

Note: No public participation occurred for the scheduled Central/Southeast Oregon Public Meeting. Therefore, no meeting recording is available.

2027 Draft Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulation Proposals



July 2026





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Other Regional Meetings

Southwest Region (Roseburg/ Charleston/ Central Point/ Gold Beach) - July 7, 6-7 p.m.

Northwest Region (Newport/ Tillamook/ Sauvie/ Clackamas/ Springfield/ Corvallis) - July 9, 7-8 p.m.

Northeast (Pendleton/ La Grande/ John Day/ Baker/ Enterprise/ Heppner) - July 8, 6-8 p.m.

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Outline

- **How to provide public comment**
 - **Chat function in TEAMS**
 - **Hand Raise function in TEAMS (save for after presentation portion)**
 - **2027 Big Game Regulations comment portal at www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/rulemaking_permanent.html**
 - **Email at odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov**
- **Review regulation setting process**
- **West side elk proposed and possible changes**
- **Changes to Central and Southeast Oregon hunts**
- **Q and A**

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
- Email odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov
- 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**



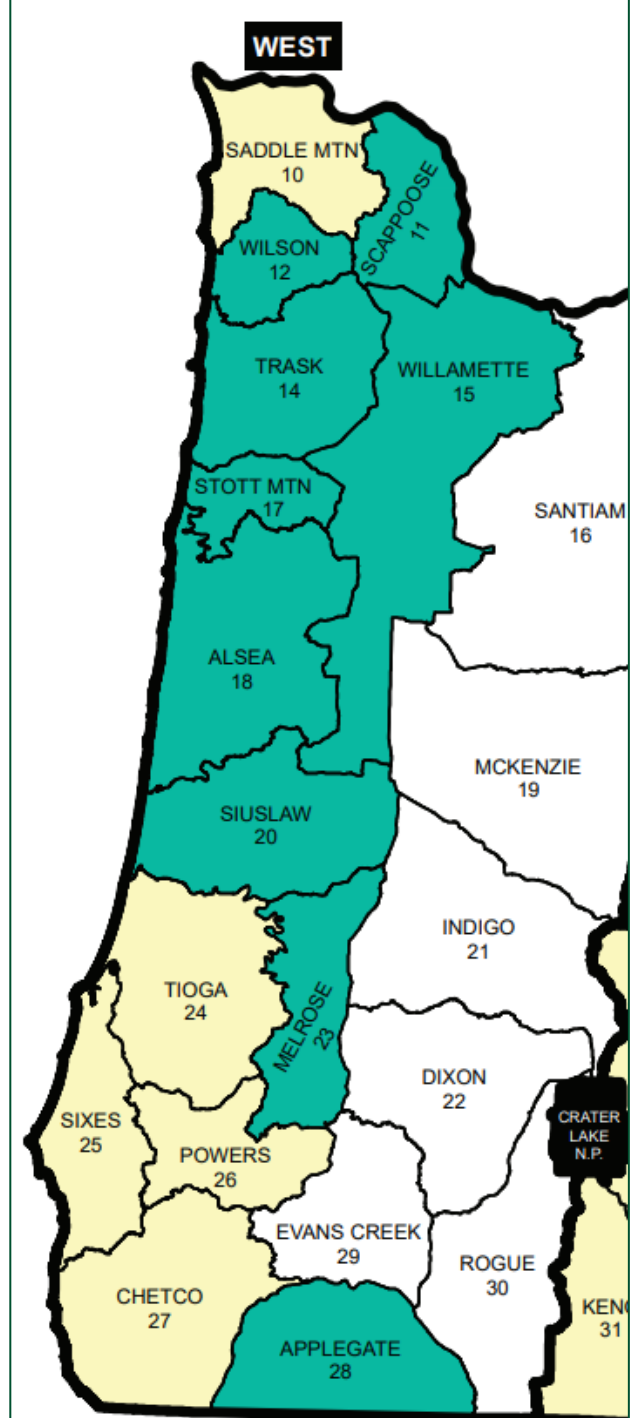
West Cascades



- 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





Tag Summaries

2027 Draft Proposals by Species

Link to Tag Tables Below

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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**
- **No changes in eastern Oregon**



Elk Proposals

200 Series

- **Propose 3% tag decrease**
- **Decrease Zumwalt hunts and tags**
- **Increase White River and Willow Creek (Heppner) cow tags**
 - **241C White R. Private increase 44 tags**
 - **241T White R. Youth increase 10 tags**
- **New Scappoose archery hunt**
- **265C Bully Cr hunt increased 25 tags**
- **234M E. Cascade Muzz (any elk) increase 20 tags**

Elk Proposals

200 Series

- Decrease cow harvest in the southern Blue Mountains via tag reductions and/or bag limit changes – low cow survival and calf ratios
 - 246 Murderers Creek Unit Cow – **decrease 200 tags**
 - 246A W Murderers Creek – **decrease 75 tags**
 - 247 Northside Unit Cow – **decrease 50 tags**
 - 265A3 West Beulah No. 3 Cow – **decrease 50 tags**
 - 271A1 Silvies – N Juniper No. 1, 271A2 Silvies – N Juniper No. 2, 272A Silvies Unit Cow – **No tags offered for these hunts in 2027**
 - New 271B Riley Cow Hunt to replace 271A1 – **Aug 15 – Sep 30, 50 Tags**
 - 272X and 272Y Silvies Unit No. 1 and No. 2 Bull – **decrease by 50 tags each**
 - 272R Silvies Bow – **decrease by 106 tags**
 - 272R, 236R and 237R - Silvies, Maury and Ochoco Bow – **change bag limit to ONE BULL ELK**





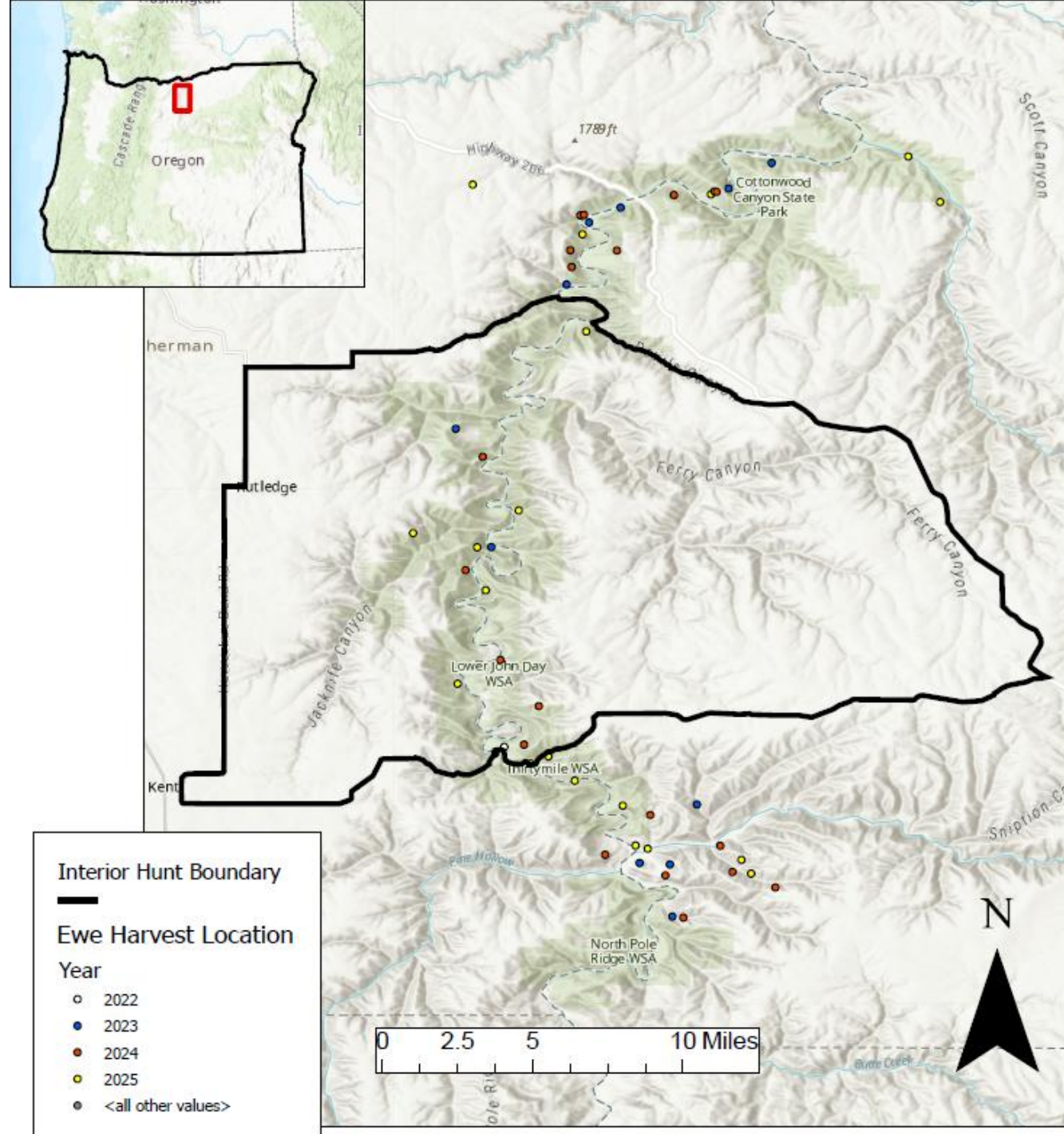
Pronghorn Proposals

- **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 both John Day River and Deschutes River Ewe hunts.**
- **New Lower Owyhee 567 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



Updates and Reminders

Help Protect Oregon's Deer and Elk

Ways to Get Your Harvest Tested for CWD:

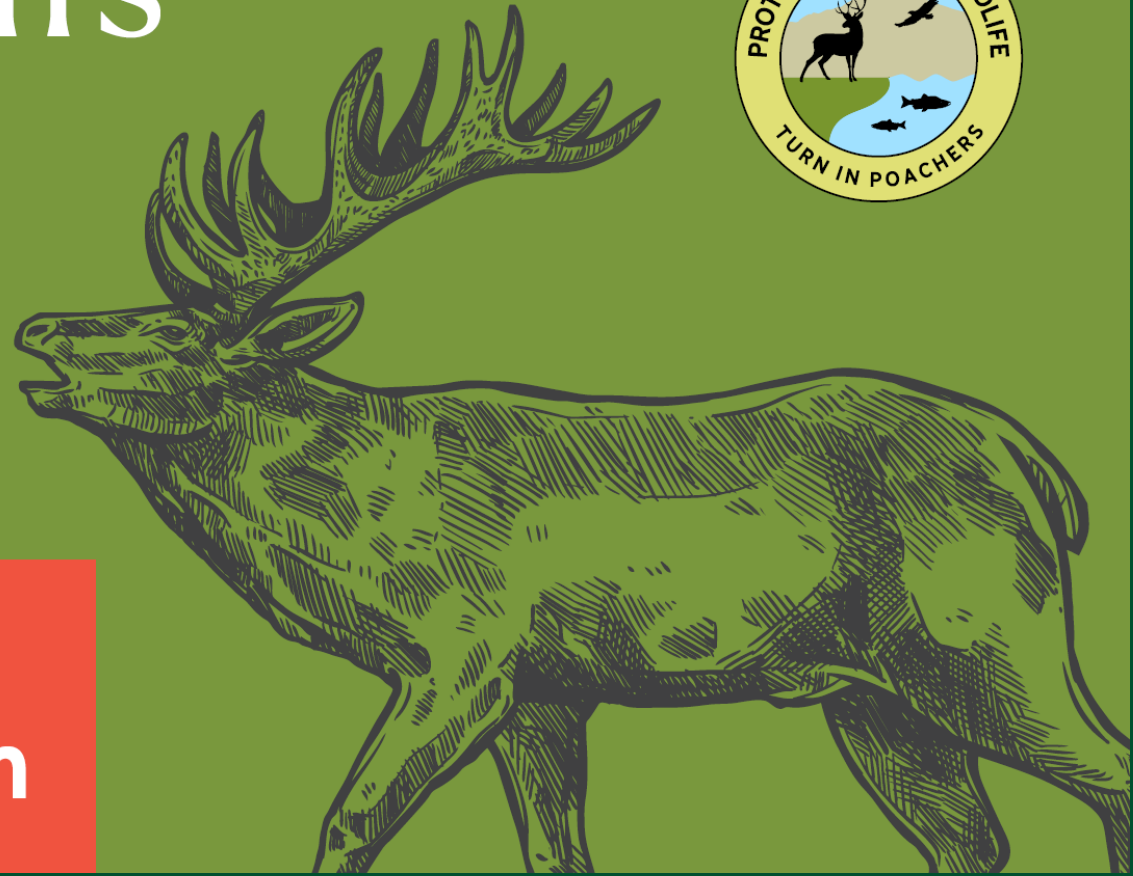
- Check Station
- District Office
- Meat Processor
- Taxidermist



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Questions & Discussion

Thank you!

