



Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026
Salem, Oregon

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Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

<u>A&H Board</u>	<u>ODFW Staff</u>	<u>Public</u>
Amy Patrick, Chair	Travis Schultz	Joe Moade, A&H Northwest Regional Council
Ron Borisch, Landowner Rep	Derek Broman	Candy Yow, Blacktail Deer Foundation
John Dehler III, Landowner Rep	Michael Hochspeier	Corbin Murphy, BLM
Morgan Olson, Hunter Rep	Brian Wolfer	Trevor Cassidy, Weyerhaeuser
Truman Stone, Hunter Rep	Debbie Colbert, Director	Edith Knight, Mason, Bruce and Girad Inc. for Avery Family Forest
Jeff McNerney, Landowner Rep (Virtual)	<u>Regional Coordinators</u>	John Davis- Green Diamond Oregon Timberland LLC (Virtual)
Absent:	Jessica Wilkes	
Nic Callero, Hunter Rep	David Stroppel	
Lieutenant Craig Heuberger	Jon Paustian	
	Landon Hardt (Virtual)	
	Ryan Battleson (Virtual)	

Meeting

On Monday, January 12, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Chair Amy Patrick opened the meeting.

Board Member Reports

John Dehler III, Landowner Representative

Update from the Crook County SWCD, we are working on a bunch of Juniper cuts in the area. Crooked River Watershed Council are doing a new round of testing in the watershed with their partners. The council is trying to identify pollution sources and places that need work to improve water quality. On a personal note, we are knee deep in our own NRCS contracts, trying to get as much done on the ground as we can until it snows and stops us.

Truman Stone, Hunter Representative

While out deer hunting in the Keating unit, I only saw two deer, but lots of elk. Then, in the same spot to go elk hunting I saw exactly one elk but nine bucks, four of which were bigger than any buck I had ever seen or shot before. Interestingly, I did see a radio collared doe in the herd with a nice buck. Other than that, I had some minor surgery in December, doing good now and happy to be here.

1 Ron Borisch, Landowner Representative

2 The atmospheric river that hit the northwest really took a toll on our company's roads. Part of our
3 mainline that accesses thousands of acres slid out, down onto the North Fork Santiam road and
4 partially blocked the road for a week. This will limit access to our property until it can be fixed.
5 The deer hunting was a little rough for success till the last week. Hunters did very well in the elk
6 season, several really nice bulls that were taken. Overall, everybody had a good time except.

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8 Morgan Olson, Hunter Representative

9 The Union-Wallowa OHA chapter is in the process of planning our banquet for April 4 this year.
10 Year-end results for the Wallowa Mountains - Hells Canyon Trails Association: we hit the 2,000 tree
11 mark before the end of the year and we've already cut the first tree out of the trail for 2026. We found
12 a philanthropist that's going to match donated funds, three-to-one. This continues funding for trail
13 maintenance in the Wallow Mountains and Hells Canyon areas. The Trail Association is about two-
14 thirds of the way there, so if you have the extra money you want to kick in, it is a 3 to 1 match. Grand
15 Ronde Watershed Council, right now we're working on project approvals and getting things lined up
16 for the next build-out this spring. Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, we're starting to work on chapter
17 plans and goals for 2026. Conditions in northeastern Oregon; we have had a wet fall, and elk are
18 really dispersed, it has been really good for the deer and elk. The lack of snow in November did
19 impact some folks' elk hunt, lowering their success. The elk can be anywhere from the valley floor to
20 8,000 feet. Duck hunting has been great in the Grande Ronde valley, chukar hunting been good. Nice
21 easy weather for bird and deer hunters.

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23 Jeff McNerney, Landowner Representative

24 Not a lot to report from the landowner perspective in the Mid-Columbia area at this time. Lack of
25 snow is allowing quite a lot of pruning of cherries, pears and blueberries. Along with that, the usual
26 elk-orchard conflicts we get during heavy snow winters is not occurring as we assume the elk are
27 foraging in the forested areas. I did hear some negative comments from a couple of Hood unit deer
28 hunters in regards to their fall controlled buck hunt last October. They normally hunt Green Diamond
29 forest ground with good success. Apparently, this past fall Green Diamond allowed a cattle grazing
30 permit on some land in the Hood Unit which hadn't been done in the past. Both a regular season and
31 late season tag holder felt the presence of cattle impacted/reduced the number of deer in the areas
32 with deciduous browse species that the deer like. That is why I posed the question in regard to cattle
33 grazing on Green Diamond lands at the meeting. We are spending dollars generated by hunters for
34 A&H projects. I just want to make sure we're diligent in taking care of hunters first.

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36 Amy Patrick, Chair

37 Many of you already know, I am now stepping out on my own as an independent lobbyist. I will still
38 be representing OHA, but as a client rather than as an employee. That doesn't change a lot of what I
39 will be doing. I will still be at the Capitol for the next three days during legislative days. We will still
40 be pushing for the bill to try and secure additional funding for ODFW, specifically for the SWAP,
41 wolf depredation compensation, and invasive species. Which almost got passed last session, and we
42 are bringing it back in this session. There are also rumors that some of the main firearm's bills will
43 return this session, though I think in the fiscal landscape there's low probability for them to pass.
44 There is potential for a bill sponsored by Senators McLean and Broadman that would address corner
45 crossings, we are waiting on the language. In other news, Ron and I compared photos of elk herds,
46 and I'm happy to report that the Silver Falls herd showed back up in mid-December at full strength,
47 which is the first time we've seen it at this size for quite a while.

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2 **Meeting Minutes Review**

3 October 21, 2025

4 John Dehler identified a correction on the October meeting minutes, Line 14-16 John reported on a
5 OHA pheasant hunt, not ODFW.
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7 After discussion Morgan moved to approve the meeting minutes with corrections and allowing for
8 additional edits for grammar and punctuation. The motion was seconded by Borisch. The motion was
9 approved unanimously with six (6) in favor Borisch, Dehler, McNerney, Olson and Stone.
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11 The minutes files are located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the following link:
12 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/Draft%20Oct%202025%20AH%20Meeting%20Minutes_web.pdf
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16 **Public Comments**

17 No public comments were received on the program. Candy Yow introduced herself to the Board as
18 the new regional Mule Deer Foundation and Blacktail Deer Foundation director.
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21 **Access & Habitat A&H Coordinator Reports**

22 Travis Schultz reported on the following:

23 Travis reviewed upcoming projects, obligations, and account balances. The NRCS VPA funding
24 opportunity has been delayed due to the federal shutdown, which has also impacted project timelines.
25 Final reporting for Oregon’s VPA grant is underway. The department is developing federal grant
26 policies and moving toward implementing a digital grant management system.
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28 **Budget**

29 A&H Budget Report

30 Travis Schultz presented the A&H budget to the Board. The budget files are located in the Board
31 packet materials and can be viewed at the following link:
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33 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/January%202012%20Budget%20web.pdf>
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35 No motion required.
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38 **ODFW Director’s Update**

39 The ODFW Director welcomed the Board members, noting excitement over starting 2026 with a full
40 Fish and Wildlife Commission for the first time in two years. The department is in good financial
41 shape but remains cautious due to federal funding uncertainties. In an effort to boost both awareness
42 of and funding for the A&H program, the commission is partnering with Oregon’s major sport shows
43 and launching a new beer called “Sport Show Lager,” with proceeds supporting the Access & Habitat
44 program. A similar successful fundraising initiative with Jamba Juice for wildlife conservation was
45 also highlighted. The upcoming legislative session’s key item is the proposed 1% for Wildlife bill,
46 which would allocate additional funds to at-risk species. Potentially generating \$30 million annually.
47 The meeting emphasized the challenges and opportunities in securing landowner cooperation to
48 preserve access, especially in Eastern Oregon, and highlighted ongoing communication

1 improvements, including a push for better public understanding of how programs are funded.
2 Additional topics included modernizing customer service and the department's website to meet
3 changing user needs, maintaining and decentralizing statewide presence. Comprehensive wolf
4 management efforts include conflict resolution, population modeling, and potential federal delisting
5 impacts.

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8 **Service Award Amy Patrick**

9 Director Debbie Colbert and A&H Coordinator Travis Schultz

10 Debbie & Travis present Amy with an A&H engraved water bottle and a framed, signed plaque in
11 recognition of her eight years of service on the A&H Board.

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14 **Auction Protocol & Sign-up**

15 There are eight auctions and the big game raffle drawing that need to have A&H representation.
16 Each event listed in the 2026 Auction Events Signup generally needs two representatives, as a
17 reminder ODFW staff will also be present at each event. The Big Game Raffle drawing will be
18 conducted in house at ODFW Headquarters following the controlled hunts seed number drawing.
19 This will ensure the best possible video and audio for our viewing audience. Please select those
20 events you wish to attend; any remaining open events will be covered by A&H Program staff. The
21 raffle drawing is the only event that requires both A&H Representatives.

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23 Discussion followed from board on auction protocol, no motion required.

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26 **OSP Enforcement Update**

27 Lieutenant Craig Heuberger was unable to present due to illness. The report was postponed to a later
28 meeting.

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31 **Project Review:**

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33 Travis Schultz A&H Coordinator

34 Budget Item for Required Insurance

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36 Provide compensation to landowners for the required insurance for Access & Habitat (A&H)
37 projects by creating an administrative budget item of \$3,000 per year for three years. This
38 proposal offers \$100 for initial insurance consultation and covers added insured costs for small
39 landowners (<\$35K access payment) to reduce participation barriers.

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41 Truman Stone moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Morgan
42 Olson. The motion was approved unanimously with six (6) in favor: Borisch, Dehler, Olson,
43 McNerney, Patrick, and Stone.

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45 GDRC Travel Management Area

46 Jessica Wilkes Deschutes-Klamath Regional Council

47 Kasey Johnson Klamath Regional Habitat Biologist

48 John Davis- Green Diamond Oregon Timberland LLC GDOT - Virtual

1 This project will ensure continued hunter access to 601,685 acres of industrial timberland in
2 south-central Oregon for three years at a cost of \$180,505.63 per year. The Green Diamond
3 TMA will provide year-round welcome to hunt access for three years. Green Diamond lands
4 include highly valuable terrestrial and aquatic habitats. The TMA is highly utilized by hunters,
5 anglers, wildlife watchers and other outdoor recreationists. This project only covers the access
6 payment to the landowner, the enforcement portion is covered by the OSP Enforcement Project
7 that the Board approved at the January meeting last year. This project is a high priority for the
8 department.

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10 Morgan Olson moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ron Borish.
11 The motion was approved unanimously with six (6) in favor: Borisch, Dehler, McNerney, Olson,
12 Patrick, and Stone.

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14 The GDRC Travel Management Area project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and
15 can be viewed at the following link:

16 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/2026-01_GreenDiamond_App_web.pdf

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18 Bear Creek Access Area

19 Jon Paustian Northeast Regional Council

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21 This project continues the Bear Creek Access Area by paying \$2.40/acre for "Welcome to Hunt"
22 access to 10,092 acres of private land in the Minam Wildlife Management Unit for a period of 3
23 years to hunt big game and upland game birds. The project will also conduct habitat
24 improvement by continuing a noxious weed control program, implementing forest health
25 prescriptions, improving habitat connectivity through the removal of detrimental interior fencing,
26 and working with Bonneville Power Administration to restore 5 miles of stream along Bear
27 Creek and Little Bear Creek.

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29 Morgan Olson moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Truman
30 Stone. The motion was approved unanimously with six (6) in favor: Borisch, Dehler, McNerney,
31 Olson, Patrick, and Stone.

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33 The project Bear Creek Access Area proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be
34 viewed at the following link:

35 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/Bear%20Creek%20Access%20Area%202026.pdf>

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39 Iron Mountain Access Area

40 Jon Paustian Northeast Regional Council

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42 The Iron Mountain Access Area will continue to provide "Welcome to Hunt" access on 3,342
43 acres of private land in the Lookout Mountain Wildlife Management Unit for a period of five
44 years to hunt big game and upland game birds. The access payment is \$2.40 per acre per year.
45 Additionally, the access area also provides the only access point to 4,215 acres of otherwise
46 inaccessible public lands.

1 Morgan Olson moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by John Dehler.
2 The motion was approved unanimously with six (6) in favor: Borisch, Dehler, McNerney, Olson,
3 Patrick, and Stone.

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5 The Iron Mountain Access Area project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be
6 viewed at the following link:

7 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/index.asp>

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9 Virtue Flat Access Area

10 Jon Paustian Northeast Regional Council

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12 This project provides an access payment of \$2.00 per acre for "Welcome to Hunt" access on
13 7,087 acres of private land in the Lookout Mountain Wildlife Management Unit for a period of
14 five years to hunt big game and upland game birds. The access area improves access to adjacent
15 Access and Habitat program lands; Troy Ranches and 10,848 acres of BLM lands.

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17 Truman Stone moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ron Borisch.
18 The motion was approved unanimously with six (6) in favor: Borisch, Dehler, McNerney, Olson,
19 Patrick, and Stone.

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21 The Virtue Flat Access Area project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be
22 viewed at the following link:

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24 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/Virtue%20Flat%20V1%202026.pdf>

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27 Pine Creek Ranch Access Area

28 Landon Hardt Malheur Regional Council

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30 This project provides "Welcome to Hunt" access in the Malheur River Wildlife Management Unit
31 near Drewsey, OR and has done so since 2011. The project provides a payment of \$2.40 per
32 acre for 12,104 acres of access for five years. The access period is from August 1 to March 1
33 each year. The Pine Creek is composed of aspen stands, conifer forest, juniper, mountain shrub,
34 and meadow habitats. The access area provides hunting opportunities for big game, turkey and
35 predators.

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37 Morgan Olson moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by John Dehler.
38 The motion was approved unanimously with six (6) in favor: Borisch, Dehler, McNerney, Olson,
39 Patrick, and Stone.

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41 The Pine Creek Ranch Access Area project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can
42 be viewed at the following link:

43 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/2026-
44 05%20Pine%20Creek%20Access%20Area%20web.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/2026-05%20Pine%20Creek%20Access%20Area%20web.pdf)

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47 Mackenzie Access Area

48 Landon Hardt Malheur Regional Council

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2 The Mackenzie Ranch has been enrolled in the Access and Habitat program since 2006. The
3 project provides 11,209 acres of Welcome to Hunt access on the east side of the Owyhee River
4 just northwest of Jordan Valley. The access project provides a payment of \$2.40 per acre for
5 five years. The access period each year runs from August 1 to March 1. Please note the
6 applications have the wrong end date, it should be 2031, not 2032.

7 The access area is composed of rocky outcroppings, juniper stringers, desert seeps, shrub steppe
8 and grasslands. The access area receives heavy use from hunters pursuing deer, elk, pronghorn,
9 bighorn sheep, predators, and upland game birds.

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11 Morgan Olson moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ron Borisch.
12 The motion was approved with Five (5) in favor: Borisch, McNerney, Olson, Patrick, and Stone; One
13 (1) opposed Dehler.

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15 The Mackenzie Access Area project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be
16 viewed at the following link:

17 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/2026-06%20Mackenzie%20Access%20Area%20web.pdf>

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20 Upper Molalla Meadows Restoration
21 David Stoppel Northwest Regional Council
22 Corbin Murphy BLM Wildlife Biologist
23 Candy Yow Mule Deer & Blacktail Deer Foundation Oregon Director

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27 The Blacktail Deer Foundation will restore headwater mountain meadows within the Upper
28 Molalla watershed on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cascades Field District managed
29 lands. The treatments will focus on improving forest resilience and watershed health. The work
30 will target habitat improvement for black-tailed deer, but all species that utilize early seral
31 stage/open meadow habitat types will benefit. The meadows include diverse plant and wildlife
32 communities that are of high ecological importance. The targeted meadows are recognized for
33 their high ecological value and are a priority for restoration to maintain biodiversity and
34 ecosystem resilience.

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36 Morgan Olson moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by John Dehler.
37 The motion was approved unanimously with Five (5) in favor: Dehler, McNerney, Olson, Patrick,
38 and Stone. Ron Borisch needed to excuse himself from voting due to work relationship with BLM.

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40 The Upper Molalla Meadows Restoration project proposal is located in the Board packet materials
41 and can be viewed at the following link:

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43 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/2026-07%20Upper%20Molalla%20Meadows%20Restoration_web.pdf

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46 Thomas Creek Access Area
47 David Stoppel Northwest Regional Council
48 Trevor Cassidy, Weyerhaeuser

1 Edith Knight, Mason, Bruce and Girad Inc. consultant for Avery Family Forest

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3 This project provides public access to Avery and Weyerhaeuser lands to approximately 47,694
4 acres of privately owned commercial timberlands for a period of three years. Motorized access
5 during IFPL 1 or lower from September 1st - December 15th. Walk-in access IFPL 2 and 3.
6 Closed access to all during IFPL 4. This project provides recreational opportunities for the public
7 versus the landowners creating fee permit access or lease areas. The access plan provides a
8 longer access period over the other TMAs. Additionally, the project will synchronize access
9 across the westside paid access properties simplifying enforcement by Linn County Sheriff
10 and Oregon State Police.

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12 Morgan Olson moved to approve the project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Truman
13 Stone. The motion was approved unanimously with Five (5) in favor: Dehler, Borisch, Olson,
14 Patrick, and Stone. Jeff McNerney had to leave the meeting.

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17 The Thomas Creek Access Area project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be
18 viewed at the following link:

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20 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2026/January/2026-08%20Thomas%20Creek%20Public%20Access_Web.pdf
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24 **Regional Coordinators Reports**

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26 **Southwest Regional Coordinator Report**

27 Ryan Battleson

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29 Been busy with preparations for the upcoming committee meeting in February and a few challenges,
30 such as losing three ranches from the New River Access program due to insurance requirements and
31 economics, but maintaining hope for future partnerships. Territorial Youth Deer Hunt saw moderate
32 success among youth participants. Updates were provided on Jackson TMA access payments,
33 boundary changes, and positive feedback from new cooperators, as well as ongoing contract
34 negotiations for the Rogue River Preserve and Mountcrest Forest. Pursuing new project leads in
35 several counties and preparing proposals to expand hunting and habitat opportunities. Additional
36 activities include partnership-building through grant applications and outreach, such as career talks in
37 schools and OHA presentations, emphasizing the importance of habitat restoration and stewardship
38 projects, like fencing upgrades around the Big Butte Springs Municipal Watershed to protect water
39 quality for the City of Medford.

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41 **Malheur Region**

42 Landon Hardt

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44 Since our last meeting, we reallocated \$100,000 in Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) funds from
45 Trout Creeks sagebrush planting to juniper cuts that are being made on the north end of the Steens
46 Mtn. unit. We're exploring using OSU students for planting, with juniper cutting as a less-favored
47 backup for the north end of the Steens Mountain unit, which will still benefit wildlife. A key concern
48 for the region is Steens access, in early December, Lee Foster (Wildlife District Biologist) and I met

1 with Alvord Access Area landowner Paul Davis, additional landowners, OSP, BLM, and Our State
2 Representative Mike Owens. They are leveraging the A&H access project to highlight deer declines
3 they largely attribute to cougars. Paul has plans to take these concerns to the Commission via public
4 comment, and we are developing a cougar target-area proposal within policy constraints. Other A&H
5 items we discussed but are not pursuing at this time are potential access project. We submitted an
6 OHA grant application for Highway 20 signage to alert drivers to migrating deer and support the
7 mandatory CWD check station in Riley. On district duties, we captured and collared 21 bighorn
8 sheep, 14 in the Pueblo Mountains (declining), 5 on South Catlow Rim, and 2 in Fish Creek. I will
9 travel to McDermitt after this meeting to continue assisting with Tenmile and Rattlesnake herd
10 captures as part of ongoing test-and-removal work.

11 **Northwest Regional Coordinator Report**

12 David Stroppel

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15 Since our last meeting, I onboarded two new landowner reps and put them right to work. We met
16 twice to get to know each other, verify my roster, share information about our budget and the farm
17 bill, talk about upcoming projects, and vote on two projects you reviewed and voted on today. The
18 council is very active and likes to meet often to keep up to date and discuss things. Next month, I
19 have an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Committee meeting where I represent ODFW. We meet
20 three times a year and produce a report on what each agency and university is working on. Topics
21 include rats at U of O, chemicals other agencies use, and for my part, aquatic invasive species
22 stations, CWD testing, zebra mussels, and more. I also coordinate OSP cooperative enforcement
23 meetings that cover enforcement priorities, like making sure OSP swings through E Wilson during
24 pheasant season and monitoring trout stocking activities. Intern season is coming up. I'll receive the
25 applicant list at the end of the month, interview in February, and bring interns on in the summer for
26 about 10 weeks. I've been doing habitat work, mowing, discing, and spring projects on wildlife areas
27 and about 15 private land projects in the valley. Unfortunately, our interns can't apply chemicals due
28 to HR rules, which is a change from the past, but that's the way it is and will impact what we can
29 accomplish.

30 **Deschutes-Klamath Regional Coordinator Report**

31 Jessica Wilkes

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34 As you guys know, I've been in a job rotation for the last year and a half and leaving the Deschutes
35 Klamath Regional Coordinator position vacant, but as of January 1, I'm back. I'm looking forward to
36 being able to invest some more time into the program and breathe some life back into it in the
37 Deschutes Klamath region. This past fall, we had our first mountain goat harvested in the high
38 Cascades near Three Finger Jack. We co-manage that population with the Warm Springs Indian
39 Reservation, and so for 2025 ODFW had a tag; 2026 the Warm Springs will have a tag and we'll
40 alternate. The state auction tag holder also chose to hunt there and harvested a mountain goat just shy
41 of the state record, which was pretty exciting. We were excited leading up to the hunt to talk with the
42 hunters and then having them come into the office with their successful Billy Goat. I hear that we'll
43 be hosting the next two meetings this year. I'm looking forward to putting that on. I guess April will
44 be in The Dalles, and then maybe in the fall will be in Klamath. I think the plan in The Dalles is we
45 will go on Mike Davis's property at Tygh Ridge area and see how his drone reseeding has gone. I've
46 reached out to Mike, and he's excited. I'm assuming we'll go on Green Diamond for the other
47 meeting.
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1 **Northeast Regional Coordinator Report**

2 Jon Paustian

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4 Advantage of going last, most has been covered, I'd echo Ryan that land use is dominating the
5 landscape right now. How to potentially navigate landowner requests for improving mule deer
6 populations and predator dynamics. I'm evaluating wind, solar, and a transmission line seeking
7 winter range variances, case by case. We're told to find ways not to say no, but sometimes the answer
8 is no, especially in winter range. That's tough for early career staff. When you are talking about deer,
9 people are passionate, but their proposed solutions may not solve them. Science shows that the
10 declining deer population is rarely due to one cause, generally; nutrition, disease, road kill, and
11 predation, among others. Still going through a forest plan revision in the Blue Mountains. We are
12 harping on the US Forest Service constantly about the need for working lands, we want to see
13 livestock on the landscape and timber managed. We want to see those things but there has to be some
14 assurances that will ensure deer and elk are able to use their summer range. County wolf plans are
15 coming in from Wallowa, the outcome of it is uncertain. Back to A&H, it takes a ton of effort to build
16 relationships with private landowners and get them engaged in the program. I've got five A&H
17 renewals, maybe six with Foster Ranch, and I'm hopeful farm bill funds return for landscape-level
18 work.

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21 The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm by Amy Patrick.

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