

Exhibit D

**Public Correspondence Received as
of August 28, 2024**

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lewis Todd <ltreiner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 7:48 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Antelope hunt

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Good morning,

After 25 yrs of putting in, finally drew a tag! Been on a few hunts in between. What I've seen. Hunting over water, sure, but these pop up blinds that have gotten so popular, antelope are of the nature something is around, they don't come in. They need water. Using land scape or brush has always been the common way, people have become lazy. It's depriving animals of water with a box square out there. Common sense! Parking vehicles out in the flats of water holes, and lastly the abuse of side by sides going beyond the end of a desert road. Pop up blind should be least 1/4 mile away, 440 yards. Same with any vehicle/camp. Yes we have told a couple people who wanted to camp around water that they were basically stupid. They moved. Last hunt my father was on, and yes he's disabled with blown out arches, but put him on a water hole and I drove off while he using old rock stone wall for the blind in the sage, again natural.

I would highly suggest writing a few laws for OSP the enforce for these reasons of the benefit of the game. Laziness and abuse of machines has taken the ethics away from the correct pursuit. Thank you for your consideration on the matter.

Louie Todd
Salem, or

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: markzuckersuck <markzuckersuck@proton.me>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 6:52 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: More needs to be done about deer in the city

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Hello

I have reached out to my local ODFW about deer constantly in my yard within city limits and I really think the "solutions" they've given are kind of weak and pathetic.. Sure "don't harass wildlife".. But what about them harassing us? Constantly coming in to the yard and eating up plants, gardens, going to the bathroom right in the middle of the yard. Possibly attacking house pets that are allowed to go outside.. It's totally ok for them to do that but we can't do anything to actually get rid of them? That's extremely backwards thinking. 1. Deer repellent spray doesn't work at all. We tried that and sprayed it all over everything. They still ate it like it was salad dressing. 2. Motion sprinklers. You know most cities make you file for permits to have those put in. Costing us more money on property that should already be ours to freely not have to live with pests. 3. Use a hose... Sure.. in a perfect world a deer is just gonna stand there while we go turn on a hose, drag it off the wall and spray it.. Right... 4. Install fence. Right with more permits costing us even more money..

Deer, sure can be fun to look at. in their habitat. They do not belong in city limits.. They're stupid animals that love darting out in front of cars, they hang out right in the middle of streets. they come to yards and eat up peoples plants, and gardens that provide the humans with food..

How come oregon is against humans and our rights? Don't we have the right to have a safe property, peacefully grow plants without letting unwanted pests into the yard to destroy it? Honestly. They're animals. They'll adapt by nature if they're moved way out in to the thousands of acres we have of forest lands.. More needs to be done!

Or. The state needs to allow us to use "non lethal" means.. Which the book does say we can do.. It clearly says "non lethal".. Now I can think of some non lethal ways.. Paint ball guns aren't lethal. They're technically toys. Teens can buy them and they're specifically designed to shoot at people. BB/Pellet guns. They are "toys" as well and minors can purchase them. There is however a difference between varmint pellets, and steel bb's. Can we use those? Slingshots... Again toys that aren't exactly lethal, especially to large animals.. Those are also legal to be bought, kept, and used in city limits for the most part.. And they're non lethal..

Humans have a right to a safe, peaceful, and pest free yard where they can hang out, grow gardens and trees, and let their pets roam and play without having to worry about wildlife..

Thank you

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen and longtime hunter who has frequented the White River Unit 141 for nearly two decades. Over the years, I have observed a noticeable decrease in the number of deer sightings in this area over the past few years. This decline is troubling not only from a recreational standpoint but also from an ecological perspective.

Deer play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of our local ecosystems, and their dwindling numbers could have far-reaching consequences for the biodiversity and overall health of the region. It is imperative that we take proactive measures to address this issue and ensure the long-term sustainability of our wildlife populations.

One potential contributing factor to the decline of the deer population in White River Unit 141 may be the current regulations governing buck harvesting. I would like to propose implementing a minimum antler point restriction for harvesting bucks in this area. Specifically, I suggest making it a requirement that hunters only harvest bucks with a minimum of three antler points.

By implementing such a regulation, we can help protect the younger, less mature bucks and allow them the opportunity to reach breeding age, thus contributing to the overall health and genetic diversity of the deer population. This measure has been successfully implemented in other regions facing similar challenges and has proven to be an effective tool for wildlife management and conservation.

I understand that implementing new regulations involves careful consideration and consultation with various stakeholders. However, I urge the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to prioritize the conservation of our wildlife resources and take decisive action to address the decline of the deer population in White River Unit 141.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am confident that by working together, we can ensure a brighter future for our wildlife and preserve the natural beauty of our state for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Cunningham", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: jake holverson <holverson58@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 9:11 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Damage Cow Tag

Categories: Wildlife

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Good morning, I am reaching out to get information on how seasons and dates are chosen. Mainly the one in question is the Willamette area of the damage cow tag. This season starts August 1st and runs through the end of March. During this season archery hunters are in the woods hunting elk with others that have a rifle cow tag. Also during This 8 month season, hunters are killing cow elk that have young calf's that are still with their mothers and nursing. At the tail end of the season people are killing cows with large calf's in the cows. For one cow being killed is killing two sometimes three. As someone that hunts, but also has a respect for these animals, why would the state allow this type of hunting season but be so strict on other seasons? If elk are damaging the few farms, there are other options in place and also options for LOP tags. I believe if the state viewed how many "damage tags" are being sold compared to how many elk are being taken on farms with damage, they would reconsider making the tag an over the counter tag.

Out of respect for these elk that are carrying babies or feeding them, I hope the state would consider a change for this tag. What other options do I have to express my concerns to the right people? And does ODFW take into consideration what the public's wishes are?

Respectfully,

Jacob Holverson

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Reeder Beach RV Park <info@reederbeach.com>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 12:44 PM
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Cc: Kristen Cook SI Cove; Bob Reeder
Subject: Concerns Regarding Sauvie Island Parking Permit Sales
Categories: Wildlife, Dir Off

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Reeder Beach RV Park & Country Store

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Dear ODFW Employees & Commission Members,

My name is Dione Burchell, I have managed Reeder Beach RV Park & Country Store for the past 21 years.

On behalf of the following parking permit vendors: Reeder Beach RV Park & Country Store and the Island Cove Market located on Sauvie Island. I am writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed transition to the Electronic Licensing System for Sauvie Island parking permit sales.

As small businesses, the transition to the ELS presents a significant burden for us. The current vendor fee of \$2 has remained unchanged for over a decade, and the prospect of reducing the vendor fee to \$1 per permit sold, through the ELS is financially unfeasible for us. This transition would require us to dedicate more resources while receiving less compensation, especially considering the fast-paced nature of our businesses during the summer months. Notably, the staffing constraints at Island Cove Market make it impractical to sell permits using the proposed ELS. With the current credit card processing fees, the

vendor compensation would be .12¢ for selling an annual parking pass and .64¢ cents for selling a daily parking permit. Currently we receive \$1.12 for selling an annual and \$1.64 for selling a daily permit, if the customer is paying with a credit card. This compensation is already extremely low.

Furthermore, the impact of the ODFW public beaches on our businesses goes beyond revenue generation. The massive influx of summer visitors leads to various disruptions, including illegal fires on the beaches, wildfires, littering, criminal activities, property damage, power outages, drunk driving, traffic congestion and motor vehicle accidents, which strains both local resources and emergency response capabilities. The business owners and residents have been impacted by this for decades. I personally, was struck by an impaired driver in 2008 on Sauvie Island. The individual had been drinking at the public beaches the entire day. Thankfully, myself and my passenger were not badly injured. I am just one story, there are countless others including an ODFW employee being struck by an impaired driver, fences being destroyed repeatedly and more. Some of you may not be familiar with the island. There is one way on and off via the Wapato Bridge located on the Southern end. The public beaches are all located on the North-Eastern side which means, visitors travel almost the entire length, impacting the majority of the island.

Additionally, we are deeply concerned about the allocation of parking permit revenue generated by our businesses and others on the island. The fact that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife directs this revenue into the general fund without direct allocation back to the island is unacceptable. This practice overlooks the challenges and disruptions faced by the residents and businesses on Sauvie Island due to the public beaches. While ODFW profits and thrives from the parking permit sales and beach use, sadly the residents and businesses of Sauvie Island do not.

In light of these concerns, I urge for a reconsideration of the proposed changes to the parking permit system. While we will be opting-out of being a vendor through the ELS, it is our hope that a constructive solution can be reached to address the challenges we face as businesses and residents of Sauvie Island. Not only for our quality of life but for our loyal customers that rely on us to purchase permits.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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July 18, 2024

Director and Commission
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
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RE: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Wildlife Management Areas.

The purpose of this letter is to share Oregon Wild Sheep Foundation's (OR WSF) concern and interest for consistent management of the Department's Wildlife Management areas where bighorn sheep (BHS) occur.

Pro-active BHS management is critical to disease-free wild sheep populations. The most significant threat facing BHS in Oregon and throughout the West is pathogen transmission from contact with domestic sheep and goats, often leading to disease outbreaks. The effects on BHS populations can take several forms, including acute all-age die off events, high mortality rates in lambs for decades, and chronic or sporadic adult mortality. Pathogens associated with the respiratory disease complex are spread among inter-connected BHS populations over a period of years, resulting in mortality in multiple populations, over time. Overall, respiratory disease will chronically limit BHS numbers and distribution.

Multiple BHS populations within Oregon have experienced high rates of mortality due to pneumonia outbreaks. Together, we are actively monitoring an ongoing disease event as we write this letter. The origin of these outbreaks has been documented as strains of *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (Movi) transmitted by domestic sheep and/or goat. Many of these populations have not recovered, and are currently limited by low lamb survival, primarily due to persistent pneumonia-caused mortality. Pathogen transmission to BHS is controlled by maintaining spatial and temporal separation between BHS and domestic sheep and/or goats.

ODFW, working closely with OR WSF, WSF and other partners, has been actively managing and investing in the state's BHS population. ODFW has worked with OR WSF to proactively identify those State

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Wildlife Management Areas where BHS populations and habitat occurs to develop regulations to protect BHS population from Movi carried by domestic sheep and goats.

In reviewing the 2024 Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulations, OR WSF has identified several corrections and adjustments that we believe should be made. We suggest that the wording should read: Presence of domestic sheep and goats is prohibited at all times. Change it from: Use of domestic pack goats is prohibited at all times. We suggest this wording change because of the grazing/squatting issue that occurred in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area (HCNRA) over the past several years. The Forest Service closed the HCNRA to domestic sheep and goat grazing/use to protect the BHS populations.

The State Wildlife Management Areas with BHS herds, or potential for presence of bighorn, and where OR WSF believes this wording needs to be adjusted include:

- Lower Deschutes
- Phillip W. Schneider
- Bridge Creek
- Wenaha
- Riverside
- Summer Lake

In addition, the wording should be added for Little Sheep Wildlife Area and the new Minam River Wildlife Area.

The Oregon Chapter of The Wild Sheep Foundation is an organization committed to the health and management of bighorn sheep and rocky mountain goats in Oregon. We partner with ODFW and federal land management agencies on the management of wild sheep and goat populations. Over the last 5 years our financial commitment has exceeded \$100,000 per year and our volunteers annually spend hundreds of hours on projects designed to benefit wild sheep and goats.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Kevin Martin
President, OR WSF

CC: WSF, CTUIR, CTWIR, NPT, OHA

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Boyd Follett <bkfollett@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2024 7:07 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Suggestion for Hunt boundary adjustment.

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I am a property owner and we have a Century Ranch operation in the area where I am asking for your consideration. I personally have been operating the ranch for the last 33 years. We are in the interface area between ag lands and timber lands that break off into the Minam River drainage. We have worked with ODFW when needed to haze elk and of course the propane cannons that have limited effectiveness. What seems to help the most is when there is an actual removal of lead cows. In order to do that I am asking for us to be included in the General Season Elk damage hunts when needed. As it stands now we are outside that boundary.

My suggestion would be to modify the hunt boundary for the General Season Elk damage hunt for the Grande Ronde Valley. Presently the boundary excludes a large section of agricultural land east of Hindman Road. It is not unusual to have 100 plus head of elk in this area at different times. Adjusting the boundary would give landowners an option of being able to harvest animals when needed.

Following are two different options for doing this. I am not sure what the criteria is for giving the directions but I am trying to follow what is already utilized.

Option 1

West on Hwy 82 to Minam River Road, South on Minam River Road to the bridge, then SW to Clarks Creek Road and then down Clarks Creek to Dutton Road. After that the description for the hunt boundary would continue as presently written.

Option 2

West on Hwy 82 to Pine Grove Loop Road, South on Pine Grove Loop to Follett Road South on Follett Road to end of road, West to Roulett Loop South on Roulet Loop to Hindman Road to Clarks Creek then down Clarks Creek to Dutton Road. After that the description for the hunt boundary would continue as presently written.

Thank you for considering the suggestion.

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Kirc Mattinen <kircmattinen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 10:50 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Fwd: Camp Creek Travel Managment

Categories: Field Staff

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Hello I wanted to forward as far as my complaint has gotten. Please fix this. The decisions that were made were poor decisions.

Thanks Kirc Mattinen

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From: Kirc Mattinen <kircmattinen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 10:42:19 AM
To: TORLAND Ryan E * ODFW <Ryan.E.Torland@odfw.oregon.gov>
Cc: Hollowell, Dustin -FS <dustin.hollowell@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Camp Creek Travel Managment

I want you and everyone else to be aware. People driving where they weren't supposed to was already a major problem. There was no enforcement so everyone did what they wanted to do. I called OSP multiple years prior to the season to express my concerns and it had zero effect. They do not have the man power to patrol. Now you open a road right through the middle of the road closure where it's back in the middle of nowhere and people are definitely going to do whatever they want to do. Basically the rd. Closure does not exist anymore. What needs to happen is put the rd. Closure back to the way it was before install gates close and lock them on the day the rd. Closure goes into effect. Otherwise everyone is wasting their time and the taxpayers money. All you have is a pretty little map to show someone that your protecting wildlife but nothing is any different.

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From: TORLAND Ryan E * ODFW <Ryan.E.Torland@odfw.oregon.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 10:14:44 AM
To: Kirc Mattinen <kircmattinen@gmail.com>
Cc: Hollowell, Dustin -FS <dustin.hollowell@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Camp Creek Travel Managment

First, let me say that I do agree that closing roads is of benefit to wildlife. The original proposal was to just change the dates to include archery season and not change which roads were open. However, during the public comment process it became clear that we would not get the proposal through without agreeing to open some additional road. We had to make a compromise to get it through which meant opening additional roads—but in a way that still keeps the majority of roads closing during a longer time frame. This is what we were able to negotiate and we felt it was worth the tradeoff.

I recognize that this compromise was not going to be well received by all but believe that overall, this scenario provided the largest benefit for big game. At this time, the department is not planning to move forward with reclosing the roads but as with all big game regulation proposals, you may provide testimony to the commission on this matter. You can send an email to odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov and/or sign up to testify remotely or in person at the Sept. 13 meeting in The Dalles. Once the meeting agenda is posted, you will be able to sign up to testify, it should be posted no later than 10 days before the meeting at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>

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From: Kirc Mattinen <kircmattinen@gmail.com>
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To: TORLAND Ryan E * ODFW <Ryan.E.Torland@odfw.oregon.gov>
Cc: Timko, Erich G <Erich.Timko@osp.oregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Camp Creek Travel Managment

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How do I convince someone to change things back to the way they were? We have 4 generations of family that hunts that rd. Closure Probablly over 100 years combined and not one of us received an invitation to a public comment process. You did not mention the effects the wolves have on the elk population in the National Forest as well. I'm sorry but none of that adds up or makes any sense to me.

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From: Kirc Mattinen <kircmattinen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:40:26 PM
To: TORLAND Ryan E * ODFW <Ryan.E.Torland@odfw.oregon.gov>
Cc: Timko, Erich G <Erich.Timko@osp.oregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Camp Creek Travel Managment

Opening more roads is going to run the elk out even more how does that decision make any sense as well? There has to be other reasons to come upon this decision because none of that makes any sense to me at all

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From: Kirc Mattinen <kircmattinen@gmail.com>
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To: TORLAND Ryan E * ODFW <Ryan.E.Torland@odfw.oregon.gov>
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Subject: Re: Camp Creek Travel Managment

The bow hunters have plenty of other places to choose to hunt in Northside they don't need to choose to hunt in the one and only square of the unit. That road closure has been in tact for over 30 years. That doesn't make sense. If there not prepared to be able to get there meat out they shouldn't be hunting. I have harvested plenty of mule deer during rifle season in the rd. Closure in 80 degree weather in October

and was able to hang them in a tree and pack them out on my back just fine. That's part of hunting be prepared. Again at the time my sons were 7&9 years old and able to help doing that.

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From: TORLAND Ryan E * ODFW <Ryan.E.Torland@odfw.oregon.gov>
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Subject: RE: Camp Creek Travel Management

Kirc,
We did open up some additional road but it was not because of enforcement reasons. In 2023 we changed the closer dates to include archery season. During the public comment process we received a lot of push back from archers about the closure. They felt that there was not enough access and they could not get animals out without spoiling during the warmer time period that archery season occurs. So we felt we had to make concessions to get them to go along with the closure. We also felt it was important enough to do because we were seeing increasing archery hunt pressure and elk were moving off national forest lands. The goal was to keep more elk on the forest and available for public hunters. We were fully aware of that some rifle hunter liked the closure and took advantage large block of closed road but we felt the benefits if having the closure during archery season was more important than the detracton of having those roads open. However, we do have flexibility to consider other options in future years.

As far as enforcement I would encourage you to continue to report violations. I have CC'ed OSP Sargent Erich Timco on the this email so he is aware of your concerns. We prioritize TMA enforcement and we think it is extremely important to make the TMA function. Hunter reporting is an essential way to help with enforcement and we respond to complaints as often as possible. Please continue to report.

The 2024 maps should be posted on the web fairly soon. The printed maps are currently at the printer and should be available by the first of August, or thereabouts.

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From: Kirc Mattinen <kircmattinen@gmail.com>
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To: TORLAND Ryan E * ODFW <Ryan.E.Torland@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Camp Creek Travel Management

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Hello Ryan!

I had some questions and also a complaint. My grandfather, My father, myself, and now my sons have all hunted the Camp Creek Travel management area. Since the 90's I have hunted it myself and look forward to it every single fall. I have taught my kids how to pack in so we could enjoy the effort it takes to enjoy such an area. Over the years which has recently gotten worse people **blatantly ignore** the rules and drive in there anyways. I have made numerous complaints to OSP with no

results. Now after teaching my sons how to do things right the way I was taught someone decides we're going to open up half of the roads. Why is this? Because nobody wants to enforce it? The people who do things right and put in the extra effort are getting punished for doing things right. My kids were packing there camps in on their backs in that Rd. Closure since they were 7&9 years old. So where are we now? I'm disgusted. I have 30 years of effort learning that country and generations of my family following the rules and here we are. Also there is not a 2024 updates map available. Give me some positive insight please? There used to be a good chunk of country we could pack into and hunt and now rds. Are opened up going right through the middle of it.

Thanks Kirc Mattinen
Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Dennis Adams <DennisAdams@mail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:26 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW

Categories: ASD, Licensing, Wildlife

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Dear Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Dennis, and I am writing to express my views regarding the distribution of big game tags in our state. Specifically, I would like to propose a change for the 2025 season, suggesting the transfer of some of the big game auction tags to the big game raffle system.

I recently became aware of a significant change implemented by the Arizona Fish and Game Department, where they decided to remove their big game auction tags in favor of a raffle system. This move has been well-received by the hunting community, as it promotes greater inclusivity and fairness, ensuring that all hunters, regardless of their financial status, have an equitable opportunity to participate in the hunting experience.

Transitioning some of Oregon's big game auction tags to the raffle system would provide similar benefits. It would democratize the process, allowing a broader segment of our hunting community to access these coveted tags. This change could enhance public perception of our wildlife management practices, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility for our natural resources. Based on the 2024 raffle sales and its upward trajectory, the financial impacts would be minimal at most.

The raffle system has proven to be effective in other states as well as Oregon, not only in terms of fairness but also in generating substantial revenue for conservation and wildlife management programs. By adopting a similar approach, Oregon could balance financial objectives with equitable access, maintaining robust support for our conservation efforts while promoting inclusivity.

I urge the Commission to consider this proposal for the 2025 hunting season. A reduction in auction tags could be initiated to evaluate the impacts and reception of this change, providing valuable insights into its feasibility and effectiveness.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of Oregon leading by example in promoting equitable access and conservation through innovative wildlife management strategies.

Sincerely,

Dennis Adams

Arizona Voted to Ban Auction Tags. What Does that Mean for Conservation? Travis Hall, published March 19, 2024
<https://www.fieldandstream.com/conservation/arizona-bans-auction-tags/>

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Laura Nova <tlnnova@yahoo.com>
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To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Re: Hunting tags for people over 70

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Sent from my iPad

> On Jun 12, 2024, at 9:28 AM, Laura Nova <tlnnova@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Sent from my ipad. My name is Tony Nova I'm emailing you with a suggestion I'm 73 years old and haven't got a deer tag for 4 years (have 5 points). I realize I put in for a difficult to draw tag Murders Creek but been hunting there for over 30 years. It changed with less tags issued but in that time fellow hunters have gotten it with no points and last year one person in our party got it with second choice they only had 1 point. This doesn't seem right I had at the time 4 points and it was my first choice. I think the state should take into account age how many more years do we have to hunt. Also how we over 70 hunt we can't beat the brush like we could 20 years ago so we are going to take a lot fewer animals. I'm a Pioneer hunter which I do appreciate the state has this program! I just wish you that you would consider making it easier for us over 70 to go hunting it would also bring more funds into the state and do believe not as many animals taken. I hope you will consider what I have written!!!

Thank You Tony Nova

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Dundon <jwdundon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 4, 2024 8:17 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: REAL Issues for odfw

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Categories: Wildlife

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My name is John Dundon, a Forth generation oregonian. My great-grandfather came to Oregon in 1865. I kind of know the history of the state a little bit.

What I have noticed in my short 45 year life, is the more the government regulates and the more money the government charges, the worse the hunting opportunities and success rates become.

I spend a great deal of time in the Oregon Forest from the Cascades to The snake River. From Mount Hood. Down to Klamath Falls.

When you go for a road trip in eastern Oregon, the only place you will find deer next to the road, are next to houses where they can't be poached. (You don't need a 20 million dollar research study to realize this). Deer or elk out in RURAL areas are non existent.... Obviously, They have all been poached, or killed by predators.

Oregon has TOO many poachers, TOO MANY WOLVES, (Yes, they are a lot worse than you admit). TOO many cougars, TOO many bears. WAY TOO MUCH doe/Cow tags.

Dad told me in the 1960s you could drive for 1 hour ANYWHERE in the Cascades and in the cars headlights you would see 100+ deer per hour. (No spotlight). Since I was old enough to drive 1990s, I make that same drive, I MIGHT SEE 1 deer. -- how many do you see? Sure isn't 100 per hour!

You raise the prices, so more and more hunters stop buying tags and just go hunt! They kill as many as they want, NOT the limit of 1 buck.

Make hunting simple again. 1 tag, for 1 buck for the state. (Any legal hunting weapon).

1 bull elk for the state. With enough season, hunters Can Fill their tag.

One other change, allow the "Indians", to hunt year round, BUT, they can't use modern rifles and spotlights, they use traditional RECURVE BOWS. In the day light, as their "traditional ancestors" hunted.

These deer and elk are NOT YOUR PROPERTY. (They are NOT the kings deer). They belong to the people of Oregon. YOUR JOB is to manage them, and keep the herds healthy and strong. Your doing a lousy job, every beaucrat in charge would be fired if held by "private corporate standards".

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Casey Husk <caseylhusk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:26 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Excessive fees

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Categories: Licensing

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Good evening,

My name is Casey Husk. I am a Firefighter/paramedic in NE Oregon. I have been a hunter for the past 20 years in the state of Oregon.

I am writing tonight to raise issue with the department's aggressive use of fines.

I purchase a sports pack every year. This year, I drew a spring bear tag. That tag is supposed to be paid for by my sports pack fee. I went into my account tonight to print my tag out for the hunt I will be going on later this month and was forced to pay a \$25 late fee for not printing it before the season started.

How was I late paying for my tag? I already won the controlled hunt and had a sports pack? Aka, I had already purchased the bear tag. Why was I forced to pay an additional \$25 for the pleasure of printing it?

I understand that you are trying to prevent people from killing animals and then buying the tag, but it seems a bit trite to fine hunters for not assigning their bear tag before an early season hunt. This has happened to me and several people I know several times over the years.

It seems like an unfair tax on hunters. We already pay massive amounts to participate in this lifestyle and ODFW is making it less appealing by the year.

Please consider getting rid of these ridiculous fines.

Respectfully,

Casey Husk

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Ben Stickney <ben.demilo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:20 PM
To: Rep Nelson; ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Prohibition of Predator Control Measures

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Dear ODFW,

I am writing in as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's has proposed a rule to prohibit predator control on the National Wildlife Refuge System. Refuges are home to thousands of wildlife and fish species, including many iconic and beloved native carnivores like wolves, bears, coyotes, cougars, foxes and bobcats who depend on these refuges for survival. If this proposed rule is finalized, these species would be saved from senseless slaughter and would have the protections they deserve and need to survive. I strongly urge the ODFW to follow suit and adopt new rules to protect endangered predators.

Predator "control" programs are often the cause of severe pain and cruelty for animals. Individuals, states and even the federal government conduct predator control operations ostensibly to grow deer, elk or other prey populations or to protect domestic livestock. Neither of these goals are satisfactory or supported by sound science, say a myriad of conservation biologists. In addition, many predator control methods are plain cruelty. Animals caught in traps will struggle mightily to escape and cause severe damage to their bodies, including broken legs, digit amputation, or loss of teeth.

The proposed federal rule, and any similar rule that may be adopted in Oregon, would help provide a science-based approach for managing wildlife in addition to supporting conservation and giving wildlife refuge managers better tools to address the complicated threats of climate change and biodiversity loss. I urge you to pursue wildlife protections to limit animal cruelty and respect the important role predators play in wildland management.

Signed,

Ben Stickney, 97217

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Victor Dorschel <victor.occ@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Deer rifle season

Categories: Wildlife

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Hello, I'm a hunter and live in Jackson County, I am wondering why rifle deer season was moved to be into the middle of the heavy rut? It seems like a huge oversight that is clearly going to result in a massive increase in success and decrease in the black tail population. With wolves entering the landscape and spreading out through Western Oregon and with Eastern Oregon being on draw, this season date change does not make any sense to me at all. What's the desired outcome of this? Is it going to continue?

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Brad Chewning <bdchew1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 1:11 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Bow and Gun Control Hunts

Categories: Wildlife

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Hi my name is Brad Chewning and I am 62yrs old. I started late on buying control hunts and the 1 hunt that I would love to get some year before I am to old to hunt is 2561 Wenaha Unit Bow -Bull Elk. So I only have 12points and I know there is a 25% chance but almost impossible. So I feel you should start a new pool for people over 55 Or 60 yrs old so maybe they have a better chance at there dream hunt before they can't hunt anymore. Please tell me what you think of this and my I/D # 11754 and also you could call me at 971-237-8069
Thanks Brad Chewning

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Dear Folks of the ODF&W Commission,

March 1, 2024

I am writing to express my opinion regarding what I would consider a degradation of the hunting experience in Oregon as I have seen and witnessed over the past 20+ years.

I have been hunting ever since my introduction to the "sport" as a juvenile at the age of 12, while growing up in northern California. I am now 78 years of age. I hunted in California with my family for a number of years until leaving for college in Oregon. After college came the military service and eventually I resettled in Alaska, working as a surveyor in the woods and wilds of that glorious state. 34 years ago I moved with my family to Oregon and have resided here ever since. I have been a hunter for 50 years as an adult, both in Alaska and in Oregon.

While in Alaska I experienced and witnessed the Commission of another state that had miscalculated and misunderstood the ramifications of decisions they had made regarding the hunting and fishing regulations within their purview. It was most unfortunate and inexplicable that this could happen in modern times. Decisions such as harvesting bull moose at 50" or larger antler spread or spikes. The result of which led to fewer bulls than could support the breeding of the herd, and eventually a necessary closure of "ALL" hunting in the area.

Fishing stocks of streams and tributaries also suffered when the regulators failed to assess the impacts of the "el nino" climate change, leaving coastal rivers open to all comers to fish and deplete the stalks of steel head that resided there.

This is all to say that sometimes we make mistakes, and I am here to say that Oregon Fish and Wildlife has made mistakes in the game management arena that has depleted our resources and changed the outcomes for a large portion of our hunting populace.

I believe there are three main causal factors that have changed/altered the dynamics of the hunting experience. Please note that I hunt public lands as I do not have the funding to do otherwise or the circle of acquaintances that would allow my presence on private lands. I list those causal factors as: 1) Too lengthy of an archery hunting season, along with the wide open hunting tag availability, and 2) the lack of any accounting for the global warming and what that has done to the habitat, water sources, and congregation of animals in response to said impacts as well as the human reactions to said impacts, and 3) The impacts of OHV's upon the hunting experience and the movement of animals in response.

Now, let me go into a little more depth in my comments. Many years ago, as the compound bow came into the marketplace, hunters realized that instead of waiting for a preconceived time table to get a tag for their Unit of choice, they could now bow hunt almost every year, and any place. Hoards of people, including myself, decided to change their methods. Gee wiz, I could hunt in warmer weather, which I and my horses would appreciate, and I could be out there nearly every year for a lengthier period of time. Unfortunately, as I realized after a few years, the elk herds were no longer sizeable but had become groupings of 5-10 animals instead of 30 or more. And that the hunting pressure upon these groupings had become incessant, not short term. I am of the age now, and physical condition, that I can no longer do the archery hunt. Going back into the field in November I find the herds still small and strewn about the countryside.

I decided to write this letter because of my interaction with some Cowboys when I had returned to one of my old haunts, as I reminisced about hunting in this arena/unit. What I witnessed was a

huge degradation of the hunting experience because there just weren't any animals in the area. This was a deer hunt in the Ochoco's. What I learned from talking with the cowboys was that when the archery season began, the deer herds, and "yes" they were herds, all left for the private lands and the desert country. Since the archery season stretched to nearly a week before deer season these herds had not returned. Now I understand that this comment is based upon hearsay, but I would think that the ODF&W would have the wherewithal to explore this happenstance.

I see no reason that the archery hunt should be extended for such a lengthy time. I believe they already have the advantage of hunting during the elk's mating season. Since modern technology allows us to reasonably anticipate the start of the rut cycle I would think the archery season should be adapted to same and only stretch for two weeks. This would allow time for each hunting unit to return to some sense of normality.

Now I wish to comment about the impacts of our weather systems and the reaction of both the government entities and the ranchers that utilize grazing rights on the public lands upon which we hunt. Oregon has been entrenched in a period of drought, nearly statewide for many years. Unfortunately I doubt that the ranchers quota for herd count has changed one iota during this time, even though the habitat may not support that number.

I have personally witnessed that many of the springs that were in evidence 20-30 years ago are no longer supported or maintained. Springs often had been developed with pipelines and water tanks to accommodate the ranchers herd and also served as wildlife sources for water. The livestock can now often be found within, near and upon the drainage corridors as they seek the lush grasses and the convenience of water nearby or in easy reach. These waterways are being destroyed and those that are still flowing have the smell of a septic system as the cattle defecate and urinate within the drainage or nearby. The deer and elk are not there any longer.

Lastly, I have also witnessed on multiple occasions the total disregard for vehicle closure areas within the National forests. I have no problem with vehicular use for the purpose of retrieving downed game, but I find abhorrent the use of OHV's for a hunting pedestal while I'm afoot or on horseback as the game management unit dictates. I realize that you are very limited in your policing of these regulations, but it isn't hard to find the tracks that bypass gates and to merely be there on occasion during the early days of each unit opening.

I would ask that you engage the forest managers in a collaborative effort to research these last two comments and why you are at it talk about the dispersed camping that is supposed to maintain distances from any waterway or water source. We need to preserve the habitat for our furry friends and create an environment that suits all the heart beats out there.

Thank you for taking the time to read these comments and consider what they mean to our future management of the wildlife and their habitat.

Sincerely, Pat Marquis, Hunting license number 462034

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Pat Marquis <pnrmarquis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:06 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Cc: pnrmarquis@gmail.com
Subject: Degradation of the Hunting experience in Oregon
Attachments: ODFW ltr of 3-1-24.docx

Categories: Field Staff, Wildlife

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Dear Sirs,

For several years I have viewed what I would call "a degradation of the hunting experience on public lands in Oregon". The hunting experience is just not what it once was 20-30 years ago. What has happened?

I am responding to that question with a letter attached to this email. I hope you will read it and reflect on its message. And I hope you would enter it into the public record.

I'm sure the agency has its own concerns and I hopefully believe this situation will someday turn around. I just wanted to present another view from a participants perspective.

Thank you for listening.

Best Regards, Pat Marquis

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Blue Tigerlily <jjc075@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 9:28 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Cc: alettamannix@gmail.com
Subject: For the Public Record

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Categories: Wildlife

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To whom it may concern:

I would like my opposition to the current cougar management plan and legality of cougar hunting to be heard.

If we continue to kill cougars and leave orphaned kittens and unstable territories, the number of attacks on humans will increase. Studies have shown that heavy hunting of cougars can lead to increased incidents of complaints and attacks on livestock and humans. This is contrary to the expectation that hunting reduces such conflicts. The removal of adult cougars often results in younger, less experienced cougars entering the area, who are more likely to have dangerous encounters with humans and livestock. In areas with high levels of cougar hunting, there have been more attacks on livestock and people compared to areas with low hunting levels. This indicates that hunting exacerbates the problem it's intended to solve

Looking at California, a state without sport hunting of cougars, provides an interesting comparison. The state has similar cougar densities and rates of attacks on livestock compared to other states that allow cougar hunting. In fact, California, despite having a large population and significant human activity in cougar habitats, reports fewer conflicts. This demonstrates that sport hunting of cougars is not an effective tool for managing cougar populations or mitigating human-cougar conflicts.

The ethical considerations surrounding cougar hunting are significant, especially when considering the effects on cougar family dynamics and population structure. The removal of adult cougars, leading to orphaned young who lack the skills to identify appropriate prey and navigate their territory, raises serious ethical questions about wildlife management practices, especially those that involve the killing of mothers and the potential sale of kittens on the black market. The truth will come to light eventually. Any society that systematically murders members of a keystone species exists under a veil of collective self-hatred. Cougars have demonstrated their adaptability and we know they will survive no matter what. It is more a matter of how many humans, livestock, and pets are going to die because of flawed and inhumane policies. It is time for a change.

Regards,
Jessica Church

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Brett Farman <brettfarman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 1:34 PM
To: ODFW WildlifelInfo * ODFW
Subject: Suggestions for controlled hunt point system

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Hi, there. I was not sure who to contact about possible suggestions for the controlled hunt draw system, or even if the agency is open to considering modifications to the existing system. I have been talking with friends, and we had some ideas that we thought might be worth considering.

The issue:

I am sure you are well aware of the "point creep" issue as more and more people build points because of limited premium tag availability. My hunting partner and I have been saving elk point for 12 years, and have recently realized that we essentially have very low odds of drawing our preferred hunt (Mill Creek) before we are too old to hunt the area effectively. When we started saving points, it seemed like it was within reach, and without point creep, we would likely be drawing in the next year or two, but now it seems unlikely that we'd draw within the next 6-7 years.

The ultra premium hunts are essentially out of reach for anyone to draw even once in a lifetime now. With a 22 year wait (assuming no point creep) - a youth hunter today would not be able to draw the tag until they are almost 40! And with point creep, I would anticipate they wouldn't even be close to drawing until they are almost 50!

With the current system, people like me don't really realize that their point saving is unlikely to ever get them to reach their target hunt until they've saved for many years already. Then, we get stuck with the tough decision of trying keep saving, knowing that their dream hunt is probably never going to be within reach, or burning all their points on a lesser hunt because so few hunts are available between the points that require 12 - 20+ points. Of course, not all of the options are within the region which we are familiar or able to travel to easily.

Potential Ideas to give hunters more flexibility:

- **Point spending** - Allow applicants to "spend" a designated number of points on a hunt application in any year (i.e. if you have 10 points, you could spend 6, and save 4 for the following year)
 - This would open many more options for hunters without feeling like they are "wasting points"
 - Allows people to budget their points to get the most value over multiple years instead of waiting on a single "all or nothing" hunt
 - Still allows those willing to save for premium hunts to continue doing that

- **Point Donation**

- Allow hunters to donate points to any other hunter of their choosing. Like point spending, allow people to choose the point donation amount.
- Would allow parents or grandparents to gift points to a child or relative that may otherwise not have the chance to do a quality hunt
 - Could increase young hunter recruitment if new hunters have quality opportunities with better success rates
- Would allow people to donate to charitable causes - terminally ill patients with dreams of that premium hunt
- Would allow any older hunter who discovers they are just not able to hunt the way they like to benefit a hunter who may not have the age to have saved points

I think both of these ideas would address "point creep" over time as those saving points decide to either spend or donate points, and thus drop them down in their point total. While it would not immediately drop the points needed for premium hunts, it would likely drop as more people decide they would rather do a few years of "good" hunts instead of saving for the improbably top tier hunt draw or donate them to those aspiring to a premium hunt.

I fully recognize that this won't necessarily increase tag sales since they are limited enough that most (all?) are sold every year anyway, but think it would increase hunter interest and potentially help recruit new hunters who have mentors or relatives willing to donate points. It also allows mentors to choose hunts (by point spending) to offer decent opportunities rather than saving points, and introducing new hunters to only general seasons or other lower success hunts, which may not encourage future interest.

Based on discussions with other hunting friends, most were very enthusiastic about this as potential solution. They all felt that it opened quite a few more opportunities, and allowed a lot more flexibility to make choices that better suit their needs from year to year. We never know when health issues or other life changes may come that may limit our ability to participate in those extreme hunts, and this would allow people to have more flexibility and make choices.

I think the premium hunts should still be a difficult draw that requires dedication and persistence, but when they are out of reach for most people to even consider as an option, it is definitely something that discourages and dissuades people from trying. I think these ideas would still allow people to choose to prioritize and save for those premium hunts, and would still be a difficult draw, but would likely lower the points enough over time that people would see them as within reach. They are so far out of reach now, I think a lot of people aren't even willing to try.

As a side note, looking at tag draw statistics, it appears that more and more people are essentially giving up, as I see more people with large point savings (15+) points putting in for hunts that require very few points to draw (<4 point hunts). While this certainly happens by mistake sometimes, or people just not caring, based on the increasing trend, I assume many of these are disappointed hunters giving up on their dream, and maybe getting completely discouraged by the system.

I know these are major changes, and would likely require much internal discussion and there are likely other considerations, but hope these might be something the agency is willing to pursue, or maybe have other ideas of how to address this. As an older hunter with the advantage of having saved points, and now realizing my hunt target is still a long way off, I can't imagine a young hunter looking at these knowing he may have to

sacrifice almost all of his prime hunting years to even have a shot at a premium hunt. Thanks for your consideration!

Brett

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: FW: Spring bear hunts

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From: Eric Wright <eric.wright8778@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 3:31 PM
To: ODFW Info * ODFW <odfw.info@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Spring bear hunts

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Sent from my iPhone I would like to comment on the spring bear hunt in pine creek keating Catherine creek. As a pioneer with 1 preference point I wasn't even able to draw a spring bear tag which is ridiculous, of 485 tags issued I hunt nearly each year for about 14 days, I rarely see more than 8 vehicles hunting pine creek unit, most being on weekends. I don't know where these 485 hunters are hunting, but certainly not around me in the pine creek unit which doesn't do anything for predator management in this unit, there are so many bears here and on the increase, I suggest odfw could triple the spring bear tags and it would still have little effect managing the bears as snow limits most of the hunting, rendering it impossible to travel in most of the units. My suggestion is to triple the tags issued, and even more importantly, break pine creek, keating, and Catherine creek up for spring bear hunts and issue more tags and give hunters more opportunity to help control the bear populations, which could only help reduce predation on elk and deer births. I read an old article by a biologist several years back stating bears kill 90 percent of newborn elk calves and newborn deer, I suspect that still remains so. Please include my comments in public record for when odfw meets this summer to discuss hunt regulations. Thank you

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Shelley Nelson <brshnelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2024 11:55 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Alarming Low Deer Numbers

Categories: Wildlife

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To whom it concerns,

I am very concerned about the deer herds in Oregon. I have been hunting in Oregon for 40 years and I have never seen the numbers this low for deer. It is to the point where it is not worth buying a tag anymore. Everyone that I know has the same opinion, that the number one problem is the out of control predator numbers. I saw more cougar sign while hunting last year than I have in the last twenty years combined.

If something is not done to lower the predator numbers immediately, there will not be enough deer and elk to hunt in the near future. I have several friends that won't waste there time hunting in Oregon anymore and just go out of state.

Please help with this problem!

Concerned Hunter

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: B T <boytoyhere@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2024 9:29 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Archery hunting regulations

Categories: Wildlife

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I feel that limiting archery hunters to a single unit for hunting is wrong. Some people don't live close to the unit we like to hunt, so using vacation is the only way to accomplish the travel time. This, in turn may limit our opportunity to a week or less. I feel that your rules are too restrictive! Especially for the cost of license, tag, and travel expense. Your regulations suck! At the least, you could allow two units per tag. Or allow a 100 series drawing tag to also include the western general season.

I'm also sure that my opinion will fall on deaf ears. ODFW will do what they want regardless of hunter opinion. My poor attitude is felt by many, I'm sure. Take a survey if you don't believe me.

From: James Nash <6branchoutfitters@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 5:19 PM

To: ODFW Commission * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>

Subject: Moose

Commissioner,

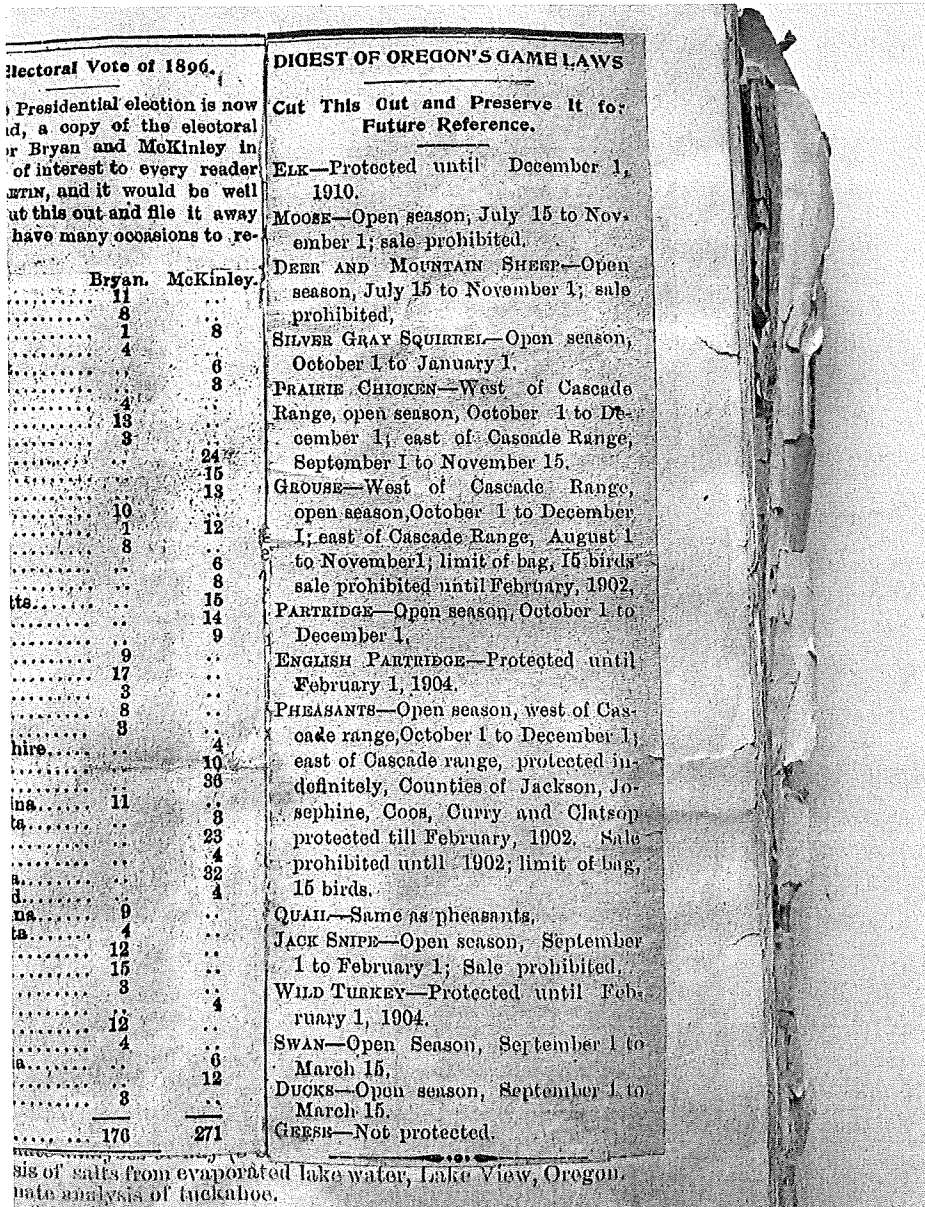
Why doesn't Oregon have a moose recovery plan? And why does ODFW continue to claim moose are not native. They show up in archeological digs and were in the hunting regulations in 1901 at the peak of market hunting.

If we don't take action soon, the moose we do have aren't likely to survive long.

What's to be done here?

James Nash

6 Ranch Outfitters



BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: JOSH NELSON <joshnelly2324@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 11:16 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Attn Wildlife Commission

Categories: Wildlife

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Dear ODFW Commission,

I just wanted to voice my concern about the additional 4,500 tribal deer tags that are being issued. My family is of native heritage and I believe that deer should not be hunted with high powered rifles that will shoot a 1,000 yards when they are most vulnerable during the rut. This in my opinion is not hunting, it's just slaughtering. The deer herd is already significantly declining due to the predator population (especially cougars) being out of control. This past hunting season was shocking the number of cougars and cougar sign that we saw near Brownsville, OR. An enormous difference from even last year. I believe this additional harvest would not be sustainable. I'm afraid our blacktail deer are going to be in the same situation as the mule deer before we know it. In my opinion the mule deer are at a point of no return. Several sportsmen I know are moving or choosing to hunt out of this state due to the way our wildlife is managed. I have a 4 year old son and I'm afraid he will not ever get the opportunity to hunt deer and elk in Oregon if something is not done immediately. If these additional tags are issued I urge you to please consider an increased focus on predator management to help the balance that we desperately need.

If you have taken the time to read this please know how much I appreciate your time and any action you can take to help with this matter.

Thank you,

Joshua Nelson and many other concerned sportsmen in this state.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: J S <motomx44@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:53 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Odfw concerns

Categories: Field Staff, Wildlife

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Management of the Heppner unit needs attention. 3000 hunters for deer rifle is crazy. 1500 for archery is also way over hunted! Other units need number adjustments for the amount of hunters per unit size/amount of animals.

Also why cannot the point system be changed so if a person wants to only use one point or ten points to apply for a hunt we can. Using all of someones points for a unit that only needs 2 points is a waste!! Please consider a new point system like this.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: sweepmanster@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2024 9:54 AM
To: ODFW WildlifelInfo * ODFW
Subject: Lack of wild life in the forest's, and over abundance of wildlife in the public communities

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It is obvious to me and so many other Oregonians, that the ODFW is failing miserably at managing our greatest resources. Prices of tags and licenses skyrocketing, while the opportunities drastically in decline. The lack of sturgeon capable of spawning. The seals and sea lions out of control! Have you ever heard of seal bombs? Hunting with Dogs needs to be legal again. The seals and sea lions in the rivers needs to be hunted down. Don't hunt predators in the national parks, don't hunt seals and sea lions in the Oceans. Stop salmon fishing for a five year cycle! Stop hunting for a bout the same amount of time.

STOP BEING A REVENUE ENGINE !!!

And start being a real fish and wild life Management dept for the good of fish and wild life!!! We absolutely don't need wolves every where! What are you thinking??? You are directly responsible for the slaughter of elk out of Gearhart Oregon and the over abundance of elk and dear in the communities and not in the forest. Your responsible for the elk chasing children, the property damage in down town areas because you are allowing the massive over population of predators.

IT DOES NOT TAKE A SCIENTIST TO SEE WHATS GOING ON !!!

PLEASE GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER !

PLEASE !

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Raines <560with112xs@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2024 10:36 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Tribal tags are like premium tags
Attachments: Screenshot_20240114_101034_Gallery.jpg

Categories: Habitat, Wildlife, Dir Off

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Dear commissioners,

My name is John Raines, and I spoke at the Jan. 12th commission meeting last week on the subject of tribal tags. I know this is probably falling on deaf ears, but on my drive home to Southern Oregon, I thought of another way to hopefully get you to see how bad this is. ODFW gives out 1 premium deer tag for each GMU in the state. These are supposed to be PREMIUM TAGS, and they are. Thousands of people apply for these tags, and hope they get one in their lifetime. Unfortunately most of us will go our entire life without drawing a premium tag, but we will still send our money to you, and continue to hope.

By issuing the tribal tags the way you have, you have now given EVERY ELIGIBLE TRIBAL MEMBER 3 PREMIUM DEER TAGS for the following GMU'S:

Siuslaw, Tioga, Melrose, Sixes, Powers, Evans Creek, Rogue, Dixon, and Indigo. Also approximately half of the following GMU'S:

Applegate, Chetco, Alsea, McKenzie.

This is really a disaster of protecting our wildlife. Protect is the 2nd word in your slogan, so please do your duty, and change this. I think a good compromise if you want to subsidize the tribal members, would be to give each eligible member 1 deer tag, to be used during whatever General Season they choose, and with the weapon of that general season, whether it be rifle, or bow. Tags should not be allowed outside of the general Archery, or Rifle season.

I'm also confused on why you didn't ask your local District Biologists responsible for the above GMU'S. I would ask you to reach out to them and see what they think of your decision to allow these tags to be issued. I sincerely hope you give this serious thought and conversation, along with thorough research on how bad this could end up.

Thank you for your time.

John Raines

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jesse Smith <jsmith5805@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 7:08 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Big game in Oregon on a huge decline we need help!!!

Categories: Field Staff, Wildlife

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Decline of the elk and deer population is hurting our resources. The commission is to step up and start doing their job. Resident Hunter spend plenty of money for the commission to make decisions based on quality and quantity of the hunt. The unlimited tags in the saddle Mountain unit for elk bow season is hurting our population. The amount of nonresident tags given out over the counter in the saddle Mountain season is way too many. The fact in Saddle Mountain season is not a draw for elk, and all the other tags are is forcing extra hunters to be in the saddle Mountain unit Please help we need to get this right before it's too late.

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Levi Justis <levijustis98@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 6:25 PM
To: ODFW WildlifelInfo * ODFW
Subject: Problems and Ideas for change

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Good evening, my name is levi justis i have had a couple of problems and have a few questions, Bow hunter have become a severe problem for us bird hunters i have suffered harassment from them i have had rocks thrown at me from tires along with being verbally assaulted and chased off the mountain for hunting birds this is a severe problem another problem hunters are having is public lands being illegally closed to the public access from Roseburg forest products

I was also wondering why bow hunters have two deer seasons instead of one deer season or why turning bow season into a short ranged weapon season and have the best times to harvest a deer while rifle hunters get the worst times of the year i believe a simple solution for the equal opportunity for all deer hunters is to have a single deer season that gives all hunters a equal and fair advantage to get a deer i dont understand why this could not be established or has not been considered

Sincerely

Concerned Oregon hunters

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: FW: Hunters and Fishermen over

From: Michael A. Harris <mekong152@99w.us>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 11:14 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Hunters and Fishermen over

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Hello,

First, allow me to Thank all of you Commissioners for your dedicated serve to our wonderful state of Oregon!

My parents moved to Oregon from Washington after my father was discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard after the end of WWII. We ended up in North Bend for few years. Then Dad and Grandpa built houses on property east of Coos Bay. My brother and I grew up there.

I would like to propose something that has been on my mind for a few years now. I am presently 75 years of age and still very active in golf, hunting and fishing. My concern is with our older generation of hunters and fishermen having to apply for Controlled Hunt tags at our age. We do not have many years left and our lottery drawings often comes back "Unsuccessful".

My proposal is that ODFW consider this issue and perhaps make a ruling where hunters and fishermen 65 or 70 years of age would be allowed to be exempt from the Controlled Hunt drawings and be able to hunt where they desire during their last few years.

I realize this brings up a lot of immediate questions and concerns, but these hunters and fishermen deserve a break as they do not have much longer to enjoy these recreational pursuits.

On a personal note: I volunteered for service in the Navy and on riverboats in Vietnam. I joined in June 1967 and was honorably discharged in March 1971. My tour dates in Vietnam are listed below. Soon after arriving I wrote a letter to then Secretary of State Clay Myers asking if he could send me an Oregon flag to fly on my boat. He agreed and I still have his letter:

Clay Myers
SECRETARY OF STATE



SALEM, OREGON

October 14, 1968

Michael A. Harris R/5N USN
ATC 152-1
River Assault Squadron 15
APO San Francisco, California - 96601

Dear Michael:

We will be very proud to have our Oregon State flag flown from your boat and are pleased to tell you that it is in the mail today.

Our flags are purchased out of a special trust fund provided by private individuals and organizations to permit the Secretary of State to furnish flags to Oregon servicemen.

We feel they are truly gifts from the "people" of our state and sincerely hope that once yours is displayed on your boat, home and family won't seem quite so far away from the "rivers of the Mekong Delta."

If time permits you to write, we would appreciate hearing from you and knowing that the flag has reached you in good condition.

May God watch over you, Michael, and return you safely to your loved ones in Coos Bay.

Sincerely,

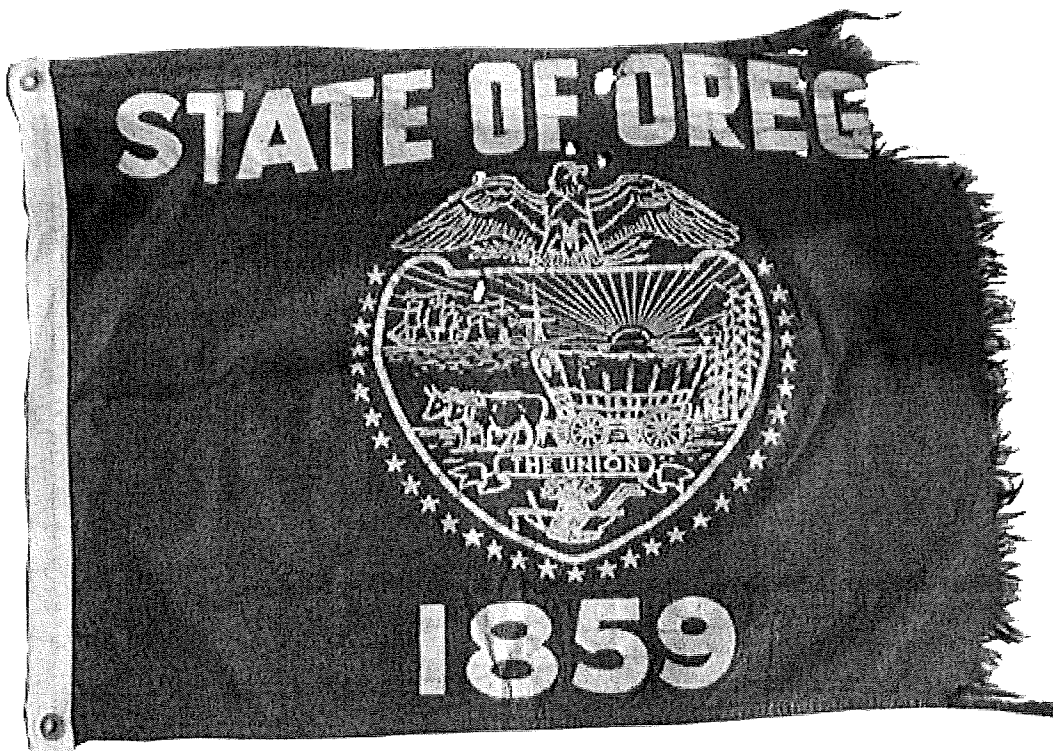
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clay Myers".

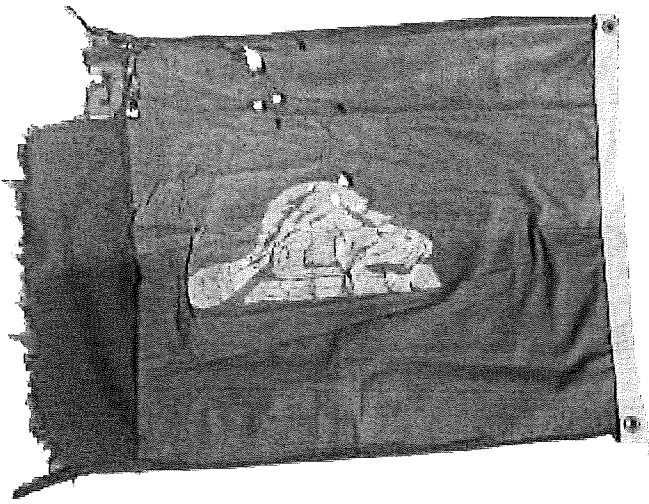
Clay Myers
Secretary of State

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The Beaver did not fare well as he took more than one hit:







Thank you on advance for your consideration in this matter!

Warm Regards,

Michael A. Harris (RM2)
Mobile Riverine Force (Task Force 117)
River Assault Squadron 15
River Assault Division 152
Boat: T-152-1
Republic of Vietnam 7/68 to 7/69

Naval Communications Station, Guam
9/69 to 3/71

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