

# Public Correspondence\*

Revision of Oregon Administrative Rules for the  
2008 Big Game Controlled Hunt tag numbers





WE HAVE TO PAY FOR TAGS. YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR TIME AND TROUBLE OF HUNTERS OF AT LEAST THE TAG FEE

Deer and Elk Hunters! Samples for Disease Testing Needed

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Chronic wasting disease (CWD), a neurological disease found in deer and elk, has become a concern to wildlife managers in North America. This disease is not found in Oregon but has spread to 14 states and 2 Canadian provinces in recent years. CWD attacks the brains of infected deer and elk, causing the animals to become emaciated, lose bodily functions and die. Scientists have found no indication that CWD can be transmitted to humans or other animal species. However, impacts to deer and elk populations, as well as to hunting opportunities in affected areas, can be devastating. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is collecting samples from deer and elk harvested by hunters to help verify the belief that Oregon's deer and elk do not carry this disease

Your help is very important!

What is needed from you:

- The deer or elk head from the animal you harvested (to obtain lymph nodes and incisor tooth)
The date of harvest, wildlife management unit, specific harvest location, name and address

The samples needed are collected from specific locations of the head and preserved for analysis. Fawn and Calf carcasses will not be tested due to their limited disease exposure time. If you harvest a deer or elk, and it is a yearling or older animal, we would greatly appreciate your help in providing us the opportunity to collect samples from your animal. Please bring your deer or elk head to the nearest district office for the collection of lymph nodes and incisor tooth. Your help is greatly appreciated in the management of our valuable big game resources.

Please contact any of the following biologists during regular business hours to make arrangements for sample collection:

Table with 6 columns: Location, Phone, Biologist, Location, Phone, Biologist. Rows include Sauvie Island, Clackamas, Tillamook, Newport, Corvallis, Springfield, and Roseburg.

Staff may not always be available at these collection sites. If no one is available, thank you for trying.

Thank You!

## Liz Bueffel

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2007 3:12 PM  
**To:** Peter Test; Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

This email got caught in spam so I missed it. Just sending it to you now. Sorry.

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

**From:** Matthew Garrett [mailto:Matt@GarrettMarketing.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2006 1:10 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

**Topic:** Other  
**Name:** Matthew Robert Garrett  
**E-mail:** Matt@GarrettMarketing.com

**Comment:**

June 2, 2006  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Dear Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission,  
I am writing in regard to the Proposed Bag Limit Changes by Unit for Archery Hunters. I support the proposed changes to allow permit holders one deer, or antlerless or legal bull elk in all proposed units.  
I have been an Oregon archery hunter for 10+ years and have been fortunate enough to harvest a few animals over the years. Unfortunately, with bag limits set to legal buck and legal bull, I would have to reconsider my hunting opportunities as a bow hunter. Our odds of harvesting an animal are already much lower than that of the average rifle hunt. By further restricting the opportunity I don't think I would be the only one that may start applying for hunts where the odds are better.  
Please consider the move to adopt the Proposed Bag Limit Changes by Unit for Archery Hunters at the June 9, 2006 Commission meeting in Salem.  
Sincerely,  
Matthew Robert Garrett

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**From:** jerry overton [mailto:joverton000@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2007 7:29 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments from the Web

Thank you for the return message, but still one comment I would rather see the inline muzzleloaders made illegal over the good bullets, like the power belt or sabots. Thanks Jerry

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2007 12:49 PM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

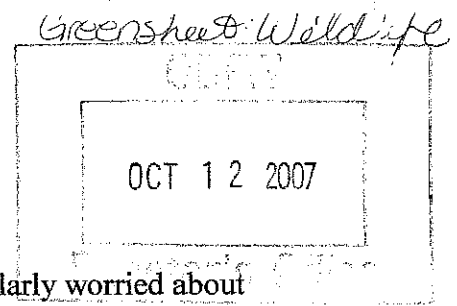
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**From:** jerry overton [mailto:joverton000@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 29, 2007 9:01 AM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other  
Name: Jerry Overton  
E-mail: [nama\\_papa@hotmail.com](mailto:nama_papa@hotmail.com)

Comment: I have been hunting with a muzzleloader for a number of years and it seems that you have taken some very good bullets/and made them illegal, meaning the sabots and power belt bullets, could you tell me why you have made them illegal?



To the Department of Fish and Wildlife:

I would like to give you something to consider. I am particularly worried about Harney County, particularly Steens Mountain. I have been putting in for the cow elk tag which recently was taken away. I completely understand why and agree with the decision. I was wondering why that the department does not transplant elk into the area? I see in the long run that if the department does not do anything eventually their will be less tags and less revenue for the department.

What really concerns me is the cougar population on top of the mountain. I have been in the area recently and found cougar tracks everywhere. It was terrible to see. I also saw two animals that had been killed by cougars. Also last year I found an elk carcass five feet up in a tree that also had been a cat kill. I know that being able to use dogs has been a hot topic, but why not try to thin the cat population down? Why not let the property owners in the area use dogs, but have regular people do what they have been doing? I believe we desperately need to do something more than what is being done.

I also believe that it needs to be 4 point and better or 3 point and better would be fairer. I have seen people take so many forked horns. I personally will not take less than a three point on both sides. I also believe that the deer and elk get to much pressure with all the different seasons. I think that archery, black powder and rifle season should go back to one two week season. The animals are getting to much pressure for to long of a time.

Another option is to shut down hunting for a year and let the deer and elk repopulate. Than open the season up the next year and hunting would be a lot better. Maybe while the season is shut down there could be special cougar hunts that open up for that one year. The cougar population would go down and the big game would have time to get bigger and stay healthier. The department would get less revenue in short run, but in the long run there may be more revenue from generations to come.

I believe that if their were less wild horses up on the mountain that it would be better grazing for deer and elk. I realize that BLM takes care of the wild horse, but they have not always cooperated with taking the horses of the mountain when they were suppose to. I believe taking the number of horses that BLM is suppose to would help the deer and elk situation. The deer and elk would have less competition up on the mountain. Even if you teamed up with Blm to extract horses and close roads to four wheelers it would help. I think that if more roads were closed to four wheelers then animals would not feel as pressured.

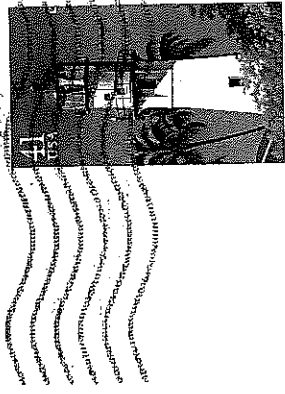
My family has hunted the Steens for generations, but the last five years have really worried me. It seems the combination of to many wild horses, to many predators, to much use of ATVs and people taking to many young deer have not been a big help.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would consider these options and talk about them at your meetings. I would like to be able to hunt and see other generations be able to because of what we did.

-Thank you for your time- A Worried Friend-

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IN YEARS PAST, THAT 6PT WOULD HAVE BEEN MINE, BUT NOT THIS YEAR -

OUR PARTY WAS 8 PEOPLE - WE TO A MAN, SAID WE WOULDN'T RETURN TO STARKY UNIT, UNTIL WE CAN SHOOT A BRANCH BULL AGAIN - AND AS A DISABLE HUNTER, I WON'T RETURN, TILL I CAN TAKE A COW LIKE THE RAUCHER DID THIS -

YOU HAVE A LOT OF TAGS FOR STARKY UNIT, BUT YOU ARE 8 LESS FOR THIS COMING SEASON -

SINCE I WAS BORN IN OREGON (AGE 73) MY HUNTING & FISHING LICENSE IS FREE. I DON'T WORRY ABOUT INCREASES - BUT YOU HAVE FEEDING STATIONS AT THE ELKHORN, MAYBE YOU CAN GET FEED MONEY FROM THEM SINCE YOU GIVE THEM FREE COW TAGS - THINK ABOUT IT -

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M NOT A HAPPY HUNTER -

Gerald Noce

P.S. I'm ALSO A VETERAN

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I WOULD LIKE TO RECAP MY HUNTING THIS SEASON - MY HUNT WAS 252A-2 STARKY - SPIKE ONLY -

I'M A DISABLE HUNTER - IN ANY UNIT EXCEPT CATHRINE CREEK & STARKY, I CAN TAKE A COW - YET IN THE PAPER, A STORY ABOUT A RANCHER, CALL THE GAME COMMISSION ABOUT THE ELK EATING HIS CROP HE WAS ISSUED COW TAGS TO THIN THE HERD (COWS CAME FROM ELKHORN HERD WHERE I HUNT). HE JUST HAD TO HAVE HUNTING LICENSE. I PAY FOR A TAG.

HOW MANY TAGS DID HE GET?

- (1) RANCHER CAN ALSO APPLY FOR CROP LOSS (MONEY - PAID BY WHO?)
- (2) HE CAN ALSO GET GRAZING PERMIT TO SEND HIS COWS IN THE NATIONAL FOREST (BLACK ANGUS COWS ALONG RD 43 WHEN I WENT IN TO SET UP CAMP).
- (3) HIS COWS EAT THE ELKS FOOD AND HE COMPLAINS THE ELK EAT HIS CROP - THE ELK, WHEN HUNGRY WILL SEEK FOOD WHEREVER IT IS AT.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MY HUNT -

1<sup>ST</sup> DAY, IN MY BLIND, I HAD 2 BRANCH BULLS TROT BY AT 20 YARDS. THE LEAD BULL WAS HIGHT 6PT, 2ND A 5POINT - (OVER)

**Thomas Thornton**

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**Lisa Evans**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2007 8:22 AM  
**To:** Lisa Evans  
**Cc:** Curt Melcher  
**Subject:** FW: Use of quads

Lisa, please greensheet this to wildlife for response.

Thanks,

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**From:** William Crooks [mailto:bcrooks@canby.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2007 7:52 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Use of quads

Commission members, I am 63 years old, and have been hunting and fishing my entire life in the state of Oregon. I just returned from Elk hunting in unit 251B1, and theres an issue I just have to address. We were a party of 5 people. On the second day of hunting after we had parked our vehicles and climbed up the side of the of the hills (Very steep, Hard climb) and spread out over about a half mile and took our positions for hunting. We remained very quite and still hoping for the elk to come up out of the farm lands to us. About two hours later here comes a large pickup truck pulling a large flatbed trailer loaded to the rails with 5 quads. They parked right next to our vehicles, so they new we were up there hunting. They unloaded, then screamed up the hills causing all kinds of havic. Up and down the draws until they finally pushed out some elk, then ran them to ground on top of one of the hills where it sounded like a war zone. No less then 20 shots fired. It was a slaughter. Many of the shots came towards us.

Can any one of you tell me why it is legal for these people to even be up there with quads let alone harass these poor animals. I can certainly understand if someone is so disabled they can't get into an area they want to, then it should be legal just to get them in. NOT TO HUNT OFF OF THEM AND PUSH ANIMALS. By the way, these people came back for the next two days. Due to the fact that this area is mostly private land, we didn't have many options on where to hunt. We were stuck with these idiots. Our hunt was ruined. (PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS ISSUE) I am a disabled verteran with a very bad right leg, and I manage to climb up and down these hills. Thanks

Respectfully  
William Crooks Jr.  
Canby, Oregon

Tom Thornton  
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October 31, 2007

Dear Mr Thornton

I've included your letter of 6-18-07 and an article from the 10-28-07 Sunday Oregonian with this letter.

It seems really strange to me that other states have figured out how to restrict the use of ATV's during hunting time and the State of Oregon does not seem to understand that something has to be done now. Mr Thornton, I am an avid hunter and want to see my grandchildren continue to have the ability to hunt during their lifetimes, however with events as outlined in Bill Monroe's article, organizations like PETA and other like minded organizations will take the ability of all of us to be able to hunt. It is time for the State of Oregon to take action. What can I do to help?

Sincerely,



Ronald M Karls  
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# Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

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June 18, 2007

Ronald M. Karls  
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Dear Mr. Karls:

The ATV issue is complicated and most aspects are not within the authority of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to address. In general, ATVs are regulated by the Department of Motor Vehicles. ATV use restrictions such as you are recommending would be implemented by the landowner or land management agency. The Department has the authority to restrict ATV use only within Cooperative Travel Management Areas where the Department is a cooperator, or, on Department owned property.

Many people agree with you that ATV use is a major problem during hunting seasons. As ATV use has increased so have the concerns of hunters and landowners, which may lead to additional restrictions in the future.

You may be interested to know that the Department is in the planning stage of a research project being considered at the Starkey Experimental Forest to investigate the movement of deer and elk in response to hunter and ATV activity.

Your comments and recommendations will be included in the information provided to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions or recommendations.

Thank you for your interest in Oregon's wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

Tom Thornton  
Game Program Manager

Cc: Virgil Moore, Director

# Superstitions, fishing go hand-in-hand

TILLAMOOK —

It seemed like the right mood at the time, as we trolled peacefully in a quiet dawn in the upper reaches of Tillamook Bay.

My son, Bill Monroe of Gresham, had caught a 17-pound fall chinook (and released a coho). Mike Weigart of Salem was trying to forget his past year as a U.S. Army medic/nurse in Iraq. My former boss, Dan Uthman, was lost in thought about his move from The Oregonian to The Washington Post. Tim Leatherman of Portland watched his rod tip like a robin looking for worms.

And guide Bob Toman and I talked about whether it was me that caused the bay's chinook bite to abruptly shut down at the precise moment my pickup emerged from the Wilson River canyon the week before.

Couldn't be, we agreed, since Bill had a fish in the box. Then it happened.

Floating seaward on the tide was a really neat 4x4 wooden block, about three feet long and painted half red, half white. Amazingly, that's the one thing I don't have in my shop at home, so I had Bob troll over, and Mike picked it up for me.

And then we trolled . . . and trolled . . . and trolled . . .

We trolled back and forth through the West Channel during a midday bite so hot nearly every other boat around us caught fish.

We still were trolling at 4 p.m. when all the other guides were home eating steaks they bought



BILL MONROE

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with tips from their limited-out customers.

"You know," Bob blurted, "we haven't had a bite since Bill brought that red and white thing into the boat."

"Yeah!" shouted my bobble-headed compatriots.

A few temperamental minutes later, in an angry, graceful marriage of muscular energy and athleticism, I hurled the prize back into the bay.

Fifteen minutes later — just short of Bob's quitting time — Tim landed a 32-pounder.

I wish I could say things get like that every year only on Halloween week.

Superstitious? Listen, baseball players got nuttin' on anglers when it comes to the hex. Might even be why many baseball players are anglers.

I don't like to troll clockwise, never knowingly allow bananas on my boat, sometimes sacrifice chocolate chip cookies to the water gods on slow days (chinook love chocolate chip cookies) and don't even like to turn the radio on during an Oregon State Beavers game because then they always start to lose.

(OSU beat California only because I missed the last two min-

utes of the game.)

I made the mistake a few years ago of cleaning all of the patinalike salmon egg and her-ring goo off "Killer," my favorite salmon rod, which up to then rarely was skunked.

Killer hasn't caught a fish since.

Tell you what. On a whim Friday morning, I asked members of a local fishing Web site, [www.ifish.net](http://www.ifish.net), whether they had any superstitions.

Gotta love the woman who only catches fish by touching something she's been told by her husband not to touch — but when he isn't looking.

Or the Web mistress herself, Jennie Logsdon, who gives everything a touch of her Estee Lauder lipstick in the "Tiger Eye" shade.

Go to the Web site, click on "Discussion Board," then on "Ifish community."

Somewhere down there is a thread labeled "Superstitions?"

**Speaking of ghouls:** Jeers to a group of "hunters" (quotation marks demand they're not) east of Bend on Wednesday seen on all-terrain vehicles cowboying a herd of elk into a long dusty run across the high desert.

Two ATVs pushed the elk, with one other ATV out-rider alongside, then turned the herd into a meadow, where several shooters were waiting as the elk came to a panting halt, too tired to move.

"Those people were running those animals until they just stood to be shot," said Mike Williams of Madras, a lineman

for the Bonneville Power Administration who watched it unfold along with his partner.

Williams said six bulls were shot and one cow was crippled so badly an Oregon State Police trooper had to shoot her, too. The trooper returned later, Williams said he was told, to write a second ticket for another dead cow.

The trooper couldn't be reached for comment Friday, but Williams said others in his crew told him the "hunters" still were at it that morning.

**Jeers:** To justice.

As in the state Department of Justice, a lawyer for which failed to argue last Thursday in front of a Clackamas County judge that the crippled piebald black-tailed doe everyone's grieving for actually is state property.

It doesn't and never did belong to the family that picked her up, took her home, bred her to a reportedly blind buck dropped off by "a friend of a friend" and then called the media when the state botched its attempt to come get her.

Instead, the judge had to rule on evidentiary law favoring the family, and now the whole messy tangle will taint the scales of justice right on up the system.

What if the Oregon Supreme Court recognizes this is ridiculous enough to refuse to hear?

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 To read his blog, go to  
<http://blog.oregonlive.com/billmonroe>

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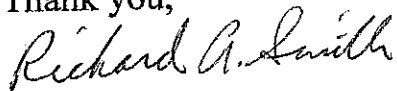
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RE: Special Hunt Regulations on Muzzleloaders.

Enclosed is a picture that appeared in the November issue of Oregon-Washington Game & Fish. According to what I read in the hunting regulations Tiffany's gun violates 2 of the regulations, first the gun has a scope, second the gun is an in-line muzzle loader.

I would like to know how this can be legal, and if it isn't, has a citation been issued against these violations? If no citation has been issued, why?

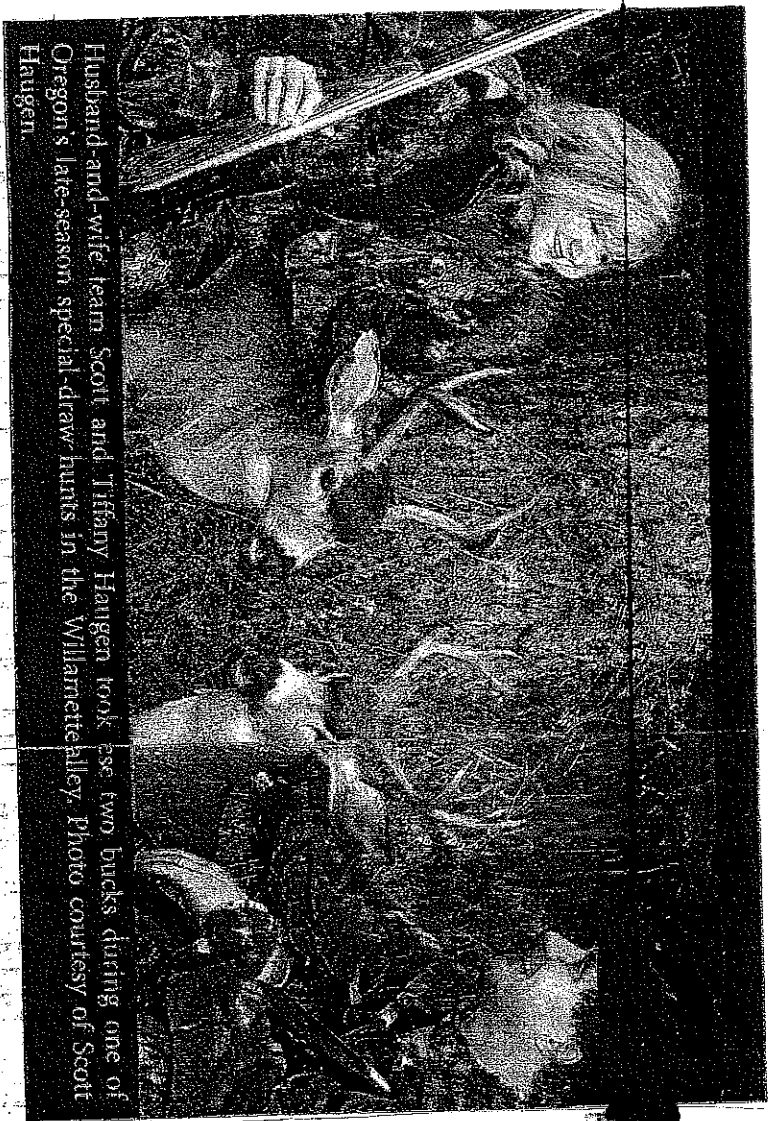
Thank you,



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Husband-and-wife team Scott and Tiffany Haugen took these two bucks during one of Oregon's late-season special-draw hunts in the Willamette Valley. Photo courtesy of Scott Haugen.

**MUZZLELOADER**

- Seeps (permanent and detachable), fiber optics sights, sights that use artificial light or energy, and sights that enhance, gather, or concentrate natural light are not allowed during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only. Open and peep sights made from dials, plastic, or other materials if do not have the properties described above are legal sights.
- It is illegal to hunt with jacketed bullets, sabots, and bullets with plastic or synthetic bases during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only. Roundballs and conical lead or lead alloy bullets with a length that does not exceed twice the diameter, and cloth, paper or felt patches are allowed.
- It is illegal to hunt with semiautomatic firearms or an ignition source during muzzleloader-only seasons and 6 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.
- It is illegal to hunt with pelletized powders or propellants during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only. Granular (loose) black powder and black rider specialties are the only legal propellants during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.
- No other firearm may be used for hunting during a muzzleloader-only season. (See definition page 65)
- Muzzleloading firearms with revolving actions are prohibited during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.

**Liz Bueffel**

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**From:** Sloan, Jim [jsloan@wedc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2007 9:42 AM  
**To:** Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** Controlled hunt party size

It was my misfortune this year to be exposed to two very large hunting parties for elk in my unit. These large groups of up to 18 tag holders are detrimental to safe and honorable hunting practices. They would sweep over an area overrunning smaller hunting parties and camps driving the game completely out of the hunting area. They were not hunting just driving game, using people that were not tag holders making the group larger yet. We had people watching us through the scopes of their rifles with people on the outlet end of the hunt waiting in vehicles and in the trees. The camping area utilizing 5 large tents per group prohibited others from using these common camp sites. Parties with that many hunters are bad for hunting and the perception of hunters to the non-hunting public. There is not any good reason to allow groups of more than 8-10 hunters for any controlled hunt. This problem was further exasperated due to the forest service doing controlled burns completely eliminating parts of the unit because of smoke so thick the roads were undriveable and trees were burning off at the base and falling across the roads. I realize the burning cannot be controlled through our state agencies but limiting party size can and should be if for nothing else but safety.

Thank you  
Jim Sloan

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**Lisa Evans**

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**From:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2007 7:49 AM  
**To:** Lisa Evans  
**Subject:** FW: Disabled hunting;

Please greensheet to Wildlife. They can respond by phone if they choose.

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**From:** CHARLES CHAPIN [mailto:cchapin@hughes.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 17, 2007 8:48 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Disabled hunting;

It sure is dishearten to try to hunt after the game is so wild, there must be way to help the disabled with a place before the regular seasons? I am 100% service connected veteran in a wheel chair, my kids and my wife help me or i would not able to go at all, i know i am not alone, i am just not ready to give up my hunting yet, just food for thought? my phone# 541-889-4049 that is in Ontario Oregon my name is Charles Chapin, thank you for reading my e-mail

**Lisa Evans**

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**From:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2007 12:28 PM  
**To:** Lisa Evans  
**Subject:** FW: anterless deer hunts

Please greensheet to wildlife.  
Thanks,  
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**From:** slipree [mailto:slipree@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2007 10:41 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** anterless deer hunts

Hello, Are there any plans in the next couple of years to open up any Central Oregon Doe hunts? Currently there are not any on public land anywhere east of the Cascades. Its hard to understand why there are thousands of buck tags available every year on the east side on public land but, no doe tags certainly the populations must be good to issue that many buck tags (about 10,000 just in central Oregon)) every season, I understand that many hunters will go home empty handed, its a numbers game, and probably some politics enter in also to keep populations where they need to be, I don't have a problem with that and that is why we trust in you to do the right thing for the deer and the hunters, surely there must be a stable enough deer herd to issue doe tags on a limited basis again for Central Oregon. Your response will be anticipated.  
Many Thanks  
Rich Shindler

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**Citizen Representative \* Governor's Office**

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**From:** rfmlerz1@charter.net  
**Sent:** Friday, November 02, 2007 1:18 PM  
**To:** CITIZEN Representative  
**Subject:** Hunting in Oregon

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by <rfmlerz1@charter.net> on Friday, November 2, 2007 at 13:18:19

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first\_name: Richard  
last\_name: Miller  
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guest\_city: Hermiston  
guest\_state: OR  
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guest\_phone: 541-567-1521

message: It came to my attention yesterday that those land owners who have gotten an elk tag under land owner preference, can exchange the tag for a cow tag. Why is our wildlife division allowed to single out only certain people who can shoot cows.. Apparently they have a problem with the cow elk herd diminishing since they did away with the cow season in some areas...yet they say it's okay for a person to shoot a cow if they own land. Does this mean there is not really a problem with the cow elk herd, or what. There are areas that allow only a few animals, like our mountain sheep and goats, so why not open the tag draw for, say, ten cows in a serperate season, or to run concurrently with the general or first elk season. Most cows are much better eating than bulls...so a cow would be perfectly fine in my freezer. Could you please explain the logic behind this ruling. I understand the concept of land owner perference tags but not the concept of being able to exchange t!  
hem for cow tags.

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FOR OVER 30 YEARS I HAVE BEEN HUNTING ELK IN THE DESOLATION UNIT. WE HAVE ALWAYS CAMPED UP ROAD 3986 NEAR DISHPAN. LAST YEAR WE HAD A BURN. IT BURNED SHARP RIDGE. IT BURNED PART OF THE RIDGE WE HUNT ON, WHICH IS JUST SOUTH OF SHARP RIDGE.

LAST YEAR, 2006 WE HAD FIRST SEASON BULL TAGS. WE SAW ONE COW, NO ONE WE KNOW SAW ANY OTHER ELK. WE KNOW SEVERAL PEOPLE THAT HUNTED THE AREA 2<sup>ND</sup> SEASON BULL. WE HEARD THAT THEY TAGED 13 SPICKS. WE WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE ALL RUNNING TOGETHER. THEY WERE ALL LOW NEAR THE 100 ROAD.

THIS YEAR 2007, WE HAD ELK 2<sup>ND</sup> SEASON TAGS. THERE WAS 23 HUNTERS UP THERE, ALL OF WHICH WE KNOW. SOME FROM PORTLAND, EUGENE, SPRINGFIELD AND COTTAGE GROVE. NO ONE SAW ANY ELK UP HIGH. THE WEATHER WAS UNSEASONABLY WARM. WE WERE HEARING STORIES THAT PEOPLE WERE SEEING LARGE HERDS OF ELK ON THE RANCH BELOW THE 100 ROAD. SOME SAID THEY SAW 120, SOME 150, ALL ON THE RANCH. WE HEARD PEOPLE SAYING THEY SAW QUADS RUNNING ALONG THE FENCE. BACK AND FORTH ON THE RANCH SIDE OF THE FENCE.

WE KNOW THAT THE ELK SPIND THE FALL WEATHER HIGH. ONCE THERE IS 1.5 / 2 FEET OF SNOW THEY WILL MOVE DOWN TO LOW LAND. IT IS NOT KNOWN, BUT SUSPECTED THAT THE RANCH MUST BE FEEDING THE ELK ALL SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL TO KEEP THEM ON THE RANCH. THEY ARE RUNNING QUADS TO KEEP THEM THERE DURING HUNTING SEASON. THE RANCH IS CHARGING PEOPLE TO HUNT ON THE RANCH.

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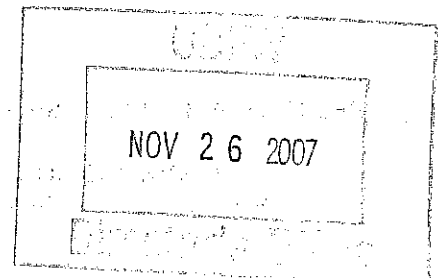
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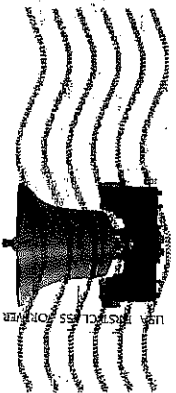




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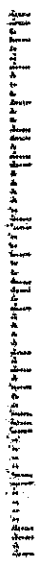
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**Lisa Evans**

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**From:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2007 2:57 PM  
**To:** Lisa Evans  
**Subject:** FW: Archery Deer and Elk: Hunter ethics and time afield

Green sheet to wildlife.

Thanks,

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**From:** Stew Wallace [mailto:swallace@curtistrailers.com]  
**Posted At:** Tuesday, November 27, 2007 9:50 AM  
**Posted To:** ODFW Commission  
**Conversation:** Archery Deer and Elk: Hunter ethics and time afield  
**Subject:** Archery Deer and Elk: Hunter ethics and time afield

It is a long running issue, "arrows versus bullets". Anyone who hunts on a regular basis has found animals killed but not found, by bullets and arrows. We are all sorry to say that it happens. In most cases, hunter education and weapon familiarity are probably the root cause. It is however very frustrating to listen to hunters at the local shops converse about the number of game animals they shot at and hit, but did not find, in one day. A responsible hunter who hits an animal should spend the rest of the day or at least a reasonable time searching for said game. It seems that we may be heading toward a need for hunter education for all age groups. Unfortunately, many of the hunters in the field today did not grow up in hunting families. They may be new to the area or to the sport. Either way they lack the ethics and knowledge to be proficient in the field. True lifetime hunters enjoy the whole experience and find the kill or trophy to be only a small portion of their sport. Oregon recently introduced boater education requirements (operator's license), maybe it's time for the same in the hunting sports. No one wants to take a test to hunt but we might end up with better and safer hunters if we did.

Archery Elk hunters receive a very liberal season during prime time (the rut). Rifle hunters have a very short season after the archery season. There must be a better and more amicable way to divide time in the field. Possibly an early special draw season for rifles, a shorter draw season for all eastside hunters. Many rifle hunters have gone to archery for obvious reasons, however many of us choose to stay with firearms. You might see the hunter numbers go up if you can find happy ground for both groups.

Thank You  
Stewart Wallace



November 29, 2007

WOPR  
POX Box 2965  
Portland, OR 97208

RE: BLM'S Western Oregon Plan Revision or WOPR  
OHV Emphasis Areas

Dear Sir:

This letter is in protest to the OHV (off highway vehicle) proposed sites located here in Jackson County.

The concern and consternation for some of these proposed sites can only be surpassed by amazement that they were not simply dismissed out of hand for the following reasons.

Class 1 Lands: Environmentally and ecologically sensitive, where soil impact and erosion is critical.

Destinations located on variable width, high maintenance, poor line of site, gravel roads.

Destination and use areas are located in Elk and Deer migration corridors and wintering areas.

Destination and use areas are located in headwater and stream beds feeding and some containing steelhead and Coho salmon migration routes and spawning beds.

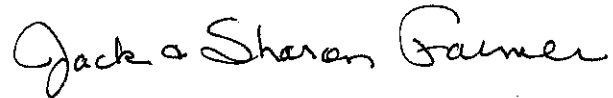
The OHV crowd is clamoring for more areas to carry on their activities, which is a viable pursuit in its self.

However, one must realize that the loggers, miners, river rafters, hunters, fishermen (i.e. anyone using public ground) have had their activities, as well as livelihoods, affected and restricted due to the concerns of environment and conservation.

The Game Commission, BLM, and Sheriff Dept. have taken measures to maintain and progress these areas with notable success. Seasonal controlled gates, Green Dot Road Systems, repair to erosion damage, wildlife habitat enhancement, and patrolling for violators, all have contributed to these areas.

Now is not the time to take a step back. Oregon's public lands are for everyone to use but for none to abuse.

Thank you for your consideration

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack & Sharon Farmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack and Sharon Farmer  
2190 Worthington Road  
Eagle Point, OR 97524  
541-826-9515

P.S. Jack and Sharon are multi-generational native Oregonians, who own OHV'S, vote regularly, and have lived on Worthington Road for 29 years.

CC:

Tim Reuwsaat / BLM District Manager  
Ron Wyden / United States Senator  
Gordon Smith / United States Senator  
Greg Walden / Oregon US Representative  
Ron Anglin / ODFW Division Administrator  
Tom Thornton / ODFW Game Program Manager  
Eric Rickerson / ODFW Wildlife Habitat Program Manager  
Dave Gilmour / Jackson County Commissioner  
Dennis C.W. Smith / Jackson County Commissioner  
Jack Walker / Jackson County Commissioner

**Liz Bueffel**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 05, 2007 12:53 PM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton; Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** FW: Hunting Regulations

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**From:** Jim Judd [mailto:Jim.Judd@AlliedSystems.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2007 12:49 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Hunting Regulations

Gentlemen

Just a comment regarding current ODFW hunting regulations. Is it possible to review the requirements regarding black powder firearms? I know we want to keep it a primitive weapons hunt but the manufacturers of the guns have moved beyond the regs. Very few black power rifles are made anymore that do not utilize the 209 primer system. I would like to upgrade my rifle but we are really handicapped when you see what is available. Keep everything else the same, loose powder, no sabots, no scopes etc., but let us use the 209 primer ( and probably an enclosed ignition as that is the way the industry is heading). At least in this way we would have a greater selection of firearms to pick from.

Thanks for your time.

J. M. Judd  
5251 Linn Lane  
West Linn, Oregon 97068

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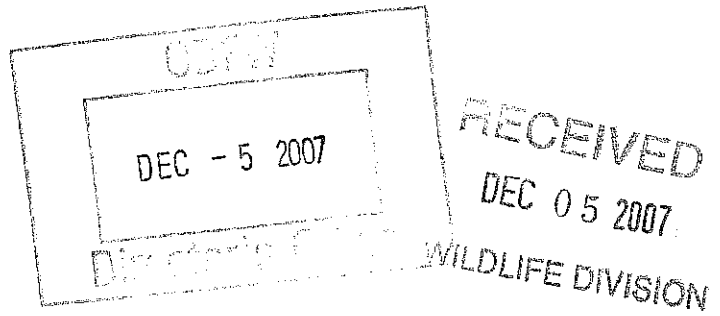
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November 29, 2007

Ron Larson  
2250 Meadowview Dr.  
Chiloquin, OR 97624

Member – Paulina Peak Chapter Mule Deer Foundation and Klamath O.H.A.



To: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

Dear Sirs,

This letter is in regards to the Paulina unit off of highway 31 from Spring Butte to the desert area of Fort Rock. My family hunts for deer and elk in this area and has for many years. My sister lives in LaPine and takes care of three guzzlers in the area. She has had to call and call to get people to fill these guzzlers with water. The Forest Service says Fish and Wildlife is supposed to fill them and Fish and Wildlife says the Forest Service is supposed to.

While deer scouting this summer, we came across four other guzzlers that were either empty or plugged up. We unplugged two of them and got water running only to find the tanks were almost dry. My sister called the Fort Rock ranger district in July and was told they were too busy with fires to fill them. She called in August and was told that Fish and Wildlife was supposed to fill them. In September they said there was too many archers in the area. The Mule Deer Foundation offered to do it if they would let them use their tanker truck. They said they couldn't do that because of insurance matters.

As expected, deer season came and the migrating herd was running from one guzzler to the next with their tongues hanging out. We hauled in water in ten gallon jugs to a few of the guzzlers in an effort to help the deer stay alive, only to have unscrupulous hunters put tree stands above the guzzlers. Something needs to be done about that! My question is, who is supposed to deliver water to these guzzlers and why aren't they doing it?

The Mule Deer Foundation and O.H.A. have spent many days building these guzzlers and repairing them, but they have to have water in them. It seems that if all these volunteers have donated time and money to do your job, the least you could do is make sure the guzzlers have water in them.

The recent deer season was another poor season. I think in part because they have no water and are changing their migration routes. Another reason, I suspect, is all of the poaching that goes on in the desert after the season. The hunting season started getting worse after the implementation of archery doe hunts and the late season either sex muzzleloader hunts in the Silver Lake and Fort Rock units.

It has already been established that if you kill all of the big breeding bucks, you end up with an inferior herd, and now I hear the archers want to have a late buck hunt in the Paulina unit. This is totally ridiculous! They have an entire month to hunt before the rifle season.

In the first place, there should not be a season while the rut is on, just so some irresponsible person can walk right up to a buck in rut, shoot it and then brag about what a nice buck they got. I am totally against late season hunts. I know you get a lot of

pressure from farmers, but the deer, antelope and elk were wintering in the desert long before they started growing alfalfa there. Let them fence their fields.

In closing, I've been asking myself, why are O.H.A., the Mule deer foundation and others doing all this work, (re-seeding, planting, building guzzlers, fencing, ect.) trying to save animals or help them reproduce, if they are to meet their demise to special interest groups? Thank you for hearing me.

Sincerely,

Ron Larson

P.S. I am also against ATV's tearing up roads and scaring animals. There is no place in the woods for ATV's.

Email 11/24/2007

Mr.. Thornton:

*My name is John Janis and I live in Hermiston, Oregon. I am 71 years old and can not get around like I use to. I have stopped hunting deer because of the weather being to warm. I do hunt Elk during the second hunt, But why does the game commission have the season start so early ( Nov 3) I have been hunting in the Spring Creek area and again this year no Elk in this area, Why can't the season start later in November like the second or third week end? That way just maybe the weather would push them down so at least I would be able to see some thing. Yes I know go to a another area but I have been hunting in the Spring Creek area for over (40) years and at my age and can not get around like I did when I was a young man. I love my Elk hunting and I would hate to give it up just because I am getting older. I do use a four wheeler to get to my stand and hope I will get a even chance to see a spike or even a cow, I love the out doors and the mountains. Is there any thing that the State Game commission can do to have the season start later in November?*

*I hope you have the time to read this and give it some thought, Yes I know you must be a very busy man but as a senior I still would like to do some of the things I use to do.*

*Thank You for your time.*

*John G Janis*

*110 W Laird*

*Hermiston, Oregon 97838*

*(541) 567-7821*

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DOUGLAS ELLIS TAG# 53140852 HUNT 614

WANTS TO MAKE THE COMMENT THAT HE  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DOE SEASON SHUT  
DOWN FOR A FEW YEARS SO YOU COULD  
ACTUALLY SEE ONE DURING THE HUNTING  
SEASON. HIS PHONE # 503-879-5833

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Richard Pankey  
3436 Placer Rd.  
Wolf Creek, OR 97497

Dec 15 '07

Dear Sirs,

I dont have a computer  
and I couldnt raise anybody  
at the ODFW.

I hunted the Evans Creek  
hunt Area & saw No Bucks  
and few Does. I think The  
Black tail deer are becoming  
extinct.

My family moved into the  
Rogue Valley in 1854 and  
Im 74 yrs. old.

I have never seen more  
coyotes, bears & cougars in my  
entire life. We had a cougar in  
our yard after our house cat.

Things are out of balance out  
in nature.

Poaching is Rampant everywhere.

Sincerely,

*Richard D. Pankey*

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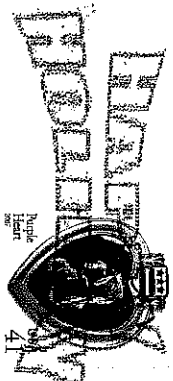
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**Lisa Evans**

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**From:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 26, 2007 8:09 AM  
**To:** Lisa Evans  
**Subject:** FW: mandatory reporting

Please greensheet to wildlife.  
Thanks,  
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Public Correspondence  
Topic *Mandatory Reporting*

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**From:** Rick Bailey [mailto:rbailey@wwebs.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 22, 2007 2:27 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** mandatory reporting

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my displeasure at having to worry about filing an annual report after hunting. I have hunted for the past 30 years and have watched game numbers and success rates fall while fees go up and you make it harder to hunt. Now you have successfully made hunting into a project akin to filing a tax return. I have never thought of quitting hunting until now.

Thank you,

Richard C. Bailey  
3329 SW Wickiup Ct.  
Redmond, OR 97756

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**Lisa Evans**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 26, 2007 8:07 AM  
**To:** Lisa Evans  
**Subject:** FW: elk hunting

Public Correspondence  
Topic ELK hunting

Greensheet to Wildlife.

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**From:** Muffenbier@aol.com [mailto:Muffenbier@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2007 8:55 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** elk hunting

dear sir,

i have been hunting in oregon for over 50 years, i have taken up elk hunting and have found a problem, and that is you let ranchers put their cattle on blm land or national forest land, they have paid hunting on their land and guess what they come in before elk season starts and drive their cattle off, and they also drive all the elk off to their land those elk are not theirs to SELL. i think if they are gone to have paid hunting then they keep there cattle on there own land and not on public land.

if they what to have paid hunting then have them put up fences and raise there own elk then they can have there paid hunting all they want, all of us hunters paid for those elk and they are not for the ranchers to sell and i don't care what you call it they are selling them.

thanks for listening

ben muffenbier.

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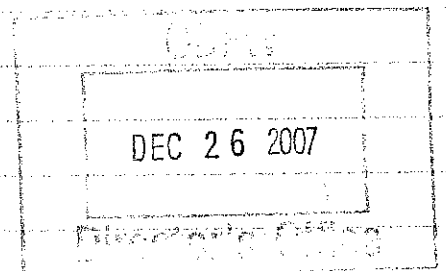
See AOL's [top rated recipes](#) and [easy ways to stay in shape for winter](#).

We wonder why the  
Blacktail Population is in  
decline. Just wonder if  
we/houser clearcuts AND see  
the effects of spraying



Marvin & Rebekah McClendon  
15550 Liberty Rd.  
La Pine, OR 97739

Public Correspondence  
Topic: Blacktail population  
& use of herbicides



## OPINION

## GUEST VIEWPOINT

# In herbicide fight, the deck is stacked

BY DAY OWEN

Three years ago, my family moved to the country and became organic farmers. My wife, Neila, and I had long desired to live in the forest, thinking it a healthy place to raise our children. And it is healthy, except for one thing: the aerial spraying of herbicide on the clear-cuts that surround our land.

Soon after moving to this gorgeous 35 acres in the Coast Range near Triangle Lake, our neighbors began telling us horror stories about herbicide exposure. Shocked by what we were hearing, we began holding community meetings. Dozens of local folks gave heart-rending testimonies of horrible health consequences — including cancers, nervous disorders and still-births — that they attributed to long-term exposure to herbicides applied by the timber industry.

For a year we gathered testimony and invited experts to our monthly meetings. Then we began contacting various government agencies with a plea for help. We started with the Oregon Department of Forestry, and since then we have contacted every agency that has anything to do with the environment or public health.

Right off the bat, we noticed something fishy. These state and federal agencies seemed to be spokespersons for big timber and big pesticide com-

panies. Their words seemed to come directly from industry handbooks. Not one agency was interested in interviewing the people who claim to have been harmed by the aerial spraying of herbicides; in fact, each agency took an adversarial stance toward us.

To call attention to our frustration with these agencies, we held the largest demonstration in the history of the small town of Greenleaf. To illustrate the fact that we are not your usual demonstrators but angry country folk, we called the demonstration The Pitchfork Rebellion. Many of the 70 or so who attended brought farm animals, including sheep, goats and chickens. The Pitchfork Rebellion became the name of our ongoing movement to protect the health of forest dwellers, human and nonhuman, and the health of the forests that are our home.

Because we thought it bizarre that state and federal agencies were not interested in our plight and that their language parroted Big Timber and Big Chemical literature, we launched an investigation. The results of the first year of what will be a three-year investigation — "The Pitchfork Inquiry Into the Influence of Big Business on State and Federal Agencies" — are now in. Already we have accumulated very revealing data.

One tidbit: the head of the Environmental Protection Agency for the Pacific Northwest, Elin Miller, is a

former Dow Chemical executive! This sort of rotation of industry executives between their jobs in the private sector and stints heading the very agencies that regulate those industries is now common. This practice contributes to the undue influence of big business over state and federal agencies.

The Bureau of Land Management is now planning a huge increase in the logging of old growth trees on public lands. Its Western Oregon Plan Revision, known by the appropriate acronym WOPR (pronounced "whopper"), would increase the clear-cutting of old growth by a whopping 700 percent, according to the Old Growth Legacy Campaign, if the preferred option, Alternative 2, is implemented. According to our contact with the BLM, increases in clear-cutting brings the increased use of herbicides.

Fifty percent of the forest in the Coast Range along the Highway 36 corridor is privately owned and is worked hard by Big Timber. Take a drive along this highway and you will see patch after patch of clear-cut forest. Nearly every time they clear-cut, they also apply toxic herbicides, often spraying it by air. Forest dwellers' homes are located among these clear-cuts. No legal buffer zone limits how close a timber industry helicopter can spray next to a home. The spray drifts, sometimes for miles, in the form of vapor. Thus far, efforts to create a buffer zone

have been squashed by industry and its friends in Salem.

The other 50 percent of the forest in our range is BLM land. If the BLM increases clear-cutting, our exposure to herbicides will increase dramatically. This will also affect city folk: Tests have already found timber industry herbicides in drinking water. And yet, in its 1,606 page Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the WOPR, the BLM never addressed the issue of forest dwellers' increased exposure to herbicides. Nor did the agency address how the increased use of herbicides would affect endangered species or watersheds, though the law requires them to protect both.

These omissions are serious flaws, and we invite the public to write the BLM (Western Oregon Plan Revisions, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208) and say so. Hurry, the public comment period ends Jan. 11. We also invite everyone to stand with The Pitchfork Rebellion at our demonstration against the WOPR at noon on Dec. 21 at the Federal Building in Eugene.

*Day Owen of Greenleaf is co-founder of The Pitchfork Rebellion. The group's report, "The Pitchfork Inquiry Into the Influence of Big Business on State and Federal Agencies," can be obtained by writing P.O. Box 160, Greenleaf, OR 97430.*

# Concerns prompt Lane County to re-evaluate use of herbicides

*A committee will review alternative approaches to weed control along roads*

By **MATT COOPER**  
*The Register-Guard*

Lane County will reconsider whether to resume using herbicides next year to combat roadside weeds, following concerns voiced Wednesday by commissioners and residents about the health risks of the chemicals.

The county board of commissioners directed an advisory committee to review the advisory panel's slim vote of support for the first use of herbicides along county-owned roads in four years. The committee could report back to the board as soon as January.

Lane County's use of herbicides to battle weeds and brush on roadsides and other locations has been a periodic source of controversy. Residents pushed the county to sharply

reduce herbicide use, and the county adopted a policy to use the chemicals only as a last resort.

Vegetation Management Coordinator Orin Schumacher said the road department considers itself now to be in a last-resort situation given manpower cutbacks, the onset of especially damaging weeds and the failure of other methods.

Under the staff's proposal, herbicides would be used to maintain areas around guardrails, remove weeds growing in road cracks, clear areas along new roads and control harmful weeds:

Without herbicides, for example, the county has no strategy to fight yellow starthistle, a tough weed that has appeared locally and which has ruined 10 million acres of California grassland, Schumacher said.

Commissioner Bobby Green on Wednesday said he supports limited use of herbicides, adding that other methods don't appear effective.

But Commissioner Faye Stew-

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## Herbicides: Two speak up for limited use

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art asked for more information on where the herbicides would be applied, and Commissioner Bill Dwyer rejected the notion that herbicides should be used simply because other methods cost more.

"There are many health costs associated with chemicals that have not been quantified," Dwyer said.

Commissioner Bill Fleenor, a member of the advisory committee, said he hopes to bridge a possible "chasm" between com-

mittee members on opposite sides of the herbicide issue.

The board heard from two people who support limited use of herbicides — Judy Templeton of Lane County Women for Agriculture, and horticulturalist Ross Penhallegon of the OSU Lane County Extension Service, which provides programs in agriculture, nutrition and other areas.

But most speakers opposed the use of herbicides, arguing that the chemicals are too dangerous and alternatives haven't been exhausted.

Jan Wroncy, a former herbicide advisory committee member, said there should be more review of the costs of other methods and funding sources for them.

"It's not my belief that the county has given (all alternatives to herbicides) a real serious trial," she said.

The committee might also review whether the county should battle noxious weeds and whether the Lane County sheriff's department can provide inmates to remove roadside weeds.

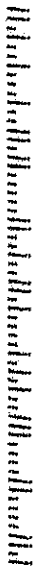


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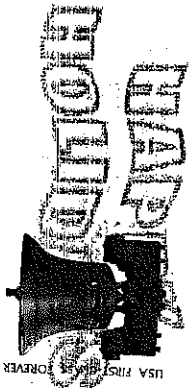
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**Michelle Tate**

**From:** Casaria Tuttle  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 10, 2008 8:10 AM  
**To:** Michelle Tate  
**Subject:** FW: big game statistics formats

For the record.

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**From:** Mike Morris [mailto:mjmorris50@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 09, 2008 6:07 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** big game statistics formats

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Greetings:

For more than 35 years, I have used the big game statistics provided to the public to prepare written testimony to the commission regarding a variety of big game issues. Over the past several years, it has become increasingly frustrating to get a good sense of what is happening in a particular unit or hunt, given the format being used to present the information. As far as I can remember, the same basic formats have not changed in more than 35 years, in spite of tremendous changes in computerization and software that would seem to provide a more user friendly way to display information.

There are two major problems with the current system:

1. Data is spread among many different pages, making it difficult to get a complete picture of what is happening in a particular unit or hunt.
2. Three years of information is the maximum displayed at any one time. Particularly given that many units are not counted/surveyed every year, this is an insufficient no. of years to get an accurate picture of what is happening in that unit.

Given that the commission works on extremely tight time frames in setting tag numbers/seasons, etc, it is obvious that the current system makes it difficult for the commission to get an accurate picture of what is happening on the ground when determining big game seasons, etc.

Over the past several years, I have developed an excel spreadsheet which provides all of the relevant information about a particular unit/species for a 10 year period. All of the information appears on a single page, making it relatively easy to get a good picture of what has happened over the past 10 years. I have attached one of these spreadsheets for the Ochoco Unit for elk.

If you find this approach would be helpful, I would be willing to donate the time to build these for the various big game units and hunts. The key would be getting access to the data, which I assume would be available in your Salem headquarters. This would be a large project the first year, but is reasonable going forward, since you would only need to add/delete one year's data.

I should point out that using a spreadsheet program such as ACCESS would be a better solution, given the greatly increased flexibility in presenting data those programs provide, but I am not competent with ACCESS, and am not aware of anyone who would be willing to spend the time required as a volunteer to make that happen.

I would have also submitted this to the appropriate staff, but could not locate email addresses, so if you

Public Correspondence  
 Topic: Big Game Stats

could forward this to them, I would appreciate it. If you find this approach helpful, and would like to discuss it further, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks

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## Ochoco Unit Elk Statistics: 1998 to 2007

Year	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Mgmt</b>										
<b>Objective</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
Population Trends										
Miles Traveled	236		236	236	194	194	211	221	191	
Elk Counted	2,000+		2,102	1,472	1,700	1,491	2,410	2,357	1,614	
Elk Per Mile	7.1	4.9	8.9	6.2	8.6	7.7	11.4	10.7	8.5	10.8
Herd Ratios										
Bull/100 cows ratio	18	24	11	8	18	20	18	14	26	17
Calves/100 cows ratio	52	53	45	38	48	43	44	46	53	44
No. of Tags Authorized										
1st Rifle Season Bulls	250	250	250	350	500	500	550	600	600	600
2nd Rifle Season Bulls	250	250	250	350	500	500	550	600	600	600
Archery Season Either Sex	800	800	unlmtd	unlmtd	unlmtd	unlmtd	unlmtd	unlmtd	unlmtd	unlmtd
<b>Total Bull Tags</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>2,000***</b>	<b>2,200***</b>	<b>2,500***</b>	<b>2,500***</b>	<b>2,600***</b>	<b>2,700***</b>	<b>2,700***</b>	<b>2,700***</b>
*** Bowhunters averaged at 1,500 per year										
Harvest										
Unit Wide Rifle Cows	550	550	500	500	800	1,000	1,000	1,000	800	800
Youth Cows	220	200	200	200	300	200	200	200	100	25
Crooked River Rifle Cows	187	170	120	100	150	400	400	400	300	300
Northslope Rifle Cows	66	50	40	30	100	incl.	incl.	incl.	incl.	incl.
<b>Total Cow Tags</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,125</b>
Harvest										
1st Rifle Season Bulls	n/a	64	57	80	148	98	127	151	163	152
2nd Rifle Season Bulls	n/a	93	77	78	116	141	151	147	176	201
Archery Season Bulls	n/a	97	57	33	51	22		81	83	91
<b>Total Bull Harvest</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>261</b>		<b>379</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>444</b>
Unit Wide Rifle Cows	n/a	72	71	n/a	193			250	206	286
Youth Cows	n/a	36	19		73			35	19	3
Crooked River Rifle Cows	n/a	51	33		96			98	70	96
Northslope Rifle Cows	n/a	9	18		incl.			incl.	incl.	incl.
Archery	n/a	11	11	n/a	51	80		29	43	39
<b>Total Antlerless Harvest</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>152</b>		<b>413</b>			<b>412</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>424</b>



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To: Liz Bueffel, Administrative Support Manager  
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Re: Deer Hunting Travesty

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Topic Hunting violation

Dear Liz Bueffel,

I am writing this letter inform you about a deer hunting situation that I experienced this past year in Wasco County. Wasco County fined me \$980.00, \$80.00 which went for processing the deer, and suspended my Oregon Hunting License for two years. I am classified as a felon and will have this on my record for three years. This has been very embarrassing and upsetting for me and in my own heart and mind, I don't feel that I violated any hunting laws in the State of Oregon. The letter is lengthy; however I think that it is important for you to know the details as to what occurred.

Prior to going to Dufur, Oregon with my wife, on a mule deer hunting trip, I went to the Fisherman's Marina Store in Oregon City and picked up the 2007 Oregon Hunting Regulations Booklet. I have always made it a practice over the years to check the latest hunting regulations for the State. I reviewed the boundaries for the White River Unit, the hunting dates and the bag limit. It stated that the bag limit was "one buck with visible antlers" and I also read the "General Hunting Regulations" on pages 35-37. The one regulation that I had to re-read was the "Landowner Rights". **"Landowner Rights", "Hunters and Landowners should be aware that Oregon Revised Statues 105.700(2) provides a method for posting private land against trespassing. (a) For land through which the public has no right of way, the landowner or agent must post a notice, and more...."**Based on what I read, I was under the impression that the landowner "must" post his/her private property. I have discovered since, that based on a decision against me by Judge Bernard Smith, a Judge in Wasco county, that the above statement apparently is not true in his county and I thought that the hunting regulations applied to the entire State of Oregon.

On October 4th, at 7:30AM, I was deer hunting on Winslow road, which is a gravel road and about 5 miles from Dufur, Oregon. Three large mule deer ran in front of me and jumped a fence to my left and the fence was marked with "No Hunting" signs. I saw a buck to my right, about 100yds away and I got out of my truck and crept about 40ft to my left, staying out of sight. I was able to move off the road about 20ft, took aim, fired and hit the deer. I shot the deer from an area where there was no fencing and there were no, "No Hunting", "Posted" or "No Trespassing" signs in the entire area, meaning the entire length of Winslow Road which is about one mile or more. The deer ran to my right about 40yds and dropped. I approached the deer and saw that he was dead. I walked back to my truck, set my rifle down and picked up my pack which contained my gutting gear. I walked back over to the deer, and while I was standing by the deer, a large truck drove up and the guy yelled, "Did you get one, and I told him "Yes". He got out of his truck and walked over and introduced himself and told me his name was Jim. He said, "Boy, that's a nice deer". I told him that my heart was racing about 150 miles an hour because I was so excited and that I hoped that my heart could take it at 66 years of age. He told me that if I wanted to drive in to pick up the deer that there were two gates, both to the left. He also told me that he had to pick up a load of gravel and that if I needed a hand with the deer that he would be back in about 40mins. He left, I gutted the deer and another hunter came by and he helped me load the deer into my truck. I took the deer back to our RV site in Dufur and several people came by, during the next two days and said things like, "Big deer", "Wow, a 3 by 2" and other comments. We left on Sunday and on Monday morning I called our butcher and took it to his place to be processed.

Two weeks passed and while I was at the GMC dealer in Oregon City, my wife Susan called me

and told me that two State Police officers were at our home and that they wanted to talk to me about the deer that I shot, out of Dufur on October 4<sup>th</sup>. I spoke to the Officer Swede Pearson and told him the circumstances regarding the deer and he wanted to know when I was coming home. I told him in about two hours and he told me that he would be waiting for me, with a citation. I asked him what the citation was for and he told me that an eye witness saw me shoot a deer from the road and that it an enclosed area. I told the Officer that the eye witness's statements were not true, that I shot the deer from off the road and told me that he had already had the citation and that they would be waiting for me. When I drove in, the officer introduced himself and told me that he had a citation and that he found the deer head in our flower bed and that he had seized the deer at the butcher's residence in Colton. He wanted to see the rifle that I used and he took down the information. I told him several times that I didn't shot from the road and that there was no fence in the area where I shot the deer. Officer Swede Pearson also told me that many of the landowners make big money in the Dufur area every year from hunter's that pay \$1000.00 to \$1,500.00 per deer.

The citation that I was given:

Citation: Offenses: (1) Hunting on another's cultivated/enclosed land, 498.120(2) Discharging a firearm from a public roadway, 166.630.

I contacted my attorney Todd Mitchell in Vancouver, Wa. and told him the circumstances and we met that following day in his office in Vancouver. I told him the hunting details and showed him the citation. He asked me to go on-line and to find out what Oregon says about, "Shooting from the Road", "Posting Private Property" and "Trespassing" and to also look up what it states in the 2007 Hunting Regulations in Idaho, Washington and Montana. I emailed him the information about the Oregon Regulations and the Regulations from other states and his remark was, "Oregon regulations are really ambiguous and that the other States are more specific".

Todd Mitchell also told me to go back to the area where I shot the deer and to call him with information about location, no trespassing signs, broken fences and more. I called him and he recorded all of the information about where I shot the deer, how far off the road that I was when I shot the deer and the fact that there was no fence in the area where I fired the shot. He recorded all of this information on his computer, as I read it to him. His conclusions were, 1. "You didn't shoot the deer from the road" 2. "That there was no fence where you shot the deer and there were no, "No Trespassing", "Posted", or "Keep Out" signs, the entire length of Winslow road" 3. "That there is an area on Winslow Road, that doesn't have any fencing for about a quarter of a mile". I agreed with the above. Todd Mitchell informed me that because my case was a criminal offense that he didn't handle criminal cases and that he would refer me to an attorney in Portland by the name of David Celuch.

I contacted David Celuch in Portland and told him; about my conversations with Todd Mitchell and that he referred me to him. I told him the details of my hunting situation and he told me that he had received information from Todd Mitchell. He told me that he was going to contact The Dalles DA and would discuss my case. The DA told David Celuch that he didn't want to rush this and that he would get back with him next week. He didn't get back the following week. He got back on Dec. 7, with sworn statements from a, so called eye witness and the police officer, Swede Pearson. The so called eye witness, Jim Tibbetts, told the DA and the State Police Officer that he observed me from 200 yards away, shot the deer from the road and that I shot over a fence. He also told the DA that I seemed to be in a hurry. He also mentions that that he asked me if I had permission to hunt on Ed Underhill's property and that I told him "Yes". The police officers report states that there were breaks in the fence and that there were no, "No trespassing" signs or other "Keep out" signs, plus information about a gut pile and drag marks.

Plus, the DA said that he was standing firm on the plea and that there would be no reductions in the penalty and that this was a typical plea bargain for first time offenders in Wasco County.

My attorney spoke with the DA on December 7th and said that if I wanted to plea that I would have my hunting license suspended for two years and that I had to pay a "\$980.00" fine and that he would drop the shooting from the road charge. My attorney told me that the other option would be to take it to trial, which could result in a conviction, court costs, attorney fees, and a higher fine and that the cost for a trial could be around \$8,000.00 to \$10,000. I told him that my wife and I have a small Internet business and that paying that amount of money was just not feasible. My attorney also told me that if there was a trial that the jury would probably be prone to look in the direction of the landowner rather than the hunter. I told him that I would love to take this to trial, but the costs were just too high. I agreed to the plea, in that I felt that I was between a rock and a hard place.

I was in court on December 10th, in The Dalles and Judge Bernard Smith told me that there was a maximum penalty for the crime that I committed of two years in prison and a fine of \$6,500.00 and that I had agreed to the plea bargain. He asked me what happened and I told him in detail, what happened on October 4, 2007. I also mentioned that there were no, "No Hunting" signs along Winslow road and that it was not an enclosed area. I told him that according to the 2007 Oregon Hunting Regulations that it states on page 37 under "**Landowner Rights**", "**Hunters and Landowners should be aware that Oregon Revised Statutes 105.700(2) provides a method for posting private land against trespassing. (a) For land through which the public has no right of way, the landowner or agent must post a notice, and more.....**" The Judge responded with, "Disregard the Hunting Regulations, they don't apply here". I was shocked! I looked at my attorney and he shook his head, saying, don't respond. I was going to ask the Judge, "Then what do I have to rely on in determining what land is private and what land is public?" My attorney didn't want a contempt charge against me, based on asking the Judge to clarify his comment.

I also submitted a letter to the Judge, which he read before he deliberated:  
***"You're Honor! My name is George Held and I wanted to share a few paragraphs about a devastating situation that I have experienced regarding a deer that I harvested on October 4, 2007 in the Dufur, Oregon area and a few words about myself.***

***I have an excellent record with the State of Oregon with regards to abiding by the game and fishing laws and regulations. I am very disappointed that my hunting license will be suspended for two years in the fact that this is my very first violation.***

***I started hunting and fishing with my grandfather when I was (8) years old and have been hunting ducks, geese and deer, since that time and continue to fish for steelhead and salmon. My wife and I have five adult children, two Portland Firefighters, a major in the Army, a nurse and a daughter who owns a computer company. We have eleven grandkids and own a web store, [www.pumaknives.com](http://www.pumaknives.com).***

***Over the years, I have always taken the time to update myself as to new hunting and fishing regulations of in Oregon.***

*I am going on 67 years of age and I probably will have a few more years of hunting in my future. I have been deer hunting in the Dufur area for more than 15 years and my wife and I have always enjoyed the area, the town's people and the food. I am going to miss our annual deer hunting trip.*

*I belong to the Oregon Duck Hunters Association, Northwest Steelheaders, the Oregon Hunting Association and a member of the West Linn, Presbyterian Church".*

*Sincerely,  
George A. Held*

The Judge did read the letter and I thought that by sharing some information about me and that I have an excellent hunting record with the State that he would take this into account and reduce my suspension and fine. Wrong! He didn't hesitate.

I am very disappointed with our legal system and I feel that this was a hunting trap which involved the landowner, and the eye witness and the Judge and the eye witness probably collected a reward for turning me in to the State Police.

I am writing this to you because I am innocent, based on the 2007 Hunting Regulations for the State of Oregon.

Here are some of the points that I would like to cover, based on information that I have gathered from my attorney's, from hunting friends, relatives and other sources:

1. There were no, "No Hunting", "No Trespassing" or "Posted" signs on Winslow Rd.
2. On page 37 of the 2007 Oregon Hunting Regulations it states: **"Landowner Rights", "Hunters and Landowners should be aware that Oregon Revised Statutes 105.700(2) provides a method for posting private land against trespassing. (a) For land through which the public has no right of way, the landowner or agent "must" post a notice and more.....** It doesn't say might or that they should, it says, "Must". It also goes on to state the notices must be placed on a post, structure or natural object in the form of a sign or a blaze of paint. If a blaze of paint is used...and more.
3. The citation states under 498.120 that the land was "Enclosed" and it wasn't. I have several statements in this letter that confirm this, along with the Police Officers statement that "there were breaks in the fence".
4. The citation that I received from Officer Pearson didn't have a signed affidavit attached from the landowner, which according to my legal sources, should have been attached to the citation. That word of mouth from the Officer regarding the fact that the landowner signed a complaint was not adequate.
5. The State Police Officers didn't have a search warrant when they entered my property and I have a sign on my driveway stating, "No Trespassing". Plus the Police Officer's didn't have a search warrant when they when to my butchers residence to seize the deer. The Officers went into the small town where we live, Colton and asked several people for the location of the local butcher. According to what I have read about search warrants: **An order signed by a judge that directs owners of private property to allow the police to enter and search for items named in the warrant. The judge won't issue the warrant unless he/she has been convinced that there is probable cause for the search -- that reliable evidence shows that it's more likely than not that a crime has occurred and that the items sought by the police are connected with it and will be found at the location named in the warrant.**

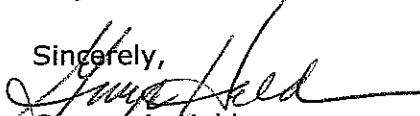
6. According to the so called, "Eye Witness", Jim Tibbetts, he saw me from a distances of (200 yards) or 600 feet or the length of two football fields, and swore to the Police Officers that I shot the deer from the road and that there was a fence in front of me, when I shot the deer. First of all, I didn't shot from the road and there was no fence in front of me when I shot the deer. So what would be the motive for him to give sworn testimony in this case: 1. To collect a reward from the State 2. To collect money or a thank you from Ed Underhill (Landowner), 3. To receive some part of the deer for his consumption. 4. Just being a good friend with Ed Underhill. I know exactly where Jim Tibbetts lives and there is no way that he could have seen me shoot the deer from that distance. It was based on what he heard and not what he saw. His home is located off of Winslow, to the left and is in a wooded area. The only way that he could have seen me from that distance was if he was using binoculars and he certainly didn't mention any thing about binoculars in his testimony to the Police Officers. He also mentions that I seemed to be in a hurry, and apparently he has never harvested a deer before. I was very excited and my heart was pumping, and he interpreted this as being in a hurry.
7. According to the DA, the hunting license suspension and the \$980.00 fine was the usual penalty for first time offenders in Wasco County. I called the Wasco Count Court House on 1/8/08 to find out if I had internet access to their public records and she told me that she wasn't sure about it. She told me to call a local court house to find out if I had internet access to my records and other public records for Wasco County. I called the Clackamas County Court House and was told that I didn't have internet access or access to the public records in Wasco County. The Wasco County Court house is a five hour round trip for me and I decided not to travel to The Dalles. The purpose of looking at the public records was to confirm that first time hunting offenders in Wasco County received the same punishment that I received for a first time hunting violation. In talking with my attorney's Todd Mitchell and David Celuch, they both thought that the punishment was excessive for a first time offender, in that I have an excellent hunting record with the State of Oregon, that I haven't committed other crimes, that I am going on 67 and that the case was based primarily on an eye witness account.
8. I spoke with a retired Oregon Property Assessment Director in Sister's Oregon on December 10<sup>th</sup>, after the arrangement and told her about the circumstances and she told me that the private land "Had to be posted, with "No Hunting", "No Trespassing" or "Posted" signs. I told her what the Judge Bernard Smith said about, "Don't pay any attention to the regulations, they don't apply here" and she shook her head and said, "That's really too bad, the land should have been posted".
9. It would seem to me that if a landowner doesn't want hunter's to hunt on their property, they follow the law and post their private property. One trip to Ace Hardware store in The Dalles and for \$6.00-\$8.00 a person can purchase several "No Hunting" signs and post them on their property.
10. I have shared with several hunting friends, relatives, and business associates, the circumstances surrounding my deer hunting situation and asked them to read the statement in the 2007 Oregon Hunting Regulations regarding "Landowner Rights" on page 37 and all of them told me that according to what it states, "The landowner has the responsibility for posting their private land against trespassers" and went on to say that, "If the land wasn't posted, why was I cited"? Several said that the paragraph was "ambiguous".
11. My attorney, Todd Mitchell told me, after the hearing that he thought that I was "railroaded and that it sounded like something that would happen in the South". I agreed with him.
12. After I shot the deer, I skinned it and took it back to the RV trailer site in Dufur and hung in back of our trailer. I displayed the deer for three days, while we stayed in Dufur for some vacation time and I took my wife on several off-road

trips, enjoying the great out doors. Now if I would have thought that I did something illegal, why would I stay in Dufur or display the deer for three days. Also, several deer hunters came by our trailer and commented about the size of the deer and wanted to know where I shot the deer. I gave them exact directions to Winslow road and to other areas where I have harvested deer.

13. I have sent this information to Liz Bueffel, who is the Administrative Support Manager; Big Game and Game Bird Regulations, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department. She has emailed me several times now and told me that they are going to discuss my case and that they would get back with me.
14. I am also, going to send this information to Governor Kulongoski, Senator Beyer, Senator Smith, Senator Wyden, Senator Lim and The Attorney General, Hardy Myers, and Bill Monroe with the Oregonian, for their review and comments.
15. The Oregon State Fish and Wildlife Department has included a new statement in 2008 Oregon Big Game Regulations, which was not in the 2007 Regulations, on page 36 that states under "Trespass", "In addition, be aware that under ORS 105.700 you can be liable to the landowner if you trespass on land that has been posted".

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter. I would appreciate it if you would take a few moments to contact me with your comments. Please contact me at P.O. Box 515, Colton, Oregon 97017, email me at [pumaknives@hotmail.com](mailto:pumaknives@hotmail.com) or give me a call at 503.824.4776.

Sincerely,



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Topic ATV's, Archery vs Rifle

Dear Mr. Test

I want to thank you for the letter that you wrote to me dated December 4, 2007. I apologize for not getting back to you before now, but with the holidays and all I have just now gotten back to a normal schedule.

I want to start this response to your letter by saying please do not take anything I am about to say personally. I do not know you, and you do not know me so there would be no logical reason for me to have hard feelings toward you.

You know, I in all honesty feel that this is really a waste of my time and yours by writing back to you, but I just can't help it and feel compelled to do so. I also understand that you have no control over the things I am about to address and take issue with, but I just feel the need to express myself about them.

To start with, in your letter to me you say that "The Commission has no authority over the use of ATV's outside property that we own." Well if that is the case, then why are there so many roads in the Wallowa Whitman and Umatilla National Forests that are closed, and the only signs on these roads that are saying that they are closed, are Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife signs? Many of these roads I speak of have no U.S. Forest Service, BLM or State Forestry signs on them saying they are closed. Only the white signs with brown text that say "This road is closed to improve big game habitat", with the O.D.F.W. logo on them. By what you are saying, that "The Commission has no control over ATV's outside property that we own", I can assume that I can ignore that sign and ride an ATV on that road, because by your own admission, the O.D.F.W. has no control over this road because you don't own it. And in view of the fact that there are no other signs telling me this road is closed by anyone else, i.e. Forest Service, BLM or State Forestry, I have to assume that it is open to ATV travel.

Secondly, with reference to the numbers of Archery hunters vs. Rifle hunters, I got that information from an employee in your field office here in Baker City. One of the people in that office told us that there were now more bowhunters in Oregon than rifle hunters. I admit that I found that hard to believe, but I thought who would better know than the O.D.F.W. itself?



And lastly I would like to comment on a couple of issues related to the "Choose your weapon" as you called it. First of all your letter states that "The Department believes that bowhunter education is an appropriate way to address concerns about hunter ethics and hunter skills." I have to take exception to that statement, and I firmly believe that no amount of education is going to make a person ethical. You either are or you aren't. A person who has hunted and left a camp like a pig sty, poached animals, took shots that he really shouldn't have, threw beer bottles and cans out of his window while driving down the road, tossed cigarette butts out, left camp fires going when he left his camp for good and things like this is going to magically change his attitude by taking a bowhunter education class? I don't think I have to tell you the answer to this. You are either brought up by your parents to have certain qualities, such as hunting and outdoor recreation ethics, or you don't, period. And no 6 or 8 hour class is going to change that. People are going to continue to do what they want to do and nothing is going to change that until we start enforcing the current laws and regulations that we already have. Again, I go back to the problem with the A.T.V.'s. If a person were to be caught on a closed road with a \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 A.T.V. and that A.T.V. was confiscated from him and sold at public auction, and he was also given a healthy fine for being caught on that closed road, how long do you think it would be before the word got out that "Hey you better not get caught doing that, or you will lose your machine forever and also get a stiff fine?" That is the entire problem right there. It is getting to be this way in every facet of our society. People are not held responsible for their actions. And until they are, nothing is going to change. It's time to stop with the "Review Committee's, the meetings, the classes, the hearings and all the other futile attempts that actually ignore the problem at hand and start enforcing what we already have established. Again I have to say (and I realize that you have nothing or very little to do with it) the U. S. Forest Service's plan to close approximately 4,000 miles of roads in the Wallow Whitman National Forest is stupid and childish. They received a number of complaints about this very problem, so this is their answer to the that problem. It will do absolutely nothing to correct the problem. If they can't control, patrol and enforce the road closures they have now, how in the world are they going to do any good closing another 4,000 miles of them? I can tell you in all honesty that I have talked with dozens of people since this plan was announced, and their opinion is that "Let them close the roads, I'm still going to ride the roads whether they are closed or not. Let them catch me if they can." I ask you, why do they feel this way. For the same reasons that drug dealers, murderers and other felons in our country do the things they do. They know ahead of time that there is not going to be very much punishment if any for committing these acts.

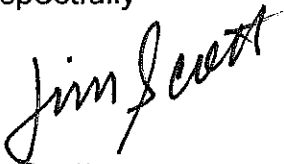
Your letter also stated that "the group supported mandatory bow hunter education because they believe it would reduce the number of archery hunters by eliminating hunters who decide at the last minute to go bow hunting." Again I feel that this is a futile attempt, as long as the Department offers them the opportunity to go archery hunting if they fail to draw a rifle tag!! It's not the last

minute that they are deciding to go bowhunting. They make that decision in June when the results of the tag drawings are mailed out. Close to two months ahead of archery season. And I would ask, how is this plan going to be enacted. Does this mean that when a person is unsuccessful at drawing an elk rifle tag, that he now has to take a "bowhunter education" class before he can be issued an archery tag? And how are you going to keep track of who needs to do this and who doesn't?

I guess I will finish this by saying that I don't believe the "Department" has any intention of ever doing anything about the overcrowding of hunters, whether it be bowhunters or rifle hunters. It all boils down to money. If a person were to apply for a first season rifle tag and was unsuccessful, and then couldn't buy an archery elk or deer tag, think of the money that the "Department" and the state would lose every year. Nobody will ever convince me that all of these problems are not related to money. OK, lets make a law that says that all forms of A.T.V.'s and motorcycles are banned from the woods during big game hunting seasons. The manufacturers with all their money would have lobbyists down at Salem in a heartbeat raising hell, as well as anywhere else they could be heard. And let's face it, it appears that the big money is the only voice that is listened to in this country anymore.

OK, that's it. I've got it off my chest for now. Like I said earlier I hope you don't take this letter personal. I just want someone down there to understand that I don't believe 1/10th of what I hear from the O.D.F.W. anymore, and I probably never will. Thank you for writing to me and for reading this letter. I do appreciate that.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jim Scott  
3150 Elm Street  
Baker City, Oregon 97814  
(541) 523-9871

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Mr. Roy Elicker  
Director ODFW  
Sir,

It was brought to my attention that your Regional Director, Mr Craig Ely has asked the Forest Supervisor Mr Steve Ellis to not only close all the roads to deer as closed but to also hire extra law enforcement people to patrol such roads, in effect, setting up a police state on the Willows Wetmore National Forest. Its always been my belief and the belief of most people in the United States that a National Forest belonged to all the people, not just to Earth First, Earth Liberation Front set, and not to Craig Ely and ODFW.

Im also aware the Eco Terrorist groups mentioned in the previous paragraph, have a plan known as the Willows Project that would in effect depopulate most of rural Oregon and one cant help but wonder what part Craig Ely and ODFW are playing in this plan. Ive also heard ODFW has cut some sort of deal with PETA, another known terror group that seemingly gets away with just about every thing.

Ive lived and hunted in Oregon all my life (77 yrs) but after ODFW in the person of Vic Coggins apparently turned over the management of the Cheesman mts

Public Correspondence  
Topic: Willows Whitman Rd Closures

elk herd to the Nature Conservancy, located on the former Lewis Ranch in Zumwalt, I quit hunting since all the elk set on that property and I didn't have the 10,000.00 dollars they were getting to let people hunt. I wouldn't pay them a cent for something that I assumed belonged to the people of Oregon but I guess I am mistaken.

Since Vic Coggins is a member of the board of Directors of this organization one wonders what sort of literature did ODFW has concerning the exorbitant fees that are being charged for hunting on this property and if this in some way makes up for declining tag sales brought on by mismanagement of game and failure to regulate the predators that are also decimating deer and elk herds.

It used to be the United States Forest Service was a people friendly organization but most people know that some being infiltrated by extreme environmentalists its only function is to preside over the eventual destruction by fire of our forests and to make sure no positive management occurs. I don't see ODFW as a people friendly organization or one that has the game animals of Oregon best interests at heart but it seems to me that when members of an organization such as Coggins and Ed go out of their way to cause citizens of Oregon to lose

their freedom to travel, to cause the elderly and disabled to not have recreational opportunities, then those two officials are bringing disfavor on the parent organization. When Vic Coggins and I assume Craig Ely turned the Chussumus Elk herd over to Nature Conservancy, I complained to Vic and he said there are a lot of other places to hunt. My reply was, if I can't hunt the country I've always hunted, I won't hunt. I haven't bought a tag for three years and I won't. Nature Conservancy drains and drains the majority of the Chussumus until simply because they know they don't get shot at when on that property. They're rendering the whole unit sterile.

To further hamper native hunters, not trophy hunters, but those who hunt for meat to feed their families, most of the property surrounding Nature Conservancy is owned by recently moved to Willamette County rich people who also charge exorbitant prices thereby profiting off what I think belongs to the people of Oregon, not some rich guy from Maryland who visits his property for a week or two and then leaves. When the deer population is as tagged as it is I think

The issuing of ten trophy tags for the Mt. Emahy unit is another example of ODFW stupidity. Instead of talking to so called game biologists who do little besides riding in pechers and airplanes to see game conditions, talk to what is left of loggers and ranchers who are on the ground where the game is supposed to be but isn't, in the case of deer.

If you think I'm exaggerating on how many elk are drawn to the property in question, up to 200 head has been seen on a regular basis. I've personally seen close to a thousand head near the site of the old Zumwalt schoolhouse. What few small land owners that are left out there are being hammered by these elk also.

If ODFW policy is that of Craig Ely and McCoggin I guess we are lost unless we can stir up the public resentment of your organization. If it is not ODFW policy, then I recommend you either straighten out Coggin and Ely or fire them.

I'm tired of state and Govt. officials working to take my freedoms as both Ely and Coggin are.

Paul Mochel  
Box 338  
Joseph Oregon 97846

January 27, 2008

Dear Sir:

I'm sorry that you had to be the one that had to be the one that had to reply---nothing like passing the buck!

I don't know if I used 70 as a limit ----- if the "powers" think that is too young make it 80! I know that wouldn't cause any trouble with them killing too many deer AND the sale of tags would be helpful! Oh well, the bow hunters would cry and can't have that!

Now, on the waste of meat---check with the commercial butchers on how much is wasted! I am a retired one and know what I'm talking about! First off, they (the majority) don't know how to bone and not leave too much meat on the bones. The ribs are often left on the ground--shanks and necks also! In my opinion, a hunter that goes into the woods without this knowledge does not deserve a licence!! Check with Alaska on how they control this---lots of these people depend on game to live and even boil up bones for soup stock which we do also!

A disabled hunter should have the same amount of time as the bow hunters---nine days against (I don't know how many!) NOW FAIR!

Someday you all will get old ---Oh yes you will!so think about that and DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

sincerely,

Roy Stafford

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## COUGARS

THEY HAVE NO NATURAL ENEMIES, SO THEY REPRODUCE VERY FAST, THERE IS ABOUT 5000 IN OREGON NOW NEXT YEAR THERE WILL BE ABOUT 6000 AND SO ON.

SINCE THEY OUT LAWED DOGS THEY HAVE JUST DOUBLED IN 3 YRS. THEY ALWAYS SAID THAT THEY ONLY HAVE ONE OR TWO CUBS A YR, WRONG ,,IF THEY GET PLENTY OF FOOD WHICH THEY HAVE GOTTEN THEY WILL HAVE FROM TWO TO SIX CUBS A YR.

IF THEY RUN OUT OF FOOD THEY WILL GET DESEASES AND WILL ALL DIE. THIS HAPPENED IN IOWA ABOUT 30 YRS AGO WHEN THE BLEEDING HEARTS STOPPED THE HUNTERS FROM SHOOTING THOSE CUTE LITTLE FOX. THE FOX MULTIPLIED SO FAST BY BEING FED SO WELL THEY HAD LITTERS TWICE A YEAR WITH FROM FOUR TO TEN PUPS. IN 2-3 YEARS THEY ATE UP ALL THE PHEASANTS AND RABBITS THEN GOT BAD HEALTH AND MANGE AND THEY ALL DIED.

THE PHEASANTS WERE BROUGHT BACK AT A GREAT EXPENSE AND THE RABBITS ARE SLOWLY RETURNING. WHAT IS WORST THE COYOTES ARE TAKING OVER. THE FOX NEVER CAME BACK. THIS COULD HAPPEN TO THE COUGARS AND THE ANIMAL ACTIVISTS AND BIOLOGIST WILL WONDER WHAT HAPPENED.

THE HUNTERS CAN BUY ONE TAG A YEAR BUT THE KILL IS A VERY LOW PERCENTAGE, ONLY ABOUT 260 WERE SHOT AND MOST OF THEM WERE SHOT STALKING THE HUNTER.

THE STUPID LAW OF STOPPING THE DOGS FROM HUNTING SHOULD BE REPEALED BY OUR STATE LEADERS AND FISH & GAME COMM.

ONE COUGAR WILL ON AVERAGE 50 DEER AND ELK A YEAR. THAT IS ABOUT 250,000 A YEAR, THAT IS ONE OF OUR FOOD LINES AND SOME OF THE HEALTHIEST MEAT YOU CAN EAT. THE GAME COMM. IS GOING TO RUN SHORT ON INCOME IF THEY CAN'T PRODUCE ENOUGH DEER AND ELK FOR THE HUNTERS TO HUNT.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BRING OUR WILD LIFE BACK TO A GOOD .BALANCE. THIS SHOULD GET THE ANIMAL ACTIVISTS BACK TO THEIR SENSES.

COUGARS CAN EAT YOUR PETS JUST FOR DESERT.

DAVE SHELGREN, SPRINGFIELD OR 746-9900  
RETIRED CHAIRMAN FISH & GAME  
RESOURCE, CONSERVATION & DEVELOPEMENT COMM.

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**Liz Bueffel**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 07, 2008 10:16 AM  
**To:** Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comments from the Web

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**From:** Hagede7@aol.com [mailto:Hagede7@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2008 5:12 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other  
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E-mail: hagede7@aol.com

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Sincerely, Ron

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**Michelle Tate**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2008 2:56 PM  
**To:** Michelle Tate  
**Subject:** FW: elk hunting

For the record.  
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**From:** GPELKH@aol.com [mailto:GPELKH@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2008 2:23 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** elk hunting

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY YOU MEN &WOMEN ON THE COMMISSION DON'T TRY TO GIVE THE HUNTER EVERY CHANCE TO HARVEST A BULL ELK . I,AM TALKING ABOUT THE ARCHERY ELK SEASON . AS A HUNTER IN THIS GREAT STATE OF OREGON I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COMMISSION VOTE ON ONE OF TWO THING LET THE GENERAL ARCHERY TAG FOR SW. OREGON RUN THROUGH THE ARCHERY SEASON AND THEN BE GOOD FOR THE GENERAL CASCADE ELK RIFLE SEASON. THAT IS ONE SUGGESTION OR YOU PEOPLE CAN VOTE TOO MOVE THE ARCHERY SEASON BACK TWO WEEKS SO US ARCHERY HUNTER CAN HUNT THE ELK IN THE FULL RUT DURING THE ARCHERY SEASON LIKE THE OTHER WESTERN STATE DO. I WILL BE WAITING FOR A ANSWER ON MY COMMENTS. BECAUSE LAST TIME SOMEBODY DID NOT GET BACK TO ME THE LAST TIME I SENT IN A E-MAIL

THANK YOU  
GEORGE PAPPAS  
OR GPELKH@AOL.COM

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Hunting

PROPOSAL FOR NEW OR MODIFIED ~~SPORT FISHING~~ REGULATION



MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 29, 2008

THIS ELECTRONIC FORM IS DONE IN MICROSOFT OFFICE WORD 2007

Persons submitting angling regulation proposals are required to use this form and encouraged to type entries. Submissions on photocopies or facsimiles of this form are satisfactory. If more than one rule is proposed, prepare separate forms for each. If additional space is needed for comments or to add further information, provide material on attached sheets as necessary. Information in submitted proposals should address Commission criteria listed below and be sure that your application is complete.

Individual Submitted by Herb Goblirsch Phone # (541) 765 2193  
Area Code

(If Group, name of Group)

Address 6720 Otter Crest Ln

City Otter Rock State OR Zip 97369

Signature Herb Goblirsch

Name of water Please save for hunt/reg. discussion Zone

Existing rule No crossbow use for big game.

Proposed rule Crossbows allowed for disabled veterans during archery deer/elk/antelope seasons.

Purpose See enclosed page from Field & Stream with state by state crossbow regulations that 43 states already allow crossbows for disabled hunters. Lets get with the program to support our disabled veterans.

These criteria will be used by the Department to assess the merit and necessity of existing and proposed regulations and should be considered when proposing a new regulation.

- Easily understood, with clearly defined limits or boundaries.
- Enforceable.
- Consistent with statutes and ODFW policies, goals, plans, and rules.
- Consistent with biologically sound principles.
- Consistent with court orders and approved agreements between ODFW and other management entities, or landowners.
- Consistent with regulations on similar or nearby waters, unless social or biological circumstances require diversity.
- Supported by affected citizens.
- Necessary to achieve an identified objective.
- Necessary to balance harvest with reproduction or recruitment.
- Necessary to provide angling opportunity to sequential fisheries.

**Liz Bueffel**

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**Liz Bueffel**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2008 12:52 PM  
**To:** Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** FW: elk hunting

Be sure to include this in appropriate commission packet. - Michelle

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**From:** Peter Test  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2008 10:50 AM  
**To:** Don Revelle  
**Cc:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** RE: elk hunting

Mr. Revelle:

Thanks for the response. As I said the Commission will receive a copy of your e-mail. They will review the comment and if they choose to do so direct the Department to review the issue. The key is that such a recommended change would have to be sent to the legislature as part of the budget process or in the form of a bill sponsored by the for their approval. The change could also be made by a Legislator or Legislative Committee sponsored bill through the State Legislature.

Pete Test,  
 Staff Biologist  
 Deer & Elk Program Coordinator  
 (503) 947-6319  
 peter.s.test@state.or.us

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**From:** Don Revelle [mailto:drevelle@papemachinery.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2008 10:34 AM  
**To:** Peter Test  
**Subject:** RE: elk hunting

Thanks very much for your reply Peter. The time of the first season is well explained and seems as fair for everyone as possible. The second request was to consider aged folk and their reduced income and hunting time left on this earth not just every citizen that has moved from Oregon. A lot you enjoy in Oregon today, was assisted by my generation of the past and hope you can cause a little more thought on this matter by the commission.

Thank you  
 Don Revelle

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**From:** Peter Test [mailto:Peter.S.Test@state.or.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2008 9:50 AM  
**To:** drevelle@papemachinery.com  
**Cc:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** RE: elk hunting

Mr. Revelle:

The early elk seasons were set from mid-week through Sunday for at least two reasons. One was to allow hunters

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the opportunity to hunt through at least one weekend. Many people cannot get the time off to on weekdays. Also the Commission set the season so hunters would not have to take five days off work to hunt the whole season. It is unlikely that the change you suggested would fair to the many hunters who have jobs that will not allow them the time to hunt.

Related to your question concerning reduced costs for older hunters that have moved out of state. It is unlikely that the the Commission would approve or the Legislature, who actually sets hunting license fees, would approve allowing people who have moved out of state a reduced fee, regardless of the time in the state prior to moving.

Your comments will be included in the packet we make for the Commission members prior to each meeting.

Please contact me if you have further questions or comments.

Pete Test,  
Staff Biologist  
Deer & Elk Program Coordinator  
(503) 947-6319  
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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2008 8:29 AM  
**To:** Peter Test  
**Subject:** FW: elk hunting

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**From:** Don Revelle [mailto:drevelle@papemachinery.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 09, 2008 5:58 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** elk hunting

Comments for the commission to consider.

I travel the state of Oregon and visit many groups in my present occupation. There has been much discussion concerning the first Eastern Oregon elk season beginning on Wednesday and ending on Sunday. Although this has been in effect for some time, it was not always that way. Most, if not all of the folks I visit would prefer the early season to begin on Monday and end on Friday so their 1 week vacation could be contained in a single Saturday through Sunday.

Travel to hunting could be done over the weekend and return could be the following Saturday or Sunday without overlapping in to another week.

Hope this can be considered.

Also wish your consideration on a personal matter. I am older, 67 this July, and lived in Oregon for more than 50 years before having to move for my job to Washington. My disposable income is becoming less and the cost of out of state hunting privileges in Oregon make it nearly impossible for me to enjoy. I don't imagine there are that many of us with these qualifications and requests and hope you can consider special circumstances with some reduced cost.

Thanks for your consideration  
Don Revelle

## Liz Bueffel

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Friday, February 29, 2008 8:23 AM  
**To:** Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** FW: Legalizing Saboted Bullets in Colorado, Oregon and Idaho

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**From:** Toby Bridges [mailto:namlhunt@hpmuzzleloading.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2008 2:11 PM  
**To:** Randy Brooks; Coni Brooks; Clair Rees; Steve Hornady; Steve Johnson; Ken Elshof; Craig Sanborn; Al Raychard; Ken French; Neil Sanders; Randy Johnson; Mark DeYoung; Jason Nash; Drew Goodlin; Tom Hall; Chris Hodgdon; Tom Bowen; Dick Hammett; Greg Kosteck; Curtis Hicks; Dean Snelson; Denny Glenn; Larry Whiteley; Eric Miller; Mike Callahan; Jerry Bramer; Joe Arterburn; Justn Smith; Jay's Sporting Goods; Jeff Paugh; Kevin Howard; Mathieu Racette; Matt Foster; Michael Campbell; Doug Phair; Midsouth Shooters Supply; Midway USA; Mike Jensen; Papes, Inc.; Pierangelo Pedersoli; Ron Coburn; Ron Name; Russ Markesbery; Sports South  
**Cc:** CO DNR; ODFW Info; Director Cal Groen; Brad Compton; Tony McDermott; Randy Budge  
**Subject:** Legalizing Saboted Bullets in Colorado, Oregon and Idaho

<http://www.hpmuzzleloading.com/MuzzleHead.html>

It's time to broaden the battle for fair and equal muzzleloader hunting regulations for ALL muzzleloading hunters...and begin the fight to get saboted bullets legalized in Colorado, Oregon and Idaho.

The above link will take you to the opening volley..."To Each, His Or Her Own..."

It's dated "March 1, 2008" since I will be shooting most all day on Saturday, continuing my testing of the new Blackhorn 209 powder behind a wide range of saboted bullets.

Toby  
Bridges  
NORTH AMERICAN  
MUZZLELOADER HUNTING

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Salem, Oregon

March 14, 2008

Public Correspondence  
Topic Disabled Hunting

Regulations regarding Disabled Hunting and Fishing.

Current Oregon regulations for persons with disabilities are very restrictive and put a disabled person at a disadvantage, for hunting or fishing.

I would like to see ODFW revise disabled regulations to better serve those with disabilities, we have a number of veterans in particular returning from Iraq and Afghanistan that are disabled, as will as non-veterans that are disabled that like to be outdoors hunting and fishing, my main interest is in the hunting.

While current regulations state a disabled person may shoot for a vehicle the vehicle must be pulled completely off the road, this is impossible in many areas as well as being dangerous, particularly in high fire danger as most vehicles have catalytic converters that would start a grass fire, roads closed to vehicle traffic are a particular problem for the disabled current regulations do not allow any type of powered vehicle on them, and this would include powered wheelchairs Etc.

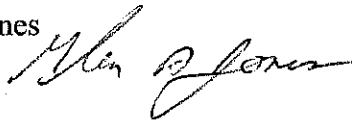
I would like to see ODFW disabled regulations allow the use of Electric powered wheelchairs Etc. on roads closed to vehicle traffic, there are several manufacturers that currently make, electric powered chairs, Atv's and bicycles that could be used off paved roads for which most powered wheelchairs for the disabled are unsuited, I do not feel these types of vehicles would cause anymore disruption to wildlife during normal hunting seasons than a group of hunters tramping down the road or through the woods.

One company I will mention hear for general purposes of information is called Planet Mobility which lists several different types of off paved road wheelchairs, my own particular interest is one called the Tracabout.

[www.planetmobility.com/store/wheelchairs/tracabout/index.html](http://www.planetmobility.com/store/wheelchairs/tracabout/index.html)

I am not currently confined to a wheelchair, but do use a cane and I am unable to walk very far, I currently have a Handicapped hunt permit, but have been told that within a very few years I could be entirely confined to a wheelchair, and last year I was unable to go hunting because of my health problems that affect my legs, I hope to go this year but will be limited in where and how I hunt, I realize that the above ideas have the potential for abuse, but feel that the benefit to those of us that have disabilities and love the outdoors would offset most of those problems.

Sincerely Glen A. Jones



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**Liz Bueffel**

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 8:08 AM  
**To:** Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** FW: The Muzzleloader Solution

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**From:** Toby Bridges [mailto:namlhunt@hpmuzzleloading.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 7:00 AM  
**To:** ODFW Info  
**Cc:** OSSA; Gary Lewis; OR - Portland Tribune; OR - Eugene Register; OR - Grants Pass Daily Courier; OR - Medford Mail; OR - Roseburg News Review  
**Subject:** The Muzzleloader Solution

Now, here's an idea.

After considerable thought, I may have come up with the solution to the problem of providing fair and equal treatment for the muzzleloading hunter in Oregon. Take a look at the following link, which was published on the GUN DIGEST Magazine website yesterday (Tuesday, 4-8-08).

[http://www.gundigestmagazine.com/article/Muzzleloader\\_report/](http://www.gundigestmagazine.com/article/Muzzleloader_report/)

Be sure to go to the link provided in this write up for a very thorough rundown of how all of this can be resolved.

Toby Bridges  
NORTH AMERICAN MUZZLELOADER  
HUNTING ASSOCIATION

406 542-9751

**Liz Bueffel**

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2008 9:06 AM  
**To:** Peter Test; DeAnna Erickson; Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** FW: Party size

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**From:** Sloan, Jim [mailto:jsloan@wedc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2008 3:23 PM  
**To:** ODFW Comments  
**Subject:** Party size

Reduce the size of parties for deer and elk controlled hunts from 18 to 8. This would be easier for officials to monitor and more sporting for the animals. Our party was overwhelmed by a huge party of hunters while making a hunt and it chased all the elk out of that area making it mandatory to drive elsewhere in the unit until they caught up to us again doing the same thing.

James Sloan  
WEDC Facilities  
21333 NW Jacobson Rd.  
Hillsboro, Or. 97124  
503-690-2460 X278  
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**From:** Joane50 [mailto:joane50@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 7:49 PM  
**To:** ODFW Info  
**Subject:** elk hunting & disabled hunters

I am writing you in regards to the heppner hunt for elk--- I am a disabled hunter who also has a small piece of land in the heppner unit. Last year I bought a spike only tag for that unit--- I cannot shoot a cow there although I can in most other units in the state-- only a spike--- the cow hunts will take years to draw--- my question is this--- If I am a disabled hunter and there are hundreds of miles of off-road vehicle access and able bodied hunters can drive in there and I cannot because I am disabled this puts me at an extreme disadvantage--- I sat in my pickup this year and watched huge herds of cows and calves cross in front of me but could not shoot them. from there they left our place(which is on the heppner side of the john day river between spray and kimberly) and went into the south fossil unit where there are several thousand tags issued FOR COWS. they came off heppner property----we watched them do it and there were calves with them--- others crossed in the night--- why cant I shoot a cow on my property if I am disabled as they cross it??? there are hundreds of them!!! some even stay there for the winter as we saw during January they were on the ridge on our property. I cannot imagine that there are so many disabled hunters during the season in the heppner unit that it would destroy the herd- especially with all the off-road vehicles running all over and unless you have one you are at a huge disadvantage. why wont you let a disabled hunter shoot a cow in heppner when there are hundreds of cow tags in south fossil that came out of heppner unit and only can be hunted on private land--- there is a huge piece of private land across the river from me the elk live on during the hunt when they cross over there but it is posted no hunting and it is thousands of acres of private land with nothing on it and I live across the river from it--- why do they have all those tags over there during november=== ours are during august when they arent down there then in heppner unit.

sincerely,  
Joan Anderson

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**Liz Bueffel**

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 10:04 AM  
**To:** Liz Bueffel  
**Subject:** FW: Suggestion

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**From:** Robert Morton [mailto:[letamorton@clearwire.net](mailto:letamorton@clearwire.net)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2008 10:11 AM  
**To:** ODFW Info  
**Subject:** Suggestion

I am sure that you have heard this suggestion before, but I feel very strongly about having the bow and gun hunters separated by not allowing cross over tags. This could be solved by people who put in a gun draw tag for a species can not buy an over the counter bow tag if they fail to draw a gun tag. My strong feelings come from the FACT that cross over hunters generally do not practice enough to become skilled with archery equipment. Therefore these hunters tend to shoot at longer ranges than they should and wound game animals that go to waste. They give the archery hunters that are strictly archery hunters a bad reputation. The cross over hunters impact certain areas to the extent that you, ODFW, have to restrict these areas to a draw system.

Second item: your new system of using a web site to get tag info is great. My only problem with it was that my security system wouldn't shake hands with your security system and kept giving me warnings that your system was unsafe. Maybe one of your IT people could take a look at that side of it.

Robert Morton

ID: 901402

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## PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

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We invite you to comment on issues related to the 2006-07 Hunting Regulation Proposals in Oregon. ODFW will review all the comments and incorporate them into the hunting regulations process.

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## PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

### 2008-09 Hunting Regulation Proposals

We invite you to comment on issues related to the 2006-07 Hunting Regulation Proposals in Oregon. ODFW will review all the comments and incorporate them into the hunting regulations process.

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April 10, 2008

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife  
C/O Ron Anglin, Wildlife Division Administrator  
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RE: Big Game Regulations

Dear Ron Anglin and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife:

The intention of this letter is to comment on the upcoming 2008 Big Game Regulations. Specifically, I would like to add comment on the controlled hunt tag numbers for antlerless elk in the Trask GMU. After spending many hours afield this past winter it has become abundantly clear that the elk population is simply not what it used to be in the Trask GMU, especially the N.E. Trask GMU (with the sole exception of the elk that congregate in and around the lands immediately adjacent to the Stimson Lumber Mill near Henry Hagg Lake). I have hunted the mountains surrounding my home for over fifteen years now and have witnessed a steady decline in both the overall number, as well as, quality of the elk population in this unit.

For myriad reasons, which are beyond the scope of this letter, the elk numbers have dwindled. Elk have continuously migrated southwest throughout the GMU, and have been hunted to the point where their numbers have been decimated. Meanwhile, tag numbers for antlerless elk have only been altered minimally, and certainly not enough to accommodate for the decline in the elk population in the stated areas.

Knowing these *facts*, it is my proposal that the ODFW decrease the overall number of antlerless tags for the Trask, and N.E. Trask GMU's by no less than 25-percent for this year and upcoming years. Additionally, I propose that Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife allow the harvest of antlered-elk only in these units during the upcoming archery season. These adjustments would allow for less overall hunting pressure in addition to an absolute decline in elk harvest. As a result the elk herds in these units would be allowed to rest from sustained hunting pressure and reproduce successfully, and could therefore repopulate their historic habitats.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of my proposal. I sincerely believe that if you look beyond the bureaucratic reasons for keeping tag numbers where they are at, you will undoubtedly see the merits of my arguments.

Good Hunting,

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Roy Elicker, Director

It is my intent, with this letter, to attempt to convince the Commission to repeal or replace the *Hunting Prohibited* ruling on page 36 of the Big Game Regulations for 2008, as this is a regulation, that places unfair restrictions on the law abiding hunters in this state. This regulation restricts the hunting of Bears and Cougars by anyone not fortunate enough to draw a Deer or Elk tag, or who has been fortunate enough to have filled his or her tags, by preventing them from being able to hunt during the periods of time when there are numbers of hunters in the field moving these animals that are, by nature, shy and retiring and less likely to be spotted and harvested.

This also places a burden on hunters in this time of rising costs for fuel, food and time. Let us say that I have been fortunate enough to draw a Deer or Elk tag and have planned my hard-earned vacation for this period. I then drive to where it is that I will be hunting and set my camp up. Opening day I am fortunate enough to find a buck that I want to put my tag on, then validate my tag. I am now finished and can no longer hunt, even though I have the rest of my vacation left. I now can either sit in my camp or go home, even if I have a valid tag for Bear or Cougar.

Archery hunters are allowed to carry a firearm while hunting and who is to know how many animals are shot with these firearms while out in the bush. I have never had a kill that I did not have too at least quarter to get out of the bush, not to mention boning the animal out. Unlawful hunters could easily do this during archery season, and what is to stop them, other than their own personal ethics.

That hunter who carries a fur taker license could start harvesting Coyotes as early as October if the weather conditions have been favorable. This restriction prohibits those hunters from collecting fur until all of the elk seasons are over, and this translates into lost revenue for those who sell their fur at the auction or to fur buyers.

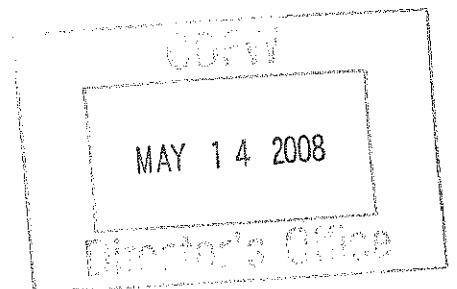
These restriction do nothing to stop the unlawful hunters from doing what they want, as they do not care about or adhere to the laws governing the lawful taking of game animals anyway. Partying hunting and filling other hunters tags will still take place by this type of *slob* hunter. The only people that are being hurt by this type of restriction are the law abiding ethical hunters, by restricting his or her hunting rights. Instead of punishing the law abiding, your focus should be on finding the unlawful hunters and removing them from the hunting situation by forfeiture of their hunting rights.

With the lose of hunting time and opportunities that hunters now face and the increase in costs to the hunting public, I urge you to reconsider this regulation and the restriction that you have placed on the law abiding and ethical hunters in Oregon.

Respectfully,



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**Colleen R Munson**

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**From:** ODFW Commission  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2008 7:35 AM  
**To:** Colleen R Munson  
**Subject:** FW: Follow up

Please GS to Wildlife. This person is specifically requesting a response.  
 Thanks,  
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Public Correspondence  
 Topic - Hunting animals  
 after rut

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**From:** Bloom, Glenn L. CIV [mailto:Glenn.Bloom@DTRA.MIL]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2008 3:17 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Follow up

It has been sometime since sending a letter questioning the logic behind killing cow (s) or doe (s) AFTER THE RUT! Let's address specifically the ODFW video for research.

The video showed a cow elk and showing what parts ODFW would like to see for the biological research! The nipples indicating that the cow had not previously bared any calves. As the video continued it moved to the placenta which was indicated that their was in fact a calf which meant first time bearing a calf! This would have been a new cow or bull calf?

This doesn't pass the common sense test at all?!?! Animals should not be hunted after the rut, especially cow (s) or doe (s). If we are to hunt the female gender then it should be done prior to the rut! Not in the rut or after the rut, BEFORE! The population would grow exponentially over several years if we would simply hunt the females prior to the rut!

Why has ODFW continually reduced the time to hunt for animals? Example is first season Rocky Mountain Elk is only 5 days, the animals are being ran to death. It use to be one had 3-4 weeks and the animals weren't pushed so hard!

Deer is 8 days normally! Same thing here, why not return to 3-4 weeks thus

allowing the animals to be more at ease and hunters have the time to hunt?

OH! The other issue of cougar (s), coyote (s) and wolves' (s) is the other factor effecting population as well. Way to many cougars, coyotes and wolves are on the climb as well. To many natural predators that are going unchecked and have no natural enemy other than man!

Fee hunting & fishing / guided hunting / fishing needs to be eliminated. Either the property is made available for all to use for these purposes or none. Profiting from natural resources as far as reading is not permissible under Oregon law!

Let's talk about the additional hunt given native Americans? Where does it say that native Americans have the right to additional hunts? This is an additional drain on natural resources. In the last 2-3 year, have found multiple elk bones in high amount within Starkey and Spring Creek areas. Have heard from 2 other hunters that hunt the area of Spring Creek and find massive amounts of bones during muzzle loader season.

Can we please apply common sense in how we are using natural resources. Re-think the implementation of the application as it pertains to hunting of big game.

I await your reply to the questions and proposals!

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