

Proposed Big Game Hunting Season Changes under Consideration for 2020

In 2018, the Department initiated a complete review of all big game hunting seasons.

The goals of the review are to:

- Improve customer service through more consistent and simpler big game hunting seasons, bag limits, boundaries and associated regulations
- Allocate hunting opportunity fairly and consistent with hunter preferences
- Review hunting season structure and allocation of hunting opportunity to promote hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3), and
- Ensure hunting seasons meet biological objectives and maintain or improve overall hunter opportunity.

Following is a summary of draft proposed changes for the 2020 hunting season. After receiving public input, staff proposals will be finalized in August 2019. Final proposals will be presented to the Commission for consideration on Sept. 13, 2019 in Gold Beach, OR. The Big Game Hunting Review is expected to be a multi-year process. Additional proposals will be developed over the next year and proposed to the Commission in 2020 for the 2021 hunting season.

Proposals are still being developed for controlled hunt tag numbers at the time this information packet was finalized. Proposed tag numbers will be available by mid-June. As detailed above, one of the objectives of the Big Game Hunting Review is to maintain or improve overall hunting opportunity. The intent of the proposals is to not decrease overall hunting opportunities; however, opportunities will change and tag numbers will continue to be increased or decreased in response to game mammal population changes.

The majority of the proposed changes were developed with the following strategies:

- Identify opportunities where multiple hunt areas and/or time periods could be consolidated
- Expand some hunt areas to entire Wildlife Management Units (WMU) and/or made boundary descriptions simpler
- Develop proposals to expand, simplify and/or increase consistency with season dates
- Provide hunters longer seasons where possible
- Move away from controlled hunts that have split dates where the hunt opens and closes multiple times in a season
- Identify new hunting opportunities and/or expand existing hunts into areas with huntable populations where there is currently no open season
- Identify “outlier” hunts and opportunities to develop consistency
- Eliminate hunts with population concerns, where populations have significantly changed since the hunt was originally adopted
- Identify existing controlled hunt areas where a general season approach would improve ability to meet objectives, and vice versa

The majority of proposed changes can be summarized as:

- One hundred twenty-seven existing hunts were consolidated into forty-nine hunts
- Ninety-one dates were expanded, made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- Eighty-five hunt areas were expanded to the entire unit or hunt boundaries were made simpler
- Fifty-seven bag limits were made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- Nine new controlled hunt opportunities
- Sixteen controlled hunts eliminated; primarily due to mule deer population declines since hunts were adopted

Buck Deer – 100 Series

Attachment 3 identifies all proposed changes to Buck Deer/100 Series hunts. The majority of the proposed changes are:

- Four existing hunts were consolidated into one hunt
- Three dates were expanded, made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- Thirteen hunt areas were expanded to the entire unit or hunt boundaries were made simpler
- Thirteen bag limits were made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- Three new controlled hunt opportunities

Western Oregon Deer Bag Limits

Most Western Oregon general deer seasons and 100 series controlled hunts have a bag limit of “one buck deer having not less than a forked antler” which prohibits hunters from harvesting spike deer. For decades, spike deer in western Oregon have been legal during antlerless deer hunts; leading back in time to when there were tens of thousands of antlerless deer permits each year. For example, in 1959 there were 10,000 antlerless deer permits in the Alsea Unit, and 12,000 in the McKenzie Unit. When antlerless permit numbers were high it is likely the intent of the restriction on spike harvest during the general season was to protect yearling bucks from the “double jeopardy” of being harvested during both seasons.

Data shows that some yearling bucks have forked antlers while some two-year-old or older bucks have spike antlers. The current bag limit may have a negative effect on the population as the one-year-old bucks with forked antlers are available to harvest, but the less healthy one- and two-year-old bucks and those genetically inclined to remain spikes are protected from harvest. Additionally, the current bag limit creates enforcement issues and is inconsistent with deer bag limits in Eastern Oregon.

Staff propose changing all hunts with a bag limit of “one buck deer having not less than a forked antler” to “one buck with visible antler”. The proposed change is coupled with a proposal to change all 600 series bag limits with a “one antlerless or spike deer” to “one antlerless deer”.

These changes would make identification of a legal deer easier, resolve some enforcement concerns, and make buck deer bag limits and antlerless deer bag limits consistent throughout Oregon. Additionally, the change to 600 series bag limits will ensure the affected hunts are focused on damage resolution and population control rather than providing a second buck harvest opportunity.

The proposed change to a bag limit of “one buck with visible antler” is expected to increase harvest opportunities for hunters by allowing the harvest of spike bucks. Although some hunters may choose to hunt for larger bucks, it is anticipated this bag limit change would support R3 efforts by allowing spike bucks to be harvested by hunters eager to successfully harvest their buck. The proposed change may result in an increase in buck harvest but there are sufficient bucks in the population to support increased harvest. All but one Western Oregon unit has met or exceeded the benchmark for observed post-hunting season buck ratio in at least two of the last three years. Spike harvest would not be completely additive mortality. Harvesting spikes will allow some bucks to grow older because some hunters who harvest a spike would have harvested a buck with larger antlers later in the season. Additionally, recent deer fecal DNA research has consistently shown that the actual buck ratio in Western Oregon black-tailed deer populations is higher than observed during post-hunting season spotlight surveys.

Ochoco WMU Archery Deer

The Ochoco WMU is currently included in General Archery Deer Season; however, the unit is closed to all archery deer hunting unless the hunter has an Ochoco Unit controlled archery elk tag. This is the only big game hunt in the state with this requirement, the regulation creates complication in the regulations and the Department has received complaints from hunters who only want to archery hunt deer in the unit.

Staff propose to eliminate this requirement, remove the Ochoco WMU from the General Archery Deer Season and create a new, unit wide, controlled archery deer hunt. These changes would simplify the regulations, maintain hunter opportunity, meet the herd management objectives as part of ongoing Mule Deer Initiative actions, and provide an opportunity for those hunters who only want to archery deer hunt in the Ochoco Unit.

Hood-White River – Hunt# 141A

Hunters who draw this controlled hunt tag may also hunt in Western Oregon General Deer Rifle Season. This regulation is an outlier as it is the only controlled rifle hunt in Eastern Oregon that also allows a hunter to hunt in the Western Oregon General Deer Season.

Staff propose the tag for 141A only be valid for that controlled hunt area. This change would make the hunt consistent with all other controlled rifle hunts in Eastern Oregon.

New, High Quality Mule Deer Hunts

The Department is proposing three new late season, any legal weapon, mule deer hunts in the Lower John Day River Canyon, Heppner Unit and Fossil Unit. These hunts are expected to provide a high quality hunting opportunity and generate significant interest from hunters. As

with most other late season buck hunting opportunity, Landowner Preference (LOP) Tags would be limited to 5 tags or 10 percent of the total controlled buck tags authorized by the Commission for the public for each hunt, whichever is greater.

100 Series Outlier Hunts

The 100 series is listed in the Big Game Regulations as “Buck Deer” and intended to provide the primary, recreational deer hunting opportunity for bag limits of antlered deer or either sex deer. There are four low tag number hunts in the Paulina and Metolius Units (135R, 139R2, 139M, 139M2) that are the only 100 series hunts in the state with a bag limit of “one antlerless deer”.

Staff considered moving these hunts to the 600 series, however based on mule deer population concerns in those units, staff propose to eliminate these four hunts.

Trout Creek Traditional Archery – Hunt# 168R1

A “controlled” hunt implies that there are a limited number of tags in a hunt; however, the Trout Creek Traditional Archery hunt is the only controlled hunt in the state with unlimited tags. Staff propose to set tag numbers at 300 for this controlled hunt. The proposed number of tags is based on the number of hunters that typically draw the tag currently. While ~300 hunters draw the tag each year, only 50-80 hunters actually participate in the hunt.

General Archery Season – Murderers Creek Unit

The Murderers Creek Unit is the only unit in the state that has a split weapon restriction in a portion of the unit during general archery season. Ninety-six percent of the unit is open to all legal archery equipment the entire season. The remaining 4% of the unit, known as the Canyon Creek Area is open to long or recurve archery equipment for the first week of archery season and then opens to all archery equipment the remaining portion of the season. This regulation creates significant complication for such a small area and reduces archery hunter opportunity.

Staff propose making the entire Murderers Creek Unit open to all legal archery equipment during General Archery Deer Season. This change would simplify the hunting regulations and make the Murderers Creek Unit consistent with all other units in the state for the General Archery Season. Simplified general seasons are a key component of successfully addressing the Department’s R3 objectives.

The Traditional Archers of Oregon have expressed the historical significance of this portion of the Murderers Creek Unit to archery hunting and their interest in continuing the restriction. In developing this proposed change, the Department felt the area’s historical significance can continue to be celebrated without creating regulatory complexity and reducing opportunity for other archery hunters. Furthermore, the Department is proposing to expand traditional archery hunting opportunity in the state by proposing:

- A new traditional-archery-only elk hunt in the North Fork John Day Wilderness Area for the 2020 season
- Identify at least one new traditional-archery-only deer hunt in Western Oregon for the 2021 season. These proposals will be developed over the next year as staff review all

late-season hunting opportunity in Western Oregon. Proposals would be brought to the Commission in 2020.

Eliminate SE Whitehorse (168R2) and Juniper (171M) Due to Population Changes

These hunts were created for a high quality hunting opportunity that takes advantage of migratory buck deer (168R2) or mule deer bucks leaving a refuge area (171M). Historically, these hunts have been popular with hunters and take many preference points to draw. Populations have significantly decreased since the hunts were created and there is no longer a consistent hunting opportunity. Hunters that have had the tag recently have expressed dissatisfaction with the hunting opportunity. Staff propose to eliminate these two hunts.

Antlerless Deer – 600 Series

Attachment 3 identifies all proposed changes to Antlerless Deer/600 Series hunts. The majority of the proposed changes are:

- Sixteen existing hunts were consolidated into seven hunts
- Sixteen dates were expanded, made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- Seventeen hunt areas were expanded to the entire unit or hunt boundaries were made simpler
- Thirty-eight bag limits were made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- One new controlled hunt opportunity

Western Oregon Deer Bag Limits

The 600 series is referred to in the big game regulations as “Antlerless Deer” hunts and is intended to primarily be population control to address damage or hunts that harvest a population surplus. Most Western Oregon 600 series controlled hunts currently have a bag limit of “one antlerless or spike deer”. While the intent of most 600 series hunts is to harvest does, harvest data shows that spike deer are being targeted by many hunters and harvested at a much higher proportion than they occur in the population.

Staff propose to change all hunts with a bag limit of “one antlerless or spike deer” to “one antlerless deer”. This change would make identification of a legal deer easier, resolve some enforcement issues, meet the intent of 600 series hunts and make antlerless deer bag limits consistent statewide.

Expanding Dates of 600 Series Hunts in Coastal Units

The majority of 600 series hunts in the Coast Buck Area are open from Oct. 24 to Nov. 6, which is concurrent with the latter half of Western Oregon Coast Buck Season (Oct. 3 to Nov. 6).

Staff propose to extend the dates of twelve antlerless deer hunts in the Coast Buck Area to run concurrent with the entire Western Oregon Coast Buck Season. Survey data shows that one of

the primary reasons hunters do not hunt is lack of time and conflict with other commitments. The survey also showed that hunters value time in the field with friends and family. Providing these two overlapping opportunities will allow hunters more flexibility and greater opportunity to spend time hunting with friends and family.

Establishing Equitability and Consistency in 600 Series Hunts

With the exception of special tags (premium hunts, auction/raffle, etc.) or major damage problems, the Department's intent is to provide hunters the opportunity to hunt or apply for one buck/either sex deer tag, one antlerless deer tag, and one elk tag each year. Through this review process, several outliers have been identified resulting in some hunters with multiple controlled hunting opportunities in a year while other hunters do not draw a tag. Hunts in the 600 series with a "one deer" bag limit result in some hunters having two buck hunts in one year.

The 600 series is referred to in the big game regulations as "Antlerless Deer" hunts and is intended to primarily be population control to address damage or hunts that harvest a population surplus. There are three controlled hunts (Umatilla NWR No. 3 – Hunt #644A3, W. Blue Mtn – Hunt #649B, and Orchards – Hunt #655A) in Umatilla/Sherman Counties that are highly sought buck hunts because they provide a hunter an opportunity to apply for and potentially hunt a second buck deer in a year. These hunts are viewed as quality hunting opportunities with high success rates and an opportunity to harvest a mature buck. In 2018, hunt 644A3, 649B, and 655A took 24, 8, and 13 preference points to draw, respectively.

Staff propose to move these three hunts to the 100 series starting in 2021. These changes would meet the intent of only providing one buck hunting opportunity per year and establish more consistency in the 100 and 600 series purpose and bag limits. There would also be significant tag increases and expanded hunt area for the W. Blue Mountain and Orchards hunts. Implementation of this proposed change would be delayed until 2021 to give additional notice to hunters who have been applying for these hunts.

If this change is implemented, there would continue to be two "one deer" bag limit hunts in the 600 series. The first is Willamette Unit (Hunt #615), which has a "one deer" bag limit from Sept. 1 – Feb. 29. The Willamette Unit is a deer "de-emphasis" area with abundant damage on private land. This damage includes damage from buck deer rubbing on nursery stock, orchards, Christmas trees and other trees. Due to the significant damage caused by buck deer in the unit, staff are not proposing a change to this hunt. The second instance are 600 series youth hunts with a "one deer" bag limit. Staff is not proposing a change to these hunts due to the priority of providing a variety of youth hunting opportunity to recruit new hunters.

Removing Unnecessary Weapon Restrictions

In most areas of Oregon where there are safety concerns with the discharge of centerfire rifles, there are closures listed in the Big Game Regulations or there are local laws passed by

municipalities. In Wallowa and Wasco Counties there are several controlled antlerless deer hunts (and one buck deer hunt) that prohibit the use of centerfire rifles. In the same area, there are numerous other big game hunts where centerfire rifles are allowed. These include hunting for buck deer, elk, furbearers, predators, and numerous antlerless elk emergency hunts, damage tags, and kill permits. In Malheur County there are two hunts where no centerfire rifles are allowed unless permission is obtained from the landowner. There are numerous other hunts in this area without this weapon restriction and private landowners always have the ability to not allow the use of centerfire rifles on their property.

Since there has been no safety concern with all of the other centerfire rifle hunts taking place in these areas, staff are proposing to remove the weapon restrictions on these hunts (see Attachment 3 for specific hunts).

Elk – 200 Series

Attachment 2 identifies all proposed changes to Elk/200 Series hunts. The majority of the proposed changes are:

- Eighty-seven existing hunts were consolidated into thirty-one hunts
- Twenty-five dates were expanded, made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- Twenty-five hunt areas were expanded to the entire unit or hunt boundaries were made simpler
- Five bag limits were made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- Two new controlled hunt opportunities

General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag

Over the last few decades, elk populations in many areas have increased on private land adjacent to row crop or irrigated agricultural lands. This has led to increased social conflict and economic damage to private agricultural landowners as well as decreased hunter opportunity in many units.

The Department and landowners use a variety of tools to manage elk damage including hazing, kill permits, emergency hunts, controlled hunts and damage tags. The primary tools used currently are controlled antlerless elk hunts and damage tags. Despite these tools, elk populations continue to increase in many of these chronic damage areas.

Controlled hunts are in place in all chronic damage areas with varying levels of success. There are several constraints/issues to using controlled hunts to solve a chronic damage problem. The first is a controlled hunt application deadline of May 15th. Hunters must know far in advance, often 5 to 10 months, they have private land access, want to utilize this as their one elk hunting opportunity, and that elk will be present in the area they have permission to hunt. The second is that the number of controlled hunt tags are limited, while populations may warrant unlimited tags in chronic damage areas during certain times of the year.

Landowner Damage Program elk tags are the other primary tool being utilized with over 4,000 tags issued annually. They can be an effective tool, but there are associated issues and constraints:

- They are only valid on land owned or leased by the landowner, so hunters cannot pursue elk onto adjacent private lands
- Tags can only be issued when staff is present at ODFW offices
- Damage Program tags are time intensive for staff and landowners to implement. Annually ODFW Wildlife District staff spend a considerable amount of time working on elk damage
- Damage Program tags are often issued when there are existing controlled hunts in place to address damage
- Hunters are often utilizing damage tags as a second elk hunting opportunity. For example, a hunter who hunts during a general archery or rifle elk season and does not fill their tag can exchange their unused tag for a damage tag at the request of a landowner. This is not the intent of the program and does not meet the Department's intent of providing hunters one elk hunting opportunity per year. In 2018, most damage tags were issued as an exchange to a previously unfilled tag.

Staff propose piloting a new general season elk damage tag (GSEDT) with an antlerless elk bag limit for the 2020 hunting season. The GSEDT would be valid in specific areas throughout Oregon (Figure 1). Hunts in Western Oregon and in elk de-emphasis areas would be from Aug. 1 to Mar. 31; hunts outside elk de-emphasis areas in Eastern Oregon, would end Nov. 30 before migratory elk transition to winter range on or across many private land areas. The GSEDT hunt areas would primarily be on or adjacent to private, row crop or irrigated agricultural lands. The hunts would replace nineteen controlled hunts and are expected to increase the overall number of elk tags in the designated areas. The hunts would also replace the need for landowner damage tags during those timeframes. There would be no tag sale deadline for a GSEDT to provide the ability for hunters to respond immediately to damage situations.

Simplify Archery Bag Limits in Sumpter and Heppner Units

The General Archery Season bag limits in the Sumpter and Heppner Units are split, with the primary public land portion of the unit having a “one bull” bag limit and the primary private land portion of the unit having a “one elk” bag limit. In both units, those private land portions have liberal controlled antlerless elk hunts as a way to control damage/populations. The split bag limits cause unnecessary complication in the regulations and result in very little antlerless elk harvest. In 2017, in the Heppner Unit there was 1,482 general season archery hunters and only 1 antlerless elk reported as harvested. In 2017, in the Sumpter Unit there was 538 general season archery hunters and 0 antlerless elk reported as harvested.

Staff propose to reduce complexity in the regulations by having a unit wide general archery season bag limit of “one bull” in the Sumpter and Heppner Units. In addition, the Heppner controlled, antlerless elk archery hunt (248R) will be expanded to the entire Heppner Unit.

Simplify Ochoco Archery Hunts

Currently, there are two concurrent archery seasons in the Ochoco Unit; 237R1 has a bag limit of “one elk” and 237R2 has a bag limit of “one bull”. Staff propose consolidating these hunts into one, “one elk” hunt with no reduction in the total number of archery elk tags.

General Archery Season – Murderers Creek Unit

The Murderers Creek Unit is the only unit in the state that has split weapon restriction in a portion of the unit during general archery season. Ninety-six percent of the unit is open to all legal archery equipment the entire season. The remaining 4% of the unit, known as the Canyon Creek Area is open to long or recurve archery equipment for the first week of archery season and then opens to all archery equipment the remaining portion of the season. This regulation creates significant complication in the regulation for such a small area and reduces archery hunter opportunity.

Staff propose the entire Murderers Creek Unit be open to all legal archery equipment during General Archery Elk Season. This change would simplify the hunting regulations and make the Murderers Creek Unit more consistent with all other units in the state for the General Archery Season.

New Traditional Archery Hunts

Staff propose a new, controlled traditional archery-only hunt for Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, with a proposed bag limit of “one elk” and a hunt boundary of the North Fork John Day Wilderness (all units). This tag would also be valid during the General Archery Elk Season using any archery equipment.

In addition, staff plan to propose at least one new traditional-archery-only elk hunt in Western Oregon for the 2021 season. These proposals will be developed over the next year as staff review all late-season hunting opportunity in Western Oregon. Proposals would be brought to the Commission in 2020.

Grant County Landowner Permission Form Hunts

Five elk hunts in Grant County require hunters to be on a Landowner Permission Form before applying for the controlled hunt. These hunts and associated requirement were put in place decades ago prior to most private land, antlerless elk hunts. These hunts are now an outlier as there are numerous other private land elk hunts in the state without this requirement. There will be many private land areas in Grant County within the proposed GSDet opportunity that will not have the permission form requirement. The requirement also creates a complex administrative process for the Department to process and correct many controlled hunt applications. Staff propose to eliminate the landowner permission form requirement.

Eliminate Snake River Unit Antlerless Elk Archery and Rifle Hunts

Staff propose to eliminate 259 (Snake River) and 259R (Snake River Bow) to reduce antlerless elk harvest in the unit to maintain the population at management objective. The unit will continue to be included in the General Archery Elk season with a “one bull” bag limit.

Pronghorn – 400 Series

Attachment 3 identifies all proposed changes to Pronghorn/400 Series hunts. The majority of the proposed changes are:

- Seven existing hunts were consolidated into four hunts
- Three dates were expanded, made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- Twelve hunt areas were expanded to the entire unit or hunt boundaries were made simpler
- One bag limit was made simpler or made consistent with other hunts
- One new controlled hunt opportunities

Longer, Later Seasons

Pronghorn seasons correspond with high summer temperatures, high fire danger and conflicts with large-scale wildfires. Several proposed changes will test moving the primary pronghorn season one week later and giving hunters an additional two weeks to hunt. Staff propose Aug. 22 to Sept. 6 for the Beulah, Whitehorse and Juniper WMUs. In addition, Whitehorse No. 1 and No. 2 would be consolidated from two, nine-day hunts to one, 16-day hunt.

Bighorn Sheep – 500 Series

Attachment 3 identifies all proposed changes to Bighorn Sheep/500 Series hunts. The majority of the proposed changes are:

- Eight existing hunts were consolidated into four hunts
- Twenty-one hunts were changed to consistent, set dates with longer seasons

- Four hunt areas were expanded to the entire unit or hunt boundaries were made simpler

Longer, Later Seasons

Proposed changes to bighorn sheep seasons reflect the “once-in-a-lifetime” nature of the hunting opportunity. Proposals focused on improving hunters experience by providing a longer season and moving or extending many hunts to a cooler time of the year.

John Day River Canyon Hunt Consolidation

Currently, all John Day River bighorn sheep hunt boundaries are confined to either the East or West side of the river: however, GPS collar data confirms that bighorn sheep move back and forth across the river. The majority of sheep hunters float the river, so constraining them to only one side of the river makes for a less than desirable hunting situation. Staff propose consolidation of each of the three East and three West John Day River bighorn sheep hunt into three hunts that includes both sides of the river.

Rocky Mountain Goat – 900 Series

Attachment 3 identifies all proposed changes to Rocky Mountain Goat/900 Series hunts. The majority of the proposed changes are:

- Thirteen hunts were changed to consistent, set dates with longer seasons
- Five hunt areas were expanded to the entire unit or hunt boundaries were made simpler
- Two new controlled hunt opportunities and one additional tag in an existing hunt

Longer, Later Seasons

Proposed changes to mountain goat seasons reflect the “once-in-a-lifetime” nature of the hunting opportunity. Proposals focused on improving hunters experience by providing a longer season with all hunts being one, two, or three months long.

New Hunting Opportunities

As mountain goat populations continue to expand in Northeast Oregon, two new hunts are proposed in the Wallowa Mountains. In addition the these new hunts, an additional tag will be added in the Snake River hunt and the Elkhorn Mountain hunt area will be extended to the entire Desolation Unit to include expanding populations.

Bear – 700 Series

Attachment 3 identifies all proposed changes to Bear/700 Series hunts. The majority of the proposed changes are:

- Five existing hunts were consolidated into two hunts
- Nine dates were expanded, made simpler or made consistent with other hunts

- Three hunt areas were expanded to the entire unit or hunt boundaries were made simpler

Consistent Bear Season Dates

Currently, General Fall Bear Season dates are Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 in Western Oregon and Aug. 1 to Nov. 30 in Eastern Oregon. Spring Bear controlled hunts are Apr. 1 to May 31 in all of western Oregon and parts of eastern Oregon, and Apr. 15 to May 31 in the remainder of eastern Oregon. Staff propose statewide, consistent General Fall Bear and Spring Controlled Bear season dates of Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 and Apr. 1 to May 31, respectively. This change will make the regulations simpler and is expected to have no biological impact.

Consolidation of Northwest Oregon Spring Bear Hunts

Staff propose consolidating Saddle Mt–Scappoose (710A), Wilson–Trask (712A) and N. Cascade (716A) into one NW Oregon, controlled spring bear hunt. This consolidated hunt will also include all of the Santiam and Willamette Unit.

Statewide Expansion of SW Additional Fall Bear

Hunters in an 11 WMU area of Southwest Oregon can purchase an additional fall bear tag if they fill their first tag. Staff propose expanding the ability to purchase an additional fall bear tag to statewide. This change would make the additional fall bear tag hunt area consistent with the additional cougar tag. This change would simplify regulations and is expected to have little biological impact. In 2017, in the 11 SW Oregon units combined 238 hunters harvested 40 bear, an average of less than 4 bear per unit.

Premium Hunts

Staff are proposing the following changes to Premium Hunts:

- To make boundary descriptions simpler, the eastern portion of the Biggs Unit will be added to the Maupin-W Biggs (N40) pronghorn hunt and removed from the Col. Basin-E Biggs (N44)
- Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge will now be open for the Beatys Butte (L70) and Juniper (L71) premium deer tags

Western Gray Squirrel

Staff are proposing the following western gray squirrel seasons:

North-central Oregon

Open Season: Sept. 15 – Oct. 31

Bag/Possession Limit: 3/6

Open Area: White River, Hood, Metolius, Upper Deschutes, and Paulina Units

Remainder of Oregon

Open Season: Sept. 1 – Nov. 15

Bag/Possession Limit: 5/15

Open Area: All units outside of the North-Central hunt area. Exception: There would continue to be no bag limit or closed season in the portion of the Rogue Unit south of the Rogue River and South Fork Rogue River and north of Hwy 140.

This proposal makes the following changes from the current seasons:

- Moves to set season dates that do not change each year
- Shifts seasons approximately one week later
- Allows hunting in Eastern Oregon units that do not currently have a squirrel season

Hunt #	Hunt Name	Staff Proposal
General	General Archery	Remove the Ochoco Unit from general archery deer season, replace with 137R
General	General Archery	Make all legal archery equipment, legal for the entire Murderers Creek Unit during general archery season
	All	All hunts with a bag limit including "one buck having not less than a forked antler" will change to "one buck with visible antler"
100M	NW Cascade	Eliminate this complicated hunt and replace with 121M, 119M, and 114M. Willamette Unit will not be included in the new hunt and tags for that unit will be added to 615
121M	Indigo	Expand to all of Indigo Unit, change name to Indigo, Nov 14 - 25, 150 tags
119M	McKenzie	New Hunt, all of McKenzie Unit, Nov 14 - 25, 350 tags
114M	Trask	New Hunt, all of Trask, 200 tags, Nov. 7 - 20,
123M1	Melrose - N. Sixes	Eliminate and replace with 123M1 and 125M
123M1	Melrose	New hunt, entire unit with 100 tags, Nov. 14 - 22,
125M	Sixes	New hunt, entire unit with 50 tags, Nov. 14 - 27,
135M	Paulina	Eliminate, small tags, antlerless hunt, biological concern
135R	Paulina	Eliminate, small tags, antlerless hunt, biological concern
137R	Ochoco	New archery hunt, entire Ochoco Unit, 400 tags
139R2	Metolius Unit Bow 2	Eliminate, antlerless deer hunts should be in 600 series, hunt was originally created to provide recreation opportunity however populations do not warrant doe harvest
139M2	Metolius Unit Muzz 2	Eliminate, antlerless deer hunts should be in 600 series, hunt was originally created to provide recreation opportunity however populations do not warrant doe harvest
141A	Hood-White River	Eliminate the ability to use this controlled hunt tag also during Western Oregon General Deer Season, this is the only rifle deer hunt in eastern Oregon that is transportable and there is no existing general deer season in the unit
143C	John Day Canyon	New hunt in portion of Biggs Unit east of Highway 97, Nov. 21 - 29, 20 tags
144A	Umatilla NWR	New Hunt, moved 644A3 to 100 series, maintain "Shotgun/Archery/Muzzleloader Only" restriction. Consistently provide hunters one buck opportunity per hunter per year instead of two, establish consistency in 100 and 600 series purpose/bag limits. This change would not be implemented until the 2021 hunting season.
145A	Fossil No. 2	New hunt, Nov. 21 - 29, 10 tags
148A	Heppner No. 2	New hunt, Nov. 21 - 29, 10 tags
149M	West Blue Mtn	New hunt, Moved 649B from 600 series, include all of units 44, 45, 48, 49, 55, and that part of 54 north and west of FR 31, muzzleloader only, one white-tail deer, 200 tags. Consistently provide hunters one buck opportunity per hunter per year instead of two, establish consistency in 100 and 600 series purpose/bag limits. This change would not be implemented until the 2021 hunting season.

Hunt #	Hunt Name	Staff Proposal
152B	Starkey Exp Forest	Expand boundary to include all of Unit 52
152M	Grande Ronde	Change 153M boundary to include all of units 52, 53, 56 and that portion of 54 east of FR 31; change hunt number to 152M and name to "Grande Ronde", 470 tags
154R	Mt. Emily Bow	Eliminate, consolidate to 154R
155R	Walla Walla Bow	Eliminate, consolidate to 154R
156R	Wenaha Bow	Eliminate, consolidate to 154R
154R	North Blue Mtn Bow	New hunt from consolidation of 154R, 155R, and 156R, change name to "N. Blue Mtn." Offer 400 tags; which is more than the total number of tags drawn currently
155A	Walla Walla Unit	Expand to unit wide, eliminate boundary description from regulations
155B	North Blue Mtn	New hunt, moved 655A to 100 series, include all of units 49, 55, and 54 w/ of Fr. 31, Dec. 5 - 13, change name to N Blue Mountains, change bag limit to "one white-tail buck with visible antler", 100 tags. Consistently provide hunters one buck opportunity per hunter per year instead of two, establish consistency in 100 and 600 series purpose/bag limits. This change would not be implemented until the 2021 hunting season.
156M	N. Wenaha - Sled Springs	Eliminate, this hunt will be included in 152M and 157M
156R2	N. Wenaha Bow	Eliminate, this hunt area/time will be included in 152M
157A	Lower Wallowa Valley	Remove prohibition on the use of centerfire rifles, 25 tags
157M	Sled Springs	New hunt, unit wide, Nov. 30 - Dec. 13, 200 tags, Wenaha will now be in 152M
168R1	Trout Creak Traditional	Remove unlimited tags, offer 300 tags which is the number of tags drawn currently
168R2	SE Whitehorse	Eliminate, no longer a viable hunting opportunity, high hunter dissatisfaction
171M	Juniper	Eliminate, no longer a consistent opportunity, high hunter dissatisfaction
174T	Warner Youth	Date change to provide a longer hunting period, Sept. 5 - 20

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General	General Archery	Make all legal archery equipment, legal for the entire Murderers Creek Unit during general archery season
General	General Archery	Eliminate the split bag limit in the Sumpter Unit; go to "one bull" bag limit unit wide
General	General Archery	Eliminate the split bag limit in the Heppner Unit, go to "one bull" bag limit unit wide
General	Rocky Mtn 1st and 2nd Season	Remove units 40, 43, 44 from Rocky Mt 1st and 2nd general seasons. This hunt will be replaced with the General Antlerless Elk Damage hunt and 244
General	Cascade Elk	Remove units 39, 34, 77, 33 and 31 from the Cascade General Elk season; replace with two new controlled hunts
General	Rocky 1st and 2nd	Remove units 41 and 42 from general season; replace with a new hunts 241X and 241Y
General	General Season Elk Damage Tag	New hunt, Aug 1 - Mar. 31, all of Units 15, 40, 43, and 44 and portions of 14, 23, and 29, antlerless elk bag limit
General	General Season Elk Damage Tag	New hunt, Aug 1 - Nov 30, portions of Units 48, 49, 55, 47, 46, 54, 53, 52, 51, 63, 64, 65, 60, 57, 61, and 58 , antlerless elk bag limit.
	All	All hunts that are only open on weekends, will be listed in the regulations as: "Saturdays and Sundays only from X date to X date"
200M1	NW Cascade	Eliminate, consolidate to 200M
200M2	SW Cascade	Eliminate, consolidate to 200M
200M	Cascade	New hunt from consolidating 200M1/2, all of units 16, 19, 21, 22, 29, and 30, Nov. 14 - 25, 900 tags
210A1	Onion Peak 1	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
210A2	Onion Peak 2	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
210B1	Lewis and Clark 1	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
210B2	Lewis and Clark 2	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
210A1	W. Saddle Mtn	New hunt from consolidation, Dec. 1 - 31, 30 tags
210A2	W. Saddle Mtn	New hunt from consolidation, Jan. 1 - 31, 30 tags
210F1	Camp McGregor No. 1	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
210F2	Camp McGregor No. 2	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
210G1	Central Saddle Mtn	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt, Dec. 1 - 31, 35 tags
210G2	Central Saddle Mtn	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt, Jan. 1 - Feb. 15, 35 tags
210B1	Central Saddle Mtn	New hunt from consolidation, Dec. 1 - Jan. 14, 35 tags

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210B2	Central Saddle Mtn	New hunt from consolidation, Jan. 15 - Feb. 28, 35 tags
210C1	Upper Nehalem No. 1	Simpler hunt boundary description
210C2	Upper Nehalem No. 2	Simpler hunt boundary description
210D	Lower Columbia	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt 210D
210E	Youngs River	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt 210D
210D	Lower Columbia	New hunt from consolidating 210D/E, Dec. 1 - Mar. 31, Master Hunter Only through 2020 then eliminate requirement in 2021, 35 tags
211C	Banks	Expand date to Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, increase tags to 30
212A1	Miami-Nehalem No. 1	Simpler hunt boundary description
212A2	Miami-Nehalem No. 2	Simpler hunt boundary description, Master Hunter Only through 2020 then eliminate requirement in 2021
214B1	Central Trask No. 1	Simpler hunt boundary description
214B2	Central Trask No. 2	Simpler hunt boundary description
214C	Wind River	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
214D	Beaver Cr	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
214E	Pike	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
214C	SE Trask	New hunt from consolidating 214C/D/E, 70 tags, Dec 1 - Mar 31
214F1	NE Trask No.1	Expand date to Dec. 1 - Mar. 31
214F2	NE Trask No.2	Expand date to Jan. 1 - Mar. 31
214G	Panther Creek	Expand dates to Jan 1 - Mar 31
215A2	Willamette Plus No. 2	Eliminate, no longer needed with proposed general antlerless elk season
216B	SW Santiam	No change to hunt but there is a much simpler way to describe the controlled hunt boundary
216C1	Molalla No 1	Eliminate, consolidate to 216C
216C2	Molalla No 2	Eliminate, consolidate to 216C
216C3	Molalla No 3	Eliminate, consolidate to 216C

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216C	Molalla	New hunt from consolidating 216C1-3, Dec. 1 - March. 31, 50 tags
216D	Sandy	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
216E	Green Mtn.	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
216F	NW Santiam	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
216D	NW Santiam	New hunt from consolidating 216D-E, Dec. 1 - March 31, 50 tags
217A	Lower Siletz	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
217B	Upper Siletz	Eliminate, create new consolidated hunt
217	West Stott	New hunt from consolidating 217A/B, boundary change to match Stott boundary on the west
218A	NE Alsea	Eliminate, consolidate to 218A
218F	NW Alsea	Eliminate, consolidate to 218A
218A	North Alsea	New hunt from consolidation of 218A/F, Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 25 tags
218B	SW Alsea	Eliminate, consolidate to 218B
218C	SE Alsea	Eliminate, consolidate to 218B
218D	SW Alsea Private	Eliminate, consolidate to 218B
218B	S. Alsea	New hunt from Consolidate 218B/C/D into one hunt, 25 tags, Jan 1 - Mar 31
218E	Central Alsea Private	Remove private land only restriction, 20 tags, Jan 1 - Mar 31
219A	S Central McKenzie	Eliminate, consolidate to 219A
219B	NW McKenzie	Eliminate, consolidate to 219A
219C	Horse Rock	Eliminate, consolidate to 219A
219D	Scott Mt	Eliminate, consolidate to 219A
219A	West McKenzie	New hunt from consolidation of 219A/B/C/D, Jan 1 - Feb. 28, 45 tags, All of McKenzie Unit excepte USFS lands and lands included in 219E and 219F
220A	Noti-Saginaw	Eliminate, consolidate to 220A
220B	W. Siuslaw	Eliminate, consolidate to 220A

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220C	E. Siuslaw	Eliminate, consolidate to 220A
220D	Elkton	Eliminate, consolidate to 220A
220	Siuslaw	New hunt from consolidation of 220A-D, unit wide hunt, 100 tags, Jan. 1 - Mar. 31
224T1	Tioga	Eliminate, consolidate to 224T
224T2	Callahan	Eliminate, consolidate to 224T
224T3	Old Blue	Eliminate, consolidate to 224T
224T	Tioga	New hunt from consolidation of 224T1-3, entire unit, Aug 1 - Dec 31, 30 tags
225A	N. Sizes	Eliminate, consolidate to 225A
225B	Curry Private	Eliminate, consolidate to 225A
225A	Sixes	New hunt from consolidation of 225A/B, entire unit, private land only, 200 tags
225T1	Sixes No 1	Eliminate, consolidate to 225T
225T2	Sixes No 2	Eliminate, consolidate to 225T
225T	Sixes	New hunt from consolidation of 225T1/2, Aug 1 - Mar. 31, 75 tags
231	Keno-W Sprague	New hunt to replace general season, Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, one bull, unit 31 and the portion of 33 west of Hwy 97, 800 tags
234	East Central Cascades	New hunt to replace general season, Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, one bull, units 34, 39 and the portion of 77 west of Hwy 97
234A	Little Rvr	Eliminate, low number of tags, hunt no longer needed
237A	N. Ochoco	Eliminate, consolidate to 237A
237B	Crooked River	Eliminate, consolidate to 237A
237A	Ochoco Private	New Hunt from consolidation of 237A/B, all private land in Ochoco Unit, one antlerless elk, Aug 15 - Dec 31
237R2	Ochoco Unit Bow 1	Eliminate, consolidate with 237R1 and increase tags to 600
238A	SW Grizzly	Eliminate, consolidate to 238A
238B	N Grizzly	Eliminate, consolidate to 238A
238A	Grizzly Private	New Hunt, all of Grizzly unit outside of exterior boundary of NF, one antlerless elk, Aug 15 - Dec 31

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240A	Maupin W Biggs	Eliminate hunt due to new general season
241X	Hood-White Rvr No 1	New hunt to replace general season, Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, one bull, all of units 41 and 42
241Y	Hood-White Rvr No 1	New hunt to replace general season, Nov. 7 - 15, one bull, all of units 41 and 42
241C1	N. White Rvr-Hood No 1	Eliminate, consolidate to 241C
241C2	N. White Rvr-Hood No 2	Eliminate, consolidate to 241C
241D	Larch Cr	Eliminate, consolidate to 241C
241C	White River Private	New hunt from consolidation of 241C1/2 and 241D, all private land in unit 41, Aug 1 - Sept. 30
242	Hood	New hunt, all private land in unit 41, Aug 1 - Dec. 31, antlerless elk
244	Columbia Plateau	New hunt, either sex from Oct. 28 - Nov. 30, antlerless elk from Dec. 1 - Mar. 31, all of units 40, 43, and 44, 1000 tags
244A	Col Basin	Eliminate, no longer needed with proposed general antlerless elk season
244T	Umatilla	Remove eastern portion of Biggs from this hunt boundary description
245C	N. Fossil	Eliminate, consolidate to 245C
245D1	S. Fossil	Eliminate, consolidate to 245C
245C	Fossil	New hunt from consolidation of 245C/D1, all of Fossil Unit, Nov. 21 - Nov. 29, antlerless elk
245D2	S. Fossil No 2	Eliminate, consolidate to 245E
245D3	S. Fossil No 3	Eliminate, consolidate to 245E
245E	Fossil-E. Biggs Private	Eliminate, consolidate to 245E and new general antlerless elk season
245E	Fossil Private	New hunt, all private land in Fossil Unit, Aug. 1 - Mar. 31, antlerless elk.
246D	Upper John Day	Eliminate, no longer needed, low interest in this hunt
246E	Murderers Cr. Prvt Plus	Eliminate requirement for hunters to be on a landowner permission form before applying
247A1	Northside Prvt No. 1	Eliminate requirement for hunters to be on a landowner permission form before applying
247A2	Northside Prvt No. 2	Eliminate requirement for hunters to be on a landowner permission form before applying
247D1	Northside Ritter No. 1	Eliminate requirement for hunters to be on a landowner permission form before applying
247D2	Northside Ritter No. 2	Eliminate requirement for hunters to be on a landowner permission form before applying

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248D	Heppner	Expand to entire unit, eliminate boundary description from regulations
248E	Willow Creek	Change date to Dec. 1 - 31 due to new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt, small modification to hunt boundary to match the general season boundary, antlerless elk bag limit
248R	Heppner	Extend to entire unit, eliminate boundary description from regulations
249B	McKay Cr	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
250R	Desolation	New hunt, traditional archery only, Sept. 28 - Oct. 2, "one elk" bag limit with 50 tags, hunt area = North Fork John Day Wilderness, tag is also valid during general archery season
250A	Desolation	Eliminate, no longer needed, very low tag number hunt
251C	N. Sumpter	Eliminate, no longer needed, very low tag number hunt
251T	Sumpter	Eliminate, consolidate to 251T
251T	Baker	New hunt from consolidation of 251T, 262T, and 263T - all of units 51, 62, 63, same dates
252B	S. Starkey	Eliminate, consolidate to 252B
252C	S. Starkey Private	Eliminate, consolidate to 252B
252R	Shaw Mtn. Bow	Eliminate, very low interest, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
252E1	Shaw Mtn. No. 1	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
252E2	Shaw Mtn. No. 2	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
252F	N. Starkey	Eliminate, consolidate to 252B
252B	Starkey Private	New Hunt from consolidation of 252B/C/R/F - all private land in the Starkey Unit, 200 tags, standard cow elk season dates
252T3	Starkey Exp Forest Youth	New hunt, Aug. 15-23, 30 tags, within Starkey Experimental Forest
253A1	S. Catherine Cr Prv No. 1	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
253A2	S. Catherine Cr Prv No. 2	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
253C1	Mt. Harris No. 1	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
254A	Pumpkin Ridge	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
254M1	Union Ag Muzzleloader	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt

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254M2	Union Ag Muzzleloader	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
255A	Mill Creek Watershed	Expand bag limit to "one elk"
256A	Bartlett Bench	Eliminate split dates, Expand season to Aug. 1 - Oct. 31
257A	Elk Cr.	Eliminate split dates, expand season to Aug 1 - 31
257B1	Flora No 1	Eliminate, consolidate to 257B
257B2	Flora No 2	Eliminate, consolidate to 257B
257B	Flora	New hunt from consolidation of 257A/B, Aug 1 - Dec 31, 45 tags
257C	Whisky Cr	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
257D	E. Sled Springs	Eliminate, consolidate to 257D
257E	W. Sled Springs	Eliminate, consolidate to 257D
257D	Sled Springs	New hunt from consolidating 257D/E, standard antlerless season date, 115 tags, entire Sled Springs Unit
257F	Cricket Flat	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
257R2	Sled Springs Bow. No. 2	Remove "spike" from bag limit to make consistent with all other antlerless archery bag limits
258R2	Chesnimnus Bow. No. 2	Remove "spike" from bag limit to make consistent with all other antlerless archery bag limits
259	Snake River	Eliminate hunt due to population concerns
259R	Snake River	Eliminate hunt due to population concerns
260A	Alder Slope	Eliminate, replace with new General Antlerless Elk Damage Hunt
261A1	Clear Lake-Deadhorse No. 1	Eliminate hunt due to low interest and existing hunt the next month
261A2	Clear Lake-Deadhorse No. 2	Change number to 261A and remove "No. 2" from hunt name, same dates as in the past
262T	Pine Creek	Eliminate, consolidate to 251T
263T	Keating	Eliminate, consolidate to 251T

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	All	All hunts with a "one antlerless or spike deer" bag limit change to "one antlerless deer"
610	Saddle Mt	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
611	Scappoose Unit	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
612	Wilson	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
614	Trask	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
614T2	Upper Tualatin-Trask	Move to one hunt period instead of weekends only, new hunt description language
616A1	NW Santiam	No change to hunt area but there is a much simpler way to describe the boundary in the regulations
616A2	SW Santiam	No change to hunt area but there is a much simpler way to describe the boundary in the regulations
616T	SW Santiam	Change bag limit to "one deer", there is a much simpler way to describe the boundary in the regulations
616T2	NW Santiam	New youth hunt, Nov 9-20, one deer, 30 tags, there is a much simpler way to describe the boundary in the regulations
617	Stott Mt	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
618	Alsea	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
620A	N. Siuslaw	Eliminate, consolidate into 620
620B	S. Siuslaw	Eliminate, consolidate into 620
620	Siuslaw	New hunt from consolidation of 620A/B, 80 tags, unit wide; Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
620T1	N. Siuslaw	Expand to include entire Siuslaw Unit, change name to "Siuslaw"
620T2	Territorial	All hunts that are only open on weekends, stop listing out all the single dates in the regulations, display as "Sat and Sunday only from X date to X date"
620C	Camas Swale	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
621A	Dorena	Eliminate hunt, consolidating to 621
621B	Calapooya	Eliminate hunt, consolidating to 621
621	West Indigo	New hunt from consolidated 621A/B, includes land in units 21 and 23, Oct. 24 - Nov. 6, 130 tags
623	Melrose	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
623A	Central Melrose	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020

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624	Tioga	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
625	Sixes	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
625T	N. Sixes	Expand hunt to unit wide, change name to "Sixes", Dec. 15 - Jan. 5, 77 tags
626	Powers	Expand hunt to unit wide, current dates and tag numbers
627	Chetco	Expand season date to include all of general rifle deer season - Oct. 3 -Nov 6, 2020
628A	W Applegate	Expand hunt to unit wide, current dates and tag numbers
632T	S. Bryant	Eliminate, very small area, low tags
640	Maupin	Eliminate, low tag number, unnecessary hunt
641A	The Dalles Orchard	Eliminate weapon restriction, change to the portion of unit 41 on or within 1 mile of commercial orchards in Hood River County and in Wasco County north of 5 mile creek
642	Hood	Expand to all agricultural lands in Unit 42, eliminate "A" from hunt description
643A	E Biggs	Eliminate hunt, consolidating to 643
643B	W Biggs	Eliminate hunt, consolidating to 643
643	Biggs	New hunt, unit wide, private land only, Oct. 17 - 25, 40 tags
644A3	Umatilla NWR No. 3	Eliminate hunt and move to 100 series to consistently provide hunters one buck opportunity per hunter per year instead of two, establish consistency in 100 and 600 series purpose/bag limits. This change would not be implemented until the 2021 hunting season.
644B1	N Columbia Basin 1	Eliminate hunt consolidating to 644
644B2	N Columbia Basin 2	Eliminate hunt consolidating to 644
644C	S Columbia Basin	Eliminate hunt consolidating to 644
644	Columbia Basin	New unit wide hunt, Oct. 17 - 25, total number of tags from the previous 3 hunts
645A	Fossil	Expand to include entire Fossil Unit
649A1	N Ukiah No. 1	Eliminate, consolidate to 649
649A2	N Ukiah No. 2	Eliminate, consolidate to 649
649	Ukiah	New unit wide hunt, 75 tags, Oct. 24 - Nov 15

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649B	W Blue Mtn	For the 2020 hunting season: Expand to include all of units 44, 45, 48, 49, 55, that part of 54 north and west of FR 31, 200 tags, muzzleloader only, 200 tags. For the 2021 hunting season: Move this hunt to 100 series. This change will consistently provide hunters one buck opportunity per hunter per year instead of two, establish consistency in 100 and 600 series purpose/bag limits.
655A	Orchards	Eliminate and replace with 655
655	N Blue Mountains	For the 2020 hunting season: Expand boundary to include all of units 49, 55, and 54 w/ of FR 31, change name from Orchards to N Blue Mountains, 100 tags, Dec. 12 - 20, one white-tailed deer For the 2021 hunting season: Move the hunt to 100 series and change bag limit to "one white-tail buck with visible antler". This change will consistently provide hunters one buck opportunity per hunter per year instead of two, establish consistency in 100 and 600 series purpose/bag limits.
657A2	Flora No. 2	Eliminate, declining mule deer populations
657B1	N Wallowa Valley No 1	Eliminate, declining mule deer populations
657B2	N. Wallowa Valley No 2	Eliminate, consolidate into 657B
660B	S. Wallowa Valley	Eliminate, consolidate into 657B
657B	Lower Wallowa Valley	New hunt from consolidation 657B2 and 660B, remove restriction on use of centerfire rifles, same dates as existing hunts
657C	Upper Swamp Cr	Eliminate, consolidate into 660A
657D	Prairie Creek	Eliminate, consolidate into 660A
660A1	Upper Wallowa Valley No 1	Eliminate, declining mule deer populations
660A3	Upper Wallowa Valley 2	Eliminate, consolidate into 660A
660A	Upper Wallowa Valley	New hunt from consolidation of 657C/D and 660A2/A3, remove restriction on use of centerfire rifles, new boundary, 175 tags, dates Oct. 17 - Dec. 20
665A	SE Beulah	Remove unnecessary weapon restriction
665T	Malheur Youth	Eliminate the split date format, new dates of Aug. 1 - Oct. 31
667A	NE Owyhee	Remove unnecessary weapon restriction
675T	Paisley	Eliminate hunt, small hunt area, low tags

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437	Ochoco	Expand bag limit to "either sex"
440	Mapuin - W Biggs	Eliminate, consolidation to 444
443A1	Columbia Plateau No 1	Eliminate, consolidation to 444
443A2	Columbia Plateau No 2	Eliminate, consolidation to 444
444A	Columbia Plateau No 1	New hunt from consolidation of 440 and 443A1/2, All of units 40, 43, 44 and portion of 48 north of FRs 21 and 53. One doe or fawn. (All Fossil Unit now included in 445A)
444B	Columbia Plateau No 2	New hunt from consolidation of 440 and 443A1/2, All of units 40, 43, 44 and portion of 48 north of FRs 21 and 53. One buck pronghorn. (All Fossil Unit now included in 225B)
445A	Fossil No. 1	Expand to entire Fossil Unit, change name to Fossil No. 1
445B	Fossil No. 2	Expand to entire Fossil Unit, change name to Fossil No. 2
453T	Thief Valley Youth	Simplify hunt boundary to all of unit 53
463	Keating	Expand to include Unit 62, change name to Keating-Pine
465	Beulah	Change to longer and later dates; Aug. 22 - Sep. 6
468A1	Whitehorse	Eliminate, consolidate into 468
468A2	Whitehorse	Eliminate, consolidate into 468
468	Whitehorse	New hunt from consolidating 468A1/2, change to longer and later dates; Aug. 22 - Sep. 6, 140 tags
470B	W Beatys Butte No. 1	Change name to W. Beaty Butte No. 1 to accommodate a 2nd hunt period
470C	W Beatys Butte No. 2	New Hunt, Aug. 26 - Sept. 3, one buck pronghorn, 35 tags
470R2	W Beatys Butte Bow	To accommodate 470C, move 10 days later and shorten by 2 days, new dates of Sept. 4 - 11
471A	Juniper	Change to longer and later dates; Aug. 22 - Sep. 6.
473M1	S Wagontire	Eliminate, consolidate into 473M
473M2	N Wagontire	Eliminate, consolidate into 473M
473M	Wagontire	New hunt from consolidation of 473M1/2, 10 tags, (shift 5 tags into 473B), Aug. 29 - Sept. 6
473R	Wagontire	Expand to unit wide, keep tags the same, change name to "Wagontire", same dates as current hunt, Aug. 29 - Sept. 6
475R2	Gerber Reservoir	Clarification/simplification of boundary

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475M	Gerber Reservoir	Clarification/simplification of boundary
475T	Gerber Reservoir	Clarification/simplification of boundary
476A	E Fort Rock - Silver Lake	Expand to all of Fort Rock and Silver Lake Units (eliminate E from name)
476M	E Fort Rock - Silver Lake	Expand to all of Fort Rock and Silver Lake Units (eliminate E from name)

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543A1	E John Day No 1	Eliminate, consolidate to 543A1
543A4	W John Day No 1	Eliminate, consolidate to 543A1
543A1	John Day No 1	New hunt from consolidating 543A1/2, same dates, new hunt boundary: John Day River Canyon from Spray to McDonald Ferry/Rock Creek
543A2	E John Day No 2	Eliminate, consolidate to 543A2
543A5	W John Day No 2	Eliminate, consolidate to 543A5
543A2	John Day No 2	New hunt from consolidating 543A2/5, same dates, new hunt boundary: John Day River Canyon from Spray to McDonald Ferry/Rock Creek
543A3	E John Day No 3	Eliminate, consolidate to 543A3
543A6	W John Day No 3	Eliminate, consolidate to 543A6
543A3	John Day No 3	New hunt from consolidating 543A3/6, same dates, new hunt boundary: John Day River Canyon from Spray to McDonald Ferry/Rock Creek
546A1	Aldrich No 1	Eliminate hunt , consolidate into 546A
546A2	Aldrich No 2	Eliminate hunt , consolidate into 546A
546A	Aldrich	New hunt from consolidating 546A1/2, dates Aug 15 to Oct 31, 3 tags
548	Potamus	Extend dates: Aug. 15 - Oct. 31, Expand to entire Heppner Unit, eliminate boundary description
551A	Burnt River	Change hunt boundary to all of Unit 51 and eliminate "A" from the hunt number; change date to Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
556	Wenaha	Eliminate hunt based on agreement with Washington and Umatilla Tribe which rotates one tag for each every three years. Next proposed tag in the Oregon portion of the herd will be 2022
559A1	N. Snake River	Expand season dates to Aug. 15 - Oct. 31, simpler boundary description
559A2	S. Snake River	Expand season dates to Aug. 15 - Oct. 31, change name to S. Snake River, simpler boundary description
560A	Hurricane Divide	Expand season dates to Aug. 15 - Oct. 31, reduce to 1 tag
560B	Bear Creek	Expand season dates to Aug. 15 - Oct. 31
564A1	Lookout Mtn. No 1	Change season dates to Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
564A2	Lookout Mtn. No 2	Change season dates to Sept. 15 - Oct. 14
568B1	E Whitehorse No 1	Extend dates: Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
568B2	E Whitehorse No 2	Extend dates: Sept. 15 - Oct. 14

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568A1	Sheepshead Mts No 1	Extend dates: Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
568A2	Sheepshead Mts No 2	Extend dates: Sept. 15 - Oct. 14
569A1	Steens Mt No 1	Extend dates: Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
569A2	Steens Mt No 2	Extend dates: Sept. 15 - Oct. 14
569B	N Catlow Rim	Extend dates: Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
570B1	E Beatys Butte/Alvord 1	Extend dates: Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
570B2	E Beatys Butte/Alvord 2	Extend dates: Sept. 15 - Oct. 14
570C	Coleman - E Guano	Extend dates: Sept. 15 - Oct. 14
574	Warner	Extend dates: Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
575A1	S. Central No 1	Extend dates: Aug. 15 - Sept. 14
575A2	S. Central No 2	Extend dates: Sept. 15 - Oct. 14

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963	S. Wallowa Mtn	New hunt, Aug. 1 - Oct. 31, 1 tag, all of units 53, 62, 63, and a portion of unit 60
951A1	Elkhorn 1	Expand date to Aug. 1 - 31, expand unit boundary to all of unit 51 and 50
951A2	Elkhorn 2	Expand date to Sept. 1 - 30, expand unit boundary to all of unit 51 and 50
951A3	Elkhorn 3	Expand date to Oct. 1 - 31, expand unit boundary to all of unit 51 and 50
956A	N Wenaha	Expand date to Sept. 1 - Oct. 31
959A1	Hat Point No. 1	Expand date to Sept. 1 - 30, 2 tags
959A2	Hat Point No. 2	Expand date to Oct. 1 - 31, 3 tags (1 new tag)
959A3	Copper Creek	New Hunt, a portion of unit 60, Sept. 1 - Oct. 31, 1 tag
959B1	S. Snake River No. 1	Expand date to Sept. 1 - Sept. 30
959B2	S. Snake River No. 2	Expand date to Oct. 1 - Oct. 31
960A1	E Hurricane Cr	Expand date to Sept. 1 - Oct. 31, simpler hunt boundary
960A2	W Hurricane Cr	Expand date to Sept. 1 - Oct. 31
960B1	Goat Mt No. 1	Expand date to Sept. 1 - Sept. 30
960B2	Goat Mt No. 2	Expand date to Oct. 1 - Oct. 31
961A	Cusick Mt	Expand date to Sept. 1 - Oct. 31, expand boundary to include all of unit 61, no boundary description needed in the regulations

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General	General Fall Bear	Expand date for Eastern Oregon to Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 to match Western Oregon
	SW Additional Fall Bear	Expand area to statewide
710A	Saddle Mt-Scappoose	Eliminate, consolidate to 711A
712A	Wilson-Trask	Eliminate, consolidate to 711A
716A	N Cascade	Eliminate, consolidate to 711A
710	NW Oregon	New hunt from consolidation of 710A, 712A, 716A. Includes all of units 10-16 and 19.
731A	S Central	Expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31
741	White River	Eliminate, consolidate to 741A
742	Hood	Eliminate, consolidate to 741A
741A	White River/Hood	New hunt from consolidation of 741 and 742. All of units 41 and 42
746A	S. Blue Mtns	Add units 38 and 37, expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31
752A	Starkey-Ukiah	Expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31
756	Wenaha	Expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31
757A	Sled Springs-Chesnimnus	Expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31
759A	Snake Rvr	Expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31
760A	Minam-Imnaha	Expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31
762A	Pine-Keating-Catherine	Expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31
764	Lookout Mt	Expand dates to Apr. 1 - May 31

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N40	Maupin/W Biggs	Expand to include all of Biggs Unit, change name to "Mapuin/Biggs"
N44	Col. Basin/E Biggs	Remove E. Biggs, rename to "Columbia Basin"
L70	Beatys Butte	Expand opportunity by allowing premium deer tag hunting on Hart Mountain, no change needed to hunt description, add "premium deer" to the list of tags that can be hunted with on Hart Mountain in refuge information on page 86 of the regulations
L71	Juniper	Expand opportunity by allowing premium deer tag hunting on Hart Mountain, no change needed to hunt description, add "premium deer" to the list of tags that can be hunted with on Hart Mountain in refuge information on page 86 of the regulations