that will come in the next round before decisions are made.

I've been meaning to comment, and after reviewing the materials going to the commission, here are my thoughts.

I bet you can't wait for this to be over.

You've done a great job, please don't buckle and keep fairness top of mind.

Paul Donheffner

June 2, 2021

Jeremy Thompson
Regulation Review Team Lead
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Subject: Archery Regulation Review

Dear Jeremy:

I'm writing as a life member of OHA and RMEF, a long time Oregon hunter who has hunting with rifle, then bow, and now due to age and injuries back to rifle. I've enjoyed it both ways. The worst day afield is better than the best day at work. I also sit on the Board of the Oregon Hunters Association, and serve as Legislative Chairman, however these comments are mine and mine alone.

First off, I would like to commend you for tackling what can only be described as a thankless task, but one that is very important and essential to the future of elk hunting in Oregon. You have no easy job trying to balance the interests of rifle and archery hunters, and the needs of elk. I think you have gone the extra mile to reach out, listen and provide multiple opportunities for public input. Nobody should complain that they were left out of the process regardless of the outcomes.

The main thing that I remain focused on is fairness and equity. As your review points out, rifle hunters have been restricted to controlled hunts for over 25 years, and all of the harvest reduction has been at their expense, with a nearly 60 decline in rifle tags and opportunity. At the same time, archery participation has increased by 60 percent, with a long 30 day season. Simply put, the department must bring archery into a controlled hunt framework to bring more fairness to the allocation, and give you a tool to manage archery harvest to achieve MOs. This change is overdue.

I fully appreciate that archers hate this change, and human nature being what it is, you can't blame them. However, **FAIRNESS** needs to top any objections.

On Issue #1, the controlled hunt strategy for archery, I believe the analysis is solid and the units identified for controlled hunt status are appropriate. If anything, I would suggest that additional units be added at this time which are on the cusp, or simply make all of eastern Oregon controlled archery for consistency and so we don't need to revisit this in a few years. Some of the units where archery harvest is not an issue could have liberal tag numbers, just as some rifle units do (where tags exceed first choice applicants).

I do not support the idea of portability of archery tags. Rifle hunters pick a unit and that's where they have to go. I've been froze out with killer blizzards and couldn't just pick up and move to another unit, which is just the way it is. Lucky to have survived, let alone harvest anything. One unit = one tag.

For Issue #2, I would recommend keeping it simple and use the crest of the Cascades as a line. East is essentially Rocky Mt. Elk and on the west side and coast its Roosevelt elk, so lumping them together isn't something that makes sense to me. While there is some crossover at the crest, I feel that using the crest aligns with management units, eco-regions and is more consistent. Putting all of Oregon into one big general season seems like it will have the potential to create more issues that have not been explored. Keep the focus where it belongs.

On Issue #3, youth opportunity, I appreciate the goal of wanting to hunt with your kids, as I did with mine, but it requires choices about which hunts you apply for. I do not support treating archery youth different than rifle youth, and therefore the concept of allowing a general archery youth tag that would be valid in controlled hunt units is a no-go in my book. Again, the fairness thing comes to top of mind. I am all for youth opportunity, but it must be equal for archery and rifle. With many general season areas open for archery, I believe youth will have ample opportunity to hunt with family and friends but it requires choices, just as rifle hunters have to deal with in hunting with their kids.

For Issue #4, I do not support a multiple unit archery zone in the Eagle Cap. I think your analysis shows this could have a negative impacts on tags if one unit falls below MO. This concept requires lots of additional work on the part of the department to monitor, collect data, etc. Coming back to the fairness theme, rifle hunters have to pick a unit and that's it. There are no "zones" with multiple units for rifle hunters. If archers want to roam, they can choose a general season tag. While I can appreciate why archery hunters prize the Eagle Cap, there is a lot of real estate in each unit, more than most people can ever expect to cover on foot or horseback while engaged in hunting. Keep it simple and require tags by individual unit for fairness and consistency in tracking hunter numbers, harvest, etc.

In summary, I appreciate all of the time and effort that has gone into this review. Clearly, archery needs to be put under controlled hunts so that management decisions and tag reductions don't continue to come solely at the expense of rifle hunters. We are all hunters, and when the resource is not holding up for sustainability we all need to share in reductions. From that perspective these changes are long overdue. Perhaps tag numbers should actually be reviewed retroactively to restore some lost rifle opportunity....just kidding, we won't go down that ugly hole. Keep it as simple as possible.

It's been a long process. Time to wrap it up and move on.

Please keep fairness at the top of mind as this process rolls to a finish.

Sincerely,

Paul Donheffner
Salem, OR

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: ranewton66@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 7:23 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Elk management

I have lived and hunted in Oregon all my life. What you are proposing to do by making all of NE Oregon draw units for Archery Elk is not justified by your own numbers. There is a lot of anger in our country right now directed toward our governing bodies about over reach. The numbers for the elk population, the number of elk killed by archers compared gun hunters, the number of damage control hunts, upset rangers about elk in their alfalfa fields and haystacks, the questionable validity of method establishing bull/cow ratios, elk do not like to graze with cattle, the ranger sends his cattle to the mts., and the elk goes to the ranch. All these things makes a fellow wonder what is your motivation. In our society the first thing that comes to mind is money. Could Sell fewer tags at a higher price, ranchers could have more LOP tags,

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: ebjensen@wavecable.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 6:51 PM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW; THOMPSON Jeremy L * ODFW
Subject: Archery Hunting for 2021
Attachments: Scan_0030.jpg; Scan.jpg

Dear Sirs and Madams:

My husband and I received the E-mail concerning proposed new regulations regarding Archery Hunting for 2021. After reading the concerns that were outlined, are you trying to confuse us with a bunch of boloney?

The ODFW's main job is to control and manage all the wildlife in the State of Oregon. We believe that you are being controlled by money, ranchers or farmers, gun organizations, archery hunting organizations, hunting clubs, guide organizations and maintaining your jobs. If you were truly doing your jobs, there would be no questions of what you needed to do to preserve the elk herds, deer herds and other wildlife that are being destroyed in our state of Oregon. Your main concern would be for the Wildlife and nothing else. It is unrealistic that you would allow someone from Portland, Salem, Eugene etc. dictate to you how you are going to manage the wildlife in lets say Ukiah or Starkey. What's wrong with listening to biologist and scientists and not money!!!!

Your questions and concerns centered around specific areas. The wildlife in Oregon is being destroyed everywhere. My husband has hunted with rifle over 62 years and has not seen such a decrease in animals. You could go for a trip to LaPine, Ukiah, Fort Rock and other areas through out Oregon and see wildlife all along the way. You rarely see an animal, except lying on the pavement or laying along the side of road; dead. The Wildlife is completely absent. During hunting season, he has not see such a drop in wildlife in the woods, either elk or deer. What is happening on your watch??????

We have a number of suggestions that might not meet your criteria. But we are going to give them to you anyway. They may have been already discussed and maybe they should be discussed again!!!!

1. No archery hunting during rutting season.
2. Only two weeks of archery hunting.
3. Archery is a controlled draw just like rifle hunting.
4. No cow season for five years or more until the herd is revived.
5. If the Elk or Deer is such that the numbers are declining to be unsafe for hunting then close off the archery and rifle hunts for a number of years until numbers have risen.

We see a number of reasons why all wildlife is decreasing not just the elk herds:

1. Poaching. Attached E-Mail sent to Yvonne L. Shaw about poaching in Oregon. Sent March 30, 2021

2. Overgrazing of the forest lands. The wildlife must be able to survive on the natural vegetation that the woods affords them. But there is too much overgrazing on the BLM and National Forest Lands by the cattle and sheep industries. For example, we hunted the Ukiah unit for deer and elk and the land was destroyed. The ponds that the ODFW had poisoned and filled with fish, so that the locals and the citizenry could fish were destroyed by the cattle. There was cow manure in the ponds and all around these ponds. The farmers did not care. That is their job to keep up the fences. No fences kept.

On another hunting trip in 2019 we obtained Deer Tags for Sled Springs Unit. What a disappointment!!! There were so many cows and the manure was thick. The woods should smell fresh with fir and flower fragrances. The forest smelled like cow manure. Is that how the ODFW wants our wildlife to live and our lands to exist. Attached E-Mail to Michelle N, Dennehy and Nick A. Myatt dated February 27, 2020.

3. Number of hunts in any given hunting area. There is black powder hunting, archery hunting, rifle hunting allowed all in one area in the same year. That is TOO much harassing and hunting of the wildlife. Areas should be set aside for specific types of hunts only. No other hunting should be allowed for the year in any particular area. And again, it is done on the controlled draw regulations and not during rut seasons.

4. Stop any type of hunting in specific areas where deer and elk herds are decreasing. This is what the ODFW is for; to help control and manage wildlife in Oregon. Do you have the backbone to take the necessary steps to save our wildlife or are you going to feed into the unfound arguments of the farmers, gun and archery companies, guides and some unknowledgeable hunters.

5. Reduce the landowner preference points. The farmers or ranchers are allowed to use the forest for their cattle and sheep for a cheap cost.. Their actual farmland is allowed to grow alfalfa and other grasses to either maintain their stock through the winter or sale at market to make additional monies. However, when their cattle are grazing in the forestlands and eating up all the natural foods of deer and elk, where do you think the deer and elk herds head? To greener pastures. We want to see the wildlife in their natural habitat not in the farmers fields and we want to see the cattle and sheep in their natural habitat; the rancher or farmer's fields. (BLM and Forest Service 2020 grazing Fees are \$1.35 for one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month).
Outrages!!!!!!!

6. The killing of elk and deer by vehicles. There needs to be some type of bridges or tunnels developed under or over roadways, so that the deer and elk can pass safely during migration and during feeding times. Hwy 26 and Hwy 97 in particular are deadly for the deer population. If you have ever been to British Columbia, Vancouver Island, and Nevada, to see the overpasses and tunnel systems that they have built to protect their wildlife, you would be amazed! What is our problem?

All of these approaches to save our Wildlife will and does cost money. What doesn't? But, you the ODFW need to act in a more determined and drastic way rather than trying to patch up the problems with meetings and forums that merely cover up the real problems concerning the continuance of some of our greatest resources, OUR WILDLIFE.

My husband and I love the out-of-doors and we love to see the wildlife that live in Oregon lands, however, we cannot do it ourselves. WE need you the ODFW, and the Forest Service, and the State of Oregon to began to stand up through laws and regulations that will protect the wildlife for those of us that care. You must not shrink from your duty to control and manage one of our natural resources, OUR WILDLIFE. YOU have a responsibility, over money and unfounded arguments to protect our wildlife before it is too late!!!!

Brent and Betty Jensen
Turner, Oregon 97392

Responding to "Hunters invited to share opinions on big game hunting via online forum"

From : ebjensen@wavecable.com

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 04:12 PM

Subject : Responding to "Hunters invited to share opinions on big game hunting via online forum"**To :** Michelle N Dennehy <Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us>, Nick A Myatt <Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us>

Dear Michelle:

Per my conversation with you on February 27, 2020, about opinions by hunters, I stated that my husband would not go on a online forum. He stated that he would rather write his concerns on paper rather than dealing with someone online with his concerns. Per our conversation, you stated that I could E-Mail his letter to you and that you would get it to the responsible parties. Here is his concerns in a letter.

Date: February 16, 2020

To: ODFW Public Big Game Comment

Subject: Invited to Share my opinions on Big Game Hunting Deer and Elk.

My name is Brent C. Jensen, ODFW ID# 196920

I started Deer and Elk Hunting in the Fall of 1959 in the Silvies Unit East of Emigrant Creek near Burns, Oregon . I have seen a lot of changes occur in those years till now.

I think I started to see a downturn in hunting in the 70's, because of more hunters, change in weather conditions, less logging, and more over-grazing.

During the 70's, we noticed the deer fat content on the rump and back was getting thinner from over 2 1/2" to less then 1/2" thick. This fat is the carry over for the deer in the winter months.

A sometimes party member, Allais Masen (Self-Taught Game ODFW Biologist, Burns, Oregon) would say, "these bucks are really"poor".

Since 1959, I have hunted many units. Those being: Silvies, Upper Deschutes, Fort Rock, Sumpter, North Side, Silver Lake, Desolation, Ukiah, Imanha, Sled Springs, Ochoco, Beulah, Murders Creek and Malheur River.

In 2000, my party started to hunt the Ukiah unit off Rd. #54. We had fair success with buck deer and for a few years, 4 out of the 5 hunters had a chance at a shot. There were some grazing cattle, but we didn't see them as a problem.

However, several years later, a new group of cattle owners arrived on upper USFS Rd # 54 with a much larger herd of cows. The cattle were eating everything!!!! The cows were also staying in the national forest several weeks longer. It seemed that the roundup and trucking out of cows always started on opening weekend of Deer Season.

We had also seen the overgrazing at Granite Meadows allotment where the cattle had turned the fence lines and fence corners into dust bowls. The cows had eaten everything that was included in the deer diet.

The ODFW took so much effort to poison treat and replant the small ponds, simply to be destroyed by the cattle industry.

Like Granite Meadows Ponds, my wife and I went to fish at RD "54" pond in 2018 before deer

Poaching in Oregon.

From : ebjensen@wavecable.com

Tue, Mar 30, 2021 02:35 PM

Subject : Poaching in Oregon.**To :** Yvonne L Shaw <Yvonne.L.Shaw@state.or.us>

Dear Yvonne,

Educating the public about poaching and reporting poaching is all fine. Offering rewards to those who report poaching is great, but that is not enough. There needs to be stricter laws on the books to deal with these individuals who kill OUR forest animals for the mere sport of it. These vandals do not have the respect for anyone or anything.

My theory is that when an offender is caught and tried, they are given very strict penalties. That means loss of property; guns, houses, cars, pickups, boats, RVs. That includes anything that might have been involved in the poaching. Also, the poacher must serve prison time and loss of their hunting rights forever; anywhere not just in Oregon.

By slapping these individuals on the wrists with small fines, no prison time are not going to deter poachers from working in our forests. If violator new that confiscating of personal property, large fines and prison time would result in poaching, there would be a great drop in poaching. Loss of money, losing ones freedom for a time does work.

Also, there are individuals who are shooting game in the wrong unit. Not finding their game in the area that they put in for, just simply move to an area outside their unit and go hunting. This is going on all the time. They should also be included in the definition of poaching.

There also needs to be more law enforcement in the woods. I know that it cost more money, however there is a price to pay for elimination of these vandals.

My husband and I have hunted for over 50 years and we have saw a great increase of the hunters and just visitors to the forest having no respect for anyone or anything. They are just there to raise hell and cause damage. Campsites are full of garage, four-wheelers running throughout the forest where they are not to be. Taking their rifles and large guns out to target shoot and destroying the vegetation around them. Driving on closed roads and even tearing down the blockages to get to where they want to go. No respect for anything.

I know that you work hard at your job and you try to inform the public with all the do's and don'ts. However, you can preach until you are blue in the face and this matter of poaching will continue and I believe that it will even get worse until the rules get tougher.

Again, large fines, imprisonment, loss of property and hunting tags forever will began to deter individuals and make them think about what they are about to do and whether it is worth the penalties.

These vandals are taking AWAY FROM ALL OF US the chance to enjoy the forest and wildlife that lives there.

Betty and Brent Jensen
Turner, Oregon 97392

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mark Shattuck <shaydocp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Jeremy.L.Thompson@state.or.us; COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Proposed North Eastern Unit draw hunting

Hello Mr. Thompson, et. al.,

I will start by stating my opposition to the Eastern archery draw unit proposal. I am a NR hunter and hopefully that doesn't discount my thoughts. We hunt the Starkey unit and the group I hunt with has been there 40 years and continues multigenerationally. We hunt National Forest Service land should have a legitimate say as this is owned by all Americans. I looked at the stats provided for NR hunters and noticed one important stat missing and that is the NR hunter success numbers. It would seem pertinent to know this because opportunity is not the driver of elk decline, success is. I also believe the 5% NR cap is too low and I have seen no info on group hunt draw options either. I believe a different approach that required East or West tag choice and/or weapon choice would perhaps be even better for elk population rebound. It should not be surprising to know that we as a group will in all likelihood not be hunting in Oregon should this draw proposal be implemented because for us family hunting is paramount over individual hunting. With that also goes the added local revenue we and I'm sure many others would bring. I hope the commission seriously looks at other options as I and I'm sure others have suggested.

Thanks,

Mark Shattuck

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: josh bryan <jbtaxidermy@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 2:24 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Elk draw proposal

My name is Josh Bryan, I own and operate a taxidermy studio in newberg Oregon. I am a life long Oregonian and I have hunted in this state since I was a boy. I am deeply concerned about the changes being made to our hunting regulations as they seem to be geared towards decreasing opportunity for hunters. I do believe we need some changes to insure the future of hunt in the state, however The draw tag proposal for northeastern elk units does not seem to be appropriate for a number of reasons. We are above our management objectives in most units and have an abundance of elk so why are we decreasing tag numbers and cutting opportunity? I feel like it is the duty of those making these type of proposals to be honest and transparent with the people they will impact. Jeremy Thompson, who is heading up this proposal was quoted in OHA magazine as saying that in the majority of units in the elk draw proposal, archery hunters are responsible for killing far more bulls than rifle hunters. This is false information and the hunter report numbers prove that. It is extremely irresponsible to misinform the hunting community in this way in order to push the agenda. The methods used to count the heard populations and the bull to cow ratios are insufficient and do not accurately show the numbers, nor do they support this kind of change. For example, according to a comparison between Harvest numbers and population data in west beulah hunters harvest 7/8 of the total population of elk between rifle and archery kills in 2019? The population data claims 400 elk total in the unit while accurate harvest reports show approximately 370 bulls killed. This would mean that there were only 30 cows in a heard of 400 elk? Assuming that none of the 30 remaining elk were bulls this would mean hunters harvested every bull in west beulah in 2019? Something is drastically wrong with how we are obtaining heard numbers. This is just one example of the completely false numbers we are being provided with and is a strong indication of the failures in how the state is obtaining heard numbers and bull to cow ratios. This information can not be responsibility used to change hunting guidelines or tag numbers. As a hunter this is very concerning. As a small business owner who's livelihood depends on hunters having as much good opportunity in the woods for all of the big game we have to offer as possible, its devastating. The department of fish and wildlife In Oregon is failing the hunters in this state. I speak to more hunters than most on a yearly basis and the general consensus is among the majority of them is that Oregon is taking the wrong path to secure not only our heard numbers, but the future of hunting. I respectfully request that you reconsider these proposals and listen to the hunters who have spent their whole lives in the field here in Oregon and want to see those traditions continue.

Thank you

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: B Ricks <brtreedogs@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:20 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: 2022 Archery Elk Proposal

Hello,

I truly hope you are doing this on a biological reasoning.

And not pressure from people.

Id prefer general archery to stay how it is.

I believe the people that can't find elk ether have a lack of knowledge or are lazy. And my ability to hunt shouldn't be restricted because of there lack of skill/motivation.

Out of what I know of the current proposal.

My preference would be to have all remaining units to be a single general archery. That way movement won't be restricted in case of fire or a last minute invite to joint friends and family.

Second would be to include the cascades in the eastern portion.

I do support all improvements to youth opertunity.

As far as any units going controlled they should NOT be grouped together. How would that prevent everyone piling into one area?

Thanks for your time.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Heath Goin <heath.goin@pdxcs.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:18 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: New Hunting Regulations

Good Morning,

I am writing in regards to the recent changes to hunting draws in the state of Oregon. I have lived here my entire life and hunted for almost everything that I can since I was legally old enough to do so. My dad taught me, his dad taught him and so on. My family and friends save all our vacation time, extra monday and look forward to hunting all year long. My entire office takes time off to go hunting.

From what I have read ODFW is going to be taking my opportunity away from me, my family and friends to hunt for Deer and Elk with an over the counter general season tag with a bow.

We have saved points for years and years to be able to hunt for a premium unit in this state that is now at the once in a lifetime tag for a good elk unit. (20 points is once in a lifetime for most people.).

I wanted you guys to understand that changing the way that we manage our elk and deer by taking away opportunity is something that is going to hurt a lot of families and friendships that were made in the woods. Hunting is a good healthy thing to do and without it, it leaves a lot of people nothing to look forward to all year long. Scouting, hiking and putting in time to find a great game to get a chance to harvest.

Please think about what you do when you take opportunity away from the hunters who have done this their entire lives, your decisions are going to hurt traditions and the way we have all learned and grew into hunters in this state.

Respectfully

Thanks,

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Chris Doebler <cdoebler85@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:01 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Archery Elk Draw

Good Morning ,

My Name is Chris Doebler and I have concerns regarding this Archery Elk draw for Eastern Oregon. You guys need to seriously think about the impacts that this will cause. The reason we have overcrowded units during archery season is due to the fact of rifle hunters not drawing a rifle tag. I believe there is a better way to solve this problem by either choosing your weapon meaning if you put in for a rifle tag and you don't draw well then you don't get to go buy a tag last minute for archery because you didn't draw a tag. Also make it so you have to choose either Eastern Oregon or Western Oregon general tag. The numbers you guys have put in your proposal are wrong. Archery is not easier to fill your tag compared to rifle tag. The statistics show that more elk are killed during rifle seasons compared to archery.

Thanks Chris Doebler

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: THOMAS N DEBRIE III <THOMAS.DEBRIEIII@marten.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 9:17 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Archery proposal

Hello commission members,

My name is Tom DeBrie. I'm a lifelong Oregonian, a hunter since I was 12 and a devout archery hunter since 2009. I completely understand that change is needed for archery hunting but I ask you to look at all options before making a unit specific controlled archery hunting season in eastern Oregon. Similar to the new wilderness permits needed to enter some of our wild areas to control the human impact, change is inevitable. But there are some really good ideas out there from the hunting groups that are atleast worth giving a shot before making a quick decision on a unit specific draw archery season. East/west designation, weapon designation at the time of applying for tags, a cap on non-resident tags for general season hunts, etc.

I'd like to tell you about my 2020 hunting season and how it applies to this upcoming decision. Since I started archery hunting in 2009 I have primarily hunted the west slope of the cascades. I've ventured east a couple times and had great hunting and want to hunt there more. Last year however I paid \$300 for a Weyerhaeuser access permit with the intentions of hunting close to home but the 2020 wildfires had another idea for me. Labor day last year basically the entire west side of the state was shut down and if it wasn't for the ability to unit jump my season would've been a loss plus the money I spent to hunt Weyco land. The west side did open up the last week of the season but I was already hunting the east side. I expected the area I hunt over there to be crowded because of the fires and was surprised it wasn't any different than the previous year. The hunting was great, I was in and out of elk all week. Came home empty handed but had a blast and that is what is important to me. If last year was an east/west designation year then I would've had to tough it out until the west side opened up and make the best of it. If the fire was reversed on an east/west designation year in the unit I hunt then having the ability to jump to another EASTSIDE unit would've meant I could keep hunting. That's the point with this email is OPPORTUNITY. Archery hunters have to deal with wildfires and shutdown lands far more than rifle hunters have to and the science says that will continue and even possibly get worse as time goes on so plead to you that you look at these proposals through a bigger lens.

Thank you for your time.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Matt Bjornn <mbjornn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 7:59 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: New proposed Archery Elk Draw System

Your proposed system of reducing opportunities is a disaster for families and young people. I have archery hunted eastern Oregon for years and now when my grandsons are old enough to learn you shoot the entire opportunity in the foot.

The way you count elk, bull to cow ratios, with your one day fly over is silly. Imagine the US military doing recon patrols and missions based on a one day fly over. A review of your total population counts vs. bulls harvested is simple math and that math proves that archery hunters are the least of the problem. Take West Bulah for instance. A population of 400 elk in 2019 but over 300 bulls taken? WTF? Bull kill counts using rifle vs. bull favor rifle by 2/1 or greater in most units you are considering change in.

Did you think we weren't smart enough to read the stats your biologists were generating their opinions from?

We are at 113% of elk target numbers. Hell, you've got work groups trying to figure out what to do about elk over population doing damage to private lands, yet you're going to limit opportunities?

Why are you trying to fix something that is not broke? You should be lengthening archery seasons and creating co-op tags with private land owners to eliminate the damage situation while increasing the opportunities for archery hunters.

Please reverse the draw process you have set in place.

Matt Bjornn
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Sent from my iPad

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Justin Boardman <justin.boardman88@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:47 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Archery Elk hunting Eastern Oregon

To whom this may concern,

My name is SFC Justin Boardman and i am an active duty service member stationed in Washington. I have been privileged to be able to archery elk hunt eastern Oregon at resident fees due to my active duty status and i have absolutely fallen in love with it. Hearing of the proposal to changing eastern Oregon to all draw units would absolutely cripple my ability to enjoy such a fruitful opportunity elk hunting in your states most beautiful areas. Currently Washington makes you choose either west or east and chose your weapon. The only bad part is all of Eastern Washington is draw units or spike only which just isn't feasible as an archery hunter and due to the low amount of public land opportunities in western Washington it makes it hard to hunt. Therefore i have chosen eastern Oregon to embark on my annual elk hunting adventures and it never disappoints. I have had some of the most amazing hunts out there. Calling in multiple bulls and seeing animals often.

With a herd that is currently at 113% from a management perspective i don't believe that turning it into draw only will help the herd. In fact it may hinder it due to an over abundance especially coupled with grazing in the high country during the summer months.

Overcrowding can be easily helped by making the hunter chose east or west and choose either archery, muzzleloader or rifle. This in my opinion will drastically change the amount of crowding you will see in these units. From a maturity management perspective you could induce an antler restriction in certain units such as 3 point or better or antler less. This may help with maturity. In my experience out there, there is in fact a lot of hunters but it is like that all over the west in general. By limiting the choice of east or west i think it would be a simple fix to a lot of the problems you are trying to midigate by going to a straight draw only. If you go to draw only you will lose approx 2000 hunters the ability to experience the already amazingly managed 113% herd in eastern Oregon.

Thank you for your time.

V/R

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Daniel Klobes <danielklobes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:02 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Elk Archery Draw

To whom it may concern,

I am a citizen of Oregon and have hunted archery since I was 17. I am now 33 and question where this change benefits myself, the hunting population, youth hunter or what my money has gone to for tag purchases for the last 12 years. I also question where my sons will go for their hunting opportunity in the future. We are archers, not rifle hunters, nor will we choose to ever rifle hunt. I want to write a well thought out email, but I have done that before, with zero response. So I will be brief and to the point.

I run a large business in the state of Oregon. We service all of Oregon and employ roughly 200 employees. We are successful and do well. I say all of this, because from my experience of running a successful business, this makes zero sense. I have educated myself on the matter and I am not saying I know what is going on, but from my viewpoint, it doesn't make sense. I may be missing facts, but as a government organization, it shouldn't be my role to struggle to find facts, it is yours to show transparency. When stating information, it should be factual and accurate. There should be zero bias. You appear to come across as wasting resources and Oregon tax payers/ tag purchases funds. If you feel this is the purpose of your role and if you think you are doing well at it, you should probably check yourself. You may consider a different career as well.

My question is to you, what is your goal? It is simple, what is your goal? If you are trying to limit opportunity and crush the youth's future in hunting, you will succeed. If you are trying to kill hunting and hunting numbers, along with conservation funding, you are to succeed. I know I will be done in the state of Oregon. I also know that I am not alone.

My last email, I provided solutions and did not complain, but in this email, you just get to hear me complain because of your lack of response. I also may regret this email once I hit send. Either way, you get my thoughts.

Yours truly,
Dan Klobes

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kevin Hagan <hagankevin3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 4:35 PM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: Archery

I live and hunt in Upper Deschutes. Is there a chance you could offer more cow or hair tags? Would some hunters be interested in a cow if they saw that first? Thx Kevin

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ford, Gregory <Gregory.Ford@avistacorp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 2:18 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Archery Elk proposal!

Good afternoon commission members,

I wanted to reach out and explain my worries about the new archery elk proposals. I live in La Grande and grew up and have all my family in SW Oregon Grants Pass area. It's a big deal to my family and I to get a week or two in archery elk hunting every year. This new draw system would threaten our chances of continuing these traditions. The draw odds for this could even take my chances of even drawing any tag in my home town area. Are you trying to have us jump into rifle hunting? I just don't understand why we want to take these opportunities away. The numbers do not lie and there is not equal numbers of elk being taken by archery hunters than rifle hunters, cattle push elk onto private not the archery hunters, also people complaining about crowding if asked are they annoyed with there favorite camp spot being crowded or there hunting grounds. There is always a lot people near the roads not a lot out hunting.

I would like to know the real reason for taking away these units as general archery. It will just make each unit crowded with however many tag holder there are vs. them being able to move to another area there is someone already in there area. Also what if in one of theses smaller units there is a current fire and you can't move to another unit because your tag is now not even good for general units!

Please re consider why you are doing this and who you are making happy with these changes. Listen to Wayne Endicott, he speaks with more bow hunters than anyone in the state. He really does understand the issues and has great ideas.

Thank you for reading my rant.

Greg Ford

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Steve Sanders <steve.sanders@a-dec.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 6:22 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: 2022 Archery Elk proposal

To the commission,

As a long time archery hunter in Oregon(30+ years), it has been dismaying to witness the decline in the quality of the hunt. The overcrowding coupled with predations effect on elk and deer numbers continually taking it to new lows each year. I am in full support of archery going to a draw. However, I understand that you are proposing to make the rifle draw a "first draw," followed by another draw in which individuals can then put in again for an archery tag. I cannot express my objection to this proposal strongly enough. As it stands the overcrowding in archery is due to the rifle hunter that does not draw, picking up a bow and archery hunting. Yes this creates revenue for the ODFW. It does not address the reduction in game numbers or the overcrowding. It is time for a draw but it needs to be a CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON draw. If you do not draw a tag in your chosen hunt type, that should be your only opportunity to hunt Eastern Oregon. You must reduce the number of hunters and/or address predation. As we all know you the commission cannot effect predation due to legal limitations. Please do the right thing and make all of Eastern Oregon Elk and Deer hunting a ONE DRAW opportunity, choosing your weapon.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Sanders

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dustin Rorden <dboydr77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 6:22 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: June 18th Archery meeting

Looks like they are just screwing all the archery hunters that live in the PNW of oregon.... make each and other unit draw and general! Don't lump all of them, people who live there can't hunt local anymore the way you structured it!!!

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Roger Fuchs <rogerfuchs212@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 29, 2021 7:37 PM
To: odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us
Subject: 2022 Archery Elk hunt changes

I'm a 65 yr.young nonresident archery elk chaser from wash. I love you elk country and this hunt is the high lite of my year ,I hunt with my son and grandson from Lagrande its a family affair and would be heart broken if it ended. I'm, terrible unlucky at drawings, maybe first come first serve like Idaho has would be considered ,i'd be on line at 0001 of the new year, that would separate the serious guys from the maybe guys.I love the hunt as its stands now but if change is to come then maybe consider this. R.Fuchs Spokane wash.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Wayne Kidd <waynekidd@q.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 29, 2021 7:17 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: Archery elk in eastern Oregon

Archery hunters should suffer the same as rifle hunters!
One 5 day season Wednesday through Sunday as only hunt.
One 9 day season Saturday through Sunday same as rifle hunters.
Close same roads for archery hunters as are closed for rifle hunters.
Only one hunting opportunity for archery same as rifle.
Only one gmu per tag same as rifle.
ODFW treats rifle hunters as third class citizens and archery hunters as royalty.
ODFW has done a great job of dividing our hunters.
What possible reasoning was used to reduce rifle tags for deer hunters after making archery a draw tag when archery hunters had NO limits on tags previously.

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Melvin Alexander <melfhunter53@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 4:03 PM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW

I think it's time to regulate bow hunters to the same standard as rifle hunters, as we can't call elk in, like bow hunters in the rut. If us rifle hunters get one tag for Elk and one tag for buck Deer, bow hunters should also. It's only fair. Rifle hunters have been restricted a long time to one tag. Should have seen the the decline of herds, by the number of bow hunters increasing, and there success reports. Unsuccessful rifle hunter but determined that one day a animal will cross my path. I don't consider calling a animal in that is rut crazy and looking to mate, not hunting to me and my party. Please make the change as sone as possible as I'am getting up in age with stage 4 prostate cancer, and would love to see more animals in the future. I don't use all my tags but will always buy a sport pac to do my part in paying, even as I do not use all that is in the sport pac. Thank you for reading. I also have three granddaughters and one grandson that are coming of age, and can't wait to take them hunting. Mr. Alexander

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dennis Jackson <lontra.srb@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 1:14 PM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: Archery Elk changes

As a Pioneer license holder it has been my experience ODFW is to slow to react to issues that these proposals of change would adopt.

You know and we hunters know there is a problem with elk numbers in general and bull harvest during archery season in eastern units. I've warned your department in the past only to see you continue the status quo. Have the guts to make the changes. The public will continue to support you if you take even tougher stances. Do the right thing! It's your fiduciary duty to do so.

Dennis Michael Jackson

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Stephen Russell <russellstephen44@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 11:47 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: 2022 Archery Elk Changes

There are way to many archery elk hunters now in the Ukiah unit which I have hunted for the last 25 years. It should be in the 300 to 400 range. The proposal of over a thousand still will Not help the overcrowding of archers in that zone. Please consider reducing the quota so we can once again have a quality hunt in the Ukiah zone.

Thanks

Stephen Russell

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mike longhorn <mikeslonghorn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 11:00 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: 2022 PROPOSED archery changes

This is totally ridiculous proposal, not only is the information completely skewed due to the fact that there is more elk now then ever but now the west side will be able to apply to build points but still hunt there general season. If this is truly about wildlife and not the generated revenue from application fee's then make a choose your weapon prior to draw application deadline= less crowded, less harvest are just a couple things you SUPPOSEDLY are going for. But we all know that this has absolutely nothing to do with OUR wildlife. TYPICAL OREGON!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jake Hays <jakeh_06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 10:10 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: Archery elk proposal

Instead of stripping away our side of the state to elk hunting from the locals, catering to the west side of the state. Why don't you split the state down the middle, and make a East and west general archery season. If you buy a East tag you can only hunt in the units that in the East and so on for the west. This would make a lot of people weather they want to hunt East or west pick and choose just like a controlled hunt tag would. It would make a big flock of guys who buy a Eastern tag that live on the west side, really decide if they want to gamble their entire season on the weeks vacation they get and come East, or buy the west tag and get to hunt every weekend and during their vacation. There is no point in screwing the entire east side of the state when we live in these mountains while letting the west side residents continue to hunt general season in their mountains. Not to sound like a 5 year old but that is absolutely not fair. It is already bad enough you shut the entire blue mountains down to bow hunters for deer and elk hunting by giving us a ridiculous number of deer tags being just over 400 total for the three units for deer, and what is it just over 600 total elk tags between the three units in the blues for archery hunters between spike and branch bull. While for rifle hunters just Mt.Emily alone has 990 elk tags given out between first and second season spike and the branch bull hunts. And then you also turn around and give 394 rifle deer tags out for Mt.Emily as a whole to rifle hunters. If this change for archery is about the elk and deer numbers and hunter impact, then you would also be limiting rifle hunter tag numbers along with archery, not giving out more tags in one unit for rifle, than you are offering for all three units to bow hunters. To all of us it is becoming evident it is about revenue, and knowing that you now can make 96\$ off of every archery hunter by making us all drop 8\$ to apply for a tag. Because most archery hunters, gave up on the draw game because it is asinine to wait 22 years to draw a elk tag. So doing this is a guarantee way to make sure you collect the 8\$ from us. If this is truly about game numbers and hunter impact, you are never going to convince anyone bow hunters are the ones killing the herds off. There are more deee shot out of pickup windows driving down the road every season than by archery hunters.

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tim McCoy <pikmccoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 9:48 AM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: Archery Elk - Proposed Changes

I fully support moving more archery areas towards controlled hunting. Areas with poor Bull to cow ratios, crowding, etc. can then be appropriately managed.

Thank you.

Tim McCoy