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FILING CAPTION: 2024 Big Game Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers, Season Dates and Regulations

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 09/15/2023 5:00 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 09/15/2023

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

OFFICER: ODFW Commission

HEARING LOCATION

ADDRESS: 7th Mountain Resort, 18575 SW Century Drive, Bend, OR 97702

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

All or portions of this hearing may be conducted virtually. Information will be posted on our website at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>

NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

This action is necessary to set 2024 hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for game mammals.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

1. Staff report prepared for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing on 9/15/2023.

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142. Contact Roxie Borisch at 503-947-6314 or Roxann.b.borisch@odfw.oregon.gov to view by appointment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

The Department has solicited input from representatives of underrepresented communities likely to be affected on whether the proposed rule will have a fiscal impact on the community, the extent of the fiscal impact, and whether the rules will have significant impact on underrepresented communities. <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/index.asp>

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

These regulations are not expected to result in significant economic or fiscal impacts to local governments or the public.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s).

State agencies that could be affected by these rules are the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (wildlife management costs) and the Oregon State Police (enforcement costs). No major changes from the current levels of these agencies' operations or expenditures are expected as a result of adoption of these particular rules.

No units of local government are expected to be significantly affected by these rules. No significant changes from the current levels of any local agencies' operations or expenditures are expected as a result of the establishment of these hunting seasons and regulations.

The public is affected by the rules relating to the hunting seasons. Various sectors of the public economy (hunters, suppliers of hunters, and the general economy) will experience varying impacts. The economic impact of changes in hunting rules depends primarily on the changes in hunting opportunities associated with the rule changes and related effects on direct expenditures by hunters. These effects are best measured by estimating the magnitude of changes in the number of hunter days and estimating the resulting changes in expenditures made by hunters, and the associated effects on personal income.

In general, no significant changes in hunter participation levels are anticipated in 2024 compared to 2023, assuming adverse weather and environmental conditions are not experienced between now and the 2024 seasons.

The total (direct, indirect and induced) effects on personal income in the areas surrounding the associated hunting areas and statewide are the result of the direct expenditures on goods and services made by hunters during their hunting trips. Through the "multiplier process", there is a resulting increase in economic activity and personal income in the general economy of the area and the entire state. A review of statewide hunting expenditures is presented below to provide a background on the economic impact of hunting in Oregon.

An Earth Economics study (Mojica et al. 2021) estimated that an individual hunting participation day results in an average expenditure of \$96 per hunter per day (base year 2019). In inflation adjusted (June 2023) dollars, the average expenditure per hunter day in Oregon would amount to \$116.

The relationship between direct, indirect and induced personal income from the direct trip expenditures per hunter day can be estimated based on response coefficients developed from an economic input-output model. The most recent economic contribution study, an Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Oregon, by Earth Economics also provided updated statewide figures on hunting-related expenditures (using 2019 data). The survey findings estimate Oregon's total hunter related expenditures to be \$228 million in 2019 dollars. In 2022 dollars this is \$269 million in

expenditures. These expenditures are associated with the generated economic impact of 2,219 jobs and \$73 million in wages (\$86 million in 2022 dollars) and \$11 million in state and local taxes (\$13 million in 2022 dollars).

Total hunter expenditures are not currently estimated annually at a statewide level for Oregon. However, there are some figures available that provide additional context on hunter expenditures. According to data from the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, total hunter expenditures in Oregon were about \$239 million in 2011. In 2022 dollars, this would mean \$322 million in expenditures.

The estimates above will be reasonably good measures of the impact on total personal income per hunter day to the extent that the dollars spent for the hunting trips would not have been spent on other activities or commodities in Oregon had there been no hunting seasons. The economic impacts of hunters' expenditures on durable equipment associated with hunting are not included in the estimates above. For example, durable equipment would include expenditures that individuals plan to use for a number of years, such as an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or RV. These equipment expenditures are not necessarily related to hunter use in a simple linear fashion, and hence, may not be significantly affected by marginal changes in seasons. However, there is probably a positive relationship between hunting opportunities and equipment expenditures, particularly in the long run.

The effect of changes in numbers of hunters and hunter activity on personal income in the regions and at the state level can be estimated using the personal income impact per day estimates. However, the aggregate impact depends on the magnitude of the changes in the number of hunters and hunter days. As indicated above, there are relatively minor changes expected to the number of hunters and net hunting days due to changes in game mammal regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 compared to 2023. However, depending on the weather next winter and other environmental factors affecting survival, there may be changes in the amount of controlled hunt tags available in 2024, especially for deer hunts. Obviously, the magnitude of these changes cannot be predicted, but should a hard winter occur, the effects on tag availability could possibly be greater than the effects of any changes in these proposed regulations.

The current restrictions in some of the hunting seasons for game mammals can be viewed as restricting opportunities and reducing positive economic impacts in the short run. However, conservation through adjustment of these and other game mammal hunting seasons is intended to perpetuate the resources at optimum levels over the long run. Failure to restrict harvests of game animals to allow escapement for reproduction would result in reduced hunting opportunities in the future. The proposed regulations strike a balance that will sustain game mammal population levels and maintain future benefits.

References

BLS. (2023, July 12). U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Retrieved from CPI Inflation Calculator :
https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm

Mojica, J., Cousins, K., Madsen, T., 2021. Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Oregon. Earth Economics. Tacoma, WA.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Census Bureau. 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, 2011.

(2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s);

The types of business subject to the rule are primarily those that supply goods or services to hunters. These may include taxidermy services, hunting guides, private hunting preserve operators, food and beverage stores, gasoline stations, sporting goods stores, general merchandise stores, accommodation businesses, food services and drinking places. Big

game hunting occurs in myriad locations throughout the state and thus the number of small businesses subject to the rule cannot be estimated. During the first year of any new controlled hunt the Department does not issue outfitters and guide tags for non-residents which may impact these specific small businesses during the initial year of the proposed hunting.

(b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s);

None expected.

(c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

None expected.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

The Department conducted a Big Game Regulation Review Project from 2017 through 2022 in an effort to update the regulations to clarify regulatory language and provide fair and consistent opportunity while ensuring biological objectives are met. The project included surveys of over 4,000 randomly selected resident deer and elk hunters in 2019 and 2020 as well as an online public forum in 2020. Final reports of the Forum comments and Deer and Elk Hunter Survey are online at <https://myodfw.com/articles/big-game-hunting-season-review>. The Big Game Review Project and associated public surveys informed the development of the 2024 game mammal season rule proposals. Additionally, public input to help inform these rule proposals includes feedback from stakeholders collected at four regional webinars and three public meetings held in July 2023.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The draft administrative rules were developed without a committee of interested or affected persons. These rules are amended annually to administer an existing program. Interested and affected persons are generally aware of this rulemaking schedule. The Department provides information and Draft proposals to, and receives comments from, interested and affected persons. In addition, affected persons have been guided to provide feedback to the Department through an online form. The Department District Biologists also conducted outreach efforts at local levels. At the Commission hearing, public correspondence and testimony is accepted into the record as part of the rulemaking process.

RULES PROPOSED:

635-045-0000, 635-060-0000, 635-060-0005, 635-065-0001, 635-065-0011, 635-065-0015, 635-065-0401, 635-065-0635, 635-065-0705, 635-065-0720, 635-065-0740, 635-065-0760, 635-065-0765, 635-066-0000, 635-066-0020, 635-067-0000, 635-068-0000, 635-069-0000, 635-070-0000, 635-071-0000, 635-072-0000, 635-073-0000, 635-073-0100, 635-075-0010, 635-075-0020, 635-075-0022, 635-075-0029, 635-090-0150, 635-090-0160

AMEND: 635-045-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-045-0000

Purpose ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to list definitions pursuant to hunting seasons for big game and game birds.¶¶

(2) The documents entitled "2023-2024" Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," and "2022~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations", are incorporated by reference into these rules. These documents are available at hunting license vendors and regional, district and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-060-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-060-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to describe the requirements and procedures for controlled hunts pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.162.¶¶

(2) The documents entitled "2023-2024" Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," and "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," are incorporated by reference into these rules. These documents are available at hunting license agents and regional, district, and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. ¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-060-0005

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-060-0005

Application Eligibility and Procedures ¶¶

(1)(a) An applicant for game mammal controlled hunts shall have a current adult hunting license or youth combination license. ¶¶

(b) Licenses are nonrefundable, whether or not an applicant is successful in the drawing. ¶¶

(2)(a) A valid controlled hunt application is required to participate in a controlled hunt drawing. The purchase price of the application shall be a nonrefundable fee of \$6.00 per game mammal application, and a nonrefundable \$2.00 license agent processing fee. ¶¶

(b) Department license agents authorized to sell applications for controlled hunts shall be connected to the Department's computerized licensing system. ¶¶

(3) Each controlled hunt is assigned a hunt number. The hunt number shall be entered on the application indicating area of choice and shall match the type of application purchased. All hunt numbers listed on an application shall have the same first digit or letter, which indicates a species or group of hunts as listed below: ¶¶

(a) 100 series for controlled buck deer. ¶¶

(b) 200 series for controlled elk. ¶¶

(c) 400 series for pronghorn antelope. ¶¶

(d) 500 series for bighorn sheep. ¶¶

(e) 600 series for controlled antlerless deer. ¶¶

(f) 700 series for controlled black bear. ¶¶

(g) 900 series for controlled Rocky Mountain goat. ¶¶

(h) L series for Premium deer. ¶¶

(i) M series for Premium elk. ¶¶

(j) N series for Premium pronghorn antelope. ¶¶

(4) If successful in the drawing, party members shall receive the same hunt choice as the party leader. Party size limits are as follows: ¶¶

(a) 100 series hunts, no limitation. ¶¶

(b) 200 series hunts, no limitation. ¶¶

(c) 400 series hunts, no limitation. ¶¶

(d) 500 series hunts, no parties allowed. ¶¶

(e) 600 series hunts, no limitation. ¶¶

(f) 700 series hunts, no limitation. ¶¶

(g) 900 series hunts no parties allowed. ¶¶

(h) L series hunts no parties allowed. ¶¶

(i) M series hunts no parties allowed. ¶¶

(j) N series hunts no parties allowed. ¶¶

(5) Controlled Hunt applications, along with the proper fees, must be submitted online, through the Department or its agents no later than midnight of the deadline dates described in OAR 635-060-0008 (1)-(54). Applications received after the specified deadline dates may be considered disqualified as described in OAR 635-060-0018(4). ¶¶

(6) To apply for a controlled youth hunt for spring bear, pronghorn, deer or elk a youth must be 12-17 years old at the time they hunt. ¶¶

(7) The purchase price of applications for controlled game bird hunts shall be a nonrefundable fee of \$2.00 per application, and a nonrefundable \$2.00 license agent processing fee. Game bird controlled hunt application procedures are listed in the current Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0001

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0001

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish license and tag requirements, limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting game mammals pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) OAR Chapter 635, Division 065 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting game mammals set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for game mammals. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district, and headquarters offices, and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

(3) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0011

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0011

Mandatory Reporting Deadlines and Penalty ¶¶

All big game tag holders, except for bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat, and all turkey tag holders are required to report hunting effort and harvest. ¶¶

(1) Reporting deadlines for ~~2021~~2-~~2022~~3 seasons are as follows: ¶¶

(a) January 31, ~~2022~~3: For hunts ending between April 1 and December 31, ~~2021~~2. ¶¶

(b) April 15, ~~2022~~3: For hunts ending between January 1 and March 31, ~~2022~~3. ¶¶

(2) Any person with any deer or elk tag for hunts and seasons listed in the ~~2021~~3 Oregon Big Game Regulations pamphlet, issued through the Electronic Licensing System, that fails to report by deadlines established in OAR 635-065-0011(1) will not be able to obtain a license to hunt game mammals or game birds in Oregon without paying a penalty. ¶¶

(a) The penalty will be assessed beginning December 1, ~~2022~~3 with purchase of a ~~2023~~4 license. ¶¶

(b) The penalty fee amount is \$25. ¶¶

(3) Reporting deadlines for ~~2022~~3-~~2023~~4 seasons are as follows: ¶¶

(a) January 31, ~~2023~~4: For hunts ending between April 1 and December 31, ~~2022~~3. ¶¶

(b) April 15, ~~2023~~4: For hunts ending between January 1 and March 31, ~~2023~~4. ¶¶

(4) Any person with any deer or elk tag for hunts and seasons listed in the ~~2022~~4 Oregon Big Game Regulations pamphlet, issued through the Electronic Licensing System, that fails to report by deadlines established in OAR 635-065-0011(1) will not be able to obtain a license to hunt game mammals or game birds in Oregon without paying a penalty. ¶¶

(a) The penalty will be assessed beginning December 1, ~~2023~~4 with purchase of a ~~2024~~5 license. ¶¶

(b) The penalty fee amount is \$25.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0015

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0015

General Tag Requirements and Limits ¶¶

- (1) Big Game Tags: Any person hunting game mammals for which a tag is required must have on their person a valid tag for the dates, area and species being hunted.¶¶
- (2) Any person 12 years of age or older may purchase game mammal tags if they possess an adult or juvenile hunting license. ¶¶
- (3) A person may obtain and possess during an annual hunting season only:¶¶
 - (a) One valid black bear general season fall tag;¶¶
 - (b) One valid black bear additional general season fall tag;¶¶
 - (c) One valid black bear spring controlled hunt tag in addition to general season bear tags issued under subsections (a) and (b) above; or¶¶
 - (d) One valid black bear "leftover" spring controlled hunt tag; ¶¶
 - (e) One valid cougar general season tag;¶¶
 - (f) One valid cougar additional general season tag;¶¶
 - (g) One valid controlled pronghorn antelope tag except as provided in OAR 635-073-0100.¶¶
- (4) Except as provided in OAR Chapter 635, Division 090, and in OAR 635-075-0010, and in OAR 635-073-0100, a person may obtain and possess only one of the following tags during an annual hunting season:¶¶
 - (a) One valid buck deer general season archery tag; or¶¶
 - (b) One valid buck deer general season western Oregon any legal weapon tag; or ¶¶
 - (c) One valid buck deer controlled hunt 100 series tag; or¶¶
 - (d) One valid buck deer "left over" controlled hunt 100 series tag; and¶¶
 - (e) In addition to one of (4)(a), or (4)(b), or (4)(c), or (4)(d) one valid antlerless deer controlled hunt 600 series tag; or¶¶
 - (f) One valid antlerless deer "left over" controlled hunt 600 series tag; and¶¶
 - (g) One valid "Take a Friend Hunting" Contest deer tag, season dates, bag limit, and hunt area are as in OAR 635-090-0150 for deer and elk auction tags;¶¶
- (5) Except as provided in OAR Chapter 635, Division 090, and OAR 635-073-0100, a person may obtain and possess only one of the following tags during an annual hunting season:¶¶
 - (a) One valid general season elk west Cascades tag; or¶¶
 - (b) One valid general season elk western Oregon Coast first season tag; or¶¶
 - (c) One valid general season elk western Oregon Coast second season tag; or¶¶
 - (d) One valid general season elk Eastern Oregon Rocky Mountain second season tag; or¶¶
 - (e) One valid elk general archery season tag; or¶¶
 - (f) One valid elk controlled hunt 200 series tag; or¶¶
 - (g) One valid General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag; or¶¶
 - (h) One valid elk "leftover" controlled hunt 200 series tag.¶¶
- (6) In addition to the tags described in OAR 635-065-0015 (3), (4), and (5), a person during an annual hunting season may obtain or possess only one valid "Mandatory Hunter Reporting Incentive Tag" per annual hunting season. If the Department awards a hunter such a tag through the controlled hunt draw authorized by OAR 635-060-0030(5), the following requirements will apply:¶¶
 - (a) On or before July 15, 2023~~4~~ the hunter must inform the Department which species the tag is to be issued for (pronghorn antelope, deer, or elk) and purchase the tag. Tags not purchased by July 15 will be offered to an alternate hunter with a tag sale deadline of July 31, 2023~~4~~.¶¶
 - (b) Hunting hours, hunt dates, and hunt area for Mandatory Hunter Reporting Incentive Tags will be the same as those listed in OAR 635-090-150 (3) for deer or (4) for elk , or 635-067-0028 (2) for pronghorn. ¶¶
 - (c) Bag limit: one pronghorn antelope or one deer or one elk.¶¶
 - (d) Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employees are not eligible for a Mandatory Hunter Reporting Incentive Tag.¶¶
- (7) Except through the opportunity provided in OAR 635-067-0032 thru 635-067-0034, a person may obtain and possess only one bighorn sheep ram tag in a lifetime.¶¶
- (8) Except through the opportunity provided in OAR 635-067-0036 and 635-067-0041, a person may obtain and possess only one Rocky Mountain goat tag in a lifetime.¶¶

(9) It is unlawful for any person to issue or to possess any game mammal tag which has been backdated.¶

(10) Any game mammal tag having an issue date subsequent to the last day authorized for issue of such tag as listed in "Oregon Big Game Regulations" for the current season is a void tag. Exception: ¶

(a) Members of the uniformed services returning to the state after the deadline shall be permitted to purchase general season tags for themselves at the Salem headquarters and regional offices of the Department.¶

(b) Notwithstanding the deadlines for tag purchases provided by rule and in the hunting regulation synopses, any person who qualifies to purchase a tag but fails to make the purchase by the deadline, may purchase the tag late if the person:¶

(A) Submits an attestation to the Department's Licensing Services Office certifying that the person has not yet hunted during the season for which the tag is sought; ¶

(B) The request must be received by the Department before the end of the season for the particular tag; and¶

(C) Pays the Department the fee as provided in OAR 635-010-0019 for a tag issued after the tag sale deadline in addition to the usual tag fee.¶

(D) A tag purchased for a season that has not begun may be canceled and exchanged for a tag for an ongoing season using the process outlined in 635-065-0015(10)(b)(A and B) provided the original tag is surrendered with the attestation and the fee for a tag issued after the tag sale deadline is paid to the Department.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0401

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0401

Deadline for Purchase of General Season Tags ¶¶

Except as provided in OAR 635-065-0015 (10):¶¶

- (1) No buck deer general season western Oregon any legal weapon tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, October ~~64~~, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (2) No buck deer general season archery tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, ~~September 1~~August 30, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (3) No black bear general season fall tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, October ~~64~~, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (4) Black bear additional general season fall tags may be purchased anytime during the bear hunting season, after a black bear general season fall tag has been purchased. An unused bear tag must be in the hunter's possession at the time they are hunting.¶¶
- (5) No general season cougar tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, October ~~64~~, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (6) Additional general season cougar tags may be purchased anytime during the cougar hunting season, after a general season cougar tag has been purchased. An unused cougar tag must be in the hunter's possession at the time they are hunting.¶¶
- (7) No general season elk eastern Oregon Rocky Mountain second season tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, November ~~108~~, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (8) No general season elk western Oregon Coast first season tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, November ~~175~~, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (9) No general season elk western Oregon Coast second season tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, November ~~242~~, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (10) No general season elk west Cascade tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, November ~~108~~, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (11) No elk general archery season tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, ~~September 1~~August 30, 202~~34~~.¶¶
- (12) No General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag shall be issued after legal shooting hours end on March 31, 202~~4~~5.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0635

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0635

Winter Range Closure Areas ¶¶

The following winter closures shall be effective during the specified periods each year:¶¶

- (1) Tumalo Winter Range: December 1 through March 31, -- That part of the Upper Deschutes Unit as follows: 125 square miles in Townships 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 South, Ranges 10 and 11 East.¶¶
 - (2) Bear Valley: Closed to motor vehicle use year round -- That part of the Keno Unit as follows: six square miles in Township 40 South, Ranges 7 and 8 East.¶¶
 - (3) Lost River: December 1 through April 15 -- That part of the Klamath Falls Unit as follows: 6 square miles in Township 39 South, Ranges 11, 11-1/2, and 12 East.¶¶
 - (4) Lost River: December 1 through April 15 -- That part of the Interstate Unit as follows: 6 square miles in Township 41 South, Range 14 East.¶¶
 - (5) Cabin Lake-Silver Lake: December 1 through March 31 -- That part of the Paulina Unit as follows: 342 square miles in Townships 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 South, Ranges 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 East.¶¶
 - (6) Spring Creek Winter Range: December 15 through April 30 -- That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 14 square miles in Townships 2 and 3 South, Range 36 East.¶¶
 - (7) McCarty Winter Range: December 15 through ~~April~~ March 30 -- That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 12 square miles in Townships 4 and 5 South, Ranges 34 and 35 East.¶¶
 - (8) Metolius Winter Range: December 1 through March 31-- That part of the Metolius Unit as follows: 101 square miles in Townships 11, 12, 13, and 14 South and Ranges 11 and 12 East.¶¶
 - (9) Bryant Mountain: November 1 through April 15 -- That part of the Klamath Falls Unit as follows: 50 square miles in Townships 39, 40, and 41 South and Ranges 12 and 13 East.
- Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0705

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0705

Muzzleloading Rifles - Requirements ¶¶

During controlled muzzleloader only seasons:¶¶

(1) Hunters shall use any long gun that:¶¶

(a) Is fired from the shoulder;¶¶

(b) Is loaded from the muzzle;¶¶

(c) Is a single shot except for muzzleloading shotguns that may be double barreled;¶¶

(d) Scopes (permanent or detachable), and sights that use batteries, artificial light or power, are not allowed during muzzleloader-only seasons or during 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of "shotgun/muzzleloader only" or "archery/muzzleloader only". However, this restriction does not apply to a visually impaired hunter who has a visual acuity of d20/200 with lenses or visual field of d 20 degrees, provided that the hunter holds an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit. Open and peep sights made from alloys, plastic, or other materials that do not have the properties described above are legal. Open or iron sights that make use of fiber optics or fluorescent paint are also legal.¶¶

(2) During muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only, it is illegal to hunt with or have in possession while hunting, sabots, or bullets with plastic or synthetic parts. Cloth, paper or felt patches are allowed.¶¶

(3) Hunters shall use only flint or percussion caps as a source of ignition.¶¶

(4) Hunters shall use only loose or granular black powder or black powder substitutes as propellants.¶¶

(5) Any .40 caliber or larger muzzleloader as described in OAR 635-065-0705(1)-(4) to hunt pronghorn antelope, black bear, cougar, bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, or deer.¶¶

(6) Any .50 caliber or larger muzzleloader as described in OAR 635-065-0705(1)-(4) to hunt elk.¶¶

(7) Hunters shall use only number 1 or larger buckshot or bullets as described in OAR 635-065-0705(2) for hunting deer, black bear or cougar.¶¶

(8) Hunters shall use only single projectiles as described in OAR 635-065-0705(2) for hunting pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat.¶¶

(9) Hunters may only use a legal muzzleloading firearm as described in OAR 635-065-0705. During ~~centerfire firearms~~any legal weapon seasons where muzzleloaders are also a legal firearm, hunters may:¶¶

(a) Use any .40 caliber or larger muzzleloading firearm to hunt pronghorn antelope, black bear, cougar, bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, or deer.¶¶

(b) Use any .50 caliber or larger muzzleloading firearm to hunt elk.¶¶

(c) Use any muzzleloader ignition type (excepting matchlock), any sight, any propellant, or any bullet type.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0720

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0720

Bows and Arrows ¶

Hunters shall use: ¶

(1) Any long, recurve, or compound bow with 40-pound or heavier pull rating to hunt pronghorn antelope, black bear, cougar, bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, deer, or elk. ¶

(2) Any long, recurve, or compound bow to hunt western gray squirrels. ¶

(3) Only unbarbed broadheads at least 7/8-inch wide to hunt game mammals. Broadheads with moveable blades that fold/collapse when withdrawn are not considered barbed. Western gray squirrel may also be hunted with small game arrow points/heads. ¶

(4) A long, recurve, or compound bow and shall not possess any crossbow while hunting within an authorized bowhunting area or season. ¶

(5) Only a long, recurve, or compound bow during any authorized pronghorn antelope, deer or elk bowhunting season to hunt pronghorn antelope, deer, or elk. ¶

(6) For hunting seasons designated as bowhunting, hunters shall only use the bows legal for the species being hunted. Bows may be used during game mammal ~~seasons in which centerfire firearms are legal~~ any legal weapon seasons. ¶

(7) For hunting seasons designated as traditional bow, hunters shall use only long or recurve bows legal for the species being hunted. ¶

(8) Hunters shall not use any electronic device(s) attached to bow or arrow except lighted arrow nocks that have no function other than to increase visibility of the arrow and cameras that have no other function (such as range-finding) are allowed. ¶

(9) Hunters shall not use any device secured to or supported by the bow for the purpose of maintaining the bow at full draw (Persons unable to comply because of a disability may be eligible for a temporary permit from the Department).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0740

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0740

Hunting Prohibited ¶¶

It is unlawful: ¶¶

(1) To hunt with a centerfire rifle during the deer and elk seasons and dates in the Wildlife Management Units listed in Table 1 below without a used or unused deer, elk, pronghorn, antelope, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat tag valid for the dates and area being hunted. ¶¶

Table 1. Wildlife Management Units and dates requiring a valid deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat tag to hunt with a centerfire rifle. (See attached table) ¶¶

(2) To hunt on any refuge closed by the state or federal government. ¶¶

(3) To hunt within the corporate limits of any city or town, public park or cemetery, or on any campus or grounds of a public school, college, or university or from a public road, road right-of-way, or railroad right-of-way. ¶¶

(4) Notwithstanding section (3) of this rule, controlled antlerless elk hunts are permitted within the south city limits of Seaside if the herd should become a serious problem. ¶¶

(5) To hunt in any Safety Zones created and posted by the Department. ¶¶

(6) To hunt protected wildlife except: ¶¶

(a) By a permit or during an authorized season established by the commission. ¶¶

(b) That crow, blackbirds, cowbirds, and magpies may be taken under Federal regulations for reason of depredation or health hazards as described in the Code of Federal Regulations. ¶¶

(7) To pursue or assist another to pursue a cougar during an authorized cougar season unless in possession of an unused cougar tag or accompanied by the holder of an unused cougar tag which is valid for that area and time period. ¶¶

(8) To engage in computer-assisted hunting (Internet hunting) or provide or operate facilities for computer-assisted hunting in Oregon. As used in this act, "computer-assisted hunting" (Internet hunting) means the use of a computer or any other device, equipment, or software to remotely control the aiming and discharge of a firearm, bow, or any other weapon to hunt any game bird, wildlife, game mammal, or other mammal, and "facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting" means real property and improvements on the property associated with hunting, including hunting blinds, offices and rooms equipped to facilitate computer-assisted remote hunting. Nothing in subsection (8) of this section prohibits the use of computer-assisted hunting by employees or agents of county, state or federal agencies while acting in their official capacities.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

RULE ATTACHMENTS DO NOT SHOW CHANGES. PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY REGARDING CHANGES.

635-065-0740

Hunting Prohibited

Table 1. Wildlife Management Units and dates requiring a valid deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat tag to hunt with a centerfire rifle.

Season 2024	Wildlife Management Units
Eastern OR Controlled Buck Deer (Oct. 5-16)	31-77
West Cascade Bull Elk (Nov. 9-15)	16, 19, 21, 22, 29, 30
Rocky Mtn. Bull Elk 1 st Season (Oct. 30- Nov. 3)	31-39, 41, 42, 45-64, 66, 69, 72, 74-77
Rocky Mtn. Bull Elk 2 nd Season (Nov. 9-17)	32, 35-38, 40-64, 66, 69, 72, 74-76, portions of 33 and 77 E of Hwy 97
Coast Bull Elk 1 st Season (Nov. 16-19)	10-15, 17, 18, 20, 23-27
Coast Bull Elk 2 nd Season (Nov. 23– Dec. 1)	10-15, 17, 18, 20, 23-27

AMEND: 635-065-0760

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0760

Other Restrictions ¶¶

It is unlawful:¶¶

- (1) To take or hold in captivity the young of any game mammal.¶¶
- (2) To hold in captivity any wildlife of this state for which a permit is required without first securing a permit.¶¶
- (3) To release without a permit any wildlife brought from another state or country, or raised in captivity in this state.¶¶
- (4) To resist game law enforcement officers.¶¶
- (5) To refuse inspection of any license, tag or permit, and any wildlife taken, by an employee of the Department; any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws; or a landowner or agent of the landowner on his or her land while on that property.¶¶
- (6) To refuse inspection, by an employee of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, or any person authorized to enforce wildlife laws, of any gear used for the purpose of taking wildlife.¶¶
- (7) To take or attempt to take any game mammals, game birds, migratory waterfowl or any protected wildlife species of any size or sex or amount, by any method or weapon, during any time or in any area not prescribed in these rules. ¶¶
- (8) To disturb, damage, remove, alter or possess any official Department signs. ¶¶
- (9) To sell, lend, or borrow any big game tag.¶¶
- (10) It is unlawful to operate or to be transported in a motor-propelled vehicle in violation of Cooperative Travel Management Areas. "Motor-propelled vehicle" includes aircraft not landing on designated airstrips. Through cooperative agreement, motor vehicle use is limited to specific roads during the dates for the areas listed below. There are two methods of posting road access information; negative marking in which closed roads are marked by signs, gates, berms, or other similar indicators, or positive marking in which open roads are marked by round green reflectors, orange carsonite posts, or similar indicators. Unit descriptions may be found in OAR 635-080-0000 through 635-080-0077. The following closures shall be effective during the specified periods each year:¶¶
 - (a) North Coast Access Area: Three days prior to opening of general archery season through the close of all bull elk any legal weapon seasons. Applies to all gated, posted, and/or barrier closed roads within the Saddle Mountain, Scappoose, Trask and Wilson wildlife management units. Cooperators require: day use only on private lands, no ATV use on private and designated state lands, no vehicle may block any road or gate.¶¶
 - (b) Upper Tualatin-Trask: Three days prior to the opening of buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of all bull elk any legal weapon seasons. That part of the Trask Unit as follows: 60 square miles in Townships 1 and 2 North and 1 South, and Ranges 5 and 6 West;¶¶
 - (c) Mid-Coast: Permanent Closure. That part of the Alsea Unit as follows: Open roads in the Siuslaw NF lands south of US Hwy 20 and north of State Hwy 126 are designated on the Siuslaw NF Motor Vehicle Use Map. However; additional roads may be posted as closed as part of the Cooperative TMA or for administrative purposes.¶¶
 - (d) Smith Ridge: Permanent Closure. That part of the McKenzie Unit as follows: 8 square miles in Townships 13 and 14 South, Ranges 6 and 7 East;¶¶
 - (e) Chucksney Mountain: September 1 through November 30 annually -- That part of the McKenzie Unit as follows: 6 square miles in Township 19 South, Range 5 1/2 East; ¶¶
 - (f) Skookum Flat: Permanent Closure. That part of the McKenzie Unit as follows: 8 square miles in Townships 19 and 20 South, Range 6 East; ¶¶
 - (g) Scott Creek: Permanent Closure. That part of the McKenzie Unit as follows: 51 square miles in Townships 14, 15, and 16 South, Ranges 6 and 7 East; ¶¶
 - (h) Coos Bay BLM: Permanent Closure. That part of the Tioga Unit as follows: Individual posted roads on lands administered by BLM, Coos Bay District. ¶¶
 - (i) Upper Rogue: Three days prior to the general West Cascade any legal weapon elk season through the close of the general West Cascade elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Rogue Unit as follows: High Cascades Ranger District, Rogue River National Forest; ¶¶
 - (j) Jackson: October 15 through April 30 annually. That part of the Rogue, Dixon, and Evans Creek units as follows: 116 square miles in Townships 32, 33, 34, and 35 South, Ranges 1 and 2 West and 1 and 2 East; off-road motor vehicle travel is prohibited at all times; ¶¶

- (k) Pokegama: November 20 through March 31 annually. That part of the Keno Unit as follows: 97 square miles in Townships 40 and 41 South, Ranges 4, 5, and 6 East; ¶
- (l) Lower Klamath Hills: Permanent Closure. That part of the Klamath Unit as follows: 3 square miles in Township 40 South, Range 9 East; ¶
- (m) Goodlow Mountain Area Closure: December 1 through March 31 annually. That part of the Klamath Unit as follows: 17 square miles in Townships 38 and 39 South, Ranges 12 and 13 East; ¶
- (n) Sun Creek: November 1 through June 30 annually. That part of the Sprague Unit as follows: 14 square miles in Township 32 South, Ranges 6 and 7 1/2 East; ¶
- (o) Fox Butte: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of the controlled buck deer any legal weapon season. That part of the Paulina Unit as follows: 230 square miles in Townships 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 South, Ranges 14, 15, and 16 East; ¶
- (p) Timbers: Permanent Closure. That part of the Paulina Unit as follows: 25 square miles in Townships 23 and 24 South, Ranges 9 and 10 East; ¶
- (q) Rager: August 20 through November 20. That part of the Ochoco Unit as follows: 352 square miles south of U.S. Highway 26 and west of the South Fork John Day River. ¶
- (r) White River Wildlife Area: December 1 through March 31 annually. That part of the White River Unit as follows: 59 square miles along the eastern edge of the Mt. Hood National Forest in the southern half of the White River Unit; ¶
- (s) Lower Deschutes: Permanent Closure. That part of the Biggs Unit as follows: 12 square miles along lower 17 miles of Deschutes River except the county access road to Kloan; ¶
- (t) Murderers Creek-Flagtail: Three days prior to the opening of the controlled archery deer and elk seasons through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Murderers Creek Unit as follows: 185 square miles in Townships 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 South, Ranges 26, 27, 28, and 29 East; ¶
- (u) Camp Creek: Three days prior to opening of controlled archery deer and elk season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Northside Unit as follows: 54 square miles in Townships 10, 11, and 12 South, Ranges 31, 32, and 33 East; ¶
- (v) Bridge Creek Wildlife Area: December 1 through April 14 annually except by permit. That part of the Ukiah Unit as follows: 20 square miles in Townships 5 and 6 south, Ranges 31 and 32 East in the Southwest corner of Ukiah Unit; ¶
- (w) Meacham: Permanent Closure. Approximately 41 square miles in Units 49, 52 and 54 in townships 1 and 2 south, township 1 north, ranges 34, 35, and 36 east; ¶
- (x) Dark Canyon: ~~August 20 through November 20~~ Three days prior to opening of controlled buck deer season through the close of the last elk season. That part of the Sumpter Unit as follows: 20 square miles in Townships 11 and 12 South, Ranges 40 and 41 East; ¶
- (y) Patrick Creek: ~~August 20 through November 20~~ Three days prior to opening of controlled buck deer season through the close of the last elk season and May 1 through June 30. That part of the Sumpter Unit as follows: 8 square miles in Townships 10 and 11 South, Ranges 35 1/2 and 36 East; ¶
- (z) Dry Beaver/Ladd Canyon: Permanent Closure. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 125 square miles in Townships 4, 5 and 6 South, Ranges 35, 36, 37 and 38 East; ¶
- (aa) Clear Creek: ~~August 20 through November 20~~ Three days prior to the opening of deer and elk archery season through the close of Rocky Mtn bull elk second season. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 21 square miles in Township 5 South, Ranges 37 and 38 East; ¶
- (bb) Trail Creek: ~~August 20 through November 20~~ Three days prior to the opening of Rocky Mtn bull elk first season through the close of Rocky Mtn bull elk second season. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 29 square miles in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 35 1/2 and 36 East; ¶
- (cc) Indian Creek-Gorham Butte: ~~August 20 through November 20~~ Three days prior to the opening of deer and elk archery season through the close of Rocky Mtn bull elk second season. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 24 square miles in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 36 and 37 East; ¶
- (dd) Elkhorn Wildlife Area: Permanent Closure. Those parts of the Starkey and Sumpter units as follows: 7 square miles in Township 6 South, Range 38 East; ¶
- (ee) Starkey Experimental Forest Enclosure: Permanent Closure. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 40 square miles in Townships 3 and 4 South, Range 34 East; ¶
- (ff) Bald/Angel: ~~April 30 through December 1.~~ That portion of the Catherine Creek and Keating Units as follows: 59 square miles in Townships 5, 6 and 7 South, Ranges 41, 42 and 43 East; ¶
- (gg) Little Catherine Creek: Permanent Closure. That part of the Catherine Creek Unit as follows: 22 square miles

in Townships 3, 4 and 5 South, Ranges 40 and 41 East;¶

(~~hhg~~) Wenaha Wildlife Area: Permanent Closure. That part of the Wenaha Unit as follows: 17 square miles in Townships 5 and 6 North, Ranges 42 and 43 East along eastern edge of Umatilla Forest in northeast corner of Wenaha Unit;¶

(~~ihh~~) Noregaard: Permanent Closure. However, roads will be open to permit removal of camping equipment during a time period extending through two Sundays following the end of the last antlerless elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Sled Springs Unit as follows: 175 square miles in west one-third of Sled Springs Wildlife Unit;¶

(~~jjj~~) Shamrock: Permanent Closure. However, roads will be open to permit removal of camping equipment during a time period extending through two Sundays following the end of the last antlerless elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Sled Springs Unit as follows: 20 square miles in Township 4 North, Range 44 East;¶

(~~kkj~~) Chesnimnus: August 20 through November 20 Three days prior to first Chesnimnus any legal weapon bull elk season through the end of the second Chesnimnus any legal weapon bull elk season. That portion of the Chesnimnus Wildlife Unit within the boundaries of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest;¶

(~~kkk~~) Cemetery Ridge Road: Permanent Closure. That part of the Chesnimnus Unit as follows: Cemetery Ridge Road north of the south boundary of Section 4, Township 3 North, and Range 48 East;¶

(~~mmll~~) Lord Flat Trail (#1774): Three days prior to controlled archery deer and elk season through the close of all elk any legal weapon seasons -- 15 miles of road in Townships 1 South and 1 and 2 North, Ranges 49 and 50 East; ¶

(~~nnmm~~) Grouse-Lick Creeks: August 20 through December 1 Three days prior to opening of Rocky Mtn bull elk first season through close of Rocky Mtn bull elk second season. That part of the Imnaha Unit as follows: 100 square miles in Townships 2, 3, 4, and 5 South, Ranges 46, 47 and 48 East; ¶

(~~oenn~~) Clear Lake Ridge: Three days prior to opening of controlled archery deer and elk season through December 1 annually. That part of the Imnaha Unit as follows: Five square miles in Township 2 South, Range 47 East, Sections 3 and 4 and Township 1 South, Range 47 East, Sections 28, 15, 33, 34 and 22;¶

(~~ppoo~~) Mehlhorn: Permanent Closure: That part of the Pine Creek and Keating Units as follows: 26 square miles in Township 6 South, Ranges 45 and 46 East;¶

(~~qqpp~~) Lake Fork-Dutchman: August 20 through November 20 Three days prior to opening of archery season to end of all ALW seasons and from May 1 to July 1. That part of the Pine Creek Unit as follows: 42 square miles in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 46 and 47 East;¶

(~~rrqq~~) Okanogan-Fish: August 20 through November 20 Three days prior to opening of buck deer any legal weapon season to end of all elk any legal weapon seasons and from May 1 to July 1. That part of the Pine Creek Unit as follows: 20 square miles in Township 6 and 7 South, Ranges 46 and 47 East;¶

(~~ssrr~~) Summit Point: Permanent Closure: That part of the Keating Unit as follows: 14 square miles in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 44 and 45 East;¶

(~~ttss~~) Eagle Creek: December 1 to April 15: That part of the Keating Unit as follows: 17 square miles in Townships 7 and 8 South, Range 44 and 45 East; ¶

(~~uutt~~) Conroy Cliff: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk first season through the Rocky Mountain bull elk second season. That part of the Malheur River Unit as follows: 46 square miles in Townships 16, 17, and 18 South, Ranges 32 1/2, 34, and 35 East;¶

(~~vuuu~~) Devine Ridge-Rattlesnake: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Malheur River Unit as follows: 59 square miles in Townships 20 and 21 South, Ranges 31, 32, 32 1/2 East;¶

(~~wwwv~~) Dairy Creek: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Silvies Unit as follows: 98 square miles in Townships 19, 20, 21, and 22 South, Ranges 24, 25, and 26 East; ¶

(~~xxww~~) Burnt Cabin: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Silvies Unit as follows: 22 square miles in Townships 18 and 19 South, Ranges 26 and 27 East;¶

(~~yyxx~~) Walker Rim; Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of the controlled buck deer any legal weapon season. That part of the Fort Rock Unit as follows: 113 square miles in Townships 24, 25, and 26 South, Ranges 8, 9, and 10 East;¶

(~~zzyy~~) North Paulina: Permanent Closure. That part of the Fort Rock Unit as follows: 12 square miles in Townships

25 and 26 South; Range 8 East;¶

(aaazz) Sugarpine Mountain: Permanent Closure. That part of the Fort Rock Unit as follows: 40 square miles in Township 28, Ranges 9 and 10 East;¶

(bbbaaa) Spring Butte: Permanent Closure. That part of the Paulina Unit as follows: 30 square miles in Township 23 South, Range 11 East; ¶

(eeebbb) Wildhorse Ridge/Teepee Butte: Three days prior to the opening of controlled archery deer and elk season through the close of all elk any legal weapon seasons. Posted and gated roads north of 46 roads in Chesnimnus Unit are closed;¶

(dddccc) Hells Canyon National Recreation Area: Permanent Closure. Those parts of the Chesnimnus, Imnaha, Snake River, and Pine Creek Units in Eastern Wallowa County that are closed by the National Recreation Area; ¶

(eeeddd) PO Saddle Road: Three days prior to opening of controlled archery deer and elk season through June 15th, annually -- Three miles of road in Townships 3 and 4 South, Range 48 East;¶

(fffeee) Whiskey Creek: Permanent Closure. However, roads will be open to permit removal of camping equipment during a time period extending through two Sundays following the last antlerless elk season. That part of the Sled Springs unit as follows -- 45 square miles in Townships 2 and 3 North, Ranges 43, 44, and 45 East;¶

(gggfff) South Boundary: Permanent Closure. That part of the Ochoco Unit as follows: 47 square miles in Townships 15 and 16 South, Ranges 20, 21, and 22 East;¶

(hhhggg) Green Diamond Travel Management Area: Permanent Closure. Applies to all gated, posted, or barrier-closed roads within the Rogue, Keno, Klamath Falls, Sprague, Interstate, Silver Lake, and Fort Rock Units within the land holdings of Green Diamond Resource Company;¶

(iihhhh) Prineville Reservoir Wildlife Area: From November 15 or December 1 (as posted at each gate) through April 15 annually. That part of the Ochoco and Maury Units as follows: 5 square miles in Township 16 South, Range 17 East;¶

(jjjjii) Mid Coast Access Area: Year round. All gated, posted and/or barrier closed roads within Alsea, Stott Mtn. and Trask Units. Access limited to walk in only at fire level 3. No public access at fire level 4 and during active operations. Cooperators require day use only on private lands, no ATV use, no e-bikes, no vehicles may block any road or gate, no fires, no camping. Private lands closed to the public 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.¶

(kkkjji) East Lane TMA: Opening day of General Any Legal Weapon Buck Deer season until the close of General Any Legal Weapon Elk season. Approximately 62 square miles in the McKenzie and Indigo Units comprised of properties owned by Giustina Land and Timber and Giustina Resources. Motorized vehicle access allowed on roads posted with orange carsonite posts, except closed to all access during certain Industrial Fire Protection Levels and active operations. Day use only, open one hour before sunset to one hour after sunset. No Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use, no camping, no vehicle may block any road or gate and no fires allowed.¶

(Hkkkk) Umatilla NF: Permanent Closure: That part of the Fossil, Heppner, Ukiah, Desolation, Mt. Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha Units within the Umatilla National Forest. Motorized travel allowed only on open roads as designated by the Umatilla National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map. ¶

(11) In Access Areas funded by the Access and Habitat Program that are Welcome to Hunt, hunters are required to follow the area regulations printed on the map produced by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for each Access Area. Specific regulations for each Access Area can be found through the Oregon Hunting Map at: <http://www.oregonhuntingmap.com/>.

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AMEND: 635-065-0765

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0765

Tagging, Possession, Transportation and Evidence of Sex ¶¶

(1) Except for subsection (14), the provisions of this rule do not apply to carcasses or parts thereof from deer or elk salvaged pursuant to a Roadkill Salvage Permit; see OAR 635-043-0175 for deer and elk salvage rules.¶¶

(2) When the owner of any game mammal tag kills a game mammal for which a paper tag is issued, the owner shall immediately validate the tag by writing on the tag, in ink, the date and time of harvest, and the Wildlife Management Unit where harvest occurred; and attach the tag in plain sight securely to the game mammal. ¶¶

(a) Paper tags are not valid until signed.¶¶

(b) It is unlawful to have in possession an unsigned tag and/or reproduction/photocopied tag(s).¶¶

(3) When the owner of any game mammal tag kills a game mammal for which an electronic tag is issued the owner shall immediately validate the tag by pressing the validate button on the image of the tag in the Department's Electronic Licensing System mobile application. At the time of validation a confirmation number will become visible. In addition to validating a tag electronically, the tag owner's name, date of birth, ODFW ID number, harvest date, and confirmation number must be written in ink on material of the tag owner's choice, and attached in plain sight securely to the game mammal.¶¶

(4) The required information, or paper game mammal tag, must be maintained in legible condition at all times. The tag shall be kept attached to such carcass or remain with any parts thereof so long as the same are preserved. ¶¶

(5) It is unlawful to possess the meat or carcass of any deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat without evidence of sex while in the field, forest, or in transit on any of the highways or premises open to the public in Oregon, except processed or cut and wrapped meat. Hunters must choose one of two options for providing evidence of sex for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat:¶¶

(a) Option 1: The animals head or scalp from the eyes to the ears for females, and antlers or horns for males, or;¶¶

(b) Option 2: A reproductive organ (a testicle, penis, udder or vulva) attached to a major portion of meat. For White-tailed Deer and Mule Deer Only Hunts, the tail must be retained for proof of species. (c) Option 1, ((4)(a)), must be used for hunts with antler point restrictions.¶¶

(6) When any game mammal or part thereof is transferred to the possession of another person either an electronic record shall be recorded in the Electronic License System or a written record shall accompany such transfer and include: ¶¶

(a) A description of the game mammal or part being transferred; ¶¶

(b) The name, address, and ODFW ID number of the person whose tag or required information if an electronic tag was originally attached to the carcass; ¶¶

(c) The issued date and time of a paper tag or the confirmation number of an electronic tag; and¶¶

(d) The date and time of harvest. ¶¶

(e) The written record shall remain with such game mammal or part so long as the same is preserved or until replaced by a tag or seal of the Department. ¶¶

(7) All game mammals in possession in the field or forest or in transit more than 48 hours after the close of the open season for such mammal must be tagged with a tag or metal seal by the Department or by the Oregon State Police. ¶¶

(8) It is unlawful to receive or have in possession any game mammal or part thereof which: ¶¶

(a) Is not properly tagged; ¶¶

(b) Was taken in violation of any wildlife laws or regulations; or ¶¶

(c) Was taken by any person who is or may be exempt from the jurisdiction of such laws or regulations. ¶¶

(9) No person shall possess any game mammal or part thereof which has been illegally killed, found or killed for humane reasons, except lawfully obtained shed antlers, unless they have notified and received permission from the Department or personnel of the Oregon State Police prior to transporting. ¶¶

(10) No person shall possess the horns of bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain goat that were not taken legally during an authorized season. Any horns of bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain goat obtained by the Department may be made available to scientific and educational institutions and for ceremonial purposes.¶¶

(11) Except for the following parts, importation or possession of a cervid carcass or parts of a cervid carcass from another state or country is prohibited:¶¶

(a) Meat that is cut and wrapped commercially or privately;¶¶

(b) Meat that has been boned out;¶¶

(c) Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;¶

(d) Hides and/or capes with no head attached; ¶

(e) Skull plates with antlers attached that have been cleaned of all meat and brain tissue;¶

(f) Entire skulls that have been processed to remove all meat and brain tissue; ¶

(g) Antlers removed in the pedical area or naturally shed with no brain tissue attached;¶

(h) Upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories);¶

(i) Finished taxidermy heads and European style skull mounts.¶

(12) The parts and carcass import ban in subsection 11 does not apply to parts or carcasses shipped to the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory (Ashland, Oregon) for the purpose of law enforcement investigations.¶

(13) Cervid carcasses or parts of cervid carcasses found in Oregon in violation of the parts and carcass ban in subsection 11 shall be seized and disposed of in a manner as follows:¶

(a) Brain tissue, spinal columns, and whole heads or heads minus the cleaned skull plate and attached antlers, shall be disposed of either by incineration at temperatures exceeding 1800° F or at lined landfills registered by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality capable of accepting animal carcasses without environmental contamination; rendering is not an allowed means of disposal.¶

(b) The person(s) who imported parts in violation of the parts and carcass ban in subsection 10 shall pay for appropriate disposal of cervid carcasses or parts of cervid carcasses.¶

(14) The operator of a vehicle that is transporting wildlife or parts of wildlife, whether taken in Oregon or in another state, is subject to administrative inspection of the wildlife or parts of wildlife when arriving at a wildlife inspection station. The purpose of the inspection is limited to collecting biological samples and inspecting for disease in order to protect and maintain the health of wildlife in Oregon by preventing diseased wildlife and wildlife parts from entering the state. ¶

(a) Inspection stations are identified by a sign stating "Wildlife Inspection Station" or "CWD Check Station".¶

(b) This subsection does not apply to the transporting of wildlife parts that have been processed by a food establishment.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 496.716

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 496.716

AMEND: 635-066-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-066-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods, and other restrictions for hunting black bear pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) OAR chapter 635, division 066 incorporates, by reference, the requirement and tag numbers for controlled hunts for black bear hunting set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for the hunting of black bear. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at authorized license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ¶¶

(3) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-066-0020

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-066-0020

Controlled Seasons ¶

- (1) Controlled hunt tags shall be issued by a controlled hunt drawing following the procedures established in OAR chapter 635, division 060. Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 are listed in the 2024 "Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR chapter 635, division 066 by reference.¶
- (2) Persons receiving a controlled black bear tag may also purchase a general season black bear tag and one Oregon Additional Bear Tag.¶
- (3) No person shall use dogs to hunt or pursue black bear.¶
- (4) No person shall use bait to attract or hunt black bear.¶
- (5) The skull of any bear taken must be presented to an ODFW office or designated collection site. The person who took the animal is responsible to have it presented, within 10 days of the kill, to be checked and marked. Skull must be unfrozen when presented for check-in. Check-in at ODFW offices must occur during normal business hours (8-5, Mon-Fri.). Hunters are required to check in the skull only for the purpose of inspection, tagging and removal of a tooth for aging.¶
- (6) When the bear skull is presented at check-in information that must be provided includes: 1) date of harvest and location of harvest including Wildlife Management Unit, and 2) complete hunter information including the issued date and time of a paper tag or the confirmation of an electronic tag; a completed "Wildlife Transfer Record Form" as found in the current year's Oregon Big Game Regulations is an alternative for providing the required information.¶
- (7) All land within one mile of the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Lobster Creek is closed to bear hunting.
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-067-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-067-0000

Purpose and General Information

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods, and other restrictions for hunting pronghorn antelope, cougar, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶

(2) OAR chapter 635, division 067 incorporates, by reference, the requirements and tag numbers for controlled hunts for hunting pronghorn antelope, cougar, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting pronghorn antelope, cougar, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at authorized license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶

(3) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.¶

(4) Controlled hunt tags shall be issued by a controlled hunt drawing following the procedures established in OAR chapter 635, division 060. Permitted weapons and ammunition are established in OAR chapter 635, division 065. Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2023~~4~~ are listed in the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR chapter 635, division 067 by reference.¶

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2022 Oregon Big Game Regulations and the 2023 Oregon Big Game Regulations, as authorized by department, tag holders for 2022 controlled Rocky Mountain goat hunts 960B1 and 960B2 that did not hunt in 2022 may hunt during the controlled hunt season dates described in the 2023 Oregon Big Game Regulations for the respective Rocky Mountain goat hunt area drawn by the tag holder in 2022.¶

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2022 Oregon Big Game Regulations and the 2023 Oregon Big Game Regulations, as authorized by department, tag holder for 2022 controlled Rocky Mountain goat hunt 959A1 hunt that did not harvest a Rocky Mountain goat and hunted one day or less in 2022 may hunt during the controlled hunt season dates described in the 2023 Oregon Big Game Regulations for the Rocky Mountain goat hunt area drawn by the tag holder in 2022.¶

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2023 Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulations, bighorn sheep hunt tag numbers for the controlled hunt areas listed on page 62 and Rocky Mountain goat hunt tag numbers for the controlled hunt areas listed on page 64 are changed as follows in Table 1 (see attached table).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 497.112

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 497.112

AMEND: 635-068-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-068-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting western Oregon deer pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2023~~4~~ are listed in the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR chapter 635, division 068 by reference.¶¶

(3) OAR chapter 635, division 068 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting western Oregon deer set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting western Oregon deer. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at authorized license agents and regional, district, and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

(4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-069-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-069-0000

Purpose and General Information

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting eastern Oregon deer pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶

(2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2023~~4~~ are listed in the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR Chapter 635, Division 069 by reference.¶

(3) OAR Chapter 635, Division 069 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting eastern Oregon deer set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR Chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting eastern Oregon deer. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶

(4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-070-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-070-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting Cascade and Coast elk pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2023~~4~~ are listed in the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR Chapter 635, Division 070 by reference.¶¶

(3) OAR chapter 635, division 070 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting western Oregon elk set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR Chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting western Oregon elk. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

(4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-071-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-071-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting Rocky Mountain elk pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2023~~4~~ are listed in the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated in OAR Chapter 635, Division 071 by reference.¶¶

(3) OAR chapter 635, division 071 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting Rocky Mountain elk set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR Chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting Rocky Mountain elk. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

(4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-072-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-072-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, and other restrictions for hunting western gray squirrels pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) OAR chapter 635, division 072 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting western gray squirrel set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting western gray squirrel. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

(3) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-073-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-073-0000

Purpose and General Information

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas and other restrictions for bow and muzzleloader hunting, Premium Hunts, and controlled deer and elk youth hunts; pursuant to ORS Chapter 496. ¶

(2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2023~~4~~ for Premium Hunts, deer and elk bow and muzzleloader hunting and deer and elk youth hunts are listed in the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR chapter 635, division 073 by reference. ¶

(3) OAR chapter 073 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for bow and muzzleloader hunting, Premium Hunts, and controlled deer and elk youth hunts set out in the document entitled "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2023~~4~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for bow and muzzleloader hunting, Premium Hunts, and controlled deer and elk youth hunts. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. ¶

(4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com. ¶

~~(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2022 Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulations, controlled bow deer hunt tag numbers for the controlled hunt areas listed on page 35 and Table 1 (see attached table) are changed as follows:~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-073-0100

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-073-0100

Controlled Premium Hunt Regulations ¶¶

(1) Tags shall be issued by a controlled hunt drawing following the procedures established in OAR chapter 635, division 060.¶¶

(2) "L" series Premium Hunt deer tags, "M" series Premium Hunt elk tags, and "N" series Premium Hunt pronghorn antelope tags are in addition to all other tags and permits approved by the commission. In addition to the number of deer, elk, and pronghorn antelope tags legally available to an individual, an individual is allowed one additional deer tag, one additional elk tag, and one additional pronghorn antelope tag annually provided these tags are Premium Hunt series tags.¶¶

~~(3)(a) N40 Maupin/ Biggs, all of units 40 and 43;¶¶~~

~~(b) L71 and N71 Juniper, unit 71 including that part of Hart Mt NWR within the Juniper unit, excluding that part of Malheur NWR north of Foster Flat Rd.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-075-0010

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-075-0010

Hunting Area Allowed With Landowner Hunting Preference Tags ¶

(1) A landowner preference tag authorizes the recipient to hunt only on those lands owned and registered in the Landowner Preference Program by the landowner, and meeting the minimum acreage requirements for that hunt, during the season dates for which the tag is valid, except as provided for in OAR 635-075-0010(4) and (5).¶

(2) ~~Except as provided in OAR 635-075-0010(7),~~ landowner hunting preference tags are valid on the landowner's registered property in other controlled hunt areas provided the species, bag limits, and season dates are the same, and the landowner's property in that area either:¶

(a) Meets the minimum acreage requirements for that hunt; or¶

(b) is contiguous to other property owned and registered by the landowner that, if added together, would meet the minimum acreage requirements for that hunt.¶

(3) A landowner receiving a landowner preference controlled buck deer hunt or controlled elk hunt tag may not hunt in any other controlled or general buck deer or elk season, except as provided in OAR division 090 and 635-073-0100 (Premium Hunts).¶

(4) When a landowner is qualified under landowner preference rules adopted by the Commission and the landowner or an immediate family member receives a deer or elk controlled hunt tag for that unit and has not harvested an animal, the landowner or immediate family member may use that tag to take an antlerless deer, except for white-tailed deer in Western Oregon, or elk before, during, or after the hunting season for which the tags are valid, when approved by the Department, to alleviate damage that is presently occurring to the landowner's property.¶

(5) Each unfilled landowner preference deer tag may be transferred and used to take two antlerless animals, except for white-tailed deer in Western Oregon, before, during or after the hunting season for which the tags are valid, when approved by the Department, to alleviate damage that is presently occurring to the landowner's property in accordance with the following criteria:¶

(a) Transfer must be done by an authorized representative of the Department for no charge;¶

(b) Tag(s) is/are to be transferred to someone of the landowner's choice;¶

(c) No more than one tag may be transferred to any one person;¶

(d) Each tag may only be transferred once;¶

(e) Tags shall be issued for a period of no more than 30 days from the date of issuance, and end no later than March 31. A Department representative may reauthorize an unfilled tag to the same person for an additional 30 days if damage is presently occurring;¶

(f) Persons who have been successful in harvesting a buck and/or antlerless deer in a general and/or controlled hunt season (excluding "leftover" tags) are also eligible to receive one damage landowner preference deer tag in a fiscal year of July through June;¶

(g) Department personnel shall collect the appropriate fee for the second tag at time of transfer;¶

(6) Landowner preference pronghorn antelope tags may only be used during the authorized hunt season.¶

(7) Landowner hunting preference tags for other controlled hunt areas are not valid for use in the 254R1, 255R1, 256R1, 254Y1, 255Y1, 256Y1 hunt areas.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-075-0020

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-075-0020

Landowner Hunting Preference Tags in Special Seasons ¶¶

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

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

(c) In the following hunts LOP tags will be limited to five tags or 10% of the total controlled hunt tags, whichever is greater: elk hunts; 254R1, 254Y1, 255R1, 255Y1, 256R1 and 256Y1: buck deer hunts; 112, 122, 141C, 142B, 143C, 145A, 148A, 154C, 157A, and 165R2. ¶¶

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

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-075-0022

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-075-0022

Landowner Hunting Preference Tags for Mule Deer ¶¶

(1) This rule further implements HB 2027A whereby the 2013 Legislative Assembly directed the Department through the commission to specify a formula that bases the number of landowner preference tags available for mule deer on the management, research, and habitat needs set forth in the wildlife management plan for mule deer.¶¶

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Landowner Hunting Preference Tag numbers for mule deer in 2022~~4~~ will be adopted by temporary rule prior to the June 2022~~4~~ controlled hunt draw.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-075-0029

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-075-0029

Tag Purchasing Requirements ¶¶

- (1) The department will notify outfitters and guides of the drawing results by December 31 of each year. ¶¶
- (2) On or before March 31 of each year Outfitters and Guides who are successful in the drawing must: ¶¶
 - (a) Submit to the department the names, addresses, and ODFW ID number ~~(if already purchased)~~ of the nonresidents for whom tags are to be issued, if that information is available. ¶¶
 - (b) Tags purchased for unnamed clients are subject to the price and time limits set forth in OAR 635-075-0035 (3)(a) and (b). ¶¶
 - (c) Submit to the department all required fees. Outfitters and guides must submit all fees; they will not be accepted from nonresident applicants to whom the tags will be issued. The department shall not issue a tag to any person who does not have a valid nonresident Oregon hunting license. NOTE: Fees for Outfitter and Guides tags are described in ORS 497.112. No later than July 31 the department will issue all requested tags from the December drawing for which the outfitters and guides, and the nonresident applicants, have met requirements. Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 497.112, 496.151
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 497.112, 496.151

AMEND: 635-090-0150

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-090-0150

Deer and Elk Auction Tags ¶¶

(1) The following tags will be auctioned to the highest bidder annually in such manner and at such time as determined by the department pursuant to OAR 635-090-0140. Hunters successful in bidding for one of the following tags are subject to the provisions of 635-090-0140 and OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(2) Governor's Statewide Combination Hunt.¶¶

(a) Bag Limit: One elk and one deer except Columbian white-tailed deer outside of the Douglas county portion of Wildlife Management Units 21, 22, 23 and 24.¶¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶¶

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).¶¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(f) Number of tags: One (1) elk and one (1) deer.¶¶

(3) Statewide Deer Hunt.¶¶

(a) Bag Limit: One deer except Columbian white-tailed deer outside of the Douglas county portion of Wildlife Management Units 21, 22, 23 and 24.¶¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶¶

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).¶¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(f) Number of Tags: Four.¶¶

(4) Statewide Elk Hunt.¶¶

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.¶¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶¶

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).¶¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(f) Number of tags: Four.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.232, 496.242

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.232, 496.242

AMEND: 635-090-0160

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-090-0160

Deer and Elk Raffle Tags ¶¶

(1) The following tags will be issued annually to individuals selected through a public drawing.¶¶

(2) Statewide Deer Hunt #AH001.¶¶

(a) Bag Limit: One deer except Columbian white-tailed deer outside of the Douglas county portion of Wildlife Management Units 21, 22, 23 and 24.¶¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶¶

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).¶¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(f) Number of tags: One.¶¶

(3) Statewide Combination Elk and Deer #AH002¶¶

(a) Bag Limit: One elk and one deer except Columbian white-tailed deer outside of the Douglas county portion of Wildlife Management Units 21, 22, 23 and 24.¶¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶¶

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).¶¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(f) Number of tags: One (1) elk and one (1) deer.¶¶

(4) Northeast Oregon Deer Hunt #AH003.¶¶

(a) Bag Limit: One deer.¶¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶¶

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled buck deer rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Columbia Basin, Walla Walla, Wenaha, Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, Snake River, Imnaha, Minam, Catherine Creek, Mt. Emily, Ukiah, Heppner, Fossil, Northside, Desolation, Starkey, Sumpter, Lookout Mountain, Keating, and Pine Creek.¶¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(f) Number of tags: One.¶¶

(5) Southeast Oregon Deer Hunt #AH004.¶¶

(a) Bag Limit: One deer.¶¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶¶

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled buck deer rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Murderers Creek, Beulah, Owyhee, Malheur River, Silvies, Juniper, Steens Mountain, Whitehorse, Beatys Butte, and Warner.¶¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(f) Number of tags: One.¶¶

(6) Central Oregon Deer Hunt #AH005.¶¶

(a) Bag Limit: One deer.¶¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶¶

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled buck deer rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Hood, White River, Biggs, Maupin, Grizzly, Metolius, Ochoco, Maury, Paulina, Upper Deschutes, Fort Rock, Wagontire, Silver Lake, Sprague, Keno, Klamath Falls, and Interstate.¶¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶¶

(f) Number of tags: One.¶¶

(7) Northeast Oregon Elk Hunt #AH006.¶

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled or general season elk rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Columbia Basin, Walla Walla, Wenaha, Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, Snake River, Imnaha, Minam, Catherine Creek, Mt. Emily, Ukiah, Heppner, Fossil, Northside, Desolation, Starkey, Sumpter, Lookout Mountain, Keating, and Pine Creek.¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶

(f) Number of tags: One.¶

(8) Central/Southeast Elk Hunt #AH007.¶

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled or general season elk rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Murderers Creek, Beulah, Owyhee, Malheur River, Silvies, Juniper, Steens Mountain, Whitehorse, Beatys Butte, Warner, Hood, White River, Biggs, Maupin, Grizzly, Metolius, Ochoco, Maury, Paulina, Upper Deschutes, Fort Rock, Wagontire, Silver Lake, Sprague, Keno, Klamath Falls, and Interstate.¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶

(f) Number of tags: One.¶

(9) Western Oregon Elk Hunt #AH008.¶

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶

(d) Open Area: Any area within Western Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.¶

(f) Number of tags: One.¶

(10) Statewide Elk Hunt #AH009.¶

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.¶

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.¶

(c) Open Season: August 1 through November 30.¶

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).¶

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 65.¶

(f) Number of tags: One.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, ORS 496.138, 496.146, 496.232, 496.242

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, ORS 496.138, 496.146, 496.232, 496.242