

Public Correspondence

**Public correspondence received
as of May 20, 2009**

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 7:48 AM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Proposed 2010 Hunts

From: Dick Ridout [mailto:rridout@iinet.com]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 7:20 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Proposed 2010 Hunts

5/9/09

I attended the May 9th District meeting in Clatsop County this afternoon.

After looking over the proposed 2010 hunts, I noticed one that affects me.

I have traveled from Clatsop County to Round Mtn (Hunt # 621C) many times over the past 25 years. I have enjoyed the outing, the hunt itself, and have had a fair amount of success. I will miss this activity if the hunt is discontinued.

I'm sure all proposals are founded on good reason and I would appreciate being enlightened on this particular proposed change. I also trust that before any hunt is actually dropped, that a final review is made and the most recent information is considered.

Sincerely,

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5/12/2009

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 1:09 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Mandatory reporting, ODF&W wants to manage people because it can't manage game animals

From: Patricia Love [mailto:suntym@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 11:50 AM
Cc: odfw.comments@state.or.us; mfreeman@mailtribune.com; lars@larlars.com
Subject: Mandatory reporting, ODF&W wants to manage people because it can't manage game animals

Why report that the elk and deer are not out there to harvest. They are food for the cute cougars & bears . Now what will the wolves eat?
No animals & now penalties. Why even think of hunting or buying a license?

Patty Love
Talent Oregon

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2009 8:54 AM
To: Thomas Thornton; Liz Bueffel; Don Whittaker
Subject: FW: Spring bear south west oregon

From: Wooden, Gene [mailto:Gene.Wooden@weyerhaeuser.com]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2009 12:11 PM
To: ODFW Comments
Subject: Spring bear south west oregon

To Whom It May Concern:

I have a concern with the new over the counter system for southwest Oregon spring bear tags. The sale of these tags before the controlled drawing results is a bad idea. For those of us who would like to hunt over east or get a preference point for a future opportunity this system does not work. We have no way of hunting the sw Oregon season without giving up that opportunity over east. I enjoy hunting both sides of the state depending on the year and my vacation schedule. This system change last year makes it impossible to try to enjoy both. I would like to see tag sales for sw Oregon start after the draw results are complete allowing anyone to build points or the opportunity to hunt east as well. I heard a rumor that the major cause to the problem was that people buying sports packs ended up with this tag instead of there fall bear tag. Not sure if that happened but I do know living on the coast here very few people that normally get there tags did this year in fact very few people on the coast got tags at all so I will be amazed if hunting pressure is remotely as high as last year. I would think that most of the tag holders are not typical tag holders and probably won't even go. Please pass this on to the appropriate people and I hope this issue is addressed soon!

Thanks

Gene

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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2009 12:47 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Hunting regulation proposals

From: Laddn8r's [mailto:laddinator@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 9:45 PM
To: ODFW Comments
Subject: Hunting regulation proposals

Please consider the following items for future hunting regulations:

*Creation of state-wide bear and cougar tags that must be "punched" by both the successful hunter AND an authorized agent within 72 hours of the kill. The tag would not be validated until both parties sign the tag. Hunters who complete this would then be first for any additional tags throughout the state given bear and cougar population numbers and tags remaining. Those who don't would miss on this opportunity. Also, failure to report would prevent any future bear and cougar tag purchases until such time that the reporting is completed (successful or unsuccessful).

*Make it mandatory to electronically report all species taken - specifically those with tags that require "punching." Failure to do so each year by a given time would then prevent any future tag purchases (not just a hunting license) until the reporting is completed.

*Allow hunters with valid, unused tags during hunting seasons to hunt any other game for which is in season and legal to hunt during that time. Example; I have a valid, unused Cascade Bull Elk tag and as long as that tag is unused I can hunt bear and cougar, but not deer. What sense does this make? I must have the unused elk tag to hunt in this area and am essentially penalized an entire week of deer hunting during this time. If I do harvest an elk, then I am allowed to hunt cougar and bear with a centerfire pistol, but not a rifle or slug-gun. Still, no deer hunting. How exactly does this benefit the hunter? It does nothing to minimize "party" hunts because everyone in this area MUST have the elk tag unless they are only hunting with a pistol for cougar and bear. Why not allow hunters to maximize their time in the field and hunt deer as well during this elk hunt?

*Make the entire state 3 point or better for all deer and elk, while increasing hunting opportunities for first time (regardless of age and requiring a special tag) and youth hunters for "lesser" elk and deer.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters. I look forward to your response as I cannot make the scheduled public hearings.

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4/23/2009

2/8/2009

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Dear ODFW

My report on the state of things

Deer and elk

I'm returning **my very last Oregon** archery deer tag un-punched as usual for the past several years. Born in Oregon, I've hunted in Oregon nearly 40 years, mostly as a non-resident. Over most of the years I've had an archery deer and elk tag and I was pretty successful over the first 25 years. **No more.** You will have to rely on selling tags to the mountain lions that have devastated the deer and elk herds. There are ¼ million deer and elk now missing *each year* in the belly of the lion. I now find most deer hanging out in the back yards of small towns and ranches afraid to venture into the national forest. What are you bureaucrats going to do when the wolves swim the Snake River in search of elk? They've already reduced the Idaho elk herd by half.

Chukars.....nearly extinct. If we have a wet spring this year you'll have to start from scratch planting pen raised pairs.

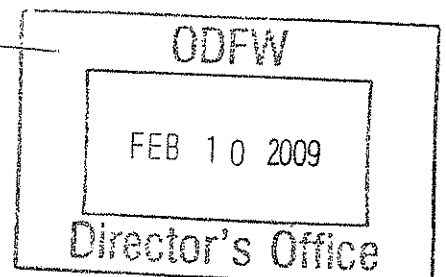
Sea Lions, cormorants, mergansers, arctic terns.....Plentiful and wreaking havoc

Guides.....Plentiful and growing more obnoxious all the time.

Gill Netters.....Still being supported by their old Oregon Fish Commission buddies who dominate ODFW. Oregon still controls the politics of the Columbia River even though most of the spring salmon originate in other states.

As you can tell I'm not happy with what ODFW has been doing. You might argue that some of these disasters are out of your control.... imposed by the FEDS or stupid misinformed urban voters.

I have a suggestion!! If the FEDS insist on keeping stupid outdated laws don't spent state and county funds to investigate, enforce or try the case. You're in a budget bind, don't waste money on things that don't benefit Oregonians. If the voters cannot find it in themselves to pass a common sense law allowing dogs on lions then look the other way and let hunters take care of things for you. The main problem with this country now is too many laws, too many lawyers and too little common sense. **Take some action!!!**



Liz Bueffel

From: Chris Wheaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 11:02 AM
To: Liz Bueffel; Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: BIG GAME REGS PUBLICATION--A SUGGESTION

Input on the Big Game regs

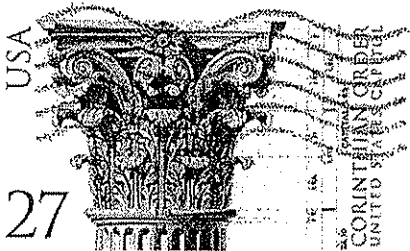
From: Fred Burgess [mailto:derfb@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 5:25 PM
To: Chris Wheaton
Cc: Quast, Wally & Sharon; Windham, Chad; Warren Lee Schroeder; grbouck@earthlink.net; Burgess, James
Subject: BIG GAME REGS PUBLICATION--A SUGGESTION

AS MY SON AND I PLAN OUR 2009 HUNTING ADVENTURES I FIND MYSELF OFTEN WALKING TO MY WALL CALENDAR TO CORRELATE THE DATES OF THE HUNTS WITH THE DAY, WEEK AND MONTH OF THE YEAR. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE A CONVENTIONAL CALENDAR (1ST. PAGE INSIDE THE COVER) THAT HIGHLIGHTED THE VARIOUS HUNTS FOR THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES. THE CURRENT BAR CHART IS OK BUT I STILL HAVE TO USE A CALENDAR AND IF I AM NOT AT MY DESK I RARELY HAVE ONE AVAILABLE--JUST A SUGGESTION. AT FOUR SCORE AND THREE YEARS I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FALLS ELK HUNT EITHER AT MT. EMILY OR IN THE STARKEY GENERAL SEASON UNIT. DREAMING OF HUNTING ELK WHILE PERUSING THE 2009 GAME REGS HELPS THE TIME PASS. THE DISABLED HUNTER PROGRAM IS A "GOD-SEND"

LAST YEAR WE DIDN'T DRAW A MT. EMILY TAG BUT HAD A TREMENDOUS HUNT IN THE HEADWATERS OF ROCK CREEK IN THE STARKEY UNIT.(NEAR THE LA GRANDE MUNICIPAL WATERSHED) WE SIGHTED MANY ELK (50 +/-) INCLUDING 6 BRANCH BULLS BUT NO SPIKES. ONE DAY WE WERE PARKED BY A SCREEN OF TREES AND WERE WATCHING A HERD OF ELK MEANDERING ALONG THE HILLSIDE DURING A HEAVY SNOW FALL WITH FLAKES COMING DOWN VERTICALLY, NO WIND AND VERY STILL. I POSITIONED MYSELF BESIDE THE CAR--GUN IN HAND-- AND WATCHED. MY SON "DID A SNEAK" UP THE HILLSIDE" AND TOOK COVER IN A THICKET OF SMALL FIR TREES. THE HERD BULL (A 5X5) WALKED TO WITHIN 20 FT. +/- THE BULL STOPPED RAISED HIS HEAD AND SNIFFED THE AIR BUT COULDN'T LOCATE MY SON WHO WAS PRACTICALLY UNDER HIS BODY. THE BULL PRANCED NERVOUSLY AND WALKED UP THE HILL INTO THE TIMBER FOLLOWED BY THE HERD OF SOME 20 + ANIMALS WHICH CONTAINED THREE RAG HORN BULLS BUT NO SPIKES--VERY EXCITING AND MADE THE HUNT A MEMORABLE SUCCESS. BY NOT HARVESTING A SPIKE I HAVE TO SURVIVED BY EATING PRIME ANGUS BEEF UNTIL OUR NEXT HUNT. FORTUNATELY I AM STRONG AND CAN ENDURE THE SUFFERING.
BEST REGARDS FRED BURGESS.



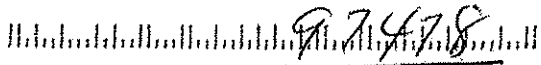
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Just a note to say I've been hunting & fishing in OREG since 1955 - talking about predatory animals - COYOTE - BEAR etc since they (Metro Portland) voted to outlaw dogs to hunt them they have increased to the point of (they are everywhere) they need to be controlled (whatever it takes) these sealions eating salmon - steelhead - sturgeon - the ODFW is doing the right thing - just keep taking them out - the cry babies that contribute 0 let them cry - ODFW needs to keep up good work

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AD.F.W. MAIL DEPT.

Liz Bueffel 3406 Cherry avenue
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Dear Liz Bueffel,

Wild life restoration

The amount of tags given for hunting big game animals in Oregon should be lowered per house hold, so as to conserve Oregon's wildlife, more rules and regulations should be enforced for landowner preference tags. Resulting in Oregon restoring its habitat and wildlife for the future

The problem with landowner tags is that the person who owns the land can get so many big game tags, depending on the acreage of the land owned. And they must own at least 10 acres to apply for a landowner tag. the owner can let family members such as a spouse, child, stepchild and even a grandchild obtain a tag for his/her land . And the list goes on and on for who can be eligible for a tag on private land. For instance, a landowner with five recipients of tags got six deer and four elk tags. If they fill all of these tags and kill the animals they have tags for, that is a total of ten big game animals. And according to the U.S department of agriculture: food safety and inspection service, wild game meat that is uncooked only last from eight to twelve months in a freezer that is at zero degrees Fahrenheit. The average weight of a bull elk is from 500 to 1000 pounds. And the average for the male white tail deer is 100 to 250 pounds(North American pronghorn foundation). One can get an estimated 200 pounds of meat off of an elk that ways around 550 pounds. That is a massive amount of meat, even just one of the elk would be enough to feed a family of four or five for quite a while.

Seeing as the time limit on wild game meat is a maximum of one year in the freezer.

There is not enough time for the family and friends to eat ten big game animals in one year. Which gets to the point of wasting. The fun of hunting leaves, the sport leaves and all you have left is a whole bunch of meat that no one is ever going to eat.

Coming from a hunting filled childhood, I grew up learning the ways of hunting and tracking. Going out with my father and scouting in the woods was great. Seeing the herds of fifty head of elk was such a rush, and it was beautiful. I still go hunting with my father and will want to for the rest of my life, but we are noticing the dwindling of herds and the amount of big game animals we see. This astounds me because in the short time period I have been alive, I have seen a difference in wildlife. It may not be very big. But it really caught my attention and I know that something needs to change.

A lot of farmers have said that they have had damage to their crops and fences and fields. Which may not be ideal. But everyone has to take into account that they are wild animals, they are going to run through a cows fence and break it, deer are going to get into gardens and eat some of the plants or produce. It is estimated that elk can roam up to

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fifty miles in one day(rocky mountain elk foundation), which takes out the excuse for farmers that say elk are ruining there crops or fences so they have to hunt for the animal as for some kind of consequence for the elk. But it is a consequence that people have to learn to deal with. And when farmers say that the reason they kill so many deer and elk is because of population control, they are just plain killing, not hunting. And a way to make this issue less detrimental to wild life is if the rules and regulations of hunting change. I am not asking for them to completely change. But some small adjustments are in order.

Another way to cut tag use, is to only give a certain amount of tags to house holds with a certain amount of people living in the house. For example, a family of four should have two tags available to them and any family with six members and above should be able to get three to four tags(limited to big game animals). This will help for the conservation of these wild animals.

Funding for habitat protection and maintenance is a costly expenditure. Finding a website online is an easy way to donate. An extra fee for hunting tags could be a good thing.

The extra fee for hunting tags, however big or small, can help immensely. Of course the fee should be small so that it doesn't impact financially on the hunter, but even if it was \$2.00 dollars extra, per tag, it would be substantially helpful.. The money could go to habitat protection and animal restoration for all species of wildlife and keep acres and acres of expansive, untouched land for the native species.

(according to the Rocky mountain elk foundation), the two highest amounts of acreage that are protected for wildlife in Oregon, is in Wasco county ,mountain fir, in 1992 with 7,519 acres. And with the most acreage in Grant county ,Chrome ridge, in 2005 with an astounding 9,768 acres of protected land.

Monitoring also is another wild life rejuvenation strategy that could benefit from the taxation on big game tags. The monitoring of elk can help restoration groups to study calf survival and movement patterns of the herd. How this system works is: after safely capturing the desired elk, a collar is placed around its neck with a tracking device attached then up to date data is collected using satellites. This may seem somewhat invasive to the elk, capturing them and putting foreign objects on them. But in all actuality, it doesn't physically hurt the animals. And does not cause them any harm while it is located on the animal.

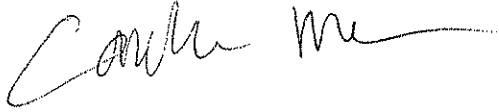
The cut back in issuing tags would mean that the \$ 5.5 million we made in 2008 would go down. But with the efforts of fundraisers and donation. We could really help to regain what was lost. To try and assure that whomever's salary that its hurting, it can be put back into the system. Because in this failing economy, job cuts are not as rare as they used to be. Fundraisers like: Heart of the valley, big game banquet and Rogue golf tournament are just two of the many fundraisers that Oregon has to offer.

Every hunter or just anyone who wants to help save wildlife would benefit from this because it is all about the future, there could be a lot of wild life for generations to come and everyone can enjoy what my father and grandfathers generations experienced. Because no hunter wants to see the wild game animals disappear. There are so many people out there who can help put there part in, and share what their ideas and aspirations are. All people need to come together because I cant do it all my self.

Oregon needs to keep its wild animals abundant and safe. But also as a whole, keeping

both Oregon hunters and wildlife happy.

Sincerely, Candice Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Candice Martin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Encl: works cited

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POSITION & DEPT
GENTLEMEN

FROM ASHLEY MATHIAS
FEBRUARY 2009

DICK MATTHEW
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WYLLAMETTE VALLEY
FEB 17, 2009

I HAVE HUNTED BIG GAME IN OREGON SINCE 1952..
DURING THAT TIME I HAVE MADE A STATE OF OBSERVATIONS ABOUT
THE EFFECTS OF OREGON'S RULES AND REGULATIONS SEASONALLY..

HERE ARE MY CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS PERIOD. THANKS

1. THE BOW & ARROW SEASON (ARCHERY), LASTS ~~100~~ ~~100~~ ~~100~~ IN
OREGON. A 30 DAY "PUT" SEASON OF 19 HOUR DAYS CAUSES
TOO MANY HEAD TILLS TAKEN, AND A 50% WOUNDED ELK BY ARROWS.
MY SUGGESTION IS A 15 DAY ~~ARCHERY~~ 10 DAYS IN DECEMBER FOR CANS.

2. THERE ARE COUGARS IN WYLLAMETTE, OREGON. SIGHTINGS OF
COUGAR DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS GIVES CAUSE FOR CONCERN, AND
MY SUGGESTION OF REMOVING A FEW COUGARS IN 2009..
COUGARS ~~POUNDED~~ ~~DEER~~ NUMBERS ARE DOWN LOCALLY..

3. DISABILITY TAGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED ONLY FOR
THOSE WITH CONFIRMED DISABILITY WITH INCREASED
SCOUTING, AS TAGS HAVE INCREASED DISPROPORTIONATELY..
THAT IS, TOO MANY CAN QUALIFY TOO EASILY NOW..

4. 3 pt. Bull Elk Seasons IN CONTROLLED UNITS COULD
BE CONNECTED INTO ONE SEASON, AS BIOLOGISTS CONFIRM
MY SUSPICION THAT OVER 50% OF HUNTERS DISOBEY THE
~~OREGON~~ RULE OF HUNTING FOR 1/2 OF A RIPLE SEASON..
IT DOES SEEM ~~UNWARRANTED~~ HAVE ONLY A 4 DAY RIPLE (36
HOURS) SEASON, AND ALLOW A "PUT" (430 HOURS ARCHERY SEASON)

5. I SUGGEST LESS OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT DURING "PUT"
OR "MIND" SEASONS OF ELK & DEER, WHEN THEY ARE MORE
VULNERABLE. MULE DEER MORE SO WITH SNOW ON GROUND.
WE CANNOT HAVE MORE REPRODUCTION WITH MATING RITIS.

6. A REDUCTION OF PREDATIONS IN OREGON IS NEEDED, WITH
A REMOVAL OF "ENDANGERED SPECIES" PER SEASONS IN THE
COLUMBIA RIVER. AS IT IS HUNDREDS ARE SHOT ILLEGALLY.

7. I WAS AMAZED 20 YEARS AGO WHEN FISH & WILDLIFE
COMMISSION GRANTED THE 30 DAY "PUT" ELK SEASON TO ARCHERS
THAT IS THE ONE RULE THAT TRICKS RIPLE HUNTERS THE MOST
~~THESE~~ WERE CUT BACK ~~TO~~ 4 DAY BULL SEASON. Dick Matthew

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- (1) OF 13 STATES + 3 PROVINCES, OREGON'S REGULATIONS ARE ABOUT THE LOWEST FOR AMERICAS, (INDIVIDUALLY), + THE 5 HOURS ^{SEASON} FOR ~~RIPPLE~~ BULL EYE (3 PT) RIFLE HUNTERS. THIS SEEMS UNWISE, UNFAIR, + BIASED FOR ARCHERS, AND CAUSES RIFLE HUNTERS TO QUIT HUNTING BULL EYE.
- (2) COUGARS SHOULD BE CONTROLLED WITHIN CITY LIMITS. IF NOT BY HUNTERS, THEN BY PROFESSIONALS OR BUSINESS.
- (3) TOO MUCH LEEWAY FOR "ARREST PAIRS" DISABILITIES. AS IT IS, I COULD QUOTE AS I HAD ONE HORN SUCROSEY, PLUS A FEW MORE "ARREST PAIRS". TO WHAT EN DISCUSSION, AS DISABILITY TAGS ARE TOO NUMEROUS ~~IN~~ OREGON.
- (4) 3 PT. BULL EYE SEASON ARE TOO SHORT FOR EYE RIFLE HUNTERS. THIS PROMOTES ILLEGAL UNSPORTSMANSHIP. ASK A FIELD BIOLOGIST. THEY SHOULD KNOW BY NOW. THE ANSWER IS ONE 9 OR 10 DAY BULL EYE SEASON = 3 PT LIMITS.
- (5) WHY KILL UNWANTY HORNED BULLS IN THE RIFLE HUNTING SEASON. ASK AN ARCHER (IF HE'S HONEST) MUST ARCHERS WANT TO SHOOT THE BIGGEST BULL WITH AN ARCHER BUT IN DOING SO, ABOUT 50% OF EYE ARE LOST + WASTED.
- (6) PREDATORS. AS MENTIONED, THE BIGGEST PREDATOR CRIME WAS ALLOWING SEA LIONS + SEALS TO KILL THE COLUMBIA RIVER UNDER THE "ANNUMBERN" SPEARS. ^{AND} KILL 50% OF SEA LIONS + SEALS WOULD BE A START.
- (7) 20 YEARS OF 3 PT. BULL EYE RIFLE UNFAIR RULES + REGULATIONS IN OREGON? WHY? THIS WAS NOT A BIOLOGIST DECISION, BUT ONE MADE BY ARCHERS AT A FEW COMMISSION MEETING IN 1987 + 1988, THAT WAS NOT SOLVED, OK FROM TO 3 PT. RIFLE HUNTERS IN OREGON.

EYE ARCHERY: 15 DAYS SEPTEMBER + 10 DAYS DECEMBER
3 PT BULL EYE = 10 DAYS STARTING 18TH WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:17 AM
To: Nick Myatt; Leonard Erickson
Cc: Liz Bueffel; Michelle Dennehy
Subject: FW: Public Comments from the Web

Nick or Leonard, can one of you respond to Mr. Morrison.

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

From: Pam Morrison [mailto:larrynpam@oregonwireless.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 8:32 PM
To: ODFW Comments
Subject: Public Comments from the Web

To Whom it may Concern:

I have been rifle hunting in Oregon for the past 46 Years (mainly in the Keating unit). During the early 60's a deer tag could be purchased for \$4.50, an elk for \$9.00 and each season was good for nearly a month. The individual unit boundaries were not important since all of Eastern Oregon was open for each tag (except for doe and cow tags). We would quite often hunt in the mountains on one weekend and the sagebrush the next depending on the weather. Now with hunting restricted to a single Unit or sometimes a part of a Unit the hunting area has shrunk to a very small fraction of the past. Since that time, buck season has been shortened by as much as 64% with an increase in tag cost of 544%. With bull elk, the season reduction is as much as 83% with an increase of tag costs of 438%. Tags are no longer a guarantee but require a \$4.00 application for the chance of drawing a tag. I have gone as long as 3 years without being successful in the draw process, making the old family hunts a thing of the past and no longer affordable. For a guaranteed hunt many people leave Oregon and go to Idaho or Wyoming so they can participate in a season with their family or partners.

It has come to my attention that the ODFW is proposing to "give away" over 4,500 acres of prime Keating hunting land to Catherine Creek unit without any gain to the Keating Unit hunters. The Catherine Creek Unit already thrusts deep into the Keating unit extending almost to the Keating Valley. This Unit change would make this thrust even worse.

If the reason for a boundary change is to benefit wildlife, a change to the North separating the two units by different watersheds would make more sense. The Catherine Creek watershed drains north into the Grande Ronde River with anadromous fish and has completely different policies and land uses than the Powder River watershed which drains South. If the reason for a boundary change is to remove confusion as to where the Northern boundary is, then the relatively new Forest Road 77 would be a

logical choice. Keating could be on the South side (draining into Keating Valley) and Catherine Creek Unit could be on the North side of the road, actually draining into Catherine Creek. This road has become a major traveled road making it easy to fine each unit and marking them.

Also, to give away 40,000 acres and the associated wildlife would probably reduce even further the number of tags available to Keating hunters, decreasing hunting availability. There is already a disproportionate number of deer and elk tags available to the two Units. Including all the tags available to the Catherine Creek Unit a total of 1208 deer tags and 397 elk tags were offered in last years draw. This compares to a total of 502 deer tags and 312 elk tags in the Keating Unit. Catherine Cr. Unit already has 240% more deer tags available and 127% of elk tags compared to the Keating Unit.

This Boundary change was not published well and most hunters are not aware of it. It should be published in the Big Game Regulations booklet at least 2 years prior to a change to give the hunters involved a chance to provide input. Also, since the tags are tracked by computer, a card explaining the boundary change proposal should be sent to all Keating Unit applicants as they are the ones most affected.

Please share these thoughts with the Game Commission and in the event of a Unit Boundary change, take into account the benefit to all hunters involved and especially those who hunt in the Keating Unit.

Sincerely,

Larry Morrison

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PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Decline of Hunting and Fishing

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Comment:

Thomas Thornton

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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 12:22 PM
To: 'scottsoldit@yahoo.com'
Cc: Ronald Anglin; Larry Cooper; Thomas Thornton
Subject: RE: Spring Bear Hunting

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Scott:

Thank you for taking the time to write with your concerns and suggestion. I will make sure the appropriate staff here at ODFW see it.

DeAnna Erickson, Manager
ODFW License Services

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

From: Scott Twenge [mailto:scottsoldit@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 11:44 AM
To: MORDICA Tami
Subject: Spring Bear Hunting

Just wanted to send you a quick note to express my and many of my fellow bear hunters' disappointment in the changes to the SW Spring Bear tags this year. The result of this change has made spring bear hunting unavailable to me and many others this year.

We now have a choice to hunt the Southwest unit every year and collect no preference points and have virtually no possibility of ever hunting on an East side tag or to hunt on an East side tag every 3-4 years and not be able to hunt in between.

A better system in my opinion would be to at least allow hunters to put in for a point saver and purchase an over the counter SW bear tag.

I'm sure that with the decline every year of hunters, the DFW is not looking to reduce hunting opportunities and this is definitely the result of this change.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Thomas Thornton

From: Sam Carter [skmmcarter@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 11:30 PM
To: Thomas Thornton
Subject: Spring Bear Hunt Issues
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Mr. Thornton,

I am writing this email to let you know of a concerning situation that has arisen as a result of the Agency's decision to change the Controlled Spring Bear Hunt process for 2009. I spoke with Michelle Dennehy earlier today about my concerns and she was very willing to listen and see what she could do to rectify this situation. She took my information and promised to get back to me. I neglected to get her email address and was unable to find it on ODFW's website otherwise I would have included her on this follow up email.

Prior to 2009, the SW Oregon Spring Bear tags were part of the controlled hunt drawing process and historically there were tags available to hunters who identified this hunt as a second choice or available for purchase over the counter as a leftover tag. This process afforded the opportunity for bear hunters to build preference points for the harder to draw hunts (i.e. NE Oregon hunts) and still have the opportunity to draw or purchase a SW Oregon Spring Bear tag.

In 2009, the SW Oregon Spring Bear Hunt was eliminated from the controlled hunt drawing process and these limited number of tags were allowed to be purchased over the counter on a first come first serve basis. However, restrictions were placed on this process so that hunters applying through the normal spring bear controlled hunt process were unable to purchase one of the limited SW Oregon spring bear tags until the controlled hunt drawing had been completed. All of the SW spring bear over the counter tags have been purchased prior the completion of the controlled hunt drawing therefore eliminating the option for bear hunters to have an opportunity to purchase one of these tags under this new process.

This change to the SW oregon bear hunt process doesn't make sense for many reasons. Most of all though it has forced bear hunters to choose between applying for controlled bear hunts or purchasing an over the counter SW spring bear tag, knowing that the SW spring bear tag would most likely sell out before the controlled draw results were available. This reduces opportunity for bear hunters who want to try and build preference points for the harder to draw areas and still having the opportunity to get a SW spring bear tag if un-successful. Now that we know all the SW spring bear tags have been purchased and If I don't draw my first choice controlled bear hunt I have no other opportunity to obtain a SW spring bear tag where previously this was an option.

As explained by Ms. Dennehy, I understand the intent of this new process was to make it easier for people to obtain a SW spring bear tag without having to go through the controlled hunt draw process. However, I hope you can see how this has eliminated opportunity for some hunters who also want to hunt bears in other parts of Oregon that requires applying for tags through the controlled hunt process. I hope the Agency considers this problematic situation when establishing next years regulations. However, changing the regulations for next year won't fix the situation that has presented itself this year and the lost opportunity for some bear hunters in SW oregon. I hope the Agency will consider establishing an emergency rule that would allow an additional limited number of SW spring bear tags to

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be available this year for purchase by bear hunters who applied through the controlled hunt process, and were un-successful. I don't see the problem with doing this and still meeting bear management objectives considering that there is an unlimited amount of tags made available for hunting bears in SW oregon during the fall hunt and the exploding bear population here in SW oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sam Carter
Roseburg, OR
541-784-6420

Thomas Thornton

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 12:35 PM
To: Peter Test; Thomas Thornton; Rodney Klus; Jonathan Muir
Subject: FW: Silvies Elk Hunts

From: Randy Windsor [mailto:ranwindsor@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 12:31 PM
To: ODFW Info
Subject: Silvies Elk Hunts

To whom it concern:

THE SILVIES UNIT HAS TO MANY ELK HUNTS SCHEDULED FOR TO MANY DAYS.

THE FOLLOWING WERE FOR 2008

SILVIES-N JUNIPER#1	AUG. 15 - SEPT 30	ANTLERLESS
SILVIES	AUG. 30 - SEPT 28	ARCHERY/ ANY ELK
SILVIES #1 BULL	OCT. 29 -NOV 2	ANY BULL
HIGH DESERT	OCT 29 -NOV 16	ONE ELK
SILVIES - N JUNIPER	NOV. 1 - NOV 30	ANTLERLESS
SILVIES #2 BULL	NOV. 8 - 16	ANY BULL
SILVIES	NOV. 22 - 30	ANTLERLESS
WEST SILVIES	DEC. 6 - 14	ANTLERLESS

THOSE POOR ELK ARE ON THE RUN FROM AUGUST 15 THROUGH DECEMBER 14.

WE HUNTED SILVIES THIS PAST SEASON DURING THE SECOND SEASON BULL. THE COW HUNTERS WASN'T ANY HELP AS THEY DON'T STAY IN THE AREA THEY HAVE A TAG FOR. PLUS AFTER THE ELK HAVE BEEN ON THE RUN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT TO CHASE THEM EVEN MORE GOING INTO THE TOUGH WINTER.

WE REALLY THINK THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIDER CUTTING BACK ON THE HUNTING SEASONS IN THIS AREA AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE ELK ARE BEING CHASED.

GIVE THEM A BREAK AND MAKE IT MORE ABOUT QUALITY.

RANDAL WINDSOR (retired OSP)
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January 15, 2009

Ron Angling, Wildlife Manager and ODFW Commissioners
C/O ODFW
3406 Cherry Avenue NE
Salem, Oregon 97303-4924

Re: Hunting Dates for the South Indigo Muzzleloader Deer Hunt, Hunt #121M

Ron Angling and Commissioners,

This last hunting season my son, a hunting partner (a 70+ gentleman and Korean War Vet), and myself were fortunate to have drawn the above hunt. This year the hunt began on November 29th and went through December 10th. For 2009 it is listed for November 28th through December 9th. We wish to request that this hunt be moved forward to where it use to be and that was around November 15th.

I have discussed this situation with your regional wildlife biologist, Todd Lum, out of the regional office in Roseburg. As you are aware this particular hunt was moved back because of speculation from the Oregon State Police that North Indigo hunters were coming over the top of the Steamboat drainage and hunting illegally with North Indigo tags on the South Indigo location. While this may have seemed like an easy and good fix for this problem as far as enforcement goes it penalizes the South Indigo tag holders as they are now forced to hunt the post rut period verses the more desirable pre and mid rut time period. This is why this use to be a very favorable and desirable tag draw due to the very timing of the hunt. Now it is not. And the reason for the change was not a biological reason but an enforcement reason.

I do not believe the change of the South Indigo hunt dates was well thought out but more of a knee jerk reaction to the OSP concern of "cheating" by the North Indigo Hunt tag holders. Two things have happened and both are major considerations.

First by moving the hunt times all the way back to very late November and mostly December you have taken the main rut hunting time away from the South Indigo hunters who have been legal in their hunting. Now they have been pushed into a less desirable time period for a chance to bag a nice or trophy buck of which most of the hunters in this controlled hunt are after. In effect, you have rewarded the North Indigo hunters, who were the suspected illegal hunters, and allowed them to have the absolute optimum rut time to hunt. They are the ones that should be moved back to hunt in late November and December not the legal and honest hunters of the South Indigo unit.

Second, no one considered that in some of the very prime hunting areas of the South Indigo unit (Steamboat and Toketee) that the U S Forest Service has road closures on

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some of their winter range roads and thus access is denied in some of the prime hunting areas. While some may consider this ok please consider those people such as my hunting partner that is a 70+ veteran who fought for his county in the Korean War with a heart condition and denied vehicle access to hunt an area that he has hunted for years in the regular seasons in the past. He is not able to walk for any long distances due to his age and condition. He is not handicapped and can walk but might as well be with the denied access. And I might add this particular hunt is not like areas in eastern Oregon where certain hunts have road closures required due to biological or quality type hunts. There just happens to be road closures that occur on December 1st by the U S Forest Service. When the South Indigo hunt was created it was around November 15th and ended well before December 1st so the Forest Service road closures were not an issue.

It is time for you Mr. Angling and Commissions to get it right and correct the situation and allow the legal and honest South Indigo Muzzleloaders the hunt they expect and deserve. In talking with Todd Lum he suggested moving forward only a few days but it still leaves half or more of the season with road closures and still in the post rut period. Move it where it belongs and the intent it was suppose to be and that is mid November.

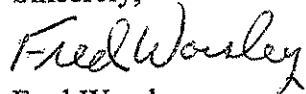
Also a couple of other thoughts for consideration and that is if you are struggling with this situation the only sensible, reasonable, and fair one is to move the North Indigo tag holders back and let them hunt the later time. They earned that with their dishonest, illegal hunting of the South Indigo unit. If you are concerned with the numbers of hunters in the North Indigo unit compared to South Indigo hunters because the McKenzie unit is included then make a North Indigo unit only hunt with the appropriate number of tags. Let the McKenzie unit stand on its own and let them hunt in mid November as you have a separation of location with that hunt and South Indigo.

Also, a final thought on the South Indigo hunt and that is why not consider making a rotation hunt with the Dixon unit. Currently there is no muzzleloader hunt for the Dixon unit. What about one year a mid November hunt in the South Indigo and the next year the Dixon unit. You have this situation with elk on the coast range with the Elliott Forest area. I believe there are three areas where it is rotated each year.

Please consider this formal input for your upcoming gathering of data for setting hunting regulations for 2009. While the new regulations for 2009 have the dates listed it is important that we change them back to where they should be in mid November. While there may be overlap with some other controlled hunts in the South Indigo unit they use to have this overlap before. One of the overlaps occurs with the master hunter program for elk and is only a relatively few tags with hunters that have been held to a higher standard than the average hunter. Again please remember the main complaint came from the OSP and that being specifically the suspected cheating of North Indigo muzzleloader deer hunters. It was NOT the master hunters or muzzleloader elk hunters in the South Indigo unit. Please do the right and fair thing and change it back.

Thank you for your time and please keep me informed as you go through this process. I would be very happy to discuss any aspect of this request with you and will list my address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Worsley".

Fred Worsley

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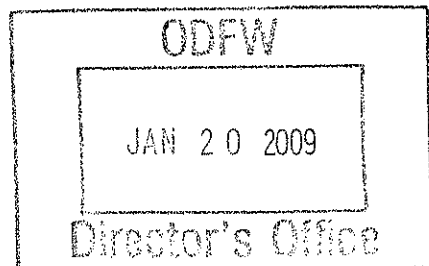
To: WILDLIFE OF OREGON
From: A.L. FRENCH
Subj: Sumpter Unit.

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I & My FAMILY HAVE HUNTED THE
DEAN CREEK - SHEEP ROCK AREA
OF THIS UNIT FOR 35 YEARS. THE
LAST 10 YEARS HAVE BEEN PATHETIC!
WE DO NOT ROAD HUNT WE CLIMB
THE RIDGES & DRAWS IN THE TIMBER. SO,
WE DO FEEL THAT WE HAVE A VALID OBSERVATION
CLOSE IT!!!! AT LEAST 5 YEARS OR
UNTIL THE POPULATION OF ANIMALS IMPROVE!

Thank you

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From: Jeff Svejcar
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 7:47 PM
To: Joel Hurtado
Subject: Hunt #173 & Cougars

Tag #01473293

David Regnier has hunted this area for 39 years and expressed a concern that there are very few deer and a lot of cougar sign. When he's checked the water holes he saw nothing but cougar tracks. He'd like the Commission to do something about it and wanted me to pass this along.

Jeff

From: Jennell Hoehne
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2008 9:54 AM
To: Joel Hurtado
Subject: BG Phone Surveys

Hi Joel,

I talked to a hunter during one of the surveys this week (I think GDB). He wanted me to tell my boss that he wants to see the synopsis written more simply so that hunters could understand the regulations. His name was Harold Neukom from Redmond, phone number 541-923-2123. Thanks.

Jennell

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Liz Bueffel

From: Peter Test
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 8:37 AM
To: Liz Bueffel; Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Phone Surveys

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From: Joel Hurtado
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 5:27 PM
To: Peter Test
Subject: FW: Phone Surveys

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From: Jennell Hoehne
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 8:55 AM
To: Joel Hurtado
Subject: Phone Surveys

Hi Joel,

Sorry, I forgot to write down which survey I called this gentleman on, but I think one of the two disability hunts. He asked me to pass on his opinion. Robert Hughes, 541-573-6483 (Burns). He thinks we should keep out of state hunters out of Oregon (everyone hunt their own state). They are creating havoc in the Burns area with local hunters. They are rude, obnoxious, and dangerous. There have been instances of hunter blinds torn down. I have heard this from several other hunters as well. Sounds very antagonistic over there.

Jennell

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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 8:24 AM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: recomendation for eastern oregon deer controlled hunt opportunity

For review and response. Thanks. – Teri Kucera

From: Deb and Tom Crowell [mailto:debtom@hughes.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2009 8:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: Papa Ray; Joani & Mike Bosworth
Subject: recomendation for eastern oregon deer controlled hunt opportunity

I want to commend the commission for authorizing the 10 late Mt. Emily buck tags and suggest taking this concept a step further. If you would offer a handful of late season tags in other eastern Oregon game units it would provide more diverse opportunities for the serious hunter while generating extra revenue for ODFW. A few late season tags in each game unit would have little to no impact on wildlife numbers while providing these trophy opportunities.

This would most likely increase out of state applications for these tags thus providing a boost to Revenue. Additional hunters around the eastern part of the state in mid November could help some of the struggling businesses in rural Oregon as well.

Thank for your Consideration

Sincerely

Tom Crowell

Adams Oregon

Don Whittaker

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 7:57 AM
To: Don Whittaker
Subject: FW: Cougers out of control!!!!

From: Chris Delong [mailto:cwdelong@cableone.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 5:37 PM
To: ODFW Info
Subject: Cougers out of control!!!!

I simply want to go on record by saying im an avid hunter of all kinds of animals. This year both deer and elk seasons were abismal. The cougar populations are distroying our deer and elk herds. Not only did we see many cougers one member of my party was actively stalked by a large male cougar on the elkhorn range near sumpter durring elk season. we also found several killed and half eaten animals both deer and elk in the sumpter area as well as the juniper and ironside mountain areas durring deer season.

Something must be done about the cougar populations they are simply out of control. if we continue to ignore this problem it will ruin our hunting opportunities for years to come. Not to mention how wildlife in general will suffer.

Thank you
Christopher Delong

hunting and fishing ID
118010

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2009 11:49 AM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Oregon Archery Pronghorn Opportunities

For review and response. Thanks. Teri Kucera

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

From: Nichols, Adam [mailto:Adam.Nichols@samuelmerritt.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 3:34 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Oregon Archery Pronghorn Opportunities

To whom it may concern,

Im writing regarding Oregons archery Pronghorn oportunitites, or lack thereof. I wrote you last year, asking why a second rifle season was added to Whitehorse unit when still no archery opportunity exists. The response stated that as a whole, archery hunts do not have the same demand, and as such the tags go where the demand is. After some thought, I have decided that this answer is simply neither accurate or acceptable.

Demand for a hunt is not based just on the type of tackle a person chooses to use. When looking at the archery opportunities there are three units which have very high demand: Hart Mtn, Warner, and West Beatty's Butte. These three units are often spoken of as having good number of animals and trophy quality on internet forums, in state specific publications, and when talking to people who have actually hunted them. Ive hunted two of the units offered for archery seasons, Gerber Reservoir (on a youth rifle hunt) and Owyhee (archery) and I dont believe that these units offer the number or trophy quality of units such as Steens Mtn or Whitehorse (where I have tagged along on rifle hunts and can attest to the number of animals and trophy quality). These two units have 124 and 264 rifle Pronghorn tags, respectively, and ZERO archery oportunitites. A second rifle season for Whitehorse with 100+ tags, and no archery oportuntuty. This is rediculous, we deserve a season.

I brought this up on an archery forum I vist with an Oregon specific sub-forum. Every response was in agreement. Demand for a hunt follows the quality of the opportunity (animal numbers and trophy quality), and that quality is sorely lacking the majority of Oregons archery Pronghorn oportunities. Even if it did not, and demand was soley based on tackle; what keeps the State from allowing archers ANY opportunity in those units. If we represent a smaller proportion of Pronghorn hunters, allocate us a smaller proportion of tags, but do not keep us out of quality units.

Please reconsider the allocation of tags for Pronghorn hunts in Oregon; we're not asking for a lot.

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2009 11:49 AM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Archery antelope opportunities

For review and response. Thank you. – Teri Kucera

From: Riley Timmins [mailto:riley_141@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 5:21 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Archery antelope opportunities

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on the concern by many fellow archers in the state of Oregon, about the issue of few archery antelope opportunities. There are numerous rifle hunts for antelope with high tag numbers yet few archery hunts and few tag numbers. I don't believe archers are asking for much, all we would like is atleast an opportunity to hunt in some of the premier places in this state. In places such as the Steen's, Whitehorse, or Juniper units where there are a great number of rifle tags, there are no archery hunts. Even if there were 10 tags, that would be a small drop in the bucket compared to the tags given out to rifle hunters. It would help spread hunters out in the drawings and draw hunters away from rifle antelope hunts because they would then have the option of hunting in that area with a bow.

In addition to this, why aren't hunters allowed to use archery or muzzleloader equipment in a rifle season? The only person at a disadvantage is the archer or muzzleloader. I personally am applying for rifle hunts because an archery hunt doesn't exist in that area. If it's an issue of safety then why not require archers to wear safety orange like other states do. Most other states allow the use of archery equipment during rifle seasons.

Thank you for your time

Riley Timmins

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Teri Kucera

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2008 7:48 AM
To: Teri Kucera
Subject: FW: Cougar populations

From: AZURCHER35@aol.com [mailto:AZURCHER35@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2008 9:13 PM
To: ODFW Info
Subject: Cougar populations

mister ELICKER ~::: my name is DON ZURCHER currently living in central or. 8 miles east of prineville near the mill cr. area, having hunted in this drainage since 1952, i too have seen the decline in deer numbers especialy in the forest service areas, i find cougar kills on both deer and elk,since 1994 when we passed a law against hunting cougars with dogs the cougars have increased greatly, i belong to the prineville chapter of the or. hunter association, i have repeatedly asked the hunter chapters to get together and push for a vote in all eastside hunting units to reinstate hunting cougars with dogs which is the only real method to successfully reduce those cat numbers,a few years ago 4 bow hunters were hunting this area and one of them saw a female with 4 young ones estimated to be about half grown, a female would have to hunt full time to feed a crew like that. western oregon dictates what we do here in Eastern or. if we want to save the mule deer a vote to reinstate hunting cougar with dogs would be a good place to start. i know some deer have been displaced by new housing, but that is not all the problem actually only a small part. most of the decline of mule deer is in the national forests

where there is no housing and never have been. and now we have wolves , what in the heck were those federal people thinking. and last but not least i feel the game comm. has not been aggressive enough when it comes to the cougar issue.we do not need a fee increase as we are not getting any bang for our buck, oregon was once one of the leading states in the nation for deer harvest numbers and i would like to see it at least gain some in that area instead of a steady decline in tag numbers each year.our harvest rate is almost just to poor.many hunters are quitting because of lack of game numbers both deer and elk in our forests. just wanted to vent. don zurcher

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to whom it may concern:

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I did hunt the Saddle Mt. hunt, opening weekend for some 10 days. I saw 2 big bull elk @ 50 yds. yet had no ethical shot opportunity.

While stalking up a game trail & came across a 300# B. Black Bear @ 10 yds. He saw me first and was off thru the under brush at 30 mph! "What a rush!!"

Thank you for the memories...

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R. Wilde

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 7:42 AM
To: Liz Bueffel; Peter Test; Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: ????????????

FYI

From: Lewallen, Carl [mailto:Carl.Lewallen@wahchang.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 6:16 AM
To: ODFW Info
Subject: ????????????

Wanted to know how it is I apply and draw a tag Pay for it and Weyerhaeuser can lock there gates and keep me from hunting in areas behind there gates that this tag covers and, we wonder why people get pissed off at Weyerhaeuser and ODFW what do you plan on doing about this on going problem this is not the first time.....Weyerhaeuser whines and complains about damage to there trees from animals ODFW makes a draw hunt for that area people pay money and put in for that tag draw that tag make plains to take time off to hunt spend all that time and cash and then O sorry our gates will be locked sounds a bit like our Salmon tags this year close it after every one buys there tagsjust so that you know this email will be sent to more than just you..... Thanks have a great day Carl Lewallen ??????????.....Melrose Plus Tag

From: RON From Pacific Northwest [mailto:ronteri2@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 04, 2009 12:17 PM
To: ODFW Info
Subject: Baiting Blacktail Deer

My name is Ron Allison, I am 58 years old and I am located in Grants Pass. I have hunted blacktail bucks all my life and in the past three or four years I have been hearing more and more about hunters shooting deer over feed stations similar to the tactics used for whitetail deer hunting in TX and other parts of the country. It is a successful method of bringing in bucks and it is on the increase since there is at the current time no clearly written law against it. I have talked to the OSP game warden in my area about the practice and he has the same concerns and would also like to see a law in place that specifically makes the practice illegal. If baiting bears violates "free chase", then how is it different with buck deer? Thanks for your time.
Sincerely, Ron Allison

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2008 7:47 AM
To: Liz Bueffel; Don Whittaker
Subject: FW: cougars

FYI

From: penner [mailto:lpenner@centurytel.net]
Sent: Friday, December 26, 2008 5:47 PM
To: ODFW Info
Subject: cougars

I saw a few cougars again this year. I will not shoot any cougars without a tag. I will not pay for a tag. If you want the cougars shot, you need to **give** the tags to the hunters.

From: Jennell Hoehne
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2008 9:54 AM
To: Joel Hurtado
Subject: BG Phone Surveys

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To whom it may concern,

I recently participated in hunt number 272A, the Silvies unit cow elk tag. I had high hopes for this tag as it has been ten years since I have convinced an elk to spend a winter in my freezer. My hunting party, 2 other guys, had hunted it last year and had nothing but good things to say about it. While they did not kill an elk, they were into them everyday. They did have an opportunity to take one but someone thought they saw horns, my thinking is because they were in a pole thicket and couldn't make a positive ID. As it turns out it was a cow. They found this out as they pushed it to another hunter who had it in the wide open and took it when he had a clear shot.

I am not writing this letter because I didn't kill an elk. I am writing this letter because I did not even see sign that elk had been there in the last few weeks. I have been hunting elk since about 1990 and taken 4 bulls and 1 cow, so this is by no means my first 'rodeo'. We logged 23 miles by foot, according to the GPS, and over 200 by vehicle over the western half of the unit. I walked through areas that screamed elk habitat, i.e. south exposures, green grass, isolated canyons, no other people. I thought with every new draw and canyon, they are going to be here. Nothing. The only tracks I saw were deer if any at all. It was like the elk were on the moon.

I talked to around 65 hunters, of those 8 actually saw an elk. 4 of them got a shot, 1 missed twice. So of the 65 guys, 3 dead elk, that's a 4.62% success rate on public land. Everyone that we talked to said that the elk that they had seen were heading to or were actually on private land. So we decided to change tactics, hunt the border of the private. Everyday we heard shooting on the private land, and with the 2 way radios we carry, you could hear the 'guides' telling someone to bring the 'equipment' as there was a lot of work to do. Hearing "We have 2 down, or 3 down or 1 down and trailing 2 more" after a volley of shots that sounds like the opening salvos of war, gets pretty old pretty fast, let me tell ya. We came home after 5 days with no live elk sighted and no fresh elk sign seen.

I have a friend who has drawn the tag 13 of the last 15 years, his entire party (about 6-10 guys) tagged out pretty much every year. That ended 3 years ago. 2 years ago only half the party tagged out, last year they only saw 8 animals and got none. This year only 2 of them drew out and they never saw an animal. This would tell me that something is wrong.

Now I am all for guys getting to hunt on private land, as we hunt blacktails on my brother in law's property. But mostly its because there I don't have to worry about some idiot driving down a closed road or sending a shot or 2 my way. It's safer for my daughter to hunt on too. There were 2 ranches that we heard shooting from, the Silver Creek and the other I do not know the name of the other but one of its gates is within a 1/2 mile of Doe Springs campground, there were no names on the signs. I am curious as to how many LOP tags are assigned each year to the private land holders and how many of them do they sell to clients?

Another issue I think is greatly affecting the elk herd there is the fact that they have been getting pounded since Aug. 15, granted they have most of October off, but then to start in on them again Oct. 29 then on through Dec. 14? With 1,980 elk tags available with a rifle, and who knows how many bowhunters, that seems like a ton on continuous pressure to put on the herd, no to mention the LOP tags that are given out. I know most elk tags run around 15% success rates on the east side of the state, which would put the rifle harvest at about 300 animals. Are there really that many animals in that unit that need to be taken out? Is the damage to the private land holdings that great?

I am not a biologist and don't pretend to be but I like to think I am intelligent enough to see when things don't look right. Why not cut down the LOP tags to a bare minimum and knock the tag numbers down so there are more elk in the unit? I would gladly wait 3-5 years to hunt elk with a rifle if I actually had a chance of killing one, rather than just an expensive camping trip. My opinion of it is, that if the landowners have too many elk then they would be forced to allow free public access to 'their' elk, whether during the general season or in a damage control capacity. I say 'their' because they charge people to access their lands to hunt, and I have had a lot of instances with landowners in the Fossil and Grizzly units where they were completely out of control with

their asking prices, and 'ownership' or the elk. For example, \$500 a head and he will hold our rifles to drive 1/4 to 3/8 of a mile across this guys pasture to access the public land behind it, because without horses it would have taken all day to hike into the only other access point. We thought it was because he had LOP tag holders in there, a fact later confirmed by the guys that did ride horses in there. One guy wanted \$10,000 dollars to hunt his land, and guaranteed that you would see a shootable bull. For 10k, personally, it had better weigh 1,200 lbs. and score 400 at least. It seems that these hunts are geared towards making the landowners money and not so much for the betterment of the herds, and we feel that the Silvies unit might be headed that way.

In closing I just wanted to express my opinions to you and sincerely hope that this is not the 'canary in the mine' for the way elk are going to be managed in the future. I would hate to see this great unit go the way of the Beulah, Fossil, and Grizzly units. I hope that the new mandatory hunter reporting is a wake up call as to what is really going out here, I would also suggest another spot on the form. "Did you see a legal animal?"

Sincerely,
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Nov. 20, 2008

To: ODFW Commission

From: Doug Winn (503) 838-3839

1334 Bentley St. E.

Monmouth, OR 97361

Subject: Comments on regulations.

Speaking just for myself, I recommend you consider allowing us hunters to purchase additional Elk tags if we are unsuccessful in that years preceeding season(s). If I were to hunt the Cascade Bull Elk Season (Oct. 18-24th) and was unsuccessful, why not allow me to buy an additional tag (Coast Bull Elk Hunts) or Rocky Mountain general season tags) to continue hunting the Elk Season. If a hunter were to be successful and tag an Elk then their season would be over (no additional tags sold to him/her). However, if unsuccessful, you could potentially sell two, three, four, or more elk tags to the same hunter because they were unsuccessful in their previous hunt(s). More \$ for ODFW and more hunting opportunities for us hunters (also more \$ for the areas economy). This "scenario" may also apply to other species Hunts also!

Doug Winn

Continued on back:

Maybe you could confirm their eligibility to purchase another tag by having them turn in their "unpunched" previous tag before issuing them a new tag! I really believe a lot of hunters would hunt additional seasons if ODFW allowed them to.

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2008 7:57 AM
To: Liz Bueffel; Peter Test; Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: Hunters Blaze Orange Law

FYI

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

From: Shirley Pass [mailto:spass@centurytel.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2008 7:03 PM
To: ODFW Info
Subject: Hunters Blaze Orange Law

What is the possibility that Oregon can put into law for all deer/elk hunters must wear blaze orange while hunting in the woods. Washington has had that law for quite some time now.

It has been reported that popularity of hunting is picking up again, and there are a lot of trigger happy people out there.

Thank you for your consideration.
Shirley
shirlpass@yahoo.com

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

From: Patty Rose [mailto:grose@wtechlink.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2008 7:45 PM
To: MORDICA Tami
Subject: hunting days change

Hi I don't know if you are the right person to send this idea to but here goes. I would like to see the ODFW change the days the first season elk hunt is scheduled for. What I am talking about is moving the hunt from Wednesday thru Sunday, to Tuesday thru Saturday. By doing this it would give all of the first season hunters a full 5 days to hunt. The way it is now Most of the hunters have to leave early Sunday to go home and get ready of work on Monday. This way may be it might encourage more hunters to hunt the first season. That have other wise given up hunting. In my unit we hunt most hunters are in camp by Monday so feel this would not create to much hardship. If I have the wrong person could forward this idea to the right person. Thank you George Rose 541-276-9382. or 1821 SW 18Th Pendleton Oregon

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2008 2:58 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: share the harvest

For your review. - Teri Kucera

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

From: Robby Fuit [mailto:frstonrcdy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 10:58 AM
To: ODFW Commission; ODFW Commission
Subject: share the harvest

I my name is Robby Fuit. Yes I am a hunter. I been watch Versus and their whitetail hunt in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin. Their program called share the harvest for feed need family.

I would maybe like to see the be look at or maybe be adopt. If it is adopt do it has a special hunt or draw hunt for the time frame of the general deer season or if a buck is harvest early they being in the tag to the any field ODFW office to request a share the harvest tag. If the hunter donated the kill to share the harvest program and turn in the tag. Maybe give a extra point in the control hunts. This just some idea's cause I'm all in favor of the share the harvest program.

Thank you,

Robby

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 2:22 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Request for Review

For your information. – Teri Kucera

From: William Jackson [mailto:wjackson@paragonconsultingservices.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 9:50 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Request for Review

Ladies and gentlemen:

I would ask that the Commission review the exclusion of mechanical broadheads from approved bowhunting equipment in Oregon. The technology, while once flawed has seen significant improvement and is now a reliable means for harvesting big game, given that the overall weight of the arrow and broadhead are sufficient to gain maximum penetration and of course, the shot is well placed. It is my opinion that the inclusion of mechanical broadheads would improve the accuracy of bowhunters as tuning to match the flight of field tips is easier and more assured, which will in turn reduce inaccurate shots and the wounding of animals.

The issue of inaccuracy and lack of knowledge among the bowhunting community also raises the issue of Oregon requiring Bowhunter Education in order to obtain a bowhunting license. I am currently a Bowhunter and Hunter Education Instructor in Oregon and have also been so in New York, where successful completion of the course is required. Requiring this education and a demonstration of proficiency in placing shots at a reasonable distance is a positive step in the right direction for Oregon. While hunting in Ohio, a proficiency test was required to bowhunt in an urban area (Kirtland, Lake County) where the deer population was being confined due to residential construction. In this test, hunters were required to place 4 out of 5 shots within the target area the size of an 8 inch pie plate, which coincides to within the 2nd ring of a standard target. Within our Bowhunter course, we do have a field portion in which participants indicate their effective range and then take shots at our Steel bear which has an 8 inch cut out in the vital area. Those that are practiced and effective in determining distance by sight save their arrows - those that are not feel the pain as their arrow contacting steel normally do not survive. With today's expensive carbon arrows this can be a costly, but effective lesson. But this currently is a demonstration and not a requirement to successfully demonstrate proficiency - it should be. We do certify proficiency for those intending on hunting in Idaho or Alaska. For those that have already gained a bowhunting license and may be excluded from this requirement; requiring proficiency could still be enacted. Archery shops across the state could perform the proficiency tests as they did in Ohio. This could also have a secondary benefit as those that may have never gone to a shop may now actually learn correct form and bow tuning which would in turn again improve the stock of bowhunters in Oregon. At the conclusion of our classes and sometimes during the introduction, we are consistently asked why Oregon does not require successful completion of the course - to which of course, we have no answer. I would hope the Commission would undertake discussion on this topic and decide to require Bowhunter Education and successful demonstration of proficiency as a requirement as Oregon continues to evolve the hunting regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Bill Jackson
Oregon Hunter Education Instructor #13178

11/5/2008

From: Greenwalt, Matt [mailto:MGreenwalt@usg.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 11:33 AM

To: ODFW Commission

Subject: Black tail deer populations???

Due to declining black tail deer populations in all areas of the saddle Mt. and Scappoose units that I hunt, wouldn't it be a good idea to eliminate doe tags for certain areas? In the mid 1990's when I first started to hunt deer there seemed to be abundance. More so in the East saddle Mt. area. This was largely due to no doe hunting in that area for a period of five years. Since then due to hair lose syndrome, and more so doe killing I tend to be seeing less deer ever year. I did kill a small 4 point buck this year, but the amount of time I put in just didn't equate to seeing many deer. This seems to be getting worse each year. A farmer doesn't kill his cows since they are his breeding stock. The same should be true for both deer and elk.

Matt Greenwalt

Thomas Thornton

From: DeAnna Erickson
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 8:50 AM
To: Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: first season elk hunt

FYI only.

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 8:25 AM
To: Steve Cherry; Shannon Jewett
Cc: Meg Kenagy; Michelle Dennehy; DeAnna Erickson
Subject: FW: first season elk hunt

From: ALAN JEFFERS [mailto:ajef43@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 6:03 PM
To: ODFW Info
Subject: first season elk hunt

I just returned from my elk hunt in the heppner unit. Like last time i got a first season tag for heppner the forest service started their burning of the mountain sides, needless to say every animal around left for miles around. You need to get this stopped or change the way things are done on these hunts. it cost a lot of money to go over there to find out we got screwed again. Everyone who hunted in the wall creek area should get some reimbursement. the elk numbers in that area are already down and getting worse due to your management practices. i dont know how you get your numbers but you should come hunt with us and get a real awakening.

thank you
alan jeffers e-mail ajef43@msn.com

Liz Bueffel

From: Tami Mordica
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 10:39 AM
To: 'Roe'; ODFW Info; Liz Bueffel
Cc: MORDICA Tami; Kathy Alwetaid; JUNGE Tracy; Sandra.Rogers@state.or.us; Cindy St Martin; TIMM Richard R
Subject: RE: Controlled buck hunt proposal

Good Morning Mr. Roe, I have forwarded your email to our Wildlife Division, Thank You Tami

Tami Mordica
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Controlled Hunts Supervisor
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Fax 503-947-6113

From: Roe [mailto:roeboat2@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 10:30 AM
To: ODFW Info
Cc: MORDICA Tami; Kathy Alwetaid; JUNGE Tracy; Sandra.Rogers@state.or.us; Cindy St Martin; TIMM Richard R
Subject: Controlled buck hunt proposal

Hello. I'm a life time Oregonian and have been a Eastern Oregon buck hunter since 1963. This is a request for the ODFW to finally consider permitting pioneer hunters to receive a controlled buck hunting tag any year that they wish to hunt those areas in Oregon. It would not only be equitable for the ODFW, but would be rewarding for us who are life time Oregon hunters. It would not infringe on other applicants for their chances of a successful draw in a controlled hunt area simply because the commission could set standards just for those of us who would purchase this type of tag. A standard could be set for those of us who would purchase such a tag that the buck harvest must be three points or better and perhaps an additional charge of \$5.00, in order to purchase that type of tag. Please consider this suggestion, which would not only enhance the ODFW's revenue, but put lifetime Oregon hunters out in the field in controlled hunts annually.

Respectfully, Phillip Roe

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cc: Controlled Hunt Staff Members

Liz Bueffel

From: Brian Winter [brian@prmrins.com]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 6:08 PM
To: Thomas Thornton
Cc: Liz Bueffel; Larry Cooper; Ronald Anglin; Joel Hurtado; Peter Test; Eric Rickerson; KEENAN
Matthew T; Martin Nugent; Audrey Hatch
Subject: Mule Deer hunting in Eastern Oregon

October 17, 2008

Dear Sir,

How in the world do you hold the title of Game Program Manager? It is an absolute puzzle and one that truly deserves an answer. Here are some ideas that might actually help the sport of hunting and also the mule deer population.

1. At least five or six units need to be 4 point or better, period! Yes, a few forked horns will be accidentally shot, but nothing compared to the number of spikes and forked horns that are taken now. The rest of the units need to be forked horn or better. I see 50lb spikes being shot every single year! Enough is enough!

2. The number of tags should be no more than 1,500 in any unit and should be adjusted lower, when there is a severe winter like this last. A number of people in your organization obviously don't do anything, so the loss of tag revenue could be offset with getting rid of their positions.

3. Not sure why the ODFW think that BOW HUNTERS walk on water, but give it a rest. If you are going to have road closures for vehicles like the ones this year in the PAULINA UNIT, then close them for everyone and yes, that includes BOW HUNTERS. You're not doing the animals any favors unless you close them for all hunters. Seeing 6 different types of law enforcement in 7 days of hunting along with a plane buzzing over daily was just a little bit of overkill, don't you think?

4. Length of season should be the same for everyone in eastern Oregon, 10 DAYS! BOW HUNTERS should have to choose either east or west, just like the rest of us. It shouldn't matter if you hunt with a bow, muzzleloader, or rifle. Quit harassing the shit out of these animals with early season, late season, doe and other BS hunts.

These are just a few ideas and they're not based solely on REVENUE, like those of the ODFW! Keep it up and soon there won't be any animals, hunters or your precious REVENUE.

I've lived in Oregon my entire life and have hunted a number of different units. I used to enjoy hunting here, but that was 25 yrs. ago!! Most wouldn't mind waiting an extra year or two if it meant drawing a chance at a mature buck.

Please pass this along to the rest of your staff and hopefully someone will actually do the right thing.

Brian Winter
Lifelong Oregon resident and hunter...

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10/20/2008

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:50 PM
To: Liz Bueffel; Thomas Thornton
Cc: Steven George; Brian Ferry; Corey Heath; Meg Eden
Subject: FW: Comments

From: Tyson Richardson [mailto:tyson4hunting@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 9:59 PM
To: ODFW.Comments@state.or.us; Josh
Subject: Comments

Hello,

My name is Tyson Richardson and I will probably not be able to make it to the meeting in my area (Redmond), due to my work schedule. I do however have a few comments I would like to make.

First: I want to extend my appreciation for what the ODFW has been doing since Director Elicker has taken over. I have seen a great change in hunting opportunities throughout the state. I think all of you at the ODFW are doing a great job in creating new and exciting hunts for both youths and adults.

Second: For many of the Antelope hunts, I'm seeing that the points are starting to stabilize around 12 or 13. In my opinion, that is a long time to wait for a tag. I think that number can be dropped two to three years with more added archery and muzzleloader hunts with very limited tags (5-20) in areas where we have a lot of antelope. eg. Steens, Juniper, Beulah, Ochoco etc. I do see that N. Wagontire and Paulina are proposed to be added, so I think we're heading in the right direction.

Third: I believe that mandatory reporting is crucial for the management of our states wildlife. We need to convince people that this is a good thing. There has to either be incentives or penalties for not reporting. It only takes about one minute to report a tag. We also need them to take it seriously and understand how critical it is to the future of hunting in this state. The only complaint I have about the mandatory reporting is the last years information has not been made available. I believe the statistics should be made available ASAP every year so that people can access this information before they apply for their tags.

I want to thank you for listening to public comments and also allowing me to send my comments via email.

Keep up the good work!!

Tyson Richardson
(541) 410-8682

5/14/2009

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:50 PM
To: Thomas Thornton; Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: mandatory reporting

From: archer48@netzero.com [mailto:archer48@netzero.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 12:09 PM
To: ODFW.Comments@state.or.us
Cc: Archer48@netzero.net
Subject: mandatory reporting

In regards to this subject. This is bothersome to me. Penalties if people don' t report? Hunting is a recreation/hobby , but, you are making it job for people. Alot of people aren't going to want to deal with this. You have incentives to make people want to do it , not penalties if they don't .You complain how licenses and tags sales are down each year, yet , here you have something to detour people even more.....You need to find something better to try and get your info..... How many other states do this???THANK YOU.....concerned hunter

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Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:49 PM
To: Liz Bueffel; Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Hunting Regulations

From: Hans Brubaker [mailto:hansbrubaker@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 12:52 PM
To: ODFW.Comments@state.or.us
Subject: Public Comment on Hunting Regulations

I would like to comment on the non-resident big game hunting opportunities. I have been participating in the point system for 7 years with the hope of drawing a quality hunt for several species. I understand that there will always be a greater demand for quality hunts than there are animals available to issue tags. I am concerned about two aspects of the system from the non-resident perspective.

(1) The practice of allocating the very few top quality tags to guides every other year really reduces the already low chance of drawing one of these tags. I would think that the hunters who can afford these hunts should be able to buy a landowner tag, and that the guides cannot depend on these tags anyway since there are so few tags.

(2) The second issue is the percent of tags issued to non-residents is so low that I believe no one actually draws the top hunts except for the top point holder(s) even though the program says it is statistically possible for lower point holders to draw. With point creep, I don't know if I will ever be able to draw a tag at all. I would like the department to consider raising the non-resident percentage from 5% to 10% or more to allow more non-resident opportunity. After investing 7 years, I'm not sure if Oregon really wants non-residents to apply in their system. With every other state, I have a very good idea of what I can expect with elk and deer draws, but with Oregon, I fear that I may be wasting my investment.

thank you,
Hans

5/14/2009

Liz Bueffel

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:50 PM
To: Liz Bueffel
Subject: FW: Public Comments from the Web

From: Sue3rhyne@aol.com [mailto:Sue3rhyne@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 6:46 PM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Decline of Hunting and Fishing
Name: Aaron Rhyne
E-mail: sales1@bronsonent.com

Comment:

Why is it that odfw wonders why there is a decline in new and old hunters. When all that seems to happen is higher license and tag fees with shorter seasons and more regulations. They blame it on less animals but it is there own management that has caused it. They have more cougars and now wolfs that are eliminating the population but they can not see it. We need less of both of them. There is a reason that are fore fathers lessened there numbers. It was to make it safer for us and help the animals grow. We need to look back at history more for the lessons we are missing now.

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