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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	My idea is a hunter must choose a weapon. If you choose for the rifle draw you loose the chance to archery hunt. Also DESOLATION, STARKY, HEPNER GRIZZLY Should see restrictions of some sort. At the end 175,000 rifle hunters killed 29,000 + deer. Archery 60,000 hunters killed 4500 deer. PLEASE WAKE UP
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	CUT RIFLE TAGS GIVE AWAY BEAR TAGS TO YOUTH AND CAT TAGS. MAKE OUT OF STATE HUNTERS DRAW ! Why cut Oregonians? 175000 rifle elk and deer hunters took 30000 deer. Archery took 4500. We only have 60000 hunters wake up 4500 deer harvested with bow vs 29000

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

Instead of trying to control the hunters, make hunters decide which weapon they want to hunt with. Problem with general season units is that if a person doesn't draw the rifle hunt they want, they'll just pick up a bow and hunt general season! Not an ethical choice on anyone's part...

General season hunts out west for Deer? Right??

Predators, White tail deer, too many out of state hunters, loss of access due to out of state folks buying up land and refusing access, the list is to long to get into why Eastern Oregon is already really difficult to fill an archery tag. I'm afraid that ODFW is forcing a huge issue to get even larger. Low recruitment numbers.....This in itself will drain ODFW coffers. I, speaking for my family, will never purchase a license, outdoor gear, if this proposal passes.

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** Please refer to Archery Elk General to Controlled

**4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for** Why do the prices go up? I have a great way to cut your costs.....STOP PRINTING SO MANY DAMN MAGAZINES! Someone buys a license, they get the regulations in Magazine form by request only....Lose it? NO PROBLEM, Charge hem for replacements just like the ridiculous cost of replacing a lot tag.....

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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.

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

I vehemently oppose this. If there were a biological reason, then ODFW needs to do a better job explaining it. I understand that hunters are complaining about their hunt experience, but I would rather have the option of changing my hunting style or location rather than a draw system (which is already failing and creating further problems). Our current system allows for the spread of the pressure. Restricting hunting on the East side will further increase pressure on the West side which already has other major issues like fire restrictions and private property. It will all end up being a vicious cycle that will ultimately destroy opportunity. If opportunity goes, so does ODFW funding.

The changes also fly in the face of recent harvest limit changes in many eastern units. For an example, in the Desolation unit, only recently were cows able to be harvested again. Which shows there is no biological reason for the proposal. Oregon is managed as an opportunity state and it should continue this way.

My primary residence is on the West side and I spend most of my season hunting here, but on most years I choose to spend one week on the East side. My reasons for taking the week aren't because of better odds but because I enjoy the country and the adventure.

ODFW claims hunter recruitment is a big priority yet this proposed change clearly doesn't help that. I have two sons, one of which is not quite old enough to shoot a bow, but the other thoroughly enjoys shooting his recurve and compound. When they are old enough to hold their own tags, I was hoping to be able to take them on an adventures similar to ones I have experienced. Now I maybe forced to wonder if I should be teaching them archery knowing that opportunity will be further diminished in an endeavor that is already has a very low success rate on average.

I think it is wrong, how the surveys were conducted. If ODFW is talking about changing archery seasons, than only archers should have a say. Rifle hunters will more than likely support the changes due to the thought that less archery tags means more potential opportunity for them, which is not true. Do make changes to a system based on results from a poorly designed survey.

If any changes were to be made to the seasons, I would propose a choose your weapon system starting at the draw applications. If you want to put in for an archery draw tag than you must hunt an archery season. In theory, this could help point creep and reduce wound loss.

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

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The state has stated that the lack of nutrition of Mule deer is the main reason for the decline, not hunting. Lets start by increasing habitat projects, reducing doe tags where necessary, and above all further REDUCE predator populations. I would be more than willing to pay an extra \$10 dollar predator control fee.

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**3. West Cascade elk** I have no opinion on this because I am not a rifle hunter and haven't hunted the season since approximately 2008.

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**(general** I am sure ODFW works with our Federal land managers to create better habitat in many areas, but Federal  
**any-legal** forest management, primarily in the West side, has led to the demise of ungulate populations in the  
**weapon** Cascades.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Your percentages seem to be a manipulated between Question 76 and 83.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Your percentages seem to be a manipulated between Question 76 and 83.

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Oregon archers don't want a draw for eastern oregon archery hunting. We want better predatory animal control.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Oregon archers don't want a draw for eastern oregon archery hunting. We want better predatory animal control.

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

Aside from camping areas (and the garbage some leave on our public land), I've yet to encounter crowding. What I dislike most about the proposal is the change to 'only opportunity'. While good intentions for animals and habitat are in mind I have no doubt, what about factors outside our control? What happens if forest fires (highly likely for an archer during September) close that unit? Will some compensation be given (perhaps points I'm fine letting ODFW keep my money as it goes to support good things) back to hunters that now have lost a season? As someone that grew up without a hunting mentor, I didn't take the opportunity to learn archery till my late 30s. I count my life in expected (and hopeful) numbers of Septembers I have left!

Perhaps there is additional pressure on animals due to hunting, but can we please see a comprehensive plan that includes some of the following in addition to severely limited hunting opportunity being proposed:

1. Enhanced emphasis on controlling predators – Includes all including by all accounts a very stable wolf population within the state. This could and should include better education on potentially re-establishing the use of dogs during certain predator hunts. Politics aside let us with voices help educate. I fully understand that many make these decisions based on emotion rather than science, but let us root this based on science and how it helps create stable, healthy populations of all animals on the landscape (for example with stable, healthy populations of wolves the coyote population might no longer be out of balance).
2. Additional volunteer opportunities? I'm at a point in my life where, while I've just begun my archery elk hunting journey recently I would be incredibly lucky if I have more of those years in front of me than behind. I would welcome the opportunity to get involved at a deeper and more meaningful level.

3. Balance out special interest groups that are focused on the extermination of hunting through education of those willing to listen. – again to volunteering to help. I'm not suggesting anything other than a healthy balance and dialogue.

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

While i was unable to hunt with my Maury buck rifle tag last year due to unexpected circumstances of a personal note, the deer population is extremely limited. This is not due to habitat (plenty of feed, water, cover), but rather predators. Cougars are amazing creatures and belong in our ecosystems. We need increased emphasis on controlling predators. It's neither healthy for us nor them to allow them to largely grow unchecked. We manage game animals in a way so as to not allow the population to grow or shrink too dramatically, so why do we allow politics to interfere when it comes to predators? How do i 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.** Just move it. This not only allows for extended rut to continue without additional pressure to an already struggling population, but allows for that extra week during buck season.

**4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt** Thank you for this forum, and allowing us to be a part of it. I look forward to hearing from you. On the volunteer note, i'm most definitely interested and apologize if there are some better forums to inquire.

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

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Keep it general 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. Same dates and open deer hunting

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) How about we get rid of all the cow tags and doe tags those are a bit ridiculous

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

I am opposed to this for a few reasons. I am a newer hunter, and living in Bend I enjoy the ability to get out into new areas and learn how to hunt Elk. Limiting opportunity across the entire eastern portion of the state seems to be egregious, and not based on science from what I've seen. According to population data published on ODFW's website, the population of Elk in eastern Oregon has remained stable – around 71,000 elk, for the last five years despite an increase in archery hunting in the area. Compared to rifle hunting, success is still very low. I believe more impactful management could be found in areas such as predator control, nutrition/resource improvement, and possibly road closures to limit ease of access to certain higher use areas. Limiting opportunity to hunt seems to be the least effective option if the true motivation is to increase healthy population of animals. If data showed that archery hunting had a large impact on animal populations, I would support restricting the numbers of archery hunters. However, from what I see the largest impacts are elsewhere.

**2.** See above response for elk. Predator control alone would make a huge impact on both elk and mule deer populations. Many people I speak with see cougars in their city, and several hunters routinely capture them on trail cameras. They are very prevalent, and extremely efficient hunters. Also, they are in the field 24/7/36 – if anything was pressuring and impacting animal behavior, it would be predator pressure.

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

The unit I hunt in (Hepner 48) is not overly pressured during archery season. Changing it to a draw would maybe put more pressure on the unit as other hunters would come from other units they usually hunt and did not draw first choice resulting in archery hunters having less success. I only archery hunt for elk if it goes to a draw that would limit my hunting season if I don't draw a tag.

The problem is NOT too many hunters the problem is too many cougars. Last year I saw 6 cougars. Instead of making rules and regulations from behind a desk for hunters and not being in the field you should make plans to eliminate some of the cougar population. For 10 years you have been telling us cougar population is about 6400, to 6500 it doesn't seem to change from year to year. I say its double that #. Please work on that instead of restricting our hunts.

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

Archery deer season is a JOKE in unit 48. During archery season you might see a few bucks, but there so skittish from being chased by cougars you can't get close enough for a shot. Last year hunting season I saw more cougars (6) than deer. Why don't you make a plan to eliminate some of the cougar population. 6400 cougars in Oregon eating one deer a week, That's the problem right there. There is not enough deer anymore for the 3500 + rifle hunters in unit 48 that you make available every year there are more hunters than deer to harvest. Change to forked horn or bigger except youth hunts for both rifle and archery season. You do Not need to restrict archery hunters you need to take care of the cougar population. I am against your proposal to make it a draw for archery season. Please use common sense and know what the deer population is vs cougars. Its so frustrating to hear some of your proposals when it does not address the problem, Cougars.

**4. Other** Yeah tag #s. There is not enough deer anymore for the 3500 + rifle hunters in unit 48 that you make **changes being** available every year there are more hunters than deer I am sure it goes for other units as well. All you

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**considered** guys behind the desk all you see is how to get more revenue, you increase our license and tag prices  
**(incl. tag** and have 1000's of tags available in units that have no game. You all know that predators are #1 cause  
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Current city of residence	John Day
Email	<a href="mailto:rcourtney3@gmail.com">rcourtney3@gmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	It's a much needed change and I'm glad to see you guys considering it.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	This is overdue, the deer population is suffering in most hunting units around here and this would definitely 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.	No comment, I dont know enough to have an opinion.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Didn't see this in the article I read. I'll trust you on this one.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2021]

**Name** David Lepez

**Current** Redmond  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [realtordavid65@gmail.com](mailto:realtordavid65@gmail.com)

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

To whom it may concern: I hunted all my life (40 Years) in eastern Oregon (Heppner unit) And yes you are right the deer populations has declined I know Nick you said 50% but I think is more like 70% declined. But I think you guys are going by the wrong way about it I don't think the archery people are the cause of this decline since I been hunting over there the elk population is much stronger, Deer yes WAY down. I have Trail Cameras over that unit every year for the whole summer and let me tell you what I have more Cougars coming to the water holes then deer and if you go to those water holes all you see is deer carcass, Also I personally was stalked by a cougar I was one of the lucky ones that I saw the cougar before he jump on me ten yards away and I shot her. In my opinion you are giving WAY too many rifle tags for deer and you need to control THE COUGARS. I see up to four cougars coming in one water hole at one time. Thanks for taking the time to read my email. 541-788-1750 David

**2.** To whom it may concern: I hunted all my life (40 Years) in eastern Oregon (Heppner unit) And yes you are right the deer populations has declined I know Nick you said 50% but I think is more like 70% declined. But I think you guys are going by the wrong way about it don't think the archery people are the cause of this decline since I been hunting over there the elk population is much stronger, Deer yes WAY down. Control Cougar population and don't give that many rifle tags. If you have any questions you can contact me at 541-788-1750. David

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

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2020]

**Name** Randy Strohm

**Current city of residence** Enterprise

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

Background: I've archery hunted (both elk/deer) since 1980, and considering not hunting next season. In regard to the Observer article July 11, 2020. Mr. Myatt's "Several Factors" 1) Increase in archery hunters. Yes, because ODFW allows rifle hunters that did not draw a controlled elk or deer tag to buy general season archery tags. This should never have been allowed, and stopped decades ago. And now see the results of that action. 2) Improvements in bow technology. True to a point, archers still have to "make the shot," relates back to 1) and improved success ratio. Other obvious factors he did not mention: A) The introduction of wolves. Since that time, elk herds have plummeted in the unit (Imhaha) I am forced to hunt (like most everyone else), because now it takes about 6 points to draw (Sled Springs), 3 points (Ches) and wolves are in those unit as well, no surprise. B) ODFW allowing archery buck hunters to purchase a general season tag, and hunt in controlled elk units. This should never have been changed and/or allowed. C) ODFW action to discontinue hound cougar/bobcat/bear hunts. This has contributed to a major decrease in elk and deer numbers, no surprise. Recommendations: Hunters must declare Rifle or Bow. Limit hunter number per unit with valid elk tag (only). Reduce wolf population. Re-enact hound hunting.

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

**4. Other changes being** Resident local hunters (Rifle/Bow) be granted one additional preference point for (elk/deer) controlled hunts.

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

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## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 10:59 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2019]

**Name** Jesse Shetler

**Current city of residence** Scotts Mills

**Email** [jesse.shetler@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.shetler@gmail.com)

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

While there may be a need to make changes to the archery format, I believe this goes way to far and reaches to broad. Why lump all archery hunters into the same mold? If modern archery equipment has become to effective then put the restrictions on that segment of the hunters! There are separate seasons for modern rifles and muzzleloaders, why not make more opportunities for traditional archery tackle? It is the opportunity to consistently hunt two or three areas with a long season that makes the archery season so desirable to me. It is the ability to hunt more of the state and have more options that help make a quality hunt. If I was just out to harvest an animal I would hunt with a rifle!

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

Mule dee numbers are down, I have seen the trend in my 30 years of hunting. In the unit I most hunt this can be easily attributed to predation and high harvest rates. But what percentage of the harvest is really archery take? Is it %15, maybe %20? I would like to see more data and more time given to proposals that have this much of an impact on such a large segment of the hunting community. To make this change to both deer and elk seasons at the same time is not only hard to stomach for this archery hunter, it also indicates to me that this not so much about managing animals as it is managing people! It would make a lot more sense to me to only change one of the two hunts to a unit or region specific hunt. That would allow for more control, new date options and allow the archery hunter to hunt the area of his choice for one species even if he was unsuccessful with the other.

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move** It seems to me that while this could be a good hunting opportunity for those who have both tags, it could make for more hunting pressure resulting in a negative situation for hunters and pray. I would be in favor of a two year trial to see how it plays out.

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)** I believe there are too many out of state archery tags being sold. In the area I elk hunt this accounts for %20–25 of the hunters. I know the extra revenue is important to the state but can we set some reasonable limits? Try implementing the new archery seasons proposals on the out of state hunters first and see what they say? Let them pay the extra application fees and provide harvest date! If they like the new treatment then we can expand the system. If they don't like it, there will be less of them crowding our hunting grounds!

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 7:34 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2018]

**Name** Steven Stieler

**Current** Beaverton  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [smstieler@gmail.com](mailto:smstieler@gmail.com)

1. I would like the Archery Elk Season to take place the entire month of September 1–30. There is no reason to hunt elk in August, plus the fire season is greater and this will reduce people in the forest during peak fire season.

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

2. I would like more limited entry rut bow only deer hunts in Eastern Oregon. Perhaps allocating a certain number of tags for each unit. November hunts. Many units can support this biological objective, Interstate Unit 75 in particular.

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

3. West I don't hunt this unit.

**Cascade**

elk  
(general  
any-legal  
weapon  
season):  
Move  
season to  
November  
OR keep  
current  
dates but  
allow  
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hunting  
in  
Cascades  
to  
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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)**

November bow limited entry deer hunts in Eastern Oregon.

September bow only hunts, no more August dates.

I would like to have an opportunity if you don't fill your bow Elk tag, you can exchange it for a spike only Elk rifle tag.

There are already plenty of Elk spike only tags that never get filled or bought.

These are real opportunities and would encourage other hunters to hunt different hunts (more options that are enticing) and give guys a better chance at a quality hunt, filling their tag and gaining a possible trophy, while spreading out

hunter distribution between seasons.

Thank you.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 2:01 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2017]

Name	Josh Kirkpatrick
Current city of residence	Bend Or
Email	<a href="mailto:Alisonsresorthousekeeping@outlook.com">Alisonsresorthousekeeping@outlook.com</a>

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

This is not the solution sure it will work but at what cost ? Please consider 3 point or better across the state rifle and archery. Do this for 3 seasons and watch what happens for the Mule deer. ELK ARE JUST FINE ..MULE DEER ARE IN TROUBLE . Please don't make every unit a draw. SILVIES YES DRAW. HEPNER YES DRAW. DESOLATION DRAW. MURDERS CREEK DRAW.

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

Where to start I would like to see 3 point or better not a draw every unit . MULE DEER ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. PLEASE 3 POINT OR BETTER

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2016]

Name	Stephen Russell
Current city of residence	Sacramento
Email	<a href="mailto:russellstephen44@hotmail.com">russellstephen44@hotmail.com</a>

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

I agree somewhat with this change, I have hunted either rifle or bow in Oregon for over 25 years. I have seen our archery hunts go from unbelievable to very disappointing. The sheer number of archery hunters has overwhelmed the Ukiah unit where i hunt. My only problem with your proposal is if I'm reading it correctly , your only decreasing these areas by only 5%. This will help nothing in these already overcrowded zones.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2015]

Name	Brett Brown
Current city of residence	Medford, OR
Email	<a href="mailto:brettanthonybrown@gmail.com">brettanthonybrown@gmail.com</a>

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

I do not support the changes to controlled season on the east side of Oregon. My family camps every year in the same place we have always camped for 50+ years which happens to abut the boundary of three east side units. We enjoy the ability to hunt that area based on animal movement and would be unable to do so if we were held to arbitrary lines that make up the unit boundaries.

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

I generally am focused on elk hunting in eastern 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.**

I would support hunting at the same time, but hunting later may be too impactful to numbers. I heard that season was moved up to October because the snow made it too easy and the numbers were way down as a result.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2014]

**Name** Steve Dowdy

**Current city of residence** La Grande Oregon

**Email** [st.dowdy@gmail.com](mailto:st.dowdy@gmail.com)

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

I agree there are more archery hunters than before. This has been cause by the previous reductions by the ODFW. It is insulting to say you would increase tags in less popular units. No game in those units why so apply??? But then ODFW can claim they are increasing tags, which the non hunting public would agree. By constantly REDUCING the limit entry tags in most units you force individuals to another hunting preference. I as a property owner in the Catherine creek unit can no longer even obtain a landowner tag. As we all know but ODFW will certainly not publish, the elk and deer population are being reduced by predators. Plan and simple. Hunters included in this group. The number of animals taken by humans is far less that the total by the other predators. Some solutions 1. Limit the current lucky archery hunter to the unit that they draw. 2. Do not allow them to hunt other units besides their drawn tag. 3. Have a county (besides an out of state) charge. You can hunt in your county or surrounding counties that board yours, but if you are not one of those you are charged a substantial fee. Next is the big one. If you apply for a rifle tag you are making your choice and can not archery hunt. The same applies for archery tags. You can not apply archery and then rifle hunt.

2. I own property in the catherine creek unit. The last few years I have been excluded and/or denied a rifle land owner tag for myself or kids or grandkids. Why should I want anymore rules governing my hunting on my property? I pay the taxes and maintain the fences while trying to make it a refuge for big game and then cannot use it. CHARGE Western oregon residents to hunt in eastern oregon

**Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in**

eastern  
Oregon.

3. West Keep western residents in western oregon

Cascade  
elk  
(general  
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weapon  
season):  
Move  
season to  
November  
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during elk  
season so  
hunters  
can  
pursue  
both  
species at  
same  
time.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2013]

**Name** Dale WEBB

**Current** VERNONIA  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [ikesays@gmail.com](mailto:ikesays@gmail.com)

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

The department is headed in the right direction with this proposal, you can not manage what you don't control. Fairness is another issue, while rifle hunters have had their mature bull opportunities curtailed, archers have not, in fact they have increased their take of mature bulls from the herds. This aspect is a biological concern and flies in the face of the learning from the Starkey Experimental Forest research. Calf ratio's in Rocky Mt. elk are low, this should be concerning to all. While these changes are hard for some people, they are necessary, if we don't make the changes now, we will most assuredly regret that decision in the future.

2. Archers take of deer would not be concerning if not for the dire condition of our Mule deer herds. Again, we can not manage what we do not control. I envision more drastic actions will have to occur to stop the steep declines in the Mule deer populations, the archers will need to part of that solution.

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

3. West I would favor the latter, keeping the current season dates, but allow deer harvest. The season dates were moved to lessen the harvest impact on the herds. The current status of the elk herds in the Cascades is not good, pushing the seasons later could in a snow year create a severe impact.

**(general**

any-legal  
weapon  
season):  
Move  
season to  
November  
OR keep  
current  
dates but  
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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)**

I think it would be only fair to mirror the current rifle hunts with similar archery hunts, as an example, limited any bull opportunities, spike only hunts. We really need to take the pressure off of the mature bulls, hunting in the rut is an issue with unlimited tags.

I would also like to see east-side deer tags severely curtailed, we have to stop the decline in the deer population. Predators are eating our lunch, but we have limited means to address that issue, but we do control mans contribution to this decline.

I would like to see a question on the harvest reporting in regards to where the harvest is occurring, on private lands or lands open to the public. I believe this is important information, that may be needed in future decision processes.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 4:52 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2012]

Name	Calvin Sheahan
Current city of residence	Lebanon
Email	<a href="mailto:calvin.sheahan@gmail.com">calvin.sheahan@gmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I fully disagree with this proposal. There needs to be more focus on wolf control and management in the eagle caps and ukiah. This will reduce the amount of tags purchased. What about over crowding in the western units? Please reconsider.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as above
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.	Agree

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:06 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2011]

Name	Garrett Abbott
Current city of residence	Portland
Email	<a href="mailto:gabbott85@gmail.com">gabbott85@gmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Puts too much pressure on western Oregon units. Not in favor
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Puts too much pressure on western Oregon units. Not in favor
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.	Seems like a good idea

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## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 6:57 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2010]

Name	Justin Bensel
Current city of residence	Pilot Rock
Email	<a href="mailto:jwbensel@gmail.com">jwbensel@gmail.com</a>

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

If you're going to limit the amount of tags to control the elk population then you should look at making the archery tag good for any elk or hare tag not just a bull tag. The elk population in ukiah unit is spectacular I believe if you want to control the heard better eliminate damage control tags for land owners that make a profit off of them and let the public have the tags to hunt with out having to pay \$2500 just for a chance to fill there freezer

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

The deer population is in a massive decline it should be closed in the ukiah unit for a couple of years and then reevaluate it this includes rifle seasons for either sex to help build it back up

**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.**

Set it up as the same for eastern Oregon hunt times

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2009]

Name	Travis Krischik
Current city of residence	Lapine
Email	<a href="mailto:travis6720@gmail.com">travis6720@gmail.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I think the best thing would be, limit the total number of OTC general season tags. Archery is challenging enough it doesn't need to be a draw, just maybe control the number of tags sold.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I think the best thing would be, limit the total number of OTC general season tags. Archery is challenging enough it doesn't need to be a draw, just maybe control the number of tags sold.
<b>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.</b>	Keep currentl dates
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	Drastically lower the number of controlled tags in the ochoco unit , upper Deschutes and Paulina units for both elk and deer.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2008]

**Name** ty hanlon

**Current** sherwood  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [ty@Pdxwraps.com](mailto:ty@Pdxwraps.com)

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

I apologize for a 2nd response but as I continue to process the potential changes and challenges ODFW faces; I respectfully request that further discussions continue with all parties involved. I have read the study produced by Responsive Management, I believe there was some good conversations but this should be a starting point for ideas and direction. There were only 194 commentators out of 315 responses regarding Eastern OR Archery elk. Considering there were 11,745 reported archer hunters in NE in 2019. That equates to 1.65% ( if I did my math right) participants in that sub-category which allowed all hunters (rifle/archery to comment). The elk forum in total received 600 comments, I didn't find the total number of commentators but if you consider the 96,704 elk hunters in 2019(both rifle and archery), you received 0.06% ( if only one comment per participant counted) input from the active hunters. What if there is a questionnaire attached to our mandatory reporting that will capture all hunters input?? I know there have been some other surveys conducted but I can't find any results. I initially commented that it should be a choose your weapon state, I still like the idea but I have also been open to the split the state; it is part of the proposal now but eliminate the draw units. If archery were to decided East or West; I am confident the balance of hunters within units would level out. Too many people start on one side of the state and hop to the other during the season. I say this because I talk to them out hunting. Granted, I am not sure if people are reporting accurately to all the units they are hunting. There seems to be some options that aren't so swift and broad as being proposed. We can collaboratively work together and find steps that are productive and balanced for all hunters. I am also not opposed to a reasonable increase in tag fees; nobody likes that idea but if part of the issue that is driving the changes includes revenue, then a fee structure to mitigate impacts of hunting changes should be on the table as well. Thank you and look forward to hearing about the proposed

changes and ways we (hunters) can continue participate in the discussion.

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## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 1:11 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2007]

Name	Gerald Griggs
Current city of residence	BLUE RIVER
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**1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.**

Adamantly opposed to the change to draw only and the reduction in opportunity. As the only group of increasing participation (archery hunters) expanding rather than reducing opportunity seems appropriate to me. If there is concern with over harvest then increasing the resource via predator removal and habitat enhancement seem to me to be more appropriate methods to deal with population concerns. The draw system as always would inevitably result in point creep.

Thank you....Jerry

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

As with elk reduction of predator population seems to me to be a more appropriate means to address decreased game populations rather than reduction of hunting opportunity.

Thank you..Jerry

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2006]

**Name** William Boerner

**Current** Rogue River  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [billboerner@icloud.com](mailto:billboerner@icloud.com)

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

I'm adamantly opposed to proposed changes in the archery elk season this proposed change is to adversely affect archery in Oregon if there are an excessive amount of bow hunters why not have hunters decide which they prefer rifle or bow when the year starts instead of applying for controlled rifle and when they are unsuccessful they then pick up a bow and stool hunt in most cases the same unit I don't like the fact that this causes division between the two groups but I feel that this is what a lot of hunters are doing If we did a better job of controlling our predators we would be able to provide a better quality hunt I for one will most likely be spending my money in other states as I'm sure others will also This is going to put undue pressure on retaining and recruiting Hunters not to mention the loss of revenue to odds thanks for the opportunity to put in my two cents and please listen to the hunting community before making dramatic changes Thanks

2. I'm not quite as opposed to the changes in mule deer as I am in elk because our deer herds are in dire need of help most of the problems are in my opinion lack of forest management (logging and thinning) predators (now compounded by an unhealthy and unmanaged wolf population) and poaching and highway mortality

**Archery**  
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**from**  
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**to**  
**controlled**  
**season in**  
**eastern**  
**Oregon.**

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 5:40 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2005]

<b>Name</b>	Bryan Summers
<b>Current city of residence</b>	Oregon City
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	<p>This is in response to the new proposed change to the Eastern Oregon archery season. I think it is a step in the wrong direction and will reduce the drive to become an archery hunter and ultimately the sport. Life is too short to wait for tags to hunt elk and deer over east, it's already a very tough weapon to be successful with, why make us wait for opportunities.</p> <p>Thanks Bryan</p>
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	<p>This is in response to the new proposed change to the Eastern Oregon archery season. I think it is a step in the wrong direction and will reduce the drive to become an archery hunter and ultimately the sport. Life is too short to wait for tags to hunt elk and deer over east, it's already a very tough weapon to be successful with, why make us wait for opportunities.</p> <p>Thanks Bryan</p>
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	<p>This is in response to the new proposed change to the Eastern Oregon archery season. I think it is a step in the wrong direction and will reduce the drive to become an archery hunter and ultimately the sport. Life is too short to wait for tags to hunt elk and deer over east, it's already a very tough weapon to be successful with, why make us wait for opportunities.</p> <p>Thanks Bryan</p>

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2004]

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

Please don't change this. Archery hunters like myself spend all year prepping for September.

It's a passion I can't explain. I also don't believe harvest will go down the hard core hunters that harvest bulls consistently will continue to do so. The only effect I see is it will limit the opportunity of the new hunters and the guys who just archery hunt when they don't draw a rifle tag. I also don't think that hunters move that many elk to private land I think the public land grazing displaces more elk than hunters.

Thanks for taking my input

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2003]

**Name** Kelly Cassidy

**Current city of residence** Hermiston

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1. I have been a avid and successful archery hunter for many years until recently.  
**Archery** Where it use to be skill and experience for success, it is now luck and chance because of extreme over  
**elk:** hunting just about anywhere in Oregon. It is my opinion, that this extreme hunting pressure has a negative  
**change** effect on the bulls during the rut.  
**from** I vote for a reasonable and non-greedy drawing system.  
**general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.**

2. Something needs to be done for eastern Oregon deer.  
**Archery** I've been hunting and logging most of my life, and I as well as ODFW knows that there isn't 10% of the deer  
**deer:** population presently (on public ground) as what there was in the 80s.  
**change**  
**from**  
**general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.**

3. **West Cascade** No opinion.

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)**

As a hunter with considerable experience and knowledge, it is my opinion that the best thing that ODFW ever did for improving the elk herds and quality of bulls was when they went to drawing only for branch bulls 1st season in eastern Oregon.

Now ODFW is wiping out that good decision and the quality of elk hunting by getting greedy and offering spike only tags during these 1st season branch bull hunts (249A2, 252A2, 248A2), which consequently puts far more hunters in every square mile.

As a second season spike only hunter off and on for the last few years, I have noticed that this adversely affects the

quality of the second season also.

It is my opinion that these 1st season spike tags immediately be removed from the drawing. This is a very grave mistake by ODFW that unethical hunters are taking advantage of.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:56 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2002]

**Name** Mike Larraneta

**Current city of residence** Bend

**Email** [mjlcompany@yahoo.com](mailto:mjlcompany@yahoo.com)

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

I am going to keep this short in the interest of saving our time. I have hunted in Idaho many times and I believe they have a very good/fair system for archery. Make hunters decide on their weapon and what unit they want to hunt in. You know that the numbers of archery hunters has exploded and I know because they are everywhere during the season. Its everyone who didn't get a rifle tag plus the dedicated archery hunter. They have access to the whole state.

I don't understand how the odfw can manage this group if you don't know where they are hunting. No the hunter survey doesn't count because everyone knows hunters lie on that survey.

By having archery hunters declare a unit, it would give the odfw needed data to manage animals but also it would allow me as a hunter to look at the numbers and decide where I want to go based on how many people may be there. As of now there is no definate way to know that info. I also believe hunters should have to chose their weapon. Meaning if you want to put in for a controlled rifle tag as first choice then do it, but I may have a first choice archery tag in mind and thus I should choose that option. Make people put in for the controlled hunt they want to go for on the rifle and archery sides by weapon and unit like it is done now for rifles primarily.

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** Same argument as above for deer. We need to get deer numbers up so I say for maybe next 3 years we put a ban on shooting the younger deer. Say only 3 point and up for buck seasons.

**4. Other changes being** With the computer technology we have now there is no way it should take until June 25 to get controlled hunt results. I missed out on an Idaho hunt because of waiting around for Oregon results

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**considered** and there just flat out is no reason it should take that long. Many hunters need their results sooner  
**(incl. tag** rather than later and the odfw should move up the results date to at least June 1 if not sooner so we  
**numbers/hunt** can make plans for other states if our selection is not successful.  
**tables for**  
**specific**  
**hunts)**

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:32 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2001]

Name	BRETT TRAEGER
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Email	<a href="mailto:btraeg12@gmail.com">btraeg12@gmail.com</a>

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

We shouldn't be taking away these opportunities for hunters. Participation in hunting has clearly declined over the past few decades. Bow hunting has helped hunting see a greater rise in participation. This should be celebrated! Not taken away from people. Why don't we take a look at reducing predator game numbers instead? Opening up predator seasons can help reduce the number of predatory games destroying our big game numbers and can provide more opportunities for people to continue hunting.

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:01 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#2000]

<b>Name</b>	Steven Kurvers
<b>Current city of residence</b>	Tigard
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:stevenkurvers@gmail.com">stevenkurvers@gmail.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Ive been a resident archery hunter since 2013, I've harvested 1 bull in 6 seasons (I missed hunting 1 season with birth of my first born). Most guys in my hunting party have never harvested an elk. I am lobbying to not make archery success rates drop even lower than they already are. Whatever the changes, I hope that it is duly noted that rifle hunters harvest far more elk every year than archers. My vote, don't change our general archery season.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Again, as an archery hunter I am for helping archers improve their success rates. It is extremely difficult to harvest a buck with a bow. My vote is again to keep this a concurrent general season with elk.
<b>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.</b>	No comment
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	It seems to me like all changes being proposed are to make things more difficult for archers and to make things better for rifle. This makes very little sense, given success rates and total harvest rates. My vote, don't let rifle hunters purchase otc general archery tags if they don't draw their controlled hunt. rifle hunters becoming archers if they don't get their preferred hunt is potentially the biggest issue in my opinion.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:52 PM  
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**Name** Joe Schliesman

**Current** Bend  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [joe@aixoutdoors.com](mailto:joe@aixoutdoors.com)

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

There are so many issues here. First is that idea that increasing control over the hunt and decreasing the individuals ability to hunt, as was needed at the turn of the century ( for game recovery from that eras over use) is a good idea. What Oregon needs to do is look at highly successful states, even states like WA and see how they deal with "too many people". I know creating a more robust Muzzleloader opportunity would greatly increase interest in these primitive weapons and move many hunters from rifle and archery to this "other weapon season. Instead of lumping rifle tags with ML tags, why not three different seasons?

The second issue – maybe it's ok to have a crowded archery season. I look at the harvest stats and I do not see crazy, unreal numbers. I see fairly low to ok success rates in most areas.

Three – Again, instead of limiting everyone, which seems like a standard these days, why not change to a 3pt of better system. Why is this not being considered?

One idea I have is that OR and many other states have terrible poaching due to the fact that they severely limit the hunter. I dont have any science to back me up on this, but think about it – if you waited 360 days to hunt 5, why wouldnt you go to archery where you can have a few weekends to get out.

Instead of constantly trying to control the people, why not spend the very limited funds on creating incentives for people to go out and work on habitat improvements, turning in poaching ( a massive problem) and road kill mitigation.

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

So, my ELK sentiments are mirrored here with this one exception:

The reason archery deer season appeals to me is the FREEDOM I have to hunt wherever I want, the state doesn't have to know where I am at every day, and that I can move from one area to the next if game is scarce for whatever reason.

There has to be other reasons beyond what the dept. is researching concerning deer decline. Yes, there are more people here, but I see deer in the city of Bend, all of the time. More than I see in the Deschutes canyon or Crooked River canyon... which is so weird. WHY? Poaching? Disease? Wolves?

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Instead of constantly trying to control the people, why not spend the very limited funds on creating incentives for people to go out and work on habitat improvements, turning in poaching (a massive problem) and road kill mitigation.

**3. West** At the risk of sounding like a broken record.... consider a muzzleloader season! please.

**Cascade**

**elk** Both ideas have great merit and I am surprised at the ideas – I am honestly 49–51 on these. I think I would  
**(general)** like to see a move to November due to greater chance at herd movement and tracking.

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**any-legal**

**weapon** However, my inclinations says it would be very fruitful for the hunter to be able to pursue both deer and elk  
**season):** during the same season. This is a good idea and could go a long way to quieting discord between hunters  
**Move** and ODFW.

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**November**

**OR keep**

**current**

**dates but**

**allow**

**deer**

**hunting**

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**Cascades**

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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1998]

**Name** Brian Rabe

**Current** Albany  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [dbrabel@msn.com](mailto:dbrabel@msn.com)

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

The shift to 100% controlled hunts seems extreme. Rifle hunters currently have 9 units where they can buy a general season spike tag if they do not draw the controlled hunt of their choice. I have a friend who has been putting in for the Wenaha archery elk tag and has accumulated 15 points. I have 6 elk points. Based on my understanding of the proposed changes, those of us with points will either risk not being able to archery hunt in eastern Oregon (if we put in for any of the existing choice archery hunts) or essentially blow all our accumulated points for a new hunt that would likely require no points to draw. It seems that some units could be controlled hunts for branch bulls with either a general tag opportunity for antlerless and/or spike bulls, even if it means breaking up the season or setting different dates to reduce crowding.

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1997]

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<b>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.</b>	I think this would work but maybe shorten deer season a little
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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1996]

Name	Cameron Curtin
Current city of residence	Klamath falls
Email	<a href="mailto:noremac102007@gmail.com">noremac102007@gmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Strongly opposed to this change.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Strongly opposed to this change
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.	Move season to November

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1995]

Name	Tim Gibilisco
Current city of residence	Klamath Falls
Email	<a href="mailto:tgibilisco79@yahoo.com">tgibilisco79@yahoo.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Instead of a blanket change across eastern Oregon, how about making the units that are getting too much pressure controlled.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same recommendation as for the elk. Identify over hunted units and make them a draw.
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.	Move elk season to November
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Let's hunt lions with dogs again. I think managing predators more aggressively to bring up big game numbers.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:59 PM  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1994]

Name	Scott McKague
Current city of residence	Redmond
Email	<a href="mailto:Scott.mckague@yahoo.com">Scott.mckague@yahoo.com</a>

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

I'm not sure there needs to be any changes to archery elk. If you are going by rifle hunters complaining about length of season and draws it is a choice.

I think more hunters will stop hunting or start poaching if Eastern Oregon archery becomes draw only. Archery currently gives people more freedom of choice and a lengthier season to pursue an elk.

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

Shut archery Dow for a couple years and start controlling predators. It is pretty obvious that since predator numbers have been allowed to rise the deer populations have decreased substantially. I don't even bother to buy a deer tag.

Disease and bad winter seasons also play a role as well as road kill.

My two cents is to shut down dear season in Eastern Oregon until numbers return in all units.

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

How about opening back up more roads so hunters aren't are able to spread out more in all units. I've noticed way more hunters in the same areas likely due to The limited roads that are available for travel.

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 3:18 PM  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1993]

Name	Tim Neiman
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**1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.**

Other than increasing the cost for hunters with controlled hunt applications, I don't see any discussion or validation around improving the management of game.

This also puts archery hunters in a position where if they are not drawn they will not be able to hunt for that season.

I also dont see any discussion on what other states have already identified for draw hunts and best practices.

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

Other than increasing the cost for hunters with controlled hunt applications, I don't see any discussion or validation around improving the management of game.

This also puts archery hunters in a position where if they are not drawn they will not be able to hunt for that season.

I also dont see any discussion on what other states have already identified for draw hunts and best practices.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 3:16 PM  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1992]

Name jake jones

Current city of north powder  
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Email [jakej1963@yahoo.com](mailto:jakej1963@yahoo.com)

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

I believe moving archery to a unit specific draw will be a bad move for all the hunting community. Making archery a choose your weapon would be a better change.

I feel if it passes to be the number of general rifle spike hunters will increase as will the kill rate on spikes will also increase causing the bull/cow numbers will drop.

As for some of the reasons behind the want/need to do this type of change I find disappointing and with out sound logic.I hope that the commission reconsiders the plan and do a more in depth look at what works with other states and come up with a better plan for all the hunting community.

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** Deer hunting should be closed for at least 5 years then come back with a very limited hunt.

**4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for** Predator control needs to come to the forefront. With spring bear hunts moving to a general season and be on a quota system per unit/zone like cougars. Allow hunters to buy as many tags as they want till all zones quotas are met. Make preference points available to hunters who harvest a bear or cougar.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:06 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1991]

Name	Andrew VanFleet
Current city of residence	Sherwood
Email	<a href="mailto:andrew.s.vanfleet@gmail.com">andrew.s.vanfleet@gmail.com</a>

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

Controlled bow? The issue is not the number of bow hunters. There issues are that so much private land has turned to pay to play. The damage permits for private owners is terrible. These tags shoupd go to land owners who allow public accrss for free. Only. Also, it shoupd be an honor system that hunters only get to shoot 1 elk regardless of harvest. Some idiots fling arrows all over. If you knew your season was over the moment youhit sn animal, folks would take better shots.

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

The damage tags are a joke. Private owners are falsifying need and then using the tags for personal favors or profit. Unless the landowner allows tresspass for hunting, they should not get damage tags. Such a joke.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 10:39 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1990]

Name	Jody Wagner
Current city of residence	Bend
Email	<a href="mailto:jody@dynamiccontractors.net">jody@dynamiccontractors.net</a>

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

This is an irresponsible idea. I see more and more predators on my game cameras every year. In 4 different units. Why not let us bait bears. Why not let us hunt cougars with dogs. Not to mention running into wolves in the Ukiah Starkey and even the Paulina units. We should be controlling the predators. This will drive people to hunt in OTC tags on other states like Idaho. The kill percentages of archery hunters per units are going down. How do you justify making these changes? I want to see data that backs your mind set. I also want you to be honest about the predators in our state.

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

I have seen a decline in deer numbers in the units I hunt. I talk to all the same hunters and with their responses I gather they're not seeing much either. Is this disease? Is this predators? Once again the harvest percentages are lower now than years before. Be honest with the hunters. This seems some what of a format to decrease hunting. Can I see some data, I mean honest data to support your format.

**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 means people will use centerfire tools and abandon archery. Losing a historical tradition isn't something we as hunters should be giving up.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1989]

Name	Ryan Holzouser
Current city of residence	Scio
Email	<a href="mailto:holzouser@gmail.com">holzouser@gmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	This allows me to see and visit other parts of the state every year. I typically hunt three or more units.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I really like the current system please urge you to not change it.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1988]

Name	Lydia Bossuot
Current city of residence	Burns
Email	<a href="mailto:lydi_2108@yahoo.com">lydi_2108@yahoo.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I like the change and everyone will benefit in the long run.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Good change, well over due.
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.	No opinion
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Should cut mule deer numbers even more.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 10:02 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1987]

Name	Karen Miller
Current city of residence	Hines
Email	<a href="mailto:klmiller58@yahoo.com">klmiller58@yahoo.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I fully support this change !
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I fully support this change !
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.	No opinion
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Reduce deer tags !

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 1:08 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1986]

**Name** William Trowbridge

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**Email** [bullrider33000@gmail.com](mailto:bullrider33000@gmail.com)

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

No way Would Any one except these changes You want to change something allow a Control Hunt on cougars with Dogs and Allow a few people draw for wolf tags I go hunting with my dad in Montana And same thing happened there During rifle season elk Are already on private property before even rifle season begins Because the wolves push the elk onto private where they feel the safest from the wolves...And possibly Grizzlies... Oregon way to small to have wolves in this state where over development and eventually Oregon going to want to introduce Grizzlies in this state another bad idea so kids will be a target and more live stock at risk.. another bad idea

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** I feel for the next 5-6 years we don't hunt mule deer I don't see enough mule deer to even want to hunt them during regular season for Archery or start making breeding program for mule deer and just like u do for Salmon Hatcher release a few where there a drastic decline And close those units or areas off for protection and start eliminate a few cougar with dogs and Do control tags for wolves I seen more wolves then mule deer while Archery hunting

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current** I don't rifle hunt but November is not bad idea Especially for the snow helps hunters track better

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Cascades to  
continue  
during elk  
season so  
hunters can  
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species at  
same time.

4. Other I feel every hunter deserve an opportunity to hunt  
changes being  
considered  
(incl. tag  
numbers/hunt  
tables for  
specific  
hunts)

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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1985]

Name	Tony Denn
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Email	<a href="mailto:tontvdenn@msn.com">tontvdenn@msn.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please don't. Been archery hunting Eastern Oregon with bow 18 years. Havent seen a big upswing in hunters. See as many elk as ever. Might want tomanage wolves if elk populations are really decreasing.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 7:41 PM  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1984]

Name	Bryan Summers
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Email	<a href="mailto:bryansummers06@gmail.com">bryansummers06@gmail.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	This would only result a lost in opportunity and a lost in interest in the sport of hunting as a whole. Life is to short to wait for tags to hunt deer and elk, the odds are already stacked against archery hunter as it is.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	This would only result a lost in opportunity and a lost in interest in the sport of hunting as a whole. Life is to short to wait for tags to hunt deer and elk, the odds are already stacked against archery hunter as it is

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1983]

**Name** David Briedwell

**Current** Sheridan  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [dsbriedwell@gmail.com](mailto:dsbriedwell@gmail.com)

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

As a resident of western Oregon, and having hunted Mt. Hood and the Oregon Coast for many years, and now at 70 years old, hunting eastern Oregon has become mine, and my hunting partner's (79 yo) place to go. We have hunted hard in the past, but now we opt for the more gentle terrain of eastern Oregon. By making Deer and Elk hunting on the east side draw only you will be effectively limiting our access to hunting opportunities. We hunted hard in our younger years, but now enjoy the easier hunting of eastern Oregon. I agree that there has been a huge increase of archery hunters of late, but feel that a blanket permit hunt for eastern Oregon for deer and elk is not the answer. Do what you do for rifle hunters, make it permit in high impact areas and leave it general season for the lesser impacted units.

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

As a resident of western Oregon, and having hunted Mt. Hood and the Oregon Coast for many years, and now at 70 years old, hunting eastern Oregon has become mine, and my hunting partner's (79 yo) place to go. We have hunted hard in the past, but now we opt for the more gentle terrain of eastern Oregon. By making Deer and Elk hunting on the east side draw only you will be effectively limiting our access to hunting opportunities. We hunted hard in our younger years, but now enjoy the easier hunting of eastern Oregon. I agree that there has been a huge increase of archery hunters of late, but feel that a blanket permit hunt for eastern Oregon for deer and elk is not the answer. Do what you do for rifle hunters, make it permit in high impact areas and leave it general season for the lesser impacted units.

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1982]

Name	Scott Shetler
Current city of residence	Salem
Email	<a href="mailto:shshetler@gmail.com">shshetler@gmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No. See answer to #4
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No. See answer to #4
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 it the way it is or move it to November. Allowing both at the same time increases the chance for poaching and puts extra pressure on animals
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Other: A better way to "Control" Archery would be to only allow hunting for what you applied for, rifle or archery. Example: if you apply for a rifle tag and don't get it you cannot buy a general bow tag and Vice-versa. Each hunter Must choose which weapon they want to hunt with at the application process. This would greatly reduce the archery hunting numbers and not require a controlled season

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1981]

Name	caleb stauffer
Current city of residence	Hermiston
Email	<a href="mailto:noodlebake@gmail.com">noodlebake@gmail.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	keep archer season over the counter and open up wolf hunting that's whats really hurting the deer numbers (unregulated wolves). Also should look at hunting with dog for cougars by county. Also going to controlled hunts will limit out of state aloud tags which will reduce funds and raise tag prices even more ridiculously high.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	keep archer season over the counter and open up wolf hunting that's whats really hurting the deer numbers (unregulated wolves). Also should look at hunting with dog for cougars by county. Also going to controlled hunts will limit out of state aloud tags which will reduce funds and raise tag prices even more ridiculously high.
<b>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.</b>	keep current dates

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1980]

**Name** mike koker

**Current city of residence** sweet home,oregon

**Email** [kokermike2248@gmail.com](mailto:kokermike2248@gmail.com)

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

What I have seen in my 50 plus years of bowhunting is there are more rifle hunters turning to archery hunting thinking that it's easy then they give up on it. The one complaint that i've seen is over crowding. My son and I hunted the desolation unit in 2013 when it was bull only. We had our choice of where to camp. In 2018 when it was a hair tag unit we could'nt find a place to camp. Most bow hunters are out after a bull elk as are the rifle hunters. I know along with a lot of hunters that your elk and deer counts are flawed because you have no real way to count them accurately. My suggestion would be to look at the hunters report for the highest number of archery hunters/elk, ie: the starkey unit for archery. For instance starkey is listed in your elk estimate for 2019 as having 5,000 elk yet in your 2018 hunter report it lists 1500 plus bow hunters had hunted the unit but not at the same time. I think the over crowding is not a valid complaint but a lack of camping spots. I feel that if you took those units with the highest number of archery hunters and elk then make them a controlled unit . That would eliminate a lot of hunters, resident and non resident in those areas. One other thing I have a gripe about is the taking of antlerless elk from Dec-March. Most cows are bred in Sept and in Dec they are carrying a 5 month old calf in them. That may or may not your idea of reducing the herd numbers but it's not mine. I can see it in a property damage area but not on public land. I realize that ODFW requires money to operate

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

My thoughts about archery deer. I live in western oregon, I go to eastern oregon primarily to hunt elk but if I saw a legal buck I would try to harvest it. There are very few mule deer in eastern oregon so putting a controlled hunt on deer would do little to no good. One reason for the low deer population is poaching be it on public or private land, and the predators, ie: cougers and wolves, coyotes. The same goes on here in western oregon with the exception of the wolf. Where I live in Sweet Home, the rifle hunters are like vultures for the lack of deer and elk in the surrounding the

two units that borders Sweet Home. Archery season is similar to rifle but not as crowded. Very few places to go and hunt anymore since the timber companies here lock their gates until the start of rifle season, Yeah you can pay to go behind the gates but not all of us has that kind of money. Here on the west side I hunt the late 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.**

I'm a bow hunter but I think it should be moved to Nov. Give the archery hunters a 30 day season and it would give the rifle hunters a 30 day season. There is one problem. How does ODFW plan on drawing the elk hunters from central Oregon to hunt in the Cascade elk hunt? Yes the boundary has changed but there is the lack of elk on both the western and eastern side of the Cascades. I know there's a lack of elk because I have hunted both sides. The elk are running out of quality habitat here on the west side due to the extensive logging of large tracts of land. The Forest service will do thinning projects which provides some feed but when there's logged off areas nearby and no good cover for them to hide/bed in the it's a lost cause for the elk.

**4. Other**      No comments  
**changes being**  
**considered**  
**(incl. tag**  
**numbers/hunt**  
**tables for**  
**specific**  
**hunts)**

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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1979]

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Current city of residence	ESTACADA
Email	<a href="mailto:ronbow94@msn.com">ronbow94@msn.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I do not agree as this will limit our hunting opportunities. I would rather see areas go to more 3 point or better
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I do not agree as if someone I hunt with draws a special elk tag it will give others the opportunity to deer hunt especially if the east =side goes to draw for elk.
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 like the current as gives the opportunity to hunt deer and elk at same time and better chance when elk are in the rut.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 8:34 AM  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1978]

**Name** Jericho Brown

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**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [ypjerichobrown@gmail.com](mailto:ypjerichobrown@gmail.com)

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

I personally believe that making Eastern Oregon a draw tag for archery is a terrible idea. It is a loss of hunting opportunity and has no science to back it up. We pay you to manage are game not to do things that don't make sense. Predators such as wolves, cougars, and bears are more of a problem in this situation then the archery hunters. Those who hunted Eastern Oregon will now come and overcrowd the western side of the state. It is a loose loose situation. My proposal is to create a general Eastern Oregon archery season and a General Western Oregon season. This would still reduce hunters in Eastern Oregon but still allow hunters to hunt there without dealing with the draw system. But I would prefer it remained as it is.

2. Perhaps instead of a draw make it two separate general seasons so that the opportunity isn't lost but  
**Archery** hunters will still have to make a choice. Preferred however it remain as is.  
**deer:**  
**change**  
**from**  
**general to**  
**controlled**  
**season in**  
**eastern**  
**Oregon.**

3. **West** Pushing both species at the same time sounds great.  
**Cascade**  
**elk**

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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1977]

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

All hunting seasons should be regulated to the number of hunters. This will lower the amount of kills by hunters. With predator populations going up we need to drop our number of human predator. Archery want to say it's harder but it is getting easier with trail cameras, calls and equipment getting more advanced. They have just as good of a chance to kill an animal. Especially while hunting in the rut. This change was made a long time ago with rifle hunts as well and people will get over it.

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

Same reasons as the Elk.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:33 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1976]

Name	Gregory Donick
Current city of residence	Sherwood
Email	<a href="mailto:greg.donick@gmail.com">greg.donick@gmail.com</a>

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

I am a bowhunter and enjoy the opportunity to spend the time in the woods with family and pass these opportunities to my children and future generations. I have no problems sharing the woods with the other hunters enjoying the resource as well. I am strongly against changing from general to controlled hunts for Archery Elk in Eastern Oregon. I am in favor of creating more opportunity and not limiting opportunities for our already shrinking population of hunters.

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

I am a bowhunter and enjoy the opportunity to spend the time in the woods with family and pass these opportunities to my children and future generations. I have no problems sharing the woods with the other hunters enjoying the resource as well. I am strongly against changing from general to controlled hunts for Archery Deer in Eastern Oregon. I am in favor of creating more opportunity and not limiting opportunities for our already shrinking population of hunters.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1975]

Name	Brandon Wylie
Current city of residence	Neotsu
Email	<a href="mailto:brandontwylie@gmail.com">brandontwylie@gmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	<p>Most likely would lead to myself and other hunting acquaintances pursuing out of state hunts going forward.</p> <p>We primarily hunt west of Cascades but afraid with draw only in east would cause over crowding in the already depleted public access to Oregon coast range.</p>
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as above.
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.	Na
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Na

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:15 PM  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1974]

Name	Joseph Nehf
Current city of residence	Grants pass
Email	<a href="mailto:mrnehf@gmail.com">mrnehf@gmail.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	This is absolutely not a good idea. These proposals are onle going to cause hunter participatoin to dwindle resulting loss of revenue for odfw.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	This is absolutely not a good idea. These proposals are onle going to cause hunter participatoin to dwindle resulting loss of revenue for odfw.
<b>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.</b>	At least this proposal has creates more opportunity
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	This is absolutely not a good idea. These proposals are only going to cause hunter participatoin to dwindle resulting loss of revenue for odfw.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:09 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1973]

Name	Bodi Mitchell
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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Archery season should not change to a controlled hunt, if anything make people pick either one or the other and not have the option of putting in for a rifle tag and letting archery be a back up choice, that'd take care of a lot of numbers.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Archery season should not change to a controlled hunt, if anything make people pick either one or the other and not have the option of putting in for a rifle tag and letting archery be a back up choice, that'd take care of a lot of numbers.
<b>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.</b>	Leave it how it is.

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:05 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1972]

Name	jacob harris
Current city of residence	Independence
Email	<a href="mailto:jacobharris9710@yahoo.com">jacobharris9710@yahoo.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	The quality of hunts are poor. Even a system like Montana where the general season takes 1 point to guarantee draw will reduce hunters in field dramatically. I would much rather experience a higher quality hunt then a waste of time.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	With a drop in nearly 50% in mule deer population, something needs to be done. I greatly recommend this change. This will decrease non-resident options and hopefully have some increase in populations for the first time in decades. The times of OTC due to poor management are gone.
<b>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.</b>	No comment.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	Big believer in removing over the counter hunts. I along with many other conservationist can agree that systems like the state of Nevada are much better and proven to have healthy populations, better male to female ratios, and more mature animals.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:04 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1971]

**Name** Brandon Kelley

**Current city of residence** Canby,oregon

**Email** [bkzues1@yahoo.com](mailto:bkzues1@yahoo.com)

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

Hello ,

There are some good points brought to the table here and I would like to talk about a few poaching is a big problem in this state and the current way residents tag there harvest is lac luster at best what happened to the tags you couldn't photo copy if it's a money thing where do I buy you guys a new machine as far as predation the way are public lands are managed is beneficial to the ranchers and the state not the people less cattle in elk country isn't good for the elk or other species that live there as far as controlled hunts over east there are already restrictions in certain units ochoco is controlled hunt And what about the small toes that enjoy the revenue we bring them during season I think it's a bad idea

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** Same as above

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to** N/ a

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4. Other N/a

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1970]

**Name** Kaitlin Hasler

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

I was in support of "choose your weapon (Archery vs rifle), so people couldn't just use archery as a backup that they don't take seriously, but going completely to controlled archery PER unit is completely ridiculous. Asking the devout bow hunters of the state to give up the opportunity to essentially hunt half of the state over the counter and then go down to ONE unit that has to be applied for and will eventually suffer all the point creep everything else has is ridiculous.

CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON is a far better route to go to begin with instead of just going to draw by unit only archery right out of the gate! At least go to CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON for two or three years and see what it does to the numbers of archery hunters in the woods before you make such drastic changes.

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

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**3. West Cascade elk (general any-** Not giving the deer even a week of relief seems a bit much, but admittedly I am not that familiar with this elk season or unit.

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

According to the elk numbers of tags on your proposed list, you have approximately 59000 2020 tags and 73000 in 2021, really?! The buck tags increase as well! As a Wildlife Biologist it is pretty clear to me and all my colleagues that Mule Deer across the West are struggling. Do you really think that giving out more tags is going to help with all the problems Oregon big game animals already face?

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1969]

Name	Matthew Fondren
Current city of residence	Springfield
Email	<a href="mailto:mattfpromo07@gmail.com">mattfpromo07@gmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please do not do this. Oregon archery is so appealing because of general season out east. Changing this will reduce the amount off hunters.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same reason not to change elk season to controlled. I just started hunting out east. Making it controlled will turn me away from hunting.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1968]

**Name** Luke Barsalou

**Current city of residence** Eagle Point

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

DO NOT like this idea at all. Part of what is so appealing about archery hunting is the chance to extend your hunt beyond 7 days and scout and explore new area. Moving to completely controlled hunts make it so you are not only limiting all hunters but also potentially losing any revenue that is currently associated with oregon archery hunting. I for one do not hunt in areas with high harvest numbers and enjoy the heck out of sparse hunters in those areas, I also would instantly decide to only put in for preference points here in Oregon and hunt out of Oregon rather than waste my time and preference points on areas that have neither high potential for trophy elk (Wenaha, Mt. Emily, etc) nor high numbers of mature elk.

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

Don't care as much about this as mule deer are hard to hunt with a bow. I'd really love to see that this is actually going to "move the needle" on mule deer populations since my guess is it's primarily predation, rifle and private land hunting that is having more of an impact than the marginally successful archery hunters hunting mule deer. On my trail cameras for the past 3 years in public general season areas (Murderer's Creek, Northside, and Heppner) I have seen more cougar and bear than ever before and have seen 2 distinct wolf packs (no collars in any pics) in Murderer's Creek. Try convincing anyone that that has not had a negative impact on prey animals.

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal)** I would not take my children in the woods when it is any weapon. Too many bad hunters making bad or inebriated choices with a rifle to risk it. My vote is no on this but has nothing to do with quality of the hunting as I think the dates are more favorable for bow if the elk are responsive to bugling/calling.

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## Nick Myatt

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

Good day to everyone who reads this.

I think the proposal is a horrible idea.

Quit grassing the forest. We won't have such a winter kill off. numbers will rise.

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## Nick Myatt

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

I am a 61 year old that can only hunt with my family in eastern Oregon. Archery elk is the last big game option we have to share hunting as a family event. I have been able to participate with my grandfather, brothers, children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. While my success rate at harvesting elk is low, my success with sharing the a family hunting tradition is high. This takes change take that opportunity away. Is that really what you want to do, discourage family activities so a few people can benefit? That is a sad choice you are making for so many of us. Please, reconsider.

## Nick Myatt

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

This would be an absolute travesty. The reason many hunters including myself switched to bow hunting was because we were tired of only being able to draw a tag once every 4 years. If you make bow hunting for elk a draw also we will be back in the same boat. Its very hard to get youth involved when they can only go once every few years. Also i have been saving points up to draw a nice hunt someday and if you change to controlled hunts for bow there goes that opportunity to draw or a good tag finally or choose not to hunt for many years. Dont ruin bow hunting by making them controlled hunts.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**city of**  
**residence**

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

If you are trying to reduce pressure in certain areas you need to unfortunately not only go controlled on the east side but the west side as well. I've been an avid archer for over 25 yrs, got into in my late teens and never looked back. I've hunted both sides of the state. I don't like the ideal of controlled but realize something must be done. you also need to look at hunter numbers in units on the coast. The way that it has been purposed I see more pressure being put on open units west side because every one I know or talk to has said screw putting in for an east tag I'm just staying here. Which will reduce east side pressure but put more pressure on the west side.

for the west side. I would be in favor of a limited number of otc tags available on a first come first serve basis (like was used for a number of years for southwest spring bear) for the west with tag numbers for units being set in coordination with rifle tag numbers based on unit population.

2. see above comments

**Archery**  
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**3. West** Keep current dates but let hunters pursue both species at same time

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**dates but**  
**allow**  
**deer**  
**hunting**  
**in**  
**Cascades**  
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**during elk**  
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**species at**  
**same**  
**time.**

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

If you want more kids to get into hunting you have to make sure that kids can draw a tag in their first couple years of hunting or they are going to loose interest. if you look at any of the youth controlled elk hunts it takes at least 3 preference points for all but like 2 units, There was more but this year the three 224 youth hunts where combined (the reason given that it was not fair for a kid to have to buy a permit for the area the hunt was for) It now takes 5 preference for the tag. I say that the the parents that put their youth in for that hunt were already going to purchase

that permit and all that was accomplished was pushing the youth into one hunt and older youth drawing tags.

Also in the Tiago 24 unit I hear from ODFW that bull numbers are down herd numbers down. Maybe look at how long those animals are pursued. For the past 5yrs. (i believe) bulls are hunted from the end of August until the end of January. I would look back at your numbers and see when that decline started. I would be in favor of doing away with the late archery hunt in this unit to reduce pressure on the herd. And also changing muzzle loader bag limit to match archery and any weapon limit which is 3 point or better. I am aware that you want to make the tiago 24 unit a spike or better bag limit but that only works when you have limited hunter numbers not the 3000 or more hunters in a unit. My opinion from 32 yrs of hunting.

## Nick Myatt

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I am highly against this change. I just started bow hunting last year and I immediately fell in love with it. Yes, I saw more animals than I used to with rifle, but it doesn't mean it is easy. We hunted by Imnaha and did some serious hiking and backpacking in order to have great chances at harvesting an elk. I should not have to give up my elk preference points to hunt these areas where the elk aren't as plentiful as Mt. Emily and others.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	This does not affect me as much, but I'm still against it. The mule deer population is pretty bad over east, but if I ever come across the chance to harvest I would. However, I am content with just hunting rifle for black tails in Western Oregon.
<b>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.</b>	I would allow deer hunting to continue during elk season. Hunters should have the opportunity to harvest a deer during elk season and not have to take a week break right in the middle of it.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	Nope.

## Nick Myatt

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

Being able to hunt every year with a bow keeps hunters interested and buying licenses and tags. It only takes one year of not having a tag for many kids and adults to lose interest. ODFW will lose hunters with this change. I would much rather hunt a general season unit with lots of pressure than not hunt. I feel ODFW currently has a good mix of controlled and general units for archery season. I hope ODFW will not give into the few loud voices complaining about crowded units – the majority still want general tags. We will buy the tags if you keep them available.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1961]

**Name** Clint Radford

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

I am NOT in favor of this proposal. I feel this is a very drastic step that negates other options that could have less impact on archery opportunities. Archers are not nearly as successful in harvesting animals as rifle hunters. Oregon has long been a state that has managed it's big game populations for opportunity to hunt, with a few trophy areas. I feel this should continue. If you are concerned about over crowding and certain units being over hunted during archery season that are other steps that can be taken prior to making such a broad sweeping change like a draw system. 1. Make people choose a weapon when they apply for tags. This will allow you to know the true numbers of people that are actual committed archery hunters and those who simply buy general archery tags because they didn't get their rifle tags. 2. Establish a quota system for units you feel are being over harvested or over hunted. During season, once the numbers have been met, that unit will be closed for the remainder of the season. This would also give you accurate data on how quickly those numbers are met during the season.

3. Prior to season establish blocks of units on the east side that tag sales are for with set number of tags available (similar to ID). Have people apply at set times and when the tags are gone, they're gone. #3 should be considered as a LAST RESORT before the entire east side as a draw!!! 4. Also, on your annual harvest reports you guys collect it would be nice to have more than 1 unit to choose from for the "what unit did you hunt". Give everyone an opportunity to show you that many archery hunters might take a solid week to hunt on the east side BUT they may actually spend more time hunting the coast range prior to going on their "vacation" on the east side. I feel this would help you better understand what many people do and give you more accurate data on the units people are actually hunting throughout the season. I know the elephant in the room are the predators. I won't spend a bunch of time on this one but please consider incentivizing hunters to actually spend time hunting predators. We all know they are taking a big hit on the ungulate populations. Maybe reward a successful bear or cougar kill with a preference point of the successful hunters choosing. I know I would devote some more time to actively hunt predators if that was the case.

**2. Archery** See the above statement on elk draws on the east side. It is the same answer.  
**deer: change  
from general  
to controlled  
season in  
eastern  
Oregon.**

**3. West** I like the idea of keeping the same dates but allow for the deer hunt. Many families would be together  
**Cascade elk** during that time and extend their hunts together.  
**(general any-  
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keep current  
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allow deer  
hunting in  
Cascades to  
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during elk  
season so  
hunters can  
pursue both  
species at  
same time.**

**4. Other** None that I'm aware of, and THANK YOU for your time.  
**changes being  
considered  
(incl. tag  
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tables for  
specific  
hunts)**

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Name** Matthew Allen

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

There is no need to change the archery elk general season. All you will be doing is removing opportunities from us. The only problem we have, that you have created is point creep. Many of us have put in for YEARS trying for the big 3 and love the option to hunt still until we draw that coveted tag. Now your basically trying to tell us to burn our points if we want to hunt. You have your numbers from reporting, if your going to do this to us allocate enough tags per unit to accommodate how many hunters you generally see hunt the unit, that way it can be drawn 2nd choice. Then your making it at least where there is less unit hopping and not a free for all. Draw a line in the sand and make people choose which unit they prefer to hunt, but allocate enough tags to make it easy to draw 2nd choice.

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

This goes for both rifle and Archery, drastically remove the tags. This is the worst I've seen in my entire life. Deer are the target for predators. We need to have less deer hunters and more predator hunters. Your graphs even show since 1994 the biggest drop in numbers with no recovery has happened, its obviously a predation issue and then you guys brought wolves as well into the equation. I think state wide deer hunting should be put on an emergency halt, and more emphasis on predator control. Maybe offer a bounty for hunters to harvest more cats, bears, and coyotes. Maybe earn a preference point for filling 2 cougar tags or 2 bears tags in a year. Allow the hunting with dogs again, let us hunters save our heritage.

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season):** Move  
Eliminate the deer hunt all together until deer numbers are stable and healthy again. Then have the hunts be Separate have the deer season be away from breeding season.

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same time.

**4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)** please put more of your emphasis on management of our predators. Drastically cut the predator population across the state with more emphasis in the worst units, allow us to bait and hunt with hounds like all the other states that offer it. Its a successful way to manage them. It should have never been removed. Whats happening right now is a prime example of the old saying " if it isn't broke dont fix it" should have never removed hound hunting and baiting.

## Nick Myatt

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

I do NOT think it is a good idea to change the the eastern Oregon to a controlled hunt and we are rifle hunters. I have hunted the Ukiah unit for over 20 years as well as my father for over 50 years. I do think that you need to make hunters choose a weapon when it is time to apply for hunts. I do not think it is fair that many rifle hunters if they do not draw their rifle tag they go archery hunting causing the flooding of more and more archery hunters. If we make hunters choose a weapon then i would assume it would smooth out the number or archery vs rifle participants. On another note for against changing archery to controlled, how are people going to ever have the opportunity to draw a once an a lifetime (PRETTY MUCH) tag like Wenaha, Mt. Emily, Imnaha, Walla Walla if every year hunters have to make a decision to either hunt the coastal general season, burning my points or dont hunt at all. this doesn't make any sense.

Instead of making less and less opportunities for the outdoors man, let's create more opportunity so the younger generation can get involved and get off their video games and social media and enjoy and love the outdoors likes their fathers and grandfathers.

Control the predators and create opportunity!

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** No need to change to controlled, the deer population has been going down for years. I do think we need to make everything a 3 point or better so we allow the younger buck a chance. We need to focus on predator control, habitat and fawn survival rates.

Control the predators and create opportunity!

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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 do not hunt the West Cascade much, i have hunted deer and without clear cuts deer and elk hunting would be extremely difficult. The season seems to work from people i talk to.

Control the predators and create opportunity!

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

Control the predators and create opportunity!

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1958]

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**residence**

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

Very disappointed! Oregon needs to learn how to manage their Deer and Elk along with their Hunters by looking to our East to see how other states are dealing with them. Success rates in Oregon are the lowest while we have the lowest Hunter numbers some of the largest Public access and the third largest population of Elk. Something wrong is going on and this is not the solution.

Can you tell us all if the number of overall hunter has significantly increased in say the last 20 years? Yes Archery numbers have increased since the Rifle seasons have been slashed to a fraction of the tags from 20 years ago. Perhaps our system is now being ran and influenced by Bias environmental group with an agenda. When politics steps into the arena and begins to hand pick the people in power, the statistics turn out to be what they want them to be justifying their own agenda while disregarding the science behind true management.

It just seems that while Deer numbers truly have dropped and no real attempts have been made to improve them, Elk populations have increased,so why such a radical change all at once. Its like this is being crammed down our throats and these comment mean nothing since this is going to happen and the decision is already made.

I have been saving points to hunt Walla Walla and am up to 11 now, if I want to hunt any where with a chance I either burn all my points to insure I can hunt, or em forced to hunt on the west side where the hunter numbers are going to explode now that its the only option for rifle hunters.

I heard not complain if you don't have a solution, my solution would be to make the entire state a draw. Make people choice between Archery East – Archery West– or controlled Rifle East– Controlled Rifle West. Make it so people must first commit to one of these choices first then they can apply for 1st and 2nd choices within these parameters.

Committed Archery hunters will pick archery hunts while committed rifle hunters will pick Rifle hunts, that alone will reduce conflicts. We all see the Rifle guys trying for hard to get tags and falling back on the Archery hunts as a backup,

a place to go camp and drive around in woods without the commitment needed to be proficient at what it takes to be successful without just wounding animals.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Absolutely not leave it as it is.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Absolutely not leave it as it is.
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.	Allow hunters to be able to pursue both species at the same time.

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1956]

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Leave general season archery hunts for elk how it has been for many years. West side hunters can stay on west side as well.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Leave it how it has been for years.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Name** Melody Journot

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

The reason so many people are putting down their rifle and an increase in Archery Elk Tags is you can not draw a rifle elk tag. Some units it takes years. When it cost over \$200 to be able to hunt and fish in the state of Oregon you have turned it into a rich mans sport. Now your saying that you might not even draw an elk tag for archery. Ridiculous! The real problem is predation. The state of Oregon should reconsider the use of bait and hunting with dogs for bear and cougars. My sons family owns property in the Sled Springs Unit. When your trail cams have over 10 different bears in a month and very few deer and elk it is pretty clear why the numbers are dropping, not to mention some severe winters in the last couple years. When a bear or cougar are harvested it becomes a task to even find someone to check it in. Unfortunately if rules do not change no one will want to hunt or fish in this state and we will take our dollars elsewhere.

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

The reason so many people are putting down their rifle and an increase in Archery Elk Tags is you can not draw a rifle elk tag. Some units it takes years. When it cost over \$200 to be able to hunt and fish in the state of Oregon you have turned it into a rich mans sport. Now your saying that you might not even draw a deer tag for archery. Ridiculous! The real problem is predation. The state of Oregon should reconsider the use of bait and hunting with dogs for bears and cougars. My sons family owns property in the Sled Springs Unit. When your trail cams have over 10 different bears in a month and very few deer and elk it is pretty clear why the numbers are dropping, not to mention some severe winters in the last couple years.

**4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag** Should increase bear and cougar tags in the entire state and make it less of a task to check them in.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1954]

**Name** Ed Clark

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**city of**  
**residence**

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

I have answered this question in previous forums but I have a hard time believing that archery hunters agree with a draw system when the archery hunter was not the cause of the current problem. By your own admission, 40 yrs. ago you put in place the system we have now to pull rifle hunts to archery now archery hunters are paying the price. I know rifle hunters want everyone to draw because they think it is unfair. What is unfair is penalizing archery hunters for something they didn't do. Make it a choose your weapon in the beginning and not allow those that wish to draw a rifle tag to then pick up a bow when they don't. This would reduce the number of archery hunters to some extent then you could start looking at what that does to numbers before you go draw archery. Archery is not like rifle hunting. You can't put a bow down for 3 years and then hope you get a tag and go hunting after 3 yrs. with and consistence in your skills. No draw archery and choose your weapon up front and study that before reaching a conclusion.

2. Shut the season down in some units for awhile. Control predators. Stop shooting the little spikes and forked  
**Archery** horns.  
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3. West Sounds good.

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

Rely on mandatory reporting for a couple of years for the proposal of choose your weapon for archery or rifle and not set bag limits on units for archery. decrease or remove mule deer hunts in some if not all eastern Oregon hunt units for 3-5 years. Stop changing the start dates for archery hunting. Make it start the last weekend in August to the last week end in September. If you stop hunting Deer in E. Oregon for a few years then some rifle deer hunt could start earlier. I think the option for having deer hunts and elk hunts happen at the same time in western Oregon could be an option to

look at in eastern Oregon and push deer hunting back a little later in the month of Oct. instead of right after archery season. Thanks. I don't know if you will respond back but I am getting vary frustrated with ODFW and the appearance of not listening to archery hunters or only the majority. THE minority needs to be heard also.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1953]

**Name** Randy Hess

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**city of**  
**residence**

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

Don't let my address sway you as someone that doesn't deserve a say, I was born and raised in Oregon until after my military service and moved across the river.

I have been hunting Eastern Oregon since I was a little boy and have archery hunted for approx. the last 35 years. Over this time I have seen hunting opportunities significantly reduced, hunting areas reduced, more tags sold and forcing more and more people into smaller areas. getting up in my years I want to have descent opportunities that I can have every year. I watched sled springs go from general to now 8-10 years to draw a tag and now a Timber Co. also placing restrictions. I don't have that many years left of hunting and definitely cant wait years between successful draws. consider something for us seniors since we've been hunting before some of the people making these decisions were even born.

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## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:39 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1952]

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Email	<a href="mailto:flatbedcummins@yahoo.com">flatbedcummins@yahoo.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Success rates are low, why take away opportunities. Predators are a larger problem. Point systems need to be like idaho. Everyone has a chance. If you don't get in on ground floor you will never hunt oregons best units.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Success rates are low, why take away opportunities. Predators are a larger problem. Point systems need to be like idaho. Everyone has a chance. If you don't get in on ground floor you will never hunt oregons best units
<b>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.</b>	Allow both seasons at same time

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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1951]

**Name** Nathan Bailey

**Current** Butte Falls, Or  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [southernoregonhunting@gmail.com](mailto:southernoregonhunting@gmail.com)

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

please, please, please do not make the east slope of the cascades a draw bowhunt. I am a wilderness hunter and splitting up the wilderness has (rifle) and will (proposed bow) ruin a already hard hunt. Making the pacific crest trail the dividing line has made it extremely hard to stay on elk that inhabit the southern cascades during rifle season. With the increased predator strain on the wilderness elk, they tend to move much more. the problem is they can completely move out of the unit but still be in the wilderness area. I invest a ton of time and effort to chase them as I know they wont leave the wilderness, but if you were to make that portion of the east slope units controlled I would probably not buy a general cascade tag the years I don't draw, and I would opt to hunt out of state.

**3. West** Please don't do this, the answer to this problem isn't to give hunters more hunters opportunity to a herd  
**Cascade** that is loosing numbers, its to address the reason the herd is shrinking in the first place. The fact that the  
**elk** bull to cow ratio is better is because bulls have antlers and can fend off the predators better. This isn't a  
**(general** habitat load problem, so I'm not sure why you would want to manage a depleting herd by killing more of  
**any-legal** them.

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## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:14 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1950]

Name	nathan short
Current city of residence	salem
Email	<a href="mailto:station16@hotmail.com">station16@hotmail.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	All your going to do is loose more revenue. Half the people i talk to will go out of state.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	deer isn't a big enough draw. people on the fence will stop hunting.
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.	leave the same

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1949]

**Name** Kerry Lawson

**Current** Oregon City  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [diggerdawg2016@gmail.com](mailto:diggerdawg2016@gmail.com)

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

I have been applying for the 100M hunt for close to 10 years. Drawn on it 3 times and every year that I've drawn, I've been able to fill the tag with a 3 point or better. I live in the Beavercreek area even though I have an Oregon City address. I've worked hard to secure access to hunting areas near my home so I haven't had to travel to another unit. I had 1 preference point this year for the 100 series which normally would assure that I'd draw the 100M tag. When I called to find out what had happened to the 100M I was told "To increase opportunity" I'd need to apply in some other area where I've never hunted. I love to hunt with my muzzle loader and the 100M has been the best hunt I've found in my 66 years. Please find a way that I will be able to apply for a muzzle load deer tag in the Beaverrcreek area next year. (I'm not getting any younger) If not the traditional 100M hunt, then PLEASE create a hunt in my unit. I think it's unit 15 but not sure without looking it up. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Also I want to thank Kurt License for all of his help in this matter. He's been very responsive to my concerns.

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Name	MARTIN VAVRA
Current city of residence	LA GRANDE
Email	<a href="mailto:MVAVRA@EONI.COM">MVAVRA@EONI.COM</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Wrong approach to the issue. Better to first require that hunters choose a weapon, archery, center fire rifle or muzzleloader. Do not allow unsuccessful rifle hunters to then buy an archery tag. If that approach does not work then go to controlled hunts.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	This is a good idea given the low number of mule 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.	No comment
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	No comment

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**Name** Gabe Hale

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

Looking at the data for Wallowa County units (Sled Springs, Chesnimus, Snake River, Imnaha, Pine Creek, Minam, Wenaha) there is more participation during rifle elk seasons than archery. Archery season success rates average 15% (2019) in these units and don't even come close to rifle success, average 35% (2019). So that should not be a criteria or case for change. When I do get an opportunity to archery hunt I don't just hunt one unit in Wallowa County but hunt 3 or 4 units during the season. Asking someone from Eastern Oregon to pick one unit is like asking someone to only pick one flavor of ice cream for the rest of their lives. Our herds of elk don't care about boundaries drawn on a map. By allowing multi-unit level hunts in the Blues and Wallowa Mountains gives people the opportunity to spread out and not have to pick only one unit. If we really are going to have controlled archery hunts in all of Eastern Oregon then we should get to choose which units we want to hunt at any time and not have to make a decision before we apply. This would be no different than the proposal states for the "multi-unit hunts in the High Desert, East Cascade and Columbia Basin." If concerned about bull to cow ratios then a good option would be to make the harvest an either sex or any elk. Many people would just as soon shoot the first elk they have an opportunity at with bow or rifle for that matter. Another way to ensure a few more bulls survive rifle seasons is to eliminate the general and controlled spike only seasons. These additional tags could be used to increase the controlled rifle bull tags or archery tags. The one aspect of the proposal that does make sense is to cap the nonresident archery tags at 5%.

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

Concerning the archery deer season it is stated that "Archery deer season is currently a general season with unlimited tags in almost all of Eastern Oregon. This season structure has been in place for 40 years, however during that time mule deer populations have declined by nearly 50%. Managing archery season with an unlimited number of tags is no

longer an appropriate management tool for this declining population.” The issue of declining mule deer populations in Oregon and across the west is a very complex issue and archery hunters and seasons are a very, very, very small piece of the puzzle. Just look at states and units that actively manage predators and the immediate results on mule deer populations is amazing! General season archery hunts don’t just specify mule deer only. They typically are any deer or any antlered deer. This includes whitetail deer which we all know in Wallowa County and Eastern Oregon makes up a large percentage of our deer populations. Not only is this a large percentage of our deer populations but the majority of archery deer harvest are whitetail deer from our valley’s and agricultural lands. Just like I previously stated, the deer in our valley don’t care about unit boundaries. During archery deer season I hunt primarily private agriculture land in Imnaha, Minam and Chesnimus and can be in either unit in 10 mins. If the archery deer seasons in Eastern Oregon do become controlled then they need to be multi-unit hunts, Wallowa County Units would be all lumped together for deer. Looking at success rates over the past few years for archery deer in Wallowa County and Eastern Oregon regardless of species of deer, they are less 5% with many units each year reporting no harvest and hunter numbers in Wallowa County units being less than 50 hunters, according to estimated archery deer harvest by zone data. Another option is to create another series whitetail only general archery hunt for Wallowa County since most of these deer are being born and raised on private lands. As far as the proposed rifle deer season tags I have voiced my concern to the commission of mule deer management in the state of Oregon. So what I can’t understand is the little reduction in proposed tags for our rifle seasons in eastern Oregon. For example Imnaha unit 161, 2020 proposed 750, adjusted 825. 2021 proposed tags 750 adjusted 825 and in the notes it states “Mule deer numbers still very low since winter 2016–17” Another example of no reason to make general archery deer seasons controlled is the 2018 harvest success rates in the Imnaha unit 33% rifle success rate 2018 vs estimated archery harvest of 0% in the Imnaha unit.

**4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)** Please offer more less restrictive youth opportunities for all species! If we are going down this path of more controlled hunts and continued point creep are youth and hunter recruitment and retention is going to suffer! Which in the end results in less revenue for the department.

## Nick Myatt

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**Name** Andrew Skidgel

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

I do not feel this is a good move as that will put a lot of people out of hunting every year! If the idea is to limit the number of hunters then you should limit the number of tags you give out more on a first come first serve basis and perhaps unit specific or region specific (group of units). Making everyone who hunts eastern Oregon wait until they have enough points for a tag is ridiculous as the amount of points required seems to creep up every year. I think the ODFW should look at states like Idaho and others for decent management ideas. There are other alternatives to controlled hunts such as limited tags for certain units or groups of units and hunters must specify the ones they want to hunt but the tag is still general. Also, making point restrictions on certain hunts may help the populations of animals as many years the young dumb animals are taken and don't have a chance to grow mature. I'm not a biologist so I don't have the perfect answers here but I wouldn't be surprised to see the revenue decrease for the department making general bow a controlled hunt, which will make management even more difficult. Another alternative may be to make hunters choose a weapon and either go for rifle or bow tags, but not have the option to fall back on one or the other when it falls through. You may have to make more general season rifle tags available, however to make more hunters happy, but again probably limit the number of tags given for certain hunts.

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

Same as answer to number 1:

I do not feel this is a good move as that will put a lot of people out of hunting every year! If the idea is to limit the number of hunters then you should limit the number of tags you give out more on a first come first serve basis and perhaps unit specific or region specific (group of units). Making everyone who hunts eastern Oregon wait until they have enough points for a tag is ridiculous as the amount of points required seems to creep up every year. I think the ODFW should look at states like Idaho and others for decent management ideas. There are other alternatives to

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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 don't know enough about the west side Cascades or this specific hunt to really comment. I will say, however, from my experience it is very appealing to carry both tags at once as sometimes one species can be difficult to find while you see large numbers of the other. With that said, I think the department needs to look at the population numbers and reproduction rates and determine whether the populations can handle the extended pressure and possibly into the rut. Again I don't know the specific hunt that well, but I would certainly keep an eye on the number of tags issued if the season gets extended into November when the deer are starting to rut.

**4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)** No comment.

## Nick Myatt

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Name	Tammie Birkeland
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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Rural communities depend on this food supply to make it through winters. Especially with covid and the financial stresses on our community – this is an absolute NO from me to have you change this to a controlled season.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Rural communities depend on this food supply to make it through winters. Especially with covid and the financial stresses on our community – this is an absolute NO from me to have you change this to a controlled season.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
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Name	David Boatman
Current city of residence	Lyons
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**1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.**

I feel if the archery season is changed to a draw there would be a dramatic fall in the amount of hunters still participating in archery and they would take it out of state. It definitely takes a lot more time and effort to hunt with a bow. I personally have more success with a rifle and if archery changes to draw I will simply put in for rifle draws. Less archers in eastern Oregon will also hurt the towns little stores and gas stations. All around seems like a bad idea.

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

I feel if the archery season is changed to a draw there would be a dramatic fall in the amount of hunters still participating in archery and they would take it out of state. It definitely takes a lot more time and effort to hunt with a bow. I personally have more success with a rifle and if archery changes to draw I will simply put in for rifle draws. Less archers in eastern Oregon will also hurt the towns little stores and gas stations. All around seems like a bad idea.

**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.**

Move the deer season to over lap. If the elk season is moved to November the elk will be on winter grounds and private property will become an issue and it would still fall into another hunt in one way or another.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 9:33 AM  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1943]

**Name** Jordan Lanman

**Current city of residence** La Grande

**Email** [janman22@gmail.com](mailto:janman22@gmail.com)

1. **Archery elk change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** I believe it is in the best interest for current and future hunters to be able to hunt elk every year. By going to draw only for everything I feel this will further lead to decreased hunter participation and would be a terrible idea for ODFW. I understand that there are many/sometimes an incredible amount of OTC hunters in certain units but we all know that when we purchase the tag. It's all a part of the challenge of OTC archery hunting. In summary, I do not support these proposals and am worried about the future of hunting in this state if enacted.

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

I would rather you cancel deer hunting for 2-3 years and let the mule deer recover. The lack of deer is disturbing after the big winter we had a few years ago. One of the things ODFW attributed to the mule deer decline was "nutritional deficiency". Although I'm sure that is a part of this complex issue, the overwhelming problem is predators. Why will you not address this? The amount of predators I have seen in the last couple of years is absolutely disturbing. Also, you have the data from when you removed predators in the Heppner unit and look what happened. In summary, please make managing predators a priority so future generations will be able to hunt deer in the state of Oregon.

3. **West Cascade elk (general)** No comment.

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Name	Kaden Titus
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**1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.**

I do not support changing to a controlled season in eastern Oregon. I believe the General archery season gives hunters at least the opportunity to hunt every year and without that would possibly deter people from hunting all together, thus decreasing revenue to the state. Another possible side effect would be an increase in poaching for people who depend on harvesting Wild game to feed their families.

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

I do not support changing to a controlled season in eastern Oregon. I don't believe for a second that poor nutrition has been a major factor in deer population decline as pointed out in a recent video from ODFW. Predators are the number one factor in this decline in my opinion. I have seen more deer predation in the last 3 years than I can ever recall in my lifetime as a hunter. I would propose better predator management before altering deer population management.

## Nick Myatt

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**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 8:43 AM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1941]

**Name** Jeff Godard

**Current** Central Point  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [jeffg@sno-cat.com](mailto:jeffg@sno-cat.com)

1. I would absolutely oppose of the general archery change to controlled season in Eastern Oregon in all units.  
**Archery** I can only imagine how over crowded Western Oregon would be if all were forced to hunt on the West side  
**elk:** unless drawing. The point system has worked so well for us that prefer to save our points for long term  
**change** dream or a rotational hunts. Some riffle hunt in a preferred draw unit once achieving enough points. Not all  
**from** archery hunters are purest rifle hunters some of us rotate depending on the unit.  
**general to**  
**controlled**  
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**Oregon.**

2. Again I would oppose to the change and for the same reasoning.  
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**change**  
**from**  
**general to**  
**controlled**  
**season in**  
**eastern**  
**Oregon.**

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season):** Please do not interrupt the late season archery or second season general archery. This is one hunt that we value greatly. West Cascade general elk season's success rate is not a hunter issue its a cougar, bear and wolf issue. Leave dates alone and manager our predator's not the hunters.

**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)**

Predation management seems to be a thing of the past. We regulate the hunters, trim tags, charger greater fees and pretend that we have a human issue not an animal issue. We are to manage our game no different than one manages his own finances. We need to look back 50 years and see the changes our grandparents made. Look at the game management practices of the 50's. It took 50 plus years to increase our elk and deer herds and less than 20 to reduce

the numbers to an alarming rate. We encourage wolf's to the eco system! Encourage an apex invasive predator to our already week herds. What do we expect the numbers to do? We need to wake up and manage our predators!

## Nick Myatt

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

I grew up in Newberg, Oregon. My dad and I have been hunting the same ridge system in the Starkey unit for 36 years now. My brother and mom have been with us for the last 20. My dad will be 78 this year, and I can't imagine trying to learn a new area now. I want to see the statics on archery hunting success vs rifle vs muzzleloader. There is no way possible that archery hunters are more successful then rifle hunters. Also I have started see wolves the last 3 years in my area. I think we could do some other things including increasing spring bear tags to help decrease predatory kills on calves and fawns.

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

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

We need to increase spring bear tags and start selling wolf tags. This will help decrease predatory killing of deer and elk.

## Nick Myatt

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**Name** Andrew Skidgel

**Current city of residence** Redmond

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**4. Other**      No comment.  
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**tables for**  
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**hunts)**

## Nick Myatt

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Name	Tammie Birkeland
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Email	<a href="mailto:dboatman724@gmail.com">dboatman724@gmail.com</a>

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

I feel if the archery season is changed to a draw there would be a dramatic fall in the amount of hunters still participating in archery and they would take it out of state. It definitely takes a lot more time and effort to hunt with a bow. I personally have more success with a rifle and if archery changes to draw I will simply put in for rifle draws. Less archers in eastern Oregon will also hurt the towns little stores and gas stations. All around seems like a bad idea.

**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.**

Move the deer season to over lap. If the elk season is moved to November the elk will be on winter grounds and private property will become an issue and it would still fall into another hunt in one way or another.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1943]

**Name** Jordan Lanman

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**residence**

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1. I believe it is in the best interest for current and future hunters to be able to hunt elk every year. By going to  
**Archery** draw only for everything I feel this will further lead to decreased hunter participation and would be a terrible  
**elk:** idea for ODFW. I understand that there are many/sometimes an incredible amount of OTC hunters in certain  
**change** units but we all know that when we purchase the tag. It's all a part of the challenge of OTC archery hunting.  
**from** In summary, I do not support these proposals and am worried about the future of hunting in this state if  
**general to** enacted.  
**controlled**  
**season in**  
**eastern**  
**Oregon.**

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

I would rather you cancel deer hunting for 2-3 years and let the mule deer recover. The lack of deer is disturbing after the big winter we had a few years ago. One of the things ODFW attributed to the mule deer decline was "nutritional deficiency". Although I'm sure that is a part of this complex issue, the overwhelming problem is predators. Why will you not address this? The amount of predators I have seen in the last couple of years is absolutely disturbing. Also, you have the data from when you removed predators in the Heppner unit and look what happened. In summary, please make managing predators a priority so future generations will be able to hunt deer in the state of Oregon.

3. **West** No comment.  
**Cascade**  
**elk**  
**(general**

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season):  
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November  
OR keep  
current  
dates but  
allow  
deer  
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Cascades  
to  
continue  
during elk  
season so  
hunters  
can  
pursue  
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species at  
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**1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.**

I do not support changing to a controlled season in eastern Oregon. I believe the General archery season gives hunters at least the opportunity to hunt every year and without that would possibly deter people from hunting all together, thus decreasing revenue to the state. Another possible side effect would be an increase in poaching for people who depend on harvesting Wild game to feed their families.

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

I do not support changing to a controlled season in eastern Oregon. I don't believe for a second that poor nutrition has been a major factor in deer population decline as pointed out in a recent video from ODFW. Predators are the number one factor in this decline in my opinion. I have seen more deer predation in the last 3 years than I can ever recall in my lifetime as a hunter. I would propose better predator management before altering deer population management.

## Nick Myatt

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1941]

**Name** Jeff Godard

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**city of**  
**residence**

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1. I would absolutely oppose of the general archery change to controlled season in Eastern Oregon in all units.  
**Archery** I can only imagine how over crowded Western Oregon would be if all were forced to hunt on the West side  
**elk:** unless drawing. The point system has worked so well for us that prefer to save our points for long term  
**change** dream or a rotational hunts. Some riffle hunt in a preferred draw unit once achieving enough points. Not all  
**from** archery hunters are purest rifle hunters some of us rotate depending on the unit.  
**general to**  
**controlled**  
**season in**  
**eastern**  
**Oregon.**

2. Again I would oppose to the change and for the same reasoning.  
**Archery**  
**deer:**  
**change**  
**from**  
**general to**  
**controlled**  
**season in**  
**eastern**  
**Oregon.**

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season):** Please do not interrupt the late season archery or second season general archery. This is one hunt that we value greatly. West Cascade general elk season's success rate is not a hunter issue its a cougar, bear and wolf issue. Leave dates alone and manager our predator's not the hunters.

**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)**

Predation management seems to be a thing of the past. We regulate the hunters, trim tags, charger greater fees and pretend that we have a human issue not an animal issue. We are to manage our game no different than one manages his own finances. We need to look back 50 years and see the changes our grandparents made. Look at the game management practices of the 50's. It took 50 plus years to increase our elk and deer herds and less than 20 to reduce

the numbers to an alarming rate. We encourage wolf's to the eco system! Encourage an apex invasive predator to our already week herds. What do we expect the numbers to do? We need to wake up and manage our predators!

## Nick Myatt

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

I grew up in Newberg, Oregon. My dad and I have been hunting the same ridge system in the Starkey unit for 36 years now. My brother and mom have been with us for the last 20. My dad will be 78 this year, and I can't imagine trying to learn a new area now. I want to see the statics on archery hunting success vs rifle vs muzzleloader. There is no way possible that archery hunters are more successful then rifle hunters. Also I have started see wolves the last 3 years in my area. I think we could do some other things including increasing spring bear tags to help decrease predatory kills on calves and fawns.

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

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

We need to increase spring bear tags and start selling wolf tags. This will help decrease predatory killing of deer and elk.

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:09 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1939]

**Name** Keith Cooper

**Current** Eugene  
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**residence**

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

This issue would fall under "other". While I am not an active hunter currently and not opposed to hunting. I would like to see a ban on using any kind calling, baiting, or any enticement to lure big game animals to within a potential killing range. These enticements take advantage of an animals natural instincts to breed, eat, drink, protect their territories, or protect their potential mates for increasing their species population. Unless it has been banned in past years it was to my knowledge that a fisherman could not "chum" fish to lure them into an area for potential hooking. These creatures are just fish and not "big game" animals. I hope this will become a new ban on big game luring.

Thank you,  
Keith Cooper  
(541)915-7447

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Name	Dennis Marshall
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I would rather get a tag every three years and have a good hunt without so many people as the way it is now. I have archery hunted since 1979 here in Oregon and it has become a freaking zoo the last week of the season. You have my support
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as above
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 hunt this so I can't comment
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Maybe make a first two week season for archery and a second 2 week season and make people decide. It might make a better hunt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	This is an awful idea – truly hope you do not do this to all us hunters. We'd most likely just go hunt out of state.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Again, awful idea. Please don't!
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 things as is please!

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**Name** Steve Sanders

**Current city of residence** Newberg, Oregon

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

A draw for archery is long over due. The proposed tag numbers however are NOT going to reduce overcrowding or improve hunt quality. Additionally allowing traditional archery an additional week to hunt decides bow hunters as a group further. It would be interesting to study the number of lost, injured and wasted animals during this traditional only week. It has been bad enough when individuals not well practiced in archery resort to bow hunting as a result of not drawing a rifle tag. The result certainly has been more animals hit and lost. I am glad to see a draw but dismayed at the number of tags given in each unit. It simply needs to be cut by at least 25%. It should be noted that my party will simply hunt out of state when not drawing, or if the overcrowding continues which is certain given the proposed tag numbers.

2. Eastern Oregon archery deer simply needs to be closed for 4-5 years as well as rifle deer. The lack of deer is a sad state of affairs.

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

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

I firmly believe all archery units east of the cascades should be a draw tag . This would greatly help decrease the wounded and wasted rate of animals by those who put in for rifle tags and are inexperienced archers wasting and wounding game. It would also increase the quality of the game population and help further increase populations thus allowing more tags to be drawn in each season. As well as help with odfw revenue with the draw fee. To give more funds to the odfw to better manage game.

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

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

According to data provided by ODFW, 13 North East Oregon game management units have seen an increase or level and holding elk population from 2015–2019. At least 9 units in Eastern Oregon have had an increase or steady harvest success from 2015–2019. Some units have experienced small declines in Elk populations and harvest success, but according to ODFW data the increases seem to out weigh the decreases. The GMU's with the largest declines are areas with highest known Wolf activity. Predator control is a must if we want to see healthy herd populations and successful harvest statistics.

Keep the general archery elk season and start controlling Oregon's Wolf packs. Issue wolf tags similar to what Idaho has done.

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

Mule Deer population in North East Oregon has declined in every GMU according to ODFW data. Rifle tags have already been cut significantly in the last few years and population's haven't got much better. Making Archery season a controlled draw may help some but Oregon's increasing number of predators is the main issue. Wolf numbers are out of control, Cougar and Bear populations have also increased in recent years which would explain the decrease in the Deer population.

Changing archery season will not be as effective as predator control.

Please start controlling Oregon's Wolf population.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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#### 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

bear hunting along the Wild and Scenic reach of the lower Rogue River

Comments on the proposed bear hunting season along the Rogue River

July 14, 2020

I've been a Rogue River boater and enthusiast since my first trip down the river in 1977. I'm a former land use, resource, and recreational planner, and the author of Field Guide to Oregon Rivers and Rivers of Oregon, and also of the only two books comprehensively covering the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system: The Wild and Scenic Rivers of America, published in 1993, and Wild and Scenic Rivers: An American Legacy, published by Oregon State University Press in 2017. These and other books I've written feature the Rogue River as one of the outstanding rivers of America, worthy of our finest and most professional management. Let me also say that I grew up hunting at every opportunity, and am not generally opposed to hunting, and am supportive of it when it's the best wildlife management option.

But I was surprised to hear of this proposal, presented as it is.

The Rogue River has been managed as a National Wild and Scenic River for 52 years and under a management plan that does not include sport hunting of bears.

I'm aware that bears have become increasingly troublesome to campers, and I know that first-hand. To address this problem, the responsible agencies should consider all options for management reform before turning to those that are

lethal to currently protected wildlife and to wildlife that contribute to the outstanding natural qualities of the river. Among other things, this effort should include a survey of solutions of similar problems on other rivers, a requirement for bear-proof food containers as is done with the bear canisters now required in many backpacking areas, increased patrol by river rangers for compliance with regulations and best camping practices, temporary closure of the most troublesome camping sites, analysis of any problems that may linger from a history of riverfront lodges baiting bears for public viewing, possibilities for hazing troublesome bears, and more.

I realize that adjustment of hunting regulations is the job of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and its Commission, but responsibility for much of this issue—including recreation management concerns—would logically and legally lie with the federal agencies that are obligated to manage the Rogue as a National Wild and Scenic River and to follow established management plans.

A robust examination of the effects of hunting, should it be started, should also be completed. For example, people now run the Rogue all winter long; how would their Wild and Scenic River experience be affected by bear hunting?

Lacking the measures I suggest above, any consideration of opening a hunting season would be premature. Should a hunting season be opened for bears along the Wild and Scenic reach of the lower Rogue, it should be done only after these and any other possible options are considered and publically discussed.

Let me also add that the only notice for this evening's public review session, to my knowledge, was a single article in the Medford newspaper one day ago. The Rogue River is a resource of national stature that concerns far more people than those who might have noticed that press release and been able to immediately respond. Any change in management of this degree should include a fair and genuine effort to solicit public opinion, knowledge, and recommendations.

Tim Palmer, Port Orford, Oregon

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

As I understand it, the main reason for the change is an overall decline in deer and elk numbers across eastern Oregon. The low numbers certainly have to be addressed, but this is not the best solution. First, we should address the exploding cougar and wolf populations. I realize that ODFW can not flip a switch and let us go back to hunting cougar with dogs nor can they allow us to hunt wolves. However, ODFW can support the various hunting groups throughout the state that would work to get legislation passed to at least hunt cougars with dogs.

Second, limit the number of out-of-state archery tags sold. Right now, there is no limit. I can tell you from being out in the woods every archery season for the last 25 years that we are overrun with archery hunters from California and Washington. Look at Idaho – they limit the number of out-of-state archery tags to 10,000. Once they are gone, a non-resident can't buy a tag. Some years they are sold out in just a week.

Third – make residents choose a weapon – rifle or bow. If someone puts in for a rifle tag and does not draw they should not be allowed to then buy an archery tag. Anecdotally, I think this will have a big impact on the number of archery hunters. The proposed changes essentially do this, but it has a negative impact on those of us who only archery hunt. One thing to consider too is that archery hunters are frequently victim to wildfire closures. There's been many times I've had to change where I hunt – sometimes to a totally different unit – because my normal area has been closed due to a wildfire. Under this proposal if my unit is shut down because of wildfire I won't be able to hunt at all. Rifle hunters don't have this problem.

2. see comments above

**Archery**  
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON !!!!!!!!!!!
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON !!!!!!!!!!!

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1930]

**Name** Patrick Seggerman

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**city of**  
**residence**

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

People making these decisions do not understand our way of life over here in Eastern Oregon. Every year we enjoy spending time hunting with our sons, daughters and friends. It's our time to unwind. Take that away and you take that precious time with our loved ones away. It has been general season for ever, why are we trying to change something that does not need fixed. Stop trying to control what we look forward to every year. It is not fair for those who have no clue what this means to me and many other where we live to even propose such a ridiculous controlled hunt. People in Portland and Salem should not be making such decisions. I am just sick thinking about this. Thanks, Patrick

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 18, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1929]

**Name** Ann Vileisis

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

This is comments about the proposed bear hunt in the W&S Rogue River canyon. 1) I am concerned the proposed bear hunt will not address the issue of problematic bear behavior, which is caused by poor habits of campers and possibly lodges in the lower river (I know that's been a problem in the past; I've not been able to obtain updated information on that yet). I'd rather see agencies amp up their efforts at education and with requiring campers to use bear proof food storage. It sounds like there was one troublesome year owing to neglect by agencies to get electric fences out on time. I'd rather see the agencies work together to improve communication around problem bears and to better address the issue. No one wants there to be any safety problem with bears in the river, but I think there could be a non lethal actions taken first. 2) If there are specific bears with problem behavior, I'd rather see those specific bears targeted rather than a general hunt. 3) If there is a hunt, I'd rather see it be targeted to the specific problem area (eg. Takoma camp)/ and limited in numbers of bears. I know staff predict few bears will be taken, but there is no limit as part of the new rule and getting any limit later would be impossible. 3) I am concerned you are presuming that after permit season there is limited use of the river and trail. It's certainly less than in summer, but there still is use by anglers and hikers and boaters that don't want to deal with crowds. 4) I'd rather have the hunt be considered as "adaptive management." I'd hate to see bear hunting in the Rogue end up being a big deal with hunters jet boating up into the river canyon each spring and fall, taking many bears. The Rogue canyon is the only place in all of Oregon where people can see bears in their natural habitat and where watching wildlife has taken precedence over hunting. As a person who has rafted and kayaked the Rogue for more than 25 year, I've really cherished seeing black bears as part of my experience. I've not seen many, but it's a real treat to be floating along and to see a bear up ahead, walking along the river's edge. Thanks for considering my input.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1928]

<b>Name</b>	Scott Kearns
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<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:skearns@fastmail.fm">skearns@fastmail.fm</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I encourage ODFW to make these changes. I would also support any meaningful reductions in tag/license sales for some controlled units each year in order to increase population objectives. This includes closing some units in some years in order to increase growth rates of populations up to the point of meeting those objectives. Thanks, Scott Kearns
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I encourage ODFW to make these changes. I would also support any meaningful reductions in tag/license sales for some controlled units each year in order to increase population objectives. This includes closing some units in some years in order to increase growth rates of populations up to the point of meeting those objectives. Thanks, Scott Kearns
<b>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.</b>	Would prefer moving the general season into November. Blacktail are about impossible to hunt in Oregon otherwise (on public land). Thanks, Scott Kearns
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	I would appreciate it if ODFW would closing some GMUs in some years (for all species, based on the science) in order to increase growth rates of populations up to the point of meeting population objectives. Reduced tag numbers are helpful but this does not help one of the other major problems: restoring our ungulate populations on public lands instead of making (indirectly) private agricultural land the only

sanctuary land available to given species at a given time (during hunting seasons). Thanks, Scott Kearns

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	While I understand where you are coming from eBaying to eliminate the amount of elk taken I think the real issue is predator control
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	It's hard enough to shoot deer using a bow this would not help regulate the game numbers again I believe predator control and habitat are the main contributors
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.	Allow them to be able to hunt both during the season dates
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Going to 3 point or larger would greatly improve hers numbers

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

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

Unsure where these ideas are coming from? I will show numbers from 2019 for reference. Archery Elk in Eastern Oregon (Northeast and Southeast) had 13,430 hunters. Even with the units being controlled hunts Rifle Elk had 25,880. This would indicate that Rifle hunters experienced much more crowding. Although archery equipment has seen improved technology, so has rifle hunting. The weapons used during Rifle seasons can ethically kill Elk at far greater ranges. This shows that there is still quite a big difference between the two methods of taking Elk. This is further proven by success percentages. For Archery Elk (Again Northeast and Southeast Oregon- 2019) the percentage of success comes to 13.69%. This while Rifle Elk Hunters had a 23.07% success rate. So you have a higher number of hunters and a higher harvest percentage. This does not seem like a good reason to change the system. The Elk that are on private land during archery season will also be on private land during rifle season in many cases. In many cases I know of, the Elk have moved due to improved habitat on these private lands. This is due to increased logging and thinning on private land. This is not the fault of hunters, and hunters should not be the ones punished by reduced opportunities. Predators are also a problem. Although much more-so in Western Oregon, where an ambush predator has the advantage of choked out habitat due to a lack of thinning the forest over a number of years. Again, not the fault of hunters. The ODFW should be lobbying politicians and trying to educate the general public of what habitat and predators are doing to wildlife habitat. This would be money well spent. So we have all these problems not caused by hunters (Deer and Elk populations are not being affected by hunting in any meaningful numbers). The Elk and Deer population reductions, where there are actual reductions (mostly on the west side for Elk, and where Whitetail populations are taking over for deer), are the cause of bad environmental practices not brought on by hunters (your best conservationists). While the proposal may have the best intentions, it is punishing those trying to fix the problem. It will further anger those that are your best asset to trying to improve big game populations and habitat. This proposal would probably increase revenue for ODFW by a large amount. In the short term, I believe that the \$8 controlled hunt fee would be a huge revenue bump.

People would still buy General season tags for Western Oregon, so you wouldn't lose that revenue. However, in the long term, I think it would have the reverse affect on revenue. The hunters not drawing tags will be increasingly upset and frustrated with the system (I already know many rifle hunters who feel this way about the draw and say they are about done with it). The people in no mans land, like me, who have put in for years waiting for a premium hunt will also be angry! Now they have to decide if they want to keep putting in with the point creep or just take it in the shorts and spend their points so that they can hunt. Eventually, these people will either lose interest in hunting (very detrimental to hunting/conservation), or choose to spend their money in another state. This attempt at higher revenue by changing to controlled hunts also looks like a conflict of interest. While it may have good intentions, it may appear to look like a money grab. I feel the study done, and surveys done to come up with this proposal were very incomplete. When I speak with the hunters I know, which is a big number, probably  $\frac{3}{4}$  of them never received any survey and were not asked for their opinion. There needs to be much more study and work to come up with a complete study and recommendation. I urge those at the ODFW to put this decision off and do a comprehensive work group with many from the hunting and conservation entities like the Oregon Hunting Association, Oregon Outdoor Council, and many others involved in the process. I appreciate your work on the proposal, but ask that you allow for much more input and ideas before implementing something that I believe would be detrimental to hunting in the big picture.

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

In my view the biggest things affecting Mule Deer, which is what I believe the reasoning is, would be the Whitetail Deer taking over habitat for Mule Deer. The others being habitat and predators. I already covered habitat and predators, so I will just address the Whitetail Deer encroachment on Mule Deer habitat. Why not have a General Season on Whitetails only in these areas? You could still have a select number of Mule Deer tags, but bring the Whitetail populations down to increase space for Mule Deer. You could even have cull hunts on whitetail to get to a target population. These are my suggestions.

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in** Moving the season to November could be a good thing. I remember hunting later in the past when I rifle hunted when younger. It was a good time with the chance of snow to help tracking. The way Elk have been lately in October (Seem to be rutting later and later), sometimes rifle hunters are hunting rutting elk. This is bad for Elk populations that are already low and below objective. I think the lack of good habitat and predators have caused this. We need to bring Elk numbers up in these areas. If the season stays the same, making the deer hunting legal makes sense to me. Simplifies things.

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I think I covered most everything in the first box. Thank you.

## Nick Myatt

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	<p>This is a terrible way to go about solving the issues. A much simpler way to do it without taking away the otc opportunity would be...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Make the tags unit specific</li><li>2. Put a limit on the number of tags per unit</li><li>3. Make them first come first serve in the specific units</li></ol> <p>This accomplishes everything you listed while still allowing plenty of otc options state wide.</p>
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	See answer to question #1
<b>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.</b>	I am not familiar with this area or its situation so i decline to offer an opinion.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	<p>Honestly I would prefer to see general bow season split, on the east side.</p> <p>Offering a two week September hunt, opening labor day weekend and giving 14 days then closing.</p> <p>The hunt would then re open for another 14 days early or mid November. This later hunt could also be changed over to a 7 day muzzle loader hunt. Meaning in that specific unit the otc archery tag</p>

would offer 2 weeks to archery hunt in September and a week to muzzle loader hunt in November.

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

Perhaps idaho's system where there is a quota first come first serve for each unit. Problem is you will be limiting the amount of opportunity for both residence and non residence. If you go to a general draw tag similar to wyoming for non residences.

Overall I have had some mixed feelings about this topic. Yes I feel some units are overcrowded but as an outdoors man I dont want to see people not be able to hunt.

I dont want to see new hunters be limited to where they can potentially hunt because if they dont have the opportunity near where they live, chances are they are going to be more discouraged than if they have a hunting opportunity just outside their door.

To summarize, I believe going to all units as a draw for eastern oregon archery would work for a couple years until point creep catches on and units become unavailable to new hunters. If the purpose of this is to help reduce pressure on animals I suggest going to a green dot road system similar to ochoco where the majority of the minor roads are closed during rifle seasons and be moved to all of archery season for all units east of the cascades. This will allow for more sanctuary for animals to get away from hunters but keeping opportunity open for all hunters.

Another option is to open an archery season that is draw only and does not allow hunters to hunt general season with season dates that are during the elk rut and ends the friday before deer season (9-10 day season) for people who want

less people to compete with and prime archery elk hunting opportunity.

**2. Archery** Same as elk.  
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**4. Other** reduce tag numbers for deer since our deer populations are so low from poor management over the last  
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### 1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Don't make entire Eastern Oregon controlled hunts only for archery elk. It seems an overreach to control ALL Eastern Oregon Elk hunters. Hunter numbers (archery and rifle) are declining, while the Elk numbers are increasing.

I've purchased an elk tag (archery) in Oregon every year since 1976. I saw the transition from a limited amount of units available to hunt to the entire state open for the archery hunter. My observations of archery hunting over the years especially Eastern Oregon, is that elk have become the dominate species over deer, since about 1990. Limiting / controlling archery deer hunters maybe right as the deer populations are down. However elk is just the opposite. From 1980 until early 2000's, Eastern Oregon elk hunters averaged around 75,000. Elk populations increased from 54,000 in 1980 to 61,000 in 2005. In 2019 East side elk hunters are 58,000, while elk population estimate is 71,000!

Goals in the presentation by Nick Myatt are:

- 1> Make archers East side elk hunting all controlled hunts same as rifle.
- 2> Lower hunter densities in popular units
- 3> Lessen the bull harvest by archers in Eastern Oregon
- 4> Improve the regulations

Suggestions for changes instead of all controlled for archery elk:

1 Make archers East side elk all controlled? Fires are a common problem in archery 30 day season. West Side basically shuts down during fire danger. Fires or fire threat, West side becomes a "gated community"--"no-entry"! FIRES MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR ARCHERS TO RELOCATE. Only having general west side season is problematic.

Make a balance of general ANY elk units both East and West Side. Continue archery elk seasons, but with some changes. Continue with current controlled hunt units: Walla Walla, Chesnimus ,Mt. Emily, Wenaha, Sled Springs, Ochoco, Maury and Warner. Walla Walla, Mt Emily and Wenaha are the TROPHY units. Those units should remain basically as is. Sled

Springs, Ochoco, and Chesnimus need to limit hunters because: a- easy access to elk (less rugged terrain), b- plenty of elk, c- Elk easily disturbed by human activity. Warner and Maury don't know about those units.

Some changes to current controlled archery elk hunt units to consider:

a) Restrict hunting in controlled units to only archery elk hunters. Change the current controlled units so only archery elk tag holders can hunt deer, bear and cougars with archery equipment (with tag for those species). Youth elk tags hunters would be archery only during archery elk season.

b) Change East Murderer's Creek to a controlled archery elk unit. This partial unit fits the same description as Chesnimus, Sled Springs and Ochoco. East Murderer's Creek is relatively easy terrain with plenty of elk but easily disturbed by human activity. Limiting hunters here would be an improvement. I think this is the only unit in Oregon when during the major elk rifle season: late Oct early Nov, where rifle hunters have an ANY elk tag for an entire unit that is mainly public land.

c) Restore part of Mt Emily to an ANY elk regulations. Area from: La Grande to West on interstate 84 to North on summit road to East on HWY 203 to Elgin on hwy 86 to La Grande. Most of the trophy hunters don't hunt this area. Controlled antlerless rifle hunters have 345 tags issued for 2020 in this area. Archers haven't had antlerless opportunities here for over 20 years!

2 Lower hunter densities in popular units? Open more ANY elk units for archery. Not only Eastern Oregon, but west side too. In 2019, there were 30,000 archery hunters statewide. West side became mainly bulls only since 2016. Before 2016, archery hunters were nearly evenly split West to East. That regulation in 2016, west side change to nearly bulls only PUSHED more archers east to ANY elk units. ODFW advertised the many units east for ANY elk archery. That also PUSHED archers to the east side.

Prior to 2016 very popular west side units: Saddle Mt, Wilson, Trask and Tioga were previous 35+ years, and all west units and cascades open for mainly ANY elk.

Recent years ODFW opened more units in Eastern Oregon for ANY elk. But from 2006 until about 2011 most of Eastern Oregon was bulls only archery with only a handful of ANY elk units.

There are 13 top units statewide (list below) with largest elk estimates. In Eastern and Western Oregon, these 13 game units represent nearly 50% of the elk population. Only Siuslaw and Sixes of the 13 the major units with large herd size have ANY elk archery. None of the 13 top herd size units are open for ANY elk archery are on East side. Those eastern top herd size units CONTROL amount of archers' antlerless take.

On both East and West side it is ANTLERED ELK ONLY for many archers in the better units. Rifle hunters are offered the majority of antlerless elk tags in the biggest and better elk units.

The ANY elk units are preferred by archery elk hunters. Most of the current ANY elk units for archery don't have MANY elk!

Major Oregon Game units with

Elk Herd size over 3,000

Herd# Archers Rifle Comments

2019 2020 tags 2020 tags Antlerless or any Elk

Eastern Units

1 Ochoco 4,200 135 430 entire unit controlled only archery

2 Heppner 5,000 158 530 cows controlled archery

3 Ukiah 5,000 321 221 cows controlled archery

4 Starkey 3,750 110 356 Mainly Bulls only Archery

5 Mt Emily 3,200 0 345 Bulls only archery

6 Chesnimus 4,000 407 1,078 controlled only

7 Snake River 4,100 110 165 cows controlled archery

Western Units

1 Saddle Mt 6,300 0 189 Bulls only archery since 2016

2 Wilson 4,450 0 70 Bulls only archery since 2016

3 Trask 4,550 0 197 Bulls only archery since 2016

4 Siuslaw 3,417 ANY 144 ANY Elk archery

5 Tioga 7,000 0 100 Bulls only archery since 2016

6 Sixes 3,500 ANY 220 ANY Elk archery

total 58,467 1,241 4,045

3 Lessen the bull harvest by archers in Eastern Oregon ? Current regulations have bulls only as the majority of the opportunities for archers in the very best units and many units. Predictably bulls will be the majority of the harvest reported! Make a large prime Northeast area ANY elk general season archery. Combine Heppner, Ukiah, Starkey, and Sumpter to already ANY elk units: Catherine Creek, Minam, Keating, Imnaha, Pine Creek and Desolation. These 10 units would make a large contiguous area of ANY elk archery units. Result would be that archers would lessen their bull

harvest with an antlerless increase. And as has been in current and recent past an ANY archery elk unit would NOT be nearly surrounded by bulls only units! This would ease overcrowding in the ANY elk unit(s).

How to Improve Regulations : Make it easier for people to go hunting. All controlled hunts only make it harder for people to hunt. Under current regulations some hunters apply in May for a tag to hunt in the NEXT year! Implication in the presentation to control ALL archery ELK is that “archery hunters are nearly under the same regulations as 40 years ago”. “Archery equipment today is more effective than 40 years ago”. “Archery hunters need to be controlled same as rifle hunters”. “There are too many (or enough) rifle hunter converted to archery”. “This has caused overcrowding by archery hunters in popular units and causes elk displacements from public to private lands.”

These suggestions #1,#2#3 improve regulations for the elk hunting experience from the archery hunters’ viewpoint. It would satisfy the reasons in the proposal to control all East side archery elk hunters: Likely the bull harvest by archers would decrease while hunter densities in popular units would decrease. But “crossovers” hunters to archery from rifle will most likely continue. I don’t think would that be bad thing or that “enough rifle hunters have chosen to become archery hunters”.

Archery hunting today was implied to be nearly as effective as rifle hunters’ chances. Technology improvements last 40 years is the reason inferred as to why archery is so effective. Implication is that archery hunting regulations are nearly unchanged since the choose weapon tags of over 40 years ago.

Archery hunting regulations—meaning where and what elk can be hunted, are vastly different than 40 years ago. Current regulations have most prime elk areas controlled and bulls only especially coast and cascades.

Archery hunting is difficult in comparison to rifle hunting. Nearly all the archery hunters I know were once rifle hunters. Many say that rifle hunting was too easy. They wanted more of a challenge. If you see a legal elk during rifle season the hunt is over. If you see a legal elk during archery season the hunt begins..

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

Follow are other suggestions to improve both Rifle and Archery hunting in total.

1—Over 65 years old archers and disabled rifle hunters be allowed to hunt antlerless elk in most units as youth hunters hunt antlerless elk.

reasoning: probably a majority of youth hunters are mentored by grandparents. Change would increase tags sold.

2—Youth hunts should start same time as archery season opener(NOT Aug 1) and be archery only(not rifle) during archery season.

reasoning: why is it necessary for this rifle season to be 5 months long (Aug1–Dec31)? And to be before and during archery season?

3–No rifle hunts should be longer than a month in duration...

reasoning: Currently TOO many rifle controlled hunts are TOO long with few hunters harvesting the majority of antlerless elk taken. Many of these antlerless elk tags (west side) are nearly a guarantee success and are in units where archers have NO antlerless opportunities. Why are there many rifle tags months long while archery tags are 30 day or less?

In 2011 an odd regulation was started for Alsea and Stott Mt. A controlled hunt (14 days late Nov–Dec) for antlerless elk. It is still in effect. However.... early 30 day general season is bulls only in Alsea and Stott Mt? This change was a replacement to the archery general season late elk hunt that was stopped in 2011.

Contrast that hunt to many rifle antlerless controlled tags in west side units. They are very popular, successful and long (up to 3 months). Many of the hunts have 75% success or more. Northwest general tag archery success in 2019 was 11%! The late controlled tag for Alsea and Stott Mt has averaged about 5% success since it began.

4–Recycle hunters –cancel/change most of miscellaneous/damage control mainly antlerless hunts that begin as early as Aug 1.

Replace those hunts with hunts from Dec 1 to Mar 31. Unsuccessful hunters and others that had not applied earlier can apply for these hunts. Hunters would apply in November for these 2nd chance hunts. These hunts should be a mixture of both archery and rifle. ODFW could “monitor” harvest results from earlier hunts to adjust amount of tags if necessary for these late/ 2nd chance hunts. Change regulations to report success a day or two after hunter’s “first season” is done. In fact, wouldn’t the majority of successes be known by ODFW? Most hunters report electronically at time of their success?

This 2nd chance tag would be a second opportunity by earlier unsuccessful hunters. Many hunters would welcome a "second" chance. ODFW would sell more tags and have more application fees.

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Eastern Oregon already has numerous controlled hunts for elk. I would like to see a restriction on rifle hunters that don't draw rifle tags and then decide to bow hunt. A 100% chance for first choice bow hunters and a very limited chance for second choice rifle/bow hunters might be a way for better controlled numbers.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	After seeing very limited numbers of Mule deer last year, I believe a controlled hunts might help. But as mentioned in the elk question, make hunters choose a weapon at first. Too many rifle hunters pick up bows when they are not successful in a rifle draw.
<b>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.</b>	I believe opening deer and elk at the same time with any weapon could result in more poaching.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	A decrease in Mule deer tags for Eastern Oregon may help the herd numbers start climbing.

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Great Move. I think this will improve hunting for all sportsman however I am concerned that it will push more inexperienced hunters over to the west side general season tags and there are already a huge population of hunters on the west side. Please make sure there are enough east side tags to keep people going out there.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Great Move. I think this will improve hunting for all sportsman however I am concerned that it will push more inexperienced hunters over to the west side general season tags and there are already a huge population of hunters on the west side. Please make sure there are enough east side tags to keep people going out there.
<b>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.</b>	Move the hunt back to November but please be mindful not to overlap or get rid of the muzzleloader hunts that we love. Keep Deer open in November too.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	It's discouraging to wait years for a tag draw. It seems there should be a better way. I wonder how much of the decline in success is true decreased number of animals versus poor hunting tactics. Seems road hunters want to complain there are no animals and we wait at least 2 years Between our eastern deer draw tag and we rarely have problems seeing great deer. It's frustrating to wait on a tag draw to put in a real hunt while people Shoot a spike from their truck and complain there are no deer.



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

I am aware of the increased pressure on wildlife due to the increased interest and participation in archery hunting. I agree that Eastern Oregon needs to have some additional control of the numbers of archery hunters. I feel this restriction should come in the form of limiting non-resident archers. I feel that those of us who live/work/ and provide volunteer services to maintain our public lands should have preferential access to archery tags. I feel that non-resident applicants should be entered into a controlled season. Even Western residents should be limited in similar ways, but NOT Eastern Oregon residents. We should have some benefits to doing the hard work that we do to maintain our public lands and should be able to archery hunt annually if we desire.

2. same comments as above

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

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1917]

Name	John Mabe
Current city of residence	Haines
Email	<a href="mailto:akmabe2003@yahoo.com">akmabe2003@yahoo.com</a>
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	NO! The only reason its over populated is its impossible to draw a tag. This is simply another money grab thru the application system. Get the cattle off public land, and the feed will come back and OUR meaning the people of the state who these animals God provided will grow in numbers when they don't have to compete for food.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	SEE ABOVE
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.	Yes not enough information

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1916]

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

I think it is a great idea! The number of animals to hunter is way out of balance. We must do something to help oregon big game numbers. Archery has become so popular that it must be turned to a controlled hunt.

However, the point system needs to be spreat from the controled hunts for that you have for rifle. To sits of point systems, one for rifle one for archery.

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

See the above.

**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 the weather pattern gor Oregon as changes and the winter weather is more in November I wouldnt mind seeing it change.

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Current city of residence	Klamath
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Only reason would be for the 8 dollars.the rifle hunters that think they are hunting while riding quads cant get elk thats their fault
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Only reason the 8 dollars few deer in eastern oregon too many predators if nothing changes the deer will disappear
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.	No opinoin
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Dont bite the hands that feed you if the game population dont start improving i will save my money and hunt in Wyoming every other year will spend nothing in oregon

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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Name	Kenneth Blizzard
Current city of residence	Aumsville
Email	<a href="mailto:kennethblizzard702@gmail.com">kennethblizzard702@gmail.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	This is going to lose a lot of hunters the reason is there are literally no areas to hunt early season with fire closers and warhauser closing all the land also cascade range having the high cascade rifle hunt makes it increasingly dangerous with more archery hunters in the woods doing this will make it impossible to hunt and I will be forced to hunt other states and spend money on equipment in those states not in Oregon
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I have the same feeling about this as I do elk season I do however think the bag limit should change to 3 point or bigger that will allow deer population to grow and raise numbers of trophy size bucks
<b>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.</b>	This any legal weapon is going to get people killed bow hunting and rifle hunting don't mix and common sense tells you why
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	This will confuse people to the point that they are afraid to hunt for fear of getting in trouble why are you guys always trying to fix something that's not broken it's been this way for years and works why change it you are going to go bankrupt because more and more people are going to stop hunting and fishing

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	NO!!!
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	NO!!!!!!!!!!
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.	Move season
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Do not change any tioga hunt from 3 pt or better to spike or better it was tried once years ago for some time and it devastated the unit for some time I live here and grew up during those times, stop listening to people like Wayne indigo the has an agenda that only benefits him and his situation for all the other questions!!!

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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Name	Brian Follett
Current city of residence	Lagrande
Email	<a href="mailto:hoyt_rocks1991@live.com">hoyt_rocks1991@live.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	It should never change because most people that dont put in for draw tags chose archery because you dont have to wait to find out and theres a whole month to hunt vs a week.. And some people that put in every year never get drawn so why make it hard on the people who never put in for draw tags
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	It should never change because most people that dont put in for draw tags chose archery because you dont have to wait to find out and theres a whole month to hunt vs a week.. And some people that put in every year never get drawn so why make it hard on the people who never put in for draw tags
<b>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.</b>	Same as my other explanations besides the fact that the eastern side of the state could do without out of staters and out of county hunters being in the area that is already over hunted.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	Take out of state tags away. And makr it to where you can only hunt units on your side of the state, and dont allow over population of certain regions of the state such as eastern Oregon which is clearly already over hunted.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1911]

**Name** Joshua White

**Current** Klamarh Falls  
**city of**  
**residence**

**Email** [joshwhite75@gmail.com](mailto:joshwhite75@gmail.com)

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

I am certain these changes are being proposed in an honest attempt to increase opportunities, but I personally believe the exact opposite will happen. I changed to Archery a few years back and invested the time and money I to the change because I, like many others I know can hunt weekends and the few days available throughout the state. If it becomes a draw I truly fewer and fewer hunters would do Archery hunting because the freedom of where would go away. In turn that would increase Rifle hunters which would decimate the herds more than archery OR just decrease hunters which both is a loss. I hope this rule is not enacted, Archery hunting is already exponentially more difficult. Thank you for your time. I hope I was easy to understand.

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**Current** Klamath Falls  
**city of**  
**residence**

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1. Keep as is.

**Archery**

**elk:** More to Follow in Box 4.

**change**  
**from**  
**general to**  
**controlled**  
**season in**  
**eastern**  
**Oregon.**

2. Keep as is.

**Archery**

**deer:** More to follow in box 4.

**change**  
**from**  
**general to**  
**controlled**  
**season in**  
**eastern**  
**Oregon.**

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**3. West** Keep as is.

**Cascade**

**elk** More to follow in box 4.

**(general**

**any-legal**

**weapon**

**season):**

**Move**

**season to**

**November**

**OR keep**

**current**

**dates but**

**allow**

**deer**

**hunting**

**in**

**Cascades**

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**can**

**pursue**

**both**

**species at**

**same**

**time.**

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

In this box i thought i would put a more descriptive text as to why i am saying keep the hunting seasons as is.

Let's start with box one. if you make all bow units a controlled hunt then this would basically cancel out the preference point process. lets take for example my step father. He has been putting in for Mt. Emily Big bull tag for about 15 years now and has never drawn it. But is still able to hunt yearly for a big bull due to the general units around him. i have been putting in for units for multiple years and havent drawn any yet i am still able to hunt every year. The OTC

opportunity in this state is amazing for archery hunters. if you did away with that, then all my preference points would go to a lesser unit and the big units in oregon would become a once in a lifetime tag like our Bighorn tags. This is just for elk. And this goes for all hunters trying to get those big units. Not to mention the OTC out of state opportunities that arise. hunters in multiple states come to Oregon due to the fact they can hunt elk and have a chance to get an animal. For us ETHICAL hunters its about filling the freezer the right way, and passing on our knowledge of positive hunting to our sons and daughters.

In eastern oregon units like Catherine Creek, in 2018 i hunted catherine creek hard all month and didnt see 1 single deer. this is a problem i'll totally agree with you on this. But it was due to a hard winter, and heavy predators. in 24 hours i came across 2 bear, 1 cougar and a pack of 6 wolves. In a very small area. Im a open minded person and hunter and while i believe we need predators how can we make it to where predator hunting isn't near impossible. Im not talking about wolves so much here im talking about the cougar and bear population. Why can't we bait them? Predators have been increasing to the point they are problem in MANY units. Why not make the units that have decreasing deer populations a draw unit till they bounce back? or even make those units open to elk, and predator hunts and close the deer hunting down in those units for a few years. Between predators, poachers, hunters, and hard winters the mule deer do not have a chance. BUT theres ways to go about this without closing all units off.

i hope you take the time to read this and many of the EDUCATED responses from us who really care about our game populations more than anything else. There is a large number of people in this state who eat, sleep, and breath hunting and conservation and i am one of them.

## Nick Myatt

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

I'm concerned that I won't be able to draw a controlled archery elk tag in many of my favorite units in NE Oregon if I put in for the draw as a second choice. I have never hunted Mt Emily and would like to continue to build points so I can elk hunt that unit someday. I don't want to have to stop hunting elk in quality eastern units in order to build preference points. I would prefer to deal with overcrowded units then not be able to hunt Snake River or Minam if I want to build points. I typically hunt wilderness areas where overcrowding isn't an issue. I work hard to separate myself from other hunters and find quality animals. Making these tags controlled hunts would really frustrate me.

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** This seems like a good idea given the decline in deer populations and trophy quality bucks. Predation and drought are killing off our deer.

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current** It seems moving the season to November might help increase harvest success rates and reduce elk damage to crops in early winter. I think concurrent deer and elk hunts would be good in some ways because it would allow people to pursue two species at once, but it's also going to make for even more crowded hunting conditions. The only place I've seen that's not stacked with people in the southern cascades during general rifle elk is 3+ miles into one of the wilderness areas. It's going to be pretty tough getting in that far in November.

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

**4. Other** Reintroducing Mt goats to the cascade range would create a lot more goat hunting opportunities in  
**changes being** Oregon if there's suitable habitat between Mt Hood & Mt Mcloughlin.  
**considered**  
**(incl. tag**  
**numbers/hunt**  
**tables for**  
**specific**  
**hunts)**

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

I'm born and raised in Central Oregon and have archery hunted elk for 22 years. Spending all that time in the units close Grizzly, Ochoco, Silvies and Murders creek. I would like for those units minus Ochoco to stay General Season. The thought of not being able to hunt elk in my backyard every year is hard to even think about. It's going to force people like me to go out of state. I want my money to help conservation in my backyard where I have spent my whole life enjoying.

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

There needs to be a big change for Mule Deer. Maybe do the same thing you are doing in the Ochoco unit. If you have a elk tag for the unit you can hunt deer. I think most hunters rifle or archery are wanting to see a change.

## Nick Myatt

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1907]

Name	Jeff Peterson
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**1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.**

I understand the thought process. However, if all of eastern Oregon is made controlled, those that have been holding onto points for the Big 3 will most likely never hunt Eastern Oregon again. What about making the rules so that one must choose either east side or west side when archery hunting. At least that way, one can still put in for the big 3 and still have the opportunity to hunt eastern Oregon albeit in a more limited fashion.

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

The decline in Mule Deer is problematic at best. The decline is horrendous. I have seen the decline in the Pine Creek unit for years and have thus not put in for that hunt for about 6 years now. It is a true shame as that was such a fun unit to hunt and play around in. With that said, again what about making hunters choose east side or west side and make it a first come first serve until the set number of tags are sold out? Not sure.

**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 not hunted the Cascades before and therefore don't really have an opinion.

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

I appreciate the camera proposal. I have though for a while that having a camera on my bow would be pretty cool. It gives the possibility to not only record such a precious moment but would also allow playback for potential shot placement along enough time for the animal to lay down

and die and not rush pushing it because the shot did not hit as intended.

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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
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Current city of residence	Maupin, Oregon
Email	<a href="mailto:fishyguy13@yahoo.com">fishyguy13@yahoo.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I think this is a great idea. Is going to eliminate the non archery guys that didn't draw a rifle tag. Is also going to improve the quality of the hunts for those that have tags by having fewer archers in the woods that don't know what they are doing.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Same as above. Choose your weapon for the tag you apply for. Better quality of hunting
<b>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.</b>	Move seasons to November. Is tough when you have people with one tag stepping on someone with a different tag.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	I would like to see money put up front for Antelope, Sheep, and Rocky Mtn Goats when applying for a tag. The state can take this money and stick it in a 60 day account and get interest off of it. Montana does this and no one seems to complain there. This would slow down the guys that put in their kids, wives, and older people just so they get the chance of drawing a tag. I also think this would be a good idea for people applying for the Weneha, Mt Emily, and Walla Walla units for elk. Make it a true trophy chance.

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1905]

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I am opposed to this change. There are already some controlled units in eastern Oregon for archery. I don't think the entire region should be a controlled region.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I am opposed to this change.
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 the current dates for the season and allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season.

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**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1904]

<b>Name</b>	Cody Hamilton
<b>Current city of residence</b>	Lakeview, OR
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:codyhamilton2016@gmail.com">codyhamilton2016@gmail.com</a>
<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Instead please make it a choose your weapon hunt. For example, if you apply for an "any weapon" 200 series tag, you could not go buy a 200 series general eastern archery elk tag that same year. You would still be able to hunt a general 200 rifle/any weapon hunt that year but not archery. The same would be true if you apply for a 200 series archery only draw hunt. You could not then hunt a general 200 series any weapon in the same year but you could hunt general archery.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Instead please make it a choose your weapon hunt. For example, if you apply for an "any weapon" 100 series tag, you could not go buy a 100 series general archery tag that same year. You would still be able to hunt a general 100 rifle/any weapon hunt that year but not archery. The same would be true if you apply for a 100 series archery only draw hunt. You could not then hunt a general 100 series any weapon in the same year but you could hunt general archery.
<b>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.</b>	No comment.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	No comment.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2020 1:49 PM  
**To:** BigGame.Review@state.or.us  
**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1903]

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1. I support this change

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

2. I support this change

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

**3. West Cascade** Move dates back to november to line up with coast elk seasons for simplicity and possibly increasing hunt experience.

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)**

It appears that more drastic deer (and to a lesser extent roosie elk) tags need to be cut. I would consider a system that restricts the applicant to only drawing one controlled hunt tag, including OIL tags for sheep and goat on first pass. Utah does a similar system and it helps preserve hunt quality while decreasing the odds that you go without a tag. Loss of opportunity is going to kill our sport faster than climate change if we let it. Leftovers can be sold under the current system or even re-drawn for another lottery fee!

Further, if you want to help raise revenues, you would be better suited getting the legislature involved and lifting the

ridiculously low non-resident allocations and state GF allocations. At the very least can you please stop pulling the guide tags out of the non-res allocation. Something like 1/5th (or 20%) of tags should be allocated to non-resident would seem like a better ratio than 1/20th.

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**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1902]

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

I like the idea if a controlled eastern tag for deer and elk both. But only if they make western Oregon controlled also. Otherwise western Oregon will be overwhelmed with hunters that didn't draw eastern tags. I like the idea because I feel the overall quality of the hunting has gone downhill. Although I feel that if cow tags and doe tags were eliminated( as I don't agree that the number of does and cows killed is biologically insignificant)and predator populations were reduced and if the forest service would manage there property for deer and elk instead of the marbled murrelett. That we wouldn't have to eliminate hunter opportunities to improve the quality of hunting. And in the long run with the better quality of hunting there would be more income to the state because of it. I also realize that lawsuits pretty much but not completely have the forest service hands tied. But I do believe there are ways that we could reduce the predator population without going against measure 18. But that ODFW would catch some political slack. I don't think there are any perfect answers I realize the commission is intended to be a go between ODFW and the public. But with it being appointed by a politician I think science sometimes takes second fiddle to politics. I wish the District Biologist could make these decisions without input from the commission. They are the ones that have a better ear to what the public wants and can balance that out with science.

**3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season):** As far as the cascade season goes. I think it is a good idea to move the season. But I think the elk and deer populations are low enough up high(Not so much down low on the private ground) that it will take some drastic measures to improve it.

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

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**Subject:** 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1901]

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**Current city of residence** West Lake Oregon

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

I feel that the bigger problems in Eastern Oregon is predator reducing wildlife numbers. I would be opposed to limiting or requiring special permits to select areas. Working out deals with land owners that have problems and identifying those areas would be more important. Reduction in Predators is also required.

Again, what is the predator relationship today verses 1995? Because of reduction in wildlife and shorter season, many people have reduced interest in hunting. You can also offset archery hunts to have a lessor time or short time when elk are in the rut.

Same, time to hunt in the rut for archers and length of the hunt has a bigger influence on bulls taken. I would strongly oppose control hunt permits for archers. There are other ways to reduce bulls taken by archers if that is what you are trying to do. Seems like ODF&W are just trying to get more money by permitting.

Limiting non-resident hunters really has very little influence overall. I would also guess that many of these hunters hunt on private land.

Why don't ODF&W look at some of the programs in Colorado and other states? There some very good programs worked out with Land owners that have been very successful. Every program has plus and minuses and I feel your proposal of limited hunts has more minuses - less people wanting to hunt and again reducing overall income from taxes and hunting licenses.

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** I normally hunt eastern OR, but the bigger problems is predator reducing wildlife numbers. I would be opposed to limiting or requiring special permits to select areas. Working out deals with land owners that have problems and identifying those areas would be more important. Reduction in Predators is also required.

**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** However, it was found that no matter where you put elk, a bull will show up. This was very consistent around western Oregon.

species at  
same  
time.

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

Some areas have too many elk and some areas. Planted elk are a big problems as is the public ignoring land owners rights. Longer season and more cow tags are needed in some areas. ODF&W needs to work with land owners that are having elk problems to work together. ODF&W needs to have more respect for problem elk areas and work with ranchers more.

I feel that you need to fix your internet system to make it "user friendly". When I try to provide my hunter success info I cannot figure out how or where to go to provide that information. A few years ago it was easy but now I have to call Salem to provide that info. This year it was also imposable to get info related to success of permit applications. FIX you INTERNT SYSTEM

#### Upland game birds

Mountain quail season opened statewide with a 10 bird bag limit (in aggregate with California quail) in western Oregon and a 2 bird bag limit in eastern Oregon. The daily bag limit in eastern Oregon is 10 quail, of which no more than two can be mountain quail. With the reduction or closing of logging on federal lands, the Mountain quail population has been greatly reduced. Are your regulations respective of this?

Eastern Oregon upland bird seasons opening changed from "Saturday closest to October 8th" to "second Saturday in October". This change keeps the same date spacing between game bird and big game seasons. What does this mean? What will be the season? Very confusing the way it is written.

#### Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Updates

Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Regulations are set for two year periods. The July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 Oregon Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Regulations were adopted at the June 12, 2020 Commission Meeting. This would greatly reduce the possibility of controlling problem beavers along roads, private property, bridges, etc. Very opposed to such a regulation.

Camera attached to bow - no brainer - should be allowed on guns as well. Range finder system should also be allowed,

better for the hunter and less wounded animals that get away.

Bear – 700 Series

Again, control of access by additional permits really does not a significant indication to support requiring people to apply (\$8.00) for a permit. Just another way for ODF&W to get more money, not doing much for bear harvest control. Habitat, access, etc. has a bigger factor. My guess you took in more revenue when the hunter could choose their spring or fall hunt tags and were open to buy the other tag if they wish.

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**residence**

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

I'm a little unsure/concerned about the follow language:

As part of this potential change, the Department is considering proposing that all eastern Oregon controlled hunt tags be valid only during the date and area of the controlled hunt. As with controlled rifle hunts, eastern Oregon controlled archery tags, would not be valid during the western Oregon general archery season. This change would reduce the unintended consequences of increasing the number of western Oregon archery hunters. This would also ensure that hunters who apply for a controlled archery tag intend to hunt there.

As the numbers show, archery hunters success rates are lower than the rifle hunters (full disclosure, I'm an archery hunter). But part of the success we do have is due to hunting during the rut, being able to talk with the Elk. If I read the above language properly, General Season and Controlled season will be a different times. So, who would get to hunt the peak rut? Last couple of weeks of September? Thank you!

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	Yes, I agree this is a good idea to go to co trolled hunt for archery. I would rather hunt a better quality season every couple of years than deal with the overcrowding and animal disturbance. I have noticed the hunting pressure during archery has affected how the elk and deer behave compared to 10 to 20 years ago when there was less archery pressure.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I agree. The deer populations need a chance to recover.
<b>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.</b>	I don't hunt the west side so I dont know what the animal population densities and hunting pressures are like over there.
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	I would like to see the deer tag numbers reduced to help recover the population. It was a very smart idea to cancel all the doe hunts in the Columbia Basin. I would like to see more youth elk hunts and maybe a late season youth buck hunt to encourage youth to be involved and gain skills.

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

I am a dedicated archery hunter. While I drew a tag last year and have no points built up now switching all eastern Oregon units to draw archery is going to put a number of hunters in a horrible spot having been building points for a quality hunt then being required to burn all of them on a general unit just to be able to archery hunt. I would rather see it go to choose your weapon. If you apply for a rifle tag and don't draw you general rifle hunt. If you put in for a archery tag and don't draw you general archery hunt. I think this would solve part of the problem. I definitely don't want to see all eastern Oregon general units go to draw

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	<p>I do not agree with this. This will increase hunting pressure in the Western units. This will see a large loss of hunting opportunity, especially for those that can only day hunt. If the Eastern units go to a draw system, there will be a loss of revenue from tag purchases as well.</p> <p>Some things that will help the Eastern units, increase predator hunting opportunities and predator management. Longer fall bear season. Incentives for cougar tags.</p>
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	<p>Changing the archery deer to draw only in the Eastern units will have a large loss of hunting opportunities especially for our youth hunters. General season elk hunters will buy a deer tag just in case they come across a nice buck. However, this will just see a large loss of revenue in tag sales.</p>
<b>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.</b>	<p>This season needs to be kept as it is.</p>
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	<p>If we are going to help the deer and elk population we need to see a decline in predators. Cougar, bear and wolves are taking too many of the elk and deer.</p> <p>Incentivizing cougar and bear filled tags would also increase revenue. Perhaps give a controlled hunt point.</p>



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

This is great, too many people have switched to bow hunting just to be able to travel over east and hunt prime areas during peak rut.

One problem is going to be that this will put a lot of pressure on the elk populations here on the west side. Due to the large amount of bow hunters, most of the spikes were killed during the archery season in 2019. During 1st and 2nd coastal bull season, we saw hardly any spikes within the herds of elk.

We need to shorten the archery season, or do something about the west side season, otherwise we are going to wipe out the populations here on the west side. You cannot regulate one without last effects on the other.

Our regulations are not keeping up with the amount of people that hunt the west side, and with the technological advances in gear. The animals don't stand a chance with the abilities of people who now shoot 50-100 yards with a bow, or 500-1000 yards with guns.

I am open to even have everything change to a 3 pt of better on the west side.

**2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in** Perfect, but remember to makes changes to the west side too. Everyone will push this way.  
The deer populations are already beat up for CWD and the amount of predators here.  
Also at what point do you regulate people for taking bad shoots. Maybe it should be if you draw blood your done, both rifle and bow.

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Oregon.

**3. West** Both at the same time would be great

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** To ensure that we opportunities for our kids to hunt, change needs to occur. Our ability as humans to  
**changes being** harvest an animal has become so much easier, that the animals do not stand a chance. Technological  
**considered** advances in all weapons, gear, camo, etc. have given us the advantage, regulation restores the balance.  
**(incl. tag** Humans are really good at figuring out how too tip scales in their favor.  
**numbers/hunt**  
**tables for** Funding more game wardens would be amazing, there needs to be more of them  
**specific**  
**hunts)** Cut the last week of Archery Season.

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

Form a work group to better understand the impacts to wildlife and revenue for small town Oregon.

I personally have been applying for a hard to get archery tag for 20 plus years. If I don't draw it, I don't hunt is really going to hurt my freezer. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. At least don't rush this through. The knee jerk reactions are not what this state needs right now!

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

Form a work group to better understand the impacts to wildlife and revenue to small towns in 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.**

Form a work group to better understand the impacts to wildlife and revenue to small town Oregon.

Please don't rush this through. Take the time to talk to the people. Of this state. The impacts of this could be substantial.

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	This is a bad idea. This will not only take away hunting opportunities from oregon residents but non-residents as well that are left with no over the counter option. Subsequently this will push people west to the coast range and overcrowd those areas to hunt for roosevelt elk. which i imagine will then be used to push for western oregon being controlled draw only as well. Archery hunters harvest far fewer elk than rifle hunters, if herd size is a concern, stop the rifle cow tags or limit rifle elk hunts.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	No scientific reasoning for doing this and will take away hunting opportunities from oregon residents and non-residents alike and will push them West if they want to hunt blacktail. which now allow spike harvest in rifle season, this will again crowd the coast range and put additional pressure on blacktail numbers
<b>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.</b>	i feel like having concurrent seasons of rifle blacktail and rifle elk will promote and entice poaching with people targeting both species while only carrying one tag
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	Change western Oregon back to 2pt or better bucks, no scientific reason to allow spike bucks to be killed when they are young, small, and stupid. The reasoning for this was "make the regulations uniform across the state" absolutely ridiculous.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I believe it is the wrong choose to change it. Archery has a second season and longer season because of the skill gap between rifle and archery hunting.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I believe it is the wrong choose to change it. Archery has a second season and longer season because of the skill gap between rifle and archery hunting.
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 is bull. Crowded woods, more chance of illegal activity. Odds is making a huge mistake with all of these changes
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	N/A

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

I would like to suggest a change. Create special hunting opportunities for Seniors 65 and over like you do with youth hunts. Most of us are somewhat disabled physically in some way or another and it is very difficult to compete with the general hunting populus in most instances. Please give this some consideration as we have been financial contributors to hunting and fishing for decades.

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

I do not support this change. This is punishing archery hunters for lack of predator management.

The west side will become overly crowded and you will run into the same issues west of the Cascades.

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

I do not support this change. Why remove general archery hunting for eastern units.. yet then go ahead and change general rifle to spike only?

Countless numbers of doe's will die this year due to people thinking they are spikes.

**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 hunters to hunt during elk season. Hunting elk in November in the Cascades will not be any easier if you're trying to increase harvest percentage.

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<b>1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	I support this change as necessary due to increased number of archery hunters, albeit begrudgingly. A general season ensures an opportunity to hunt, which will be lost.
<b>2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.</b>	<p>Support – the mule deer population is clearly suffering. corrective action must be taken. I would like the department to consider ways to encourage legislative approval of using dogs for predator control.</p> <p>I understand there are legal limitations on such activities, but the legal options should be explored and considered.</p>
<b>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.</b>	Support
<b>4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)</b>	I support the use of crossbows during any legal weapon seasons. This would provide a different opportunity for archery hunters who can no longer draw a bow due to physical limitations.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please change archery elk from general to controlled. It's long overdue.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please change archery deer from general to controlled. It will be impossible to at least maintain the deer herd numbers without changes like this.

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

By doing this, people may never have the opportunity to hunt and kill an elk in some of the big units. If we are having to put in for archery on a draw we are forced to chose between just a basic archery tag for a unit not even considered a trophy unit or put in for a trophy unit and not even get to hunt due to the fact we don't have enough points to draw. I have 16 points for elk and I've been putting in for wenaha for years and when I don't draw it I buy a general archery tag and hunt heppner unit. I get you're probably just wanting the extra tag app money from the people who don't put in for tags and just buy the over counter tag. Find a way to charge those people more without punishing all of us.

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

Instead of taking away the over the counter archery deer tag where it's 1000 times harder to kill an animal in a time of year where it's hot and they're not even out moving around much. Why don't you look at the fact that you give out 3,200 tags in Heppner unit for rifle buck ! That is absolutely insane. The deer in Heppner unit have no chance! I don't care what your number say because I know you're counting numbers on private land as well but there isn't that many deer in Heppner unit. You should be cutting the tag number in half at a minimum. With the wolf's we have in Heppner unit now those deer don't stand a chance.

**4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for** Reduce the rifle buck tags for Heppner unit !

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2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Great idea, makes the hunter choose archery or Center fire. Gone will be the days of putting in for a center fire tag and if unsuccessful buy a Archery tag.
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 see nothing wrong with this.