

# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

## BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

October 2018



### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

**November 15, 2018**

The next meeting will be at the Black Bear Restaurant in Bend. The Chapter meetings will be held at the Black Bear Restaurant through November at this time. If you are aware of a facility that could accommodate our group for little or no charge please contact a board member. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Come at 6:00 have some dinner and socialize before the meeting.

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Our speaker for September was **Crystal Lohner**, Paramedic, currently working for Crescent Fire. Crystal has worked for the Crescent Fire department for the past four years and previously worked for the La Pine fire for ten years. Crystal is an OHA member and very active with 3 Rivers Archers. Crystal came to speak to us about Wilderness medicine; she had good insight to hunting and hiking into the wilderness and offered many different scenarios that might happen while out on our annual meat gathering trips. Life saving tips and what to take along in your packs were covered. Many tips were a surprise to most hunters at the meeting and many were glad the subject was being discussed.

Written information will be added to future newsletters so that all may benefit from the information received.

### **Hwy 97 Wildlife Passages**

The statewide issue of safe wildlife passages has drawn much interest and discussion. The focus was made on mule deer/ vehicle collisions on the highway 97 corridor between Bend and Klamath Falls. The heavy loss of deer and other species in central Oregon, plus the human costs and safety due to vehicle collisions, is a localized example of a state wide wildlife issue. Other states seem to have a head start ahead of Oregon. Why?

OHA and other partners will have a positive effect long term by working toward making safe wildlife passages a key and normal part of safety requirements in Oregon's highway planning. Short term we can help provide effective fencing on the planned 2019 wildlife undercrossing near Gilchrist.

For some background information, the recent Highway 97 undercrossing and associated fencing made an 85% plus reduction in deer/vehicle collisions. In that case the fencing cost was incorporated in the highway project. Fencing was not funded for the upcoming 2019 Gilchrist crossing. There are numerous state and federal environmental and financial considerations making fencing either required or optional in highway improvement plans. The effectiveness of the Gilchrist wildlife passage installation is directly related to whether the site is fenced for directing wildlife into the crossing. The Gilchrist Crossing is for Deer, Elk

and all other species. Over 40 species are using the Lava Butte crossing. Construction of the Gilchrist underpass will begin next year. There is an existing bridge that will be modified for use and 10 miles total of funnel fencing; 2.5 miles on both sides of the road and both sides of the crossing. These crossings reduce collisions by 85-95%.

OHA's Yamhill Chapter sent a challenge to all Oregon chapters for pledges to help fund the Gilchrist underpass fencing cost, estimated at a minimum of \$500,000. Some chapters joined in and contributed :

Yamhill County	20,000.
Capitol Chapter	5,000.
Klamath Chapter	5,000.
Mid-Willamette	5,000.
Clatsop County	5,000.
Pioneer Chapter	5,000.
Umpqua Chapter	5,000.
Tualatin Valley	5,000.
Emerald Valley	5,000.
<b>Bend Chapter</b>	<b>10,000.</b>
Rogue Valley	20,000.
(Rogue Valley matched the Yamhill challenge.)	
Pledged to date is:	<b><u>\$90,000.</u></b>

You can visit the Protect Animal Migration sites at : [protectanimalmigration.org](http://protectanimalmigration.org)

Or on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/PAMCentralOregon](http://www.facebook.com/PAMCentralOregon)

OHA is currently partnered with ODOT, ODFW, PAM, Oregon Wildlife foundation and the USFS in this effort. We and our partners are looking at ways to reduce the fencing cost and find additional partners.





**Recorded 7,000  
Wildlife  
Vehicle  
collisions**

**Over  
700 people  
Injured &  
2 fatalities**

**Estimated  
\$44 MILLION  
In vehicle  
damage**



The Bend Chapter is proud to be a part of the Wildlife Animal Crossing movement. Bend helps to maintain fencing on the Lava Butte crossing and has pledged \$10,000.00 towards the Gilchrist crossing project. Discussions are in process to help maintain the Gilchrist crossing fencing when finished.



## Steps to Avoid a Deer Collision



**Watch for the rest of the gang.** If you've seen one, you haven't seen them all!



**Take a moment to reflect.** Look for road signs. And always stay awake, aware & sober.



**Honk.** One long blast can scare deer out of the road.



**Wear a seat belt.** It won't prevent a collision, but wearing one can reduce injuries.



**Illuminate.** Use high beam headlights if there's no oncoming traffic. The light will reflect in a deer's eyes.



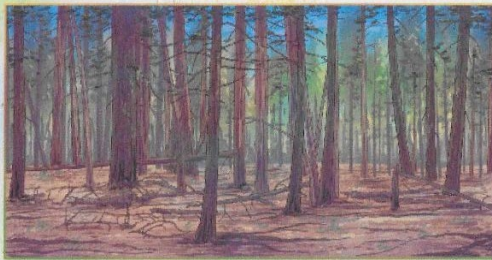
**Timing is everything.** Be extra cautious during the spring and fall and at dusk and dawn when deer are most active



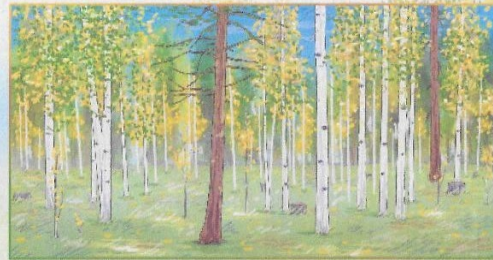
# Aspen Restoration Project

Aspen are the rarest of the forest types, yet the most important for wildlife. Historically, aspen were maintained by natural fires. Due to fire suppression, this reduced their viability. Aspen are shade intolerant and ponderosa pine had over shadowed them. This allowed ponderosa pine to encroach the stand, and out compete the aspen. Ponderosa pine, up to 21 inches in diameter, were removed from the stand, allowing sunlight back into the forest. This allowed the aspen to regenerate from root sprouting.

The Fence you see was constructed to keep the deer and elk from eating the newly regenerating aspen. They will be excluded for approximately 10 to 15 years until the aspen are large enough to not be affected by their browsing.



(before pine tree removal)



(after pine tree removal)



The Forest Service project was made possible by support from the Mule Deer Foundation, the Oregon Hunters Association, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, the Rock Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Oregon Youth Challenge Program.



## Sisters Buck and Pole project gets a sign

The above sign made and donated by "Dealin In Signs" is placed at the sight of the Buck and pole project done in May of this year around a large Aspen stand near Sisters. Undertaking this project were 25 Bend OHA members, 6 Capital chapter master fence builders, 28 very helpful OYCP cadets and handlers, 3 REMF members 2 Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (also OHA members) and 1 National Turkey Federation and 2 USFS employees.

The Bend chapter bought the spikes for the fence, drill bits, steaks for the pot luck dinner and misc. other supplies for the project. The Mule Deer Foundation purchased the Buck & Poles. The group pulled all the poles around the fence line, made a gate and erected the entire buck and pole fence around the Aspen grove that is to be now protected from grazing and will provide future habitat for wildlife. The sign will be posted for all to see, showing that OHA had a big part of saving the Aspen grove. Drive by and see the sign, it has just been put in the ground, about 1 1/2 miles south on the Cold Springs cut-off road, between Sisters and Indian Ford.

Another of the "Bend chapters projects" where we all had a good time. For more on the Sisters Buck and Pole project see the May 2018 newsletter issue. Pictures to follow on the next page.

## Another Volunteer Opportunity - Re-Build a Guzzler Apron

There is a guzzler off the 62 road between La Pine and Gilchrist where vandals have taken most of the T posts. We need to do the following:

- Remove the old Apron
- Replace about 25 T Posts
- 2x6 supports under the apron look ok. Need new U bolts hardware.
- Screw old apron back down
- Install new screen over rain gutter
- Clean out water bowl
- Snake the line out.

**Re-build date is November 13, 14th**

**If you are interested in helping out please call Eric Brown at 541-647-0424**





## Oregon Hunters Association

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Today Bend OHA volunteers placed an informational sign at the project site which has a main USFS road adjacent to the project. The sign was built by Dealin' in Signs and paid for by the Mule Deer Foundation. This sign provides information about Aspen stands and why the project was done along with giving credit to the mentioned volunteer groups. This was a huge project that could not have been completed without the cooperation of so many groups. Thank you to all that contributed.



Volunteering is not only good for the environment. Its good for the soul.

Getting out into the fresh air,  
accomplishing great things and seeing  
the results, making friends and  
being a part of something good.

Its what we all want.  
Get involved with your chapter.  
Come to the next meeting.



Eric R. Brown,  
Chapter Volunteer Coordinator  
C: 541-647-0424

L to R: Fred Newton, Bill Littlefield



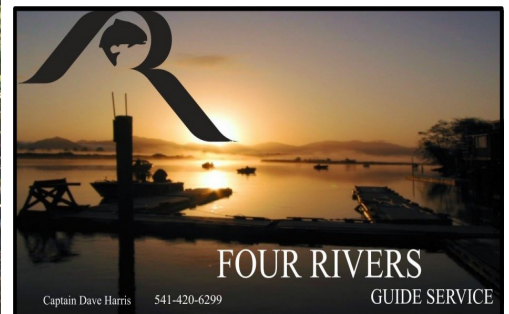


## The Outdoor Experiences

You probably have a few great pictures from your hunting trips .... *I'm certain you do...*

We all really would enjoy seeing what you brought home and would like to hear a little about how much you enjoyed it!  
Share the serious, funny and just plain beautiful experiences you had! (Especially if you lost your lunch!)  
Trophy's? We'd like to see them too!

Please send a picture and a bit about what happened to: [dixichick1@icloud.com](mailto:dixichick1@icloud.com).



3 River Archers on their “End of the year camping trip”



## From the First Vice Presidents' Chair

Bend Chapter Members - We still have officer vacancies within our chapter. As of last May we have a vacancy for chapter President and Treasurer. The President's duties are being handled by the chapter's 1st Vice President and our past Treasurer has agreed to remain in the office until a replacement is elected at this time. Nominations have been called for at the last chapter meetings without any nominees. The chapter **must** fill these positions. The commitments are not overly time consuming and mentors will be available to help any new officer get their feet under them. The chapter has a great board and operational decisions are made by them, major motions are presented to the membership. The board consists of the officers, members at large, appointees and the past president. **Consider getting more involved** and be a part of the chapter leadership. Its time to step up and **do your part**. For more information feel free to contact any board member listed on the back of the news letter and for any nomination please contact me.

Bob Dixon, 1st Vice President at: 503-572-2805

Our board got together in September and had a full agenda to discuss. Since the membership might not know what kinds of things are talked about at these meetings, we thought you might be interested to know. Without going into too much detail, we will share a little.

1. The on going Highway 97 project, how its funding is going and how it is proceeding. Guest speakers, Cidney Bowman (ODOT wildlife passage coordinator and Lauri Turner (USFS wildlife program manager) were present to fill us in.
2. The Mule Deer Classic Banquet Coordinator is looking for someone to take over in the future and would be willing to mentor this year if we can find someone willing to jump in and get involved.
3. The proposed Mountain Bike Trail in the Ochocos. There was a meeting September 20th, we asked that a representative attend. Our chapter will monitor future activity. (Elk Habitat)
4. The proposed trail from Bend to Lava Butte and Lava Butte to La Pine. We will contact ODOT and the Forest Service for more information.
5. To support Ty Parsons for his shot gun competition. We approved \$250.00 to help with his trip. Proceeds from one chapter meeting raffle were put towards the funds. The board approved the request.
6. The Elk & Flag Line Trail. We may discuss at the September meeting after getting more information.
7. We need a new meeting place. Several board members are looking into spots that may work. The subject of food being available was desired. (any suggestions?)
8. The sisters project sign.
9. SE Oregon Resource Plan
10. How to get current members interested in coming to the meetings.
11. Chapter website, we might be making some changes
12. Obtaining a chapter banquet computer program to simplify how we get the banquet done.
13. Coalition for the Deschutes Shared Vision Statement. Do we want to endorse. The endorsement would be to just acknowledge that the coalition's purpose is to find a fair way for all to utilize and share the water and rights. Meaning that OHA would be encouraging and supporting the coalition to find a fair way. No decision was made, to be discussed again another time. The state OHA would be consulted.

**As you can see, your board is hard at work during these board meetings for the betterment of our resources, wildlife and the future of animals, habitat and hunting for generations to come.**  
**Want to be in the know? Get involved with your chapter!**

"I want one, oooh I want  
one soooo bad!

I just cant wait for that  
human holiday for leftovers!

Maybe if I act like Im just  
passing by.....







**Kade Lorimor**, 14 got his 3rd Archery Elk this year, He made a great 16 yard shot! Kade is in his street clothes because he shot her the night before. Just after locating his elk, he had to leave for school. Way to go Kade!



**Jaret Lorimor**, 11 with his forked horn this year, (His second deer )



**Jaret Lorimor** 11, with his mother's ( Carolyn Lorimor) spike bull. Jaret tracked it all by himself! Thumbs up Jaret!



**Carolyn Lorimor** gets her first Bear this year. Nice!



The Lorimor family, a great example of how families carry on the tradition of hunting. Its great to see families getting out, learning, doing things together and setting the foundation for generations to come.

“Hey JR, (dad) we assume you were taking those great pictures, where’s yours?”

The Lorimor family is actively involved with the 3 Rivers Archery club and OHA. The Bend chapter, OHA is also a sponsor for 3 Rivers Archery. We are looking for the hunters of tomorrow and encourage all families to get involved with their children by joining local outdoor sporting clubs and being involved in OHA.

Thank you to the Lorimor family for sending us your pictures!





## **NOVEMBER SPEAKER**

Our November speaker will be **Elise Wolf**,  
with "Native Bird Care"  
Elise will be bringing in the Swan and Snow  
Goose that the Bend Chapter of OHA assisted  
in having preserved.

Learn about what to hunt and have lots of questions to ask.  
See you there!

### **Vice Presidents Report**

The Bend chapter currently has 497 members.  
Up 33 from the last report. 12 new members.  
**Welcome all new members!**

There were 7 delinquent memberships as of September.  
**Be sure to pay your annual dues and keep your  
memberships current, you don't want to miss out!**

The chapter would like to encourage all members to come to the  
monthly meetings and join in on our many chapter activities!

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### **September Membership Raffle**

The name drawn this month for  
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**John and Elizabeth Farwell** of  
Bend.

John and Elizabeth were **not**  
present to win!

We give this raffle away  
**every month** but you have to be  
at the meeting to get it!

What were you doing that evening?

This is an exciting raffle to win!  
Come to the meetings, it may be  
your name drawn!  
(You know you want to!)



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Forest Supervisor John Allen,

September 5, 2018

We are writing you today in regard to the Flagline Trail and wildlife concerns.

As you are aware there are currently seasonal protections for elk habitat until August 15<sup>th</sup> on a section of the Flagline Trail. A recent story in the Bend Bulletin noted that mountain bikers were actively ignoring the closure in this area near Tumalo Mountain, despite the closure.

We knew people were violating the closure and risking the health of the elk herd in that area but we didn't know what the frequency was. Between July 27 and August 5, 2018, we placed a trail camera on the section of the Flagline trail in question. The trail camera showed that there were 111 mountain bikers that used the trail during this short time frame. That averaged out to 11 people per day, or close to one person per hour during day time hours. This level of disturbance will have a negative impact on the health of the elk herd.

After discussions with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife we understand that one of the key elements of this protection for the elk calving area is that it allows the calves to get fattened up for several months before facing their first difficult winter. This increases the survival rate for the calves.

Our organizations are concerned about the loss of high quality undisturbed wildlife habitat on the Deschutes National Forest, specifically regarding elk in this case. We encourage the Deschutes National Forest to support a healthier balance between wildlife, recreation, logging, and other activities. We are concerned that this balance is not currently being achieved, particularly for wildlife such as elk.

We aren't looking to place blame for this problem. We are more interested in solutions. We recognize this is not a problem the Forest Service created, we also recognize that organizations like Central Oregon Trail Alliance are making an effort to educate their members on this issue. But more needs to be done.

Public education is an important part of the solution, something we can all work on. Better enforcement and presence of Forest rangers is an equally important component.

We have several questions we are hoping you can provide responses to.

Does the Forest Service patrol this area and actively enforce the closure, or simply post signs?

How many tickets or warnings have been issued in the last two years for violating this closure?

What can be done differently next year to better protect the calving elk?

Thank you for taking the time to consider this issue. We look forward to your response – whether in writing or in a meeting if that is preferable.

Sincerely,

Erik Fernandez  
Oregon Wild

  
Bill Littlefield  
Oregon Hunters Association





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## Treasurer's Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend Chapter's OHA checking account balance was \$ 73,500.00 as of September 1, 2018.

Come to the meetings and hear what OHA is doing.

**The position of Treasurer is still open for nominations**

And - It's fun to be involved!

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### CALENDAR

<b>October–</b>	<b>NO Chapter Meeting! (Happy Hunting!)</b>
<b>11/13-14</b>	<b>Repair Gilchrist Guzzler</b>
<b>11/15</b>	<b>November Chapter Meeting</b>
<b>11/17</b>	<b>Youth Bird Hunt</b>
<b>03/16/19</b>	<b>Mule Deer Classic Banquet</b>



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registration packet

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