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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I think this would be a move in the wrong direction. It will increasingly be more and more difficult to have access to a quality hunt year after year. I have children who are almost old enough to hunt and my concern is that as we move toward controlled archery hunts it will limit their opportunity to have a successful hunt and good ground to hunt in the years to come.

My dad and I have no issues finding spots where there are no people in many of these eastern Oregon units during general archery elk season. All we have to do is walk about a mile and a half from the truck and there's no one in there. I think it's a misrepresentation that it is "overcrowded". I know some areas are however there are still remote areas that people can get to you with a little effort. To exclude residence from many of these units because we moved to a controlled hunt would be a shame.

Another option to consider is shutting down more access roads so that people have to take a horse, ride a bike or walk. I'm all for travel management areas and limiting ATV access. I think this is the answer.

2. Not educated enough to comment on this issue.

Archery
deer:
change
from
general to
controlled

season in
eastern
Oregon.

3. West Not educated enough to comment on this issue.

Cascade
elk
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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Leave it the way it is! Get rid of the wolves and Mt Lions! Open lion hunting with dogs back up and open a season on wolves. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Leave it a general season and go after the real problem. Mt lions and wolves! Get the dogs back and open season on wolves! The population of deer will come back! |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | Put a bounty on my lion and wolves. Open hunting Mt lions with dogs. New season on wolves. Bounty on coyotes and Mt lions. |

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1. I support making eastern archery a controlled season if it will help with some of the crowding. I started archery hunting twenty plus years ago when I didn't draw rifle tags, and the woods were not crowded. The last few years archery hunting has felt more crowded than general rifle seasons on the west side. I will certainly miss the freedom of being able to hunt in different units as I please, but I think the hunting experience will be better with limited tags.

Archery
elk:
change
from
general to
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season in
eastern
Oregon.

2. I have mixed feelings on archery deer being controlled due to the fact that the unit I elk hunt in is different than the unit I deer hunt in. I like being able to hunt the late season on the west side for deer, but also have a chance at a buck while I'm elk hunting.

Archery
deer:
change
from
general to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

3. **West** I like the idea of moving elk season to November and adding the week to deer season.
Cascade

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both
species at
same
time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

As far as tag number changes go, I understand that we can only allow so many tags for certain units. The problem I have with the current system is the point creep that comes along with it in the more desirable units. I don't know what the answer is but maybe we could start giving 50% rather than 25% of tags out regardless of points so people will have a better chance at drawing tags but that will just make the point creep worse. I have several friends that have been putting in for Wenaha and Mt Emily for 20 years and haven't gotten a tag yet. Maybe you could make more Late season Rut hunts for deer and elk state wide that would be draw hunts with limited tag numbers.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Change state wide archery and rifle to 3 point or better and reduce cow hunts in areas that do not have damage issues. Leave it general season. In a few years there will be more mature bulls and opportunities to call in bulls will increase. Avid hunters will rejoice!

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

The issue isn't the fact that archery is a general season tag. The issue is that it is a ANY DEER tag. Killing a mature mule deer buck with a bow is extremely difficult and has a low success rate. In the few years I have archery hunted deer in eastern Oregon harvesting a Doe or a small spike would Have been a slam dunk. I have never taken a doe or immature buck but the opportunity's are abundant. I have seen pickups full of hunters with multiple does in the back. I have been hunting Oregon for over 30 years and have seen the deer population drop every year since the institution of controlled hunts in eastern Oregon. You took rifle buck season away and the people bought bows and have been decimating the breeding stock ever since. Sometimes the best intentions have unintended affects! Please do not take away our only guaranteed hunting opportunity. If you truly care about the mule deer population make the archery season forked horn or better and rifle 3 point or better. Reduce the number of doe tags. In my opinion the only people that should be allowed to kill a unmature buck or a doe are disabled or elderly people. Please use common sense save the deer populations and keep Oregonians out hunting. It's not just about the kill! If you owned a cattle ranch and sent your breeding stalk to the butcher you would eventually go bankrupt. Reducing the archery tags by 5% and leaving it any deer will NOT do a damn bit of good!

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) 3 point or better statewide elk archery and rifle we need more mature bulls reproducing and competing for cows. Reduce cow tags in areas that are not prone to damage from elk hearts. Eliminate any animal archery tags for deer and elk make them bull or buck only tags to keep breeding stalk alive. eliminate doe tags to anyone not disabled or elderly. The deer populations did better when it was a General season statewide buck tag. Everyone hunted mature bucks and does were reproducing. If you had a cattle ranch would you butcher your breeding stalk? Have some common sense!

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Since many elk are said to inhabit private lands, where pressure has been less, maybe the state could increase incentives for landowners to cooperate with hunters. Obviously, hunters are willing to pay top dollar to hunt on private land where pressure is lighter, but many cannot afford to pay the trespass or guide fees that go along with the privilege.

The program in place for turkey hunting on private lands could be a basis, but most landowners with problem elk on their property would still like to simultaneously limit access and make some money for their trouble. I'm new enough to Oregon that I still don't have a feel for how this kind of outreach is done, but something like Colorado's Ranching for Wildlife might be a good model.

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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | No it should be you either Archery hunt or rifle hunt. Not if you do not draw a archery tag you can then do that which drives the archery hunter numbers up. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | same as above. |

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I agree – AS LONG AS there aren't an excessive number of tags allotted to each unit. One of the biggest objectives is to minimize the pressure and make for better quality hunt opportunities. Please don't subvert that objective with too many tags per unit – especially in less popular/productive units. I worry that there will be certain "expendable" units where a larger number of tags will be given so hunters who don't draw one of the coveted hunts will be given a 2nd choice fall-back option. Please make sure that does not happen. Keep the pressure down so elk aren't so pressured that they vacate public land.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Same as above but use even more discretion with tag numbers given the struggles of mule deer in many east side units. We may see decent numbers of deer out in farmers' fields but that does NOT translate into healthy, huntable numbers on public ground. That of course applies even more so for rifle tag numbers.

3. West Cascade elk (general) Disagree. Leave the short general elk season in mid-October and continue to shut down deer season then. Absolutely keep that second half of the deer season going into the first week of November – like it falls this year. Your responsibility is to manage for deer/elk population health and provide a decent hunt opportunity NOT manage for what's easy and convenient for hunters. If you coincide the deer and elk seasons, it will

any-legal create an over-crowded mess of a hunt where few hunters are successful or satisfied. That is not what you
weapon or I or anyone really wants in the long run.
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Cascades
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time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Give more tags out for those highly productive units where management objectives can sustain it – in order to minimize some of the point creep problem. But again do NOT maintain or increase tag numbers in units that aren't as productive or that don't have much public land. Please continue looking at other states that are more successfully managing this opportunity vs pressure problem. It's not unique to Oregon. Especially analyze how other states manage the private land problem. Rethink the whole LOP program. It's corrupt and very much advantages one group of people over the tax-paying public – both in hunting opportunity and financial benefits (selling LOP tags). While this is outside of the purview of your current policy considerations, all of these things are intertwined and need to be addressed in order to shore up big game management and equitable hunter opportunity.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I understand there are game objectives to be met, but I firmly believe that turning all of Eastern Oregon into a draw should NOT be the first tactic. I think there are more negatives than positives to this approach. My first thought is the concern as it relates to current draw areas such as Wenaha and Mt. Emily. The required points increase each year, making it nearly impossible to obtain. So, my first concern is having this happen to other popular units. Also, there is concern amongst those I have talked to about the legitimacy of the points system. Just these two topics alone create some of the strongest doubtfulness amongst the hunting population. Some ideas I have include seasonal road closures, not allowing archery to be a backup plan when a rifle tag is not drawn, create a system which encourages landowners to allow access by trustworthy hunters, strategic thinning and making out-of-state tags a lottery. All which come 2nd to increased predator control. Until predators are reduced to a level where elk and deer breeding and birthing begins to increase, you will simply be "chasing your tail" with band-aid solutions, which in turn will only frustrate us hunters even more. Finally, given the number of archery hunters and the success rate of archery hunting, I firmly believe that converting to a draw system will not be the solution ODFW is looking for.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Please see my response to #1 above, as the response applies just as appropriately here, if not more so. I have not seen the numbers, but I believe the success rate for archery mule deer is even less than elk. I am also inclined to believe that most archery hunters have a deer tag solely for the happenstance they encounter a trophy-like deer while elk hunting, rather than specifically pursuing mule deer.

3. West Cascade elk I have never elk hunted during this West Cascade season, so I am unsure how moving the dates is beneficial. However, I have been a rifle hunter for deer in this area, and speaking from personal

(general any- experience, I could never grasp the reasoning behind closing the deer season during this time. Also, for
legal weapon the sake of your objective to simplify, doing one or the other makes sense to me.
season): Move
season to
November OR
keep current
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allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
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species at
same time.

4. Other At the top of my wish-list is moving the dates for controlled hunt apps and draws to be much earlier in
changes being the calendar year. There are many hunts where planning your life several months in advance would
considered make most hunters much happier.
(incl. tag Thank you for the opportunity to have my opinions expressed, and I hope they add value to your
numbers/hunt process.
tables for
specific
hunts)

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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I disagree with the proposal. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I agree with this proposal. |

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I put in for Eastern controlled hunts and never seem to get drawn. I end up hunting Western OTC or the few descent Eastern OTC tags and both seem to be getting more and more crowded. If this proposal takes place, it looks like the fewer OTC units (mainly Western) will be even more crowded and once you do draw a controlled tag, it may be years before you get drawn again.

I see this as limiting my opportunity to hunt elk and hunting with a bow is already difficult enough. I am currently 54 and only have a limited number of years left in me to pursue my passion.

I've spoken with biologists at ODFW and though they were very thoughtful and kind, I couldn't find the real benefit this proposal would provide a hunter like me or many others for that matter.

Am I missing something, is there a better explanation?

Paul

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I have been an avid traditional archery gear hunter for 20 years now and i have been saying this every year to whomever will listen. Make it all BRANCH BULL ONLY. I do not shoot cows and to hear people cry about not being able to kill every cow elk in the forest really is just too much. Make the entire eastern side 3 point or better one year then any bull the following year. and cows every other year. The kill every cow in the forest mentality has to stop or we will have none to hunt period.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

The mule deer population in the silvies unit where i like to hunt has dropped drastically so ya same deal as elk season draw tag only.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

I got nothin.

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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I am 100% for going to a controlled season. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I am 110% for going to a controlled season. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | Let hunters pursue both species at the same time. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | Reduce all eastern units by 10% of the past 3 year average of hunters per unit. For both deer and elk. |

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Please do not change archery rules for the general season hunts for all of eastern Oregon. I am vehemently against loss of opportunity in hunting in eastern Oregon. I am particularly frustrated by a one size fits all mentality by ODFW for all of eastern Oregon. In my home unit Hood our district biologists don't even have data on elk numbers or available carrying capacity. It is very frustrating to see increased LOP tags and reduced acreage qualification as a means for herd management vs considering reg changes that support expanded hunting opportunities or youth tags. Very disappointed that ODFW is taking a reduced hunting opportunity approach to big game management, while increasing fees and not taking a holistic look at overall management. Just trying to solve big game management by making all of eastern Oregon draw hunts is pitifully short sighted and reflects ODFW's ineptitude in resource management.

2. See my comments above as applicable to deer management as well.

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3. **West** Keep it the same!!!! No changes!
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

. What i am afraid of is the profound loss of opportunity this will provide for all hunters, current, new, and those who aren't even hunters yet, but could be if they are given the opportunity. This would create an individual to get locked into a single unit therefore one could not explore and learn different units while hunting. This would impact all hunters more so the ones just starting out. This change would also effect the individuals that cannot afford to hunt the entire month in Eastern Oregon. We would not be able to hunt in Eastern Oregon go back to work and hunt the residing county. That is a huge loss of opportunity. I feel if this is truly about the population of animals then the wolves should not have been re-introduced, hunting with hounds needs to come back and there HAS to be wolf tags!! Predators are the number 1 reason our elk and deer number are so low! Taking away hunting opportunities should be the last resort. We all agree that ODFW can do 10x more to help the population without taking away opportunity from the hunters. The bow hunting community is growing tremendously for multiple reasons but i believe the main one is because the opportunities the bow hunter has v.s. the rifle hunter. The rifle hunter does not have nearly the equality as a bow hunter. It takes years to draw good units over East and when one does it is only for 7 days! Bow hunters get the ENTIRE month! So what that creates is change, one will put down the rifle pick up the bow and hunt all over Eastern Oregon while doing that learning units, having the opportunity to harvest an animal while saving points for the rifle hunt. That rifle hunt could be with the father, grandfather that is no longer able to get around as good as they use to or whatever the case may be. Not all only archery hunt. I believe doing this will turn a lot of archery hunters into rifle hunters. The reason most every Elk hunter hunts east is because the level of difficulty, lack of Elk in Southern Oregon or Coastal range. If the OTC archery tag becomes a draw, us regular hunters will not be able to build up points, or if we choose to, we wont be able to hunt. Just shutting down a system that likely a majority of east of the cascades archery elk hunters take advantage of is not creative – it's destructive. We do have an opportunity to change how we manage elk in Oregon, so let's do it in a positive fashion without taking opportunity away.

2. Archery Same as above just regarding deer.

**deer: change
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3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

First i think that the length of time for general rifle elk season is way to short. The amount of money charged to hunt 5 to 7 days is completely unfair when bow hunter get an entire month with a greater success rate and chance since its the rut. The general season needs to be extended! I do not think it should be moved to November because that would cut into archery season for blacktail. I think it should run 2 weeks. First week shut down for rifle deer hunters like it is now and the second week the rifle deer hunter could come back to the units and hunt for blacktails. It would not work if the rifle deer hunters can hunt the same unit as elk hunter, we would be competing against each other for spots when we are hunting two different species.

4. Other Remove wolves and Create wolf tags, bring back hunting with hounds, lower prices, make longer changes being seasons for rifle elk hunters.

**considered
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)**

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| Name | Dan Robben |
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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I do not want to see this change. Archery is the fastest growing hunting population. We need retain and recruit more hunters. I believe a draw would discourage and put another barrier for new hunters. A draw will decrease opportunity and it will end up like rifle draws with units that won't be attainable and massive point creep. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I would be in favor of a change to a controlled draw but with stipulations. There needs to be better predator control with a management plan that decreases the predator numbers. Possible lower number of tags. Lastly a plan to return to a general seasons when deer numbers have rebounded. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | I'm in favor of either one. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | Just to have a obtainable plan to actually lower predator numbers in all of Oregon. I don't want to see predators wiped off the landscape but the state needs to admit that predators numbers are way over objectives and need to be lowered to help ungulate numbers. |

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This will eliminate my opportunity to hunt archery elk on the east side until I draw an elk tag which I have been building points for the past 18 years. So I will be hunting western Oregon like everyone else in my position. This will definitely increase pressure on the west side. No consideration for guys with preference points who are trying to get a one time quality tag. Just don't like how Oregon manages game and fish. Look at other states and learn. There are better ways to manage game.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Moving to exclusively controlled hunts doesn't address the foundational big-game management problem – too much technology in hunting. Managing wildlife harvest through controlled hunts vs. requirements for tools and timing of hunts creates a system where the wealthy are allowed an increasingly large proportion of opportunity by gaming the system – if you have enough money, you can get a tag which, with the increasingly technology allowances, corresponds to increased success that will push down the availability of tags and further decrease the opportunity for the less wealthy. The current system favors the wealthy by encouraging the use of increasingly efficient technology in hunting which is increasing hunter success, decreasing the opportunity for a larger number of people. If ODFW was serious about managing big game, they would manage the technology race, limit the use of technology and modern firearms, and increase the opportunity for traditional archers (and muzzleloaders) – most of which are not wealthy and can't fairly compete for controlled hut tags.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Moving to exclusively controlled hunts doesn't address the foundational big-game management problem – too much technology in hunting. Managing wildlife harvest through controlled hunts vs. requirements for tools and timing of hunts creates a system where the wealthy are allowed an increasingly large proportion of opportunity by gaming the system – if you have enough money, you can get a tag which, with the increasingly technology allowances, corresponds to increased success that will push down the availability of tags and further decrease the opportunity for the less wealthy. The current system favors the wealthy by encouraging the use of increasingly efficient technology in hunting which is increasing hunter success, decreasing the opportunity for a larger number of people. If ODFW was serious about managing big game, they would manage the technology race, limit the use of technology and modern firearms,

and increase the opportunity for traditional archers (and muzzleloaders) – most of which are not wealthy and can't fairly compete for controlled hut tags.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

As a traditional archer, I am very concerned about allowing the use of crossbows during rifle season. Allowing the use of crossbows for hunting encourages poaching because of the silent and compact nature of the tool for which the shot and the tool can be more easily concealed. Allowing the use of crossbows during firearm season opens the door for allowing crossbows to use archery season which runs counter to the management objectives of ODFW by increasing the potential take – increasing the use of ever expanding technology for hunting will result in decreasing the opportunity for more hunters because of the necessary restrictions on the numbers of hunters. This is playing out in the proposed change from general to all controlled hunts for eastern Oregon – increased technology increases potential for success with reduced effort which encourages a race for better technology eventually resulting in unbalanced restrictions that favor the wealthy as the controlled hunt system does.

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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I love hunting big game and I also like the fact that I have lots of opportunities to hunt big game like elk in the State of Oregon under the current format. By changing from a general to controlled archery elk season you are taking away opportunity. We need to attract more hunters to the sport not control and turn away archery hunters and hunters as a whole. Last time I checked the number of hunters is decreasing not increasing...shouldn't we be retaining and recruiting hunters? This is not the answer. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Why does the ODFW want to make such sweeping changes like this proposal especially in a year of a pandemic? Lets take a deep breath, discuss this more and then as a collective body make a wise thoughtful decision. My thought is, if it isn't broke why are we trying to fix it. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | I really don't hunt the West Cascades and have no opinion regarding this topic. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | For the units with overcrowding, allow compounds the first two weeks and traditional archery the last two weeks and keep everything general. |

Nick Myatt

From: all_exec_employees-bounces@list.oregonsdc.org on behalf of Statewide Announcements * DAS <Statewide.Announcements@oregon.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:18 PM
To: all_exec_employees@state.or.us
Subject: A time to heal

To all state employees,

Let's begin healing.

As we navigate unfamiliar waters, the heavy burden of being weighed down by all that is happening around us can feel overwhelming. When will it be safe to hug a friend or colleague you haven't seen in a while? When will we find justice for the injustice? When will children return to the classroom? Answers to these questions may pose different challenges for different people, but the power of healing can connect us all.

It is known that people who take the time to practice healing strategies are happier, less stressed, and less depressed. When we practice the art of healing, we're able to release heavy burdens and gain healthy strategies. Building connections to help others heal by actively listening to their stories and giving yourself compassion during a difficult time are proven ways to reduce stress and amplify the healing process.

As we move through another month of uncertainty, my hope is that you find some time to help heal yourselves and others. When it feels like the world is in need of a deep cleanse of healing, I hope you'll join me in using the tools listed on the [positivity project website](#) to help guide you to ease.

Please be sure to check out August's blog and activity calendar for ideas to bring healing into your lives and those around you.

Let's heal together.

Sincerely,

Madilyn Zike
Chief Human Resources Officer

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Nick Myatt

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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2072]

Name Katelyn Lambert

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

For starters I noticed the youth tags for Interstate Unit were reduced by 15. Youth is our upcoming generation, the ones we leave all this hard work behind for. I strongly believe that cutting tags and not giving them first hand experience will lead to them losing a sense of that fire, drive, and experience. If any tags are cut, do not take it away from our youth, but adults.

I keep hearing elk and/or mule deer populations have declined, the hunt needs to be harder. To make it harder start with a bag limit of 3+ and better. Take away the spike or elk/deer bag limit.

We need more data, meaning reflecting 2019 data for 2021 is not ideal. Let this season pass so we have an exact broader picture of what we are looking at.

We need to take in consideration predator issues are rising in Eastern Oregon, it's not just the "hunter increase."

We have 50 to 60 year old hunters who have hunted those units year after year and will simply state, "If i run into a hunter or few, I just move to a different area." Sadly I cannot tell you how many older hunters I have ran into lately that are just fed up to the point they feel choked out by regs. These are our elders, who we have not only learned a lot from, but a lot have given back and spent so much time helping aid conservation.

Many hunters will feel more restricted from areas, or have less access.

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I truly think there will need to be a happy medium. Starting with changing the bag limit is a great start, rather than

constricting so much. We have too many hunters getting fed up with regulations that they have begun to leave the state or "veteran" hunters feel like they just can't hunt anymore, which is very disheartening.

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3. West Cascade Moving for a change would make sense. There has been a lot of confusion for years, especially starting out hunters, which side of the river to be on when the cascade elk hunt starts.

elk

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Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Department Staff,
The problem is simply that archery has become too efficient. Current modern bows have an effective range of 100 + yards. Making them as accurate as muzzleloaders. And it shows up in harvest statistics. One of many solutions is to reduce the season length for modern bow shooters and leave current seasons as is for traditional archers. Why punish them? They have stayed the same since seasons were created.

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Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2070]

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| Name | Dusty Bourasa |
| Current city of residence | Vale, Oregon |
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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I don't mind applying for a tag but make it unlimited for people that apply for archery only and don't force the archer to stay in one unit. Allow archers to hunt units in the eastern zone of the state. If you want to rifle hunt, then apply for rifle. If you want to archery hunt, then you apply for archery. I would say that you should make the draw like the spring bear draw SW Blues. We are allowed to hunt several units. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I don't mind the applying for archery but that is what you apply for. If you want to hunt rifle hunt then apply for a rifle tag. If you want to archery hunt then apply for that. Make the archery unlimited and do not force archers to one unit. Allow archers to apply for the eastern zone of the state. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | I have no comment. I don't live over that way. I am in eastern Oregon where this will affect me and my operation in a negative way. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | This is just a accumulation of decades of mismanagement. Now the people are having to pay for it. Tags and Licenses are through the roof and now you want to put restrictions on the archers. I do think that this whole proposal is a good idea. If you want to manage hunter numbers, then make them choose what weapon they are going to hunt with. I am a 35 year archer and will be till I die. I think that all people should have |

the right to hunt, but I feel that you are punishing one status of sportsman to accommodate another.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2069]

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Majority of bowhunters traveling east are from Portland, Salem, Eugene, Medford, and Grant's Pass. They work jobs that only allow (1) week vacation that time of year. The rest of their hunting is weekends. With (2) days being travel time, that's a seven day bow season if they select east to hunt. Ain't going to happen, especially all those hunters banking preference points!☹️

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

The scenario is exactly the same for deerhunts. Bow hunting is difficult, most years 30 days isn't enough. Hunters have to have success occasionally, or they quit hunting, or quit hunting Oregon.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

This makes a lot of sense to me.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2068]

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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Ok, would like to see us go to a no point system and draw by luck as other states do. Please leave problem elk areas open to the public. I would also like to see less private land owner tags given. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Ok, would like to see us go to a no point system and draw by luck as other states do. Please leave problem elk areas open to the public. I would also like to see less private land owner tags given. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | I do not like the any weapon system, this defeats the purpose of archery hunting and will cause conflicts. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | Please eliminate "any weapon" There is a large difference in a 60yd archery shot and a 60yd rifle shot. I would also argue there is a large philosophy difference as well. Is it fair to be able to take 1000yd shot sniper style to an animal walking in the woods? |

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2067]

Name Teron Sells

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

There's a lot that needs done with the tag system I'm not sold on this idea yet but some management is desperately needed the point creep is out of control and the hunting opportunities are dwindling from elk moving to Ag ground from hunting pressure and Predator pressure but I'm not sure making archery a draw is needed but definitely a choose your weapon is needed! I knw this does the same thing but it feels like the true archery hunter is being hung out to dry here I have hunted for 25 years archery and it's going to be ruff to not draw a tag for a unit and skip a year of hunting in Oregon

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. The archery deer change seems like a little to late I have watched deer numbers decline for most of my hunting years. But I do appreciate that there's an attempt to help our deer herds mostly the mule deer I hope that this helps I understand the need for a drastic change in our methods and just hope this plan works out and isn't a revenue inspired change!

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current I like this plan seems like a great opportunity!

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hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
pursue both
species at
same time.

4. Other I would like to see more options for the archery hunter in small specialized hunts like half of
changes being muzzleloader tags go to archery. Most of the archery tags are in trophy units a a nd are tuff draw odds !
considered Thanks for your time and actions trying to help our wild game herds
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2066]

Name Delbert Binschus

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I have archery hunted for over the last 40 years . The amount of hunters has increased as much as the amount of predators . We need to lessen both, but you just want to get rid of one and that is the hunter . I believe that if you want to hunt , pick if you want to hunt with a rifle or bow when you put in for the tag and unit that you want to hunt . I have talked to too many people from all over the state that said " I did not get the rifle tag I wanted so I am bow hunting". I would ask them how many years they have hunted with a bow and they would say this is my first . So I guess if I have a chance to keep hunting till I cant go anymore . I need to start throwing my name in the ring for , bow season , elk , deer , bear , cougar , and the unit I want to hunt .

2. Look at what I submitted for east side elk .

Archery
deer:
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general to
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season in
eastern
Oregon.

3. **West** anything to keep the people from the west on the west side .
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Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2065]

Name Peter Grubb

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am a Ranch Manager as well as an Outfitter and Guide in the Grizzly Unit. About 80% of our archery clients are non resident hunters. We also utilize our LOP tags as well as OG tags to bring in clients from Oregon as well as non residents. This change has the potential to negatively affect our ability to run a successful hunting operation. My questions and concerns are about the potential impact this change will have to non resident hunters. What is the current percent of archery hunters that are non residents? Will this change limit the ability of those hunters to draw tags on an annual basis? What will the impact of those reductions be to the recreation and tourism business in Oregon? Will you consider increasing the number of LOP tags available for 200 series elk to give landowners the ability to secure additional archery tags so that we don't need to reduce our rifle hunters in order to provide archery opportunities? Thank you for your considerations of our needs.

2. **Archery deer:** Same concerns as Elk as it pertains to non resident hunter opportunities. Deer populations are a serious concerns for us in Oregon and I believe this change will help manage numbers for efficiently. Our elk numbers are increasing and the need to adjust elk tags is not needed at this time. Thank you for your considerations of our needs.

change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I fully support the change from general to controlled for archery elk, I do wish you would keep most of the general units together in this change instead of choosing one unit. I understand breaking them up will help with crowding and reduce point creep. but it is really nice during a summer fire season to be able to move around while archery hunting.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

again, I fully support the change, as stated above though, keep some or most of the general units together in a general tag draw.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2063]

Name Jesse Shetler

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am not in favor of this proposal. It is too broad and does not adequately consider the historical traditions of our archery seasons or encourage future archery recruitment. If the goal is to recruit and maintain hunters in Oregon, there needs to be seasons that are more appealing to potential hunters. The traditional archery season has been that. It allowed someone to buy a tag without months of foresight, to hunt most of the state (near home or hours away) and have a season before most schools start. This has been a great way to introduce hunting to friends and families. The new proposals would hurt the way I have hunted and recruited for the last 20 years.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Has this method worked on the units it has already been implemented in? Has the hunting improved, are the herds there flourishing? I think not! Why not manage take by antler size rather than limit hunters opportunities to be in the field? I realized this is oversimplified, but it seems that if more resources were dedicated to managing habitat and predators it wouldn't be necessary to manage hunters in such a drastic way!

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current I think this will have a lot of support and be a popular option for rifle hunters. The ironic thing is that it may become popular with many upset archery hunters as well! If it is easier to draw these tags, some will gravitate that way.

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species at
same time.

4. Other I would like to know why there are no changes being proposed for managing out of state hunters?
changes being There are out of state tag numbers set for Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goats but no over the counter
considered limits for deer and elk tags! Is this open door policy all about the money or does it just look like it???
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2062]

Name Jonathan Shetler

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I understand there needs to be a balance between Hunter opportunity and a healthy elk population.

That being said I would like to continue to have over-the-counter tags for archery.

Based on information put out by the ODFW, archery elk hunting has become more popular in recent years. Due to the increase number of hunters in the field there are some areas that are overcrowded. However I didn't see anything about declining Elk populations,

I would like to see money from application and tag sales to expand hunting access. For example the base camp where I've hunted for the past 20 years is just a trail head with a single pit outhouse. Even if it means a little more money out of my pocket, I would prefer to have application and tag prices increased and use the revenue to expand and build more access locations. Expand and build more trails, create more basic campgrounds by installing a out-house and maybe a picnic table in a bunch of strategic locations.

The idea of course would be to spread out hunters and not overcrowd certain areas.

I drive past many miles of hunt-able elk habitat to get to "my spot".

I believe the reason hunters congregate in concentrated areas is partly because of where the elk are located, but also because there's access into the back country by way of trail or closed road, and additionally there's a safe place to pull off the road to set up camp.

If archery hunters are simply killing to many elk each year then I'd suggest more bull only units for general season archery.

2. Archery If deer numbers are in decline I support changing it to a draw tag.
deer: change
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3. West I don't participate in this hunt.
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Cascades to
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same time.

4. Other N/a
changes being
considered
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Name Eric Wright

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I'm firmly against these new ideas. The main reason hunters complain about overcrowding during bow season is all the controlled hunting which isn't needed. Why should wenaha unit holding one of the best elk herds in North America be so limited? Other units and you know what they are have these same limitations. Rather than manage the hunter odfw needs to manage wildlife and predators. You can do that through changes that make reasonable sense such as 3 point rules for mule deer allowing escapement of young bucks for a year to allow them to get smarter and create a better breeding season to help herds recover. Of course nothing is going to help without predator control. Open up all eastern Oregon bow hunting units to unlimited access and hunters will disperse automatically. Bow hunting is not easy even with today's technology, animals adapt with it and the animals still have the upper hand over hunters. How are you going to manage the various hunting that goes with bow season elk and deer hunting such as cougar and bear and coyote and what about hunters who have put in twenty years to draw the ridiculous draw hunts, do they just keep putting in for the ridiculous draws to keep their preference points or now they have to use them just to be able to hunt their usual units during general season and lose 20 years of drawing points just to be able to hunt. Seems everything is about revenue, not the animals or the hunters needs, haven't you made enough money just creating the new premium hunts. Why is o'choco unit a limited entry unit, it's I believe the largest in the state with every animal we hunt with herds throughout the unit. I've heard odfw wants to reduce the elk herds there as well. Why does half the hunting and fishing revenues go to the general fund run by a democratic governor and cronies who are anti hunting and who elects people who think likewise. This state has the potential to be one of the premier hunting states in the west but had to be managed correctly and we aren't getting it. We aren't getting our bang for the buck and I've heard over and over again you can go outside Oregon and see more animals in an hour than you will spending a week in Oregon. Why limit eastern Oregon bow hunters and not allow late western Oregon hunting, makes not a lick of sense especially since for

the first time ever spike bucks are legal for bow and rifle in western Oregon. How does that help blackmail herds? Wolves are the huge problem in eastern Oregon, manage them, not the hunter and we don't need these changes. I've hunted all my life I'm 72 years old and I've never seen so much poor management decisions. It's time to get people in our game management who understand hunters needs and animals needs as well, just not all about money. I spent over 400.00 applying for tags controlled hunt and premium applications and raffle tags. Never get anything, just a big money scheme and no bang for the buck. Many people have already given hunting up, they say it's just not worth it. Is that what odfw really wants? We should be managing for more opportunity in our great outdoors, not less. Oregon's hunters have always been willing to foot the bill for better hunting to help out, its time to realize that and quit bailing on us

Nick Myatt

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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | not in favor of it, might cause over crowding in western oregon as well as loss of some money to eastern oregon |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | puts more pressure on western deer |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | keep current dates and allow deer hunting |

Nick Myatt

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Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 7:02 AM
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2059]

Name Anthony Kurtz

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Our family, myself , my 3 brothers, my dad, my 3 boys and my nephews think this is a terrible idea. This is the only time we get together every year to spend time together like this. We hike 3 miles back in, spend at least 10 days together and wear ourselves out chasing elk. Its a tough hunt and we know its not our best shot at being successful(compared to other areas and other states) but we know the area, we can buy over the counter tags, and we LOVE the woods! Biggest mistake ODFW HAS MADE IS BRINGING IN PREDATORS the last 15 years. When you did away with hunting cougars with dogs, then bringing in wolves!? Unbelievable!!! We have been stalked by cougar at least 3 times the past 3 years- that we know of. Last year we saw one wolf track while hunting. This year they're already just thick in our hunting area. They're everywhere. You want happy hunters? Lots of income for ODFW? Get rid of the predators.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Hate it. Give us freedom to hunt where we want to hunt. This our land, right?

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move We have no opinion as well don't rifle hunt.

season to
November OR
keep current
dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
pursue both
species at
same time.

4. Other hate it. Stop trying to keep us from our land and our rights. We pay your salary, remember? You work changes being for us!
considered
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

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Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:03 PM
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2058]

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| Name | Chris Doebler |
| Current city of residence | Hermiston |
| Email | duckslayer8512@yahoo.com |
| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I think that we need to make it that if you put in for rifle tag that you can't get an archery tag I believe that will resolve this issue and let true archery hunters get back tonthe way things used to be |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Make it 3 point or better |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | Make Westside the same if you are going to change eastern oregon otherwise the Westside will be flooded with eastern oregon hunters |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | Go back,to paper tags |

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 12:29 PM
To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2057]

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| Name | AMBER LEBARD |
| Current city of residence | Scio |
| Email | amberlebard@yahoo.com |
| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I'm opposed this change. Using a blanket strategy for a few units that are over crowded does not seem like the correct approach. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Opposed to this idea. Archery harvest has little to no impact on overall herd health and will further limit opportunities and possibly drive down hunter numbers. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | I approve either of these ideas and think it will benefit hunters and have little to no impact on the elk herd. |

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2056]

Name Wayne Endicott

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1. **Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** This need to move to a working Group. OBH has better proposals that will solve this issue if only staff would be willing to work with us. This process has not been about making all thing better for the hunting community or wildlife, but rather making things easier on staff. We need to ask the Question," how did this move from adding opportunity program to a reduction in opportunity program? Bowhunting is the only group that is growing in popularity. We need to work together to come up with solutions to help this growth.

2. **Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** I personally have beat this drum hard for the last 12 years, I have working solutions and with ODFW using the tools available to them and a management plan that is thinking outside the box with hunting strategies. Mule deer populations can be restored. Archery hunting is a not the issue here. Staff has stated that the decline is not due to hunting, so why are we reducing opportunity.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

This is the wrong time frame to make this kind of change! With the high level of Government overreach and the personal vendettas and agenda that staff has displaced this is a horrible proposal that effects the up coming generation of hunting families. This will cut out the family hunting camping nucleus. This is wrong and there is a simple solution to the issue if staff would be willing to work it out with the sporting groups. PR weather you like it or not is bad for ODFW. This move is only seen as dividing hunting groups and will bring a giant amount of bitterness toward ODFW. Wayne Endicott 541-566-7039 cell

Nick Myatt

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| Name | Michael Elmore |
| Current city of residence | La Pine |
| Email | mjelmore@comcast.net |
| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I don't see why this would not be a good thing. Other than over crowding western Oregon. I do understand the need to have some general areas. It might be a thought to place all units under a controlled status and leave portions in both eastern and western for general hunts/hunting. This would be more inclusive for folks that live on both sides of the mountain. And might help address of over crowding the coast. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I don't see why this would not be a good thing. Other than over crowding western Oregon but I do understand the need to have some general areas. It might be a thought to place all units under a controlled status and leave portions in both eastern and western for general hunts. This would be more inclusive for folks that live on both sides of the mountain. And might help address of over crowding the coast. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | I would move the season. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | I would raise the price on and remove all over the counter tags for non-resident hunters. The over crowding I see anywhere, especially in Eastern Oregon is out of state plates. Keep revenue up and decrease some pressure/over crowding; this is a great option in my opinion. |

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 7:29 AM
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2054]

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| Name | Tyler Atler |
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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | i totally agree. You have way to many people pressurizing the units and scattering animals all over the place. make it as fair for the rifle hunters as archery |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | no opinion |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | switch it to November, hunting is almost impossible in mid October for elk in the cascades |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | start cutting back some tags in the north east corner for elk 200 series. more and more people are turning that place into a park and not a wilderness anymore |

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2053]

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| Current city of residence | Marcola |
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Personally i don't like this idea. I believe we have a good amount of elk on the east side and it as well it creates less pressure on the West side. we already have units that hunters classify as Premium units and everyone applies to draw them but usually count on general season. However i would encourage a couple units to be controlled to hopefully create more "premium Units" so you dont have to wait your whole life to great a chance at a trophy bull. I personally believe more attention needs put towards predator controll then units.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I would like to see some go to controlled but not all.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

I would say keep it the same but allow deer to continue through the elk season just like archery.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2052]

Name Donald Smith

Current Adams
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

To Whom;

I have been bow hunting since 1973 and the technology of the archery equipment has changed bow hunting entirely. I personally have never shot an Elk with my bow over 8 yards but I see others each fall reporting that they harvested Elk at 70 or 80+ yards. The archery hunter numbers have also increased tremendously. When I began hunting with my bow in 1973 I remember hunting entire seasons where I would not see another person or maybe see only one or two other archery hunters. Now when I do archery hunt it is very common for me to see 100+ archery hunters through out the archery season and many are from other states. I am hoping that if I don't draw a rifle Elk tag that we can still be able to get a spike Elk tag for the second season here in Eastern Oregon. Your department is headed in the right direction as something needs to happen as the Deer numbers have declined dramatically over the years both in Mule Deer and now with blue tongue in White tail Deer. The approach that your agency is taking will improve the quality of the hunting opportunities here in Eastern Oregon and the well being of our Deer and Elk herds.

2. **Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in** My only concern is that I always purchase a sportsman pack which pays for a Deer tag and Elk tag as well as other tag. If those of us who do not draw a rifle deer tag how would that work out as I personally have no interest in hunting the western part of the state for Deer. Before if I did not draw an rifle Deer tag I would just archery hunt for Deer. I only archery hunt now for Deer is when I don't draw a rifle tag as there are just too many people out there archery hunting.

eastern

Oregon.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2051]

Name Reice Moyer

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I do not agree with this change for numerous reasons. I will only mention a few of those reasons at this time. First, archers total take of elk in the state is around 1/3 of total take by rifle hunters. Also, the elk numbers in the west slope of the Cascades is where there seems to be a shortfall. My home unit of the McKenzie is approximately 1/3 of management objectives. While elk numbers in most hunt units are at or above management objectives and have been mostly steady or climbing for at least a few years. Second, I agree that some hunt units may be experiencing more archery hunters, i am doubtful of an overcrowding issue. The hunt unit i go to in eastern Oregon does not have a large population of archery hunters. Third, I believe that, if this regulation is adopted, elk tags should be draw across the board. Meaning, statewide and for all weapons. If archers have to draw, rifle hunters should as well. Eliminate all elk OTC tags. I also think that if an archer draws an east side elk tag, this should include the west side, if the west remains OTC general season, so those of us who live in Western Oregon can maximize our time in the field. I think that a weapons choice could also be productive in reducing archery hunter numbers. I.E... declare a weapon when applying for a draw and if unsuccessful that hunter can ONLY buy an OTC rifle tag.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. I'm not opposed to draw for deer in eastern Oregon. Or mule deer numbers are severely suffering are around half of MO. While I do not believe that to be due to hunting or habitat loss, we as hunters need to be mindful of the low numbers and do our part to assist in getting the numbers back up.

3. West Cascade elk I think that some units should be draw, for example, the McKenzie unit is 1/3 of MO for population. I think that McKenzie unit and others units that are well below MO should be draw to reduce hunter

(general any- harvest. I do not have an issue with not sitting down general buck season during West Cascade elk
legal weapon season. Maybe allow antlerless deer season open on the same weekend.
season): Move
season to
November OR
keep current
dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
pursue both
species at
same time.

4. Other One other thing I feel should be considered is the possibility of making Eastern Oregon elk and deer
changes being tags limited entry on a first come, first serve basis by the hunt unit and should include Western Oregon
considered as a general tag.
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2050]

Name William Wells

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. I really don't think this is necessary because it will decrease opportunity and decrease hunter recruitment in the long term. Instead ODFW should use its authority to manage Mt Lions to reduce numbers to the carrying capacity of 3000 instead of 8000 that is estimated.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I really don't think this is necessary because it will decrease opportunity and decrease hunter recruitment in the long term. Instead ODFW should use its authority to manage Mt Lions to reduce numbers to the carrying capacity of 3000 instead of 8000 that is estimated. Deer numbers are declining for a number of reasons. However, with the additional 5000 Mt lions running around, they eat about 50 deer a year, so thats 250,000 deer a year!! If ODFW removed these Mt Lions, deer numbers would rebound in time and a controlled season would not be required. ODFW could then offer more opprotunity aka more product to sell.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current Keep current dates.

dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
pursue both
species at
same time.

4. Other J just wish the antelope hunts were earlier in august, so there was a break between antelope and
changes being archery elk.
considered
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 9:06 PM
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2049]

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| Name | Adam Grunsky |
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| Email | agrunsky@hotmail.com |
| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | If you change the Eastern part of the state to draw only the tag should be good for archery season, muzzle loader and rifle season. That way it maximizes the hunters opportunity to harvest game in that unit. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | If the mule deer population has decreased that much it can't just be from archery hunters. If this is the case then you should get rid of the antlerless deer seasons in the east and put a point rescription on the bucks. This will create a larger deer population with heathier bucks. This worked in the state of Pennsyania. Currently it does not make any sense to have any visiable antler deer can be taken now and cry that the population is down. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | Keep current dates and allow deer hunting in the Casacades at the same time. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | If you change the Eastern part of the state to draw only the tag should be good for archery season and rifle season. |

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 5:50 PM
To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2048]

Name Joey Danna

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city of
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I would like to express my concerns for the proposed changes of the 2021 archery elk regulations. The tradition of archery hunting every fall in Oregon will slowly but surely die off for many families if Eastern Oregon turns to an archery controlled hunt. Just like the above video showed, in 1995 when Rifle hunting fell roughly 50% after controlled hunts were enacted in various portions of the state, archery hunting interest will fall in the state. This does not only have a direct impact on the hunters in the state but the businesses across the state that profit from hunter's business. Going away from general season archery in eastern Oregon will also cause more hunters to leave the state to hunt in other more inclusive states that neighbor us. Protecting and helping the deer and elk populations grow at a healthy rate will not happen by limiting access to hunter's rights to enjoy the sport of archery hunting. There is more than enough management of hunting and fishing in Oregon, please consider finding another solution.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 3:17 PM
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2047]

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| Name | Ryan Justus |
| Current city of residence | West Linn |
| Email | rjustus@premiernw.net |
| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I think this is a very bad idea. I have been hunting the same area since I was 12 years old. That was 27 years of hunting in the same area. I also save my points for the big 3 units which are exceptional hunting units that you don't get with the general tag. The Bull quality in our unit (Starkey) has continued to improve year after year even with the amount of hunters hunting that area. Elk population is down overall due to poor management on predators. I have seen an increase in bears and cats every year. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Again I think we need to manager predators before we change how the tags are given out. I would be for a quota for the next few years until we get the numbers back up as I do think they are way down. |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | I only archery hunt so no opinion on this. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | You should allow more spring bears tags and also add a lot more as youth hunts to get more kids involved and help with the bear population problems. |

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2046]

Name Darin Nelson

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1. I dislike this change to the regulations. Mainly because it would impact me to hunt certain areas of interest that are general season while saving points for a premium draw hunt. If units are changed to controlled seasons I wouldn't be able to hunt eastern Oregon without using my preference points. Also would cause more hunters to travel to western oregon which is already getting over crowded.

Archery
elk:
change
from
general to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

2. I dislike this change to the regulations. Mainly because it would impact me to hunt certain areas of interest that are general season while saving points for a premium draw hunt. If units are changed to controlled seasons I wouldn't be able to hunt eastern Oregon without using my preference points. Also would cause more hunters to travel to western oregon which is already getting over crowded.

Archery
deer:
change
from
general to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): I think we should keep the season dates but allow deer hunters to continue to hunt. Most of elk hunters that hunt the cascades I have talked to, have both tags already. It really sucks to see a buck during the cascade elk season but don't have the opportunity to harvest the buck because of the regulations.

Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

There are several things I think ODFW should consider. One is allowing archery hunters to buy a general rifle tag if not successful during the archery season. This allows more opportunity to new hunters and other hunters that were unsuccessful during the archery season. Also allows fish and game to gain more money to put back into research, game management or where more funds are needed. Second, not limiting the traditional archery hunts with tag limits in the draw. Make them unlimited tags like they use to be a year ago. I don't know why this was changed. You are taking away

hunting opportunities for people to hunt premium units by adding a limit to the tags. How much hunting pressure is reduced by limiting the tags vs. leaving it unlimited? where are the numbers and reasoning for this changed?

What are the other alternatives ODFW is considering to help the populations and hunting pressure of our elk and deer in eastern Oregon other than making them controlled hunts?

Has ODFW considered making eastern Oregon a general draw for the units? A separate draw for general seasons so they achieve what they want by making it controlled tags but so residents don't lose their preference points?

Lastly, I would like to see in the future the left over tags from the draw to a second/additional tag because this gives more opportunity to harvest an animal.

The number of controlled tags are already considered to meet the biological objectives. Why not allow one hunter to harvest two animals when another hunter does not want to hunt in that unit.

I think another idea ODFW should consider is in the required harvest survey, include a question regarding how much game was seen. How many bucks, does, bulls, cows.

Maybe consider other states and follow their lead on how to manage a population and look at their regulations and see how we can improve not only hunting opportunity but the populations of game.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2045]

Name Sam Dallis

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I'm an avid Archery Hunter who primary hunts Elk, I have spent a huge amount of time and Dollars since the late 1980's at this and I am very concerned about losing opportunities to spend time in the woods doing what I'm passionate at doing. Archery takes time and commitment working on ones abilities and skills, and as I get older, it is even more important for me to stay in shape and to continually shoot my bow staying proficient at this sport. Take away my annual ability to chase game in the woods you will be taking a big piece of what gets me up each day, what makes my quality of life better. I occasionally kill animals, it is my objective each year, but reality is I might harvest an elk every 4-5 years yet I love the chase and live for it and the meat is some of the best a person can consume.

What actually is the objective is, is it less hunters?, more Rifle opportunities?, to increase animal numbers?, to reduce pressure pushing animals onto private lands? It just seems Elk numbers are greater today than 20 years ago with herd numbers in most units near or above objectives. If elk moving to Private lands is the issue, can't ODFW learn from our neighbors and work with landowners to open their lands to hunters, sell more tags and use that money to open more opportunities versas simply take away opportunities, selling less Tags and watching budgets spiral downward.

Anyway, I wish Oregon would learn how to manage Game and using the tools out there to do it. Start Better controlling Predators, and enhancing habitat.

2. Archery deer: change Deer numbers are so bad I often don't even waste my money on Tages. I go to Colorado and an impressed by both the Quality and Quantity of there herds on Public lands, I would suggest sending our people on a road trip, learn from what others do. Get rid of all the cougars we have, I used to never see a cat or their

from tracks, now they are everywhere – Gee I wonder if it has an impact? Deer close to town seem to be doing
general to well, wait when you get close to town the predators get removed.
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

3. West No real comment, with Archery we pursue both at the same time but Rifle hunter are much more efficient at
Cascade killing and with Bucks rutting in November its seems the few out there will be reduced.

elk

(general Mixing Archery with Rifles seems like a bad idea

any-legal

weapon

season):

Move

season to

November

OR keep

current

dates but

allow

deer

hunting

in

Cascades

to

continue

during elk

season so

hunters

can

pursue

both

species at

same

time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Less opportunities will hurt both hunters and ODFW, Take away tags and your budget is reduced unless the plan is to raise the cost and just price the average guy out, poor people shouldn't be hunting anyway it seems since there aren't animals to hunt. Wait there are more Elk now than during the Good Old Days!

How about removing an invasive species that is killing off the game animals? Cattle, there are not native to our woods yet create havoc everywhere, damage watersheds, eat the important natural grasses and brush other animals rely on. If we were talking Fish in a river, every step would be taken to get rid of these invasive species.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 2:50 AM
To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2044]

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| Name | Ryan Crape |
| Current city of residence | Clatskanie |
| Email | rcrape77@gmail.com |
| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | I think this will be good to minimize the crowding in certain units. |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | Thinking having the west side still be general will cause more over crowding, Make it all draw. Choose one or the other. |

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:42 PM
To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2043]

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| Name | Mark Steinmet |
| Current city of residence | Junction City |
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3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

I believe a move of the cascade elk season to November would accomplish 2 things. 1. Increase opportunity for success for the elk hunters in general. 2 give an additional week of opportunity for western Oregon deer hunters in the cascades. As a hunter of both seasons I would support such a move.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:31 PM
To: BigGame.Review@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2042]

Name Kirby Callis

Current Corvallis
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Hello, is there a way for the public to give input on the proposed changes?

I'm an avid Archery Hunter who primary hunts Elk, been spending a huge amount of time since the late 1980's at this and I am very concerned about losing opportunities to spend time in the woods doing what I'm passionate at doing. I spent countless hours working to fine tune my abilities and skills, as I get older, it is even more important for me to stay in shape and to continually shoot my bow staying proficient at this sport. Take away my ability to chase game in the woods you will be taking a big piece of what gets me up each day, what makes my quality of life better. Now do I kill animals, sometimes, it is my objective each year, but reality is I might harvest an elk every 4-5 years yet I love the chase and live for it and the meat is some of the best a person can consume.

Can ODFW explain what the objective is, is it less hunters?, more Rifle opportunities?, to increase animal numbers?, Pressure pushing animals onto private lands? It just seems Elk numbers are greater today then 20 years ago with herd numbers in most units near or above objectives. If the Private lands is the issue can't ODFW learn from our neighbors and work with land owners to open thier lands to hunters, sell more tags and use that money to open more opportunities not simply take away opportunities.

Anyway, I wish Oregon would learn how to manage Game and use the tools out there to do it.

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Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am strongly against changing the archery elk season from general to controlled seasons.

The goal of ODFW should be to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters while managing the populations. By changing to controlled archery seasons, you will limit the opportunity for hunters. Limiting the opportunities to hunters will reduce the number of hunters. Some hunters will no longer have an interest in hunting if they do not have the opportunity to hunt every year. How are you going to recruit new hunters when they do not even have to option to hunt that first year? Or the second? How are you going to reactivate hunters if they cannot even hunt the year they decide to get back into hunting. Most will not take the time to get back into it when they cannot even hunt for a few years.

The data of hunter numbers does not provide enough information to make a scientific conclusion on whether archery hunters are causing overcrowding and animal disbursement. If you look at the total number of hunters, there are less overall today than there were back in 1995 and 1979. If hunters were the issue with dispersing elk onto private land, there would have been a large dispersing issue back in 1995 and 1979.

If elk populations have been declining, how does an unlimited private land cow tag help elk population? I believe it was created to "help" disperse elk back onto public land, but how is that acceptable management practice? Elk tag numbers should be based on scientific data and population numbers, and not on where elk are located. It does not make sense at all to create an unlimited tag cow rifle hunt one year and then reduce the general archery season tags the next. We need actual scientific data that evaluates all impacts on elk herds and not just hunting pressure.

What about predator density? How does it impact elk distribution? We now have more predators than we ever have in the past. You need more scientific research on the whole system instead of just restricting hunters based on "believing" elk hunters to be the major impacting factor on elk distribution.

Rifle and archery hunting are two completely different ways to hunt, there is a reason not everyone hunts with a bow.

It's more difficult. You can switch to the same management strategy for archery and rifle when they are so different. I believe there are other options out there to evaluate first before making such a substantial change. You could potentially limit hunters to choosing a weapon each year, if they put in for a rifle tag and do not draw the tag then do not allow them to purchase a general archery tag. Other options need to be considered. Gather data and provide actual science.

Once again, I am strongly opposed to changing archery elk season from general to controlled seasons.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

If archery deer hunting or controlled hunting opportunities are not a cause of the decline to mule deer, how does it help to restrict all archery deer general opportunities? Since mule deer numbers are declining, I do believe there something that should be done to try to help the population recover. However, I do not think restricting hunting is the correct answer. We need more information on the actual cause of the decline. Is it hunting, predators, loss of habitat, competition with whitetail deer, or a combination of all of them? Before we just jump into reducing hunting opportunities, we need to have scientific data to provide reasoning.

One potential option would be to have a quota system set up that every mule deer harvested must be reported within 24 hours and once a certain limit is reached then no more mule deer could be harvested. Once the quota is met only whitetail deer can be harvested. This will allow control on mule deer populations while continuing to allow archery hunters to hunt every year.

It appears that more data is needed when you do not have a reason for the decline in the population before changing hunting opportunities. I am against the change in archery deer general seasons.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

My name is Scott Pence and I am writing today to express my concern for the apparent movement towards turning archery elk hunting into a draw hunt in Eastern Oregon. There are many reasons that people are for and against this change being considered. My VERY specific reason for opposition to this concept is all about opportunity, more specifically youth opportunity. As we all know, we are losing hunters every year and we are failing to recruit our youth into the sport. I believe this move will further inhibit our ability to recruit a future generation of hunters by further limiting their opportunities to engage. I have 3 kids and I have introduced them and a number of their friends to hunting and I believe they need as many opportunities as possible made available to them in order for more effective recruitment to hunting and the outdoors. Thank you for your consideration of my input. Scott Pence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am in favor of the proposed changes to a controlled season in Eastern Oregon. I am an archery hunter and have hunted 6 different units in Eastern Oregon over the last 8 years, most of it in the back country. I have witnessed the increased crowding and frustration of archery hunters during the general Archery units. Hunter overcrowding has negatively impacted elk behavior and hunter experience to a point that something does need to be done. I believe the recommendations by Nick Myatt, ODFW Project Lead for the review of big game regulations is a reasonable solution and support it fully. Due to the trend of increasing numbers of hunters, I do believe that the concept of hunters "choosing a weapon" is a necessary step to help better manage and maintain Elk and deer hunting quality. I understand that a lot of archery hunters are upset with the recommendations to change to controlled season, however a lot of the same group have also been complaining of the same issues above and they haven't looked closely at the recommended tag numbers vs previous years' number of general season hunters. The proposal seems very reasonable.

2. My comments for changing from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon is the same that I made for Archery elk (above).

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Tag numbers seem appropriate for Deer and Elk.

I would be strongly in favor of moving Archery season to a set date range (i.e. Sept 1–Sep 30th). I would also be in favor of modifications in regulations that would allow for more effective cougar hunting to help control cougar populations to

a healthy level vs. having the state pay to enlist contract cougar hunters (hounds). Please consider having a return of limited cougar hunting with hounds special registration, ethical training certification, with quotas for each unit similar to other big game in order to help effectively manage this predator species. Part of the mule deer population / recovery issue in some areas is likely related to increased cougar population that has resulted in a predator pit for some mule deer populations being able to effectively recover.

Nick Myatt

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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Please don't change Archery Elk to a controlled Hunt , If you want to limit the the numbers to help elk populations go to choice your weapon Example if you apply for riffle tags for elk and do not draw you cant just go pick up a bow and go hunt in that year |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | No I don't Believe this will help |
| 3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. | I Don't have any idea on this one were I'm not hunting that area , |
| 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) | PLEASE Bring in the gov, trappers to help with congers and Bears They are all over the place in The Heppner unit #48 We were up looking at all of our cameras this last weekend witch is about 10 and all of them have them all over them and not the same animal |

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

No controlled draw for eastern Oregon archery season until the Department forms a workgroup to fully engage all hunters in this process for both elk and deer.

ODFW is proposing these changes out of a two-year effort to make the regulations more consistent starting in 2021 with any approval planned this September. Much deeper study and discussion is needed to have an accurate reflection of solutions and of hunters' preferences.

Treating all units the same, appears to be a blanket or wide swath approach to an issue that needs more specific and nuanced solutions as some are not overcrowded nor have the same herd dynamic nor private land issues.

It is inconsiderate at the least, to propose and announce radical and large scale changes to elk and deer management, specifically archery, during a time when archery hunters will be hunting or focused on hunting. Two months (July & August) are not enough time to review these proposals and provide feedback in a meaningful and in-depth fashion.

Oregon Revised Statue 496.012 requires (among other things) that ODFW

Permit an orderly and equitable use of available wildlife.

Provide optimum recreational benefits.

Make decisions that affect wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of the wildlife resources and make decisions that allow for the best social, economic and recreational use of wildlife resources by all user groups.

We the hunters of Oregon are calling for a halt of implementation of such plans until a full review of this survey and its data, as well as specific herd dynamics to better support both hunter preferences and responsible wildlife management, is undertaken.

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keep the dates the same and allow seasons to run concurrent to one another. Gives the hunters more options.
Moving the season to November isn't necessarily the safest option. Weather can turn at moments notice and the risk of hunters running into trouble and potentially having to be "rescuex" increases dramatically.

Nick Myatt

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| 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | If you want to limit (decrease) the number of archery elk hunters – just make people declare if they are GUN HUNTERS OR ARCHERY HUNTERS. If a hunter applies for a gun tag that person would not be able to purchase an archery tag. Simple solution. |
| 2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. | Same solution as elk hunting.. |