

2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Furbearer Trapping & Hunting Regulations



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Presentation Overview

License and Pelt Price Trends

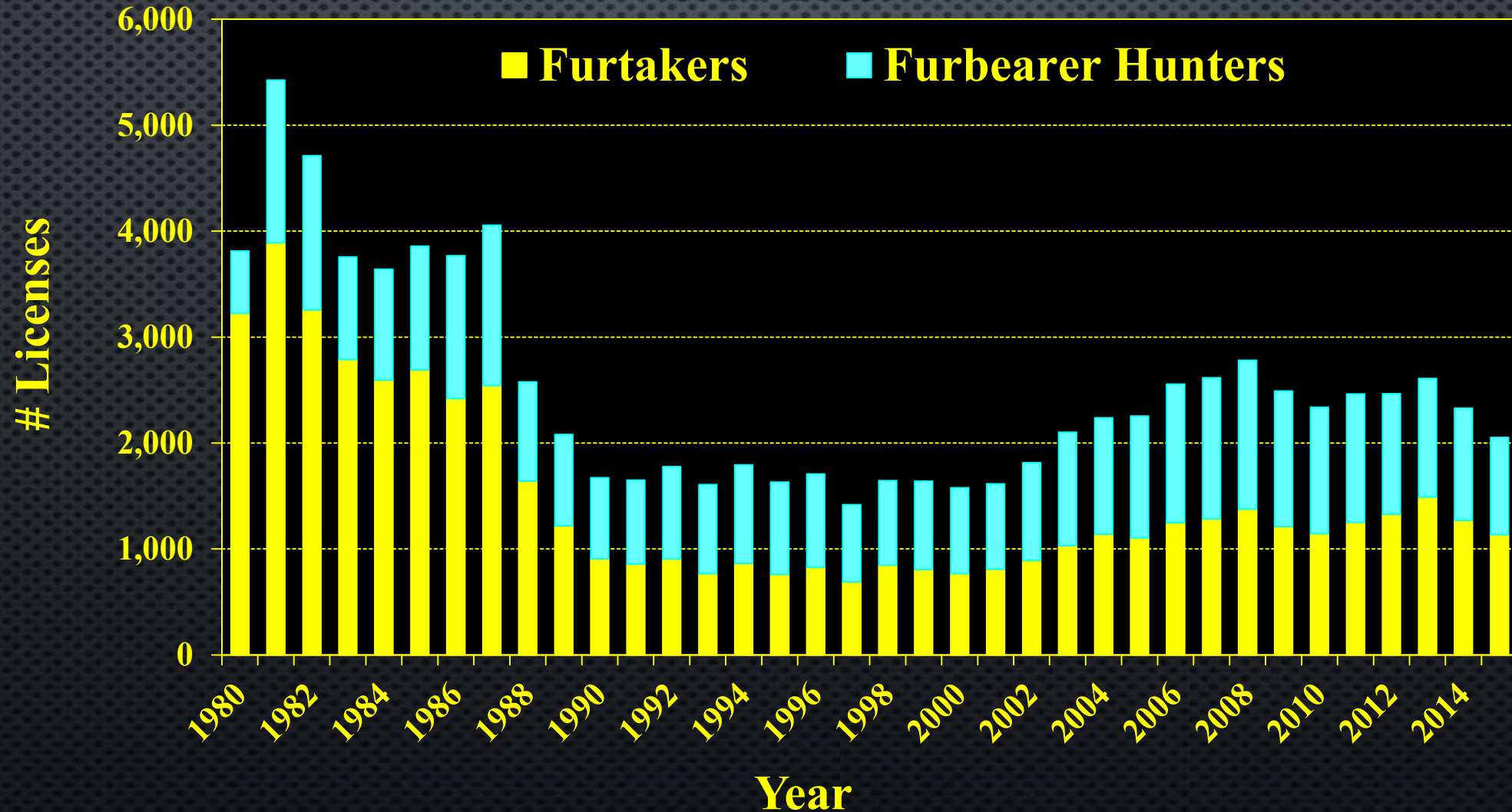
Species and Season Information

Regulation Proposals

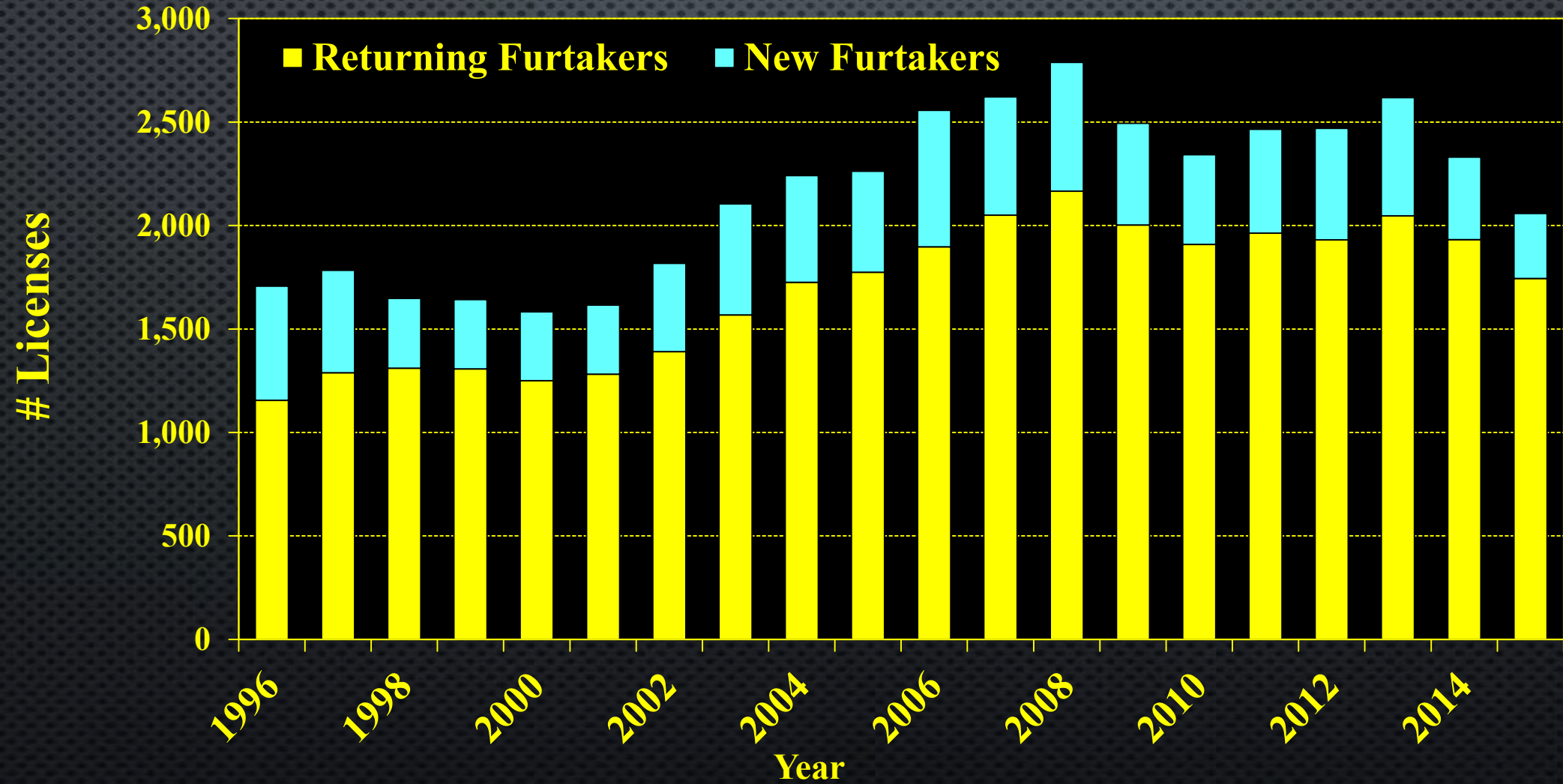
- Sale of Unprotected Mammal Pelts
- ODOT Crossing Structures



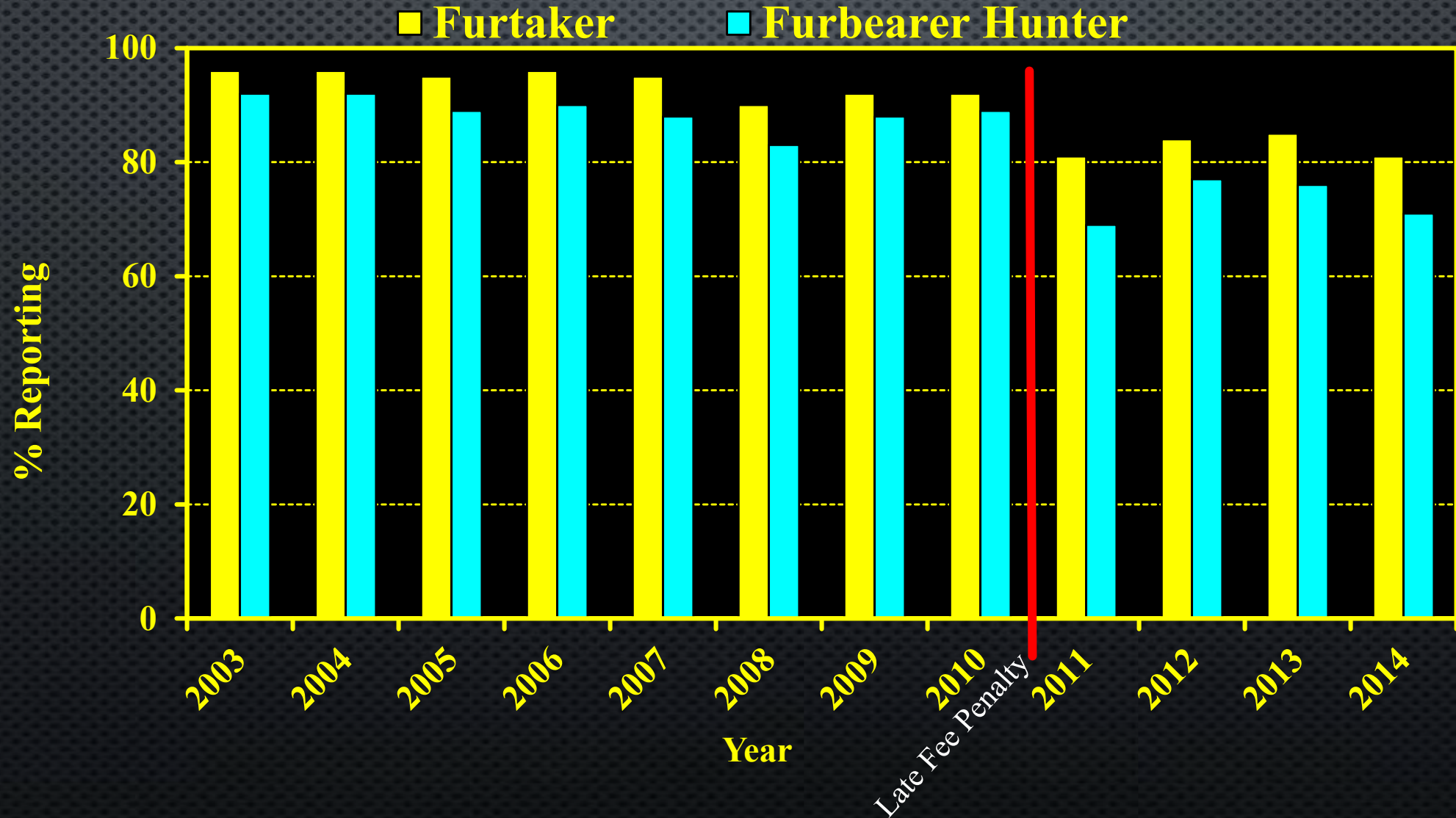
Furtaker License Sales Trends 1980-2015



New Furtaker License Trends 1996-2015



Furtaker Reporting Trend 2004-2014



Average Pelt Prices

2014-2015 & 2015-2016

- Beaver (\$14 ↓ \$11)
- Bobcat (\$195 ↑ \$211)
- Coyote (\$48 ↓ \$25)
- Marten (\$28 ↓ \$20)
- Mink (\$11 ↓ \$6)
- Muskrat (\$5 ↓ \$2)
- River Otter (\$66 ↓ \$60)
- Raccoon (\$6 ↓ \$4)
- Gray Fox (\$18 ↓ \$11)
- Red Fox (\$26 ↓ \$19)

Prices obtained from the Oregon
Territorial Council on Furs



AFWA 2015 Report
Average Trapping Expenses
US \$1,694
Oregon \$1,761

**Based on Average Harvest
and Prices for All Species:**
Western Oregon Furtaker: \$1,564
Eastern Oregon Furtaker: \$2,006

Species and Seasons



Season Recommendations

Unprotected Mammals

**Open Entire Year for:
Badger, Coyote, Nutria, Opossum,
Porcupine, Skunks, Weasels**

Included in Harvest Report

Protected Mammals

**No Open Season for:
Fisher, Ringtail Cat, Wolverine,
Kit Fox, Sea Otter**



Furbearer Harvest Season Recommendations

- **No Changes Proposed to Season Dates for Trapping and Hunting Furbearers**

- **Beaver** **Nov. 15 – Mar. 15**
- **Bobcat** **Dec. 1 – Feb. 28**
- **Gray Fox** **Nov. 15 – Feb. 28**
- **Red Fox** **Oct. 15 – Jan. 15 or Open All Year in Baker, Gilliam, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler Counties**
- **Marten** **Nov. 1 – Jan. 31**
- **Muskrat** **Nov. 15 – Mar. 31**
- **Mink** **Nov. 15 – Mar. 31**
- **Raccoon** **Nov. 15 – Mar. 15**
- **River Otter** **Nov. 15 – Mar. 15**

Pursuit Seasons



Bobcat:
Sept. 1 – Feb. 28

Harvest:
Dec. 1 – Feb. 28



Red & Gray Fox:
Sept. 1 – Feb. 28

Harvest:
Oct. 15 – Jan. 15 (Red Fox)
All Year (9 counties, Red Fox)
Nov.15 – Feb. 28 (Gray Fox)



Raccoon:
Sept. 1 – Mar. 15

Harvest:
Nov. 15 – Mar. 15

Pursuit Season Length

Oregon United Sporting Dog Association (OUSDA) has requested lengthening Pursuit Seasons

Concerns with lengthening Pursuit Seasons include:

- **August, usually hottest month of the year**
- **March-April, increased likelihood of dependent young**
- **Enforcement concern, particularly in March**
 - **Currently Pursuit Seasons end with harvest seasons except for red fox**
 - **Fur of some species is still of high quality at end of harvest season**

Department proposes no change to Pursuit Seasons

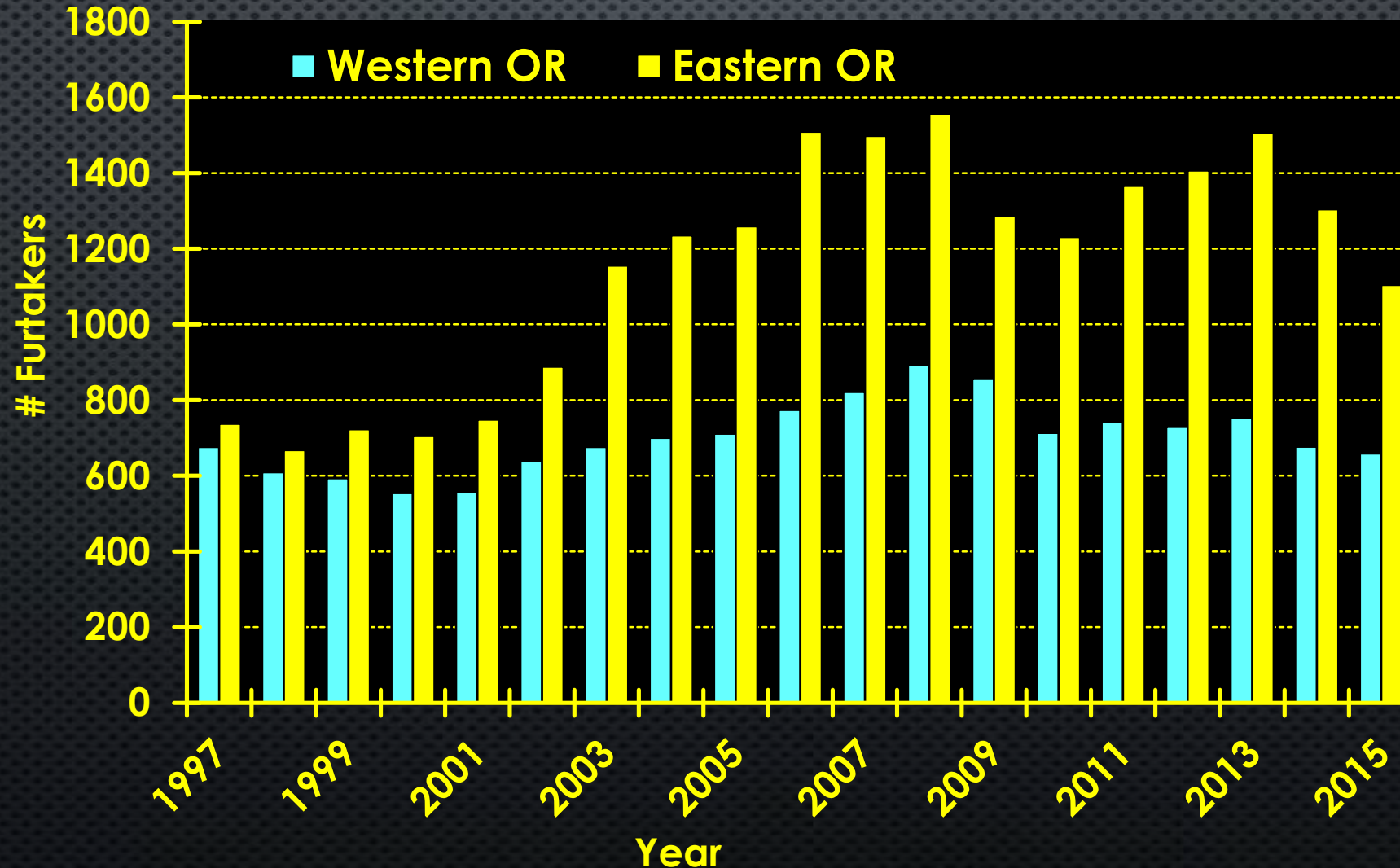
Bobcat Information



- **Bobcat Record Card required to hunt or trap**
- **Lower jaw and harvest information must be submitted to ODFW to have ownership tag affixed and must occur within 5 business days after the season ends**

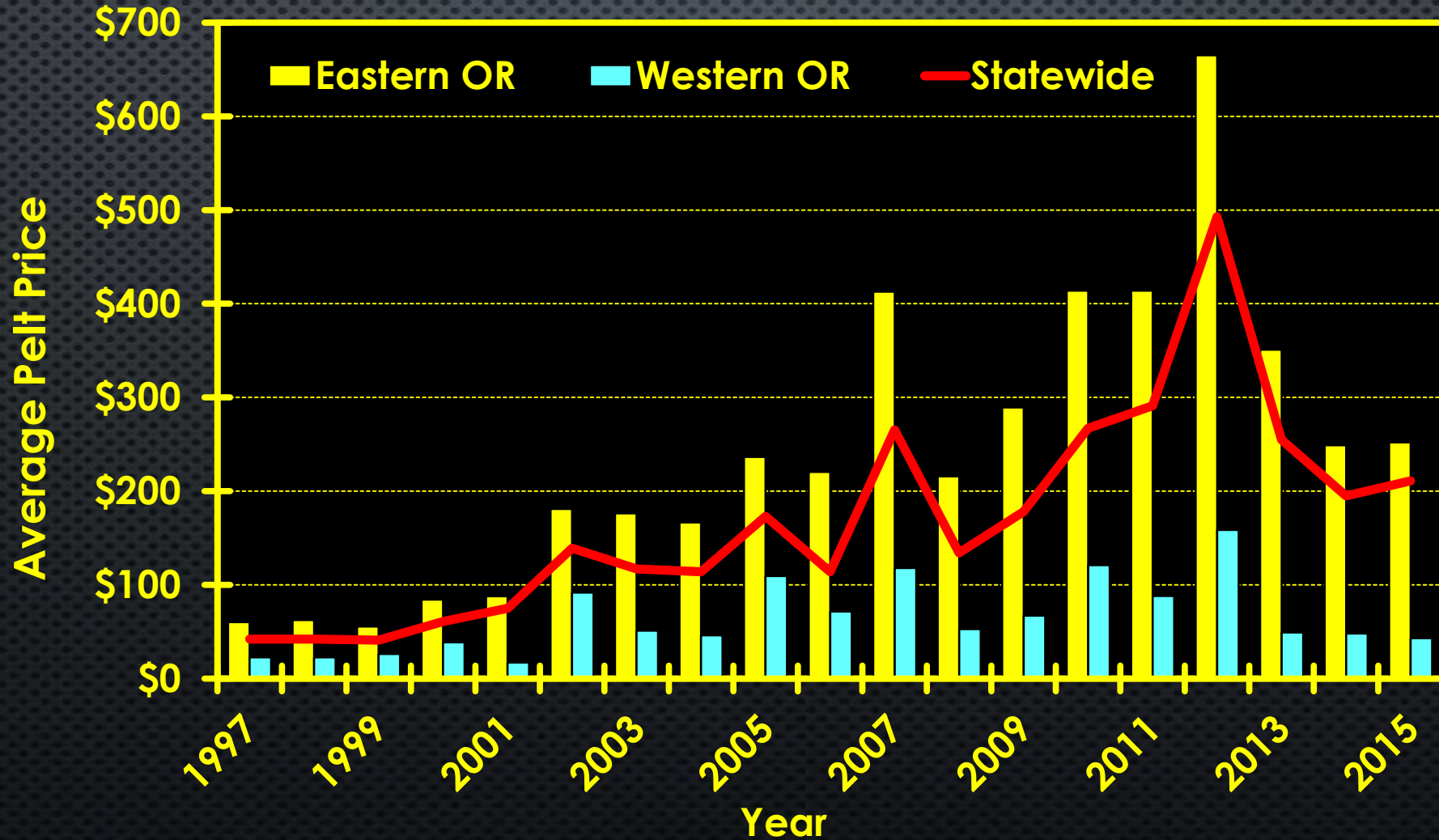
Furtakers With Bobcat Record Cards

Individuals Purchasing Record Cards 1997-2015



Bobcat Pelt Price Trends

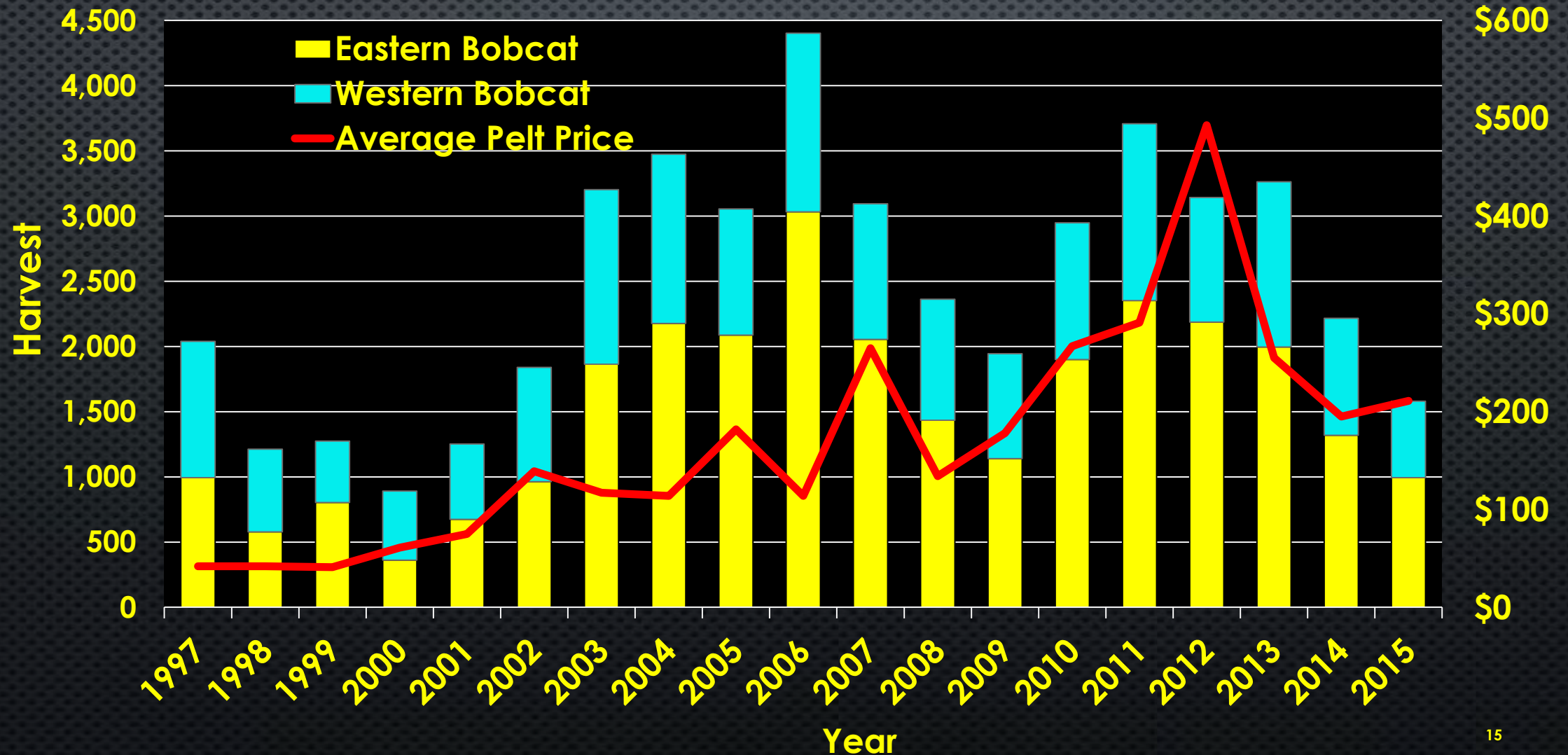
Average Oregon Bobcat Pelt Price 1997-2015





Bobcat Harvest Trends

Annual Harvest 1997-2015



Bobcat Management Criteria



Harvest and Effort

- **Harvest, Participation, and Effort, and Catch Per Unit Effort**

Harvest Demographic Structure

- **Proportion of Females**
- **Proportion of Kittens and Juveniles**
- **Proportion of Adult Females**
- **Average Age of Harvest**

Eastern Oregon

Substantial decline in harvest, participation, and effort, but Catch Per Unit Effort values remain within long term averages

1-2% Fluctuation, within long term averages

Increased 2013 to 2014, at or slightly below long term averages

Increased 2013 to 2014, above long term averages

Increased 2013 to 2014 and slightly above long term averages

Department proposes no changes to Eastern bobcat bag limit (5)

Bobcat Management Criteria



Harvest and Effort

- **Harvest, Participation, and Effort, and Catch Per Unit Effort**

Harvest Demographic Structure

- **Proportion of Females**
- **Proportion of Kittens and Juveniles**
- **Proportion of Adult Females**
- **Average Age of Harvest**

Western Oregon

Substantial decline in harvest, participation, and effort, but Catch Per Unit Effort values remain within long term averages

1-2% Fluctuation, within long term averages

Increased 2013 to 2014, at or slightly above long term averages

Decreased 2013 to 2014, 2013 far above long term averages, 2014 far below long term averages

Decreased and below long term averages

Department proposes no changes to Western Bag Limit (no limit)

General Regulation Proposals

Modify 635-200-0020 to specify that the purchaser of a furbearer pelt must retain a record of the furtaker's brand.

Unprotected mammals can be harvested with a general hunting license, therefore no brand number is available

635-200-0020 (2) Any person may purchase unprocessed furbearing or unprotected mammal pelts, provided that such pelts are purchased from the furtaker who took the furbearer and that the pelts are purchased for personal use and not for resale. For any furbearer pelt purchased under this section, the purchaser must retain a record of the furtaker's brand.



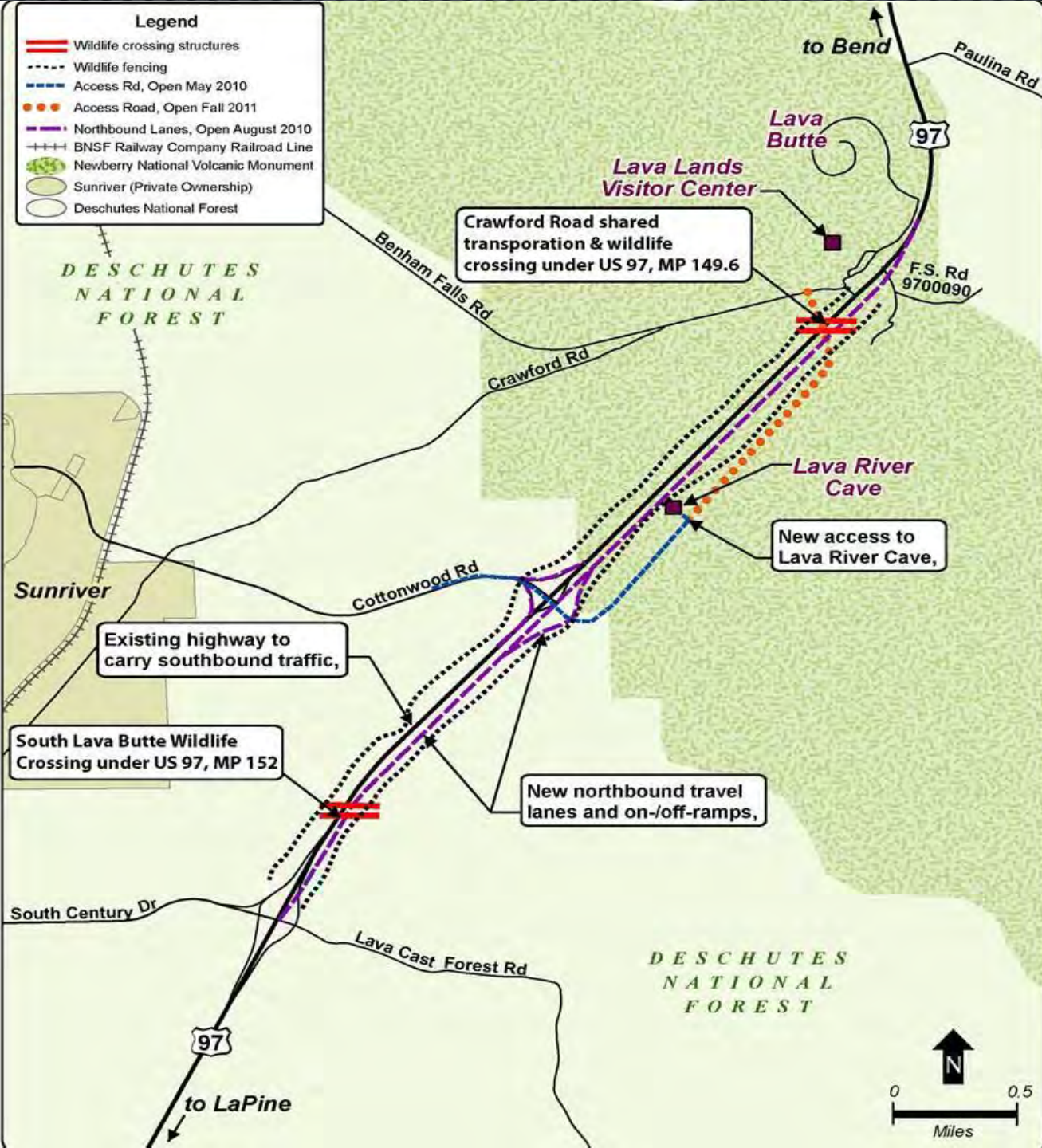
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Modify OAR 635-050-0047 to restrict trapping within 500 feet of specialized wildlife crossing structures

Trapped furbearers at mouth of crossing structures would prevent target species (deer, elk) from using structure

OAR 635-050-0047 On state or federal lands, except when authorized by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, no traps or snares may be set on land:

(d) Within 500 feet of the center of the mouth of any Oregon Department of Transportation wildlife crossing structure located between US Highway 97 mile posts 149 and 153.



Questions?



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