



LANDOWNER PREFERENCE INFORMATION

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:

- NEW landowners with a minimum of 40 contiguous acres must register by completing the ODFW Landowner Preference Registration Form and paying the \$35 registration fee.
- Only one representative landowner, or stockholder of a corporation, or Limited Liability Company (LLC), or representative partner of a partnership may register.
- An LOP Renewal form must be submitted if there is any ownership change affecting the registered property. There is no charge to renew a LOP registration except renewals that include paper copy Tag Distribution forms that are sent in with any changes require a \$2 processing fee, per form (not including the Renewal form).
- The landowner must complete the Tag Distribution forms if there is any change in hunters or hunt numbers. There is no charge for Tag Distribution forms submitted through the Electronic License System. There is a \$2 processing fee for each paper copy Tag Distribution form with any changes. If an updated Tag Distribution form has not been received by May 15, then the previous year Tag Distribution form will rollover with no changes to hunters or hunt numbers.
- LOP deadline dates and LOP tag allowed per series can be found on page 22 of the Big Game Hunting Regulations.
- Half of your total tags (rounding up if you have an odd number of tags) allowed for hunting One Deer, Antlered Deer, One Elk, or Antlered Elk bag limits may be issued to non-family members.
- All of your total tags allowed for hunting Antlerless bag limits may be issued to immediate family members or to non-family members of your choosing.

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 and registered in the Program who meet 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 landowners' registered property in other controlled hunt areas provided the 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 and registered 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/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: (OAR 635-045-0002 [44])

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.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY DEFINED: (OAR 635-045-0002 [41])

“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.

ELIGIBLE HUNTS: Minimum 40 acres include all Deer, & Elk controlled hunts occurring on a landowner’s registered property, except Pronghorn Antelope, Eastern Oregon Buck, or either-sex deer hunts, & Eastern Oregon Bull & either- sex elk hunts. Over 160 acres in Eastern Oregon include all Deer, Elk & Pronghorn Antelope (with an either-sex or a one-doe/fawn bag limit) hunts available within the property boundaries. 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, 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 15 – December 31) youth Elk hunts. See pages 22, 53 & 54 in the Big Game Hunting Regulations.

LIMITED LANDOWNER TAGS: (Limited to five tags or the 10% of the total controlled hunt tags, whichever is greater)

Limited LOP hunts are not guaranteed hunts

141C	143C	148A	157A	254R1	255R1	256R1
142B	145A	154C	165R2	254Y1	255Y1	256Y1

In addition to the hunts listed, Buck Mule Deer LOP tags may be limited in WMUs below population management objectives.

- All tag distribution forms for the above hunts must be received at the ODFW Salem Headquarters by May 15th to be included in the June Controlled Hunt Drawing.

LIMITED LANDOWNER PREFERENCE MULE DEER TAGS:

Mule Deer Buck tags are limited in WMUs where the Mule Deer population is below the Population Management Objective (MO) 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.

LIST OF AFFECTED MULE DEER BUCK HUNTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MYODFW.COM/LANDOWNER-PREFERENCE-PROGRAM STARTING MAY 1ST OF EACH YEAR

SUSPENSION FROM LOP PROGRAM: (OAR 635-075-0003)

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.