

2027 Draft Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulation Proposals



July 2026



Regulation Setting Process

July Public Meetings

2027 Big Game Regulations will be adopted at Commission meeting September 18, 2026

- Meeting in La Grande
- Submit Comments on '2027 Big Game Regulations' on 'ODFW Rulemaking' page:
www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/rulemaking_permanent.html
- Testimony in-person or virtual (48h advance sign-up)

New Big Game Regulations book out by December 2026





Hunting Season & Area Proposals

Proposed Season Dates

Pronghorn (1st Centerfire Season)	Aug. 14 - 22
Archery Deer and Elk	Aug. 28 - Sept. 26
Western Buck Deer and Antlerless Deer	Oct. 2 - Nov. 5
Controlled Buck Deer	Oct. 2 - Oct. 13
Eastern OR Antlerless Deer	Oct. 16 - 24
Cascade Bull	Nov. 6 - 12
General Coast 1st Season	Nov. 13 -16*
General Coast 2nd Season	Nov. 20 - Nov. 26*
Rocky Mtn. Bull Elk 1st Season	Oct. 27 - 13
Rocky Mtn. Bull Elk 2nd Season	Nov. 6 - 14
Rocky Mtn. Antlerless Elk	Nov. 20 – 28

***Changes to hunt season dates and structure proposed for 2027**





Tag Summaries

2027 Draft Proposals by Species

Deer Proposals

100 Series

- **Propose 1% tag decrease**
- **No changes for western Oregon**
- **Small decrease in tags for Southeast 02 ALW hunt**

600 Series

- **Propose <1% tag increase**
- **Increase tags in Applegate and white-tailed deer tags**



Elk Proposals

200 Series

- **Propose 3% tag decrease**
- **Decrease Zumwalt hunts and tags**
- **Decrease cow harvest in the southern Blue Mountains via tag reductions and/or bag limit changes**
- **Increase White River and Willow Creek (Heppner) cow tags**
- **New Scappoose archery hunt**



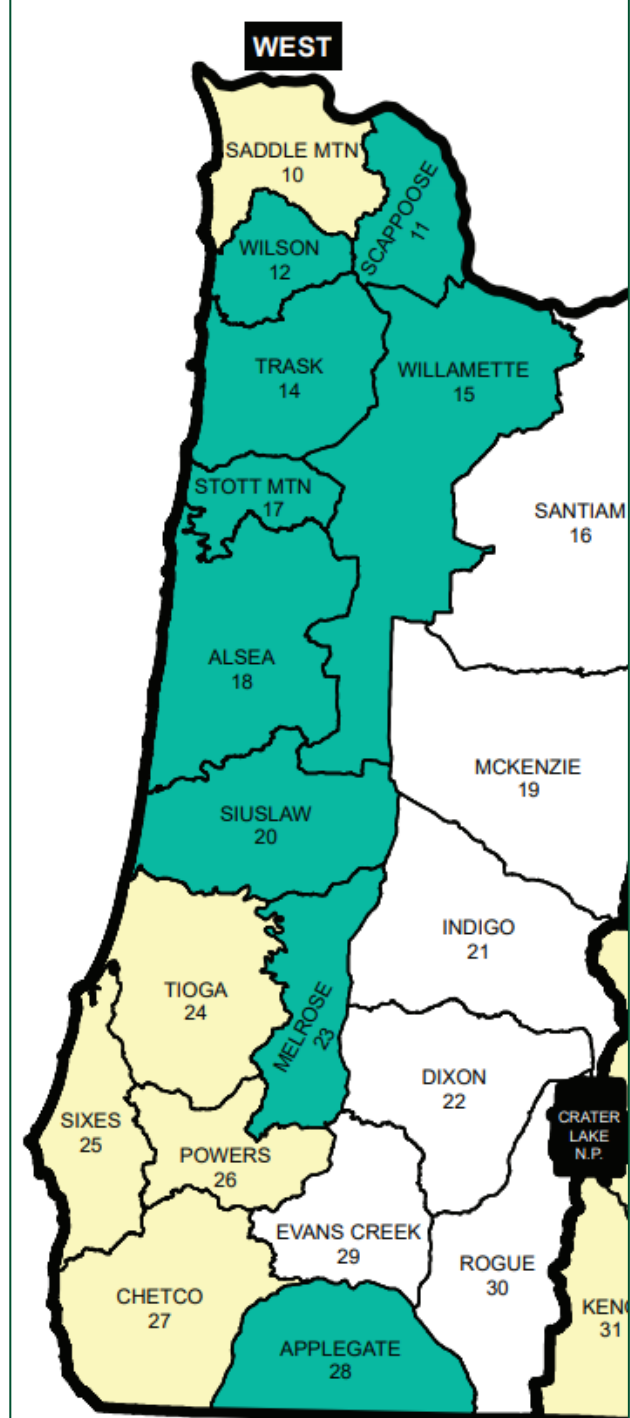
West Cascades



- Reduction in cow harvest in West Cascades started in 2026, continued in 2027
- Remove antlerless elk from bag limit:
 - Santiam Unit Traditional Bow (216R1)
 - Cascade Muzzleloader hunt (200M)
 - General Archery Season Tag (West Cascade units only)
 - Oregon Hunting and Fishing Disability Permit (W Cascade units only)
- Delete Harness Mtn ALW hunt

General Western Coast Seasons

- Stott Mtn and Alsea WMUs not meeting bull ratio MO
- Hunt overcrowding concerns in many WMUs
- Coastal WMUs with spike hunt in general season have achieved bull ratio MO.
- Propose options to use spike bag limits, season timing, and hunt duration to achieve bull ratio MO and address overcrowding issues



	Open Season	Tag Required	Bag Limit	Open Area
Current	Nov 13-16 (4 days)	General Western Oregon Coast 1st Season	One bull elk	Units 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23, and 28
	Nov 20-26 (7 days)	General Western Oregon Coast 2nd Season	One bull elk	Units 11, 15, 17, 18, 23, and 28
			One spike elk	Units 12, 14, and 20

Option 1	Nov 13-17 (5 days)	General Western Oregon Coast 1st Season	One bull elk	Units 15, 23, and 28
			One spike elk	Units 11 , 12, 14, 17 , 18 , and 20
	Nov 20-24 (5 days)	General Western Oregon Coast 2nd Season	One bull elk	Units 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23, and 28

Option 2	Nov 13-16 (4 days)	General Western Oregon Coast 1st Season	One bull elk	Units 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23, and 28
	Nov 20-26 (7 days)	General Western Oregon Coast 2nd Season	One bull elk	Units 15, 23, and 28
			One spike elk	Units 11 , 12, 14, 17 , 18 , and 20





Pronghorn Proposals

- **Propose 6% tag decrease**
- **Decreased tags in Ochoco, Owyhee, Ft Rock/Silver Lake, and Riley (Silvies) Units**
- **Delete 477R East Slope Bow hunt**



Bighorn Proposals

- **No change in total tag numbers**
- **Split apart both John Day River and Deschutes River Ewe hunts.**
- **New Lower Owyhee hunt**
- **No Wenaha hunt for 2027 (3y rotation)**



Mt Goat Proposals

- **Propose -5% tag decrease**
- **Central Cascades Hunt returns for 2027 (2y rotation)**
- **1 tag increase for Strawberry Mtn (2y rotation)**
- **Reductions for all three Elkhorn hunts**



Bear Proposals

- **No proposed changes**

Tag Proposals

Species	2026 tags*	Proposed 2027 tags	% Change 2025-2026
DEER	65,515	65,471	<-1%
ELK	64,039	61,979	-3%
PRONGHORN	2,086	1,972	-6%
BIGHORN	136	136	0%
MTN GOAT	19	18	-5%
BEAR	11,067	11,096	<1%
TOTAL			-1%

*Includes Emergency Hunt Cancellations/Tag Reductions



Premium Hunts



Combine N32 Klamath Falls and N33 Sprague pronghorn hunts



Local updates from SW Oregon

Central Point Updates



Rogue Dist. Black-Tailed Deer Population Surveys

Chetco

Classified 79 deer in fall of 2025
14 bucks per 100 does
70 fawns per 100 does
Hunter Success of 45%

Applegate

Classified 147 deer in fall of 2025
23 bucks per 100 does
65 fawns per 100 does
Hunter Success of 41%

Evans Creek

Classified 121 deer in fall of 2025
10 bucks per 100 does
83 fawns per 100 does
Hunter Success of 51%

Rogue

Classified 191 deer in fall of 2025
22 bucks per 100 does
71 fawns per 100 does
Hunter Success of 28%

Rogue Dist. Roosevelt Elk Population Surveys

Evans Creek

Classified 169 elk in spring of 2025

18 bulls per 100 cows

21 calves per 100 cows

2025 Hunter Success of 16%

Rogue

Classified 545 elk in spring of 2026

17 bulls per 100 cows

26 calves per 100 cows

2025 Hunter Success of 7%

Chetco

Classified 86 elk in spring of 2025

18 bulls per 100 cows

23 calves per 100 cows

2025 Hunter Success of 26%

Applegate

Typically not surveyed

2025 Hunter Success of 9%

Rogue District Hunt Proposals

628 Applegate Unit Antlerless Deer

- Increase the allotted number of tags from 45 to 50

628T Applegate Youth Tag

- Increase the allotted number of tags from 30 to 35

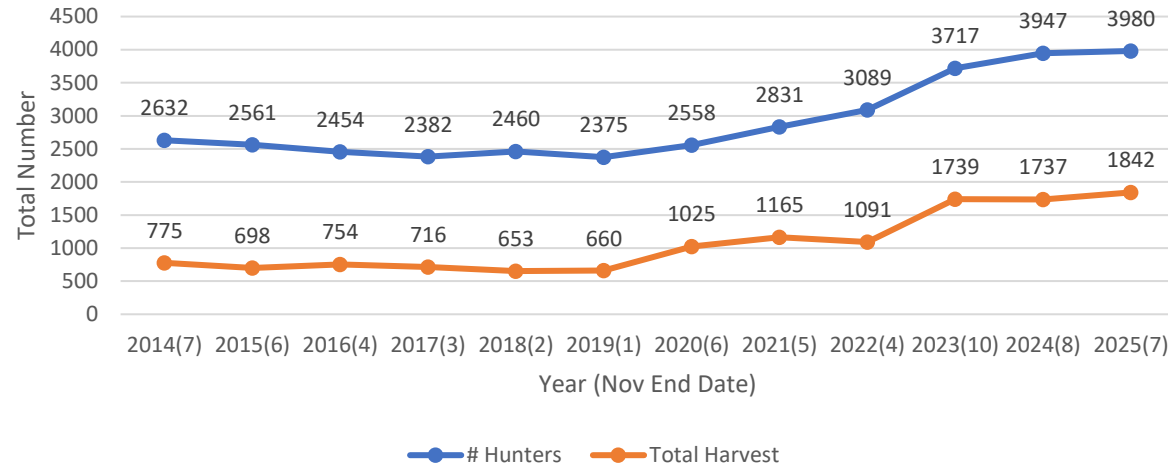
Roseburg Updates



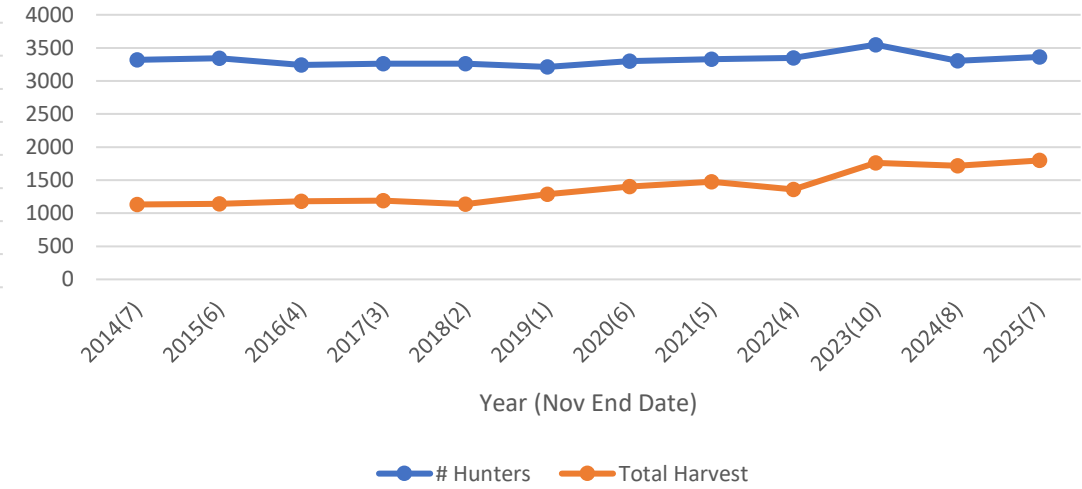
Douglas District

Deer Harvest

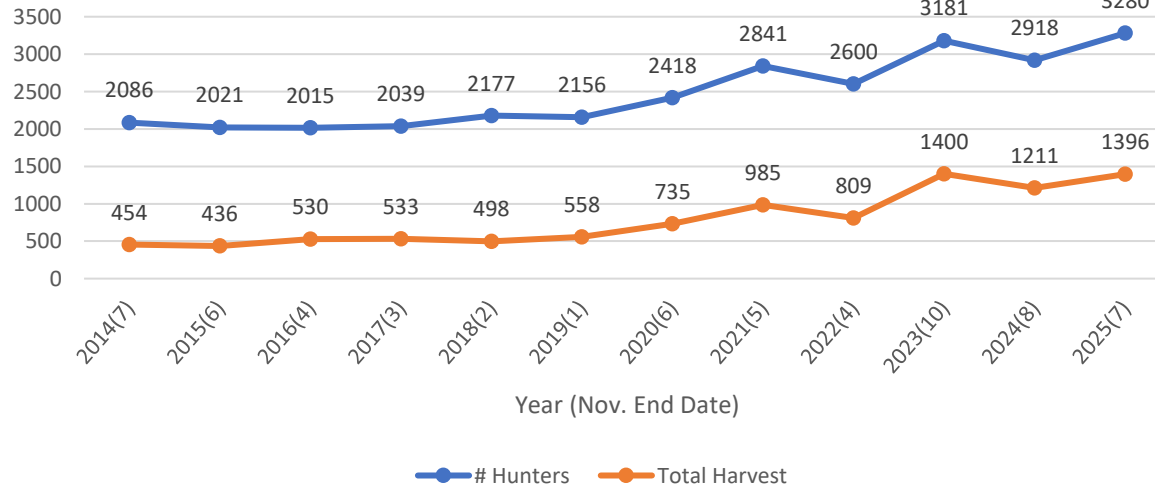
Dixon General Rifle Buck



Melrose Buck Gen Rifle



Indigo Buck Gen Rifle





Douglas District Deer Surveys

Dixon- New trail camera surveys

- 539 independent detections of deer
- 33 fawns per 100 does
- 47 bucks per 100 does

Indigo- No Survey

Melrose: Blacktail(spotlight)

- Classified 968 blacktails
- 24 bucks per 100 does
- 46 fawns per 100 does

Melrose: Columbian Whitetail(spotlight)

- Classified 337 whitetails
- 24 bucks per 100 does
- 24 fawns per 100 does



Douglas District Elk Population Surveys

South Indigo

- Classified 334 elk in the winter
- 13 bulls per 100 cows
- 33 calves per 100 cows
- 9 percent success for general west cascade rifle

Dixon

- Classified 286 elk in the winter
- 14 bulls per 100 cows
- 43 calves per 100 cows
- 5 percent success for the general west cascade rifle

East Tioga

- Classified 559 Elk in the winter
- 8 bulls per 100 cows
- 38 calves per 100 cows
- Tioga 1st season had an 18% success and the 2nd season had a 14% success



Charleston Updates





Charleston District: Roosevelt Elk Survey Results

Tioga (24), Sixes (25), Powers (26)

Unit	Total elk surveyed	Calves per 100 cows	3 year average	Bull per 100 cows	3 year average
Tioga (24)	1308	29	33	10	13
Sixes (25)*	51	42	50	53	30
Powers (26)	315	31	39	10	10

Survey period: December – February annually
*= Surveyed every other year.



Charleston District: Black-tailed Deer Survey Results

Tioga (24), Sixes (25), Powers (26)



Unit	Total deer surveyed	Fawns per 100 does	3 year average	Bucks per 100 does	3 year average
Tioga (24)	196	92	81	24	22
Sixes (25)*			55	16	19
Powers (26)			49	73	38



Survey period: December 2025



Roosevelt Elk Bull

Unit	Name	Hunt #	2025 Harvest	3 year average
Tioga (24)	Tioga Unit No. 1	224X	125	119
	Tioga Unit No. 2	224Y	111	105
	General Archery		194	193
	Tioga Unit Muzzleloader	224M	83	71
	Tioga Unit Late Bow	224R	0	3
Sixes (25)	Sixes Unit No. 1	225X	42	49
	Sixes Unit No. 2	225Y	55	57
	General Archery		61	72
	Sixes Unit Muzzleloader	225M	11	9
Powers (26)	Powers Unit No. 1	226X	25	35
	Powers Unit No. 2	226Y	26	28
	General Archery		14	15
	Powers Unit Late Bow	226R	14	15





Charleston District: 2024 Harvest

Tioga (24), Sixes (25), Powers (26)

Black-tailed Deer Buck

Unit	Name	2025 Harvest	3 year average
Tioga (24)	General ALW	1050	978
Sixes (25)	General ALW	605	584
Powers (26)	General ALW	565	530



Black-tailed Deer Monitoring – Where we were



OREGON BLACK-TAILED DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN November 14, 2008



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



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Roy Elicker, Director

Black-tailed Deer Monitoring – Where we are going



Black-tailed Deer Monitoring – What to expect

Abundance and
Density (Genetic
SCR)

Population
Demographics (GPS
collars)

Harvest (Mandatory
Reporting)

Herd Composition
(Trail Cameras)

**Integrated
Population Model**





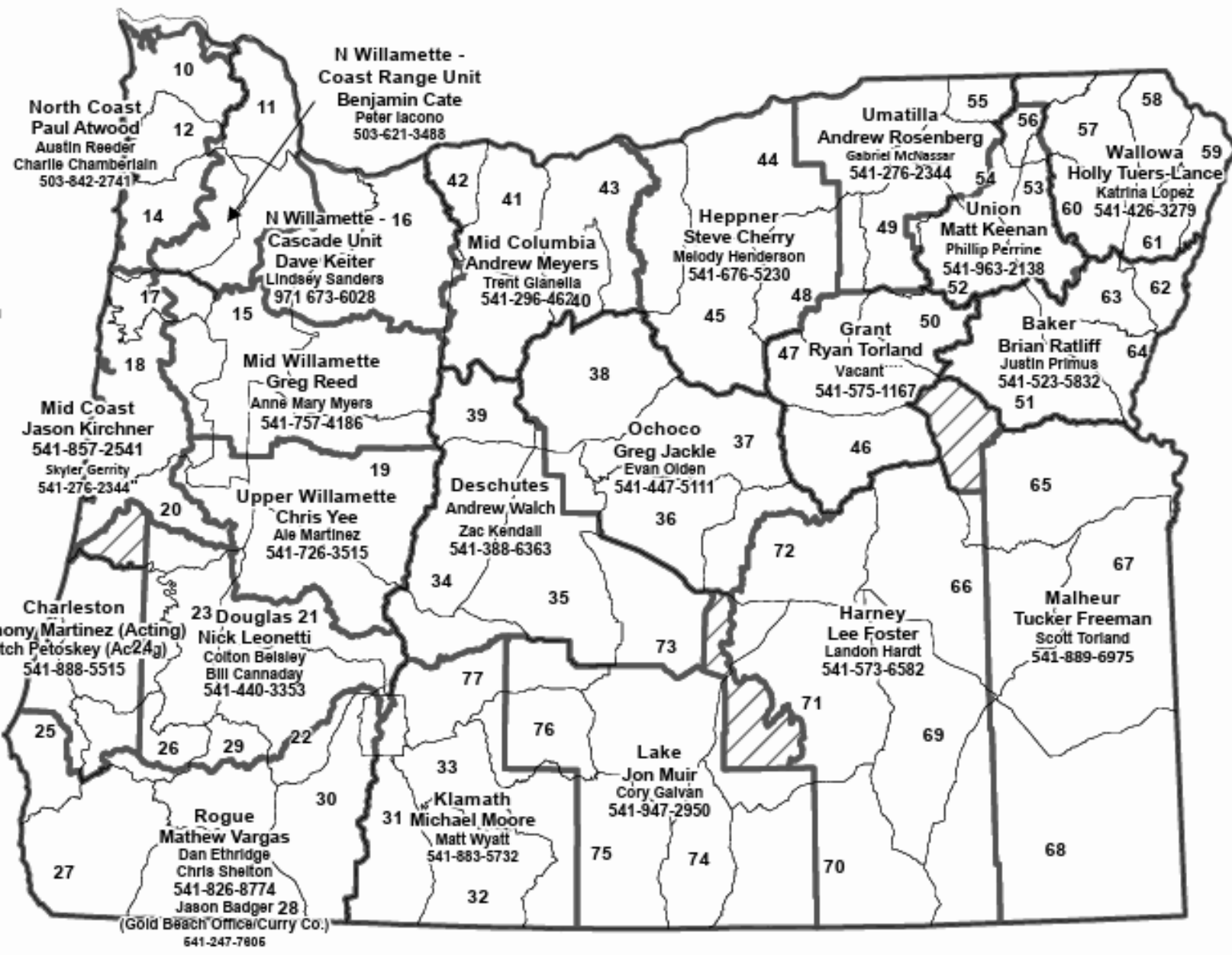
Questions & Discussion

WMUs - alphabetical

- 18 - ALSEA
- 28 - APPLGATE
- 70 - BEATY'S BUTTE
- 86 - BEULAH
- 43 - BIGGS
- 63 - CATHERINE CR
- 68 - CHESNIMNUS
- 27 - CHETCO
- 44 - COLUMBIA BASIN
- 60 - DESOLATION
- 22 - DIXON
- 28 - EVANS CREEK
- 77 - FORT ROCK
- 45 - FOSSIL
- 38 - GRIZZLY
- 48 - HEPPNER
- 42 - HOOD
- 81 - IMNAHA
- 21 - INDIGO
- 76 - INTERSTATE
- 71 - JUNIPER
- 83 - KEATING
- 31 - KENO
- 32 - KLAMATH FALLS
- 84 - LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
- 88 - MALHEUR RIVER
- 40 - MAUPIN
- 38 - MAURY
- 19 - MCKENZIE
- 23 - MELROSE
- 38 - METOLIUS
- 60 - MINAM
- 64 - MOUNT EMILY
- 48 - MURDERER'S CREEK
- 47 - NORTHSIDE
- 37 - OCHOCO
- 87 - OWYHEE
- 36 - PAULINA
- 82 - PINE CREEK
- 28 - POWERS
- 30 - ROGUE
- 10 - SADDLE MOUNTAIN
- 18 - SANTIAM
- 11 - SCAPPOOSE
- 76 - SILVER LAKE
- 72 - SILVIES
- 20 - SIUSLAW
- 25 - SIXES
- 67 - SLED SPRINGS
- 68 - SNAKE RIVER
- 33 - SPRAGUE
- 62 - STARKEY
- 88 - STEENS MOUNTAIN
- 17 - STOTT MOUNTAIN
- 61 - SUMPTER
- 24 - TIOGA
- 14 - TRASK
- 48 - UKIAH
- 34 - UPPER DESCHUTES
- 73 - WAGONTIRE
- 66 - WALLA WALLA
- 74 - WARNER
- 68 - WENAH
- 41 - WHITE RIVER
- 88 - WHITEHORSE
- 16 - WILLAMETTE
- 12 - WILSON

Wildlife Contacts - Wildlife Management Units (Alphabetical)

Wildlife Management Units Shared Contact Areas Wildlife Contact Areas



Help Protect Oregon's Deer and Elk

Ways to Get Your Harvest Tested for CWD:

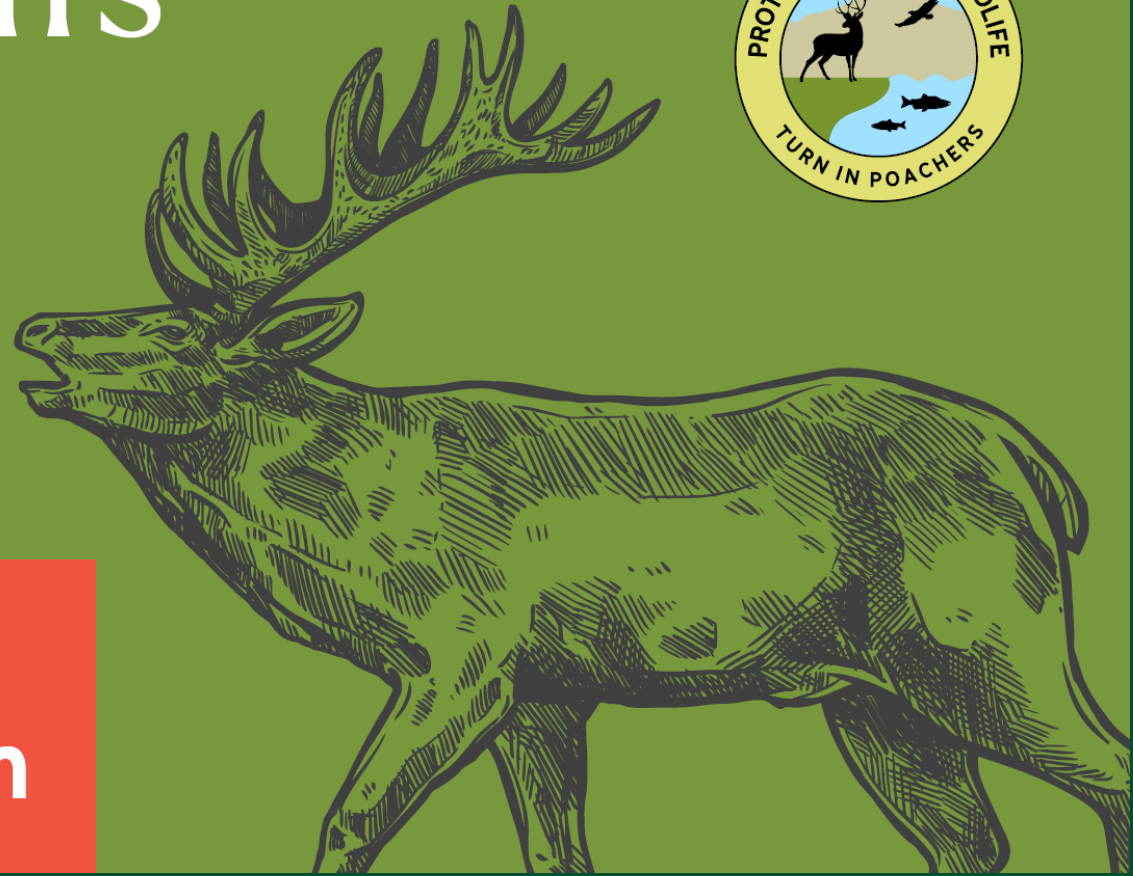
- Check Station
- District Office
- Meat Processor
- Taxidermist



Learn more about
CWD and Sampling

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Help protect Oregon's fish and wildlife – turn in poachers



Learn how at:
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Thank you!

