

Limited Landowner Preference Mule Deer Tags

The Oregon Legislature authorized the Commission to limit mule deer buck tags in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) where the mule deer population is below the Management Objective (MO). In these Limited Landowner Preference (LOP) mule deer buck hunts, LOP tags are limited as per the following formulas.

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.

Note: If unanticipated conditions result in an emergency tag reduction of 25% or more from the number authorized by the Commission in Tier 1 areas at or above 80% of MO, LOP mule deer tags in those areas will be limited as for Tier 2 areas.

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.

Table 1. Mule deer LOP tags available for the 2019 controlled hunts.

2019 Hunt #	2019 Hunt Name	% of MO	Tier Level	Adj. 2019 Tags	2019 LOP Tags Available
131	Keno Unit	94%	Tier 1	990	Per Acreage Limitation
131R	Keno Unit Bow (Only bow deer opp.)	94%	Tier 1	108	Per Acreage Limitation
132	Klamath Falls Unit	74%	Tier 2	918	137
132M	Klamath Falls	74%	Tier 2	27	5
133	Sprague Unit	14%	Tier 3	660	66
134	Up Deschutes Unit	28%	Tier 3	2,365	236
135	Paulina Unit	36%	Tier 3	1,430	143
135M	Paulina Unit	36%	Tier 3	5	5
135R	Paulina Unit Bow (Only bow deer opp.)	36%	Tier 3	5	5
136	Maury Unit	70%	Tier 2	382	57
136R	Maury Unit Bow	70%	Tier 2	127	19
137	Ochoco Unit	40%	Tier 3	2,420	242
138	Grizzly Unit	65%	Tier 2	1,070	160
139	Metolius Unit	93%	Tier 1	350	Per Acreage Limitation

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139M1	Metolius # 1	93%	Tier 1	32	Per Acreage Limitation
139M2	Metolius # 2	93%	Tier 1	21	Per Acreage Limitation
139R1	Metolius Bow #1 (Only bow deer opp.)	93%	Tier 1	20	Per Acreage Limitation
139R2	Metolius Bow #2 (Only bow deer opp.)	93%	Tier 1	28	Per Acreage Limitation
140	Maupin Unit	74%	Tier 2	440	66
141A	Hood-White Rvr	60%	Tier 2	110	16
141B	White R Unit No. 1	57%	Tier 3	1,650	165
141C	White R Unit No. 2	57%	Special Opportunity	10	5
141M	Hood-White River	60%	Tier 2	33	5
141T	The Dalles Watershed	57%	Tier 2	7	5
142A	Hood Unit No. 1	70%	Tier 2	660	99
142B	Hood Unit No. 2	70%	Special Opportunity	10	5
143A	E Biggs	1%	Exception, High % Private Land	770	Per Acreage Limitation
143B	W Biggs	100%	Tier 1	763	Per Acreage Limitation
144	Columbia Basin Unit	69%	Exception, High % Private Land	1,980	Per Acreage Limitation
145	Fossil Unit	76%	Tier 2	2,200	330
145M	Flatiron	76%	Tier 2	61	9
146	Murderers Cr Unit	65%	Tier 2	880	132
147	Northside Unit	38%	Tier 3	1,100	110
148	Heppner Unit	61%	Tier 2	3,410	511
148M	Ditch Cr	61%	Tier 2	193	28
149	Ukiah Unit	88%	Tier 1	1,870	Per Acreage Limitation
150	Desolation Unit	62%	Tier 2	990	148
151	Sumpter Unit	52%	Tier 3	825	82
151M	Baker Muzzleloader	52%	Tier 3	80	8
152A	Starkey	85%	Tier 1	537	Per Acreage Limitation
152B	Starkey Exp. Forest	85%	No LOP Tags	25	No LOP Tags
153	Catherine Cr Unit	36%	Tier 3	276	27
153M	Union Co	36%	Tier 3	440	44
154A	E Mt Emily	73%	Exception, High WTD Harvest	142	Per Acreage Limitation
154B	W Mt Emily	73%	Exception, High WTD Harvest	495	Per Acreage Limitation
154C	Mt Emily	73%	Special Opportunity	10	5
154R	Mt. Emily Unit Bow	73%	Tier 2	440	66

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155A	Walla Walla Unit	89%	Tier 1	245	Per Acreage Limitation
155R	Walla Walla Unit Bow	89%	Tier 1	165	Per Acreage Limitation
156	Wenaha Unit	56%	Tier 3	495	49
156M	N Wenaha-E Sled Springs	56%	Tier 3	303	30
156R1	Wenaha Unit Bow	56%	Tier 3	275	27
156R2	North Wenaha Unit Late Bow (Only opp.)	56%	Special Opportunity	30	5
157	Sled Springs Unit	55%	Tier 3	1,925	192
157A	Lower Wallowa Valley	55%	Special Opportunity	33	5
158	Chesnimnus Unit	47%	Tier 3	550	55
159	Snake R Unit	34%	Tier 3	330	33
160	Minam Unit	29%	Tier 3	660	66
161	Imnaha Unit	36%	Tier 3	825	82
162	Pine Cr Unit	24%	Tier 3	193	19
163	Keating Unit	30%	Tier 3	275	27
164	Lookout Mt Unit	26%	Tier 3	161	16
165	Beulah Unit	72%	Tier 2	1,188	178
165A	SE Beulah	72%	Tier 2	297	44
165R	Beulah Unit (Only bow deer opp.)	72%	Special Opportunity	20	5
166	Malheur R Unit	59%	Tier 3	1,210	121
166M	N Malheur	59%	Tier 3	55	5
167	Owyhee Unit	51%	Tier 3	367	36
167A	NE Owyhee	51%	Exception, High % Private Land	105	Per Acreage Limitation
168A	Trout Cr Mtns.	43%	Tier 3	53	5
168B	E Whitehorse	53%	Tier 3	275	27
168M	NE Whitehorse	53%	Tier 3	25	5
168R1	Trout Cr Traditional Bow	43%	Tier 3	Unlimited	Unlimited
168R2	SE Whitehorse (Only bow deer opp.)	43%	Special Opportunity	20	5
169A	Steens Mt	47%	Tier 3	258	25
170A	Beatys Butte	57%	Tier 3	165	16
170M	Hart Mt	57%	No LOP Tags	15	No LOP Tags
170R1	Hart Mt Bow #1 (Only bow deer opp.)	57%	No LOP Tags	17	No LOP Tags
170R2	Hart Mt Bow #2 (Only bow deer opp.)	57%	No LOP Tags	16	No LOP Tags
170R3	Hart Mt Bow #3 (Only bow deer opp.)	57%	No LOP Tags	5	No LOP Tags

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171A	N Juniper	57%	Tier 3	110	11
171B	S Juniper	57%	Tier 3	110	11
171M	Juniper	57%	Tier 3	10	5
172	Silvies Unit	73%	Tier 2	749	112
172M	Silvies Unit	73%	Tier 2	53	7
173	Wagontire Unit	102%	Tier 1	212	Per Acreage Limitation
174A	N Warner	71%	Tier 2	50	7
174B	S Warner	71%	Tier 2	248	37
174R1	N Warner Bow	71%	Tier 2	54	8
174R2	S Warner Bow	71%	Tier 2	83	12
174T	Warner Unit	71%	Tier 2	20	5
175	Interstate Unit	44%	Tier 3	1,744	174
175M	Interstate Unit	44%	Tier 3	28	5
175T	Interstate Unit	44%	Tier 3	30	5
176	Silver Lake Unit	43%	Tier 3	1,980	198
176M	Silver Lake/E. Ft. Rock	43%	Tier 3	53	5
177	Fort Rock Unit	34%	Tier 3	2,750	275