



# ODFW Wildlife Division Report

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## Bighorn Sheep Update

Malheur District has been monitoring sick California Bighorn sheep in the Owyhee River Canyon for several months now. Observations have been made of sick sheep and samples have been collected from hunter harvested sheep. Laboratory tests have confirmed *Mycoplasma ovipneumonia* (M. ovi) in the Owyhee Canyon sheep herd

- Early indication up to 60% loss in herd
- Several hunts impacted – Applying existing authority to cancel hunts and remove from Point of Sale System
- Will notify any early applicants and offer to change hunt choice or get refund on application fee
- Continued monitoring and disease sampling

## Wolf Program Activities

- This month – East Region Wolf Program and numerous Wildlife Districts are busy with field work to update status of the wolf packs for breeding pair count.
- Trail camera deployment and monitoring; capture and collaring opportunities
- Identified one new Area of Known Wolf Activity (AKWA) in the Klamath Wildlife District
- Preparing 2015 Annual Status report

## Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Revision – Process

- **January 2016** – Commission Briefing
- **February 2016** –begin review of biological chapters, incorporate new science and/or findings
- **February/March/April 2016** – Contact Stakeholders and hold meetings to solicit input find common ground
- **May/June 2016** – Complete evaluation of objectives and strategies with potential revisions to address stakeholder or department issues.
- **July 2016** – Finalize draft Wolf Conservation and Management Plan
- **August 2016** – Draft Wolf Conservation and Management Plan presented to Commission for review, public input and direction
- **October 2016** – Commission adoption of Final Wolf Conservation and Management Plan