Division 75
LANDOWNER HUNTING PREFERENCE AND OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES TAG ALLOCATION

635-075-0022
Landowner Hunting Preference Tags for Mule Deer

(1) This rule further implements HB 2027A whereby the 2013 Legislative Assembly directed the Department through the commission to specify a formula that bases the number of landowner preference tags available for mule deer on the management, research, and habitat needs set forth in the wildlife management plan for mule deer.

(2) For purposes of this rule, the population management objectives (MOs) for each [~~wildlife management unit~~] **mule deer herd range** that were adopted by the commission in June 2024 are considered representative of the management, research, and habitat needs for mule deer.

(3) The formula to determine the number of landowner hunting preference tags available for buck **mule** deer in a [~~unit~~] **mule deer herd range** is as follows:

(a) In those [~~wildlife management units~~] **mule deer herd ranges** where**, based on the criteria in Oregon's Mule Deer Management Plan (2024), the department determines that** the estimated mule deer population **and average annual population change over 5-years results in a herd range concern level of Extreme, Very High, or High,** [~~is less than 60% of the established population management objective,~~] the number of landowner hunting preference tags available for buck deer in that unit may be limited to five tags or [~~10~~] **15** percent of the total controlled buck tags authorized for the public for each hunt in that unit by the commission, whichever is greater.

[~~(b) In those wildlife management units where the estimated mule deer population is equal to or more than 60% of the established population management objective, but less than 80% of the established population management objective, the number of~~

~~landowner hunting preference tags available for buck deer in that unit may be limited to five tags or 15 percent of the total controlled buck tags authorized for the public for each hunt in that unit by the commission, whichever is greater.~~]

[~~(c)~~] **(b)** In the [~~Biggs, Columbia Basin, and Mount Emily wildlife management units, and in the NE Owyhee 167A hunt area,~~] **Helix (HX-01), Jackknife (JK-01), North Blues 01 (NB-01), North Blues 02 (NB-02), and Northeast 03 (NE-03) deer hunt areas,** and **deer hunt areas with**in those [~~wildlife management units~~] **mule deer herd ranges** where the estimated mule deer population **and average annual population change over 5-years results in a herd range concern level of Moderate or Low,** [~~is equal to or more than 80% of the established population management objective,~~] the number of landowner hunting preference tags available for buck **mule** deer in that [~~unit~~] **deer hunt area** may be issued based upon a landowner's acreage as set forth in 635-075-0005(8).

(d) If conditions such as but not limited to disease or harsh winter weather occur, resulting in adoption of a Temporary OAR to reduce 100 Series mule deer tags by equal to or more than 25% from the number authorized by the Commission in areas listed or described in 635-075-0022(3)(c), Limited Landowner Preference mule deer tags in those areas may be limited as described in 635-075-0022(3)(b).

(4) If landowner preference tags remain from the controlled hunts described in 635-075-0022(3)(a) or (b) after the game mammal controlled hunt drawing, the Department will issue remaining tags to qualified landowners as described in 635-075-0024.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146 & 496.162
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146 & 496.162

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Division 190
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN

635-190-0010
Plan Objectives for Mule Deer Management

The revised "2024 Mule Deer Population Management Objectives" (2026) and the revised "2024 Buck Ratio Management Objectives" (2026) function as a replacement to Table 1, "2024 Mule Deer Population Management Objectives" and Table 2, "2024 Buck Ratio Management Objectives" respectively, in Appendix 1 of the 2024 Oregon Mule Deer Management Plan [~~is~~]and are incorporated here by reference into administrative rule.

Statutory/ Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162
Statutes/ Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

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