



# PIONEER CHAPTER

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**OHA Mission: Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### ***Monthly Meeting***

Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:00 pm  
Canby Rod & Gun Club

### ***Guzzler Project***

Saturday, October 13, 8:00 am  
Meet at Jake's Diner in Bend for breakfast

### ***Canby Gun Show***

Saturday & Sunday, October 13 & 14  
Clackamas County Fairgrounds

### ***Portland Expo Gun Show***

Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21  
Portland Expo Center

### ***Board Meeting***

Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 pm  
TA Truck Stop, Aurora

### ***Duck Box Route Project***

Saturday, October 27, 7:00 am  
Meet at Forest Service in Estacada for breakfast.



## Next Month

### ***Monthly Meeting***

### ***& Annual Turkey Giveaway!***

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 pm  
Canby Rod & Gun Club

### ***Duck Box Route Project***

Saturday, November 10, 7:00 am  
Meet at Forest Service in Estacada for breakfast.

### ***Banquet Committee Meeting***

Thursday, November 15 at the Scott's residence, 2725 SE Concord Rd, Milwaukie, OR. Contact David Scott for details.

## (DATES TO REMEMBER CONTINUED...)

### ***Board Meeting***

Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 pm  
TA Truck Stop, Aurora

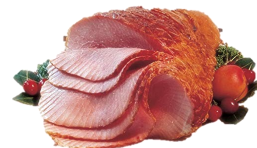
## December

### ***Monthly Meeting***

### ***& Annual Ham Giveaway!***

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 pm  
Canby Rod & Gun Club

Bring unsold OHA 2019 Gun Raffle Calendars to this meeting.



## **HELLO EVERYONE,**

Greetings fellow hunters! Hopefully you have had some luck if you have already been out hunting.

It seems like I am always talking about the Banquet. Maybe I am, but that's my job after all. So here I go again...

I am always looking for donations, but how about we go one step further and ask for Sponsors? Maybe someone you know would like to sponsor a bucket or one of the raffles we have. For instance, if you gave say a \$1000.00 you could be the sponsor for the safe we give away. If you're interested, ask about sponsorship instead of a donation. But we will always accept donations of almost any kind. Thank you for all your hard work!

Any questions call David Scott @ 503-710-1233.

Don't forget to get your registration form in ASAP. Last year some delayed and missed out.

The Early Bird cut off is December 1, 2018 this year.

Thank you.

**David Scott,**

**Banquet Coordinator**



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## Dear OHA folks:

It's our pleasure to announce that OHA Southeast Director Karl Findling will join our conservation field staff on Monday, Oct. 15. Karl's experience working on numerous land-use issues in Oregon will serve OHA well in this position. Karl will serve half-time in this capacity, taking some of the burden from Ken and Jim, who have agreed to stay on a bit longer and split the other half-time conservation position for the present time. This will provide us a 20-hour position in the middle of the state, and two 10-hour consultants on each side of the Cascades, so we will have the state covered.

Meanwhile, this will open an opportunity for someone from the Southeast district to step up and fill Karl's position on the board.

We thank you all for your support, and we look forward to working with Karl to achieve OHA's mission.

Good hunting!

***Duane Dungannon***

*State Coordinator, Oregon Hunters Association  
Publisher, Oregon Hunter magazine*

## OHA CALENDARS

If you have any unsold **OHA 2019 Gun Raffle Calendars** that you took home, they need to be paid for or returned by the December 5th chapter meeting.

## RECIPES

At our last General Meeting ideas were submitted for this newsletter. Among those ideas some of you would like to see recipes. If you have a favorite hunting camp or game recipe you would like to share, email the recipe to [2013jesmith@gmail.com](mailto:2013jesmith@gmail.com). We will include one or two in upcoming newsletters.

Joy Smith  
Newsletter Editor

## August Guzzler Project

Thank you to all who participated in our August Guzzler trip. We had 2 trucks and 6

attendees. We hauled approximately 1500 gallons of water. At the Moffit 2 station we saw a lone buck antelope and as we got nearer a large herd of 20 to 40 antelope was spotted.

If you would like to come along on our next run Saturday, October 13, we meet at Jake's Diner in Bend for breakfast @ 8:00 am before heading out.

Call David Scott for more information. 503.710.1233



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**Pioneer Chapter**  
**OREGON HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION**  
**23rd Annual Fund-Raiser Banquet**  
**March 2nd, 2019**

Join us on March 2, 2019 at the Clackamas County Fair Grounds for our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fund-Raiser Banquet. Get in on the early registration and beat the crowd. Complete this form with all your party members listed and send with payment to  
DAVID SCOTT - 2725 SE Concord Road, Milwaukie, or. 97267.

**There will be no tickets paid for at the door. All packages must be paid for by February 4<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**Early Bird Prize "Remington 1911 R1-S Semi Auto 45". Early Bird Deadline December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Note:** The registration form has changed. All seats at the banquet will be reserved. So make sure to assign a **PARTY LEADER** and put all the names on the form to ensure you all sit together.

David Scott at 503-710-1233

**NOTE:** Once you register, your tickets will be held at the door.

**2019 PIONEER CHAPTER OF OHA REGISTRATION FORM**

| <b><u>PACKAGES</u></b>                                                                      | <b><u>PRICE</u></b> | <b><u># of Packages Total</u></b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b><u>Baby Bear:</u></b> 1 Dinner and 1 Attendance Ticket and \$30 worth Raffle Tickets     | <b>\$30.00</b>      | ____/____                         |
| <b>PAPA BEAR = BEST BUY!</b>                                                                |                     |                                   |
| <b><u>Mama Bear:</u></b> 1 Dinner, 1 Attendance Ticket and \$60.00 worth Raffle Tickets     | <b>\$55.00</b>      | ____/____                         |
| <b><u>Papa Bear:</u></b> 2 Dinners, 2 Attendance Tickets and \$120.00 worth Raffle Tickets. | <b>\$105.00</b>     | ____/____                         |
| <b><u>Extra Dinner Tickets:</u></b> May be purchased with any package                       | <b>\$20.00</b>      | ____/____                         |

**Note: Non-members add \$35.00 for 1 year membership**

**Or \$45.00 for a Family membership**

At least one membership per registration must be purchased if not a member.  
Membership must be current at time of Banquet March 2, 2019

**NOTE:** Tall Wall Presale \$100.00 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_ Les Schwab Presale \$10.00 Each: \_\_\_\_

Short Wall Presale \$50.00 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_ or 3 for \$25.00 \_\_\_\_

Membership: \_\_\_\_/\$ \_\_\_\_ Renew \_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_ Total Sales \_\_\_\_

**All seats will be assigned to ensure seating!** Phone Number a Must

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|------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| NAME _____ | Name _____ | <b>Phone # _____ **</b>                |
| NAME _____ | Name _____ | <b>Preferred area of Banquet Room:</b> |
| NAME _____ | Name _____ | Front of room ____ Middle ____         |
| NAME _____ | Name _____ | Rear of Room ____                      |
| NAME _____ | Name _____ |                                        |

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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# OHA TRACKER

OCTOBER 2018



JIM WARD

## OHA prevails in lawsuit for elk habitat in Ochocos

A Magistrate Judge in an August recommended ruling sided with the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) and other groups who filed suit to stop the U.S. Forest Service from building an additional 137 miles of off highway vehicle (OHV) trails in critical elk habitat on the Ochoco National Forest.

OHA filed a lawsuit in 2017 challenging the Record of Decision by Forest Service to implement the project. Magistrate Judge Patricia Sullivan in Pendleton on Aug. 27 issued her Findings and Recommendations in the case, which ruled for OHA on four of the five claims made against the project.

Finding that the Forest Service made an “arbitrary and capricious” decision to

approve the project, she recommended that the Record of Decision be set aside. The judge’s finding essentially would kill the project unless the Forest Service goes back to the drawing board. A final ruling is expected in the next few months.

OHA’s claims that the project violated road density standards in the Ochoco National Forest Plan and didn’t adequately address protection for elk during calving and rutting seasons prevailed.

Jim Akenson, OHA’s conservation director, was pleased with the recommended decision.

“We fought for elk, and won,” said Akenson.

“OHA did everything they could to participate in the Forest Service planning

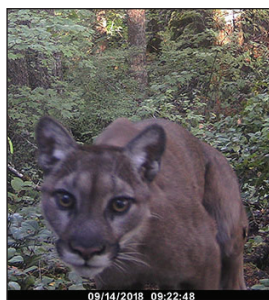
process and raise their concerns about impacts on elk security and habitat,” added Paul Donheffner, OHA’s legislative committee chairman. “We filed this lawsuit as a last resort. This was a very good day for OHA, other conservation groups that value the Ochocos, and for elk. Prevailing against the federal government is no easy match. This is a great victory for OHA and our mission.”

The Ochoco Mountains have historically been some of the best habitat for deer and elk in Oregon. Information published on ODFW’s website reveals that hunting contributes more than \$14 million to central Oregon’s tourism economy and more than \$104 million to the statewide tourism economy on an annual basis.

## ODFW believes removed cat is first to kill a human in Oregon

ODFW is ending cougar capture operations because all available evidence shows the cougar killed on Sept. 14 in the Mt. Hood National Forest is the one responsible for the state’s first fatal cougar attack.

The cougar killed was detected on a trail camera set right at the site where the attack occurred on hiker Diana Bober, 55. Over the previous week, no other cougar was detected in the area. Cougars are territorial. Males have larger home ranges (50-150 square miles) while a female home range is usually 20-30 square miles. Trail cameras were first set at the attack site on the Hunchback Trail, then expanded to about a 35-square mile area around that site, and eventually surveilled a roughly 78-square mile area. No other cougar was ever detected on this network of 31 cameras set on trails, wildlife corridors, saddles and other areas where cougars are likely to travel, adding to the evidence that the cougar responsible was killed on Sept. 14.



*A trail camera caught this cougar just a few feet from where the victim’s backpack was found.*

The cougar’s age also plays a role in evidence. The female cougar killed is several years old, and by that age cougars have an established a home range. The lack of any other cougars in the area suggests this cougar was in its home range when it attacked and killed Diana, and that it is unlikely another cougar is responsible.

After the cougar was killed on Sept. 14, it was immediately bagged to prevent any contamination of evidence during transport and flown by Oregon State Police to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife

Forensics Lab in Ashland.

The lab has been analyzing evidence from the cougar’s body and evidence from the scene of the attack. However, the lab is unable to extract any relevant DNA from evidence collected at the attack scene to use for a comparison to the DNA from the cougar killed on Friday.

The analysis has been challenging due to contamination of evidence at the original attack site. Several days passed between when the fatal attack likely occurred and when Diana was discovered and evidence collected. Heavy rain did fall during that time period, further contaminating evidence.

The cougar weighed 64.5 pounds, which is within the normal weight range for female adult cougars. Her exact age is still to be determined.

Several TV stations and newspapers have interviewed OHA staff, who have stressed the need for better cougar management, specifically with hounds.

# OHA eyes concepts for poaching bills

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist  
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After many months of meetings with legislators and their staff, representatives from OSP, ODFW and OHA submitted 2019 legislative concepts as part of an "anti-poaching campaign." The bill drafts address these three poaching issues:

## Problem #1 – Increase Some Wildlife Crimes to Felonies

Poaching of Oregon's wildlife and natural resources is a serious issue, but does not have serious enough consequences in the form of penalties for some crimes. Crimes such as unlawful take of wildlife, waste of wildlife, egregious violations such as spree killing of wildlife and the purchase or sale of wildlife for commercialization only have Class A Misdemeanors penalties associated with them. In many cases this is viewed as too lenient of a punishment by the public, and not a deterrent to poaching activity.

## Problem #2 – Increase the Violation Category for Some Wildlife Crimes

The penalties associated with violations of certain wildlife offenses that do not involve the taking of wildlife are too lenient. Certain violations that are committed by poachers prior to killing of wildlife are only a D violation, which carries a minimal fine of \$110 and does little to change their behavior. OHA seeks increased penalties for hunting from a motor-propelled vehicle, hunting with an artificial light, and shining an artificial light on a game mammal, predatory animal or livestock while in or near a motor vehicle and while in possession of weapon.

## Problem #3 – Definition of a resident angler/hunter

The current definition of residency has wording that is subjective and open for interpretation. Specifically, the wording of "temporary absence" in the current definition of resident makes it difficult to prosecute cases of non-residents falsely applying for resident hunting and angling licenses in Oregon.

Bill drafts should be available sometime in late October or early November.

# Commission OKs regs changes, preference points for tipsters

Mechanical broadheads and reduced bow draw weight for some big game species were approved by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for the 2019 Big Game Regulations at its September meeting in Bandon. The Commission also:

- ✓ Approved rules to allow people who provide information to the Turn In Poachers (TIP) program leading to an arrest or citation the ability to choose to receive (in lieu of cash) five preference points in cases of unlawful take, possession or waste involving moose, mountain goat, bighorn sheep and wolves, and four preference points for cases involving bear, cougar, deer and elk.

- ✓ Denied a petition to initiate rule making which could result in listing the Humboldt marten as endangered or threatened under the Oregon Endangered Species Act.

## Predators and Politics

By Jim Akenson, OHA Conservation Director  
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Predators are in the news: what's new?

🐾 OHA staff have been interviewed for TV and newspaper articles recently in response to the tragic fatal cougar attack in the Mt. Hood National Forest, which appears to be the first documented case of a wild cougar killing a person in Oregon in recent times. We have been respectful of the family's tragedy, but answered media questions frankly about the importance of more effective cougar management, specifically use of hounds.

🐾 One Wolf Plan stakeholder facilitated meeting was held Aug. 30 in The Dalles. Little progress was made toward achieving compromise, especially on controlled take, or hunting language. The management representatives all indicated a need to leave this important element in the plan.

Wolf advocates want hunting removed from the management tool box for the next planning period. The next meeting was scheduled to be held in Salem on Oct. 9.

# Land management changes for SE Oregon?

By Ken McCall, OHA Resource Director  
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The amended BLM Southeast Oregon Resource Management Plan (SEORMP) is scheduled for a draft release by Oct. 10, and the ultimate decision will guide BLM land management for a vast area, including nearly 5 million acres of prime wildlife habitat in the Owyhee Canyonlands area, Hart Mountain, Steens Mountain, Trout Creek Mountains and other areas treasured by hunters.

The SEORMP process has a two-decade history of BLM producing a management plan, followed by an environmental lawsuit by Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) and a court decision that the BLM did not meet environmental and management laws and requirements. The decision required the BLM to amend the SEORMP.

OHA has not been directly involved in the legal process, but has worked with other conservation-minded sports groups in blocking the 2016 Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument proposal and tracking the developments in these plan amendments. Our primary interest is the OHV and wilderness designation elements of the amendments.

The BLM is mandated by the courts to address the lawsuit-directed amendments and is reluctant to consider additional management alternatives. A coalition of sports groups, including OHA, requested a public meeting to discuss the amendments and potential alternatives, but the request was denied. Our Malheur County Chapter has been involved in the planning process through involvement with the Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition, representing hunter interests in local efforts for amendment alternatives.

The landscape of the Owyhee country is under ever-increasing recreational pressure, but increased recreation is not the only impact. Moves by the Interior Department are proceeding to approve the proposed Big Grassy Mine west of Owyhee Reservoir. The proposed open-pit leach mine uses cyanide chemical leach ponds. OHA will evaluate and comment on behalf of wildlife and habitat.

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**OREGON HUNTING SEASON CALENDAR**

Always consult the ODFW Big Game Hunting Regulations Manual for descriptions of hunting units, tags required and season dates

| SEASON                                                       | DATES                                                                                                                                                         | TAG REQUIRED                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Deer Rifle</b><br><b>Western Oregon</b><br>General Season | <b>Cascade Buck Area</b><br>September 29-October 12<br>October 20-November 2                                                                                  | Western Oregon Deer Tag        |
|                                                              | <b>Coast Buck Area</b><br>September 29-November 2                                                                                                             | Western Oregon Deer Tag        |
| <b>Eastern-Oregon</b><br>Controlled Season                   | Consult controlled hunt tables                                                                                                                                | Controlled 100 Series Deer Tag |
| <b>Elk Rifle</b><br><b>Wester Oregon</b>                     | <b><u>Depending on Unit</u></b><br>October 13-19                                                                                                              | Cascade Elk                    |
| 1st season                                                   | November 10-13                                                                                                                                                | Coast Elk 1st Season           |
| 2nd season                                                   | November 17-23                                                                                                                                                | Coast Elk 2nd Season           |
| <b><u>Eastern Oregon</u></b><br>1st season                   | <b><u>Depending on Unit</u></b><br>October 24-28 (One bull elk with visible antler)<br>October 24-November 30 (One elk)<br>December 1-30 (One antlerless elk) | Rocky Mt Elk—1st Season        |
| 2nd season                                                   | November 3-11 (One elk with visible antler)                                                                                                                   | Rocky Mtn Elk—2nd Season       |
| 2nd season                                                   | November 3-11 (One spike elk with at least one visible unbranched antler)                                                                                     | Rocky Mtn Elk—2nd Season       |