

OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

DIVISION 190

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN

635-190-0000

Mule Deer Management Plan Content and Purpose

[The document entitled "Oregon Mule Deer Management Plan" dated February 2003 is incorporated by reference into these rules. Copies of the plan are available through the Department. The plan provides program direction, identifies objectives, and outline strategies to fulfill management, research, and habitat needs. Together with the rules establishing deer seasons, this plan establishes the framework and the implementation of the Department's mule deer program. The Commission will review the Oregon Mule Deer Management Plan when the Commission deems it necessary.]

(1) The goal for mule deer management in Oregon is to manage mule deer using the best practices and information within the dynamics of changing landscapes and multiple land use practices to enhance recreational opportunities and public values.

(2) Objectives to accomplish this goal are to:

(a) Delineate herd ranges defining the year-round movements of unique mule deer herds as the basis for mule deer management across their range in eastern Oregon.

(b) Inform management decisions for mule deer using rigorous methods for monitoring populations while accounting for changing habitat conditions and other impacts to populations at the herd range scale.

(c) Maintain and enhance mule deer habitats in partnership with landowners and land managers such that overall conditions for mule deer are maintained or improved on summer use areas and winter ranges.

(d) Manage mule deer populations such that overall numbers are consistent with available habitat conditions while accounting for social tolerance and public attitudes towards mule deer.

(e) Manage harvest of mule deer at biologically sound levels.

(f) Provide for optimum consumptive and non-consumptive recreational uses of the resource.



OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

(3) Chapter 13 (Issues and Strategies) of the 2024 Oregon Mule Deer Management Plan identifies issues facing mule deer and strategies to address these issues is incorporated here by reference into administrative rule.

Statutory Authority: ORS [183, 496] **496.012, 496.138, 496.146 and 496.162**

Stats Implemented: ORS [183, 496] **496.012, 496.138, 496.146 and 496.162**

635-190-0010

Plan Objectives for Mule Deer Management

[The table entitled “2016 Mule Deer Winter Population and Buck Ratio Management Objectives (MO)” is incorporated by reference as part of the Oregon Mule Deer Management Plan.] **Table 1, “2024 Mule Deer Population Management Objectives” and Table 2, “2024 Mule Deer Buck Ratio Management Objectives” in Appendix 1 of the 2024 Oregon Mule Deer Management Plan is incorporated here by reference into administrative rule.**

Statutory Authority: ORS [183, 496] **496.012, 496.138, 496.146 and 496.162**

Stats Implemented: ORS [183, 496] **496.012, 496.138, 496.146 and 496.162**

635-190-0020

Plan Implementation

[Text available via filing PDF that is stored in ORMS]

Statutory Authority: ORS Ch 183 and 496

Stats Implemented: ORS Ch 183 and 496



**OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

DRAFT