

DIVISION 75

LANDOWNER HUNTING PREFERENCE AND OUTFITTERS
AND GUIDES TAG ALLOCATION

1 **635-075-0020**

2 **Landowner Hunting Preference Tags in Special Seasons**

3 (1)(a) Landowner hunting preference tags are not available for Premium Hunts (series L, M, and N) or the
4 long duration youth elk hunts (August 1 - December 31) or the Melrose 223T (August 1 - March 31,
5 2015) youth elk hunt.

6 (b) During controlled elk hunts with a bag limit of spike or better in units where the usual bag limit for
7 bull elk is spike only, landowner hunting preference tags shall be limited to five tags or 10 percent of the
8 total controlled hunt tags whichever is greater; the bag limit for these elk tags shall be spike or better.

9 (2) If landowner preference tags remain from the controlled hunts described in 635-075-0020(1)(b) after
10 the game mammal controlled hunt drawing, the Department will issue remaining tags to qualified
11 landowners ~~in the following manner~~ **as described in 635-075-0024**

12 ~~(a) The tags shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.~~

13 ~~(b) The Department will set the time and date for the sale of the tags.~~

14 ~~(c) Tags issued are additional tags. A qualified landowner may purchase only one first-come, first-served~~
15 ~~tag per hunt series. Such a tag may be for the landowner or for someone other than the landowner listed~~
16 ~~on their tag distribution form.~~

17 ~~(d) For the purposes of OAR 635-075-0020(2), "qualified landowner" is a landowner who registered their~~
18 ~~land through the landowner preference program for the Wildlife Management Unit which includes the~~
19 ~~controlled hunt and who has a current tag distribution form filed with the Department.~~

20 ~~(3) A hunter who received a tag of his or her choice through the original game mammal controlled hunt~~
21 ~~drawing process may exchange that tag for a remaining tag in the first-come, first-served process while~~
22 ~~tags remain available. Tag purchases and exchanges may be obtained only through ODFW Salem~~
23 ~~Headquarters and must be made before the start of the seasons for which the tags are issued. The tag~~
24 ~~being exchanged shall not be reissued.~~

25 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.151 & 496.162

26 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.151 & 496.162

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28 **635-075-0022**

29 **Landowner Hunting Preference Tags for Mule Deer**

30 (1) This rule further implements HB 2027A whereby the 2013 Legislative Assembly directed
31 the Department through the commission to specify a formula that bases the number of landowner

1 preference tags available for mule deer on the management, research, and habitat needs set forth
2 in the wildlife management plan for mule deer.

3 (2) For purposes of this rule, the population management objectives (MOs) for each wildlife
4 management unit that were adopted by the commission in August 2016 are considered
5 representative of the management, research, and habitat needs for mule deer.

6 (3) The formula to determine the number of landowner hunting preference tags available for
7 buck deer in a unit is as follows:

8 (a) In those wildlife management units where the estimated mule deer population is less than
9 60% of the established population management objective, the number of landowner hunting
10 preference tags available for buck deer in that unit may be limited to five tags or 10 percent of
11 the total controlled buck tags authorized for the public for each hunt in that unit by the
12 commission, whichever is greater.

13 (b) In those wildlife management units where the estimated mule deer population is equal to
14 or more than 60% of the established population management objective, but less than 80% of the
15 established population management objective, the number of landowner hunting preference tags
16 available for buck deer in that unit may be limited to five tags or 15 percent of the total
17 controlled buck tags authorized for the public for each hunt in that unit by the commission,
18 whichever is greater.

19 (c) In the Biggs, Columbia Basin, and Mount Emily wildlife management units, and in the NE
20 Owyhee 167A hunt area, and in those wildlife management units where the estimated mule deer
21 population is equal to or more than 80% of the established population management objective, the
22 number of landowner hunting preference tags available for buck deer in that unit may be issued
23 based upon a landowner's acreage as set forth in 635-075-0005 (8).

24 (d) If conditions such as but not limited to disease or harsh winter weather occur, resulting in
25 adoption of a Temporary OAR to reduce 100 Series mule deer tags by equal to or more than 25%
26 from the number authorized by the Commission in areas listed or described in 635-075-0022
27 (3)(c), Limited Landowner Preference mule deer tags in those areas may be limited as described
28 in 635-075-0022 (3)(b).

29 ~~—[(4) For the purposes of OAR 635-075-0022(3), “qualified landowner” is a landowner who~~
30 ~~registered their land through the landowner preference program for the Wildlife Management~~
31 ~~Unit which includes the controlled hunt and who has a current tag distribution form filed with the~~
32 ~~Department.]~~

33 **(4) If landowner preference tags remain from the controlled hunts described in 635-075-**
34 **0022(3)(a) or (b) after the game mammal controlled hunt drawing, the Department will issue**
35 **remaining tags to qualified landowners as described in 635-075-0024.**

1 (5) Landowner Hunting Preference Tag numbers for mule deer in 2016 and 2017 are listed in
2 Table 1 and are adopted and incorporated in OAR Chapter 635, Division 075 by reference.

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4 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.151 & 496.162

5 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.151 & 496.162

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7 **635-075-0024**

8 **Issuing Leftover Limited Landowner Hunting Preference Tags**

9 **(1) If landowner preference tags remain from the controlled hunts described in 635-075-0020(1)(b)**
10 **and 635-075-0022(3)(a) after the game mammal controlled hunt drawing, the Department will issue**
11 **remaining tags to qualified landowners in the following manner:**

12 **(a) The tags shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.**

13 **(b) The Department will set the time, date, and any constraints (i.e., via fax) for the sale of the tags.**

14 **(c). Only landowners who still have tags available for allocation on their property as set forth in**
15 **635-075-0005 (8) may apply for and receive tags remaining in the quota. Such a tag may be for the**
16 **landowner or for someone other than the landowner listed on their tag distribution form.**

17 **(d) Limited landowner tags from the quota are not an additional hunting opportunity for the**
18 **landowner or hunter.**

19 **(A) If the hunter has a general elk season or 200 Series controlled hunt tag, they are not eligible to**
20 **receive a tag for a hunt described in 635-075-0020(1)(b) with limited landowner elk tags.**

21 **(B) If the hunter has a general deer season or 100 Series controlled hunt tag, they are not eligible to**
22 **receive a tag for a hunt described in 635-075-0022(3)(a) with limited landowner deer tags.**

23 **(2) For the purposes of OAR 635-075-0020(2) and OAR 635-075-0022(3), "qualified landowner" is**
24 **a landowner who registered their land through the landowner preference program for the Wildlife**
25 **Management Unit which includes the controlled hunt and who has a current tag distribution form**
26 **filed with the Department.**

27 **(3) A hunter who received a tag of his or her choice through the original game mammal controlled**
28 **hunt drawing process may exchange that tag for a remaining tag in the first-come, first-served**
29 **process while tags remain available. Tag purchases and exchanges may be obtained only through**
30 **ODFW Salem Headquarters and must be made before the start of the seasons for which the tags**
31 **are issued. Tag exchange fees as provided in OAR 635-060-0046(1) apply. The tag being exchanged**
32 **shall not be reissued.**

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34 **Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.151 & 496.162**

35 **Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.151 & 496.162**