

# STAFF PROPOSALS

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## INTRODUCTION

Setting big game controlled hunt tag numbers and developing regulations for the following year's big game seasons involves two major steps.

1. The 2012 big game controlled hunt tag numbers are adopted as Oregon Administrative Rules by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) on June 7–8, 2012 in Salem, Oregon.
2. Recommendations, in concept, are presented for 2013 big game and western gray squirrel season dates, bag limits, and open areas, dates and locations of cooperative travel management areas, and controlled hunts. Final adoption of 2013 Big Game Regulations will occur at the October 5, 2012, Commission meeting in Salem, Oregon.

This document includes tables of controlled hunts with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) recommended tag numbers proposed for adoption in June 2012 and a summary of 2013 Big Game Regulation proposals. It should be noted, the 2013 Big Game Regulations are concepts at this time, subject to revision and further development.

Table 1. Location, date, and time for the 2012 Oregon big game public meetings.

City	Date	Time	Location
Lakeview	May 1	6 – 8 pm	Eagle’s Lodge – 27 South “E” Street
Baker City	May 1	4 – 6 pm	ODFW Baker City District Office 2995 Hughes Lane
John Day	May 1	5:30 – 7 pm	John Day District State Forestry Office Patterson Bridge Rd, John Day
Seaside	May 2	4 – 7 pm	Seaside Convention Center – Seamist Rm 415 First Avenue
Pendleton	May 2	3 – 7 pm	Pendleton Convention Center 1601 Westgate Pendleton OR
Klamath Falls	May 3	6 – 8 pm	OSU Extension Service 3328 Vandenberg Rd Klamath Falls
Newport	May 3	6 – 8 pm	ODFW Marine Resources Program Office 2040 SE Marine Dr. Newport OR
Heppner	May 3	6 pm	ODFW Heppner District Office 54173 Highway 74
Enterprise	May 4	4 – 6 pm	ODFW Enterprise District Office
Springfield	May 7	7 – 9 pm	Oregon Dept. of Forestry 3150 East Main St
Salem	May 8	7 – 9 pm	ODFW Headquarters Office 3406 Cherry Ave NE
Jordan Valley	May 9	6 pm MDT	Lions Den Hwy 95 North Jordan Valley, OR
Roseburg	May 9	6- 7:30 pm	ODFW Roseburg Regional Office Conference Rm, 4192 N Umpqua Hwy
La Grande	May 10	4 – 7 pm	ODFW NE Region Office - 107 20 <sup>th</sup> St
Redmond	May 10	7 – 9 pm	Redmond High School Drivers Ed Room
Forest Grove	May 10	7 – 9 pm	Oregon Department of Forestry, Tualatin Room 801 Gales Creek Rd, Forest Grove OR
Charleston	May 10	6:30 – 8:30 pm	North Bend Public Library 1800 Sherman Ave North Bend
Burns	May 10	7 – 9 pm	Harney County Community Center 484 N Broadway, Burns OR
Medford	May 10	7 pm	The Eagles Lodge 2000 Table Rock Rd
The Dalles	May 17	6 pm	The Dalles Screen Shop - 3561 Klindt Dr

## **GENERAL TOPICS and UPDATES**

### **Potential Regulation Changes and Concepts Under Consideration**

Several miscellaneous regulation concepts and proposals were mentioned in the information provided to the Department's wildlife districts for discussion at public meetings held in May (Table 1). If proposals are developed they would be presented at the October 5, 2012, Commission meeting for potential inclusion in the 2013 Big Game Regulations.

### **Bag Limit During Archery Seasons and for Hunters with Disabilities Permits**

Following are some factors considered to determine which Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) are recommended to have an expanded bag limit to include antlerless animals:

- The deer or elk population characteristics in the unit particularly:
  - Population level relative to the population Management Objective (MO)
  - Recruitment as measured by fawn or calf ratios
- The number of antlerless firearms tags authorized in the unit
- The distribution of firearms tags in the unit

In June of 2012, the Department will make projections on which units will have an antlerless animal in the bag limit for archers and hunters with disabilities permits for fall of 2013. If the Commission adopts this proposal in October 2012, the Department would list the units with an expanded bag limit in the 2013 Big Game Regulations.

- Elk bag limit changes in the Ritter portion of the Heppner WMU, the Catherine Creek WMU, and the Chesnimnus WMU. The Department proposal is to add these three areas to the group of units that include an antlerless animal in the bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit.
  - The Ritter area is predominantly private land with other antlerless hunts focused on damage caused by elk.
  - The Catherine Creek and Chesnimnus WMUs elk populations are estimated to be above their MO. The elk population in the Catherine Creek WMU is estimated at 1,050 (MO, 700); the Chesnimnus WMU population is estimated at 5,300 (MO 3,500).

Antlerless tags for rifle hunts are also proposed to increase, with a focus on areas where much of the land is private. There is some concern regarding antlerless harvest on public lands where elk numbers are not as high.

There is some risk, which the Department believes is manageable, in setting antlerless areas a year ahead of seasons. If an extreme winter was to occur causing a major reduction in deer and/or elk herds in areas with antlerless animals in the bag limit, the Department would propose an emergency rule change by April 15<sup>th</sup> (same reporting deadline as for canceled hunts) to protect antlerless animals in the impacted areas.

Figure 1. Proposed 2013 bag limits for General Season Archery Hunters and Hunters with Disabilities Permits in the following units:

<p><b><u>One Pronghorn Antelope</u></b> All buck only hunts</p> <p><b>PRONGHORN ANTELOPE BAG LIMIT CHANGE APPLIES ONLY TO OREGON DISABILITIES HUNTING AND FISHING PERMIT HOLDERS</b></p>	<p><b><u>Antlerless or Legal Bull Elk During Bull Seasons</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>One Deer During Buck Seasons</u></b></p> <p>Biggs Columbia Basin* Hood Indigo Maupin Mckenzie Melrose Santiam Willamette</p>	<p>Alea Applegate Beatys Butte Beulah Biggs Catherine Creek Chesnimnus Columbia Basin* Dixon** Evans Creek** E. Fort Rock Fossil Grizzly Hood Imnaha Indigo** Juniper Lookout Mtn. Malheur River Maupin Mckenzie** Melrose Murderers Creek Northside</p>	<p>Ochoco Owyhee Paulina Pine Creek Ritter portion of Heppner (248B1 hunt area) Rogue** Saddle Mtn. Santiam** Scappoose Silvies Siuslaw Sixes Sled Springs Steens Mtn. Stott Mtn. S Sumpter (251B hunt area) Trask Wagontire White River Whitehorse Willamette Wilson</p>
<p>* Portions of the unit are closed to bowhunting.</p> <p>**Within the US National Forest the bag limit is one legal bull.</p>		

**West Cascades and Ochoco WMU Antlerless Elk Hunts**

The Department is considering proposals that would severely reduce antlerless elk hunting on USFS lands on the west slope of the Cascades for almost all hunters; muzzleloader, rifle, archery, and those with Disability Permits. The concept is to have a bag limit of “One Bull Elk” on National Forest lands. Elk numbers and calf ratios have declined in many areas of the west Cascades. It is not a bull ratio issue; reducing bull hunting would have little effect on the elk population decline on USFS lands. Exceptions could include a low number of youth hunts and areas along the fringe of the forest where damage is occurring.

There is a similar concern for the elk population on USFS lands in the Ochoco WMU. An option being considered is to issue two types of Ochoco Unit Archery Elk tags.

1. Unit-wide archery tags for "One Bull Elk"
2. Unit-wide archery tags for "One Elk"
  - a. The intent is to maintain the total number of archery tags but reduce antlerless harvest on USFS lands.

### **Travel Management Area (TMA) and Area Closure Changes**

#### **White River Wildlife Area**

The Department is proposing to change current area OAR's for the White River Wildlife Area related to camping and motor vehicle use. Current off-road vehicle use has risen to the point of being detrimental to the Wildlife Area, and new campsites are being continually developed. The issue has been compounded by recent changes in OHV rules on adjacent Forest Service lands. Proposed rule changes would allow camping only in designated areas, and prohibit ATV/OHV use on the wildlife area except by permit or for administrative use.

#### **Columbia Basin WMU Archery Closure Boundary Change**

The Columbia Basin Archery closure has been in place since 1985, and was initiated by a group of the affected landowners. Several landowners in the current closure area have asked to have the bowhunting closure lifted. On January 30, 2012, the Heppner District sent a letter to all of the landowners (121) in the archery closure area requesting their input as to whether the closure should be kept or dropped (a meeting date was set for mid-February). A total of nine phone calls were received between the Heppner and Pendleton offices. Seven of the calls requested keeping the closure and two requested dropping the closure.

Four people attended the February meeting and all of them wanted to have the closure dropped. The initial landowners who contacted the Heppner District to remove the archery restriction, all of the people at the meeting, as well as the two phone calls who wanted the closure dropped live within the area proposed to be open. Only two of the seven phone calls requesting the closure be left in place live within the area proposed for opening. The District contacted both of these landowners after the meeting and relayed the potential proposal to open a portion of the current closure area. Both landowners said that they would rather see it closed, but if other people wanted it open they would not oppose the new proposed boundary.

#### **Current Boundary:**

Columbia Basin Unit is closed to all bowhunting beginning at Heppner, north and west on State Hwy 74 to Lexington, north and east on State Hwy 207 to Butter Cr Junction, south on Butter Creek Rd to Hwy 74 at Vinson, west on Hwy 74 Heppner.

#### **New Proposed Boundary:**

Columbia Basin Unit is closed to all bowhunting beginning at Vinson at the intersection of Hwy 74 and Butter Creek Road, west on Hwy 74 to Sandhollow Rd, north on Sandhollow Rd to Baseline Rd, west ½ mile to Sandhollow Rd, north on Sandhollow Rd to Hwy 207, north and east on State Hwy 207 to Butter Creek Junction, south on Butter Creek Rd to Hwy 74 at Vinson. The proposed change would reduce the closure are by 85 mi<sup>2</sup> (27%), from 313 to 228 mi<sup>2</sup>.

### **Tags for Active Duty Military Personnel**

This concept was introduced by a member of the public. Time off can be difficult for persons in the military to plan and is prone to change. The idea is to provide a mechanism for Oregon's active duty service members stationed out of state to obtain a controlled deer or elk hunt tag if they are in Oregon during the season so they can hunt with their family and friends.

The idea is to provide a block of deer/elk tags (10?) to each District that can be sold over the counter.

- Tags could be sold for most hunts except for "premier" hunts, such as hunts with bucks or bulls in the bag limit and require quite a few points to draw, such as;
  - MT Emily, Walla Walla, or Wenaha "one bull" tags
  - Late season mule deer hunts
  - Juniper Muzzleloader
- Tags would be good for Commission adopted hunts (dates, bag limit, etc.)

Many details remain to be developed, such as determining requirements to participate and how to document eligibility.

### **Black-tailed Deer Management Plan**

The Oregon Black-tailed Deer Management Plan was adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in November 2008. In 2011, using the Mule Deer Initiative process as a guideline, four western Oregon WMU's (Chetco, Indigo, Tioga and Trask) were selected as emphasis units to concentrate efforts to identify limiting factors and find solutions designed to increase black-tailed deer populations. For each of these units working groups made up of representatives of sporting groups, public and private land managers, local government agencies, conservation groups and hunters have begun meeting to develop action plans to address unit specific problems. These action plans, when completed, will then be presented in a Black-tailed Deer Management Plan Implementation document.

A primary objective in the plan is to develop improved population estimates for black-tailed deer. Tooth collection efforts have continued with tooth envelopes for submitting teeth being made available at all license agents and Department offices. During 2011, as in previous years, the Department mailed envelopes to hunters with controlled hunt tags for black-tailed deer and attempted to inform general season black-tailed deer hunters with information in the regulations and with multiple press releases. However, resulting tooth return rates from hunters remain low; 1,932 teeth were returned from 2011 seasons. Both the number of teeth and return rate (10%) are very similar to 2010 numbers. The current rate of return is not sufficient to develop a good population model.

The Department is also working on an inventory method which has recently been developed and is being utilized in Alaska. This is an updated fecal pellet transect count utilizing DNA obtained from the mucus on the exterior of the fecal pellet to identify individual deer. This information will then be used in a mark-recapture analysis to determine population levels and density estimates. In conjunction with the new fecal pellet DNA collection method, a deer collaring project has been started in the Indigo and Trask WMUs and two comparison units (Dixon and Alesa) to gain knowledge on deer home range size, habitat selection, and mortality factors. Expansion of collaring to additional WMUs will depend on funding and available personnel.



Activities continue to be implemented relative to other objectives in the black-tailed deer plan (e.g. working with land managers regarding habitat management for black-tailed deer), in the remainder of wildlife management units as opportunities arise.

### **Mandatory Reporting of Hunter Harvest and Effort**

The mandatory hunter reporting system has been operational for four full years. Overall, for the first full year of reporting (2008-09 seasons) hunters reported on 15% of the tags issued (Table 2). The reporting rate more than doubled to 36% for 2009-10 seasons. However, by the end of March 2011 there was no apparent increase in reporting for the 2010 seasons. The Department subsequently mailed a reminder postcard to 147,000 hunters with outstanding reportable tags and an additional 54,000 reports were received, for a cost of \$38,000. Reporting rates for the 2011–2012 seasons dropped to 41%. Hunter compliance continues to be too low to provide reliable information.

Hunters can report either by telephone or through the Department’s web site. Although both telephone and internet are functional, feedback from hunters indicates it is far easier to successfully complete surveys on the internet. The Department is working with the contractor to make the phone system more user-friendly and dependable. Hunters can access the hunting

report form through the Hunter Resource section of the web site, <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/reporting/index.asp>, or call 1-866-947-ODFW (6339) for the automated phone system. Hunters who purchased bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat tags do not have to report as these hunters are required to check out of the hunt area.

As an incentive for hunters to report on time, hunters that report on their hunts by a specific date are entered into a drawing for special tags similar to Auction and Raffle tags (long season, statewide, etc.). The drawing will occur in June 2012 for three special tags. Hunters drawn have their choice of a deer, elk, or pronghorn tag. Reporting deadlines for the special tag drawing were:

- January 31, 2012 for hunts that ended on or before December 31, 2011.
- April 15, 2012 for hunts that ended between January 1-March 31, 2012.
- June 30, 2011 for Spring Bear and Turkey seasons, all of which ended May 31, 2011.

Hunt Type	Year				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Controlled Pronghorn	8%	28%	57%	82%	68%
Controlled Elk	4%	20%	46%	69%	48%
General Bow	3%	15%	35%	57%	39%
General Cascades	2%	12%	29%	50%	36%
General Coast Elk	2%	12%	29%	50%	34%
General Rocky Mtn Elk	4%	16%	35%	59%	42%
Total Elk	3%	16%	37%	60%	42%
Controlled Buck	4%	21%	47%	69%	53%
Controlled Doe	4%	22%	48%	69%	45%
General Bow	3%	14%	33%	53%	36%
Western General	1%	10%	25%	45%	31%
Total Deer	3%	15%	34%	55%	39%
General Fall	5%	20%	37%	53%	40%
Controlled Fall	15%	40%	67%	84%	68%
General Spring	5%	3%	42%	61%	50%
Total Turkey	5%	5%	42%	61%	50%
Cougar	5%	17%	36%	56%	38%
General Fall	4%	16%	35%	55%	37%
SW Limited Spring			47%	69%	60%
Controlled Spring	6%	8%	61%	79%	74%
Total Bear	4%	15%	37%	58%	41%
Total All Tags	3%	15%	37%	58%	41%

Additionally, hunters who do not report by the specified deadlines for tags offered in the 2012 Regulations may not be able to purchase a license without paying a penalty. The penalty is planned to be assessed beginning December 2013 with purchase of a 2014 license because many 2013 licenses would be purchased before reporting deadlines. The penalty fee amount, up to \$25, will be established in October 2012. Initially the penalty will be implemented for not reporting on deer and elk tags. Deer and elk general seasons have some of the lowest compliance rates and the information is critical and time sensitive for setting seasons and controlled hunt tag numbers. The penalty fee in other states range from \$10 to \$50.

All hunters are encouraged to complete a worksheet found online and in the Big Game Regulations to help prepare for the survey. The worksheet is general; there are additional questions for some hunts. Before calling the phone line or logging into the online system, hunters should have the following information ready:

- Hunter/Angler ID number (located on ODFW licenses, tags and applications)
- The two-digit WMU number of the unit hunted. If the hunt area included more than one WMU, use the number of the unit hunted in most of the time.
- The total number of days hunted—including mentoring youth
- The number of days hunted in the WMU hunted most

With all hunters reporting, and providing accurate information, the new system will improve the quality and quantity of hunting effort and harvest information. For additional information, visit the Department's web site, [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us)

### **2011–2012 Emergency Hunt Summary**

The Department relies heavily on district-approved emergency hunts to solve severe animal damage situations. District emergency hunts are implemented on the recommendation of the local biologist with authorization from the Regional Manager or Watershed Manager. This process allows the local biologist to respond to severe damage situations quickly and effectively. Districts are allocated 250 emergency hunt tags per county. Once the allotment of tags is exhausted, biologists must request a Director-Approved Emergency Hunt.

During 2011-2012, 10 district emergency hunts were authorized, 6 for elk, 2 for pronghorn and 2 for turkey (Table 3). As a result, 32 hunters harvested 5 elk, 0 pronghorn and 4 turkeys. Compared with 2010–2011, the number of emergency hunts decreased 23 percent, participating hunters decreased 74 percent, elk harvest decreased 93 percent, no change in pronghorn harvest and turkey harvest decreased 20 percent.

Table 3. Emergency Hunts 2011-2012

Region/District	County	Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	# of Hunts	Master Hunter		LOP Hunters		Other Hunters		Total Harvest	Species
					# Hunters	Harvest	# Hunters	Harvest	# Hunters	Harvest		
NW Region												
North Coast	Lincoln	Cline Hill US20	2/17/12-3/4/12	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	Elk
South Willamette	Lane	Neumeister	9/2/11-9/20/11	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	Turkey
High Desert												
Deschutes	Deschutes	Tabor	10/9/11- 10/28/11	2	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	Pronghorn
NE Region												
Grande Ronde	Union	Parsons	12/3/11 - 12/18/11	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	Turkey
Baker	Baker	Dunbar	8/1/11-8/31/11	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	Elk
Baker	Baker	Delcurto	10/17/11- 11/21/11	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	Elk
Baker	Baker	Allen Farms	2/22/12-3/31/12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Elk
Wallowa	Enterprise	Allen Canyon	8/19/11-8/25/11	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	3	Elk
Wallowa	Enterprise	Zumwalt	9/1/11-10/15/11	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	Elk
<u>HUNT SUMMARY</u>												
				6	13	4	4	1	0	0	5	
Total Elk												
Total Deer				0	0	0	0	0			0	
Total Pronghorn				2	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	
Total Turkey				2	8	4	0	0	0	0	4	
Grand Total				10	21	8	6	1	5	0	9	

## **Landowner Preference Program**

Since its inception in 1981, the Landowner Preference (LOP) program has been liberalized to allow property owners more flexibility. Tag exchanges continue to be very popular and effective for participating landowners. Exchanges continue to work well for addressing some hard-to-solve deer and elk damage situations by providing landowners more options to utilize harvest as a damage management tool.

The 2003 Oregon Legislative Assembly adopted a bill that directed the Commission to implement a LOP pilot project for antlerless elk in southwest Oregon. The SW Oregon Pilot Project was authorized to occur on private lands in Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2008. The 2007 Legislature extended the Pilot Project through June 30, 2014. The project is intended to demonstrate the Department's commitment to solving damage by:

- allowing the landowner to personally select damage hunt participants,
- increasing public access to elk through LOP tags and redistribution of animals,
- reducing or eliminating some damage hunts,
- being less time consuming for landowners to participate.

The rules provide LOP tags to landowners where elk are currently causing damage, where there has been a history of damage coupled with actions to alleviate elk damage, or where elk are located in an "elk de-emphasis zone".

Following is a summary of LOP tag exchanges and LOP damage tags issued during 2011–2012 (Table 4). The summary and the table are comprised of three parts, the "standard" LOP program for the entire state, the Southwest Oregon Pilot Project which is for elk only, and combined Grand Totals.

### **Under the statewide LOP program, not including SW Oregon:**

- 1,069 LOP tags were exchanged for 1,856 damage tags; 130 for deer, 938 for elk.
  - 282 tags were exchanged "1 for 1" and 787 exchanged "1 for 2".
- 85 controlled hunt tags were exchanged "1 for 1"; 10 for deer, 75 for elk.

### **In the SW Oregon Pilot Project in categories not authorized for the statewide LOP program:**

- 604 additional elk tags were issued in SW Oregon
  - 259 new tags
  - 28 LOP 1:1 tags
  - 214 unused general season tags
  - 103 unused controlled tags

### **Statewide Grand Totals:**

- 2,545 LOP tags were issued for damage, a 4 percent increase from 2010–2011.
- A total of 1,247 animals were harvested
  - 149 deer, a 9 percent decrease from 2010–2011.
  - 1,098 elk, a 1 percent increase from 2010–2011.

Table 4. Summary of Landowner Preference (LOP) and Controlled Hunt tags exchanged for antlerless deer and elk tags to address deer and elk damage, 2011–2012.

Region	Species	# Unused LOP 1:1	# Unused LOP 1:2	Total LOP Tags	Controlled Tags 1:1	Total Harvest
<b>Northwest Region</b>						
North Coast	Deer	0	0	0	0	0
North Coast	Elk	36	174	384	20	218
North Willamette	Deer	0	10	20	0	12
North Willamette	Elk	2	51	104	0	39
South Willamette	Deer	3	6	15	0	7
South Willamette	Elk	5	20	45	0	20
<b>Southwest Region</b>						
Umpqua	Deer	3	10	23	0	13
Rogue	Deer	0	0	0	0	0
<b>High Desert Region</b>						
Deschutes	Deer	10	15	40	3	21
Deschutes	Elk	48	111	270	16	99
Klamath	Deer	0	4	8	2	4
Klamath	Elk	0	0	0	0	0
Malheur	Deer	4	5	14	2	8
Malheur	Elk	13	4	21	6	10
<b>Northeast Region</b>						
John Day	Deer	13	42	97	3	79
John Day	Elk	106	148	402	22	190
Grande Ronde	Deer	0	5	10	0	5
Grande Ronde	Elk	39	182	403	11	218
<b>Totals (Not incl. SW Pilot program)</b>						
	Deer	33	97(x2)	227	10	149
	Elk	249	690(x2)	1629	75	794
<b>Total Deer + Elk (Not Incl. SW Pilot)</b>		282	787	1856	85	943
<b>SW Region ONLY: Pilot Program</b>						
Watershed District	Species	New Tags Issued	Unused LOP 1:1	Unused General	Unused Controlled	Total Harvest
Umpqua	Elk	75	12	73	66	142
Rogue	Elk	184	16	141	37	162
<b>SW Pilot Program Totals</b>		259	28	214	103	304
<b>Grand Total Deer Tags Issued:</b>		<b>237</b>		<b>Total Harvest:</b>	<b>149</b>	
<b>Grand Total Elk Tags Issued:</b>		<b>2,308</b>		<b>Total Harvest:</b>	<b>1,098</b>	

**Guide and Outfitter Tag Sales**

The Guide and Outfitter (G&O) Tag Allocation program was initiated by statute in 1997. The program allocates 50 percent of the previous year’s total non-resident tags drawn for controlled deer and elk to Guides and Outfitters who may sell deer tags for \$497.25 and elk tags for \$733.75, a higher fee than the normal non-resident price. The initial tag purchase deadline is March 31 and remaining tags are sold on a first-come, first-served basis from April 1- April 15. Up to five tags per G&O may be purchased without naming clients, and tag fees are nonrefundable. Outfitter tags not sold by April 15 of each year are returned to the normal controlled hunt drawing in June.

In 2012, 37% of available deer tags were drawn and 26% of those drawn were sold (Table 5). Forty percent of available elk tags were drawn and 36% of those drawn were sold. Three deer tags and 27 elk tags were purchased as leftovers, without named clients.

Table 5. Trend in tag availability and sales for guaranteed Guide and Outfitter Tags, 1998-2012.

Year	Deer				Elk			
	Available	Drawn	Sold	Leftovers Sold	Available	Drawn	Sold	Leftovers Sold
1998	897		75		994		114	
1999	1,094		114		1,027		123	
2000	1,119		146		943		141	
2001	1,340		162		1,097		168	
2002	1,423		196		1,102		155	
2003	1,196		165		889		163	
2004	1,409		128		1,049		124	
2005	1,193		139		868		122	
2006 <sup>a</sup>	1,070	402	137	13	923	330	132	25
2007 <sup>a</sup>	1,187	450	123	16	966	372	155	42
2008 <sup>a</sup>	1,272	321	123	36	919	313	129	19
2009 <sup>a</sup>	1,174	360	102	23	932	286	130	43
2010 <sup>a</sup>	940	357	61	19	909	306	93	28
2011 <sup>a</sup>	832	383	80	9	746	327	98	32
2012 <sup>a</sup>	816	298	78	3	721	290	103	27

<sup>a</sup> Guides and Outfitters allowed to purchase tags without clients.

**First-Come, First-Served Tag Sales Update**

Controlled tags leftover after the drawing are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tags sold in this manner are in addition to tags drawn normally. Last year (2011), 139 deer tags in 1 hunt and 636 elk tags in 11 hunts were sold in this manner; most tags sold in a matter of minutes. For 2012 Spring Bear hunts, 172 tags in 4 hunts were sold in the first-come, first-served process.

**Disability Hunting Permits**

The new criteria for Disabilities Permits adopted by the 1999 Legislative Assembly were implemented in 2000. Enrollment in the Disabilities Permit program subsequently increased from about 600 in 1999 to peak at approximately 20,000 in 2006-07. The number of individuals

qualifying for this permit declined during the transition to the “Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit” which requires participants to renew permits every two years.

Tag holders with Disabilities Permits are surveyed separately from the main telephone harvest survey to estimate harvest (Table 6). Between 2000 and 2004 antlerless harvest increased along with the number of hunters with Disabilities Permits. Following changes to bag limits for hunters with Disabilities Permits in 2005, number of tags sold, harvest, and percentage of antlerless animals in the harvest have declined for deer and elk.

Table 6. Tag sales, harvest, and percent antlerless harvest for deer and elk hunters (with a bull or a buck only bag limit) with a Permanent Disabilities Permit, 2000-2011.

Year	# With Permits	Deer			Elk		
		# Tags Sold	Harvest	% Doe	# Tags Sold	Harvest	% Cow
2000	2,395	2,291	849	47	1,812	405	88
2001	4,683	3,583	1,404	47	2,920	611	84
2002	7,656	4,843	1,735	49	3,965	732	85
2003	10,898	6,215	2,328	49	5,054	955	84
2004	14,482	7,016	2,531	39	5,825	1,004	78
2005	18,252	6,455	1,939	19	4,705	659	67
2006	19,613	6,140	1,520	18	4,438	662	67
2007	14,104	6,016	1,605	16	4,253	549	70
2008	6,873	5,951	1,510	16	4,310	610	73
2009	7,105	6,253	1,564	19	4,519	641	73
2010	6,744	6,097	1,271	23	2,756	413	71
2011	7,123	6,064	1,604	20	2,651	451	69
2012 <sup>a</sup>	3,849						

<sup>a</sup> as of April 15, 2012 number will increase as permit holders re-register)

### Wildlife Health

The issue of wildlife health is playing an ever-increasing role in all Department programs and continues to add complexity and challenge to management of Oregon’s wildlife resources. Disease continues to impact wildlife populations and game management strategies. When disease has caused population declines, the Department has responded with management efforts like reducing antlerless deer tags and harvest pressure to insure long-term population health and persistence.

The Department’s wildlife veterinarians have taken the lead in developing and implementing protocols for monitoring the health of Oregon’s wildlife and surveillance for diseases including Deer Hair Loss Syndrome (DHLS) and Adenovirus Hemorrhagic Disease in deer, bacterial pneumonia in bighorn sheep, and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The Department’s monitoring and surveillance efforts must be vigilant and effective for tracking, detecting and responding to the presence of any disease in Oregon’s wildlife.

### Hair Loss Syndrome in Deer

DHLS is a condition affecting both black-tailed and Columbian white-tailed deer. DHLS is caused by heavy infestations of exotic lice. The condition produces hair discoloration, hair loss,

weight loss, diarrhea, lethargy and can result in death from exposure and associated pneumonia. Trends in DHLS for western Oregon deer are static.

Recently, field staff have identified and confirmed that a different exotic louse is causing symptoms in eastern Oregon mule deer. Field staff will continue sampling to determine the extent and prevalence in mule deer populations.

### Chronic Wasting Disease in Wild Deer and Elk

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a disease of the nervous system known as a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) affecting the deer family. CWD is of considerable interest throughout the United States due to the impacts to deer and elk populations and fiscal resources tied to monitoring, surveillance, and eradication efforts. CWD has not been detected in any Oregon samples obtained since testing began in 1996. Samples are collected and analyzed annually to determine whether CWD is present or absent in wild populations. Testing is conducted primarily from hunter harvested deer and elk. Since 2002, Department field staff has sampled over 13,000 deer and elk for CWD. Information from field checks indicates hunters continue to be concerned about the disease and are cooperative when asked to allow sample collection.

There is currently a parts and carcass import ban in the states or provinces with a documented case of CWD including Alberta, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Saskatchewan. The Department shall add by temporary rule any additional states or provinces when any new cases of CWD arise.

## **HUNTING SEASONS and SPECIES SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

### **Proposed Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers**

Total proposed controlled tags for the 2012–2013 seasons are changing very little (-1%, Table 7). Total proposed controlled deer tags are down slightly (-1%), and proposed controlled pronghorn tags are up slightly (+1%). Overall, proposed controlled elk tags are changing less than 1%. Proposed bighorn tags are up 4 tags (+4%) whereas Rocky Mountain goat tags are unchanged at 11. No changes are proposed for 2013 controlled spring bear hunts or for the limited Southwest Oregon first-come, first-served bear season.

### **Proposed General Season Bag Limits and Dates**

The Department is proposing no changes to bag limits for the 2013 general big game seasons (Table 8). The 2013 general bear season will remain standardized and will open August 1, 2013 and close November 30 in eastern Oregon or December 31 in western Oregon. The general cougar season will open January 1, 2013 and close on December 31, 2013. Most hunts for other species will be adjusted according to the normal calendar shift.



Table 7. Summary of corrected controlled hunt tag numbers, 2009 – 2012.

Species/Hunt Type	2009 tags	2010 tags	2011 tags	Proposed	*Percent
				2012 tags	Change
TOTAL DEER	74,265	73,817	72,054	71,441	-1%
Rifle Buck	59,242	58,550	57,880	57,795	<-1%
Bow/Muzzleloader	3,093	3,454	3,446	3,496	2%
Antlerless (600 Series)	10,573	10,372	9,453	8,917	-6%
Youth	1,357	1,441	1,275	1,233	-3%
TOTAL ELK	52,627	53,285	56,946	57,086	<1%
Bull/Either Sex	37,100	37,251	36,786	36,792	<1%
Bow/Muzzleloader	4,290	4,216	7,540	7,527	<1%
Rifle Antlerless	10,550	10,783	11,543	11,715	2%
Youth	687	1,035	1,077	1,052	-2%
BIGHORN	91	89	93	97	4%
MT. GOAT	11	10	11	11	0%
TOTAL PRONGHORN	2,736	2,696	2,642	2,680	1%
Rifle Buck/Either Sex	1,605	1,554	1,521	1,538	1%
Bow/Muzzleloader	914	920	904	923	2%
Doe	182	187	187	187	0%
Youth	35	35	30	32	7%
<b>Spring Bear</b>	<b>2010 tags</b>	<b>2011 Tags</b>	<b>Proposed 2012 Tags</b>	<b>Proposed 2013 Tags</b>	<b>*Percent Change</b>
TOTAL SPRING BEAR	8,379	8,376	8,403	8,395	<-1%
Controlled Spring Bear	4,181	4,178	4,205	4,197	<-1%
Youth Spring Bear	198	198	198	198	0%
SW Limited	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0%
<b>Grand total tags</b>	<b>2009 Incl. 10 Spr. Br.</b>	<b>2010 Incl. 11 Spr. Br.</b>	<b>2011 Incl. 12 Spr. Br.</b>	<b>Proposed 2012 Incl. 13 Spr. Bear</b>	<b>*Percent Change</b>
	138,109	138,273	140,149	139,710	<-1%

\*Percent change calculated for the difference between 2011 and 2012 tags for all species except bear which is calculated for the difference between 2012 and 2013.

Table 8. Proposed general season dates and bag limits for 2013.

Species/Season	Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Dates
<b>DEER</b>		
Coast Buck	Buck, 2 point+	Sep 28 – Nov 1
Cascade Buck	Buck, 2 point+	Sep 28–Oct 11 & Oct 19 – Nov 1
<b>BEAR (Cubs, sows with cubs protected)</b>		
Western Oregon	1 Bear	Aug 1 – Dec 31
SW Additional Bear (Units 20 – 30)	1 Bear	Aug 1 – Dec 31
Eastern Oregon	1 Bear	Aug 1 – Nov 30
<b>COUGAR (Spotted kittens, females with spotted kittens protected)</b>		
Statewide Tag	1 Cougar	Jan 1 – Dec 31
Additional Statewide Tag	1 Cougar	Jan 1 – Dec 31
<b>ELK (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)</b>		
Coast First	Any Bull <sup>a</sup>	Nov 9 – Nov 12
Coast Second	Any Bull or Spike Only <sup>a</sup>	Nov 16 – Nov 22
Cascade	Any Bull <sup>a</sup>	Oct 12 – Oct 18
Rocky Mt. First	Any Bull <sup>a</sup>	Oct 23 – Oct 27
Rocky Mt. Second	Any Bull or Spike Only <sup>a</sup>	Nov 2 – Nov 10
Columbia Basin - E Biggs	One Elk	Oct 23 – Nov 29
<b>ARCHERY (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)</b>		
Western Deer	Buck, 2 point+ or One Deer (varies by Unit) <sup>b</sup>	Aug 24 – Sept 22
Saddle Mt. Deer Late Season	One Deer	Nov 23 – Dec 8
NW Deer Late Season	One Deer	Nov 16 – Dec 8
SW Deer Late Season	Buck, 2 point+ or One Deer (varies by Unit) <sup>b</sup>	Nov 9 – Dec 1
Eastern Deer	Buck with visible antler <sup>b</sup>	Aug 24 – Sept 22
Elk	Legal Bull, (varies by unit) <sup>a</sup>	Aug 24 – Sept 22
<b>WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL</b>		
West & S Central Oregon	5/day - 15 in possession	Aug 24 – Nov 6
Hood & White R. Units	3/day - 6 in possession	Sep 7 – Oct 13

<sup>a</sup> Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless elk. See page 7.

<sup>b</sup> Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless deer. See page 7.

## Proposed 2013 Application and Tag Sale Deadlines

Controlled hunt application deadlines are set to occur the same date each year (Table 9). Tag sale deadlines (Table 10) are set at 11:59 pm the day before each respective season opens, except general bear and general cougar tags which have the same tag sale deadline as for buck deer. For bighorn sheep and Rocky Mtn. goats the tag sale deadline is the last day of the hunt.

Table 9. Controlled hunt application and tag sale deadlines proposed for 2013.

<b>Controlled Hunt Drawing</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Tag Claim Deadline</b>
Spring Bear Draw	February 10	Day Before Hunt Opens
Big Game Draw <sup>a</sup>	May 15	Day Before Hunt Opens

<sup>a</sup> Excludes Spring Bear.

Table 10. General season tag sale deadlines in place for 2012 and proposed for 2013.

<b>Species or Season</b>	<b>2012 Deadline</b>	<b>2013 Deadline</b>
Bear	Sep 28	Sep 27
SW Additional Bear	See Footnote*	See Footnote*
Cougar	Sep 28	Sep 27
Additional Cougar	See Footnote*	See Footnote*
Deer & Elk Bow	Aug 24	Aug 23
Western Deer Rifle	Sep 28	Sep 27
Cascade Elk	Oct 12	Oct 11
General Coast 1 <sup>st</sup> Season	Nov 9	Nov 8
General Coast 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season	Nov 16	Nov 15
Rocky Mt. 1st Elk	Oct 23	Oct 22
Rocky Mt. 2nd Elk	Nov 2	Nov 1

\* Hunters must purchase general season tag for that species to be eligible for the additional tag.

## Bear Season Summaries and Recommendations

### **Overview**

Bear populations remained stable throughout Oregon with some local population increases. The total number of complaints recorded for black bear decreased 50% from 921 in 2010 to 452 in 2011. The relatively high number of complaints during 2010 was probably in part a result of poor berry production in western Oregon. The majority (67%) of complaints were related to damage by bears. Of the total number of complaints, garbage-related complaints accounted for ~27% and timber damage accounted for ~8%. The number of bears killed as a result of damage decreased 9% to 352 in 2011 compared to 2010. Most conflict-related mortality (96%) continues

to occur in western Oregon where human and bear populations are highest resulting in property damage, human safety concerns, and nuisance problems.

### 2011 Spring Bear Harvest

A total of 7,569 spring bear tags were sold during 2011 (down 1% from 2010). Of these, 3,698 were for controlled spring hunts and 3,999 were sold first-come, first-served for the Limited SW Oregon hunt. Telephone harvest surveys indicate 262 bears were taken during the spring controlled hunt and 226 bears were taken during the Limited SW Oregon hunt for a total of 488 spring bear taken by 4,736 hunters during 2011. The average success rate for both the Controlled Spring Bear hunters and the SW Oregon Limited hunt was about 10%. Most of the bears harvested (74 %) were males.

### 2011 General Bear Seasons

The number of general season black bear tags issued decreased slightly from 49,840 in 2010 to 49,379 in 2011. Telephone harvest surveys suggested 63% of tag holders hunted and took 931 bears. Most of the general season bear harvest was from western Oregon and 79% were males. Continued monitoring of harvested bear ages suggests bear populations are not being over-harvested. Age data from bears harvested during 2011 is currently incomplete because not all teeth have been processed by the contracted laboratory. Consequently,

Table 11. Recent trend in bear tooth reporting compliance in Oregon, 1993–2011. Observed return rates over 100% during 2009 and 2010 are a sampling anomaly associated with the telephone survey.

Year	Spring			Fall			Total		
	Harv.	Teeth	%	Harv.	Teeth	%	Harv.	Teeth	%
1993	167	78	47	1,179	418	35	1,346	496	37±3
1994	200	83	42	1,250	338	27	1,450	421	29±2
1995	62	20	32	624	165	26	686	185	27±3
1996	127	58	46	880	199	23	1,007	257	26±3
1997	163	56	34	649	124	19	812	180	22±4
1998	217	85	39	834	208	25	1,051	293	28±3
1999	181	57	31	856	353	41	1,037	410	40±3
2000	246	103	42	977	311	32	1,223	414	34±2
2001	263	123	47	621	239	38	884	362	41±2
2002	244	105	43	904	293	32	1,148	398	35±3
2003	300	109	36	829	207	25	1,129	316	28±3
2004	<sup>a</sup>	104	<sup>a</sup>	<sup>a</sup>	239	<sup>a</sup>	<sup>a</sup>	343	<sup>a</sup>
2005	371	127	34	716	185	26	1,087	312	29±3
2006	307	112	36	989	237	24	1,296	349	27±2
2007	477	138	29	748	246	33	1,225	384	31±3
2008	363	357	98	911	826	91	1,274 <sup>b</sup>	1,183	93
2009	461	386	84	698	841	120	1,159 <sup>b</sup>	1,227	106
2010	448	458	102	1,235	1,154	93	1,683 <sup>b</sup>	1,612	96
2011	488	441	90	931	888	95	1,419 <sup>b</sup>	1,329	94

<sup>a</sup>No harvest survey was conducted for bear seasons during 2004.

<sup>b</sup>Harvest estimate from random telephone survey

median ages cannot be estimated at this time. In addition to assessing level of harvest based on median ages, the Department has included percent of males greater than or equal to 5 years old in the harvest and percent of females in the harvest to help ascertain harvest levels (light, moderate, high). Following these criteria, between 1989 and 2010, the harvest of black bears has not exceeded a moderate level during any year.

Because of previous low black bear tooth return rates (Table 11) the Department implemented a mandatory check-in of bear skulls in 2008 as directed by the Bear Plan. Specifically, successful hunters are required to bring the unfrozen skull of any bear they harvest to a Department office or a designated check-in site within 10 days of harvesting their bear. Biologists or trained volunteers collect a premolar tooth for aging. This information is important for monitoring population structure, and when combined with statewide tetracycline marking, for estimating black bear populations. A total of 1,329 teeth were submitted by bear hunters in 2011 (Table 11). Tooth return rates are very high again for 2011. Age data for all sampled bears should be available by mid-winter 2012–2013.

### **2013 General Bear Season Recommendations**

The Department recommends no changes to season dates. Proposed general season dates are August 1–November 30, 2013 in eastern Oregon, and August 1–December 31, 2013 in western Oregon. The Department recommends maintaining the second general bear opportunity with the SW Additional Bear tag valid in 10 SW Oregon WMU's. The additional tag may be purchased throughout the season; however, hunters must purchase the general season tag prior to the deadline to be eligible to purchase an additional tag. For 2013, the proposed tag sales deadline is September 27, 2013. The Department will continue mailing letters to all 2013 bear tag holders in an effort to remind hunters of the requirement to check in bears.

### **2013 Spring Bear Season/Tag Recommendations**

In October, the Department will be proposing 4,395 controlled tags in 19 hunts and 4,000 tags in the SW Oregon Limited hunt for 2013 (Table 12). The 4,000 proposed SW Oregon tags will be sold first-come, first-served beginning the same time 2013 hunting licenses become available (December 1, 2012), and will be available until March 31, 2013 or until the authorized number of tags are sold. Consistent with current practices for general deer and elk seasons, hunters who purchase these tags before the application deadline for controlled spring bear hunts cannot apply for spring bear preference points or tags for the 2013 season.

### **Black Bear Tetracycline Marking Study**

Beginning in 2005, the Department began using tetracycline to mark bear teeth statewide. Using the ratio of marked and unmarked teeth provided by hunters and collected through other forms of mortality the bear population can eventually be estimated. As noted earlier, tooth return rates have increased with the requirement for mandatory check-in (Table 11), improving sample collection for estimating bear populations. The Department will continue to refine the estimation process and work towards providing an estimate of black bear populations with these results.

Table 12. Recommendations for Controlled Spring Bear: 2013 Tags and 2013 Hunts  
 Bag Limit: One Bear, except cubs less than 1 year and sows with cubs protected. Mandatory bear skull check-in.

2013 Hunt #	2013 Hunt Name	2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags	Proposed 2013 Tags	Corrected 2013 Tags	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
<b>Western Oregon</b>								
710A	Saddle Mtn. - Scappoose	150	165	150	165	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
712A	Wilson-Trask	400	440	400	440	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
716A	N Cascades	350	385	350	385	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
717A	Alea-Stott Mt	200	212	200	212	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
	SW Oregon Limited	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
	<b>Western OR Total</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>5,202</b>			
<b>Eastern Oregon</b>								
731A	South Central	200	220	200	210	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
741	White River Unit	50	54	50	55	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
742	Hood Unit	50	54	50	54	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
746A	S Blue Mts	500	550	500	550	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
749A	W Blue Mts	200	212	200	212	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
752A	Starkey Unit	200	220	200	220	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
756	Wenaha Unit	225	248	225	248	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
757A	Sled Sprs-Chesnimnus	250	273	250	275	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
759A	Snake R	400	440	400	440	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
760A	Minam-Imnaha	225	248	225	248	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
762A	Pine Cr - Keating - Catherine Cr	400	440	400	440	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
764	Lookout Mt Unit	40	44	40	43	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
	<b>Eastern OR Total</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>3,003</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,995</b>			
<b>Youth Hunts</b>								
756T	Wenaha Unit	50	55	50	55	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
757T	Sled Sprs-Chesnimnus	80	88	80	88	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
760T	Minam-Imnaha	50	55	50	55	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
	<b>Youth Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>198</b>			
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,020</b>	<b>8,403</b>	<b>8,020</b>	<b>8,395</b>			

\* Tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average unredeemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max correction - 10%).

## **Cougar Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Target Areas**

Currently, four Cougar Target Areas, as described in the 2006 Cougar Management Plan (Chapter VI, Adaptive Management Process) have been implemented to address declining ungulate populations. Beginning in December 2009, through April 13, 2012, a total of 162 cougars have been administratively removed from the Steens Mtn., Ukiah, Warner, and Wenaha target areas (Table 13).

Target Area	Annual Objective	# Removed To Date (4/13/12)
Steens	20	39
Ukiah	35	75
Warner	14	14
Wenaha	20	34
Total	89	162

Data current as of April 13, 2012.

### **Cougar-Bear Agents**

The 2007 Oregon Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2971 authorizing the Department to develop rules necessary to appoint individuals as Department agents for cougar and/or black bear control work and research projects. Subsequently, rules were developed and approved by the Commission in February 2008.

To qualify as an agent of the Department, interested individuals must pass a criminal background check, provide a fingerprint record, provide a certified copy of their Motor Vehicles Driving Record for the past five years, and complete a Black Bear and/or Cougar Agent Application.

Qualified applicants are interviewed by the respective district wildlife biologist to determine suitability for appointment. Those selected will be required to meet with the district biologist and successfully complete required training (Code of Conduct, Use of Firearms, Use of ATVs and Snowmobiles, First Aid/CPR, etc.). Before being asked to take a control action, the agent and the district wildlife biologist will complete a Black Bear and/or Cougar Agent Appointment Agreement that establishes specific work-related duties, equipment requirements etc., for that particular project. As of February 24, 2012, 24 agents are approved and have signed agreements. One agent continues to be used to capture cougars for research in the Mt. Emily Unit, and agents are being used in the Ukiah, Warner, and Wenaha target areas and to address specific conflicts with cougars.

### **Population Monitoring**

With increased management intensity for cougars in specified target areas, the Department has also increased intensity of monitoring efforts. The Department continues to use the improved damage complaint form and database for tracking complaints associated with conflict. Known cougar mortality information is consistently updated to insure no cougar management zone quotas are exceeded. The Department continues to develop information for hunters about how they can help, and how to collect appropriate biological samples from harvested animals. The Department has also contracted with a university to develop a contemporary stochastic population model for cougars in Oregon.

Table 14. Trends in cougar (mountain lion) complaints, damage, harvest, and other mortality in Oregon, 1992–2011. Complaint and mortality data are current through 16 April 2012 and 13 April 2012, respectively, based on check-in of cougars. Numbers may change as late data are added.

Year	Number of Complaints <sup>a</sup>	Number of Tags Sold <sup>b</sup>	Number of Mortalities by Source					Total
			Hunter-Harvest	Damage <sup>c</sup>	Human Safety <sup>d</sup>	Administrative Removals <sup>e</sup>	Other <sup>f</sup>	
1992	184	517	187	17	3	0	22	229
1993	276	560	160	21	6	0	21	208
1994	554	588	144	30	9	0	21	204
1995	742	385	34	41	22	0	12	109
1996	840	779	45	66	32	0	25	168
1997	798	935	61	82	20	0	18	181
1998	954	11,761	153	93	20	0	17	283
1999	1,072	14,564	157	91	39	0	25	312
2000 <sup>g</sup>	942	22,386	136	120	25	0	19	300
2001	829	28,447	220	97	25	0	23	365
2002	765	32,126	232	111	23	0	37	403
2003	697	34,135	248	111	28	0	25	412
2004	545	34,071	265	95	28	0	35	423
2005	622	38,079	224	125	28	0	30	407
2006	451	38,719	289	106	26	0	32	453
2007	453	41,813	309	114	21	52	41	537
2008	518	43,211	273	109	23	34	54	493
2009	437	45,375	274	110	31	21	37	473
2010	469	48,776	239	99	25	79	39	481
2011	484	50,889	241	138	21	71	31	502

<sup>a</sup>Number of complaints received during the calendar year. Sightings not associated with damage or public safety concerns are not included.

<sup>b</sup>Includes general and additional tags (including Sports Pac licenses).

<sup>c</sup>Number of animals killed as a result of damage during a calendar year.

<sup>d</sup>Animals killed as a result of real or perceived threat to humans or pets.

<sup>e</sup>Administrative removals on cougar target areas (2007–present only).

<sup>f</sup>Includes roadkill, accidental, found dead, and illegal kill.

<sup>g</sup>Hunting season changed to calendar year.



## Population Overview

Population modeling suggests a 2% increase in cougar numbers for 2011 to 5,848. The total number of damage complaints received was stable with 469 in 2010 and 484 in 2011, although data for 2011 are preliminary (Table 14). Non-hunting mortalities increased 8% to 261 in 2011 (Table 14).

## 2011 Cougar Harvest

Cougar tag sales continued to increase, up 4% to 50,889 in 2011, but harvest remained stable at 241 (Table 14). Some hunters continue to hunt specifically for cougar outside of the deer and elk seasons when snow conditions allow animals to be tracked or by using a predator call. When the Department began using cougar harvest quotas in 1995, only animals taken during hunting seasons were counted toward quotas. Since adoption of the Cougar Management Plan in 2006, all known mortalities count toward zone quotas. Cougar Zone A (Coast-North Cascades) was closed (**bold italic text**) to hunting on December 29, 2011 based on the established quota; this zone was reopened when the next season started on January 1, 2012 (Table 15). Mortalities related to damage management were up almost 60% in 2011 (46) compared to 2010 (29), whereas hunter-harvest remained relatively stable. No other zones were closed during 2011.

Table 15. Cougar mortalities and quotas in Oregon, 2010–2012.

Hunt Zone	2010			2011			2012			2013 Quota
	Mortalities			Mortalities			Mortalities*			
	Hunt	Non-Hunt	Zone Quota	Hunt	Non-Hunt	Zone Quota	Hunt	Non-Hunt	Zone Quota	
A Coast/N Casc.	55	48	120	<b><i>61</i></b>	<b><i>59</i></b>	<b><i>120</i></b>	12	12	120	120
B SW Cascades	41	55	165	42	66	165	6	19	165	165
C SE Cascades	17	3	65	10	5	65	5	4	65	65
D Col. Basin	14	17	62	13	22	62	2	13	62	62
E Blue Mtns.	91	71	245	93	74	245	30	26	245	245
F SE Oregon	21	48	120	22	35	120	7	12	120	120
Statewide Totals	239	242	777	241	261	777	62	86	777	777

\*As of 13 April 2012.

## **Bighorn Sheep Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **2011 Bighorn Harvest**

Oregon bighorn hunters continued to enjoy high success rates. Nine of 10 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep controlled tag holders, both special (auction and raffle) tag holders, and two tribal hunters were successful. Eighty-four California bighorn sheep were taken by 82 controlled tag holders and three tribal hunters. Six of the 89 controlled bighorn tags (7 %) were issued to non-resident hunters.

### **2012 Bighorn Tag Recommendations**

The Department is proposing 97 Bighorn Sheep tags (87 California, 10 Rocky Mountain) in 40 hunts (33 California, 7 Rocky Mountain) for 2012 (Table 16). This is an increase of four tags from 93 in 2011. Six tags (one Rocky Mountain, five California) are proposed for non-resident hunters (6 percent).

In addition to Department proposals, as in recent years, it is anticipated that two bighorn sheep tags will be issued to tribal hunters from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWSRO) (one in the John Day River Canyon and one in the Deschutes River Canyon) and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) will issue three tags (one in the Burnt River area and two in the Lookout Mountain hunt area).

### **2013 Bighorn Season Recommendations**

The Department will propose standard calendar shifts for most bighorn sheep hunts (Table 16). One new hunt period will be added for the East Whitehorse hunt area.

Table 16. Recommendations for Controlled Bighorn Sheep Hunts: 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts. Bag Limit: One Ram

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed 2011 Tags		Proposed 2012 Tags		2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
		Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident			
<b>Rocky Mountain Bighorn</b>								
558A	Chesinnus	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
559A1	Snake R #1	2		2		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
559A2	Snake R #2	1	1	1	1	Oct 13 - Oct 23	Oct 12 - Oct 22	
560A	Hurricane Divide	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
560B	Bear Creek	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
564A1	Lookout Mt #1	2		2		Aug 25 - Sep 5	Aug 24 - Sep 4	
564A2	Lookout Mt #2	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
<b>Rocky Mt Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>California Bighorn</b>								
543A1	E John Day R #1	3		3		Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
543A2	E John Day R #2	3		2	1	Oct 28 - Nov 6	Oct 28 - Nov 5	
543A3	E John Day R #3	3		3		Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 9 - Nov 17	
543A4	W John Day R #1	2		2		Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
543A5	W John Day R #2	1	1	1	1	Oct 29 - Nov 6	Oct 28 - Nov 5	
543A6	W John Day R #3	1		2		Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 9 - Nov 17	
543B1	E Deschutes R #1	2		2		Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 7 - Sep 15	
543B2	E Deschutes R #2	2		2		Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
543B3	E Deschutes R #3	Est 1		2		Oct 29 - Nov 6	Oct 28 - Nov 5	
543C1	W Deschutes R #1	3		3		Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 7 - Sep 15	
543C2	W Deschutes R #2	3		3		Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
543C3	W Deschutes R #3	2		3		Oct 29 - Nov 6	Oct 28 - Nov 5	
546	Murderers Creek	2		2		Sep 1 - Sep 16	Aug 31 - Sep 15	
546A	Aldrich	2		2		Aug 11 - Aug 22	Aug 10 - Aug 21	
546B	McClellan	2		2		Aug 11 - Aug 22	Aug 10 - Aug 21	
548	Potamus	1		1		Aug 11 - Aug 22	Aug 10 - Aug 21	
551A	Burnt R Canyon	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
566	Riverside	1		1		Sep 4 - Sep 17	Delete 13	
567A1	Lower Owyhee #1	4		4		Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 17 - Aug 30	
567A2	Lower Owyhee #2	3	1	4		Sep 4 - Sep 17	Sep 3 Sep 16	non resident in 13
568A1	Sheephead Mtns #1	1		2		Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 17 - Aug 30	
568A2	Sheephead Mtns #2	2		2		Sep 4 - Sep 17	Sep 3 Sep 16	

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed 2011 Tags		Proposed 2012 Tags		2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
		Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident			
568B	E Whitehorse	Est 1	5	5	Est 1	Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 17 - Aug 30	New Hunt Period
New '13	E Whitehorse #2					New '13	Sep 3 - Sep 16	
569A1	Steens Mt #1	2	2	2	2	Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 17 - Aug 30	
569A2	Steens Mt #2	2	2	2	2	Sep 4 - Sep 17	Sep 3 - Sep 16	
569B	N Catlow Rim	2	2	2	2	Sep 4 - Sep 17	Sep 3 - Sep 16	
570A	Hart Mountain	3	1	2	1	Aug 28 - Sep 10	Aug 27 - Sep 9	
570B1	E Beatys Butte/ Alvord Peaks #1	Est 3	3	3	3	Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 17 - Aug 30	
570B2	E Beatys Butte/ Alvord Peaks #2	Est 3 Res & 1 NonRes	2	2	1	Sep 4 - Sep 17	Sep 3 - Sep 16	
570C	Coleman - E Guano	2	2	2	2	Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 17 - Aug 30	
574	Warner Unit	4	4	4	4	Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 17 - Aug 30	
575A1	S Central	7	1	4	1	Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 17 - Aug 30	
575A2	S Central #2	Est 5	5	5	5	Sep 4 - Sep 17	Sep 3 - Sep 16	
California Total		78	5	82	5			
Grand Total*		87	6	91	6			

Note: 2011 total includes 13 tags in 8 hunts that were deleted or replaced for 2012.

## **Rocky Mountain Goat Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Management Activity**

During summer 2010 the Department captured 45 mountain goats from the Elkhorn Mountains in Baker County and released them near White Water Creek on lands of the CTWSRO near Mount Jefferson. Animals survived well and most are staying in the vicinity of Mount Jefferson. The Department is planning to augment this translocation with an additional release of about 20 animals in late July. Animals will again be captured in the Elkhorn Mountains and released in upper Whitewater Creek.

### **2011 Rocky Mountain Goat Seasons**

In 2011, the Commission authorized 11 Rocky Mountain goat tags in eight controlled hunts and one special raffle tag. Rocky Mountain goat hunters continue to have high success rates and the required field orientation provided by biologists continues to be useful to help hunters minimize harvest of female goats.

Tribal hunters from CTUIR harvested an additional two mountain goat in 2011.

### **2012 Rocky Mountain Goat Tag Recommendations**

The Department is proposing 11 Rocky Mountain goat tags in eight hunts (Table 17). In addition to Department proposals, the Department expects tribal hunting from the CTUIR during 2012.

### **2013 Rocky Mountain Goat Season Recommendations**

The Department will propose no changes to Rocky Mountain goat hunts in 2013 except for standard calendar shifts for existing hunts (Table 17).

Table 17. Recommendations for Rocky Mountain Goat: 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts  
Bag Limit: One Rocky Mountain Goat, Orientation Class With District Biologist Required for successful applicants.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	2011 Tags	Proposed 2012 Tags	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
951A1	Elkhorn #1	3	3	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
951A2	Elkhorn #2	2	2	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
959A1	Hat Point #1	1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
959A2	Hat Point #2	1	1	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
959B	S Snake River	Est 1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
960A1	E Hurricane Creek	1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
960A2	W Hurricane Creek	1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
960C	Goat Mountain	1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>			
2011 Total includes one tag from one hunt that was deleted for 2012.						

## Pronghorn Antelope Season Summaries and Recommendations

### **Pronghorn Population Overview**

Pronghorn populations are doing well in parts of southeast Oregon (Lake and Harney counties) but continue to struggle in Malheur County. This reflects the variable summer and winter conditions across the landscape during the last year.

### **2011 Pronghorn Harvest**

Although not all hunts were surveyed, survey data indicate that in general, pronghorn hunters continue to enjoy good success. Average success rates were 77% for rifle buck and either-sex hunts, 55% for rifle doe hunts, 37% for muzzleloader hunts, and 22% for archery hunts. In total, 1,248 bucks and 118 does were harvested in the surveyed hunts.

### **2012 Pronghorn Antelope Tag Recommendations**

The Department is proposing 2,680 tags in 56 hunts for 2012 (Table 18, Table 19), representing an increase of about 1 percent from 2011 tag numbers. The proposal for more tags reflects increases in populations in Lake County.

### **2013 Pronghorn Antelope Season Recommendations**

No changes are proposed to the 2013 controlled Pronghorn seasons except for standard calendar date shifts (Table 19). One hunt area (447 Northside Unit) is proposed to expand slightly to provide access to additional animals.

Table 18. Proposed 2012 pronghorn antelope tag numbers by weapon/bag limit.

Weapon / Bag Limit	# Hunts	# Tags
Rifle Buck	24	1,170
Rifle Doe	5	187
Rifle Either Sex	6	368
Bow Buck	3	33
Bow Either Sex	9	719
Muzzleloader Buck	3	66
Muzzleloader Either Sex	3	105
Youth	3	32
Total	56	2,680

Table 19. Recommendations for Controlled Pronghorn: 2012 Tag Numbers and 2013 Season Dates. Bag Limit: One Pronghorn as Specified.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed 2011 Tags	Corrected 2011 Tags**	Proposed 2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags**	2012 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
<b>Rifle Hunts</b>										
435	Paulina Unit	15	16	15	17	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
436	Maury Unit	25	27	25	27	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
437	Ochoco Unit	90	93	90	95	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
438	Grizzly Unit	10	11	10	11	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
443A2	Columbia Plateau # 2	10	10	10	11	One Buck	One Buck	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
446	Murders Cr Unit	50	52	50	53	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
447	Northside Unit	5	6	5	5	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	Boundary Addition
451A	N Sumpter	15	15	15	15	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
451B	S Sumpter	26	27	25	27	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
463	Keating Unit	20	21	20	22	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
464	Lookout Mt Unit	20	21	20	20	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
466A1	Malheur R # 1	90	95	90	96	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
466A2	Malheur R # 2	90	94	90	95	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 22 - Aug 30	Aug 21 - Aug 29	
469A	Steens Mt	120	125	120	125	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
470A	E Beatys Butte	90	93	100	103	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
470B	W Beatys Butte	50	52	55	57	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
470C	Hart Mt	30	31	35	35	One Buck	One Buck	Sep 8 - Sep 14	Sep 7 - Sep 13	
471A	Juniper	80	82	80	82	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
472A1	Sivies # 1	40	42	40	41	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
472A2	Sivies # 2	40	40	40	41	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 22 - Aug 30	Aug 21 - Aug 29	
473A	N Wagonfire	30	32	30	32	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
473B	S Wagonfire	25	26	25	27	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
474A	Warner Unit #1	55	56	65	66	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
474B	Warner Unit #2	55	58	65	66	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 22 - Aug 30	Aug 21 - Aug 29	
<b>Total Buck</b>		<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,169</b>					
440	Maupin-W Biggs	5	5	5	5	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
465	Beulah Unit	75	80	75	79	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
467	Oxyhee Unit	75	79	75	81	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
468A1	Whitehorse Unit #1	80	85	65	68	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
468A2	Whitehorse Unit #2	80	85	65	69	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 22 - Aug 30	Aug 21 - Aug 29	
475A1	E Interstate # 1	25	26	25	27	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
476A	E Ft Rock-Silver Lake	35	36	35	39	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
<b>Total Either Sex</b>		<b>375</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>368</b>					
443A1	Columbia Plateau # 1	30	33	30	33	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
445A	S Fossil-Winlock	10	11	10	11	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
466B	Hamey Basin	60	66	60	66	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Sep 1 - Sep 16	Aug 31 - Sep 15	
472B	Riley	30	33	30	33	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Sep 1 - Sep 16	Aug 31 - Sep 15	
475A2	E Interstate # 2	40	44	40	44	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Aug 22 - Aug 30	Aug 21 - Aug 29	
<b>Total Doe/Fawn</b>		<b>170</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>187</b>					
<b>Rifle Hunt Total</b>		<b>1,625</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>1,724</b>					



Table 19. Recommendations for Controlled Pronghorn: 2012 Tag Numbers and 2013 Season Dates, Bag Limit: One Pronghorn as Specified.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed 2011 Tags	Corrected 2011 Tags**	Proposed 2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags**	2012 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
<b>Bow Hunts</b>										
435R	Paulina Archery	5	5	5	5	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 25 - Sep 2	Aug 24 - Sep 1	
436R	Maury Unit	75	83	75	80	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Aug 31 - Sep 8	
464R	Lookout Mt Unit	20	22	20	22	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Aug 31 - Sep 8	
466R	Melheur R Unit	55	61	55	61	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Aug 31 - Sep 8	
467R	Owyhee Unit	65	72	65	72	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 25 - Sep 2	Aug 24 - Sep 1	
470R1	Hart Mt	20	20	20	21	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 1 - Aug 9	Aug 1 - Aug 9	
470R2	W/Beatys Buife	35	39	40	44	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 22 - Aug 30	Aug 21 - Aug 29	
473R	N Wagonfire Archery	5	5	5	6	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 25 - Sep 2	Aug 24 - Sep 1	
474R	Warner Unit	45	50	50	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 1 - Aug 9	Aug 1 - Aug 9	
475R1	E Interstate	50	55	50	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Aug 31 - Sep 8	
475R2	Gerber Res	200	220	200	220	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 4 - Aug 12	Aug 3 - Aug 11	
477R	E Slope	100	110	100	110	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
<b>Bow Hunt Total</b>		<b>675</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>752</b>					
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>										
435M	Paulina ML	5	5	5	5	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 25 - Sep 2	Aug 24 - Sep 1	
470M	E Beatys Buife	45	49	50	55	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 22 - Aug 30	Aug 21 - Aug 29	
473M1	S. Wagonfire	15	16	15	17	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 22 - Aug 30	Aug 21 - Aug 29	
473M2	N Wagonfire ML	5	5	5	5	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 25 - Sep 2	Aug 24 - Sep 1	
475M	Gerber Res	45	50	45	50	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Aug 31 - Sep 8	
476M	E Ft Rock-Silver Lake	35	37	35	38	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Aug 31 - Sep 8	
<b>Muzzleloader Hunt Total</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>171</b>					
<b>Youth Hunts</b>										
432T	Swan Lake	3	3	3	3	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
453T	Thief Valley	Est 3		3	3	One Buck	One Buck	Aug 1 - Aug 31	Aug 1 - Aug 31	
475T	Gerber Res	25	27	25	26	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 17 - Aug 25	
<b>Youth Hunt Total</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>					
<b>Grand Total*</b>		<b>2,478</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>2,679</b>					

\*\* Tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average unredeemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max correction - 10%).

## **Deer Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **General Winter Conditions**

Western Oregon: Winter 2011–2012 was relatively mild in western Oregon until late when a number of storms brought snow, high winds, and significant moisture to the Cascade and Coast ranges. The prevalence of Deer Hair Loss Syndrome remains variable across western Oregon, primarily at elevations below 1,500 feet.

Eastern Oregon: Many areas in eastern Oregon experienced a mild dry winter with animals in good condition this spring. Overwinter survival was good in most areas; unfortunately fawn and calf ratios were low to moderate in many areas going into winter. Mild winter weather contributed to fewer damage complaints, particularly those caused by elk. Similar to western Oregon, winter persisted late into spring.

Overall, 2012 spring surveys found good winter survival in many deer and elk herds. However, the dry fall in 2011 resulted in many herds going into winter with fall fawns and calves in less than ideal condition, the mild winter moderated the impact to some herds.

### **Deer Season Summaries and Recommendations**

The Mule Deer Plan season framework designates the buck deer season will open the Saturday closest to October 1. Many other seasons, including controlled and general seasons are adjusted accordingly to avoid season overlap (Table 8).

Most buck deer hunting in western Oregon is under a “general season” framework which allows participation by any hunter who purchases a tag before the tag sale deadline (Table 10). Exceptions include controlled High Cascade buck hunts (with tags also valid during the western Oregon general deer seasons), controlled buck hunts in the Umpqua drainage, controlled muzzleloader hunts, controlled antlerless or either-sex hunts, and controlled youth hunts.

As specified in the Mule Deer Plan, all firearms hunting for deer in eastern Oregon is conducted under a controlled hunt system with tag numbers based on biological assessments of herd trend, post-season buck ratios, and other considerations such as weather, hunter crowding, and hunter success. Firearm hunts for antlerless deer are primarily used to address damage and for population control.

In 2003, the southwest Oregon population of Columbian white-tailed deer (CWTD) was removed from the Federal Endangered Species List. Biologists continue to monitor the population. CWTD populations have grown at a consistent rate since 1975. Buck ratios have averaged slightly over 20 bucks per 100 does and recruitment has averaged about 30 fawns per 100 does.

### **2011 General and Controlled Deer Season Harvest**

General black-tailed deer hunter participation declined in 2011: western General rifle hunters declined 5% to 69,656 and the number of western Oregon bow hunters with general tags

increased 5% to 19,118. Harvest increased slightly for both for rifle hunters and archers. Not all controlled hunts were surveyed for 2011 so number of hunters cannot be accurately estimated. However, data from those 600 series (primarily antlerless/spike) hunts that were surveyed suggest the number of black-tailed deer hunters and harvest decreased slightly in 2011, consistent with the reduction in tags offered.

For eastern Oregon, the number of general deer bow hunters remained stable and number of controlled buck rifle hunters declined 4%. Associated harvest remained stable for bow hunters but increased for rifle hunters.

### **Proposed 2012 Controlled Deer Tags**

The Department is proposing no changes to controlled archery and an increase of 51 muzzleloader tags for deer in 2012. The Department is proposing a slight decline (<1%) in the number of controlled buck deer tags (57,795) for 2012 (Table 20). This decline is mainly a function of changes in correction factors for individual hunts. The Department is proposing to reduce controlled rifle antlerless deer tags by six percent to 8,917 for 2012 (Table 21). This reduction is in response to declining black-tailed deer populations in northwest Oregon. Proposed tag numbers for youth hunts will also decrease 3% to 1,233.

### **Proposed 2012 Deer Seasons**

At this time the Department is proposing to maintain existing general season structure with standard calendar adjustment to season dates for 2012 (Table 8). The archery bag limit is a legal buck except in units identified by the Commission each year (see Figure 1 on page 8).

For 2013, the following changes are proposed to controlled deer hunts (Tables 20 and 21). Overall, Department proposals would delete three hunts and add two new hunts. Proposed changes include:

- Delete the S Paulina muzzleloader and bow hunts and replace them with unit-wide hunts.
- Delete 621C Simpson Creek.

Table 20. Recommendations for Controlled Buck: 2012 Tags and 2013 Hurts.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Corrected		Proposed 2013 Bag		2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
		Proposed 2011 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2013 Limit	2012 Bag Limit			
<b>Southwest Area</b>								
123A	Umopqua	20	22	20	22	1 Col. WTD buck 2 pt+ or BTD buck 2 pt+	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
123B	N. Bank Habitat	5	5	5	5	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Dec 8 - Dec 14	Dec 7 - Dec 13
<b>Southwest Area Total</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>			
<b>South Central Area</b>								
131	Keno Unit	850	935	850	935	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
132	Klamath Falls Unit	850	927	850	927	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
133	Sprague Unit	600	660	600	660	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
175	Interstate Unit	1,400	1,540	1,500	1,620	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
176	Silver Lake Unit	1,800	1,980	1,800	1,980	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
177	Fort Rock Unit	2,500	2,750	2,500	2,750	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
<b>South Cent. Area Total</b>		<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,792</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>8,872</b>			
<b>Central Area</b>								
134	Up Deschutes Unit	2,500	2,750	2,500	2,750	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
135	Paulina Unit	2,000	2,200	2,000	2,200	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
136	Maury Unit	350	385	350	385	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
137	Ochoco Unit	2,800	3,080	2,800	3,080	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
138	Grizzly Unit	1,100	1,199	1,100	1,188	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
139	Metolius Unit	400	436	400	404	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
<b>Central Area Total</b>		<b>9,150</b>	<b>10,060</b>	<b>9,150</b>	<b>10,007</b>			
<b>Columbia Area</b>								
140	Maupin Unit	375	413	375	413	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
141B	White R Unit	2,000	2,200	1,750	1,925	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
141C	White R Unit	10	10	10	10	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 9 - Nov 20
142A	Hood Unit	750	825	700	770	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
142B	Hood Unit	10	10	10	10	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 9 - Nov 20
143A	E Biggs	600	660	600	660	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
143B	W Biggs	600	654	700	756	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
<b>Columbia Area Total</b>		<b>4,345</b>	<b>4,772</b>	<b>4,145</b>	<b>4,544</b>			
<b>Northeast Area</b>								
144	Columbia Basin Unit	1,800	1,980	1,800	1,980	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
145	Fossil Unit	1,850	2,035	2,000	2,200	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
146	Murderers Cr Unit	900	990	900	981	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
147	Northeast Unit	1,300	1,430	1,300	1,430	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
148	Hepburn Unit	3,000	3,300	3,200	3,520	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
149	Ukiah Unit	1,660	1,815	1,660	1,815	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
150	Desolation Unit	1,400	1,540	1,400	1,540	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
151	Sumpter Unit	1,700	1,870	1,600	1,760	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9

Table 20. Recommendations for Controlled Buck, 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Corrected		Proposed		2012 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
		2011 Tags	2011 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2012 Tags	2012 Tags <sup>a</sup>					
152A	Starkey	900	990	900	990	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
152B	Starkey Exp For	25	25	25	25	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	9/28 - 10/3 Inside Oct 4 - 10 Outside	9/28 - 10/2 Inside 10/3 - 10/9 Outside	ATV Research
153	Catherine Cr Unit	400	436	400	424	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
154A	E Mt Emily	250	275	250	273	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
154B	W Mt Emily	600	660	600	654	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
154C	Mt Emily	10	10	10	10	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 9 - Nov 20	
155A	Walla Walla Unit	200	216	200	214	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
155B	Mill Cr Watershed	Est 3		3	3	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	USFS Permit Req'd
156	Wenaha Unit	450	495	450	495	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
157	Sled Springs Unit	1,750	1,925	1,750	1,925	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
158	Chequamegon Unit	500	550	500	550	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
159	Snake R Unit	300	330	300	330	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
160	Minam Unit	600	660	600	660	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
161	Imnaha Unit	750	825	750	825	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
162	Pine Cr Unit	375	413	375	413	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
163	Keating Unit	450	482	450	477	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
164	Lockout Mt Unit	300	327	300	318	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
165	Beulah Unit	1,700	1,870	1,700	1,870	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	Brndy Clarification
165A	SE Beulah	450	491	450	488	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	Brndy Clarification
<b>Northeast Area Total</b>		<b>23,610</b>	<b>25,940</b>	<b>23,863</b>	<b>26,168</b>					
<b>Southeast Area</b>										
166	Malheur R Unit	1,700	1,870	1,700	1,870	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
167	Owyhee Unit	550	600	550	605	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
168A	Trout Cr Mts	50	52	50	52	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
168B	E Whitehorse	250	275	250	273	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
169A	Steens Mt	250	275	250	263	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
170A	Beauly Butte	200	218	200	214	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
171A	N Juniper	125	138	100	110	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
171B	S Juniper	100	110	100	110	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
172	Slivies Unit	700	770	700	749	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
173	Wagonfire Unit	200	220	200	216	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
174A	N Warner	30	31	30	31	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
174B	S Warner	200	220	200	220	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9	
<b>Southeast Area Total</b>		<b>4,355</b>	<b>4,779</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>4,713</b>					
<b>High Cascade</b>										
119A	W High Cascade	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,300	Buck 2 pt+	Buck 2 pt+	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 7 - Sep 15	
141A	Hood-White Rvr	200	220	150	184	Buck 2 pt+	Buck 2 pt+	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 7 - Sep 15	
<b>High Cascade Rifle Total</b>		<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>3,484</b>					
<b>Rifle Hunt Total</b>		<b>62,685</b>	<b>67,880</b>	<b>62,763</b>	<b>67,795</b>					

Table 20. Recommendations for Controlled Buck: 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed 2011 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Corrected 2011 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2012 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
<b>Archery Hunts</b>										
123R1	Umpqua Bow	50	55	50	55	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
123R2	N Bank Habitat Bow	10	11	10	10	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 7 - Sep 22	
131R	Keno Unit Bow (Only bow deer opp.)	125	138	125	138	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 27 - Nov 19	Oct 26 - Nov 19	
135R	S Paulina Bow (Only bow deer opp.)	20	20	20	20	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 12 - Nov 30	Delete '13	Replace w/ Unit Wide
New '13	Paulina Unit Bow (Only bow deer opp.)			Est 20			Antlerless		Nov 11 - Nov 30	New Hunt
136R	Mauri Unit Bow	115	127	115	127	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
139R1	Metolius Bow #1 (Only bow deer opp.)	20	21	20	20	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 1 - Nov 30	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
139R2	Metolius Bow #2 (Only bow deer opp.)	25	28	25	28	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Nov 30	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
165R	W Beulah (Only bow deer opp.)	20	20	20	20	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 9 - Nov 20	
168R1	Trout Cr Traditional Bow	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
168R2	SE Whitehorse (Only bow deer opp.)	20	20	20	20	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 17 - Nov 28	Nov 16 - Nov 27	
169R	Steers Mtn Unit Bow	125	136	125	138	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
170R1	Hart Mt Bow #1 (Only bow deer opp.)	15	16	15	15	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 1 - Aug 9	Aug 1 - Aug 9	
170R2	Hart Mt Bow #2 (Only bow deer opp.)	15	17	15	16	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
170R3	Hart Mt Bow #3 (Only bow deer opp.)	5	6	5	6	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 1 - Nov 7	Nov 1 - Nov 7	
174R1	N Warner Bow	50	55	50	55	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
174R2	S Warner Bow	85	93	85	94	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
<b>Archery Hunt Total</b>		<b>700</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>752</b>					

Table 20. Recommendations for Controlled Buck: 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Corrected		Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Dates	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
		Proposed 2011 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags <sup>a</sup>						
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>									
100M	N Muzzleloader	800	872	800	872	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 29 - Nov 30 Oct 13 - Oct 23	Sep 28 - Nov 30 Oct 12 - Oct 22
	Williamette Unit								
	Hood Unit & Hood R Val								
	Trask Unit								
	McKenzie Unit & N Indigo								
121M	S Indigo	50	54	50	54	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 3 - Nov 16 Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 2 - Nov 15 Nov 9 - Nov 20
123M1	Meirose - N Sixes	150	165	150	165	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 25 - Dec 6	Nov 25 - Dec 6
123M2	N Bank Habitat	5	5	5	5	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Nov 10 - Nov 18 Nov 24 - Nov 30	Nov 9 - Nov 17 Nov 23 - Nov 29
128M	Applegate Unit	300	321	300	318	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 10 - Dec 2	Nov 9 - Dec 1
132M	Klamath Falls	25	27	25	27	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 27 - Nov 4	Oct 26 - Nov 3
135M	S Paulina	35	38	35	37	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Delete '13
New '13	Paulina Unit			Est 35		Antlerless	Antlerless		Oct 12 - Oct 18
139M1	Metolius # 1	25	26	25	27	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 20 - Oct 26	Oct 19 - Oct 25
139M2	Metolius # 2	20	21	20	21	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 26	Oct 19 - Oct 25
145M	Flatiron	Est 50		50	55	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20
148M	Ditch Cr	125	138	125	138	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20
151M	Baker Muzzleloader	80	80	80	80	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Nov 15 - Nov 28	Nov 11 - Nov 24
153M	Union Co	400	440	400	440	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Nov 12 - Nov 25	Nov 11 - Nov 24
156M	N Wenaha-E Sled Springs	275	303	275	303	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Nov 30 - Dec 8
166M	N Malheur	50	55	50	55	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20
168M	NE Whitehorse	25	28	25	25	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 17 - Nov 28	Nov 16 - Nov 27
170M	Hart Mt	15	15	15	15	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Sep 28 - Oct 9
171M	Juniper	10	10	10	10	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 23 - Dec 1
172M	Silvies Unit	50	55	50	55	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20
176M	Silver Lake/E. Ft. Rock	30	32	30	32	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20
<b>Muzzleloader Hunt Total</b>		<b>2,470</b>	<b>2,683</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>2,734</b>				
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>55,955</b>	<b>61,326</b>	<b>55,983</b>	<b>61,291</b>				

<sup>a</sup> Most proposed tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average redemption rate to compensate for tags drawn but not sold (max correction = 10%).

Table 21. Recommendations for Controlled Antlerless Deer. 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed 2011 Tags	Corrected 2011 Tags <sup>3</sup>	Proposed 2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags <sup>3</sup>	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
<b>Northwest Area</b>										
610	Saddle Mt Unit	100	107	20	21	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
611	Scappoose Unit	50	53	20	20	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
612	Wilson Unit	50	54	20	21	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
614	Trask Unit	50	53	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
615	Willamette Unit	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,180	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 1 <sup>12</sup> - Feb 28 '13	Sep 1 <sup>13</sup> - Feb 28 '14	
616A1	NW Santiam Est 300	250	275	250	275	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
616A2	SW Santiam Est 150	100	110	100	110	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
617	Statt Mt Unit	50	52	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
618	Alsea Unit	50	53	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
619	West McKenzie Unit	600	636	600	630	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
619A	Mill Cr	400	428	400	424	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Nov 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, Dec 1-2	Nov 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30, Dec 1	Brndy Clarification
620A	N Siuslaw	50	54	50	54	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
620B	S Siuslaw	30	32	30	33	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
620C	Camas Swale	300	324	300	324	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
<b>Northwest Area Total</b>		<b>5,280</b>	<b>5,736</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>5,242</b>					
<b>Southwest Area</b>										
621A	Dorena	300	327	300	324	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
621B	Calapooya	30	33	30	33	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
621C	Simpson Cr	10	11	10	11	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Delete '13	
622A	W Dixon	30	32	30	33	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
623	Melrose Unit	250	273	250	268	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
623A	Central Melrose	1,000	1,100	1,000	1,100	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
623B1	North Bank Habitat # 1	15	17	15	17	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 12 - Oct 18	
623B2	North Bank Habitat # 2	10	10	10	11	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Nov 10 - Nov 16	Nov 9 - Nov 15	
623B3	North Bank Habitat # 3	15	16	15	16	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Dec 22 - Dec 28	Dec 21 - Dec 27	
624A	Tioga	50	53	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
624B	E Tioga	70	75	70	75	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
625	Sixes Unit	100	104	100	103	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
626	Powers Unit	70	74	70	70	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
627	Chetco Unit	50	53	35	35	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
628A	W Applegate	50	52	35	35	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
629	Evans Cr Unit	35	37	25	26	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 19 - Nov 1	
<b>Southwest Area Total</b>		<b>2,085</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>2,207</b>					
<b>Central Area</b>										
638A	Lower Willow Cr Agric	25	27	10	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Nov 30	Oct 12 - Nov 30	
<b>Central Area Total</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>					



Table 21. Recommendations for Controlled Antlerless Deer: 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed 2011 Tags	Corrected 2011 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
<b>Columbia Area</b>									
640	Maupin Unit	5	5	5	5	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
641A	The Daitles Orchard (SG / ML Only)	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 7 - Sep 15	
642A	Hood Unit & Hood River Valley	20	21	10	10	Antlerless	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
643A	E Biggs	20	22	20	22	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
643B	W Biggs	25	27	25	27	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
	<b>Columbia Area Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>				
<b>Northeast Area</b>									
644A1	Umatilla NWR #1 (SG / ML Only)	15	15	15	15	Antlerless	Sep 1 - Sep 5	Aug 31 - Sep 4	
644A2	Umatilla NWR #2 (SG / ML Only)	15	15	15	15	Antlerless	Sep 15 - Sep 19	Sep 14 - Sep 18	
644A3	Umatilla NWR #3 (SG / ML Only)	3	3	3	3	One Deer	Sep 29 - Oct 3	Sep 28 - Oct 2	
644B1	N Columbia Basin # 1	50	55	50	51	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 19 - Oct 27	
644B2	N Columbia Basin # 2	50	55	50	55	Antlerless	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 9 - Nov 17	
644C	S Columbia Basin	50	55	100	110	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
645A	N Fossil	20	22	20	22	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
647A	John Day Val	10	11	10	10	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
647B	Middle Fork John Day	25	28	25	28	Antlerless WTD	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
648A	Hegpner Private	20	20	20	20	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
649A1	N Ukiah # 1	50	55	50	52	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 19 - Oct 27	
649A2	N Ukiah # 2	50	53	50	50	Antlerless	Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 9 - Nov 17	
649B	W Blue Mts (Bow or ML Only)	120	128	120	121	One White-tailed Deer	Nov 17 - Dec 2	Nov 16 - Dec 1	
651A	Sumpter/Unity Agri	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
653A	Union Co Agric	10	10	10	10	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 28	Oct 12 - Oct 27	
654A	Rawhide	40	44	40	44	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 11	Oct 19 - Nov 10	
655A	Orchards	20	22	20	22	One White-tailed Deer	Dec 1 - Dec 10	Dec 1 - Dec 10	
655B1	Walla Walla No. 1	40	43	40	43	Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 4	Oct 26 - Nov 3	
655B2	Walla Walla No. 2	40	44	40	44	Antlerless	Jan 1 - Jan 20, 2013	Jan 1 - Jan 19, 2014	
657A1	Flora No 1	40	44	40	44	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 17	Oct 12 - Oct 16	
657A2	Flora No 2	25	28	25	28	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 17	Oct 12 - Oct 16	
657B1	N Wallowa Val No. 1	50	54	25	25	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
657B2	N Wallowa Val No. 2	50	55	50	55	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
657C	Upper Swamp Cr	40	44	40	43	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
660A1	Up Wallowa Val No. 1 (CF Rites Prohibited)	25	28	25	28	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	

Table 21. Recommendations for Controlled Antlerless Deer: 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed		Corrected		Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
		2011 Tags	2012 Tags	2011 Tags	2012 Tags				
660A2	Up Wailowa Val No. 2 (CF Rifles Prohibited)	150	165	150	165	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
660A3	Up Wailowa Val No. 3 (CF Rifles Prohibited)	25	27	60	66	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Dec 10 - Dec 16	Dec 9 - Dec 15	
660B	Lostine-Allen Canyon	25	28	15	16	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
663A	Keating Agric	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
665A	Vale Bench (CF Rifles Prohibited)	25	26	25	27	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	Bndry Clarification
665B	Vale-Ontario Agric (CF Rifles Prohibited)	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
665C	Moore's Hollow - Porter Flat (No CF Rifles)	30	30	30	30	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	New Weapon Restriction
665D	Willow Creek Ag (CF Rifles Prohibited)	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
<b>Southeast Area</b>		<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>1,286</b>				
667A	Mitchell Butte (CF Rifles Prohibited)	50	53	50	52	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 31	Oct 12 - Oct 20	New Weapon Restriction
667B	NE Owyhee (CF Rifles Prohibited)	30	33	30	33	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	New Weapon Restriction
679A	Harney Basin Agri	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
<b>Southeast Area Total</b>		<b>90</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>96</b>				
<b>Youth Hunts</b>									
141T	The Dalles Watershed Youth 100 series	2	2	5	5	One Buck with visible antler	Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 9 - Nov 17	
174T	Warner Unit Youth 100 series	20	20	20	20	One Deer	Sep 15 - Sep 23	Sep 14 - Sep 22	
175T	Interstate Unit Youth 100 series	30	30	30	30	One Deer	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
610T	Saddle Mountain Unit	50	54	50	51	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 4	Sep 28 - Nov 3	
611T	Scappoose Unit	50	54	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 4	Sep 28 - Nov 3	
612T	Wilson Unit	50	53	50	51	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 4	Sep 28 - Nov 3	
614T	Trask Unit	50	55	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 4	Sep 28 - Nov 3	
616T	SW Santiam	100	107	100	100	One Deer	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 9 - Nov 20	Bndry Change
617T	Stott Mt. Unit	30	32	30	32	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 4	Sep 28 - Nov 3	
618T	Alsea Unit	20	21	20	20	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 4	Sep 28 - Nov 3	
619T	McKenzie Unit	100	105	100	100	One Deer	Nov 9 - Nov 20	Nov 9 - Nov 20	
620T1	N. Siuslaw	40	42	40	44	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 4	Sep 28 - Nov 3	
620T2	Territorial	10	11	10	10	One Deer	Nov 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25	Nov 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24	
621T	N Indigo	75	80	75	75	One Deer	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 9 - Nov 20	
623T1	N Bank Hbt. Mgt. #1	30	31	30	31	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Sep 29 - Oct 7	Sep 28 - Oct 6	

Table 21. Recommendations for Controlled Antlerless Deer: 2012 Tags and 2013 Hunts.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	Proposed 2011 Tags	Corrected 2011 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags <sup>b</sup>	2012 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
623T2	N Bank Hbt. Mgt. #2	10	11	10	11	One Black-tailed Deer	One Black-tailed Deer	Oct 27 - Nov 4	Oct 26 - Nov 3	
623T3	Melrose	40	43	40	43	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15 '12 - Jan 2 '13	Dec 21 '13 - Jan 5 '14	
625T	N Sixes	70	77	70	77	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Dec 15 '12 - Jan 2 '13	Dec 14 '13 - Jan 1 '14	
627T	Chetco Unit	25	25	25	25	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15 '12 - Jan 2 '13	Dec 14 '13 - Jan 1 '14	
628T	Applegate Unit	25	25	25	25	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15 '12 - Jan 2 '13	Dec 14 '13 - Jan 1 '14	
629T	Evans Cr Unit	50	55	50	55	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15 '12 - Jan 2 '13	Dec 14 '13 - Jan 1 '14	
630T	Rogue Unit	75	83	50	55	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15 '12 - Jan 2 '13	Dec 14 '13 - Jan 1 '14	
New '13	Moyna Hill		New '13	Est 3		One Deer	One Deer		Oct 19 - Oct 27	New Hunt
640T	Mid-Columbia Private	10	11	20	22	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 23 - Dec 1	
644T1	Umatilla NWR (SG or ML Only)	8	8	8	8	Antlerless	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Aug 29	Aug 24 - Aug 28	
644T2	Umatilla County	40	44	40	43	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 17 - Dec 9	Nov 16 - Dec 8	
648T	Morrow Co	55	60	55	59	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 23 - Dec 1	
651T	Baker	40	44	40	42	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 19 - Oct 27	
New '13	Baker WTD		New '13	Est 30		Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Antlerless White-tailed Deer		Oct 19 - Oct 27	New Youth Hunt
652T1	Ladd Marsh Bow (Archery Only)	3	3	3	3	One Deer	One Deer	Aug 25 - Sep 9	Aug 24 - Sep 8	
652T2	Ladd Marsh (SG or ML Only)	3	3	3	3	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 19 - Sep 28	Sep 18 - Sep 27	
665T	Malheur Co Youth	50	55	50	55	Antlerless	Antlerless	Aug 1 - Sep 22, Oct 13 - Oct 31	Aug 1 - Sep 22, Oct 12 - Oct 31	
675T	Paisley Youth	Est. 5	5	5	5	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Sep 1 - Sep 9	
679T	Harney Basin	30	33	30	33	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 7 - Sep 15	
<b>Youth Total</b>		<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>1,233</b>					
<b>Grand Total<sup>b</sup></b>		<b>9,904</b>	<b>10,741</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>10,150</b>					

<sup>a</sup> Most proposed tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average redemption rate to compensate for tags drawn but not sold (max correction = 10%).

<sup>b</sup> 2011 total includes 590 tags from 2 hunts that were deleted or replaced in 2012.

## Elk Season Summaries and Recommendations

There is a mixture of season structures used for elk hunting in Oregon. Hunters can participate in general season Roosevelt elk rifle hunting in the Cascades and most of the Coast Range. Limited areas are available for general season Rocky Mountain elk hunting during both the first and second seasons in eastern Oregon. Most archery hunting for elk is general season.

Controlled seasons are used for many eastern Oregon bull and either sex hunts and some western Oregon bull hunts. Controlled bull hunting is practiced for several reasons, including achieving the bull ratio MO in areas where vulnerability of bulls has led to over-harvest under general seasons in the past; or where hunter numbers are limited to improve hunting quality. All firearms antlerless elk hunting opportunity is by controlled hunts. Antlerless hunts are used primarily to address damage and reduce populations which are over MO.

**2010 Elk Harvest** (Note, since 2004 harvest surveys are not conducted for all hunts (Table 22).

Table 22. Recent trend in elk hunters, harvest, and success rates based on surveyed hunts

Hunt/Weapon Type	Hunters		Harvest		Success Rate (%)	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
<b>General Seasons</b>						
Rocky Mountain 1 <sup>st</sup>	779	770	112	132	14%	17%
Rocky Mountain 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6,981	6,789	558	735	8%	11%
Coast 1 <sup>st</sup>	7,523	7,319	860	818	11%	11%
Coast 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5,781	6,186	659	675	11%	11%
Cascade	11,125	11,814	478	592	4%	5%
Eastern Bow	14,040	15,091	1,852	2,149	13%	14%
Coast Bow	9,884	8,685	1,019	1,332	10%	15%
Cascade Bow	8,728	6,374	252	372	3%	6%
<b>Controlled Seasons</b>						
Rocky Mountain Bull <sup>a</sup>	12,973	13,693	2,119	2,305	16%	17%
Rocky Mountain Antlerless <sup>a</sup>	5,109	6,713	1,510	2,164	30%	32%
Rocky Mountain Any Elk <sup>a</sup>	3,776	4,120	924	1,170	24%	28%
Cascade <sup>a</sup>	905	956	335	253	37%	26%
Coast Antlerless <sup>a</sup>	4,205	4,069	1,651	1,659	39%	41%
Coast Bull <sup>a</sup>	4,989	5,079	1,001	895	20%	18%
Controlled Bow <sup>a</sup>	838	1,327	156	144	19%	11%
Cascade Muzzleloader <sup>a</sup>	1,039	1,040	114	228	11%	22%
<b>Disabled Hunters</b>	2,268	2,286	413	451	18%	20%
<b>All Surveyed Elk Hunts</b>	<b>100,943</b>	<b>102,311</b>	<b>14,013</b>	<b>16,074</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Not all hunts surveyed.

Concerns were initially expressed regarding 46 extended season youth elk hunts which were new in 2010. These 5-month long youth hunts for antlerless elk were designed to provide maximum opportunities to hunt amongst all the other demands competing for their time. In total, 693 antlerless elk tags were authorized for these hunts in 2011 (678 in 2010).

The primary concerns were with overlap of the youth rifle hunts with General and Controlled bow hunts and hunting during August when calves are likely still at heel. As a result of these concerns, a

special telephone survey was conducted again this year for these hunts. The hunts continue to be very well received. Highlights of the results are as follows:

- 96% of the tags authorized were purchased (98% in 2010)
- 91% of the youth purchasing the tag reported that they hunted (93% in 2010)
- 88% (86% in 2010) of the hunters reported making at least one special trip to hunt with this tag, 68% (66% in 2010) of the hunters reported another deer or elk season was open when they were hunting
- 4,396 youth days afield were relatively evenly distributed over the five month season
- 153 – 222 youth cow elk hunters in the field monthly
- 279 elk harvested by 613 hunters for 46% overall success rate (0% - 100% by hunt). Of those hunters that hunted and reported harvesting an elk, 23% (24% in 2010) reported harvesting their elk during August (estimated 63 elk)
- 97% of tag holders that hunted enjoyed the hunting experience (same as 2010)
- 95% (94% in 2010) of unsuccessful hunters and 98% (same as 2010) of successful hunters indicated they will try to hunt elk again

### **Proposed 2012 Controlled Elk Tags**

Most archery elk hunting is conducted under general seasons. For the 16 controlled bow hunts for elk, the Department is proposing 5,075 tags for 2012 (Table 23). Proposed controlled muzzleloader elk tags are down 2% (42 tags) to 2,452 for 2012. Proposed controlled elk rifle tags for 2012 are up slightly to 48,507 tags. The Department is proposing a 2% decrease in youth elk tags to 1,052 for 2012.

### **Proposed 2013 Elk Seasons**

At this time the Department is proposing to maintain existing general season structure with standard calendar adjustment to most season dates for 2013 (Table 8). The archery bag limit is a legal bull except in units identified by the Commission each year (see Figure 1 on page 5).

For 2013, the following changes are proposed to controlled elk hunts (Table 23). Overall, Department proposals would delete 16 hunts and create 12 new controlled elk hunts. Proposed changes include:

- Eleven small cow hunts in the Alsea and E Stott Mtn. units are being deleted and replaced with three hunts with a larger hunt area.
- Delete the SW Santiam #3 and Norton Creek antlerless hunts.
- Delete the unit-wide Ochoco antlerless hunt and replace it with two private lands hunts to move elk back onto forest lands, and add a second controlled bow hunt for bulls in the Ochoco Unit.
- Add three new spike only controlled bow hunts in Mt. Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha Units, and make all controlled elk hunts in these unit only opportunity hunts.
- Add a second muzzleloader cow hunt in the Elkhorn Mountains.
- Add a third youth cow hunt in the Wilson Unit.

## **Premier Unit Bull Elk hunts: MT Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha**

The Department is aware of concerns regarding conflicts of spike hunters with hunters who have a difficult to draw "One Bull" tag in the Mt. Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha WMU's. Wildlife Division staff recently met with NE Region Managers and Biologists, and Oregon State Police Troopers specifically to discuss both rifle and archery elk seasons in these three units.

During the meeting it became apparent all of the problems, conflicts, and enforcement issues mentioned were associated with the "spike only" hunters during archery season; there were no ready examples of problems or conflicts with "Spike Only hunters" during the rifle season. While the Department has not received a formal estimate of non-compliance from OSP regarding their elk hunter contacts in these units, both the troopers that work the area and Department staff consider problems during the archery season very common. As one example a hunter took 4 big bulls in three years using general season tags.

Concepts developed at the meeting include some that would restrict archery "spike only" hunters. Virtually all of the problems have involved hunters with general archery season tags valid for "spike only" in these premier units illegally taking branch antlered bulls.

To increase the likelihood of increasing "One Bull" tags in the future it is important to reduce the "loopholes" being used by some hunters to illegally take branch bulls.

Proposals being considered for 2013 will be provided to the Commission June 2012; adoption of 2013 regulations will occur in October, 2012. Current concepts include:

1. Changing spike only tags for these three units to controlled hunts specific to the WMU.
  - a. Reduces opportunity for general season hunters to take a branch bull and claim they shot it in a different WMU
  - b. Creates capability of reducing spike tags potentially resulting in more "One Bull" tags in the future
  - c. Allows some spike hunting for individuals who traditionally hunt the WMU
2. Make these controlled hunts the hunters only archery elk opportunity for the year
  - a. Eliminates a "Spike Only" hunter from taking a branch bull and claiming they shot it in a different WMU, their tag is only good for a spike in the WMU it was issued for.
  - b. Would reduce competition for these tags to those hunters dedicated to hunting these units.
3. Require controlled elk tag to deer hunt during the archery season (same system used in Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, and Ochoco).
  - a. Eliminates the option of a hunter with general deer and elk archery tags legally "hunting deer" with a general season archery elk tag in their pocket
  - b. Eliminates opportunity for a person legally archery deer hunting to shoot an elk for a tag holder

For 2012, the Department is proposing reductions in spike hunting opportunity for rifle hunters and increasing branch bull tags slightly in these three WMUs.

Table 23. Recommendations for Controlled elk: 2012 tag numbers and 2013 hunts.

2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	2011 Tags, 2011 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Corrected 2011 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2012 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012-13 Dates	Proposed 2013-14 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
<b>Northwest Area</b>										
210	Saddle Mt. Unit	20	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 23 - Dec 1	
210A1	Onion Peak No. 1	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30	Dec 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29	
210A2	Onion Peak No. 2	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 2013	Jan 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 2014	
210B1	Lewis & Clark No. 1	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30	Dec 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29	
210B2	Lewis & Clark No. 2	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 2013	Jan 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 2014	
210C	Up Nehalem	45	47	45	46	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
210D	Lower Columbia (Master Hunter ONLY)	30	32	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
210E	Young's River	20	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30	Dec 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29	
210F1	Camp McGregor No. 1	15	17	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 2013	Jan 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 2014	
210F2	Camp McGregor No. 2	15	17	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 13	Nov 9 - Nov 12	
210X	Saddle Mt Unit No. 1	1,200	1,320	1,200	1,320	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov 10 - Nov 13	Nov 9 - Nov 12	
210Y	Saddle Mt Unit No. 2	1,200	1,320	1,200	1,320	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov 10 - Nov 13	Nov 9 - Nov 12	
211A1	S Scappoose No. 1	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
211A2	S Scappoose No. 2	15	17	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
211A3	S Scappoose No. 3	35	39	35	39	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
211B	N Central Scappoose	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
212	Wilson Unit	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 23 - Dec 1	
212A1	Miami-Nehalem No. 1	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
212A2	Miami-Nehalem No. 2	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 '12 - Jan 31 '13	Dec 15 '13 - Jan 31 '14	
212A3	Miami-Nehalem No. 3 (Master Hunter ONLY)	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1 - Mar 15, 2013	Feb 1 - Mar 15, 2014	
212B	Lower Kilditch	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
212C	Buick Canyon	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 16 '12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 16 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
214	Trask Unit	20	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 23 - Dec 1	
214A	W Trask	45	47	45	45	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
214B	Wind River	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
214C	Beaver Cr	25	26	25	25	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
214D	Pike	30	31	30	32	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-12 - Mar 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 15 '14	
214E1	NE Trask No. 1	10	10	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31 '14	
214E2	NE Trask No. 2	20	22	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
214F	Faither Cr	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	
214G	Salmon R Estuary (MH Only, SG Only)	15	17	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 13, 2013	Jan 1 - Jan 12, 2014	
215A1	Willamette Plus No 1	100	109	100	107	One Elk	One Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
215A2	Willamette Plus No 2	150	165	150	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
216B1	SW Santiam No. 1	70	77	35	39	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Remove Willamette NF
216B2	SW Santiam No. 2	30	33	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	Remove Willamette NF
216B3	SW Santiam No. 3	15	17	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Delete in '13	

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216C1	Madalia No. 1	30	33	30	31	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
216C2	Madalia No. 2	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	
216C3	Madalia No. 3	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
216D	Sandy	25	28	25	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
217A	Green Mountain	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
217A1	E. Stott Mt. No. 1	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Delete in '13	Absorbed by Dallas Hunt
217A2	E. Stott Mt. No. 2	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 15, 2013	Delete in '13	Absorbed by Dallas Hunt
217B	W. Stott Mt.	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Delete in '13	In Up. Siletz Rvr
217C	Lower Siletz Rvr.	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	Brndy Clarification
217D	Upper Siletz Rvr.	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	Date & Brndy Change
218A	N. Alsea	30	33	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Delete in '13	Absorbed in NE Alsea
New '13 NE Alsea			New in '13	Est. 30		One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	New Hunt
New '13 Dallas			New in '13	Est. 10		One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	New Hunt
218D	SW Alsea	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 21 - Dec 31	Date Shift
218C	SE Alsea	25	28	25	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	Date Shift
218D	Central Alsea	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Delete in '13	In Central Private
218E	SW Alsea Private Lands	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	
218F	Central Alsea Private	Est. 10		10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	
218G	Thompson Cr.	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Delete in '13	Replaced by NW Alsea
New '13 NW Alsea			New in '13	Est. 30		One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	
218H	L. Jom - Bellfountain	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 15, 2013	Delete in '13	Absorbed by SE Alsea
218J1	Airfile - Lewisburg No. 1	40	42	40	42	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 31 '13	Delete in '13	Absorbed by NE Alsea
218J2	Airfile - Lewisburg No. 2	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Delete in '13	Absorbed by NE Alsea
218K	West Kings Valley	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Mar 15 '13	Delete in '13	Absorbed by NE Alsea
218L	Turn Turn	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	Delete in '13	Absorbed by Cant. Alsea
219A	Mohawk	25	28	25	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 14 - Dec 22	Dec 14 - Dec 22	
219B	SW McKenzie	40	44	40	44	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 14 - Dec 22	
219C1	NW McKenzie No. 1	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 14 - Dec 22	
219C2	NW McKenzie No. 2	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	
219D	Wendling	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 29-30 '12, Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Feb 2-3, 2013	Dec 28-29 '13, Jan 4-5, 13-14, 18-19, 25-26, Feb 1-2, 2014	
219E	Horse Rock	25	28	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	
219F	Scott Mountain	15	17	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
219G1	Norton Cr	10	11	5	6	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 29-30 '12, Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Feb 2-3, 2013	Delete in '13	
219H	Peugot	30	32	30	31	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
219J	Calridge Private Lands (SG, MT, only)	15	17	15	16	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	
220A	Nori-Sigourney	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	
220B	W. Shuslaw	50	55	50	52	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	
220C	E. Shuslaw	10	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	
	<b>Northwest Total</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>4,519</b>	<b>3,930</b>	<b>4,298</b>					



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<b>Southwest Area</b>										
220D	Elkton	40	41	40	40	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
221A	NW Indigo	50	55	50	54	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 14 - Dec 22	
221B	Cougar Mt - Taylor Bt	15	17	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2014	Bandry Clarification
221C	Sutherland	30	33	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 2013	Feb 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 2014	
221D	S Indigo Private	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Feb 28 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Feb 28 '14	
222A	Dixon Private	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 15 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Nov 15 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
223A1	Metrose Unit No. 1	200	220	200	220	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
223A2	Metrose Unit No. 2	10	10	10	10	One Elk	One Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
224A	Callahan	30	32	30	32	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 2013	Jan 25-26, Feb 1-2, 8-9, 2014	
224B	Old Blue	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 2013	Jan 25-26, Feb 1-2, 8-9, 2014	
224C	Tioga Private	10	11	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Feb 28 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Feb 28 '14	
224X	Tioga Unit No. 1	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 9 - Nov 13	
224Y	Tioga Unit No. 2	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
225A	N Sixes	150	156	150	150	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Feb 28 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Feb 28 '14	
225B	Curry Private	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Jan 31 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Jan 31 '14	
225C	Coffee Bunte (Master Hunter Only)	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1 - Feb 28, 2013	Feb 1 - Feb 28, 2014	
225X	Sixes Unit No. 1	120	120	120	120	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 9 - Nov 13	
225Y	Sixes Unit No. 2	120	120	120	120	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
226A	Powers Private	10	11	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Feb 28 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Feb 28 '14	
226X	Powers Unit No. 1	400	400	400	400	One Spoke Only Elk	One Spoke Only Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 9 - Nov 13	
226Y	Powers Unit No. 2	75	79	100	105	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
227X	Clatco Unit No. 1	60	66	65	71	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 9 - Nov 13	
227Y	Clatco Unit No. 2	60	63	65	67	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
228A	Applegate-Evans Cr	30	33	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 15 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Nov 15 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
230A	W Rogue	30	31	25	26	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 15 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Nov 15 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
	<b>Southwest Area Total</b>	<b>5,390</b>	<b>5,460</b>	<b>5,340</b>	<b>5,394</b>					
<b>Southcentral Area</b>										
232X	Klamath Falls Unit No. 1	70	77	70	77	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
232Y	Klamath Falls Unit No. 2	50	55	50	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
233X	Sprague Unit No. 1	200	220	200	220	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
233Y	Sprague Unit No. 2	100	110	100	110	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
235X	Paulina-E Fort Rock No. 1	700	770	700	770	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
235Y	Paulina-E Fort Rock No. 2	500	550	500	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
275X	Interstate Unit No. 1	300	330	300	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
275Y	Interstate Unit No. 2	150	165	150	165	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
276X	Silver Lake Unit No. 1	350	350	350	350	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
276Y	Silver Lake Unit No. 2	200	200	200	200	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
277A	Connely Hills	50	54	50	51	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Sep 1 - 21, Oct 13 - Nov 30	Sep 1 - Sep 20, Oct 12 - Nov 30	
277B	Hayes Bt.-Murdock Cr.	25	27	25	27	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
	<b>Southcentral Total</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>2,908</b>					

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<b>Central Area</b>										
234A	Little River	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - 24, Nov 12 - 30	Aug 1 - 23, Nov 11 - 30	
234B	Tumalo	15	16	15	16	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - 24, Dec 1 - 31	Aug 1 - 23, Dec 1 - 31	
235A	Backlands	40	43	30	32	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Oct 31	Aug 15 - Oct 31	
236A	Maury-Hampton Butte	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Aug 15 - Nov 15	+ 3 Months
236X	Maury Unit No. 1	75	83	60	66	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
236Y	Maury Unit No. 2	75	80	60	64	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
237	Ochoco Unit	350	378	100	104	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Delete in '13	Replace w/ Pvt Ltd Hunts
237A	N. Ochoco	75	83	75	83	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Nov 30	Aug 15 - Nov 30	
237B	Crooked River	175	191	175	187	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Nov 30	Aug 15 - Nov 30	Boundary Chg
237X	Ochoco Unit No. 1	220	242	235	259	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
New '13	Ochoco Private No. 1		New in '13	Est: 50		One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Oct 23 - Oct 27	New Hunt
237Y	Ochoco Unit No. 2	220	231	235	244	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
New '13	Ochoco Private No. 2		New in '13	Est: 50		One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	New Hunt
238A	SW Grizzly	250	275	250	273	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Nov 30	Aug 15 - Nov 30	
238B	N. Grizzly Private	150	165	100	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Nov 30	Aug 15 - Nov 30	
238C1	Grizzly Private No. 1	125	138	125	138	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
238C2	Grizzly Private No. 2	150	165	150	165	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
238X	Grizzly Unit No. 1	65	72	65	72	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
238Y	Grizzly Unit No. 2	65	71	65	70	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
	<b>Central Area Total</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>2255</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>1905</b>					
<b>Columbia Area</b>										
240A	Maupin-W Biggs	600	660	600	660	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Nov 30	Oct 12 - Nov 30	
241A	The Dalles Watershed	30	33	30	33	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
241B	White R-Hood	46	44	40	44	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
241C1	N. White R-Hood No. 1	20	22	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Jan 15 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Jan 15 '14	
241C2	N. White R-Hood No. 2	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 16 - Feb 28, 2013	Jan 16 - Feb 28, 2014	
241D	Larch Cr	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Feb 28 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Feb 28 '14	
	<b>Columbia Area Total</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>801</b>					
<b>Northeast Area</b>										
245A1	N. Fossil Private No. 1	300	330	300	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
245A2	N. Fossil Private No. 2	300	330	300	330	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
245B1	S. Fossil Private No. 1	700	770	700	770	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
245B2	S. Fossil Private No. 2	700	770	700	770	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
245C	N. Fossil	50	55	50	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
245D1	S. Fossil No. 1	120	132	120	132	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
245D2	S. Fossil No. 2	85	94	85	94	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Nov 30 - Dec 8	
245D3	S. Fossil No. 3	60	66	60	66	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 14 - Dec 22	
245E	Fossil-SE Biggs Agric.	400	428	400	440	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
245X	Fossil Unit No. 1	300	330	300	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
245Y	Fossil Unit No. 2	300	330	300	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
246A	W Murderers Cr	350	371	450	477	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
246B	E Murderers Cr	250	270	300	324	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
246C	Flagtail	300	330	400	428	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
246D	Up John Day R.	100	109	100	109	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	
246E1	Murders Cr. Private Lands Plus 1	125	138	125	138	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Sep 30	Aug 1 - Sep 30	

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246E2	Murders Cr. Private Lands Plus 2	Est 50		50		One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '12 - Jan 31 '13	Dec 1 '13 - Jan 31 '14	
246X	Murders Cr Unit	425	463	425	468	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
247	Northside Unit	400	440	500	550	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
247A1	Northside Pvt No. 1	100	105	150	164	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
247A2	Northside Pvt No. 2	100	106	150	158	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
247B	W Northside	225	245	250	273	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
247C	E Northside	375	401	375	398	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
247D1	W Grant Private No. 1	200	200	200	200	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Sep 30	Aug 1 - Sep 30	
247D2	W Grant Private No. 2	250	250	250	250	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 1 - Dec 31	Oct 1 - Dec 31	
247D3	W Grant Private No. 3	100	100	100	100	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
247E1	E Northside Private No. 1	125	138	125	138	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Sep 30	Aug 1 - Sep 30	
247E2	E Northside Private No. 2	Est 10		10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
247E3	E Northside Private No. 3	Est 50		50	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 '13 - Jan 31 '14	Dec 1 '13 - Jan 31 '14	
247X	Northside Unit	375	413	375	413	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
248A1	Heppner No. 1	650	715	650	715	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
248A2	Heppner No. 2 (Conc. w/ No.1)	850	935	850	935	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
248B1	Ritter No. 1	125	138	125	138	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
248B2	Ritter No. 2	200	220	200	220	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
248C	Monument	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 11 - Sep 2	Aug 10 - Sep 1	
248D	Heppner	20	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
249A1	Ukiah Unit No. 1	400	440	400	440	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
249A2	Ukiah Unit No. 2 (Conc. w/ #1)	900	990	900	990	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
249B	McKay Cr	60	66	60	63	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Nov 30 - Dec 8	Budry Addition
250A	Desolation Unit	10	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
250X	Desolation Unit	1,000	1,100	1,000	1,100	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
251A	N Sumpter	700	770	700	770	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
251B1	S Sumpter No. 1	125	138	125	138	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
251B2	S Sumpter No. 2	125	138	125	138	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
251C	N Sumpter	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
251D	S Sumpter	175	189	175	186	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Dec 31	Oct 12 - Dec 31	
251E1	Elkhorn Mt No. 1	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
251E2	Elkhorn Mt No. 2	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
252A1	Starkey Unit No. 1	375	401	375	401	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
252A2	Starkey Unit No. 2 (Conc. w/ No. 1)	2,300	2,530	2,300	2,530	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
252B	S Starkey	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
252C	S Starkey Pvt	10	11	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
252D	Starkey Exp Forest Hunters Part of Research	25	25	25	25	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	ATV Research
252E	North Powder	200	216	200	216	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
252F	N Starkey	Est 10		10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Nov 30 - Dec 8	
253A	S Catherine Cr Pvt	150	162	175	184	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Sep 1 - Nov 25	Sep 1 - Nov 24	
253B	S Catherine Cr	25	26	25	26	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	

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233C1	Mt Harris #1	125	138	150	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
233C2	Mt Harris #2	Est 75	75	75	83	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 17 - Dec 31	Dec 16 - Dec 31	
233X	Catherine Cr Unit	225	248	250	275	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 27	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
254A	Pumpkin Ridge	125	130	125	125	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 15 - Sep 23, Nov 17 - Dec 31	Aug 15 - Sep 22, Nov 16 - Dec 31	
254X	Mt Emily Unit No. 1	600	660	600	660	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
254Y1	Mt Emily Unit No. 2	50	52	53	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
254Y2	Mt Emily Unit No. 3 (Conc. w/ No. 2)	500	550	300	330	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
255A	Mill Cr Watershed	25	25	25	25	Antlerless, 3pt+ Bull	Antlerless, 3pt+ Bull	Oct 27 - Nov 4	Oct 26 - Nov 3	Bridgy Clarification
255X	Walla Walla No. 1	300	330	300	330	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
255Y1	Walla Walla No. 2	20	20	22	22	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Oct 23 - Nov 10	
255Y2	Walla Walla No. 3 (Conc. w/ No. 2)	300	330	175	193	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
256A	Bartlett Bench	5	6	5	6	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - 9, Oct 13 - 19	Aug 1 - 9, Oct 12 - 18	
256B	Troy	5	5	5	5	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 16	Dec 1 - Dec 15	
256X	Wenaha Unit No. 1	350	385	350	385	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
256Y1	Wenaha Unit No. 2	20	20	25	25	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
256Y2	Wenaha Unit No. 3 (Concurrent w/ No. 2)	250	275	200	220	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
257A	Elk Cr	15	15	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - 9, Nov 17 - 25	Aug 1 - 9, Nov 16 - 24	
257B1	Flora No. 1	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - 9, Oct 24 - 28, Nov 3 - 11	Aug 1 - 9, Oct 23 - 27, Nov 2 - 10	
257B2	Flora No. 2	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 24 - 28, Nov 3 - 11	Oct 23 - 27, Nov 2 - 10	
257C	Whisky Cr	25	28	25	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - 15, Nov 24 - Dec 9	Aug 1 - 15, Nov 23 - Dec 8	
257D	B Sled Springs	50	54	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 23	Nov 16 - Nov 22	
257E	W Sled Springs	100	110	100	103	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 23	Nov 16 - Nov 22	
257F	Crocket Flat	50	55	50	53	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 25	Nov 2 - Nov 24	
257X	Sled Springs Unit No. 1	500	545	500	540	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
257Y	Sled Springs Unit No. 2	400	440	400	440	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
258A1	Zimwallt No. 1	60	65	80	86	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Aug 31 - Sep 29	
258A2	Zimwallt No. 2	60	65	80	86	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Nov 16 - Dec 6	
258A3	Zimwallt No. 3	Est. 100 Tags	100	100	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 10 - 12 - Jan 6, 13	Dec 7 - Dec 27	
New '13	Zimwallt No. 4	New in '13	New in '13	Est 100	Est 100	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Delete in '13	Dec 28 '13 - Jan 17 '14	
258B	Crow-Line Creek	20	22	30	32	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Sep 8 - Sep 14	Delete in '13	
258X	Chestnutinus Unit	700	770	700	770	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
259A1	Schleur-Park Crs No. 1	5	5	5	5	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Aug 9	Aug 1 - Aug 9	
259A2	Schleur-Park Crs No. 2	5	5	5	5	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 13 - Aug 19	Aug 10 - Aug 18	
259A3	Schleur-Park Crs No. 3	5	5	5	5	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 26 - Sep 2	Aug 24 - Sep 1	
259X	Snake R Unit No. 1	300	330	300	330	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
259Y	Snake R Unit No. 2	250	275	250	275	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
260A	Alder Slope, C/F Weapons prohibited in parts of area	50	55	75	83	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 21, Dec 1 - Dec 31	Oct 12 - Oct 20, Dec 1 - Dec 31	

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260X	Minam Unit No. 1	500	550	500	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
260Y	Minam Unit No. 2	500	550	500	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
261	Innaha Unit	100	110	250	275	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
261X	Innaha Unit	300	330	300	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
262	Pine Cr Unit	150	165	150	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
262X	Pine Cr Unit	275	303	275	303	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
263	Keating Unit	60	65	60	61	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
263X	Keating Unit	225	248	225	248	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
264	Lookout Mt Unit	160	176	200	218	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Nov 25	Oct 12 - Dec 31	
264X	Lookout Mt Unit No. 1	100	110	125	138	One Elk	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
264Y	Lookout Mt Unit No. 2	100	110	125	138	One Elk	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
265A1	W Beulah No. 1	350	385	350	385	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
265A2	W Beulah No. 2	200	220	200	220	One Elk	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
265B1	E Beulah No. 1	400	440	400	440	One Elk	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	Hunt Clarification
265B2	E Beulah No. 2	400	440	400	440	One Elk	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	Hunt Clarification
265B3	E Beulah No. 3	350	368	350	368	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Dec 31	Nov 16 - Dec 31	Hunt Clarification
265C1	Bully Cr No. 1	25	27	25	27	One Elk	One Elk	One Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 9	Delete in '13	
265C2	Bully Cr No. 2	200	214	200	210	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Feb 28 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Feb 28 '14	Hunt Clarification
265D	E Grant	250	275	250	275	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
<b>Northeast Area Total</b>		<b>25,826</b>	<b>28,212</b>	<b>26,615</b>	<b>29,037</b>						
<b>Southwest Area</b>											
266A1	Drewsey Valley No. 1	70	76	70	77	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 15 - Sep 30	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
266A2	Drewsey Valley No. 2	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 1 - Nov 30	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
266B	N Malheur R.	200	220	200	216	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
266C	S Malheur R.	100	110	100	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 15 - Sep 30	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
266X	N Malheur R No. 1	400	440	400	440	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
266Y	N Malheur R No. 2	400	440	400	440	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
267	Owyhee Unit	25	27	25	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 '12 - Jan 31 '13	Oct 12 '13 - Jan 31 '14	
268A	E Whitetorse	25	28	25	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 '12 - Jan 31 '13	Oct 12 '13 - Jan 31 '14	
271A1	Silvies - N Juniper No. 1	125	138	125	138	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 15 - Sep 30	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
271A2	Silvies - N Juniper No. 2	100	109	100	105	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 1 - Nov 30	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
271B	North Juniper	20	22	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 '12 - Jan 31 '13	Dec 15 '13 - Jan 31 '14	
272A	Silvies Unit	550	605	550	605	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 16 - Nov 24	
272B	West Silvies	100	110	100	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Nov 30 - Dec 8	
272X	Silvies Unit No. 1	500	550	500	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
272Y	Silvies Unit No. 2	500	550	500	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
274X	Warner No. 1	50	55	50	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 23 - Oct 27	
274Y	Warner No. 2	50	55	50	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 2 - Nov 10	
278A	High Desert	550	605	550	605	One Elk	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Nov 11	Oct 23 - Nov 10	
<b>Southwest Area Total</b>		<b>3,795</b>	<b>4,173</b>	<b>3,795</b>	<b>4,167</b>						
<b>Controlled Rifle Total</b>		<b>44,625</b>	<b>48,329</b>	<b>44,865</b>	<b>48,507</b>						

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2012 Hunt #	2012 Hunt Name	2011 Tags	Corrected 2011 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2012 Tags	Corrected 2012 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2012 Bag Limit	Proposed 2013 Bag Limit	2012-13 Dates	Proposed 2013-14 Dates	2013 Notes & Changes
<b>Archery Hunts</b>										
216R	Santiam Late Bow	800	889	800	880	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 9	Nov 23 - Dec 8	Remove Willamette NF
217R	Santiam Mountain Unit	250	275	250	275	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 9	Nov 23 - Dec 8	
218R	Alsea Unit	500	550	500	550	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 9	Nov 23 - Dec 8	
219R	McKenzie Bow	800	880	800	880	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 9	Nov 23 - Dec 8	Remove Willamette NF
221R	N Indigo Bow	600	660	600	660	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 9	Nov 23 - Dec 8	Elkry Change
224R	Elliott Bow	100	109	100	110	One 3 pt -	One 3 pt -	Dec 1 - Dec 16	Dec 14 - Dec 29	
226R	Powers Unit	40	41	60	62	One Elk	One Elk	Aug 24 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 23	
230R	W Rogue	50	55	50	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	
237R	Ochooco Unit Bow	700	770	700	770	One Elk	One Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 23	New Hunt
New '13	Ochooco Unit Bow No. 2		New in '13	Est 500		One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug 25 - Aug 29	Aug 24 - Aug 28	ATV Research
252R	Starkey Exp. Forest	25	25	25	25	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 23	Only Opportunity
254R	Mt. Emily Unit (Only Archery Elk Opportunity)	50	52	53	54	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 23	Only Opportunity
New '13	Mt. Emily Unit Bow No. 2 (Only Opportunity)		New in '13	Est 130		One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Aug 24 - Sep 22	Aug 24 - Sep 22	Only Opportunity
255R	Walla Walla Unit (Only Opportunity)	20	20	22	22	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	Only Opportunity
New '13	Walla Walla Unit Bow No. 2 (Only Opportunity)		New in '13	Est 50		One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Aug 24 - Sep 22	Aug 24 - Sep 22	Only Opportunity
256R	Wenaha Unit (Only Opportunity)	20	20	25	25	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	Only Opportunity
New '13	Wenaha Unit Bow No. 2 (Only Opportunity)		New in '13	Est 130		One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Aug 24 - Sep 22	Aug 24 - Sep 22	Only Opportunity
257R1	Sled Springs Unit No. 1	200	214	200	212	One Elk	One Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
257R2	Sled Springs Unit No. 2	150	165	150	165	One Antlerless or Spike Elk	One Antlerless or Spike Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
258R	Cheamimus Unit	300	330	300	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 24 - Sep 22	
<b>Archery Total</b>		<b>4,605</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>4,635</b>	<b>5,075</b>					
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>										
200M1	NW Cascades	600	654	500	500	One Elk outside Mt Hood Nat. For., One bull within	One Elk on Private, One bull on Any NF	Nov 10 - Nov 16	Nov 9 - Nov 15	Bag Change on National Forest Lands.
200M2	SW Cascades	450	459	400	400	One Elk	One Elk on Private, One bull on Any NF	Nov 10 - Nov 16	Nov 9 - Nov 15	Bag Change on National Forest Lands.
212M	N Fork Nehalem	20	22	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Sep 15	Aug 1 - Sep 15	
214M	NE Trask	45	50	40	44	One Elk	One Elk	Dec 18 - Dec 31	Dec 17 - Dec 31	
218M	Klickitat Mt.	10	11	10	11	One Elk	One Elk	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2014	
224M	Williams River	300	330	300	327	One 3 pt+	One 3 pt+	Dec 1 - Dec 16	Dec 14 - Dec 29	
234M	E Cascade	150	162	150	161	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 9 - Nov 17	
235M	Paulina - E Fort Rock	50	55	50	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 18	
248M	Pole Creek	Est 20		20	22	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
251M	Elkham	60	66	60	66	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Sep 30	Aug 1 - Oct 15	

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New '13	Elkhorn No. 2		New in '13	Est. 40			One Antlerless Elk	Dec - Dec 31	Oct 16 - Dec 31	
253M	Mt. Harris	75	83	75	83	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec - Dec 16	Nov 30 - Dec 15	
254M1	Union Agri No. 1	150	161	150	161	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Oct 10	Aug 1 - Oct 9	
254M2	Union Agri No. 2	250	273	250	270	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 11 '12 - Jan 31 '13	Oct 10 '13 - Jan 31 '14	
265M	E. Grant	175	193	175	193	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 12 - Oct 18	
278M	High Desert	125	138	125	138	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 12 - Oct 20	
	<b>Muzzleloader Total</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>2,452</b>					
<b>Youth Hunts</b>										
210T	Saddle Mtn. Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
211T	Seapoose Unit	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
212T1	Wilson Unit No. 1	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
212T2	Wilson Unit No. 2	40	44	40	44	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 22 '12 - Jan 6 '13	Dec 21 - Dec 29	
New '13	Wilson Unit No. 3		New in '13	Est. 40			One Antlerless Elk		Dec 28 '13 - Jan 5 '14	
214T	Trask Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
216T	Santiam Unit	20	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
217T	Skott Mt. Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
218T	Alsea Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
219T	McKenzie Unit	10	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
220T	Siuslaw Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
221T1	Indigo Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
221T2	Sutherlin	30	33	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 5 - 6, 12 - 13, 19 - 20, 26 - 27, 2013	Jan 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 2014	
222T	Dixon Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
223T	Melrose Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
224T1	Toiga Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
224T2	Callahan	30	33	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 22 - 23, 29 - 30, '12, Jan 5 - 6, '13	Jan 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 2014	
224T3	Old Blue	30	32	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 22 - 23, 29 - 30, '12, Jan 5 - 6, '13	Jan 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 2014	
225T1	Sixes Unit No. 1	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
225T2	Sixes Unit No. 2	25	26	25	27	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2013	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2014	
226T1	Powers Unit	15	15	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
226T2	Bone Mt	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - 2, 8 - 9, 15 - 16	Nov 30 - Dec 1, 7-8, 14-15	
227T	Chasco Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
228T	Applegate-Evans Cr	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
230T1	Rogue Unit	45	45	45	45	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
230T2	W. Rogue	25	25	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 '12 - Mar 31 '13	Aug 1 '13 - Mar 31 '14	
231T	Keno Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
233T	Sprague Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
234T	E. Cascade	20	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
235T	Pauline-B. Ft. Rock	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
236T	Mary Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
237T1	Ochoco Unit No. 1	15	15	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
237T2	Ochoco Unit No. 2	160	176	100	100	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 12 - Oct 20	

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238T	Grizzly Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
240T	Maupin-W Biggs	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
241T	White R-Hood	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
244T	Umahilla	30	30	30	30	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
245T	Fossil Unit	25	25	25	25	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
246T1	Murders Cr. - Northside	Est. 50 Tags	50	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
246T2	Flat Cr.	20	22	30	32	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Aug 24	Aug 1 - Aug 23	
248T	Heppner Unit	25	25	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
250T	Desolation Unit	Est. 10 Tags	10	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
251T	Sumpter	20	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
252T1	Starkey Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
252T2	Glass Hill	3	3	3	3	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 17 - Dec 31	Nov 16 - Dec 31	
253T	Catherine Ck Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
257T	Sled Springs Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
258T	Chesinnus Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
259T	Snake River Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
260T	Miram Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
261T	Imnaha Unit	15	15	30	30	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
262T	Pine Ck-Keating	20	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
264T	Lookout Mt Unit	30	30	40	40	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
265T	Beulah Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
266T	N Malheur Rvr	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
272T	Silvies Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
276T	Silver Lake Unit	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
278T	High Desert	10	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
	<b>Youth Hunt Total</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>1,052</b>					
	<b>Elk Grand Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>52,733</b>	<b>57,100</b>	<b>52,858</b>	<b>57,086</b>					
<sup>a</sup> Most proposed tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average redemption rate to compensate for tags drawn but not sold (max correction = 10%).										
<sup>b</sup> 2011 total includes 126 tags from 3 Hunts that were deleted or replaced for 2012.										



**Western Gray Squirrel Season Recommendations**

No changes other than standard calendar adjustments to dates are proposed for western gray squirrel seasons for 2013 (Table 24).

Table 24. Proposed western gray squirrel season structure and bag limits for 2013.

Hunt	Bag Limit	2012 Dates	Proposed 2013 Dates
Western & S. Central OR	5/day - 15 in possession	Aug 25 – Nov 7	Aug 24 – Nov 6
Hood & White River Units	3/day - 6 in possession	Sep 8 – Oct 14	Sep 7 – Oct 13
That portion of Rogue Unit south of Rogue River and South Fork of Rogue River and north of Highway 140 is open year-round with no bag limit.			