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Dear Sport Group Leader,

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board and ODFW Big Game Programs are now accepting applications for sponsors of our 2026 Big Game Auction Tags.

| Auction Hunt | Hunts Avail. | 2026 Hunt Dates | Hunt Area |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Statewide Deer and Elk Combination | 1 | Aug 1 – Nov 30 | Statewide except for specific area closures |
| Statewide Deer | 4 | Aug 1 – Nov 30 | Statewide except for specific area closures |
| Statewide Elk | 4 | Aug 1 – Nov 30 | Statewide except for specific area closures |
| Pronghorn Antelope | 1 | Aug 1 – Nov 30 | Anywhere there is an authorized pronghorn antelope season and tags in 2026 |
| Bighorn Sheep | 1 | Aug 1 – Nov 30 | Anywhere there is an authorized bighorn sheep season and tags in 2026 |
| Rocky Mountain Goat | 1 | Aug 1 – Nov 30 | Anywhere there is an authorized Rocky Mountain goat season and tags in 2026 |

If you would like to sponsor an auction tag at your organization's 2026 fundraising event, please complete the enclosed application form. Please note that federal 501(c)(3) status certification and verification of insurance are required for all applicants.

Auction hunt sponsorship requests must be received by June 1, 2025, to be considered. Applicants for deer and elk tags are encouraged to attend the A&H Board meeting held **July 15, 2025**, at ODFW HQ in Salem where the tags will be allocated. Sponsors of pronghorn, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat tags will be determined by ODFW staff before **June 30, 2025**.

Sponsoring organizations receive ten percent of the auction hunt sale price. Ninety percent is returned to the Department and is used to fund habitat improvement, hunter access projects, and research and management for pronghorn, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat.

Please feel free to contact us directly with questions concerning the Oregon Big Game Auction Hunt Program.

Sincerely,

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Organization Objectives/Goals:

Applicant Requirements – To be considered for selection, applicants must confirm that they meet each requirement by checking the respective box.

Applicant must:

- Provide organization and facilities to conduct a live or online auction between **December 1, 2025 and May 31, 2026.**
- Provide staff and equipment to accept phone and/or online bids for the live auction.
- Advertise the auction where feasible, including organization publications.
- Provide up to 3 ODFW/A&H representatives with a ticket to the auction at the Government per diem rate if a meal is part of the event. (\$29.50 for most of Oregon)
- Allow members of the public to access the big game tag auction portion of the event in person, online or via telephone (free of charge, if so requested).
- Have space available (minimum 5’) for ODFW/A&H information exhibit, free of charge.
- Sponsoring organization is a not-for-profit organization in accordance with IRS statutes 501(c)(3).
- Provide certificate of insurance for the term of agreement showing compliance with:
 - a) Commercial General Liability, with a combined single limit, or the equivalent of \$1,000,000 each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
 - b) Worker’s Compensation, as required by ORS 656

Applicant Recommendations – Preference will generally be given to organizations that meet the following criteria. Please check each box that applies:

- Auction proceeds retained by sponsoring organization (up to 10% of sale price) will be spent in a manner that benefits Oregon hunters or wildlife through access or habitat improvements.
- Sponsoring organization based in the state of Oregon or is a national chapter of an organization with membership in Oregon.
- For deer and elk tags: Applicant will be represented (in person or via telephone) at July A&H Board Meeting.

3) Describe the specific efforts your organization will make to promote, market, and advertise the auction tag:

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Radio/TV | Newsletter | Website |
| Newspaper/magazine ad | Mailings/flyers | Sportsman's shows/expos |
| Press Release | Email | Posters |

Other methods/additional information:

4) Describe the opportunities for ODFW/A&H to participate in the promotion and sale of the auction tag both prior to and during the event:

Contributions to Oregon's Wildlife and Hunters

5) Quantify your organization's contributions to big game, game birds, or hunter access **in Oregon** during the previous three years:

| Funding Type | Value |
|---|--------------|
| Cash Contributions..... | _____ |
| In-kind contributions: <i>volunteer contribution = \$20/hr.</i> | _____ |
| Match Funding: <i>Include all partner cash and in-kind</i> | _____ |
| Total Contribution..... | _____ |
| Total # of Projects..... | _____ |

6) Describe specific activities tag proceeds retained by your organization would support:

7) Additional information that you would like to be considered (optional):

Application Procedures:

All applications must be received at address listed below by **June 1, 2025**

Deer and Elk auction tag sponsorship will be determined by the Access and Habitat Board during their **July 15, 2025** meeting in Salem. Applicants are encouraged to attend the meeting or call in; contact the A&H Coordinator at number listed below for details.

* The Board will select alternate applicants to sponsor either a deer or elk auction tag if a selected organization is unable to hold an auction event.

Pronghorn, Rocky Mountain Goat, and Bighorn Sheep auction tag sponsorship will be determined by ODFW staff before **June 30, 2025** contact Don Whittaker at the number listed below for details.

Scheduling Notes:

- 1) Two tags for the same species will not be auctioned on the same day.
- 2) No three tags will be auctioned on the same day
- 3) ODFW will notify applicants of schedule conflicts within two business days of the application due date. Applicants will have three business days to submit an application for a different auction event (i.e. different chapter), or select an alternate date, if they so choose.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Name: _____ Title: _____

For further information on the Oregon Big Game Auction Program or instructions on completing the application contact appropriate ODFW staff listed above.

For Deer and Elk Auction Tags

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