

# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

## BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017



### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

**DECEMBER 7, 2017**

**Kelly D's 7:00 PM  
1012 SE Cleveland, Bend  
Come at 6:00 to socialize and  
have dinner- bring a friend !**

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November's speaker  
was  
**Quaid Fettering with  
"Raise Em Outdoors".**

"Raise Em Outdoors" an organization established to get children outside and teach them to appreciate and enjoy fishing, hunting and being outdoors is coming to the area this next July. They will be hosting their second annual summer camp right here in Central Oregon. This is a two day and two night event. Campers from the ages of 5-17 will camp overnight with their families at the event location. Tents and RV's will be welcome. Camping and dinner are covered by a low cost registration fee. The kids spend two days experiencing archery, fishing, rifle shooting, wildlife conservation and many other outdoor activities. Parents will be right along side their children, learning and being as involved as they wish to be throughout the day. **Raise' Em Outdoors** expects to bring this camp back each year and continue to grow! They are looking for volunteers who have a love for the outdoors and to teach our youth about hunting and fishing. Their goal is to help us pass on traditions and raise the next generations to be true, ethical sportsmen who are as passionate about conservation as we are. **"Raise Em Outdoors"** helps families afford fishing and hunting gear through donations, collecting new and used gear and passing them along to those facing financial hardship. They are very

excited and look forward to hosting more events, in more states across the country in the near future. For more information on volunteering and giving donations to this organization please contact:

Erin Crooks, Founder and Director  
Erin@raiseemoutdoors.com  
(541) 260-4049  
or  
Quaid Kettering  
quaidkettering@hotmail.com  
(858) 776-0239

Scenes from this year's camp along the Umpqua River



### Holiday Donations

Once again attendees of the November meeting agreed to donate all monies collected from the raffles on November and December, to a local charity kitchen. Donations will be cheerfully accepted! Come to the December meeting and contribute to a great charity.

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December's speaker will be **Tory Kurtz** with the Ochoco National Forest discussing the forest's Wild Horse Plan. Come to the next meeting and hear about what's going on!

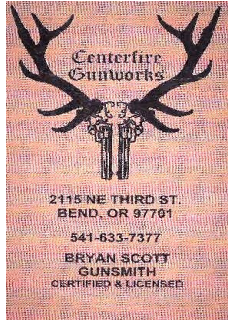
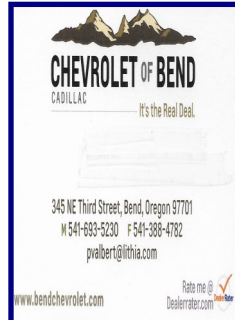
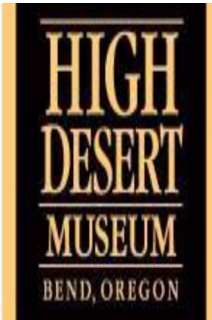
### Mule Deer Classic Banquet & Auction scheduled for March 24, 2018

MDC volunteer meetings are scheduled for 6:00 pm at Round Table Pizza on the following dates:

December	12
January	09
January	23
February	06
February	20
February	27
March	06

### **NOVEMBER** **Membership Raffle**

The name drawn this month for \$350.00 of sporting merchandise was **Vernon Gurney** of La Pine. Vernon was not present. Bummer!



US Dept. of Agriculture - Forest Service  
2016 Volunteers & Service Restoration  
Award



OHA Paulina Projects Coordinator Fred  
Newton accepts the award on behalf of the  
OHA Bend Chapter as chapter President  
Bill Littlefield looks on. The award was  
presented by Forest Service representatives  
at the chapter's monthly meeting on  
November 15, 2017.

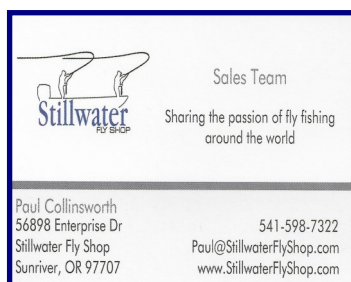
## **Bend Chapter of OHA Receives Award**

The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association has received the Annual Volunteer and Service Restoration Award from the US Forest Service. As a valuable partner and resource for the agency, it is with great pleasure that this award has been given to this important organization. The Restoration Award is given annually to an individual or group which has made significant contribution to restoration goals.

As a partner with the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests, the Bend OHA has done valuable habitat restoration work for the Paulina Ranger District and the Sisters, Crescent and Bend-Fort Rock Ranger Districts. They gave over 1400 hours of volunteer restoration work in 2016. Since 2000, the group has logged over 20,000 hours of work on public lands.

The work that the OHA has done on public lands includes meadow restoration and enhancement, aspen restoration, and enhancing sage grouse habitat. Their work also included TRACS (Terrestrial Restoration and Conservation Strategy) priority watershed improvement which benefit various priority species, such as the greater sage grouse, elk, and deer. They have been an important resource for the Heart of Oregon Corps and the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council. With the valuable efforts of the Oregon Hunters Association members, they have enhanced the Forest Service's mission to purchase equipment, native plants, fencing and guzzler supplies as well as help pay to decommission roads.

The Bend Chapter was founded in Powell Butte in 1983 and was the spearhead for the OHA. The group started with 1700 members and now has over 10,500 in 25 chapters across the state. Sportsmen have played an important role in the stewardship of our public lands dating back to Teddy Roosevelt and Aldo Leopold.





## “Hunting Season” is on!

Take your camera, get some great pictures and send them in for our newsletter! We'd all enjoy seeing what animals have been harvested this year and hearing how much fun you all had getting them! Don't be shy, share with your chapter! Please send pictures and a short bio to: [dixichick1@icloud.com](mailto:dixichick1@icloud.com)

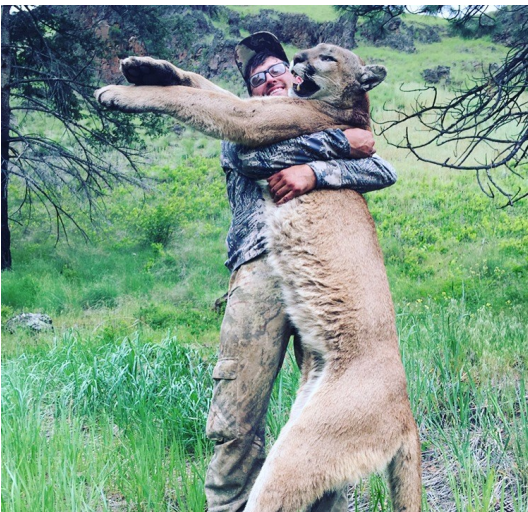
Our speaker for November, **Quaid Kettering**, and newest member of the Bend Chapter OHA, shared with us some hunting adventures! We are happy you have joined our chapter Quaid and look forward to getting to know you!

Below, Quaid guides his good friend Garren Hitner in Oregon. This buck scored a 192!



Right—

Last year, Quaid in Alaska near the Yukon River on a 13 day hunt with his best friend **Nolan Peck**. They stayed in an old trappers cabin off the river. They then took boats up river for 2 days until they found a location they liked. They called this bull with a cow call. “It was an amazing experience and some of the most beautiful country.”



Left— Bear hunting on the Snake River, sitting having my lunch. “I was calling a big tom turkey down in a canyon, messing with it, trying to get it to gobble at me.”

“When I stood up to hike out, there were two cougars about 30 yards behind me sneaking through some tall grass, they must have heard the call.” Quaid has sent this one to a taxidermist!

What a beautiful animal! Be careful when calling animals, you never know who's listening!

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## Presidents Report

The Bend chapter currently has 440 members, Be sure to pay your annual dues and keep your membership current! **Bill Littlefield**, would like to encourage all members to come to the meetings and our many chapter activities.

Come and benefit from all that OHA is doing to help preserve and improve hunting in Oregon!

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## Time to “Awaken a Sleeping Giant” – Say something about wolf management!

By Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director

We are in a period of final input opportunity with Oregon’s revised Wolf Management Plan adoption being the topic of the next two F&W Commission meetings in Salem on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> (informational) and then on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> (final approval vote). Many of you members are old enough to recognize the “awakening of a sleeping giant” quote with US entry into World War II. It most famously was stated by the Japanese Admiral Yamamoto – right after the Pearl Harbor attack – when he was fearful that this “awakening” would fill an adversary (us) with a “terrible resolve,” which it obviously did! Now, it is time for sportsmen to connect this phrase with final input on Oregon’s Wolf Management Plan.

OHA has officially stated support for the revised wolf plan because it indicates that **there will be** management of wolf numbers at a level that still permits hunter harvest, for deer and elk, at acceptable levels. The current plan does acknowledge that wolves will be removed by hunting at some point in the future when numbers warrant. And, like the historical piece mentioned above, we know from our neighbor’s experience to the east (Idaho) that real “numbers management” is essential with wolves if there is going to be any “harvestable surplus” of big game left for sportsmen.

Our state Board will have a strong presence at these next two meetings. We will be providing input as an invited panelist and as individual members, but **your input** is critical too! Our membership is a potent force if we choose to activate our masses and make a unified statement. The acknowledgement of hunting as a tool in the revised plan is encouraging, but this part of Phase III management needs to be “advanced” into an applied management program which normalizes this species as another one of Oregon’s big game animals – that is hunted! Idaho did it, and we can too, but we need a voice that awakens our concerns for our future as hunters. Many of our Chapter’s October Newsletter’s provided “points to consider” for giving input, either submitted in advance or at one of the next two Commission meetings.

### Monthly Door Prize

The November door prize winner was **Bill Littlefield**. Bill won a \$25 certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Come to the meeting and win!

### Treasurer’s Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current balance of the chapter checking account is \$82,709.00 as of November 1, 2017.

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## Wolf Plan up for vote; your input needed



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## Attention OHA members! Your help is needed!

We need you to support the NEW Oregon Wolf Plan language, in particular as it respects wolf recovery, but also supports management through controlled take (limited hunting) in Phase III, which the Eastern Oregon Zone is currently in.

Send emails and/or attend and/or testify at the upcoming Commission meeting on Dec. 8 and Jan. 19, 8 a.m. at ODFW Headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE in Salem.

OHA needs a respectful show of support for the new Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. Allowing hunting as a tool for controlled take, once populations warrant, is a critical option to have in this plan. The meetings will include opportunity for public comment.

### To send written comments:

- email: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)
- In the subject line of the email use the words: Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)
- State that you are a member of OHA.
- Make your email original and stress just 2 or 3 points. (Use Examples listed below, or similar).
- Do not use a form email. Please make it your own.

### To attend and/or testify:

- To testify, you must register at the meeting.
- Please be concise and specific. Time is limited to 2 to 3 minutes.
- Be respectful of others; please represent us well.
- State that you're an OHA member and wear OHA clothing if possible.
- Testimony must be factual and lean toward the professional and scientific need to properly manage the wolf population. We must protect other wildlife and livestock.

### Points to consider:

- Wolves have successfully re-established in Oregon, and ODFW has been proactive in planning for them through an effective management plan process – supported by OHA.
- OHA is not proposing hunting at this time, but to have this tool available once population numbers warrant numbers reduction.
- When and where needed, hunters can aid ODFW in controlled take, lowering financial impact on ODFW's strained budget, most of which now comes from hunters and anglers. Any controlled take would be done with close concern for the species abundance and effect on other economic interests, such as livestock raising and big game hunting.
- ODFW's proposed plan allows for continued growth and health of the wolf population, yet considers other very important concerns for Oregonians, such as hunting for deer, elk, and other big game, and the agricultural activities of Oregon.





## Interior Dept. actions a mixed bag for hunters

By Ken McCall, OHA Resource Director

Some recent actions by the Department of Interior could expand opportunities for hunters, while others could put wildlife conservation at risk.

### Baskett Slough to host youth hunt

Effective Nov. 8, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a final rule to open or expand opportunities for hunting and fishing on 10 national wildlife refuge (NWR) locations across the country. The hunting part of this expansion includes a new one-day youth waterfowl hunt at Oregon's Baskett Slough NWR near Salem. OHA members submitted written comments to counter the pointed anti-hunter rhetoric that stated hunting should not be allowed on NWR lands, period.

Our members responded with positive pro-hunting comments countering those uninformed viewpoints. OHA comments were specific to Baskett Slough NWR, outlining ethical, positive and responsible ways we introduce youth to our hunting heritage while teaching responsible wildlife management. Members also noted the NWR system is built on hunter/angler contributions to wildlife management. This decision opens the door for OHA to help with the upcoming youth hunts.

### Sage Grouse planning rules revisited

A request for comments due Nov. 27, 2017, seeks a rewrite of at least 8 western states BLM Resource Management plans with new rules on managing habitat and population numbers for sage grouse. Many outdoor conservation and environmental organizations believe this action would jeopardize the 2015 decision not to list the sage grouse under ESA restrictive guidelines.

OHA strongly supported the 2015 decision built on an extensive multi-year collaboration among sportsmen's organizations, environmentalists, state wildlife managers and landowners. Hunting opportunities will likely suffer if the species is ultimately listed.

### Cascade Siskiyou Monument back in play

The early 2017 National Monument decisions of our last administration resulted in expanding Cascade Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) and dropping

the vast Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument proposal. The current administration then proposed a size reduction for the CSNM. OHA and other groups wait for details on the CSNM size reduction. OHA will be involved, though it is difficult to have a strategy with no facts. Though a proposed Douglas Fir National Monument did not gain much attention, it included a half million-acre block of the westside Cascade Mountains near Salem. The two dropped proposals likely will return.

## Teaters Road access stays open in C. Oregon



Oregon hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts will continue to enjoy access to 43,000 acres of central Oregon's public land, thanks to a group effort including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation ([rmeff.org](http://rmeff.org)), Oregon Hunters Association ([oregonhunters.org](http://oregonhunters.org)), Bureau of Land Management, Crook County, and the Waibel Ranches, LLC, RMEF and OHA announced recently in a joint statement.

"We are pleased that all parties could come together to provide continued access to a part of Oregon revered by elk hunters and others," said Blake Henning, RMEF chief conservation officer. "Opening or improving access to our public lands lies at the core of our conservation mission. We hear time and time again from our members how important it is that we carry out this public access work."

At issue was what was thought to be a public road through private land south of Prineville in the Crooked River drainage that provided access to the southern end of Ochoco National Forest. RMEF, OHA and BLM provided title work and research that showed continuous public use of the road since the late 1800s.

Waibel Ranches, LLC facilitated the construction of the new road at their own expense and at their own initiative. They did so in order to provide access to the same public lands as a means to reduce the liability, trespass, poaching and littering associated with public travel along the old Teaters Road.

OHA was actively involved in the negotiation process at both the state and

chapter levels.

"OHA partnered with RMEF, public land managers, county government and local landowners to remedy probable permanent loss of historic public hunting access near Prineville," said OHA Resource Director Ken McCall. "This long-term effort led to construction and maintenance agreements for alternative access to BLM and USFS lands north of Post. Retained access similar to the Teaters Road route is an example of groups working together for solutions to issues critical to Oregon's hunting heritage. In this case, the access in questions goes back well over 100 years."

## Sportsmen's Caucus takes aim at poaching



Dealing with poaching in Oregon is the goal for Oregon Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus for the 2018 Legislative Session. After meeting in early November to discuss the goals for the 2018 Legislative Session, the group will evaluate the proposal that ODFW will be giving before the subcommittee on Natural Resources in February. This report is based on a budget note requested by OHA during the 2017 legislative session requiring ODFW to develop an anti-poaching campaign.

The Caucus will also support a bill by Rep. Ken Helm (D-Salem) that will give the courts a bridge between the crime of the unlawful taking of wildlife and the penalty/restitution provisions currently in state statute. The bill in part will read: "(12) (a) Notwithstanding ORS 153.018 and 161.635 and in addition to any other penalty authorized by law, if a person is convicted of a violation of a provision of the wildlife laws, or a rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, that involves the unlawful taking of wildlife, the court may impose a fine of up to the amount of damages specified in ORS 496.705 for the wildlife that was unlawfully taken. "(b) Moneys collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the State Wildlife Fund."

In addition to the action on the legislative front, the Caucus will be holding two events in 2018: a February reception for all legislators and a fishing derby in the spring. —AL ELKINS, OHA LOBBYIST



## Public Access Dispute Resolved in Central Oregon

**MISSOULA, Mont.**—The public will continue to have access to 43,000 acres of central Oregon's prime elk country thanks to a group effort including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, Crook County, Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) and the Waibel Ranches, LLC.

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"It's great to have a partner like RMEF to help find solutions to public land access issues," said Dennis Teitzel, Prineville BLM district manager.

"This project provides access for hunters and all others that could have been lost without the cooperation and efforts of several organizations. The landowners should be thanked for their willingness to work to solve a problem for the benefit for all," said Richard Nelson, OHA Bend Chapter past president. "It shows what can be accomplished when all work on a solution instead of locking in to an adversary position."

Since 1986, RMEF and its partners completed 875 conservation and hunting heritage outreach projects in Oregon with a combined value of more than \$57.4 million. These projects protected or enhanced 793,317 acres of habitat and opened or secured public access to 90,073 acres.



# Volunteer

There are various volunteer events that arise during each year that require our help. OHA members can contact **Eric Brown at 541-647-0424** or come to the monthly meetings to hear about what opportunities are coming up next.

We always need more help, always could use another set of hands to mend fences, cut unwanted trees and rebuild guzzlers. OHA Bend is an active and successful chapter that gets together and has a good time no matter what we are doing. If you would like to get out of the house, be a bit more social and give a helping hand for wildlife and their habitat, join us.

We'd love to see you at the meetings, projects, fundraisers, and events! Tell your hunting buddies about the OHA Bend chapter too! There are many benefits to being a member. We hear what is currently going on in the legislative arena and learn how changes will effect your hunting experience. We look forward to seeing you!



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### CALENDAR

**12/07**      **Chapter Meeting – New date!**

**12/25**      **Christmas**

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reporting to avoid penalty  
fees!***

