

# STAFF PROPOSALS

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This document contains information regarding the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (department) proposed seasons and regulation changes for the 2022 Big Game Regulations, including tables of the 2022 controlled hunt tag numbers. The 2022 Oregon Big Game Regulations are expected to be printed and available at License Agents, department offices, and online in November 2021.

Soon after distribution of the 2022 Big Game Regulations, the process of developing seasons and regulations for 2023 will begin. Following is the tentative Big Game Regulation development timeline for 2023 seasons.

- November 2021: March 2022: District staff conduct field surveys
- April 1, 2022: Deadline for canceling 2022 hunts or making emergency tag changes
- May 15, 2022: District staff deadline for draft 2023 tag proposals
- June 13-15, 2022: Division meets with Biologists to discuss 2023 seasons, tag numbers, and regulations
- July 1-31, 2022: Districts conduct public outreach/meetings
- August 2022: Commission packet due to Wildlife Division Administrators
- September 2022: Commission Adoption of 2023 hunting seasons and tag numbers
- November 2022: 2023 Big Game Regulations delivered to vendors and available online

## **BIG GAME HUNTING REVIEW PROJECT**

In 2019, the department initiated a project to conduct a complete review of all big game hunting seasons. The goals of the review are to:

- Improve customer service through more consistent and simpler big game hunting seasons, bag limits, boundaries and associated regulations,
- Allocate hunting opportunity fairly and consistent with hunter preferences,
- Review hunting season structure and allocation of hunting opportunity to promote hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3), and
- Ensure hunting seasons meet biological objectives and maintain or improve overall hunter opportunity.

The review for 2022 hunting seasons focused on archery elk seasons in eastern Oregon resulting in a Commission decision at their August 2021 meeting to shift 13 wildlife management units (WMUs) and three subunits from general archery elk hunting to controlled hunts.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT**

Public outreach for the proposed changes to hunting seasons resulting from the Big Game Hunting Review Project and those resulting from the annual coordination with wildlife district

staff were somewhat intertwined. Multiple virtual meetings were held from March through May with sports groups members and leaders, and other interested members of the public to provide information and receive input on potential proposals related to archery elk seasons in Eastern Oregon. Additionally, a project specific webpage was setup with approximately 6,600 constituents registered to receive notification when updates were made to the page.

On July 6, the department posted the initial draft proposals and draft controlled hunt tag tables resulting from the annual coordination with wildlife districts on the Big Game Hunting Review project webpage with notice sent to the registered constituents for the page. The link to the project web page was also included in a news release outlining the district public meeting schedule.

During the month of July, district staff held 17 public meetings across the state to present draft proposals and gather feedback from local constituents. Seven of these meetings were held virtually utilizing the Zoom platform, one consisted of a video posted online with an opportunity to email questions to the local biologists, and the remainder were in-person meetings following COVID protocols in place on the date of the meeting. Most in-person public meetings were held outdoors. Biologists encouraged participants to provide written comments directly to the department and Commission but also provided written summaries from the local outreach meetings to Wildlife Division staff.

Some public comments received during the month of July and early August addressed staff proposals for both the August and September Commission meetings. These comments are included in the packets for both meetings.

## **GENERAL TOPICS and UPDATES**

### **General Winter Conditions**

In western Oregon, the winter of 2020–2021 started with temperatures and precipitation at or above average. February saw colder than average temperatures and with higher-than-average amounts of snow. The remainder of the winter was generally warmer and much drier than normal with snowpack melting earlier than average across western Oregon. Areas in the Cascade Mountains that were burned during the historic 2020 fire season had reduced forage available for deer and elk through much of the winter but experienced green-up in late winter. The remainder of western Oregon experienced normal forage conditions through the winter but reduced snowpack and below average spring rains may negatively affect summer and fall forage conditions.

In eastern Oregon, winter conditions were generally normal through January but February was wetter than average. The remainder of the winter was much drier than normal resulting in drought declarations across eastern Oregon. Dry conditions may negatively affect summer and fall forage conditions. Big game species saw normal survival rates through the winter with no reports of major mortality events.

Statewide: The winter of 2020–2021 was fairly normal until colder and wetter conditions occurred in February. The end of winter and through the spring were exceptionally dry resulting in drought declarations across the majority of the state.

## **2021 Drought and Wildfire Actions**

There have been numerous fires in 2021 including the Bootleg Fire which is reportedly the third largest officially recorded wildfire in Oregon since 1900. In response to impacts from the Bootleg Fire, the department offered controlled hunt winners for six affected pronghorn hunts the choice to surrender their tag before the season started and receive their preference points back plus one preference point as if they had been unsuccessful in the controlled hunt drawing, instead of participating in the hunt. A similar choice was given for two controlled archery deer hunts with the added options of receiving a general season or available leftover deer tag for the 2021 season. The department offered hunters this choice before the hunts began because it was considered highly probable that large access closures would be in place for the entirety of the affected hunts. The intent was to avoid hunter crowding in those portions of the hunt area open to public access and prevent subsequent unintended impacts to pronghorn and deer populations that were unpredictably affected by the fires. Similar actions are being considered for additional 2021 deer and elk hunts.

Aerial pronghorn surveys conducted in mid-July 2021 revealed an unexpected decline in observed pronghorn throughout the East Beatys Butte hunt area. Local biologists believe many of the pronghorn moved outside the hunt area in response to poor habitat conditions resulting from the current drought. Controlled hunt winners of the two East Beatys Butte controlled pronghorn hunts were given the choice to surrender their tag before the season started and receive their preference points back plus one preference point as if they had been unsuccessful in the controlled hunt drawing, instead of participating in the hunt. This action was intended to reduce instances of hunter dissatisfaction and avoid unintended impacts to the pronghorn herds remaining in the hunt area.

## **Cooperative Travel Management Areas**

Motor vehicle use is prohibited on the Umatilla National Forest in eastern Oregon except on designated roads, trails, and specific off-highway-vehicle areas. The Umatilla National Forest produces a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) showing roads, trails, and areas designated as open for motor vehicle travel. The MVUMs are available to the public free of charge in both print and electronic form. The department has entered into a Cooperative Travel Management Area (TMA) agreement with Umatilla National Forest. This agreement will adopt the Umatilla National Forest MVUM as a Travel Management Area providing an avenue for the department to inform hunters of the motor vehicle rules as well as allow for enforcement of the MVUM by Oregon State Police. This agreement will not result in additional motor vehicle use closures but will help protect wildlife and habitat through additional education and enforcement.

Additional TMA changes include continuation of the Mid Coast Access Area enacted in 2021 and adjusting the dates of the Jackson TMA to accommodate the changed dates for the West Cascade General Elk Season enacted in 2021. There are changes in verbiage to the effective period for various TMAs to account for the change from general archery deer and elk seasons to controlled archery seasons and to account for the terminology change from rifle seasons to any legal weapon (ALW) seasons. These changes will not result in an actual change to operational periods for these TMAs.

## HUNTING SEASONS and SPECIES SPECIFIC INFORMATION

### Proposed General Season Bag Limits and Dates

Annually most big game season dates follow a cycle in which they progress one day earlier each year, then “jump” a week later, starting the cycle over again. A key date is the opening of buck, deer “Any Legal Weapon” (ALW) season, which is the first Saturday in October. Most other standard seasons are then keyed off this starting date. For 2022 seasons, most big game hunts are proposed to be adjusted one day earlier than in 2021 (Table 1)

Table 1. Proposed general season dates and bag limits for 2022.

Species/Season	Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Dates
<b>DEER</b>		
Western General Deer	Buck with visible antler	Oct. 1 – Nov. 4
<b>BEAR (Cubs, sows with cubs protected)</b>		
General Fall Bear Season	1 Bear	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
Additional Statewide Bear	1 Bear	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
<b>COUGAR (Spotted kittens and females with spotted kittens are protected)</b>		
Statewide Tag	1 Cougar	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
Additional Statewide Tag	1 Cougar	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
<b>ELK (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)</b>		
Coast First	Any Bull <sup>a</sup>	Nov. 12 – 15
Coast Second	Any Bull or Spike Only <sup>a</sup>	Nov. 19 – 25
West Cascade	Any Bull <sup>a</sup>	Nov. 5 – Nov. 11
Rocky Mtn. Second	Any Bull or Spike Only <sup>a</sup>	Nov. 5 – 13
General Season Elk Damage Tag	Antlerless Elk	Western Oregon and Elk De-emphasis Areas, Aug. 1 – Mar. 31; Eastern Oregon outside Elk De-emphasis Areas Aug. 1 – Nov. 30
<b>ARCHERY (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)</b>		
Western General Bow Deer	Buck with visible antler or One Deer (varies by Unit) <sup>b</sup>	Aug. 27 – Sept. 25
NW Deer Late Season	Buck with visible antler or One Deer (varies by Unit) <sup>b</sup>	Nov. 19- Dec. 11
SW Deer Late Season	Buck with visible antler or One Deer (varies by Unit) <sup>b</sup>	Nov. 12 – Dec. 4
Elk	Legal Bull, (varies by Unit) <sup>a</sup>	Aug. 27–Sept. 25
<b>WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL</b>		
North-Central Oregon	3/day - 6 in possession	Sept. 15 – Oct. 31
Remainder of Oregon	5/day - 15 in possession	Sept. 1 – Nov. 15

<sup>a</sup> Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless elk.

<sup>b</sup> Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless deer

## **Proposed Application and Tag Sale Deadlines**

Controlled hunt application deadlines are set to occur the same date each year (Table 2). Tag sale deadlines (Table 3) are set at 11:59 pm the day before each respective season opens, except general bear and general cougar tags which have the same tag sale/pickup deadline as ALW buck deer.

Table 2. Controlled hunt application and tag sale deadlines proposed for 2022.

<b>Controlled Hunt Drawing</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Tag Claim Deadline</b>
Spring Bear Draw	February 10	Day Before Hunt Opens
Big Game Draw <sup>a</sup>	May 15	Day Before Hunt Opens

<sup>a</sup> Excludes Spring Bear.

Table 3. General season tag sale deadlines in place for 2021 and proposed for 2022.

<b>Species or Season</b>	<b>2021 Deadline</b>	<b>2022 Deadline</b>
Bear	Oct. 1	Sept. 30
Additional Bear	See Footnote*	See Footnote*
Cougar	Oct. 1	Sept. 30
Additional Cougar	See Footnote*	See Footnote*
Deer & Elk Archery	Aug. 27	Aug. 26
Western Deer Any Legal Weapon	Oct. 1	Sept. 30
West Cascade Elk	Nov. 5	Nov. 4
General Coast 1 <sup>st</sup> Season	Nov. 12	Nov. 11
General Coast 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season	Nov. 19	Nov. 18
Rocky Mt. 1st Elk	Oct. 26	Oct. 25
Rocky Mt. 2nd Elk	Nov. 5	Nov. 4
General Antlerless Elk Damage Season	No Deadline	No Deadline

\*May be purchased after deadline if first general season tag was purchased by the deadline.

## **Proposed Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers**

A direct comparison between total 2021 and 2022 controlled hunt tags is not meaningful due to changes in eastern Oregon archery elk seasons. However, total proposed controlled hunt tags for 2022 seasons (149,488) are up 7% from 140,254 in 2021 (Table 4). Within species, the number of controlled tags proposed is changing very little for deer (<1%), declining slightly for pronghorn (-4%), increasing slightly for bighorn sheep (+2%) and spring bear (+1%), and not changing for Rocky Mountain goat (0% change). Total number of controlled tags proposed for elk is increasing (+16%). The increase for elk is primarily due to shifting opportunity in some units from a general archery season to controlled seasons. See species-specific information including controlled hunt tag tables for details.

Table 4. Proposed controlled hunt tag numbers for 2022-2023.

Species	Series	Weapon/Type	2021 tags	Proposed 2022 tags	% Change 2020-2021
Deer	100	ALW <sup>1</sup>	43,376	42,968	-1%
		Muzzleloader	2,621	2,642	1%
		Bow	15,969	15,936	0%
		Youth	37	107	189%
	600	ALW <sup>1</sup>	7,530	8,040	7%
		Youth	1,270	1,354	7%
		L Premium	ALW	67	67
<b>Total</b>			<b>70,870</b>	<b>71,114</b>	<b>0%</b>
Elk	200	ALW <sup>1</sup>	47,764	45,674	-4%
		Muzzleloader	1,958	1,936	-1%
		Bow	5,639	16,775	197%
		Youth	1,369	1,308	-4%
	M Premium	ALW <sup>1</sup>	64	64	0%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>56,794</b>	<b>65,812</b>
Pronghorn	400	ALW <sup>1</sup>	1,422	1,400	-1%
		Muzzleloader	160	127	-21%
		Bow	483	451	-7%
		Youth	40	35	-13%
	N Premium	ALW <sup>1</sup>	27	27	0%
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,132</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Bighorn	500	California Ram	69	68	-1%
		California Ewe	10	12	20%
		RM Ram	5	6	20%
<b>Total</b>			<b>84</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2%</b>
Mtn Goat	900	ALW <sup>1</sup>	29	29	0%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
Bear	700	ALW <sup>1</sup>	10,163	10,258	1%
		Youth	182	204	12%
<b>Total</b>			<b>10,345</b>	<b>10,462</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>140,254</b>	<b>149,488</b>	<b>7%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Any Legal Weapon Season (ALW)

## **Bear Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **2020 Spring Bear Harvest**

Due to the onset of Covid-19 and uncertainties associated with health, travel, and access, ODFW offered 2020 spring bear hunters the ability to return, exchange, or receive a voucher for their tag. Ultimately 7,737 spring bear tags were sold during 2020, a value nearly identical to 2019 (7,733 tags sold). Mandatory harvest surveys indicate 5,088 hunters participated (66% participation rate) and 925 bears were taken during the 2020 Spring Bear Controlled Hunts, all of which were higher than previous years. The success rate of Controlled Spring Bear hunters was 18% across all hunts and was much higher than average for previous years (14% for 2017-2019), a likely product of a nearly 20% increase in days hunted. However, the harvest per days hunted (1 bear per 38 days) was lower than previous years (1 per 40-45 days) suggesting more efficient success. The majority of the bears harvested were males (69%).

## **2020 General Fall Bear Harvest**

The number of general season black bear tags issued increased from 61,166 (60,410 General Season tags, 756 Additional tags) in 2019 to 62,104 (61,014 General Season tags, 1,090 Additional tags) in 2020. Mandatory harvest surveys indicate 1,608 bears were taken during the 2020 General Season and 21,430 hunters participated (35% participation rate). Of the bears harvested, 89 were harvested with an Additional Fall Bear Tag (6% total harvest).

Participation, success, and harvest per days hunted were similar to the 2019 General Fall Bear harvest. Harvest in 2020 continued to be higher in western Oregon (58% of harvest) than eastern Oregon.

## **Bear Population Monitoring**

Continued monitoring of harvested bear ages, as directed by the 2012 Bear Management Plan (Plan) and consistent with other states, suggests bear populations are not being over-harvested. According to the age criteria in the Plan, a bear population is considered over harvested when the median age of all harvested bears is  $\leq 3.0$ , the median age for harvested males is  $\leq 2.0$ , and the median age of harvested females is  $\leq 4.0$ . In 2020, the median age for all harvested bears was 4.0, the median age for harvested males was 4.0, and the median age for females was 5.0. Therefore, these criteria indicate over-harvest is not currently occurring.

In addition to assessing level of harvest based on median ages, the 2012 Bear Management Plan directs the department to monitor the 3-year average percent of adult males (greater than or equal to 5 years old) of all known mortalities and percent of all females in all known mortalities to help ascertain take levels (light, moderate, or high based on Plan criteria). The 2018-2020 average for adult males in documented mortalities was 28% and is indicative of a moderate take levels (light  $>35\%$ , moderate 25-35%, heavy  $<25\%$ ). For females (greater than or equal to 1 years old), the 2018-2020 average percent of the harvest was 31%. These values are indicative of moderate take levels (light  $<30\%$ , moderate 30-40%, heavy  $>40\%$ ). In 2020, 67% of the bears taken by hunters (spring + fall) were males.

Due to previous low black bear tooth return rates, the department implemented a mandatory check-in of bear skulls beginning in 2008 as directed by the Bear Plan. Specifically, successful hunters are required to bring the unfrozen skull of any bear they harvest to a department office or a designated check-in site within 10 days of harvesting their bear. A tooth is collected and sent to a lab for aging. This information is important for monitoring population structure and as part of efforts to develop a methodology for estimating black bear populations. Due to Covid-19 concerns, the physical check-in requirement for bears was temporarily lifted in Spring 2020 and remains in place at the time of writing until department offices are re-opened for public visitation. Hunters were still required to report their harvest but through non-contact means including phone and email. A total of 1,765 bears were checked-in in 2020 (Table 5), a large dip in check-in rate due to the temporary rule change. Nonetheless, staff worked with hunters to safely acquire biological information and tooth samples through mail submission or by appointment when possible and were able to obtain a tooth sample for roughly 50% of check-ins.

## **Complaints and Other Mortalities**

The total number of complaints recorded for black bear increased slightly from 525 in 2019 to 563 in 2020 (Table 6). The majority of complaints received were garbage or nuisance-related (36%) or human/pet safety (31%). The number of bears killed as a result of damage to timber, livestock, or property was stable from 276 in 2019 to 280 in 2020. Most conflict-related



mortality (90%) continues to occur in western Oregon, where human and bear populations are highest, resulting in damage, human safety concerns, and nuisance problems.

Table 5. Trend in reported bear harvest and actual bear check-ins, 2005–2020. Note: physical check-ins were not required in 2020 due to Covid-19 safety protocols; mandatory check-in was first implemented in 2008.

Year	Spring			Fall			Total		
	Harvest	Check-In	Check-In Rate	Harvest	Check-In	Check-In Rate	Harvest	Check-In	Check-In Rate
2005	371	127	34%	716	185	26%	1,087	312	29%
2006	307	112	36%	989	237	24%	1,296	349	27%
2007	477	138	29%	748	246	33%	1,225	384	31%
2008	363	357	98%	911	826	91%	1,274	1,183	93%
2009	461	386	84%	698	841	120%	1,159	1,227	106%
2010	448	464	104%	1,235	1,183	96%	1,683	1,647	98%
2011	488	444	91%	931	906	97%	1,419	1,350	95%
2012	464	426	92%	1,155	894	77%	1,619	1,320	82%
2013	460	420	91%	1,081	824	76%	1,541	1,244	81%
2014	553	510	92%	1,088	836	77%	1,641	1,346	82%
2015	577	533	92%	1,028	833	81%	1,605	1,366	85%
2016	580	549	95%	1,003	825	82%	1,583	1,374	87%
2017	607	545	90%	1,134	943	83%	1,741	1,488	85%
2018	627	594	95%	1,103	935	85%	1,730	1,529	88%
2019	724	674	93%	1,484	1,145	77%	2,208	1,819	82%
2020	925	747	81%	1,608	1,018	63%	2,503	1,765	71%

### 2022 Spring Bear Season/Tag Recommendations

Starting with the 2020 Spring Bear Season, Spring Bear controlled hunts are April 1 to May 31 throughout all of Oregon. Previously, eastern Oregon Spring Bear controlled hunts were April 15 to May 31 in eastern Oregon. With the start date moving to April 1, only two bears were harvested in eastern Oregon between April 1 – 14 in 2020 but increased to 9 in 2021, although this is expected to vary depending on the winter conditions and weather patterns. Staff propose maintaining the statewide season dates of April 1 to May 31.

The department is proposing 10,462 controlled tags in 18 hunts for 2022 (Table 7). Changes from 2021 are limited with two exceptions: tags were increased in the 731A South Central hunt (from 400 to 495) to account for a growing interest in that hunt, and a new youth hunt is being proposed (745T Mt. Emily-Walla Walla Youth) that creates a conservative, northeast Oregon youth opportunity that is closer to western Oregon than all other Spring Bear youth hunts. In both situations, robust bear populations in these areas allow for the increase in tags and potential harvest.

### 2022 General Bear Season Recommendations

General Fall Bear Season dates are Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 statewide and staff propose maintaining those dates. Hunters may purchase and fill an additional fall bear tag if they fill their first tag; however, hunters must purchase the general season tag prior to the deadline to be eligible to purchase an additional tag. This additional fall bear tag hunt area is applicable statewide and is consistent with the additional cougar tag. Staff propose maintaining a statewide hunt area for the additional fall bear tag.

Table 6. Trends in black bear complaints, damage, harvest, and other mortality in Oregon during 1992–2020. Complaint and mortality data are current through 07/21/2021. Numbers may change as late data are added.

Year	Number of Complaints <sup>a</sup>	Number of Tags Sold <sup>b</sup>	Mortalities				Total
			Hunter-Harvest <sup>c</sup>	Damage <sup>d</sup>	Human Safety <sup>e</sup>	Other <sup>f</sup>	
1992	291	17,838	960	215	0	9	1,184
1993	436	18,355	1,346	135	0	4	1,485
1994	327	18,412	1,450	154	3	2	1,609
1995	537	14,685	686	200	5	4	895
1996	561	23,364	1,007	226	12	9	1,254
1997	599	25,893	812	241	8	8	1,069
1998	828	29,743	1,053	271	21	10	1,355
1999	904	34,723	1,037	268	24	19	1,348
2000	322	41,060	1,223	225	14	9	1,471
2001	461	44,661	888	210	35	24	1,157
2002	479	46,980	1,196	181	39	18	1,434
2003	326	48,130	1,167	190	24	18	1,399
2004	326	43,716	.	221	15	20	.
2005	298	44,785	1,087	274	19	19	1,399
2006	275	46,482	1,296	199	18	15	1,528
2007	323	51,720	1,225	207	10	18	1,460
2008	602	53,847	1,188	272	49	55	1,564
2009	365	50,387	1,236	222	22	54	1,534
2010	921	57,711	1,647	394	30	86	2,157
2011	465	55,305	1,350	372	23	48	1,793
2012	382	56,243	1,320	283	17	36	1,656
2013	337	57,850	1,244	317	11	37	1,609
2014	457	58,334	1,346	322	13	54	1,735
2015	371	58,324	1,367	245	7	55	1,674
2016	335	61,357	1,378	281	15	45	1,719
2017	464	61,593	1,488	267	33	46	1,834
2018	308	62,551	1,529	161	26	47	1,763
2019	525	68,899	1,819	274	40	47	2,180
2020	563	69,841	1,765	280	28	40	2,113

<sup>a</sup> Number of complaints received during the calendar year. Sightings not associated with damage or a public safety concern are included as complaints prior to 2000.

<sup>b</sup> Includes controlled spring, general fall, and additional tags (including Sports Pac licenses).

<sup>c</sup> No harvest survey conducted during 2004. Hunter-harvest data based on mandatory check-in during 2008–present. Additional bear tags not surveyed 2005–2007.

<sup>d</sup> Number of animals killed as a result of damage during a calendar year.

<sup>e</sup> Animals killed as a result of real or perceived threat to humans or pets.

<sup>f</sup> Includes roadkill, accidental, found dead, nuisance, or illegal kill.

Table 7. Recommendations for 2022 Spring Bear Hunts and Tag Numbers.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
<b>Any Weapon Hunts</b>											
710A	710A	NW Oregon	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	1,300	1,365	1,300	1,365	
717A	717A	Alea - Stott Mtn	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	250	275	250	275	
722A	722A	SW Oregon	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	4,400	4,840	4,400	4,840	
731A	731A	South Central	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	400	400	450	495	Biological surplus, large hunt area.
741A	741A	White Rvr - Hood	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	300	330	300	330	
746A	746A	S Blue Mtns	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	700	770	700	770	
752A	752A	Starkey-Ukiah	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	250	250	250	250	
754A	754A	Mt. Emily-Walla Walla	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	200	210	200	210	
756	756	Wenaha Unit	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	250	263	250	263	
757A	757A	Sled Springs - Chesnimnus	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	275	289	275	289	
759A	759A	Snake Rvr Unit	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	400	436	400	436	
760A	760A	Minam-Imnaha	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	250	265	250	265	
762A	762A	Pine Cr - Keating - Catherine Cr	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	400	428	400	428	
764	764	Lookout Mtn Unit	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	40	42	40	42	
<b>Any Weapon Hunt Total Tags</b>							<b>9,415</b>	<b>10,163</b>	<b>9,465</b>	<b>10,258</b>	

Table 7 Continued. Recommendations for 2022 Spring Bear Hunts and Tag Numbers.											
2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
<b>Youth Hunts</b>											
	754T	Mt. Emily-Walla Walla Youth		One black bear		04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022			20	22	New Hunt in 2022
756T	756T	Wenaha Unit Youth	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	50	50	50	50	
757T	757T	Sled Springs- Chesnimnus Youth	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	80	80	80	80	
760T	760T	Minam-Imnaha Youth	One black bear	One black bear	04/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	04/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	50	52	50	52	
<b>Youth Hunt Total Tags</b>							<b>180</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>204</b>	
<b>Grand Total Spring Bear Tags</b>							<b>9,595</b>	<b>10,345</b>	<b>9,665</b>	<b>10,462</b>	

\* Tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average un-redemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max adjustment = 10%).

## Cougar Season Summaries and Recommendations

### Population Overview

The department uses a deterministic, density-dependent population model (Keister and Van Dyke 2002) to estimate annual cougar abundance in Oregon from 1987 to present at the statewide level, and 1994 to present at the zone level. Like most state-level population models for cougars, this model relies on mortality data (harvest and non-harvest) to develop estimates. The statewide population across all age classes for 2020 was estimated to be 6,987. The population has been increasing slowly since 2006 with an average annual increase of about 1.5%. Estimates across all age classes had been somewhat stable in the mid-6,000's but following two years of relatively low cougar mortalities the model suggests a modest increase to almost 7,000. No cougar zones reached their respective quotas (i.e. mortality caps) in 2020 (Table 8) suggesting further continued population growth when not at carrying capacity.

Table 8. Total cougar mortalities documented by Cougar Management Zone for 2015-2020.

Zone	Zone Quota	Total Mortality					
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A Coast/N Cascades	180	117	177	157	193	160	136
B SW Cascades	200	98	131	140	156	111	96
C SE Cascades	80	25	42	43	40	23	20
D Columbia Basin	100	41	27	38	39	30	24
E Blue Mtns.	270	106	114	142	117	125	102
F SE Oregon	140	42	55	51	45	42	46
Total	970	427	546	571	591	491	424

Also included in the 2017 Cougar Management Plan, when the average proportion of 3+ year old female cougars in the total mortality exceeds 35% in a zone, the department considers a zone cougar population to be exceeding mortality levels. In the past decade, no cougar zone has exceeded these criteria (Table 9).

Table 9. Three-year averages of annual proportions of adult ( $\geq 3$  year old) females of known ages for all sources of mortality by cougar management zone in Oregon, 2005–2019.

Year	Zone					
	A: Coast/N. Cascades	B: SW Cascades	C: SE Cascades	D: Columbia Basin	E: Blue Mountains	F: SE Oregon
2007–2009	15.3	19.2	14.7	26.2	24.2	28.1
2008–2010	17.2	18.9	11.4	26.4	26.7	24.3
2009–2011	17.1	18.5	13.8	27.1	28.6	22.6
2010–2012	15.9	14.1	16.4	23.5	25.9	22.0
2011–2013	13.7	14.0	21.0	20.0	22.0	21.1
2012-2014	12.1	12.4	20.2	17.4	21.5	14.4
2013-2015	12.2	12.7	16.6	22.6	22.2	12.3
2014-2016	14.0	12.1	19.0	21.3	23.9	15.0
2015-2017	16.1	13.4	20.1	18.5	22.7	20.1
2016-2018	19.1	12.5	22.4	16.8	23.1	25.0
2017-2019	18.1	13.6	16.7	17.8	22.7	19.6

### **Target Areas**

Four Cougar Target Areas were initiated in 2016 with three (East Umpqua, Interstate, and Steens) concluding in 2018 and one in 2020 (Warner). Summary reports are being composed and no new Cougar Target Areas are underway nor being proposed at this time.

### **Trends in Harvest and Conflict**

Like most tags sold in 2020, cougar tag sales increased from 64,237 in 2019 to 66,097 in 2020; however, hunt mortalities decreased slightly to 267 (Table 10). Cougar tags sold as part of a Sports Pac average around 70% of tags sold in recent years.

Table 10 provides information regarding trends in damage complaints and known cougar mortalities from 1992 through 2020. The total number of statewide damage complaints received continued to decrease in 2020 and cougars taken due to damage was the lowest in the last decade (Table 10). All non-hunting cougar mortalities decreased to 144 in 2020. As stated earlier, the decrease in cougar mortalities in recent years has likely contributed to a modest increase in the population model statewide estimate.

### **2022 General Cougar Season Recommendations**

There are no proposed changes to the 2022 cougar season length (January 1-December 31) and no proposed changes to the 2022 cougar zone quotas (i.e. mortality caps).

Table 10. Trends in cougar complaints, damage, harvest, and other mortality in Oregon during 1992–2020. Complaint and mortality data current through 8/4/2021. Numbers may change as late data are added.

Year	Number of Complaints <sup>a</sup>	Tags Sold <sup>b</sup>	Mortalities					Total
			Hunter-Harvest	Damage <sup>c</sup>	Human Safety <sup>d</sup>	Administrative Removals <sup>e</sup>	Other <sup>f</sup>	
1992	184	517	184	17	3	0	22	226
1993	276	560	162	20	7	0	21	210
1994	554	588	199	29	11	0	20	259
1995	742	385	22	41	22	0	12	97
1996	840	779	43	64	34	0	25	166
1997	798	935	61	82	20	0	18	181
1998	954	11,761	111	93	20	0	17	241
1999	1,072	14,564	169	91	39	0	25	324
2000 <sup>g</sup>	942	22,386	188	120	27	0	17	352
2001	829	28,447	221	97	27	0	21	366
2002	765	32,126	229	111	25	0	35	400
2003	697	34,135	248	111	28	0	25	412
2004	545	34,071	265	95	28	0	35	423
2005	622	38,079	224	125	28	0	30	407
2006	451	38,719	289	106	26	0	32	453
2007	453	41,813	309	114	21	52	41	537
2008	515	43,211	272	109	23	34	54	492
2009	432	45,375	274	110	31	21	37	473
2010	465	48,776	240	99	25	79	39	482
2011	500	50,889	241	139	23	71	32	506
2012	419	53,698	253	130	46	56	45	530
2013	359	55,072	292	148	24	36	31	531
2014	404	56,114	209	124	27	0	25	385
2015	444	57,387	233	133	23	0	44	433
2016	421	58,091	268	152	18	71	37	546
2017	462	57,950	292	151	27	60	41	571
2018	669	61,030	270	175	39	68	39	591
2019	569	64,237	280	135	36	4	36	491
2020	537	66,097	271	112	15	0	26	424

<sup>a</sup>Number of complaints received during the calendar year. Sightings not associated with damage or public safety concerns are not included.

<sup>b</sup>Includes general and additional tags (including Sports Pac licenses).

<sup>c</sup>Number of animals killed as a result of damage during a calendar year.

<sup>d</sup>Animals killed as a result of real or perceived threat to humans or pets.

<sup>e</sup>Administrative removals on cougar target areas (2007–present only).

<sup>f</sup>Includes roadkill, accidental, found dead, and illegal kill.

<sup>g</sup>Hunting season changed to calendar year.

## **Bighorn Sheep Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Population Overview**

California bighorn are found primarily in the high desert mountains, buttes, and uplifts of southeast Oregon and in the John Day and Deschutes River canyon systems. Except for a few herds in far southeastern Oregon most bighorn populations continue to remain relatively stable. Several California bighorn herds in southeastern Oregon continue to struggle with effects of the bacteria (*Mycoplasma ovipneumonia*, (*Movi*)) which causes pneumonia like respiratory disease. The statewide California bighorn population estimate is 4,000 – 4,400 animals.

Rocky Mountain bighorn are found primarily in northeast Oregon, populations are estimated to be 600 – 800. Latent respiratory disease health issues also persist in some herds of Rocky Mountain bighorns. ODFW continues its collaboration with the Hells Canyon Restoration Initiative (HCI) in the tri-state area of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Through this process the department is aggressively researching the bighorn sheep disease issue and evaluating active management solutions. The HCI now supports a resident landowner outreach position focused on solutions to interactions between wild and domestic sheep in the area.

In February 2020, disease was found in the Lookout Mountain herd near Baker City. In response to this disease, the department cancelled all the tags in the two hunts occurring in this herd. In October 2020 the same strain of *Movi* causing disease in the Lookout Mountain bighorns was found in the Burnt River population of California bighorns. The department will begin aggressive testing of remaining animals in these populations to determine the prevalence and extent of the disease, and to determine appropriate management actions for the population.

### **2020 Bighorn Harvest**

Oregon bighorn hunters continued to enjoy high success rates. Four of the five Rocky Mountain bighorn tag holders harvested sheep (80%), and the special auction tag and special raffle tag holders both took Rocky Mountain bighorns. Sixty-six California bighorn sheep were taken by 67 tag holders (99% success). Five of the 73 bighorn tags (7%) were issued to non-resident hunters.

### **Bighorn Sheep Tag Recommendations**

Two hunt changes are proposed for the 2022 bighorn seasons. One new Rocky Mountain bighorn hunt (556) will be added as part of a rotation among the states of Oregon and Washington and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. One California bighorn hunt will be deleted (551) in response to pneumonia in the herd.

For 2022, the department is proposing 86 Bighorn Sheep tags (68 California ram, 12 California ewe, 6 Rocky Mountain ram) in 33 hunts (29 California, 4 Rocky Mountain) (Table 11). Accounting for tags lost due to the cancelled hunt, proposals for 2022 represent an increase of two tags (2%), both of which are ewe tags. Five ram tags (four California, one Rocky Mountain) and one ewe tag are proposed for non-resident hunters (7% percent of total bighorn sheep tags proposed).



Table 11. Recommended 2022 Bighorn Sheep Hunts and Tags. Bag limit for the hunt as indicated.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	2021 Tags		2022 Tags		2022 Notes and Comments
							Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	
<b>Rocky Mountain Bighorn Hunts</b>											
	556	Wenaha	New Hunt 2022	One bighorn sheep ram	New hunt 2022	08/15/2022 - 10/31/2022			1	0	New Hunt 2022.
559A1	559A1	N Snake Rvr	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/15/2022 - 10/31/2022	2	0	2	0	
559A2	559A2	S Snake Rvr	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/15/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	0	1	0	
560B	560B	Bear Creek	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/15/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	1	1	1	
<b>Rocky Mountain Total</b>							<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>California Bighorn Hunts</b>											
543A1	543A1	John Day Rvr No. 1	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	7	0	7	0	
543A2	543A2	John Day Rvr No. 2	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	10/30/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	4	2	5	2	Continued population increase, can support additional harvest.
543A3	543A3	John Day Rvr No. 3	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	11/13/2021 - 11/21/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/20/2022	6	0	7	0	Continued population increase, can support additional harvest.
543B1	543B1	E Deschutes Rvr No. 1	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	09/11/2021 - 09/19/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/18/2022	2	0	2	0	
543B2	543B2	E Deschutes Rvr No. 2	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	2	0	2	0	
543B3	543B3	E Deschutes Rvr No. 3	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	10/30/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	2	0	2	0	
543C1	543C1	W Deschutes Rvr No. 1	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	09/11/2021 - 09/19/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/18/2022	3	0	3	0	
543C2	543C2	W Deschutes Rvr No. 2	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	3	0	3	0	
543C3	543C3	W Deschutes Rvr No. 3	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	10/30/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	3	0	3	0	

Table 11 Continued. Recommended 2022 Bighorn Sheep Hunts and Tags. Bag limit for the hunt as indicated.											
2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	2021 Tags		2022 Tags		2022 Notes and Comments
							Resident	Non- Resident	Resident	Non- Resident	
543D1	543D1	John Day Rvr Ewe	One Female Bighorn (Ewe)	One Female Bighorn (Ewe)	09/20/2021 - 10/15/2021	09/19/2022 - 10/14/2022	5	0	7	0	
543D2	543D2	Deschutes Rvr Ewe	One Female Bighorn (Ewe)	One Female Bighorn (Ewe)	09/20/2021 - 10/15/2021	09/19/2022 - 10/14/2022	4	1	4	1	
546A	546A	Aldrich	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/15/2022 - 10/31/2022	3	0	3	0	Expand boundary to include unit 37.
546B	546B	McClellan	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/15/2022 - 10/31/2022	2	0	2	0	
548	548	Heppner Unit (Potamus)	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/15/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	0	2	0	Alternating two tags with Umatilla tribe.
551		Sumpter Unit (Burnt Rvr Canyon)	One bighorn sheep ram	Delete in 2022	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	Delete in 2022	0	0			Cancel hunt. Disease impacts.
566A	566A	Riverside	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	1	0	1	0	
568A1	568A1	Sheepshead Mtns No. 1	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	1	0	1	0	
568A2	568A2	Sheepshead Mtns No. 2	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	09/15/2021 - 10/14/2021	09/15/2022 - 10/14/2022	2	0	1	0	Population decline and poor lamb survival.
568B1	568B1	E Whitehorse No. 1	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	2	0	2	0	
568B2	568B2	E Whitehorse No. 2	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	09/15/2021 - 10/14/2021	09/15/2022 - 10/14/2022	2	0	2	0	
569A1	569A1	Steens Mtn No. 1	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	3	0	3	0	
569A2	569A2	Steens Mtn No. 2	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	09/15/2021 - 10/14/2021	09/15/2022 - 10/14/2022	2	0	3	0	Population increasing with high ratios.
569B	569B	N Catlow Rim	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	1	0	1	0	

Table 11 Continued. Recommended 2022 Bighorn Sheep Hunts and Tags. Bag limit for the hunt as indicated.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	2021 Tags		2022 Tags		2022 Notes and Comments
							Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	
570B1	570B1	E Beatys Butte/Alvord Peaks No. 1	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	2	0	2	0	
570B2	570B2	E Beatys Butte/Alvord Peaks No. 2	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	09/15/2021 - 10/14/2021	09/15/2022 - 10/14/2022	1	1	1	1	
570C	570C	Coleman - E Guano	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	2	0	1	0	Continued slow population decline with reduced numbers of mature rams.
574	574	Warner Unit	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	3	0	2	0	Continued slow population decline with reduced numbers of mature rams.
575A1	575A1	S Central No. 1	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	08/15/2021 - 09/14/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/14/2022	2	1	1	1	Continued slow population decline with reduced numbers of mature rams.
575A2	575A2	S Central No. 2	One bighorn sheep ram	One bighorn sheep ram	09/15/2021 - 10/14/2021	09/15/2022 - 10/14/2022	3	0	2	0	Continued slow population decline with reduced numbers of mature rams.
<b>California Bighorn Total</b>							<b>74</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Grand Total Bighorn Tags</b>							<b>78</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Non Resident Percentage =</b>								<b>7.1%</b>		<b>7.0%</b>	

## **Rocky Mountain Goat Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Population Overview**

Rocky Mountain goat populations have remained stable or increased in recent years. The total population is estimated to be ~1,200 animals, with the largest established populations found in the Wallowa and Elkhorn Mountains. One population is found in the Cascades, primarily on Mount Jefferson and Three Fingered Jack. This population was impacted by the Lionshead fire in September 2020. However, recent surveys reveal that while the distribution of goats in the population has changed post fire, the overall population has remained stable.

### **2020 Rocky Mountain Goat Seasons**

Rocky Mountain goat hunters continue to have high success rates, and the required field orientation provided by biologists continues to be useful to help hunters minimize harvest of female goats. In 2020, the Commission authorized 27 Rocky Mountain goat tags in 14 controlled hunts and two special tags (one auction tag and one raffle tag). All controlled tag holders and both special tag holders were successful for a 100% success rate in 2020 which included 8 goats over 50 inches Boone and Crockett green score, 3 of which topped 53 inches.

### **Rocky Mountain Goat Tag Recommendations**

For 2022, the department is proposing 29 Rocky Mountain goat tags in 16 hunts (Table 12). Two tags (7%) will be issued to non-resident hunters.

Table 12. Recommended 2022 Rocky Mountain goat hunts and tags.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	2021 Tags		2022 Tags		2022 Notes and Comments
							Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	
946A	946A	Strawberry Mtn	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	09/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	2	0	2	0	
950A1	950A1	Elkhorn No 1	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	08/01/2021 - 08/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 08/31/2022	3	0	3	0	
950A2	950A2	Elkhorn No 2	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 09/30/2021	09/01/2022 - 09/30/2022	1	1	1	1	
950A3	950A3	Elkhorn No 3	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	10/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	3	0	3	0	
953A	953A	S Wallowa Mtn	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	08/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	0	1	0	
956A	956A	N Wenaha	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	09/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	0	1	0	
959A1	959A1	Hat Point No 1	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 09/30/2021	09/01/2022 - 09/30/2022	1	1	1	1	
959A2	959A2	Hat Point No 2	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	10/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	3	0	3	0	
959B1	959B1	S Snake Rvr No 1	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 09/30/2021	09/01/2022 - 09/30/2022	2	0	2	0	
959B2	959B2	S Snake Rvr No 2	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	10/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	2	0	2	0	
960A1	960A1	E Hurricane Cr	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	09/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	0	1	0	
960A2	960A2	W Hurricane Cr	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	09/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	0	1	0	
960B1	960B1	Goat Mtn No. 1	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 09/30/2021	09/01/2022 - 09/30/2022	2	0	2	0	
960B2	960B2	Goat Mtn No. 2	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	10/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	2	0	2	0	
960C	960C	Cooper Cr	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	09/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	0	1	0	
961A	961A	Imnaha Unit (Cusick Mtn)	One Rocky Mountain Goat	One Rocky Mountain Goat	09/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	09/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	1	0	1	0	
<b>Grand Total Tags</b>							<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	

## Premium Hunts

In 2015, the Commission adopted three new controlled hunt series creating the “Premium Hunts”: one series for deer, one series for elk, and one series for pronghorn. Interest in Premium hunts continues to increase as total number of applications has risen 49% in the last 5 years from 52,466 in 2017 to 78,405 in 2021, including 30,132 applications for deer in 2021, 31,214 for elk in 2021, and 17,059 for pronghorn in 2021. Sales rate for the 2020 Premium Hunt tags was high with only seven tags which were not purchased (four deer tags, two elk tags, one pronghorn tag) (Table 13).

Premium tag holders continue to have high success rates compared to other controlled and general season tag holders. Premium deer tag holders had 80% success, premium elk tag holders 67%, and premium pronghorn tag holders 78% success. Seventy-seven percent of successful hunters with premium deer tags harvested a 4 point or larger buck and 63% of premium elk tag holders harvested a 6 point or larger bull (Table 13). All successful premium pronghorn tag holders harvested a buck.

Table 13. Hunter effort and harvest for Premium Hunts in 2020.

Species	Sold		Reports	Hunted		Total Days	Days/ Hunter	Antlerless/ Doe	Spike/ Buck*	2 Pt	3 Pt	4 Pt+	5 Pt	6 Pt+	Total Harvest
	Avail	Sold		No	Yes										
Deer	67	63	56	2	54	675	13	0	2	4	4		33		43
Elk	64	62	58	1	57	1,065	19	3	3	0	0	2	6	24	38
Pronghorn	27	26	24	1	23	181	8	0	18						18

\*Buck applies to pronghorn, otherwise the column represents spike deer and elk.

4 Pt+ applies to deer with 4 or more points on one antler

6 Pt+ applies to elk with 6 or more points on one antler

There are 67 Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) in Oregon, 20 in western Oregon, and 47 east of the crest of the Cascade Mountain Range. Most of the Premium Hunts are for a single WMU, a few are for two adjacent WMUs. For 2021, one Premium Deer Tag is proposed for each of the 67 WMUs. Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge will be open for the Beatys Butte (L70) and Juniper (L71) premium deer tags for the Refuge portions within the respective units. One Premium Elk Tag is proposed for each WMU except for three hunt areas that include two WMUs, the Owyhee/Whitehorse hunt area, Steens Mtn/Beatys Butte hunt area, and Juniper/Wagontire hunt area, resulting in 64 elk tags. There are 27 Premium Pronghorn Tags proposed (Table 14). In total there are 158 premium tags proposed; deer (67 tags), elk (64 tags), and pronghorn (27 tags).

Table 14. Hunt number, hunt area, bag limit and number of tags for the 2022 Controlled Premium Hunts. Season dates for all premium hunts is Aug. 1, 2022 – Nov. 30, 2022.

<b>2022 Hunt #</b>	<b>2022 Hunt Unit</b>	<b>2022 Bag Limit</b>	<b>2022 Tags</b>	<b>2022 Hunt #</b>	<b>2022 Hunt Unit</b>	<b>2022 Bag Limit</b>	<b>2022 Tags</b>
<b>Premium Deer Hunts</b>				<b>Premium Elk Hunts</b>			
L10	Saddle Mt	One deer	1	M10	Saddle Mt	One elk	1
L11	Scappoose	One deer	1	M11	Scappoose	One elk	1
L12	Wilson	One deer	1	M12	Wilson	One elk	1
L14	Trask	One deer	1	M14	Trask	One elk	1
L15	Willamette	One deer	1	M15	Willamette	One elk	1
L16	Santiam	One deer	1	M16	Santiam	One elk	1
L17	Stott Mt	One deer	1	M17	Stott Mt	One elk	1
L18	Alsea	One deer	1	M18	Alsea	One elk	1
L19	Mckenzie	One deer	1	M19	Mckenzie	One elk	1
L20	Siuslaw	One deer	1	M20	Siuslaw	One elk	1
L21	Indigo	One deer	1	M21	Indigo	One elk	1
L22	Dixon	One deer	1	M22	Dixon	One elk	1
L23	Melrose	One deer	1	M23	Melrose	One elk	1
L24	Tioga	One deer	1	M24	Tioga	One elk	1
L25	Sixes	One deer	1	M25	Sixes	One elk	1
L26	Powers	One deer	1	M26	Powers	One elk	1
L27	Chetco	One deer	1	M27	Chetco	One elk	1
L28	Applegate	One deer	1	M28	Applegate	One elk	1
L29	Evans Cr	One deer	1	M29	Evans Cr	One elk	1
L30	Rogue	One deer	1	M30	Rogue	One elk	1
L31	Keno	One deer	1	M31	Keno	One elk	1
L32	Klamath Falls	One deer	1	M32	Klamath Falls	One elk	1
L33	Sprague	One deer	1	M33	Sprague	One elk	1
L34	Upper Deschutes	One deer	1	M34	Upper Deschutes	One elk	1
L35	Paulina	One deer	1	M35	Paulina	One elk	1
L36	Maury	One deer	1	M36	Maury	One elk	1
L37	Ochoco	One deer	1	M37	Ochoco	One elk	1
L38	Grizzly	One deer	1	M38	Grizzly	One elk	1
L39	Metolius	One deer	1	M39	Metolius	One elk	1
L40	Maupin	One deer	1	M40	Maupin	One elk	1
L41	White River	One deer	1	M41	White River	One elk	1
L42	Hood	One deer	1	M42	Hood	One elk	1
L43	Biggs	One deer	1	M43	Biggs	One elk	1
L44	Columbia Basin	One deer	1	M44	Columbia Basin	One elk	1
L45	Fossil	One deer	1	M45	Fossil	One elk	1
L46	Murderers Cr	One deer	1	M46	Murderers Cr	One elk	1
L47	Northside	One deer	1	M47	Northside	One elk	1
L48	Heppner	One deer	1	M48	Heppner	One elk	1
L49	Ukiah	One deer	1	M49	Ukiah	One elk	1

Table 14 Continued. Hunt number, hunt area, bag limit and number of tags for the 2022 Controlled Premium Hunts. Season dates for all premium hunts is Aug. 1, 2022 – Nov. 30, 2022.

<b>2022 Hunt #</b>	<b>2022 Hunt Unit</b>	<b>2022 Bag Limit</b>	<b>2022 Tags</b>	<b>2022 Hunt #</b>	<b>2022 Hunt Unit</b>	<b>2022 Bag Limit</b>	<b>2022 Tags</b>
<b>Premium Deer Hunts Continued</b>				<b>Premium Elk Hunts Continued</b>			
L50	Desolation	One deer	1	M50	Desolation	One elk	1
L51	Sumpter	One deer	1	M51	Sumpter	One elk	1
L52	Starkey	One deer	1	M52	Starkey	One elk	1
L53	Catherine Cr	One deer	1	M53	Catherine Cr	One elk	1
L54	Mt Emily	One deer	1	M54	Mt Emily	One elk	1
L55	Walla Walla	One deer	1	M55	Walla Walla	One elk	1
L56	Wenaha	One deer	1	M56	Wenaha	One elk	1
L57	Sled Springs	One deer	1	M57	Sled Springs	One elk	1
L58	Chesnimnus	One deer	1	M58	Chesnimnus	One elk	1
L59	Snake River	One deer	1	M59	Snake River	One elk	1
L60	Minam	One deer	1	M60	Minam	One elk	1
L61	Imnaha	One deer	1	M61	Imnaha	One elk	1
L62	Pine Creek	One deer	1	M62	Pine Creek	One elk	1
L63	Keating	One deer	1	M63	Keating	One elk	1
L64	Lookout Mt	One deer	1	M64	Lookout Mt	One elk	1
L65	Beulah	One deer	1	M65	Beulah	One elk	1
L66	Malheur River	One deer	1	M66	Malheur River	One elk	1
L67	Owyhee	One deer	1	M67	Owyhee/Whitehorse	One elk	1
L68	Whitehorse	One deer	1				
L69	Steens Mt	One deer	1	M69	Steens Mt/B Butte	One elk	1
L70	Beatys Butte	One deer	1				
L71	Juniper	One deer	1	M71	Juniper/Wagontire	One elk	1
L72	Silvies	One deer	1	M72	Silvies	One elk	1
L73	Wagontire	One deer	1				
L74	Warner	One deer	1	M74	Warner	One elk	1
L75	Interstate	One deer	1	M75	Interstate	One elk	1
L76	Silver Lake	One deer	1	M76	Silver Lake	One elk	1
L77	Fort Rock	One deer	1	M77	Fort Rock	One elk	1
<b>Premium Deer Total</b>			<b>67</b>	<b>Premium Elk Total</b>			<b>64</b>



Table 14 Continued. Hunt number, hunt area, bag limit and number of tags for the 2022 Controlled Premium Hunts. Season dates for all premium hunts is Aug. 1, 2022 – Nov. 30, 2022.

2022		2022	
Hunt #	2022 Hunt Unit	2022 Bag Limit	Tags
<b>Premium Pronghorn Hunts</b>			
N32	Klamath Falls	One pronghorn	1
N33	Sprague	One pronghorn	1
N35	Paulina	One pronghorn	1
N36	Maury	One pronghorn	1
N37	Ochoco	One pronghorn	1
N38	Grizzly	One pronghorn	1
N40	Maupin/Biggs	One pronghorn	1
N44	Columbia Basin	One pronghorn	1
N45	Fossil/Heppner	One pronghorn	1
N46	Murderers Cr	One pronghorn	1
N47	Northside	One pronghorn	1
N51	Sumpter	One pronghorn	1
N63	Keating	One pronghorn	1
N64	Lookout Mt	One pronghorn	1
N65	Beulah	One pronghorn	1
N66	Malheur River	One pronghorn	1
N67	Owyhee	One pronghorn	1
N68	Whitehorse	One pronghorn	1
N69	Steens Mt	One pronghorn	1
N70A	E Beatys Butte	One pronghorn	1
N70B	W Beatys Butte	One pronghorn	1
N71	Juniper	One pronghorn	1
N72	Silvies	One pronghorn	1
N73	Wagontire	One pronghorn	1
N74	Warner	One pronghorn	1
N75	Interstate	One pronghorn	1
N77	Fort Rock/Silver Lake	One pronghorn	1
<b>Premium Pronghorn Total</b>			<b>27</b>
<b>Grand Total Premium Tags</b>			<b>158</b>

## **Pronghorn Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Pronghorn Population Overview**

Pronghorn are very sensitive to environmental conditions and population trends reflect variable summer and winter conditions across the landscape during the last year. Populations in Baker, Malheur and northern Harney counties have shown only a slow recovery from winter 2016–2017. The extremely dry conditions currently dominating spring and early summer in eastern Oregon continues to impact this recovery. Currently pronghorn populations are estimated to be 16,000 to 19,000.

### **2020 Pronghorn Harvest**

Mandatory harvest survey data indicate that in general, pronghorn hunters continue to enjoy good success. Any Legal Weapon hunters (1,454) harvested 1,093 pronghorn (75% success), muzzleloader hunters (140) took 52 animals (37% success), and archery hunters (339) took 108 (32% success).

### **Pronghorn Tag Recommendations**

There are no season changes proposed for the 2022 pronghorn hunts. The department is proposing 2,013 tags in 55 hunts in 2022, a drop of 4% from 2021 tag numbers (Table 15). The slight tag reduction is due to continued changes in population size and distribution as animals adjust to prevailing environmental conditions.

Table 15. Recommended 2022 pronghorn hunts and tags.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Changes
<b>Any Weapon Hunts</b>											
435	435	Paulina Unit	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	15	16	15	16	
436	436	Maury Unit	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	25	27	25	27	
437	437	Ochoco Unit	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	80	84	80	84	
438	438	Grizzly Unit	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	8	9	8	9	
440A1	440A1	Columbia Plateau No. 1	One doe or fawn pronghorn	One doe or fawn pronghorn	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	50	55	50	55	
440A2	440A2	Columbia Plateau No. 2	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	20	25	25	Large hunt area.
445A	445A	Fossil Unit No. 1	One doe or fawn pronghorn	One doe or fawn pronghorn	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	25	28	25	28	
445B	445B	Fossil Unit No. 2	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	10	11	10	11	
446	446	Murderers Cr Unit	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	50	54	50	54	
447	447	Northside - Ritter	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	6	6	7	7	Slight increase in pronghorn.
451	451	Sumpter Unit	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	5	5	5	5	
462	462	Pine Cr - Keating	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	5	5	5	5	
464	464	Lookout Mtn Unit	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	7	8	7	8	
465	465	Beulah Unit	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/21/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/20/2022 - 09/04/2022	10	11	10	11	
466A1	466A1	Malheur Rvr Unit No. 1	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	70	75	70	75	
466A2	466A2	Malheur Rvr Unit No. 2	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/25/2021 - 09/02/2021	08/24/2022 - 09/01/2022	70	75	70	75	
466B	466B	Harney Basin	One doe or fawn pronghorn	One doe or fawn pronghorn	09/04/2021 - 09/19/2021	09/03/2022 - 09/18/2022	30	33	30	33	

Table 15 Continued. Recommended 2022 pronghorn hunts and tags.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Changes
467	467	Owyhee Unit	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	50	54	50	54	
468	468	Whitehorse Unit	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/21/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/20/2022 - 09/04/2022	120	131	120	131	
469A	469A	Steens Mtn	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	100	106	100	106	
470A	470A	E Beatys Butte	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	75	80	35	37	Drought shifting animals to west.
470B1	470B1	W Beatys Butte No. 1	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	35	37	40	42	Absorbing some 470A tags.
470B2	470B2	W Beatys Butte No. 2	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/25/2021 - 09/02/2021	08/24/2022 - 09/01/2022	35	37	40	42	Absorbing some 470A tags.
470C	470C	Hart Mtn	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	09/11/2021 - 09/17/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/16/2022	40	41	40	41	
471A	471A	Juniper	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/21/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/20/2022 - 09/04/2022	60	63	60	63	
472A1	472A1	Silvies Unit No. 1	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	40	42	40	42	
472A2	472A2	Silvies Unit No. 2	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/25/2021 - 09/02/2021	08/24/2022 - 09/01/2022	40	42	40	42	
472B	472B	Riley	One doe or fawn pronghorn	One doe or fawn pronghorn	09/04/2021 - 09/19/2021	09/03/2022 - 09/18/2022	25	27	25	27	
473A	473A	N Wagontire	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	30	31	35	36	Population stable; good buck ratio.
473B	473B	S Wagontire	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	15	15	15	15	
474A	474A	Warner Unit No. 1	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	60	62	60	62	
474B	474B	Warner Unit No. 2	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/25/2021 - 09/02/2021	08/24/2022 - 09/01/2022	60	62	60	62	
475A	475A	E Interstate	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	25	26	25	26	
476A	476A	Fort Rock - Silver Lake	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	40	44	40	44	
<b>Total Any Weapon Tags</b>							<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,400</b>	

Table 15 Continued. Recommended 2022 pronghorn hunts and tags.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Changes
<b>Bow Hunts</b>											
435R	435R	Paulina Unit Bow	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/28/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/04/2022	5	6	5	6	
436R	436R	Maury Unit Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/28/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/04/2022	25	28	25	28	
464R	464R	Lookout Mtn Unit Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	09/04/2021 - 09/12/2021	09/03/2022 - 09/11/2022	10	11	10	11	
466R	466R	Malheur Rvr Unit Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	09/04/2021 - 09/12/2021	09/03/2022 - 09/11/2022	50	55	50	55	
467R	467R	Owyhee Unit Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/28/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/04/2022	40	44	40	44	
470R1	470R1	Hart Mtn Bow	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/05/2021 - 08/13/2021	08/04/2022 - 08/12/2022	25	26	20	21	Hunter crowding issues around water holes exacerbated by drought.
470R2	470R2	W Beatys Butte Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	09/03/2021 - 09/10/2021	09/02/2022 - 09/09/2022	35	38	35	38	
473R	473R	Wagontire Bow	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/28/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/04/2022	5	6	5	6	
474R	474R	Warner Unit Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/05/2021 - 08/13/2021	08/04/2022 - 08/12/2022	45	49	45	49	
475R1	475R1	E Interstate Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	09/04/2021 - 09/12/2021	09/03/2022 - 09/11/2022	50	55	50	55	
475R2	475R2	Gerber Reservoir Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/07/2021 - 08/15/2021	08/06/2022 - 08/14/2022	150	165	125	138	declining buck ratio and population.
477R	477R	E Slope Bow	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	50	55	50	55	
<b>Total Bow Tags</b>							<b>440</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>451</b>	
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>											
435M	435M	Paulina Unit Muzzleloader	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/28/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/04/2022	5	6	5	6	
470M	470M	E Beatys Butte Muzzleloader	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/25/2021 - 09/02/2021	08/24/2022 - 09/01/2022	40	44	20	22	Drought shifting animals.

Table 15 Continued. Recommended 2022 pronghorn hunts and tags.											
2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Changes
473M	473M	Wagontire Unit Muzzleloader	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/28/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/04/2022	10	11	10	11	
475M	475M	Gerber Reservoir Muzzleloader	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	09/04/2021 - 09/12/2021	09/03/2022 - 09/11/2022	50	55	40	44	declining buck ratio and population.
476M	476M	Fort Rock - Silver Lake Muzzleloader	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	09/04/2021 - 09/12/2021	09/03/2022 - 09/11/2022	40	44	40	44	
<b>Total Muzzleloader Tags</b>							<b>145</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>127</b>	
<b>Youth Hunts</b>											
432T	432T	Swan Lake Youth	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	3	3	3	3	
453T	453T	Catherine Cr Unit Youth	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/01/2021 - 08/31/2021	07/31/2022 - 08/30/2022	3	3	3	3	
470T	470T	Hart Mtn Youth	One buck pronghorn	One buck pronghorn	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	08/13/2022 - 08/21/2022	3	3	3	3	
475T	475T	Gerber Reservoir Youth	One pronghorn either sex	One pronghorn either sex	08/21/2021 - 08/29/2021	08/20/2022 - 08/28/2022	30	31	25	26	declining buck ratio and population.
<b>Youth Hunt Total Tags</b>							<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>Grand Total Pronghorn Tags</b>							<b>1,960</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>2,013</b>	

\* Tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average un-redemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max adjustment = 10%).

## **Deer Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Population Overview**

Mule deer populations continue to decline, with a slight reduction from the previous year to an estimated 168,000. Most WMUs remain below population management objectives. Only West Biggs, Wagontire, and Keno are at or above management objective.

Western Oregon black-tailed deer populations are historically monitored utilizing spotlight surveys and hunter harvest data. While populations have declined from highs in the 1960's, genetic sampling methods conducted by Southwest Wildlife Research staff and new rigorous modeling methods indicate black-tailed deer populations have generally stabilized or potentially increased in some areas.

### **Mule Deer Initiative**

In 2010 the department began a targeted, aggressive effort to improve mule deer populations called the Mule Deer Initiative (MDI). The MDI is a large, collaborative effort focused on implementing actions to improve habitat, reduce disturbance and harassment, increase law enforcement, monitor disease, manage predation, and improve population management. During the first five years of MDI, 394,975 acres, miles or other treatments were implemented in 10 WMUs for a total cost of \$27.4 million. The department published a report detailing actions of the first five years in 2015.

Since the first report, MDI has expanded and the department continues to actively engage our collaborators and implement mule deer focused activities. The department has recently completed a report detailing the second five years of MDI. This report is published on our website at [[https://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/big\\_game/mule\\_deer/docs/Oregon%20Mule%20Deer%20Initiative%2015-19%20July%202021.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/big_game/mule_deer/docs/Oregon%20Mule%20Deer%20Initiative%2015-19%20July%202021.pdf)]. During the second five-year period, 387,086 acres, miles, or other treatment units were implemented in 14 WMUs. Total cost to implement these actions was nearly \$25.5 million dollars.

### **Movements & Survival Monitoring**

Since winter 2014–2015 the department has monitored 1,427 adult mule deer and 273 mule deer fawns with GPS collars throughout eastern Oregon to delineate population boundaries and monitor annual and overwinter survival. Analysis indicates eastern Oregon contains 14 herd ranges that encompass the area used by deer on an annual cycle. There is some limited movement across these herd range population boundaries although some herd ranges include localized herds that do not migrate very long distances.

Survival varies dramatically across Oregon's landscape and through time. Generally speaking this variation reflects the variation in moisture patterns which subsequently affect forage growth for deer. Typically, 80% annual adult survival is needed to maintain a deer population. Average annual adult survival at the population level was 88% during the 2019–2020 biological year for deer ranging from 75% to 100%. Average survival dropped to 85% during the 2020–2021 biological year for deer (81% – 92%). Average over-winter fawn survival was good in winter 2019–2020 at 80% but dropped to 54% during winter 2020–2021. The observed declines in survival reflect dramatic differences in forage conditions: 2019–2020 had a relatively wet spring and early summer

with very good forage growth whereas the early onset and magnitude of the current drought led to reduced forage and subsequently lower survival 2020–2021.

### **Mule Deer Limited Landowner Preference Tags**

In 2013, House bill 2027A authorized the Commission to limit Landowner Preference (LOP) tags for mule deer buck hunting in WMUs where the mule deer population is below the Management Objective (MO). Beginning in 2015, LOP tags for mule deer buck hunts (100 Series) in WMUs with estimated populations below 100% of the population MO were limited to five tags or 10% of the total controlled hunt tags authorized for each hunt, whichever is greater. In March 2017, the Commission adopted revised formulas with the total number of LOP tags available in a hunt based on how close the population is to the MO. For the 2021 LOP Mule Deer drawing, eight units dropped to a lower tier reducing the percentage of deer tags available for the LOP drawing.

Districts Wildlife Biologists are working on finalizing mule deer population estimates for 2021. When the population estimates are finalized, the number of LOP Mule Deer Tags available for each hunt in 2022 will be determined and the information will be made available to landowners and the public. Registered landowners will also receive tag number information in the packet of LOP materials sent out by Licensing staff during February of each year. Final LOP Mule Deer tag numbers will be adopted by Temporary Rule prior to the June 2022 controlled hunt draw.

### **2020 General and Controlled Deer Season Harvest**

Based on mandatory harvest survey results, Western General Season black-tailed deer ALW hunter participation increased to 62,533 hunters (58,676 in 2019), with a significant harvest increase to 19,249 deer in 2020 (31% success; 6,000 deer increase from 2019). Spike bucks, included in the Western General Season bag limit beginning with the 2020 season, accounted for 13% (2,421 spikes) of the total harvest with remainder of harvest increase spread across all other antler classes.

The number of general early season bow hunters decreased 28% to 20,428 with a corresponding decrease in harvest of 29% to 3,109 deer. General early season bow hunter success (15% success) remained similar to 2019 levels. The number of controlled deer hunters decreased slightly to 45,469. However, corresponding harvest increased 5% to 15,896 animals for an overall controlled deer hunting success rate of 40%.

### **Western Oregon, General Any Legal Weapons Season Dates**

The department proposes only a one-day calendar shift to the Western General Season deer hunt. This ALW season encompasses all Western Oregon WMUs and would run Oct.1 2022 – Nov. 4, 2022.

### **Controlled Buck and Antlerless Deer Tag Recommendations**

Eight hunt changes are proposed for the 100 series controlled buck hunts. The department proposes deleting the second bow hunt on Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge (170R2), adding five new youth buck hunts in south-central Oregon, and modifying the dates of the Warner (174T) and Interstate (175T) youth buck hunts. Most other controlled buck hunts will receive a one-day calendar shift in season dates. In total the department proposal is less than a 1% decline in 100 series controlled buck deer tags for 2022 (Table 16). The slight reduction in buck tags for existing controlled hunts is largely a function of declining mule deer populations resulting in fewer surplus bucks available for harvest.



No hunt deletions or new hunts are proposed for the 600 series controlled antlerless deer hunts. Overall, the department is proposing a 7% increase in controlled antlerless deer tags for 2022 (Table 17). This increase is taking advantage of increases in black-tailed deer populations in northwestern Oregon.

Table 16. Recommended 2022 controlled buck deer hunts and proposed tag numbers.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
<b>Any Weapon Hunts</b>											
119A	119A	W High Cascade	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	09/11/2021 - 09/19/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/18/2022	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,300	
123A	123A	Umpqua	One white-tailed or black-tailed buck with visible antler	One white-tailed or black-tailed buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	20	22	20	22	
123B	123B	N Bank Habitat	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	12/25/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/24/2022 - 12/30/2022	3	3	3	3	
131	131	Keno Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	850	935	750	825	Buck ratio below MO.
132	132	Klamath Falls Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	750	810	750	810	Buck ratio below MO.
133	133	Sprague Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	450	495	450	495	
134	134	Upper Deschutes Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,900	2,090	1,800	1,980	Declining population and below MO in portion of unit.
135	135	Paulina Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	900	990	900	990	
136	136	Maury Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	350	382	300	327	Low buck ratio.
137	137	Ochoco Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	2,050	2,255	2,050	2,255	Declining population and hunter success.
138	138	Grizzly Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	850	910	800	856	Low buck ratio
139	139	Metolius Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	240	240	220	220	Buck ratio below MO.
140	140	Maupin Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	400	440	400	440	

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141A	141A	Hood-White River	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	09/11/2021 - 09/19/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/18/2022	75	83	75	83	
141B	141B	White River Unit No. 1	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,100	1,210	1,100	1,210	
141C	141C	White River Unit No. 2	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/13/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/27/2022	10	10	10	10	
142A	142A	Hood Unit No. 1	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	450	495	450	495	
142B	142B	Hood Unit No. 2	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/13/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/27/2022	10	10	10	10	
143A	143A	E Biggs	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	700	770	700	770	
143B	143B	W Biggs	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	700	763	700	763	
143C	143C	John Day Canyon	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	20	20	20	20	
144	144	Columbia Basin Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,800	1,980	1,800	1,980	
145	145	Fossil Unit No. 1	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,700	1,870	1,600	1,760	Declining recruitment and hunter success.
145A	145A	Fossil Unit No. 2	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	10	10	10	10	
146	146	Murderers Cr Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	800	880	800	880	
147	147	Northside Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	800	880	800	880	
148	148	Heppler Unit No. 1	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	2,800	3,080	2,600	2,860	Declining population and hunter success.
148A	148A	Heppler Unit No. 2	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	10	10	10	10	
149	149	Ukiah Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,350	1,485	1,350	1,485	

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150	150	Desolation Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	700	770	700	770	
151	151	Sumpter Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	750	825	750	825	
152A	152A	Starkey	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	350	385	350	385	
152B	152B	Starkey Exp Forest	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	10	10	5	5	Research objective. Very low deer numbers and hunt success.
153	153	Catherine Cr Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	260	276	260	276	
154A	154A	E Mt Emily	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	100	109	100	109	
154B	154B	W Mt Emily	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	350	385	350	385	
154C	154C	Mt Emily Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/13/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/27/2022	10	10	10	10	
155	155	Walla Walla Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	200	218	200	218	
156	156	Wenaha Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	350	385	350	385	
157	157	Sled Springs Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,500	1,650	1,500	1,650	
157A	157A	Lower Wallowa Valley	One white-tailed deer	One white-tailed deer	11/15/2021 - 11/24/2021	11/14/2022 - 11/23/2022	25	28	50	55	Continued population increase, can support additional tags.
158	158	Chesnimnus Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	400	440	400	440	
159	159	Snake Rvr Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	300	330	300	330	

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160	160	Minam Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	450	495	450	495	
161	161	Imnaha Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	750	825	750	825	
162	162	Pine Cr Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	175	193	175	193	
163	163	Keating Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	250	275	300	330	Buck ratios climbing.
164	164	Lookout Mtn Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	150	161	200	214	Buck ratios climbing.
165	165	Beulah Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,050	1,155	1,100	1,210	Buck ratios climbing.
166	166	Malheur Rvr Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	900	990	950	1,045	Buck ratios climbing.
167	167	Owyhee Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	250	270	250	270	
167A	167A	NE Owyhee	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	80	88	80	88	
168A	168A	Trout Cr Mtns	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	50	53	50	53	
168B	168B	E Whitehorse	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	225	248	225	248	
169A	169A	Steens Mtn	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	250	258	250	258	
170A	170A	Beatys Butte	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	125	138	125	138	
171A	171A	N Juniper	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	100	110	100	110	
171B	171B	S Juniper	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	75	83	75	83	
172	172	Silvies Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	650	696	700	749	Buck ratios climbing.
173	173	Wagontire Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	130	138	130	138	

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174A	174A	N Warner	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	40	40	35	35	Below buck MO.
174B	174B	S Warner	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	175	193	160	176	Below buck MO.
175	175	Interstate Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,200	1,308	1,200	1,308	
176	176	Silver Lake Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,400	1,540	1,400	1,540	
177	177	Fort Rock Unit	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	1,700	1,870	1,700	1,870	
<b>Any Weapon Hunt Total Tags</b>							<b>39,578</b>	<b>43,376</b>	<b>39,208</b>	<b>42,968</b>	
<b>Bow Hunts</b>											
123R1	123R1	Umpqua Bow	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	50	55	50	55	
123R2	123R2	N Bank Habitat Bow	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	09/11/2021 - 09/26/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/25/2022	10	10	10	10	
131R1	131R1	Keno Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	250	275	250	275	
131R2	131R2	Keno Unit Late Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/01/2021 - 11/18/2021	10/31/2022 - 11/17/2022	100	108	100	108	
132R	132R	Klamath Falls Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	200	220	200	220	
133R	133R	Sprague Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	50	55	50	55	
134R	134R	Upper Deschutes Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	450	495	450	495	
135R	135R	Paulina Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	350	385	350	385	
136R	136R	Maury Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	115	127	100	110	Low buck ratio.

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137R	137R	Ochoco Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	400	440	400	440	
138R	138R	Grizzly Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	700	770	700	770	
139R1	139R1	Metolius Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	240	264	240	264	
139R2	139R2	Metolius Unit Late Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/01/2021 - 11/30/2021	11/01/2022 - 11/30/2022	15	15	15	15	
141R	141R	Hood - White Rvr Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	550	605	550	605	
144R	144R	Columbia Plateau Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	400	440	400	440	
145R	145R	Fossil Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	250	275	250	275	
146R	146R	Murderers Cr Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	670	737	670	737	
147R	147R	Northside Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	700	770	700	770	
148R	148R	Heppner Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	1,100	1,210	1,100	1210	
149R	149R	Ukiah Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	700	770	700	770	
150R	150R	Desolation Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	570	627	570	627	
151R	151R	Sumpter Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	520	572	520	572	

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152R	152R	Starkey Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	700	770	700	770	
153R	153R	Catherine Cr Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	450	495	450	495	
154R	154R	N Blue Mtns Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	400	440	400	440	
157R	157R	Sled Springs Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	175	193	175	193	
158R	158R	Chesnimnus Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	210	231	210	231	
159R	159R	Snake Rvr Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	120	132	120	132	
160R	160R	Minam Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	125	138	125	138	
161R	161R	Imnaha Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	280	308	280	308	
162R	162R	Pine Cr Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	340	374	340	374	
163R	163R	Keating Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	250	275	250	275	
164R	164R	Lookout Mtn Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	140	154	140	154	
165R1	165R1	Beulah Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	400	440	400	440	
165R2	165R2	Beulah Unit Late Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/13/2021 - 11/30/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/30/2022	15	15	15	15	



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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
166R	166R	Malheur Rvr Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	400	440	400	440	
167R	167R	Owyhee Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	100	110	100	110	
168R1	168R1	E Whitehorse Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	125	138	125	138	
168R2	168R2	Trout Cr Mtns Traditional Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	100	100	100	100	
169R	169R	Steens Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	100	110	100	110	
170R1	170R1	Hart Mtn No.1 Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/05/2021 - 08/13/2021	08/04/2022 - 08/12/2022	15	17	15	17	
170R2		Hart Mtn No.2 Bow	One buck with visible antler	<b>Delete in 2022</b>	08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021	Delete in 2022	15	16			Delete hunt. Negotiated and agreed to by Hart Refuge.
170R3	170R3	Hart Mtn No.3 Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/05/2021 - 11/11/2021	11/04/2022 - 11/10/2022	5	5	15	16	Taking on portion of hunters eliminated from No. 2 hunt
170R	170R	Beatys Butte Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	50	55	50	55	
171R	171R	Juniper Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	50	55	50	55	

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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
172R	172R	Silvies Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	600	660	600	660	
173R	173R	Wagontire Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	40	44	40	44	
174R1	174R1	N Warner Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	40	43	35	37	Below buck MO.
174R2	174R2	S Warner Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	70	77	65	72	Below buck MO.
175R	175R	Interstate Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	375	413	375	413	
176R	176R	Silver Lake Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	125	138	125	138	
177R	177R	Fort Rock Unit Bow	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	325	358	325	358	
<b>Archery Hunt Total Tags:</b>							14,530	15,969	14,500	15,936	
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>											
114M	114M	Trask Unit Muzzleloader	One deer	One deer	11/06/2021 - 11/19/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/18/2022	200	220	200	220	
119M	119M	McKenzie Unit Muzzleloader	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 11/24/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/23/2022	350	385	350	385	
121M	121M	Indigo Unit Muzzleloader	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 11/24/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/23/2022	150	165	150	165	
123M1	123M1	Melrose Unit Muzzleloader	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 11/21/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/20/2022	120	132	120	132	
123M2	123M2	N Bank Habitat Muzzleloader	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	11/27/2021 - 12/03/2021	11/26/2022 - 12/02/2022	3	3	3	3	

Table 16 Continued. Recommended 2022 controlled buck deer hunts and proposed tag numbers.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
125M	125M	Sixes Unit Muzzleloader	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 11/26/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/25/2022	55	61	55	61	
127M	127M	Chetco Unit Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/13/2021 - 12/05/2021	11/12/2022 - 12/04/2022	35	37	35	37	
128M	128M	Applegate Unit Muzzleloader	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 12/05/2021	11/12/2022 - 12/04/2022	300	309	300	309	
132M	132M	Klamath Falls Unit Muzzleloader	One deer	One deer	11/01/2021 - 11/09/2021	10/31/2022 - 11/08/2022	20	22	20	22	
139M	139M	Metolius Unit Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	21	20	21	
141M	141M	Hood- N White Rvr Muzzleloader	One deer	One deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	22	20	22	
145M	145M	Flatiron Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	60	66	60	66	
148M	148M	Ditch Cr Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	150	165	140	154	Declining population.
151M	151M	Baker Muzzleloader	One white-tailed deer	One white-tailed deer	11/15/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/14/2022 - 11/27/2022	80	80	80	80	
152M	152M	Grande Ronde Muzzleloader	One white-tailed deer	One white-tailed deer	11/15/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/14/2022 - 11/27/2022	470	517	470	517	
157M	157M	Sled Springs Unit Muzzleloader	One white-tailed deer	One white-tailed deer	11/29/2021 - 12/12/2021	11/28/2022 - 12/11/2022	200	220	220	242	Increasing population.
166M	166M	N Malheur Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	40	44	40	44	
168M	168M	NE Whitehorse Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/13/2021 - 11/30/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/30/2022	20	20	20	20	
170M	170M	Hart Mtn Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/02/2021 - 10/13/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/12/2022	15	15	15	15	
172M	172M	Silvies Unit Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	40	42	40	42	

Table 16 Continued. Recommended 2022 controlled buck deer hunts and proposed tag numbers.											
2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
175M	175M	Interstate Unit Muzzleloader	One deer	One buck with visible antler	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	22	20	22	Bag limit change. Population below MO.
176M	176M	Silver Lake/E Ft. Rock Muzzleloader	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	50	53	60	63	Buck ratio stable, slight increase in available bucks
<b>Muzzleloader Hunt Total Tags:</b>							<b>2,418</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>2,642</b>	
<b>Youth Hunts</b>											
	131T	Keno Unit Youth	New hunt 2022	One buck with visible antler	New hunt 2022	09/26/2022 - 10/12/2022			20	20	New hunt 2022.
	132T	Klamath Falls Unit Youth	New hunt 2022	One buck with visible antler	New hunt 2022	09/26/2022 - 10/12/2022			20	20	New hunt 2022.
	133T	Sprague Unit Youth	New hunt 2022	One buck with visible antler	New hunt 2022	09/26/2022 - 10/12/2022			20	20	New hunt 2022.
141T	141T	The Dalles Watershed Youth	One buck with visible antler	One buck with visible antler	11/13/2021 - 11/24/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/23/2022	7	7	7	7	
174T	174T	Warner Unit Youth	One deer	One deer	09/18/2021 - 09/26/2021	09/26/2022 - 10/12/2022	20	20	20	20	Date change : Sept 26-Oct 12.
175T	175T	Interstate Unit Youth	One deer	One deer	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	09/26/2022 - 10/12/2022	10	10	20	20	Date change : Sept 26-Oct 12.
	176T	Silver Lake Youth	New hunt 2022	One buck with visible antler	New hunt 2022	09/26/2022 - 10/12/2022			20	20	New hunt 2022.
	177T	Fort Rock Youth	New hunt 2022	One buck with visible antler	New hunt 2022	09/26/2022 - 10/12/2022			20	20	New hunt 2022.
<b>Youth Hunt Total Tags:</b>							<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>107</b>	
<b>Grand Total Buck Deer Tags:</b>							<b>56,563</b>	<b>62,003</b>	<b>56,253</b>	<b>61,653</b>	

\* Tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average un-redemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max adjustment = 10%).

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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
<b>Any Weapon Hunts</b>											
610	610	Saddle Mtn Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	100	104	250	260	Biological surplus.
611	611	Scappoose Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	20	20	20	20	
612	612	Wilson Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	100	102	200	204	Biological surplus.
614	614	Trask Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	150	165	300	330	Biological surplus.
615	615	Willamette Unit	One deer	One deer	09/01/2021 - 02/28/2022	09/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	3,100	3,308	3,100	3308	
616A1	616A1	NW Santiam	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	50	50	50	50	
616A2	616A2	SW Santiam	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	50	50	50	50	
617	617	Stott Mtn Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	75	75	75	75	
618	618	Alsea Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	75	75	75	75	
619	619	W McKenzie	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	550	578	550	578	
620	620	Siuslaw Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	80	84	80	84	
620C	620A	Camas Swale	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	300	324	300	324	
621	621	W Indigo	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	130	140	130	140	
622A	622A	W Dixon	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	30	32	30	32	
623	623	Melrose Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	250	263	250	263	
623A	623A	Central Melrose	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	1,000	1,100	1,000	1100	

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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
623B1	623B1	N Bank Habitat No. 1	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/22/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/21/2022	25	28	25	28	
623B2	623B2	N Bank Habitat No. 2	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	11/13/2021 - 11/19/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022	25	28	25	28	
623B3	623B3	N Bank Habitat No. 3	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	12/11/2021 - 12/17/2021	12/10/2022 - 12/16/2022	25	27	25	27	
624	624	Tioga Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	100	100	100	100	
625	625	Sixes Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	100	103	100	103	
626	626	Powers Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	70	70	70	70	
627	627	Chetco Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	35	35	35	35	
628	628	Applegate Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	35	35	35	35	
629	629	Evans Cr Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/05/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/04/2022	25	25	25	25	
638A	638A	Lower Willow Cr Agri	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 11/30/2021	10/15/2022 - 11/30/2022	10	10	10	10	
641A	641A	The Dalles Orchard	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	08/28/2021 - 09/05/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/04/2022	20	22	20	22	
641B	641B	Wamic Bench	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	5	6	5	6	
642	642	Hood Unit Agri	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	10	10	10	10	
643	643	Biggs Unit Private	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	20	20	20	
644	644	Columbia Basin Unit	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	40	44	30	33	Limited access.
644A1	644A1	Umatilla NWR No. 1	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	08/28/2021 - 09/01/2021	08/27/2022 - 08/31/2022	15	15	15	15	

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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
644A2	644A2	Umatilla NWR No. 2	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	09/11/2021 - 09/15/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/14/2022	15	15	15	15	
644A3	644A3	Umatilla NWR No. 3	One deer	One deer	10/02/2021 - 10/06/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/05/2022	3	3	3	3	
645	645	Fossil Unit Private	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	20	20	20	
647B	647B	Middle Fork John Day	One antlerless white-tailed deer	One antlerless white-tailed deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	25	26	25	26	
648A	648A	Heppner Private	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	20	20	20	
649B	649B	W Blue Mtns	One white-tailed deer	One white-tailed deer	11/20/2021 - 12/12/2021	11/19/2022 - 12/11/2022	60	60	60	60	
657A	657A	Flora	One antlerless white-tailed deer	One antlerless white-tailed deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	30	33	50	55	Population increase.
657B	657B	Lower Wallowa Valley	One antlerless white-tailed deer	One antlerless white-tailed deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	80	88	100	110	Population increase.
660A	660A	Upper Wallowa Valley	One antlerless white-tailed deer	One antlerless white-tailed deer	10/16/2021 - 12/19/2021	10/15/2022 - 12/18/2022	150	164	200	218	Population increase.
665A	665A	SE Beulah Agri	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	20	20	20	
667A	667A	NE Owyhee Agri	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	22	20	22	
679A	679A	Harney Basin Agri	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	10	11	10	11	
<b>Any Legal Weapon Hunt Total Tags:</b>							<b>7,073</b>	<b>7,530</b>	<b>7,553</b>	<b>8,040</b>	
<b>Youth Hunts</b>											
610T	610T	Saddle Mtn Unit Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/06/2022	50	55	75	83	Biological surplus.
611T	611T	Scappoose Unit Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/06/2022	45	50	45	50	

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612T	612T	Wilson Unit Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/06/2022	50	55	75	83	Biological surplus.
614T1	614T1	Trask Unit Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/06/2022	50	55	75	83	Biological surplus.
614T2	614T2	Upper Tualatin-Trask Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	12/04/2021 - 12/26/2021	12/03/2022 - 12/25/2022	40	40	40	40	Weekends Only.
616T1	616T1	SW Santiam Youth	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 11/24/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/23/2022	50	50	50	50	
616T2	616T2	NW Santiam Youth	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 11/24/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/23/2022	30	30	30	30	
617T	617T	Stott Mtn Unit Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/06/2022	48	50	48	50	
618T	618T	Alesa Unit Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/06/2022	50	50	50	50	
619T	619T	McKenzie Unit Youth	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 11/24/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/23/2022	100	100	100	100	
620T1	620T1	Siuslaw Unit Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/02/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/01/2022 - 11/06/2022	50	50	50	50	
620T2	620T2	Territorial Youth	One deer	One deer	11/06/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/27/2022	10	10	10	10	Weekends Only.
621T	621T	N Indigo Youth	One deer	One deer	11/13/2021 - 11/24/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/23/2022	75	75	75	75	
623T1	623T1	N Bank Habitat Area No. 1 Youth	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	One white-tailed buck with visible antler or one black-tailed deer	10/02/2021 - 10/10/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/09/2022	20	20	20	20	
623T2	623T2	N Bank Habitat Area No. 2 Youth	One black-tailed deer	One black-tailed deer	10/30/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	30	31	30	31	
623T3	623T3	Melrose Youth	One black-tailed deer	One black-tailed deer	12/15/2021 - 01/05/2022	12/15/2022 - 01/05/2023	40	44	40	44	
625T	625T	Sixes Unit Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	12/15/2021 - 01/05/2022	12/15/2022 - 01/05/2023	70	77	70	77	



Table 17. Recommended 2022 controlled doe deer hunts and proposed tag numbers.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes and Comments
627T	627T	Chetco Unit Youth	One deer	One deer	12/15/2021 - 01/05/2022	12/15/2022 - 01/05/2023	25	25	25	25	
628T	628T	Applegate Unit Youth	One deer	One deer	12/15/2021 - 01/05/2022	12/15/2022 - 01/05/2023	25	26	25	26	
629T	629T	Evans Cr Unit Youth	One deer	One deer	12/15/2021 - 01/05/2022	12/15/2022 - 01/05/2023	55	61	55	61	
630T	630T	Rogue Unit Youth	One deer	One deer	12/15/2021 - 01/05/2022	12/15/2022 - 01/05/2023	55	61	55	61	
640T	640T	Mid-Columbia Private Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	11/20/2021 - 12/31/2021	11/19/2022 - 12/30/2022	30	32	30	32	
644T1	644T1	Umatilla NWR Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	08/21/2021 - 08/25/2021	08/20/2022 - 08/24/2022	8	8	8	8	
644T2	644T2	Umatilla Co Private Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	11/13/2021 - 12/05/2021	11/12/2022 - 12/04/2022	40	44	40	44	
648T	648T	Morrow Co Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	11/20/2021 - 12/05/2021	11/19/2022 - 12/04/2022	40	44	40	44	
651T1	651T1	Baker No. 1 Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	10/23/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/22/2022 - 10/30/2022	15	16	15	16	
651T2	651T2	Baker No. 2 Youth	One antlerless white-tailed deer	One antlerless white-tailed deer	10/23/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/22/2022 - 10/30/2022	30	33	30	33	
665T	665T	Malheur Co Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	08/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	50	50	50	50	
679T	679T	Harney Basin Youth	One antlerless deer	One antlerless deer	09/11/2021 - 09/19/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/18/2022	25	28	25	28	
<b>Youth Hunt Total Tags:</b>							<b>1,206</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,354</b>	
<b>Grand Total Antlerless Deer Tags:</b>							<b>8,279</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>8,834</b>	<b>9,394</b>	

\* Tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average un-redemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max adjustment = 10%).

## **Elk Season Summaries and Recommendations**

Controlled seasons have historically been used for most eastern Oregon ALW bull and either sex hunts, some western Oregon any legal weapon bull hunts, and a limited number of archery bull elk hunts. Controlled bull hunting is practiced for several reasons, including achieving the bull ratio Management Objective (MO) in areas where vulnerability of bulls or high hunter numbers have led to low bull ratios under general seasons in the past; or where hunter numbers are limited to improve hunting quality. Antlerless hunts are generally used to address damage and reduce populations which are over MO. Antlerless elk hunting opportunity with firearms is primarily by controlled hunts, with the notable exception for the General Season Antlerless Elk Damage hunt, which occurs in areas of persistent damage.

### **Population Overview**

In 2020 Rocky Mountain elk populations continued to do well in eastern Oregon. Nineteen of 35 units or areas (54%) where wintering elk population Management Objectives (MOs) are established have populations at or over MO. The eastern Oregon population estimate of approximately 71,500 elk is slightly below (97%) the Rocky Mountain elk population MO of 73,650 animals. Some Roosevelt elk populations, however, continue to struggle and only the Sixes WMU is above MO. While not all WMUs were surveyed in 2020, the estimated Western Oregon elk population in 2020 is ~56,000, 79% of the established MO of 71,050.

### **2020 Elk Harvest**

Based on mandatory harvest survey results, 100,310 elk hunters harvested 18,368 elk for an overall success rate of 18% (Table 18). General season success was lower than controlled season success ranging from 6% in the West Cascade any legal weapon season to 13% in the 1<sup>st</sup> Coast any legal weapon and the General Bow season for elk. Varying weather conditions led to high variability in success rates.

Table 18. Number of hunters, harvest and success rates for elk during the 2020 Oregon elk seasons.

Hunt/Weapon Type	2020 Hunters	2020 Harvest	2020 Success Rate
<b>General Seasons</b>			
Rocky Mountain 1 <sup>st</sup>	n/a - controlled hunting in 2020		
Rocky Mountain 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5,672	525	9%
Coast 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,445	1,119	13%
Coast 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6,597	566	9%
Cascade	5,645	335	6%
Bow	25,634	3,444	13%
<b>Controlled Seasons</b>	<b>43,614</b>	<b>10,086</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>All Surveyed Elk Hunts</b>	<b>100,310</b>	<b>18,368</b>	<b>18%</b>

## General Elk Season Summaries and Recommendations

Except for the changes to archery elk seasons described in the following section, minor modification to General Season Antlerless Elk Damage hunt boundaries, and a one-day shift earlier in the calendar, there are no proposed changes to the elk general seasons for 2022.

### Archery Elk Season

As part of the Big Game Review Project, the department identified the need for changes in archery elk hunting in a portion of eastern Oregon. During its August 2021 meeting, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission shifted 13 WMUs and three subunits from the General Archery Season to controlled archery hunting beginning fall of 2022 (Table 19). The remainder of the state remains as a general season for bowhunting elk. These changes were needed to achieve bull ratio management objectives, to manage bull harvest across all weapons and user groups, to manage increasing numbers of archers in some units, to provide equity among weapon types for branch bull harvest, and to help address landowner concerns over displacement of elk during archery seasons.

Tag numbers for most of the new controlled bow hunts are at or very near the estimated number of hunters reporting hunting in each unit in 2020. All new controlled archery hunts and all existing controlled archery hunts in eastern Oregon will be the hunters' only opportunity and will not be valid in the general season area beginning in 2022.

Table 19. Area and 2020 tag numbers for 16 new controlled archery elk hunts adopted during the August 2021 Commission Meeting.

Hunt #	Hunt Name	2020 Hunter Participation	Proposed 2022 Tags
246R	Murderers Cr Unit Bow	1,060	1,030
247R	Northside Unit Bow	1,170	1,055
248R1	Heppner Unit Bow No. 1	105	100
248R2	Heppner Unit Bow No. 2	1,690	1,600
249R1	Ukiah Unit Bow No. 1	321	200
249R2	Ukiah Unit Bow No. 2	1,350	1,300
250R1	Desolation Unit Bow	1,790	1,085
250R2	N Fork Traditional Bow	55	100
251R	N Sumpter Bow	540	530
252R	Starkey Unit Bow	1,685	1,300
253R1	Eagle Cap Zone Bow	2,375	1,795
253R2	Eagle Cap Zone Traditional Bow		200
259R	Snake River Unit Bow	225	270
265R	W Beulah Bow	550	500
266R	N Malheur Bow	600	450
272R	Silvies Unit Bow	900	855
Total		14,416	12,370

### **Controlled Elk Hunt Recommendations**

In addition to the 16 new controlled bow hunts for 2022 staff proposes deleting six hunts and adding two additional new hunts in 2022. One archery bull hunt (274R Warner) is deleted but moved to the general archery season. Two cow hunts (216C Mollala, 255B Walla Walla Private) are deleted because the General Season Antlerless Elk Damage (GSAED) hunts are addressing conflict in those hunt areas. Three hunts in Starkey Experimental Forest are deleted because the low success is not addressing research needs. The two new hunts are to maintain pressure in the Zumwalt Prairie area (258A5), and add a hunt constructed to better address research needs in Starkey Experimental Forest (252C1).

Overall, the department is proposing a 16% increase in controlled elk tag numbers for 2022 (Table 20). However, as noted earlier, this increase is driven by changes in how opportunities are being allocated in 16 controlled bow hunts. Accounting for these changes shows a slight (3.8%) decline in controlled elk tags. The slight decline is primarily driven by how GSAED hunts are addressing conflicts with elk requiring fewer antlerless tags.

### **General Season Antlerless Elk Damage**

Based on mandatory hunter harvest survey data, 4,703 hunters harvested 2,293 antlerless elk during the GSAED hunt. The department is proposing to increase the Willamette Valley, Evan Creek, and Halfway Valley portions of the GSAED by 126 sq miles, 64 sq miles, and 2 sq miles respectively, to incorporate additional areas of persistent damage. The department is also proposing to remove the Lostine Wildlife Area from the Wallowa Valley portion of the GSAED hunt.

Table 20. Recommended 2022 controlled elk hunts and proposed tag numbers.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
<b>Any Weapon Hunts</b>											
210	210	Saddle Mtn Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	10	10	10	
210A1	210A1	W Saddle Mtn No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	30	33	40	44	Address damage.
210A2	210A2	W Saddle Mtn No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023	30	33	40	44	Address damage.
210B1	210B1	Central Saddle Mtn No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	35	39	35	39	
210B2	210B2	Central Saddle Mtn No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023	35	39	35	39	
210C1	210C1	Upper Nehalem No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 01/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	45	45	75	75	Address damage.
210C2	210C2	Upper Nehalem No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	02/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	02/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	45	45	75	75	Address damage.
210D	210D	Lower Columbia	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	45	50	50	55	Address damage.
210X	210X	Saddle Mtn Unit No. 1	One 3pt + bull elk	One 3pt + bull elk	11/13/2021 - 11/16/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/15/2022	1,200	1,320	1,200	1,320	
210Y	210Y	Saddle Mtn Unit No. 2	One 3pt + bull elk	One 3pt + bull elk	11/20/2021 - 11/26/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/25/2022	1,200	1,320	1,200	1,320	
211	211	Scappoose Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	25	25	25	25	
211A1	211A1	North Plains No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	40	40	40	40	
211A2	211A2	North Plains No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	35	39	35	39	
211A3	211A3	North Plains No. 3	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023	20	22	20	22	
211A4	211A4	North Plains No. 4	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	02/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	02/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	30	33	30	33	
211C	211C	Banks	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	35	39	35	39	

Table 20 Continued. Recommended 2022 controlled elk hunts and proposed tag numbers.											
2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
212	212	Wilson Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	10	10	10	
212A1	212A1	Miami-Nehalem No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 01/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	25	25	35	35	Address damage.
212A2	212A2	Miami-Nehalem No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	02/01/2022 - 03/15/2022	02/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	25	25	35	35	Standardize dates.
212B	212B	Buick Canyon	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/15/2021 - 03/15/2022	12/15/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	10	10	10	Standardize dates.
214	214	Trask Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	10	10	10	
214A1	214A1	W Trask No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 01/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	25	25	30	30	Address damage.
214A2	214A2	W Trask No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	02/01/2022 - 03/15/2022	02/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	25	25	30	30	Address damage; Standardize dates.
214B1	214B1	Central Trask No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 02/14/2022	01/01/2023 - 02/14/2023	15	16	15	16	
214B2	214B2	Central Trask No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	02/15/2022 - 03/31/2022	02/15/2023 - 03/31/2023	15	16	15	16	
214C	214C	SE Trask	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	60	66	50	50	Account for damage season harvest.
214D1	214D1	NE Trask No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	20	20	20	20	
214D2	214D2	NE Trask No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	20	20	20	20	
214E	214E	Panther Cr	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	15	16	15	16	
215A	215A	Willamette Plus	One elk (Spike or antlerless elk from Aug. 28 - Oct. 31 in Monroe Subunit.)	One elk (Spike or antlerless elk from Aug. 27 - Oct. 31 in Monroe Subunit.)	08/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	08/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	75	75	75	75	

Table 20 Continued. Recommended 2022 controlled elk hunts and proposed tag numbers.

2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
216B	216B	SW Santiam	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	10	10	10	Standardize dates.
216C		Molalla	One antlerless elk	Delete hunt in 2022	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	Delete hunt in 2022	45	50			Delete hunt in 2022.
216D	216D	NW Santiam	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	45	50	45	50	
217A	217A	W Stott Mtn	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	35	35	35	35	
217B	217B	E Stott Mtn	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 02/28/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	10	11	10	11	Standardize date.
218A	218A	N Alsea	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	35	39	35	39	
218B	218B	S Alsea	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	35	39	35	39	
218C	218C	Central Alsea	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	40	41	40	41	
219A	219A	W McKenzie	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 02/28/2022	01/01/2023 - 02/28/2023	45	50	45	50	
219B	219B	Pengra	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	08/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	11	10	11	
219C	219C	Oakridge Private Lands	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 02/28/2022	01/01/2023 - 02/28/2023	20	21	20	21	
220	220	Siuslaw Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	120	120	120	120	
221A	221A	NW Indigo	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/18/2021 - 12/26/2021	12/17/2022 - 12/25/2022	20	22	20	22	
221C	221C	Harness Mtn	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	02/01/2022 - 02/28/2022	02/01/2023 - 02/28/2023	20	21	20	21	
221D	221D	S Indigo Private Lands	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 02/28/2022	12/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	10	10	10	10	
221E	221E	Mosby	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	02/01/2022 - 02/28/2022	02/01/2023 - 02/28/2023	15	15	15	15	
222A	222A	Dixon Unit Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/15/2021 - 03/31/2022	11/15/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	11	10	11	
223A	223A	Melrose Unit	one elk	one elk	08/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	08/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	10	10	10	

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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
224C	224C	Tioga Unit Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 02/28/2022	12/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	25	25	25	25	
224X	224X	Tioga Unit No. 1	One 3pt + bull elk	One 3pt + bull elk	11/13/2021 - 11/17/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/16/2022	1,000	1,000	900	900	Bull ratio declining.
224Y	224Y	Tioga Unit No. 2	One 3pt + bull elk	One 3pt + bull elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	1,000	1,000	900	900	Bull ratio declining.
225A	225A	N Sixes	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 02/28/2022	12/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	200	200	200	200	
225B	225B	Curry Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 02/28/2022	12/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	20	20	20	20	
225X	225X	Sixes Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/13/2021 - 11/17/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/16/2022	140	140	140	140	
225Y	225Y	Sixes Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	140	140	140	140	
226A	226A	Powers Unit Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 02/28/2022	12/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	20	20	20	20	
226X	226X	Powers Unit No. 1	One spike elk	One spike elk	11/13/2021 - 11/17/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/16/2022	400	400	400	400	
226Y	226Y	Powers Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	100	105	100	105	
227X	227X	Chetco Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/13/2021 - 11/17/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/16/2022	70	77	70	77	
227Y	227Y	Chetco Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	70	76	70	76	
228A	228A	Applegate-Evans Cr	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/15/2021 - 03/31/2022	11/15/2022 - 03/31/2023	20	20	20	20	
230A	230A	W Rogue	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/15/2021 - 03/31/2022	11/15/2022 - 03/31/2023	25	25	25	25	
231X	231X	SE Cascades	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	800	880	800	880	
232X	232X	Klamath Falls Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	70	77	70	77	
232Y	232Y	Klamath Falls Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	50	55	50	55	
233X	233X	Sprague No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	200	220	200	220	



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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
233Y	233Y	Sprague No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	100	110	100	110	
234B	234B	Tumalo	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 12/31/2021	11/19/2022 - 12/31/2022	60	64	60	64	
234X	234X	E Central Cascades	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	1,550	1,705	1,350	1,485	Bull ratio below MO.
235A	235A	Badlands	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/15/2021 - 10/15/2021	08/15/2022 - 10/15/2022	40	42	40	42	
235X	235X	Paulina - E Fort Rock No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	550	605	450	495	Bull ratio below MO.
235Y	235Y	Paulina - E Fort Rock No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	350	385	300	330	Bull ratio below MO.
236A	236A	Maury - Hampton Butte	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/15/2021 - 11/15/2021	08/15/2022 - 11/15/2022	10	10	10	10	
236X	236X	Maury Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	25	28	25	28	
236Y	236Y	Maury Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	25	27	25	27	
237A	237A	Ochoco Unit Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/15/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/15/2022 - 12/31/2022	300	330	300	330	
237X	237X	Ochoco Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	200	214	200	214	
237Y	237Y	Ochoco Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	200	206	200	206	
238A	238A	Grizzly Grassland	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/15/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/15/2022 - 12/31/2022	450	495	400	440	Increased harvest in General Season Antlerless Damage Hunt.
238B1	238B1	Grizzly Private No. 1	one elk	one elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	100	110	100	110	
238B2	238B2	Grizzly Private No. 2	one elk	one elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	125	138	125	138	
238X	238X	Grizzly Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	60	64	60	64	

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238Y	238Y	Grizzly Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	60	61	60	61	
241A	241A	The Dalles Watershed	One elk	One elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	30	33	30	33	
241B	241B	White Rvr - Hood	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	50	52	50	52	
241C	241C	White Rvr Unit Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	150	165	150	165	
241X	241X	White Rvr - Hood No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	500	550	500	550	
241Y	241Y	White Rvr - Hood No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	1,100	1,210	1,100	1,210	
242	242	Hood Unit Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	75	83	75	83	
244	244	Columbia Plateau	One elk Oct. 27 - Nov. 30, One antlerless elk Dec. 1 - Mar. 31	One elk Oct. 26 - Nov. 30, One antlerless elk Dec. 1 - Mar. 31	10/27/2021 - 03/31/2022	10/26/2022 - 03/31/2023	1,000	1,100	1,000	1,100	
245A1	245A1	N Fossil Private No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	300	330	110	121	Low hunter demand / limited access.
245A2	245A2	N Fossil Private No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	300	330	185	204	Low hunter demand / limited access.
245B1	245B1	S Fossil Private No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	700	770	110	121	Low hunter demand / limited access.
245B2	245B2	S Fossil Private No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	700	770	230	253	Low hunter demand / limited access.
245C	245C	Fossil Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	50	55	50	55	

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245D	245D	Fossil Unit Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	08/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	625	688	625	688	
245X	245X	Fossil Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	300	330	300	330	
245Y	245Y	Fossil Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	300	330	300	330	
246	246	Murderers Cr Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	400	440	400	440	
246A	246A	W Murderers Cr	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	450	495	450	495	
246B	246B	E Murderers Cr	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	250	275	250	275	
246C	246C	Murderers Cr Private Lands Plus	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	175	193	175	193	
246X	246X	Murderers Cr Unit	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	425	468	425	468	
247	247	Northside Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	300	330	300	330	
247A1	247A1	Northside Unit Private No. 1	One elk	One elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	150	165	150	165	
247A2	247A2	Northside Unit Private No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	150	165	150	165	
247B	247B	W Northside	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	275	300	275	300	
247C	247C	E Northside	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	375	409	375	409	
247D1	247D1	Northside - Ritter Private No.1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	600	600	600	600	
247D2	247D2	Northside - Ritter Private No.2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	150	150	150	150	
247X	247X	Northside Unit	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	375	413	375	413	
248A1	248A1	Heppner Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	600	660	600	660	
248A2	248A2	Heppner Unit No. 2	One spike elk	One spike elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	650	715	650	715	

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248B1	248B1	Ritter No. 1	One elk	One elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	125	138	125	138	
248B2	248B2	Ritter No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	200	220	200	220	
248C	248C	Monument	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	70	73	70	73	
248D	248D	Heppner Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	20	20	20	20	
248E	248E	Willow Creek	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	20	20	20	
249A1	249A1	Ukiah Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	400	436	400	436	
249A2	249A2	Ukiah Unit No. 2	One spike elk	One spike elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	900	990	900	990	
249B	249B	Central Ukiah	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	60	62	50	52	Low recruitment.
249C	249C	South Ukiah	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	60	65	50	54	Low recruitment.
250X	250X	Desolation Unit	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	1,000	1,100	1,000	1,100	
251A	251A	N Sumpter	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	700	770	700	770	
251B1	251B1	S Sumpter No. 1	One elk	One elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	125	138	125	138	
251B2	251B2	S Sumpter No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	125	138	125	138	
251C	251C	S Sumpter	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	10/16/2021 - 12/31/2021	10/15/2022 - 12/31/2022	175	193	175	193	
251D1	251D1	Elkhorn Mtn No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	20	21	20	21	
251D2	251D2	Elkhorn Mtn No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	20	21	20	21	
252A1	252A1	Starkey Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	325	358	325	358	
252A2	252A2	Starkey Unit No. 2	One spike elk	One spike elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	900	990	900	990	

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252B	252B	Starkey Unit Private	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	200	220	200	220	
	252C1	Starkey Experimental Forest No. 1	New hunt in 2022	One antlerless elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/11/2022			40	44	New hunt in 2022.
252C2	252C2	Starkey Experimental Forest No. 2	one elk	one elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	09/17/2022 - 09/25/2022	12	12	12	12	
252D	252D	Peach Cr	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	10	11	10	11	
253A	253A	S Catherine Cr	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	25	28	25	28	
253B	253B	Mt Harris	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/18/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/17/2022 - 12/31/2022	100	110	100	110	
253X	253X	Catherine Cr Unit	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	250	275	250	275	
254X	254X	Mt Emily Unit No. 1	One spike elk	One spike elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	600	660	600	660	
254Y1	254Y1	Mt Emily Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 11/14/2021	10/26/2022 - 11/13/2022	55	57	55	57	
254Y2	254Y2	Mt Emily Unit No. 3	One spike elk	One spike elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	300	330	300	330	
255A	255A	Mill Cr Watershed	One elk	One elk	10/30/2021 - 11/07/2021	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	20	20	20	20	
255B		Walla Walla Unit Private	One antlerless elk	Delete in 2022	12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	Delete in 2022	20	20			Delete hunt in 2022.
255X	255X	Walla Walla Unit No. 1	One spike elk	One spike elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	300	330	300	330	
255Y1	255Y1	Walla Walla Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 11/14/2021	10/26/2022 - 11/13/2022	25	26	25	26	
255Y2	255Y2	Walla Walla Unit No. 3	One spike elk	One spike elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	175	193	175	193	
256A	256A	Bartlett Bench	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	20	22	20	22	
256X	256X	Wenaha Unit No. 1	One Spike Elk	One Spike Elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	350	385	350	385	
256Y1	256Y1	Wenaha Unit No. 2	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	10/27/2021 - 11/14/2021	10/26/2022 - 11/13/2022	40	40	40	40	

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256Y2	256Y2	Wenaha Unit No. 3	One Spike Elk	One Spike Elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	200	220	200	220	
257A	257A	Elk Cr	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 08/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 08/31/2022	15	15	15	15	
257B	257B	Flora	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	45	50	75	83	Damage Concern.
257C	257C	Sled Springs Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	120	132	120	132	
257X	257X	Sled Springs Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	500	540	500	540	
257Y	257Y	Sled Springs Unit No. 2	One spike elk	One spike elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	400	440	400	440	
258A1	258A1	Zumwalt No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/21/2021 - 09/10/2021	08/20/2022 - 09/09/2022	40	44	75	83	Address damage.
258A2	258A2	Zumwalt No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	09/11/2021 - 10/01/2021	09/10/2022 - 09/30/2022	40	44	75	83	Address damage.
258A3	258A3	Zumwalt No. 3	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 12/10/2021	10/01/2022 - 10/25/2022	40	44	75	83	Address damage.
258A4	258A4	Zumwalt No. 4	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/11/2021 - 01/16/2022	11/14/2022 - 12/16/2022	25	28	75	83	Address damage.
	258A5	Zumwalt No. 5	New hunt in 2022	One antlerless elk	New hunt in 2022	12/17/2022 - 01/15/2023			75	83	New hunt in 2022.
258X	258X	Chesnimnus Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	350	385	350	385	
258Y	258Y	Chesnimnus Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	350	385	350	385	
259X	259X	Snake Rvr Unit No. 1	One spike elk	One spike elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	200	220	200	220	
259Y	259Y	Snake Rvr Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	250	275	210	231	Bull ratio below MO.
260X	260X	Minam Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	500	550	450	495	Bull ratio below MO.
260Y	260Y	Minam Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	500	550	450	495	Bull ratio below MO.

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261	261	Imnaha Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	30	33	30	33	
261A	261A	Clear Lake - Deadhorse	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	30	33	30	33	
261X	261X	Imnaha Unit	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	300	330	275	303	Bull ratio below MO.
262	262	Pine Cr Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	175	193	175	193	
262X	262X	Pine Cr Unit	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	300	330	300	330	
263	263	Keating Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	80	86	80	86	
263X	263X	Keating Unit	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	225	248	225	248	
264A1	264A1	Lookout Mtn Unit No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	10/16/2021 - 11/30/2021	10/15/2022 - 11/30/2022	150	165	150	165	
264A2	264A2	Lookout Mtn Unit No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 01/31/2022	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	150	165	150	165	
264X	264X	Lookout Mtn Unit No. 1	One elk	One elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	150	165	150	165	
264Y	264Y	Lookout Mtn Unit No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	150	165	150	165	
265A1	265A1	W Beulah No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	350	385	350	385	
265A2	265A2	W Beulah No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	200	214	200	214	
265A3	265A3	W Beulah No. 3	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	100	110	100	110	
265B1	265B1	E Beulah No. 1	One elk	One elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	400	440	400	440	
265B2	265B2	E Beulah No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	400	440	400	440	
265B3	265B3	E Beulah No. 3	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 12/31/2021	11/19/2022 - 12/31/2022	350	382	350	382	
265C	265C	Bully Cr	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 02/28/2022	08/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	125	125	125	125	

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266A1	266A1	Drewsey Valley No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/15/2021 - 09/30/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/30/2022	80	88	80	88	
266A2	266A2	Drewsey Valley No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/01/2021 - 11/30/2021	11/01/2022 - 11/30/2022	30	33	30	33	
266B	266B	N Malheur Rvr	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	275	303	275	303	
266C	266C	S Malheur Rvr	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/15/2021 - 09/30/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/30/2022	150	165	150	165	
266X	266X	N Malheur Rvr No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	375	413	375	413	
266Y	266Y	N Malheur Rvr No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	375	413	375	413	
267	267	Owyhee Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	10/16/2021 - 01/31/2022	10/15/2022 - 01/31/2023	75	76	75	76	
268A	268A	E Whitehorse	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	10/16/2021 - 01/31/2022	10/15/2022 - 01/31/2023	75	83	75	83	
271A1	271A1	Silvies - N Juniper No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/15/2021 - 09/30/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/30/2022	125	138	125	138	
271A2	271A2	Silvies - N Juniper No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/01/2021 - 11/30/2021	11/01/2022 - 11/30/2022	100	106	100	106	
271B1	271B1	N Juniper No. 1	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	30	33	30	33	
271B2	271B2	N Juniper No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023	30	33	30	33	
272A	272A	Silvies Unit	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/20/2021 - 11/28/2021	11/19/2022 - 11/27/2022	400	440	400	440	
272B	272B	W Silvies	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/04/2021 - 12/12/2021	12/03/2022 - 12/11/2022	75	83	50	55	Low hunter success.
272X	272X	Silvies Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	450	495	415	457	Bull ratio below MO.
272Y	272Y	Silvies Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	450	491	410	447	Bull ratio below MO.
273A	273A	North Wagontire	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/15/2021 - 09/30/2021	08/15/2022 - 09/30/2022	25	28	25	28	
274X	274X	Warner Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	50	55	50	55	



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274Y	274Y	Warner Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	50	55	50	55	
275X	275X	Interstate Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	300	330	300	330	
275Y	275Y	Interstate Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	150	165	150	165	
276X	276X	Silver Lake Unit No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/27/2021 - 10/31/2021	10/26/2022 - 10/30/2022	350	350	350	350	
276Y	276Y	Silver Lake Unit No. 2	One bull elk	One bull elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	200	200	200	200	
277A	277A	North Lake	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	08/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	150	150	150	150	
278A1	278A1	High Desert No. 1	One elk	One elk	10/27/2021 - 11/02/2021	10/26/2022 - 11/01/2022	400	440	400	440	
278A2	278A2	High Desert No. 2	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	400	440	400	440	
<b>Any Legal Weapon Hunt Total Tags:</b>							<b>43,992</b>	<b>47,764</b>	<b>42,082</b>	<b>45,674</b>	
<b>Bow Hunts</b>											
216R1	216R1	Santiam Unit Traditional Bow (Long or recurve bow ONLY; compound bows prohibited)	One elk outside all USFS lands and one bull inside all USFS lands	One elk outside all USFS lands and one bull inside all USFS lands	09/27/2021 - 10/01/2021	09/26/2022 - 09/30/2022	50	55	50	55	Only opportunity.
216R2	216R2	Santiam Unit Late Bow	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/27/2021 - 12/12/2021	11/26/2022 - 12/11/2022	800	880	650	715	Valid in general archery season. Impacts from fire and low interest.
217R	217R	Stott Mtn Unit Late Bow	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/27/2021 - 12/12/2021	11/26/2022 - 12/11/2022	250	275	250	275	Valid in general archery season.

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218R	218R	Alesea Unit Late Bow	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/27/2021 - 12/12/2021	11/26/2022 - 12/11/2022	500	550	500	550	Valid in general archery season.
219R	219R	McKenzie Unit Late Bow	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/27/2021 - 12/12/2021	11/26/2022 - 12/11/2022	550	605	250	275	Valid in general archery season. Impacts from fire and low interest.
221R	221R	N Indigo Late Bow	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	11/27/2021 - 12/12/2021	11/26/2022 - 12/11/2022	350	385	150	165	Valid in general archery season. Low interest.
224R	224R	Tioga Unit Late Bow	One 3pt + bull elk	One 3pt + bull elk	01/01/2022 - 01/16/2022	12/31/2022 - 01/15/2023	100	110	100	110	Valid in general archery season.
226R	226R	Powers Unit Bow	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	60	63	60	63	Only opportunity.
230R	230R	W Rogue Unit Late Bow	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 02/28/2022	01/01/2023 - 02/28/2023	50	55	50	55	Valid general.
234R	234R	Upper Deschutes Unit Bow	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	85	92	85	92	Only opportunity.
236R	236R	Maury Unit Bow	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	60	66	60	66	Only opportunity.
237R	237R	Ochoco Unit Bow	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	600	648	600	648	Only opportunity.
239R	239R	Metolius Unit Bow	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	85	94	85	94	Only opportunity.
	246R	Murderers Cr Unit Bow	New hunt in 2022	One Elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			1,030	1,030	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.

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	247R	Northside Unit Bow	New hunt in 2022	One Elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			1,055	1,055	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
248R1	248R1	Heppner Unit Bow No. 1	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	100	105	100	105	Only opportunity.
	248R2	Heppner Unit Bow No. 2	New hunt in 2022	One bull elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			1,600	1,600	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
249R1	249R1	Ukiah Unit Bow No. 1	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	300	321	200	214	Low recruitment. Only opportunity.
	249R2	Ukiah Unit Bow No. 2	New hunt in 2022	One bull elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			1,300	1,300	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
	250R1	Desolation Unit Bow	New hunt in 2022	One bull elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			1,085	1,085	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
250R2	250R2	N Fork Traditional Bow	One bull elk	One bull elk	09/27/2021 - 10/01/2021	09/26/2022 - 09/30/2022	50	55	100	110	Only opportunity.
	251R	N Sumpter Bow	New hunt in 2022	One elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			530	530	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
	252R	Starkey Unit Bow	New hunt in 2022	One bull elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			1,300	1,300	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
252R		Starkey Exp. Forest Bow	One elk		09/11/2021 - 09/19/2021		12	12			Only opportunity.
	253R1	Eagle Cap Zone	New hunt in 2022	One bull elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			1,795	1,795	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
	253R2	Eagle Cap Traditional Bow	New hunt in 2022	One bull elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			200	200	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
254R1	254R1	Mt Emily Unit Bow No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	55	55	55	55	Only opportunity.
254R2	254R2	Mt Emily Unit Bow No. 2	One spike elk	One spike elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	160	176	160	176	Only opportunity.

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255R1	255R1	Walla Walla Unit Bow No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	25	25	25	25	Only opportunity.
255R2	255R2	Walla Walla Unit Bow No. 2	One spike elk	One spike elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	50	55	50	55	Only opportunity.
256R1	256R1	Wenaha Unit Bow No. 1	One bull elk	One bull elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	40	40	40	40	Only opportunity.
256R2	256R2	Wenaha Unit Bow No. 2	One spike elk	One spike elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	150	165	150	165	Only opportunity.
256R2	256R2	Wenaha Unit Bow No. 2	One spike elk	One spike elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	150	165	150	165	Only opportunity.
257R1	257R1	Sled Springs Unit Bow No. 1	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	200	208	200	208	Only opportunity.
257R2	257R2	Sled Springs Unit Bow No. 2	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	150	165	150	165	Only opportunity.
258R1	258R1	Chesnimnus Unit Bow No. 1	One elk	One elk	08/28/2021 - 09/26/2021	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022	300	324	300	324	Only opportunity.
	259R	Snake Rvr Unit Bow	New hunt in 2022	One bull elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			270	270	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
	265R	W Beulah Bow	New hunt in 2022	One elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			500	500	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
	266R	N Malheur Rvr Bow	New hunt in 2022	One elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			450	450	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
	272R	Silves Unit Bow	New hunt in 2022	One elk	New hunt in 2022	08/27/2022 - 09/25/2022			855	855	New Hunt in 2022. Only opportunity.
<b>Archery Hunt Total Tags:</b>							<b>5,182</b>	<b>5,639</b>	<b>16,390</b>	<b>16,775</b>	
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>											
200M	200M	Cascade Muzzleloader	One elk** outside all USFS lands **One bull inside all USFS lands	One elk** outside all USFS lands **One bull inside all USFS lands	11/13/2021 - 11/19/2021	11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022	900	900	900	900	

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214M	214M	NE Trask Muzzleloader	One elk	One elk	12/15/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/14/2022 - 12/31/2022	40	42	40	42	
224M	224M	Tioga Unit Muzzleloader	One bull elk	One bull elk	12/04/2021 - 12/19/2021	12/03/2022 - 12/18/2022	200	220	200	220	
234M	234M	E Cascade Muzzleloader	One elk	One elk	11/06/2021 - 11/14/2021	11/05/2022 - 11/13/2022	180	196	180	196	
235M	235M	Paulina - E Fort Rock Muzzleloader	One elk	One elk	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	70	77	50	55	Low bull ratio and recruitment.
248M	248M	Pole Cr Muzzleloader	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	25	27	25	27	
251M1	251M1	Elkhorn No. 1 Muzzleloader	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 10/15/2021	08/01/2022 - 10/15/2022	50	55	50	55	
251M2	251M2	Elkhorn No. 2 Muzzleloader	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	10/16/2021 - 12/31/2021	10/15/2022 - 12/31/2022	50	55	50	55	
260M	260M	Eagle Cap Muzzleloader	One bull elk	One bull elk	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	50	55	50	55	
265M	265M	E Grant Muzzleloader	One elk	One elk	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	175	193	175	193	
278M	278M	High Desert Muzzleloader	One elk	One elk	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	125	138	125	138	
<b>Muzzleloader Hunt Total Tags:</b>							<b>1,865</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>1,936</b>	
<b>Youth Hunts</b>											
210T	210T	Saddle Mtn Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
211T	211T	Scappoose Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	20	20	20	
212T1	212T1	Wilson Unit No. 1 Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
212T2	212T2	Wilson Unit No. 2 Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/18/2021 - 12/26/2021	12/17/2022 - 12/25/2022	40	41	40	41	
212T3	212T3	Wilson Unit No. 3 Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	12/25/2021 - 01/02/2022	12/24/2022 - 01/01/2023	40	42	40	42	
214T	214T	Trask Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	

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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
216T	216T	Santiam Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	20	20	20	
217T	217T	Stott Mtn Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	15	15	15	15	
218T	218T	Alsea Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	15	15	15	15	
219T	219T	McKenzie Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	20	20	20	
220T	220T	Siuslaw Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	15	15	15	15	
221T1	221T1	Indigo Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	20	20	20	
221T2	221T2	Sutherlin Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023	20	21	20	21	
222T	222T	Dixon Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
223T	223T	Melrose Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	08/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	10	10	10	10	
224T	224T	Tioga Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	30	30	30	30	
225T	225T	Sixes Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	75	78	75	78	
226T	226T	Powers Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	25	25	25	25	
227T	227T	Chetco Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
228T	228T	Applegate-Evans Cr Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
230T1	230T1	Rogue Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	30	30	30	30	
230T2	230T2	W Rogue Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 03/31/2022	08/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	35	35	35	35	
231T	231T	Keno Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	20	20	20	
233T	233T	Sprague Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	15	15	15	15	
234T	234T	E Cascade Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	50	50	50	50	

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2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
235T	235T	Paulina - E Fort Rock Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	50	50	30	30	Low bull ratio and recruitment.
236T	236T	Maury Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
237T1	237T1	Ochoco Unit No. 1 Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
237T2	237T2	Ochoco Unit No. 2 Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	10/16/2021 - 10/24/2021	10/15/2022 - 10/23/2022	100	100	100	100	
238T	238T	Grizzly Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
241T	241T	White Rvr - Hood Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
244T	244T	Umatilla Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	50	50	50	50	
245T	245T	Fossil Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	50	50	50	50	
246T1	246T1	Murderers Cr - Northside Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	50	50	50	50	
246T2	246T2	Flat Cr Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 08/27/2021	08/01/2022 - 08/26/2022	30	33	20	22	Reduced access.
248T	248T	Heppner Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	50	50	50	50	
250T	250T	Desolation Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	21	20	21	
251T	251T	Baker Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	100	100	100	100	
252T1	252T1	Starkey Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	20	20	20	
252T2	252T2	Glass Hill Youth	One elk	One elk	11/20/2021 - 12/31/2021	11/19/2022 - 12/31/2022	3	3	3	3	
252T3		Starkey Exp Forest Youth No. 1	One antlerless elk	Delete in 2022	08/01/2021 - 09/06/2021	Delete in 2022	20	20			Delete hunt in 2022.
252T4		Starkey Exp Forest Youth No. 2	One antlerless elk	Delete in 2022	09/25/2021 - 10/17/2021	Delete in 2022	20	20			Delete hunt in 2022.
253T	253T	Catherine Cr Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	20	20	20	20	

Table 20 Continued. Recommended 2022 controlled elk hunts and proposed tag numbers.											
2021 Hunt #	2022 Hunt #	2022 Hunt Name	2021 Bag Limit	Proposed 2022 Bag Limit	2021 Season Dates	Proposed 2022 Dates	Proposed 2021 Tags	Adjusted 2021 Tags*	Proposed 2022 Tags	Adjusted 2022 Tags*	2022 Notes & Changes
257T	257T	Sled Springs Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
258T	258T	Chesnimnus Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
259T	259T	Snake Rvr Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
260T	260T	Minam Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
261T	261T	Imnaha Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	25	25	25	25	
264T	264T	Lookout Mtn Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	40	40	40	40	
265T	265T	Beulah Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	20	20	Additional youth opportunity.
266T	266T	N Malheur Rvr Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
272T	272T	Silvies Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
276T	276T	Silver Lake Unit Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	15	15	15	15	
278T	278T	High Desert Youth	One antlerless elk	One antlerless elk	08/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	08/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	10	10	10	10	
<b>Youth Hunt Total Tags:</b>							<b>1,358</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,308</b>	
<b>Grand Total Elk Tags:</b>							<b>52,397</b>	<b>56,730</b>	<b>61,615</b>	<b>65,693</b>	

\* Tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average un-redemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max adjustment = 10%).



## Western Gray Squirrel Season Recommendations

There are no changes proposed to 2022 western gray squirrel seasons (Table 21). Western gray squirrel season information is included in both the Big Game Regulations and the Game Bird Regulations because in many areas western gray squirrel are hunted along with upland game birds.

Table 21. Proposed western gray squirrel seasons and bag limits for 2022.

<b>Hunt</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	<b>2021 Dates</b>	<b>Proposed 2022 Dates</b>
North-Central Oregon	34, 35, 39, 41, 42	3/day - 6 in possession	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31
Remainder of Oregon	*10-33, 36-38, 40, 43-77	5/day - 15 in possession	Sept. 1 - Nov. 15	Sept. 1 - Nov. 15

\*That portion of Unit 30 (Rogue) south of Rogue River and South Fork of Rogue River and north of Highway 140 is open year-round with no bag limit.