The Landowner Preference (LOP) program allows the landowner and eligible applicants to hunt on the landowners’ registered property if all the procedures below are followed.

- The landowner MUST register the property on the ODFW Landowner Preference Property Registration Form.
- Only one representative landowner or stockholder of a corporation or Limited Liability Company (LLC), or representative partner of a partnership may register.
- The landowner must fill out and send in the Landowner Tag Distribution Form for each hunt series type, listing ALL applicants (including the landowner, if hunting). An ODFW ID Number MUST be provided for each hunter.
- Each applicant listed (including the landowner, if hunting) MUST purchase a Controlled Hunt Application for each hunt series, and select LOP choice (#6) with the hunt number that corresponds to the Landowner Tag Distribution Form. Follow the instructions in the Big Game Regulations, and meet the prescribed deadlines.

**HUNTING AREA ALLOWED with LOP TAG(S) – (OAR 635-075-0010)**

- A landowner preference tag authorizes the recipient to hunt only on those lands owned by the landowner, and meeting the minimum acreage requirements for that hunt, during the season dates for which the tag is valid, except as provided for in OAR 635-075-0010 (4) and (5).
- Landowner hunting preference tags are valid on the landowner’s property in other controlled hunt areas provided that species, bag limits, and season dates are the same, and the landowner's property in that area either:
  (a) Meets the minimum acreage requirements for that hunt; or
  (b) Is contiguous to other property owned by the landowner that, if added together, would meet the minimum acreage requirements for that hunt.
- A landowner receiving a landowner preference controlled buck deer hunt or controlled elk hunt tag may not hunt in any other controlled or general buck deer or elk season, except as provided in OAR division 090.

**NOTE:** If you hunt outside the boundaries of the registered property you no longer have a legal valid tag to hunt.

**LANDOWNER DEFINED:**

1. A person holding title in trust or fee simple to 40 or more contiguous acres of land, provided that a recorded deed or contract of ownership is on file in the county in which the land is located.
2. A corporation or Limited Liability Company (LLC) holding title fee simple to 40 or more contiguous acres of land, provided however, that the corporation or LLC is registered with the State of Oregon.
3. A partnership holding title in fee simple to 40 or more contiguous acres of land.
4. Persons who hold title as part of a TIME-SHARE ARE NOT eligible for landowner preference.

**ELIGIBLE HUNTS:** include all deer and elk controlled hunts occurring on a landowner’s registered property. Pronghorn antelope hunts with an either-sex or a one-doe/fawn bag limit occurring on a landowner’s registered property are also eligible. The pronghorn antelope hunts are available only to the registered landowner, or stockholder, or partner, and their immediate family members. If an applicant is successful in receiving a LOP pronghorn antelope tag for a hunt with an either-sex bag limit, the LOP tag is automatically issued with a bag limit of one doe or fawn.

**INELIGIBLE ELK YOUTH HUNTS:** LOP Tags are not available for 223T or the long duration (August 1 – December 31 or August 1 – March 31) youth elk hunts. See pages 22 and 53 & 54 in the 2020 Big Game Regulations.

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY DEFINED:** “Immediate family” for the purpose of Landowner Preference, means a landowner’s spouse, children, father, mother, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepchildren, and grandchildren.

**NOTE:** Any hunters listed that do not fall under the definition of “immediate family” are considered non-family (NF).

**TAG DISTRIBUTION FORM(S) DEADLINES:**

Please refer to page 22 in the 2020 Big Game Regulation for Landowner Preference Program (LOP) information. Landowners applying for limited landowner hunts must have all tag distribution forms and controlled hunt applications received by May 15th. (Please refer to page 22 of the 2020 Big Game Regulations for a list of hunts).

For the following series, all tag distribution forms including amended tag distribution forms must be postmarked or received by September 15th:
- 100 Series Buck Deer (Except Limited Landowner Hunts)
- 200 Series Elk (Bull and One Elk, Except Limited Landowner Hunts)

**SUSPENSION FROM LOP PROGRAM:**

If a landowner (or the landowner’s partner, member, manager, employee, or any person using an LOP tag provided by the landowner) is convicted of violation of the wildlife laws arising from participating the LOP program, the Department may suspend that landowner from participating in the LOP program for the remainder of the current year plus two additional years. That suspension will include any and all properties associated with that landowner, including properties registered to the individual, as a partnership, or as a corporation, and the suspension will run for the same period of time as the landowner. The Department will also revoke any unused LOP tags previously issued for the landowner’s properties. Refer to: OAR 635-075-0003 Division 075

**LIMITED LANDOWNER HUNTS**

Landowner Note: In certain hunts LOP tags will be limited to 5 tags or 10% of the total controlled hunt tags, whichever is greater. This limitation applies to elk hunts: 252A1, 254Y1, 255Y1, 256Y1, and 256Y1: buck deer hunts 141C, 142B, 143C, 145A, 148A, 154C, 157A, 165R, and 170R3, and all mule deer buck hunts in Units below population Management Objectives. The list of affected mule deer buck hunts in Units below Management Objective (MO) will be available starting May 1st of each year.
All tag distribution forms and applications must be received at the ODFW Salem Headquarters by May 15 to be included in the June Controlled Hunt Drawing.

**Limiting Landowner Preference Mule Deer Tags**

The 2013 Legislature in House Bill 2027A made changes to Section 2 of the LOP Program including increasing the number of tags for antlered animals that can be awarded to non-family members as noted below. One of the significant changes was authorizing the Commission to limit mule deer buck tags in WMUs where the mule deer population is below the Management Objective (MO). LOP tags for buck mule deer will be limited using the following criteria:

Tier 1: For populations at 80% or more of MO, LOP tags are allocated according to the current acreage table for each registered landowner.

Tier 2: For populations from 60 to 79% of MO, LOP tags available are limited to 5 tags or 15% of the total controlled buck tags authorized for the public for each hunt, whichever is greater.

Tier 3: For populations below 60% of MO, LOP tags available are limited to 5 tags or 10% of the total controlled buck tags authorized for the public for each hunt, whichever is greater.

Five hunts were also maintained in Tier 1 even though populations in the units are below MO. Hunts in the Columbia Basin and East Biggs WMUs, and the NE Owyhee hunt (167A), contain extremely high proportions of private land in the hunt areas and are directed at addressing high levels of damage. Two hunts in the Mt. Emily WMU were kept in Tier 1 due to the high proportion of white-tailed deer (WTD) taken during the rifle hunts.

The number of LOP tags available for the Limited LOP Mule deer hunts for 2020 will be made available by May 1, 2020. Landowners will be mailed information including a table with LOP tag numbers for Limited LOP mule deer hunts.

Avoid paying the Amended Tag Distribution fee of $17.00: Limited LOP hunts are not guaranteed hunts! You will want to list all hunter(s), in priority order, on your tag distribution form first listing your limited landowner hunt number (example: 254Y1) and then list everyone again with an alternate hunt number (example: 254Y2), either with an antlered or non-antlered bag limit. Any hunters that are unsuccessful in the main draw, that are already listed on the tag distribution form for an alternate hunt choice, will need to contact ODFW Controlled Hunts after July 1st and request the alternate hunt listed on the tag distribution form be processed. Please contact ODFW Controlled hunts if you have any questions at 503-947-6101.

Only the registered landowner can register all eligible applicants annually as follows:

**Number of Tags Allowed:** The number of LOP tags allowed per hunt series is based on registered landowner acreage:

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**Buck Deer (100 series), Bull and Either-sex elk (200 series), One Deer (600 Series):** Landowner tags for hunting one deer, antlered deer, one elk, or antlered elk, may be issued to immediate family members or to a non-family person of the registered landowner’s choosing only as follows:

- If the landowner is eligible for two LOP tags, one may go to a non-family member
- If the landowner is eligible for three or four LOP tags, two may go to a non-family member
- If the landowner is eligible for five or six LOP tags, three may go to non-family members
- If the landowner is eligible for eight LOP tags, four may go to non-family members
- If the landowner is eligible for ten LOP tags, five may go to non-family members
- If the landowner is eligible for twelve LOP tags, six may go to non-family members
- If the landowner is eligible for fourteen LOP tags, seven may go to non-family members

**Antlerless Deer (600 series):** Tags may go to any person of the landowner’s choosing, if the bag limit is one antlerless deer.

**Antlerless Elk (200 series):** Tags may go to any person of the landowner’s choosing if the bag limit is one antlerless elk.

**Pronghorn Antelope (400 series):** Tags may go only to the registered landowner, or stockholder of a corporation, or representative partner, and their immediate family members. Only hunts with an either-sex or a one-doe/fawn bag limit, if successful in receiving a tag for a hunt with an either-sex bag limit, the LOP tag is automatically issued with a bag limit of one doe or fawn.

**MANDATORY HUNTER REPORTING:** All Hunters are required to complete a Mandatory Reporting Survey for all big game tags and turkey tags purchased, even if you did not go hunting or harvest an animal. The deadline to report for all 2020 hunts that end by Dec. 31, 2020 is Jan. 31, 2021, for all hunts that end Jan. 1, 2021- March 31, 2021 the reporting deadline is April 15, 2021. Hunters that fail to report 2020 deer and elk tags by the deadline will have to pay a $25 penalty fee when they purchase a 2022 hunting license. Report your hunt by:
- Calling a toll-free telephone number, 1-866-947-ODFW (6339) or
- Reporting via the internet at www.reportmyhunt.com or at ODFW’s website under Hunting.