

Oregon's Access & Habitat Board News

Winter 2000



The Access and Habitat Board was created by the 1993 Oregon Legislature and is funded by a \$2 surcharge on hunting licenses. The Board identifies and recommends funding for projects that improve wildlife habitat and facilitate public hunting access on private lands.

ACCESS AND HABITAT BOARD WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS

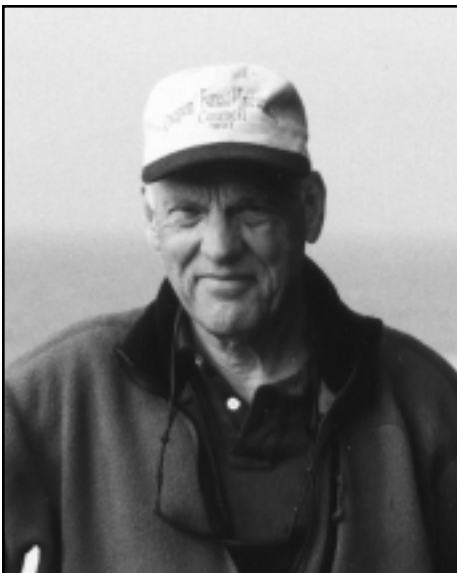
Since its creation by the Oregon Legislature in 1993, the Access and Habitat Program has relied mightily on its seven-member citizen board members, who are appointed to four-year terms by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Board members meet regularly in cities throughout the state to review project applications as well as attending to policy and business matters with help from a full-time program coordinator who oversees day-to-day administration.

The recent departure from the board of three members — L.L. “Stub” Stewart, Scott Stouder and Rod Childers — launched an extensive search for their replacements. After reviewing the qualifications of 37 candidates, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission appointed three new members to the A&H Board at its December 1999 meeting — Ward Armstrong, Theo “Tik” Moore and Robert Lund.

Salem resident **WARD ARMSTRONG** has a long career history in natural resources. He was President and Executive Director of the Oregon Forest Industries Council from 1986 to 1998. For the 16-year period prior to that he held positions with Weyerhaeuser Company as Oregon Public Affairs Manager and Director of Issues Management. He is a member of Associated Oregon Industries and has served as Executive Director of the Association of Oregon Counties. Armstrong has a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from Oregon State University and a law degree from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College.

He was also instrumental in helping pass the original legislation creating the A&H Program. “It was kind of a contentious session,” recalls Armstrong. “The idea for the A&H Program was an experiment as a way for different interest groups to lessen conflicts between them.” Since that time he has been following the activities and accomplishments of the program and is pleased with the way it has helped foster cooperation between landowners and

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**Ward Armstrong, Landowner
Representative, Salem**



**Theo “Tik” Moore, Landowner
Representative, Vale**



**Robert Lund, Hunter
Representative, La Grande**

What's New?



Calendar of Events

January 26

Northwest Oregon Permit
Goose Zone Period 3 Begins
(503) 872-5268

January 29

Statewide Elk Auction Hunt
NW Chapter, Safari Club Int.,
Fife, Washington (253) 891-1311

February 5

Hart Mountain Mule Deer Auction Hunt,
Rogue Valley Chapter, Oregon Hunters
Association, Medford (541) 772-7313

February 10

Spring Black Bear Tag
Application Deadline
(503) 229-5463

February 14

A&H Board Meeting, Roseburg
(503) 872-5260, ext. 5349

February 18

Governor's Statewide Combination Elk
and Deer Auction Hunt, Rocky Mountain
Elk Foundation International Elk Camp
and Exposition, Denver, Colorado
(406) 523-0242

March 18

Statewide Elk Auction Hunt, Roseburg
Chapter, Rocky Mountain Elk
Foundation, Roseburg (541) 975-4158
or (541) 672-5469

March 25

Statewide Deer Auction Hunt, Capitol
Chapter, Oregon Hunters Association,
Salem (503) 399-0833

April 8

Statewide Elk Auction Hunt, Oregon
Chapter, Foundation for North American
Wild Sheep, Redmond (541) 963-9285

April 8

Statewide Deer Auction Hunt
Central Coast Chapter,
The Mule Deer Foundation,
San Jose, California
(408) 395-0122

April 15

Wild Turkey Season Opens
(503) 872-5628

May 8

A&H Board Meeting, La Grande
(503) 872-5260, ext. 5349

A&H Coordinator Beth Waterbury Moves On

After a four-year stint as A&H Program coordinator, Beth Waterbury has accepted the position of Oregon Field Director for the Missoula, Montana-based conservation organization Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. "I saw my role as coordinator to support the board and advisory councils so they could do their jobs — and we had a great team," says Beth. "It's been an incredible experience, and a privilege, to work with all the folks involved in the A&H Program."

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hunters. "I was an advocate for forestry in my professional career," he continues. "I'm retired now and this is a new stage in my life. I'm looking forward to being on the A&H Board."

Vale rancher **THEO "TIK" MOORE** will serve on the board as a landowner representative. Moore has been involved with the A&H Program as a member of its High Desert Southeast Advisory Council since the program was created. He was tapped for that post by local Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists because of his long-time activism with youth deer and pheasant hunts and habitat restoration projects with the 4-H Outdoor Club. Moore is a member of the Malheur County Farm Bureau and Oregon Cattlemen's Association. He also helped lobby the state legislature for the successful reauthorization of the A&H Program in 1997.

In addition to his role on the A&H Advisory Council, which offers recommendations and local insight about project proposals to the board, he has also been active in developing several A&H projects in southeast Oregon. Says Moore, "When I look at an A&H project proposal, I look to see how it will benefit the habitat, the hunter, the landowner and the wildlife. I want to see all those things come together in a project proposal."

Retired Oregon State Police wildlife enforcement officer **ROBERT LUND** lives in La Grande and will represent hunter interests on the board. He also participated in ODFW's Strategic Operational Planning Group in 1997 and is a state board member of the Oregon Hunters Association. He brings valuable experience to the board in working with landowners, hunters and a variety of federal and state agencies.

"One of the things I'll look for in A&H proposals is if it is going to get the hunter some access," says Lund.

Not fully retired, he is currently working part time as a cattle theft investigator for the Oregon Department of Agriculture. "I'm still a cop of sorts," jokes Lund. "But now I'm chasing cattle rustlers instead of poachers."



Program Update

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Approves 5 New Access and Habitat Program Grants at December 17, 1999 Meeting

1 Coffin Butte Acquisition Project

The South Willamette Watershed District of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife was awarded a \$50,000 grant to help purchase 50 acres of woodland and cliff habitat at Coffin Butte, just north of Corvallis in Benton County. ODFW seeks to purchase the land from the Oregon Department of Transportation and incorporate the parcel into the nearby E.E. Wilson Wildlife Management Area. Wildlife found here includes black-tailed deer, rabbits, fox, coyotes, raccoons, western bluebirds, western gray squirrels and a variety of bird species. In addition, the many seeps, springs and vernal pools on the parcel are an important water source for restored wetlands on the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Management Area. Purchase of the property will protect the habitat and wildlife on Coffin Butte along with the adjacent wetlands and provide public access to the area.

Total purchase cost for the property is \$110,000. Project cooperators include the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, Oregon Foundation for Black-tailed Deer, Chuck and Gail Woosley, Multnomah Anglers & Hunters, ODFW's Game Bird Program and Oregon Hunters Association.

2 Murderer's Creek Winter Range Shrub Planting Project

A \$10,000 grant received by the Redmond Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association is earmarked to purchase 20,000 native shrub seedlings, which will be planted on the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Management Area in Grant County.

The purpose of the project is to improve the availability of forage for deer and elk which spend the winter in the area. The historic forage was largely eliminated as a result of long-term efforts to control the spread of noxious weeds. The Oregon Hunters Association is coordinating the project which will involve working with a variety of volunteers and sporting groups.

3 Potlatch Wetland and Upland Habitat Enhancement Project

Potlatch Corporation will use a \$4,560 grant to help cooperatively fund a 30-acre wetland and upland habitat restoration project on company-owned land in Morrow County. The project will enhance wildlife habitat diversity, improve the quality of existing wetlands and improve nesting and brood rearing habitat for waterfowl and upland game birds. The landowner will allow public access to the property for hunting and wildlife viewing.

4 Alder Creek Habitat Improvement Project

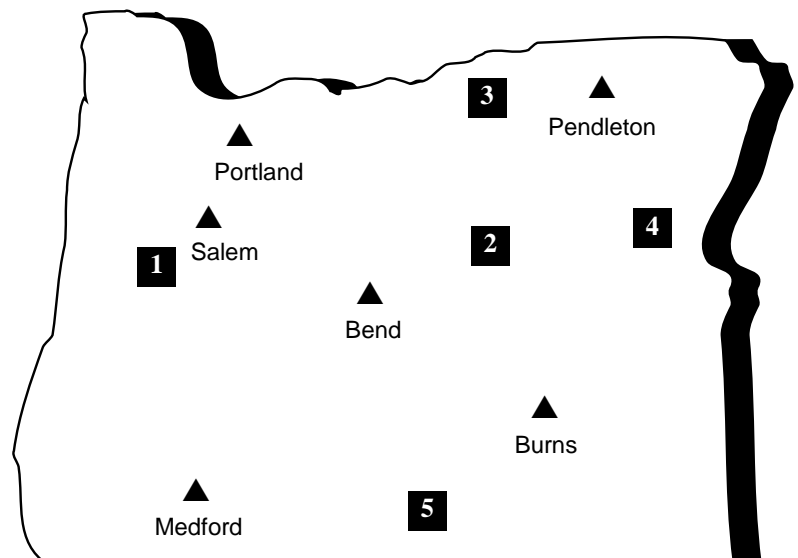
Alder Creek Ranch owners Mike and Cynthia Frazier have been awarded a \$5,000 grant to continue a cooperative program to improve wildlife habitat on their property by controlling leafy spurge through the use of a combination of herbicides, insect biological control, wildlife forage plantings and fertilization. A significant aspect of this project is that it is replacing the historical practice of controlling leafy spurge by grazing domestic sheep. This will minimize the risk of transmitting diseases from domestic sheep to a local herd of California bighorn sheep.

The Alder Creek Ranch is located in Baker County 14 miles southeast of Baker City.

5 Mule Deer Habitat Rehabilitation on Hart Mountain

A \$22,395 grant to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be used to purchase a state-of-the-art rangeland drill for planting native grasses, and for projects to control noxious weeds at the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge in Lake County.

This grant is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's share of income derived from offering mule deer rifle hunts on the refuge in cooperation with the Access and Habitat Program's 1999 Elk and Deer Raffle and Auction Hunt Program. A portion of the funds raised through these programs are earmarked for wildlife habitat improvement projects on the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge.



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Get Involved

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