

Exhibit D

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence Received as of
September 9, 2025**

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Roxann.B.BORISCH@odfw.oregon.gov
Subject: FW: New deer units

-----Original Message-----

From: M.T. Anderson <highdesertlandco@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 6:45 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW <odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: New deer units

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I have very serious concerns about the proposed changes to the deer units in eastern Oregon. My family and I ranch in Grant County and care deeply about the land and wildlife it supports. The new Aldrich unit affects us particularly hard as we currently own property in the Ochoco, Silvies and Murderers creek units. All the land we have saved our money to buy falls into the new Aldrich unit. The proposed new units are not handling the LOP tags correctly. All the LOP tags that are being removed from the Silvies and Ochoco units should be added to the existing Murderers Creek LOP count. Penalizing land owners by reducing LOP tags is not right, fair, or equitable. By reducing LOP tags you will not be giving public lands hunters one additional opportunity to harvest a buck. I strongly urge you to rethink this change and would encourage you to do the right thing for the citizens of the state of Oregon. It feels like eastern Oregon is getting disregarded by Salem. Don't reduce the LOP tags. Thank you.

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September 5, 2025

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

RE: 2026 Oregon Big Game Regulations Proposals

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is supportive of the 2026 Big Game Hunt proposals. OHA supports the thoughtful addition of hunting restrictions around bonafide, purpose-built wildlife crossing structures, and specifically, OHA supports the 500-foot buffer distance for these proposed restrictions. As OHA, ODFW and various other partners continue to work toward the implementation of additional safe wildlife crossings across the state, this new rule will need to be updated to include those crossing structures (i.e., Interstate 5 Mariposa crossing).

Comments specific to mule deer hunt change proposals for 2026

The proposed mule deer hunt changes are likely the most significant changes to hunting in Oregon since the controlled hunt system was implemented. OHA understands the need to transition hunting and hunter harvest to the herd range scale for management purposes. However, OHA remains concerned over the transition process and communications. While ODFW attempted to share this significant proposed change with the hunting community, many mule deer hunters will likely be surprised when they look at the 2026 Big Game Hunting synopsis.

OHA offers the following points around this change:

- OHA supports splitting out white-tailed deer tags where they and mule deer overlap
- The social aspect and hunter understanding of the new hunt units will be difficult
- Transition management:
 - Tag allocation – OHA supports reducing tag numbers to address hunter crowding in areas where multiple units have been combined
 - This change affects management of both mule deer and hunters and needs to be monitored closely over time
- ODFW must monitor this change closely; a post season detailed review should be conducted (after the 2026 season) by district staff and division staff to assess:
 - If tag numbers in need of adjustment
 - Impacts of hunter distribution
 - Population management of deer
 - Refining hunt units if necessary
- The commission and hunters should see an update on initial findings of this review before the 2027 season

OHA commends the department for its review of the controlled archery hunt system in eastern Oregon. These types of reviews are necessary and important elements of species management and alignment of our hunting opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our perspective.

Mike Totey
Conservation Director
Oregon Hunters Association

Mary Wahl
ODFW
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September 4, 2025

Re: Deer poaching on private property

Dear Ms. Wahl,

As you can see from the enclosed photograph, this buck deer was poached (my best guess is that it occurred around August 27th after being discovered on August 29th). My wife and I saw this buck running with four others in this meadow on the High Izee Ranch on August 22nd and when we saw the group again on August 31st, this poached buck was missing. The group was easy to identify by sight: 4x3 spike on side 3 points on other velvet, one broken horn buck with lone 3 point, a smaller 4x4, and this big 4x5 buck, which was missing. The group of bucks have been hanging around in the same area for some time.

There was more road traffic opening weekend of bow deer and elk season. Poaching will continue to happen more often when you combine the Ochoco and Silvies units into one big Aldridge unit. More traffic will occur and there aren't more deer out there, in fact, there are less. The last five years the population has reduced from around 200 to closer to 50 on our property alone. This tactic won't improve deer populations. Predators are the issue.

I strongly encourage you to talk to your game biologists that study the loss of deer population to predators but also talk to the people who live in the field, ranchers, state and federal game predatory contractors that are your trappers, hunters, outside-ODFW biologists, field representatives, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Oregon Hunters Association, and Mule Deer Foundation. They will also verify what is happening to our deer population.

How many cougar and coyote sightings have there been in the cities? Just last week a cougar was sighted several times in Corvallis.

I encourage you to be proactive. Don't combine Ochoco and Silvies units into the one big Aldridge unit, taking away tags from landowners. It seems like you are masking the real problem: predators. Save the deer and elk populations.

Sincerely,
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Start time	Name2	Email address	Affiliation or type of stakeholder (Ex: general public, state government, etc.)	Comments
9/4/25 15:01:40	Joanne Bigman	joannebigman@hotmail.com	80 yr old life-long Oregon woman hunter	<p>Just two comments on changes I would like to see:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Spike elk - Don't allow spike harvest in the any-bull elk hunts where there is a second season spikes-only hunt afterwards. Way too much harvest of spikes. The synopsis has great illustrations of what is a legal spike. 2 More hunts only for us old farts over 70 yrs.

9-1-2025

To the O.D.F.W Commission
R.E. - Unit Boundary changes and
L.O.P. tag Reductions.

Unfortunately after 80 plus years,
I have little to no faith in any
Government Agency's Institution of
Rules and decisions, void of common
sense, that will solve the problems they
have created.

Your mis-management of the DEER
herd in Eastern Ore. is a classic
example.

I and other private land owners
provide feed and habitat for wildlife
at our expense. We deserve some benefit
for that. 50 years ago the Revenue income
took precedent over management and
harvest numbers.

I manage my property for the highest
Benefit, with attention to the Resource
and its improvement. No Benefit
I change my Plan.

Suggestions:

With no benefit to me, you manage the depleted herd on Public Land, and I'll manage my property void of your animals that deplete my resources with no positive input.

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BENNE VALLEY, ORE.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: M H <mhonthehill@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 5:40 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Owyhee Antelope Hunt

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I participated in the 2025 antelope hunt, a few thoughts. I hunted seven and half days and saw a total of 12 antelope. I question why there is a hunt in this unit. I talked to a ODFW biologist who said the herd was in bad shape. The unit also is an either sex hunt. I find this absurd. If a doe was taken that had a fawn, the fawn would not make it thru the night because of the number of coyotes. I did, however, see a large number of wild horses: too many in my opinion. I talked to a local rancher who said the number was around 800? Why is this unit managed in this manner? I wasted 17 points on this hunt. Needless to say this is the last time I will buy an antelope point. I realize it is called hunting for a reason but this ridiculous. I have lost all faith in the ODFW.

Respectfully M.Housdorf

Sent from my iPhone

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Roxann.B.BORISCH@odfw.oregon.gov
Subject: FW: Suggestion

-----Original Message-----

From: Christopher Riefstahl <christopher.riefstahl@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2025 2:08 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW <odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Suggestion

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I have personally had the same/similar conversation multiple times on 2 predator related issues. I'd like to share them with you and offer a solution:

1. Mountain lion/black bear/ wolf population are excessively high and are have a very large impact on the conservation of the deer/elk/BHsheep/mountain goat population.
2. Poaching of black bear and mountain lion is unreasonably high. Criminals are literally shooting and leaving the carcasses of these animals. This is not hunting and it is not ethical. Also leaves the information of the predator population lacking true information. This is a waste of our natural resources.

My resolve for these 2 issues that I believe would have positive impact and be mutually beneficial to all Oregon citizens is to consider offering a special (1) preference point to either deer or elk preference point (1) per year max for a predator harvested ever year. I This would incentivise our hunter/sportsman to better practice predator management and lead to a healthier overall game population.

Thank you for taking the time on reading this proposal. I'm also willing to answer any questions.

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Brad Robins <b_r@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 4:57 PM
To: ODFW WildlifeInfo * ODFW
Subject: West Biggs deer population dip

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Hello!

Not sure if this email is directed to the correct person/division. I am hoping for the bio from The Dalles.

My family has been on the family ranch since 1883; just east of the intersection of Center Ridge Road and Hastings Ridge Road. A schoolhouse is on that corner. Craft Canyon leading down to the Deschutes across from Mack's is our namesake.

I have hunted and hiked it since I could. We have gone from barely seeing deer to picking out our bucks out of dozens. The ebb and flow of predator/prey I guess. We have skipped hunts due to low numbers in the past.

I was wondering if you guys have any hints about the reasons for this year's huge drop off from last year. I have taken numerous summer runs this year and sometimes have seen ZERO bucks in our area. Some years, we have tallied 60 bucks from HWY 197 to the ranch on Center Ridge. I take a lot of photos each time to share with family and friends. They too noticed the lack of buck photos from me. Neighbors are echoing our concerns. Lower country (north Wasco), however has seen ok populations this year. The elk is another story, and it's an awesome one.

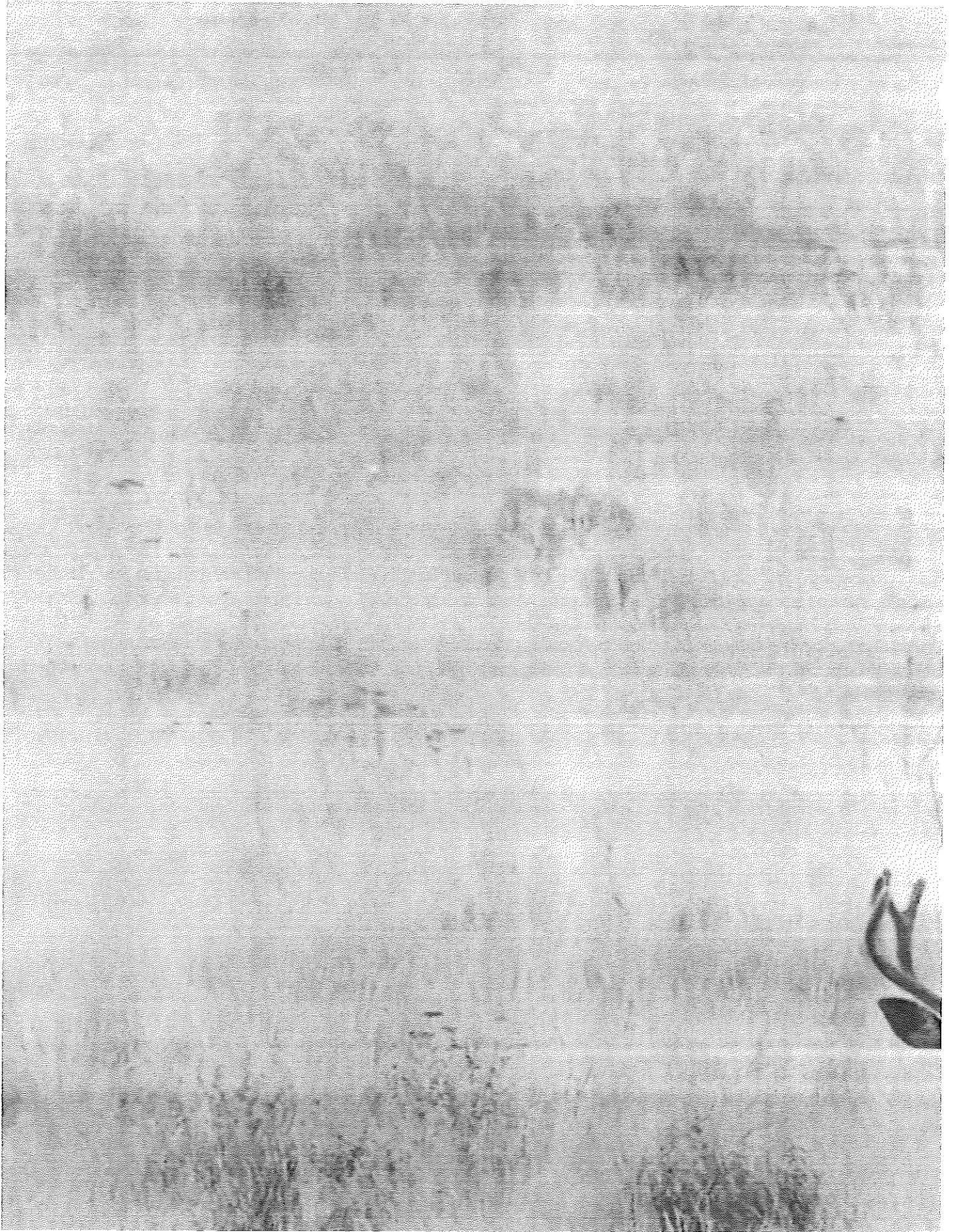
In the past, Jeremy Thompson has shared some intel about the population swings with causes. He even tested a bull I shot up there for CWD. And he checked in my daughter's bighorn. I know he left a few years ago.

I appreciate your time and effort in all your work!

Regards,

Brad Robins

PHOTOS of past scouting trips. Didn't see anything this size or in numbers this year.





BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jesse Martinez <jesse@jlmsteel.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 3:17 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Re: New cow rifle tag in the ochocos

Categories: Wildlife

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Also to follow up on this what would happen if an archery is using his cow elk decoys? This also would create a very bad situation if an archery hunter was concealed in the background depending on where the rifle hunter came in from. Thanks.

Jesse

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From: Jesse Martinez <jesse@jlmsteel.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 3:10:59 PM
To: odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov <odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: New cow rifle tag in the ochocos

To whom it may concern,

Hello I would like to bring up a huge safety concern. While i was out with my son archery hunting, we came across several bad situations. There is a new rifle cow elk tag that runs for several months and also runs right through archery season.

So now we have a good number of hunters with rifles. Shooting at cow elk while archery hunters whom have to be within 40 yards of these elk to get clean shoots off, fully camouflaged because we have to call in elk to get close to them. So now we are in the line of fire hidden amongst the trees hiding from elk while calling them in using mostly cow calls. This was very upsetting while im cow calling some elk into us for my son to get set up on while hunters with rifles are trying to find the elk from several hundred yards away with their scopes passing right over us directly in a line of fire.

And shooting at elk in our direction as we are among them. Why cant this rifle tag cease during archery season and open back up after? I see this as a very bad accident waiting to happen. Archery season is very hard and its the most fair chase hunting. Now its being made dangerous and even more difficult. There has to be a better way why cant this tag open before and close down during archery then open back up and run longer if needed to make up any days lost. Please take this concern seriously as the impact it may have on a human life may be serious if not.

Thanks.

Jesse

Sent from my iPhone



To: Whom It May Concern

8/4/2025

From: Tony Svejcar Ph. D.

Subject: Reduction in landowner preference tags

I am writing about a proposal to reduce landowner preference tags for mule deer, specifically in the Silvies or new Juniper/Silvies Unit. I've heard indirectly about this possibility, and I wanted to express my concern over such a proposal from the standpoint of habitat improvement and healthy wildlife populations.

As a Research Leader with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service I spent 25 years managing a 7-scientist-research unit that focused on rangeland ecology and management. Our research covered juniper woodlands, sagebrush steppe, riparian ecosystems, and flood meadows. Many of these efforts had a goal of improving land health, productivity, and habitat value. We often worked with wildlife biologists, and we were heavily involved in many of the sage-grouse planning efforts now in place. I retired in 2015 and have been a private consultant since that time.

A significant part of my work has been to advise landowners on the best management practices for land restoration, resilience, and habitat value. Several of the folks I work with bought ranches specifically for hunting and maintain a livestock operation as a secondary pursuit. These folks use public programs administered by USDA-NRCS and various watershed councils, but they also put a significant amount of their own money into habitat improvement. They have a strong land ethic and feel a personal tie to the wildlife populations on their land. I worry that reducing access to landowner preference tags will take away an incentive these folks have for land improvement, with negative consequences for associated wildlife populations.

I would be happy to discuss this topic with anyone who has an interest.

Sincerely,

Tony Svejcar

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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 2:35 PM
To: BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW
Subject: FW: Now hunters should have to draw for big game tags when hunting in a unit that requires rifle hunters to do so. They already have the rut to their advantage.

From: Jeff Parke <eparkej@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 11:29 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW <odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Now hunters should have to draw for big game tags when hunting in a unit that requires rifle hunters to do so. They already have the rut to their advantage.

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