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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

Skylor Africa-Barnes, Robert Carlson, Jacob Cason, Shane Fogelsong & Family, Philip Forbini, Tyler Harper, Travis Jordan, David King, Matt Langer, Andrew Lopez, Andrew Jacob Lopez, Tim Stromberg and David Tetrick.

The Youth Event out at Henry Hagg Lake had a fantastic response. Thank you to everyone that came out and participated and helped. There were over 1500 youth plus their families that registered. There was a ton of activities and educational opportunities for the whole family from learning water safety to the life cycle of fish and other aquatic species, to learning about our OSP Troopers, touring the various military & medical vehicles. Building bird houses, a hoop shoot, not to mention our very own booth where you could learn to shoot on the BB Gun Range as well as trying your hand at the Archery Range. Once again our booth was super popular and we had a lot of families participate and come back multiple times. Please see our Face Book page for an album of pictures. Special thanks to the Timber Beasts BB Gun Club for doing a fantastic job of manning the BB Gun ranges.

Duck & Goose Hunting

3 Farms, 170 acres, several ponds & goose fields.
Within 6 miles of Hillsboro, near Jackson Bottoms Refuge.
35 acres planted plus lots of natural food in and around ponds.
Professional management.
New openings for a few good hunters at \$1,500 for the 2019-20 season.
All fees go for wildlife habitat management & improvements on the properties.
Details & tour for serious prospects.
Contact Dave Sill, Wildlife Biologist, 503-718-7235 cell 503-701-5169
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We have started an incentive drawing for Volunteers. If you come out and volunteer at an event and spend four hours then you will receive a ticket. Some events run much longer than others so you will receive a ticket for every four hour block that you come serve. We will draw the winning ticket at our Christmas Party. This does not take the place of the drawings that we do on the event day for volunteer incentives. Our next volunteer opportunity is at our May 18th Habitat Restoration Project—see details on the back page.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

Chapter meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month at:
Prime Time Sports Bar and Grill in Forest Grove



A BIG THANK YOU to Bill Cogley and Brian Olson from Trash No Land for being our guest speakers.

Trash No Land is a Washington-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to making a positive difference in recreational target shooting, toward the critical goal of protecting and preserving our public lands.

Education and awareness of rules, ethics, stewardship and safety are the foundations of their mission. They promote awareness and seek solutions surrounding responsible shooting on public lands through our website and social media, at special events and sporting goods stores, and from printed information, photos, and videos. They lead clean-ups at shooting sites in the forests of Washington and Oregon, assist forest management agencies in the development of quality shooting lanes and enhance their message through extensive volunteer efforts to keep these lands clean and safe.

They are an all volunteer organization. No members or staff receive any compensation.

Contact them on their website TrashnoLand.org or look them up on Facebook.

Common Public Land Shooting Rules

Search the web for the public land you recreate in and know the target shooting rules before you go.



Target shooting and other shooting related activity will be prohibited from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.



No person shall engage in shooting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.



No person shall shoot carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any person or property.



The use of exploding targets and tracer ammunition is prohibited.



No person shall place targets on trees or shoot trees for any purpose.



No person shall shoot across, from or along any road, trail or body of water.



Persons engaged in target shooting shall utilize an appropriately sized, natural backstop.



No person shall shoot targets other than those commercially manufactured for the specific purpose of target shooting, except for paper targets privately manufactured by the people engaging in target shooting.



No person shall shoot glass of any kind, appliances, furniture, vehicles or other debris determined to be garbage or refuse by an enforcing officer.

If you have any hunting photos that you would like to share in our newsletter, please send digital images to tvcoha@outlook.com or email Melody Kind — hidden_valley@hotmail.com or text them to 503-502-0611.

Trash No Land says that we have an ethical responsibility to change the image of recreational shooting. We start with a solid foundation of ethics in our conduct. We portray the value of our natural resources in how we treat our public land. And we share this responsibility with our friends, family and fellow shooters.

Trash No Land's Code of Conduct



Firearms safety rules are our Top Priority.



Situational awareness is a habit.



Keep firearms cased when not on the firing line.



We don't target trees or natural resources.



We use large earthen berm backstops.



We never use alcohol or drugs while shooting.



We remove our trash plus a little more.



We teach others by being the example.



We support recreation of all kinds.



We have pride and respect for our public land.



To the right; Jessica Harris of G4 Archery and her bear. Then below, this youth participant is showing off her bullseye at the BB Gun range. On the next page are pics of our youth event





Just a few pics from our Youth event out at Henry Hagg Lake .





First Annual
Northwest Ladies Range
Day
3D shoot and Competition

July 27th, 2019
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Sherwood, OR

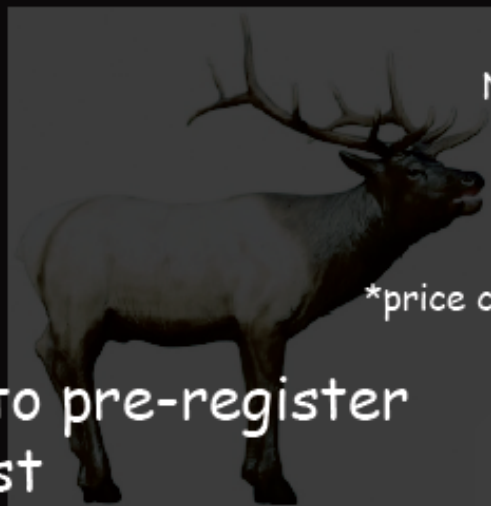
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Pre-registration

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Anti-poaching bill, budget sent to Governor

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist
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As the legislature begins to wind down and with "Sine Die" imminent, all bill-related actions are happening at a quick pace. Hearings in the early morning and late at night are a typical occurrence with new bills and amendments moving at a fast and furious pace in both chambers. Here is the latest bill update before the final legislative report.

Look for legislative updates on OHA's website (www.oregonhunters.org), where you can also sign up for OHA's e-mail updates and alerts. OHA's lobbying efforts are made stronger by members' voices. You can also donate to OHA's Victory Fund at <https://oregonhunters.org/donate/>

Bill Updates

• **SB 5510 ODFW Budget:** The Governor's ODFW budget did not include funds for the anti-poaching campaign that the Legislature mandated in a budget note OHA requested last year, so OHA lobbied to get those funds restored to the budget, and it is headed to the Governor's desk.

• **SB 978 Gun Sales & Storage Restrictions:** SB 978, the gun bill that was introduced this legislative session, is dead as a result of a compromise reached by Senate Republicans and Senate Democrats. This is not the time to relax, however. There is still plenty of time left in this legislative session for gun bills that have already been introduced to be heard or new gun bills to be written. The legislative session is not over until the final gavel.

• **HB 3035 Poaching Penalties:** This is the bill we have been working on with OSP and ODFW to increase maximum penalties for wildlife violations.

Update: This bill has been signed by the Governor.

• **HB 3118 Cougar Bill:** Authorizes ODFW to use appointed agents for cougar management.

Update: The bill passed out of the House Committee on Natural Resources and



A poaching penalties bill supported by OHA and an anti-poaching program OHA got included in the ODFW budget are on their way to the Governor.

moved to the House Committee on Rules.

• **HB 2068 Percentage of Nonresident Tags:** Increases percentage of nonresident tags that can be issued for hunting of black bear, cougar and antelope within areas that may be issued by drawing.

Update: This bill has been signed by the Governor.

• **HB 2069 Unallocated Big Game Tags:** Removes requirement that State Fish and Wildlife Commission issue leftover game mammal hunting tags to anyone first-come, first-served; allows ODFW to restrict leftover tags to those who have not drawn a tag.

Update: This bill has been signed by the Governor.

• **HB 2293 Residency Requirements:** Amends residency requirements for purposes of licenses, tags and permits related to wildlife.

Update: The bill is in Ways and Means.

• **HB 2834 Safe Wildlife Passage:** Bill requires ODFW, in consultation with Department of Transportation, to develop Wildlife Corridor and Safe Road Crossing Action Plan for use by state agencies. OHA has testified in favor of this bill.

Update: This bill has been signed by the Governor.

• **SB 723 Coyote Hunting Contest Ban Bill:** **Update:** The bill has passed the Senate and is now in the House. OHA is opposed to the bill.

• **HB 2294 Commercial Urine Products:** Requires that any commercial product that contains or is derived from cervid urine and designed for luring, attracting or enticing cervids be from herd free of chronic wasting disease.

Update: The bill has been signed by the Governor.

• **HB 2361 Multi-year Resident and Non-resident Hunting Licenses:** Requires the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish and prescribe fees for multi-year resident and nonresident hunting licenses. Sets agent fee for issuance of each multi-year license at \$5.

Update: The bill passed out of committee. The bill is now in Ways and Means.

• **HB 2841 Information Disclosure:** This bill allows ODFW to refuse disclosure of information relevant to department ability to manage or protect described fish or wildlife species or individual members or populations of species. Exempts information from disclosure as public record.

Update: The bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate. While in the Senate the bill was amended. The bill then passed the Senate with the new amendments included in the bill. Next stop: The House to concur with the Senate amendments. The House did not concur with the Senate amendments. So now there will be a "conference committee" with appointees from the Senate and the House to work out the differences in the bill.

ODFW proposes major changes; please be heard

By Jim Akenson, OHA Sr. Conservation Director
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Proposed changes to Oregon's big game regulations will be discussed with public comment opportunity at a series of meetings around the state in July. Some of the proposals are sweeping changes, and hunters need to be heard.

One proposal would make spikes legal in the general western Oregon buck season and illegal in controlled 600-series antlerless hunts.

An example of the influence hunters can have occurred at the June Commission meeting, where OHA representatives stated the importance of keeping certain coveted 600-series hunts with an either-sex bag limit available for many interested hunters who have compiled preference points for them. The Commission then recommended that the proposal to change those hunts to 100-series buck deer hunts be dropped.

Other proposed changes include:

- Longer, later seasons for pronghorn, bighorn, and mountain goat hunts to give hunters who draw a prized tag a later opening and more time to hunt.
- 127 existing hunts consolidated into 49.
- 91 hunt dates expanded or made simpler or consistent with other hunts.
- 85 hunt areas expanded to the entire unit or simpler boundaries.
- 57 bag limits made simpler or consistent with other hunts.
- 9 new controlled hunts, including 3 late mule deer hunts, 2 mountain goat hunts, and a pronghorn hunt.

Plan to attend one of the meetings. This will be the only chance to comment before the Commission enacts rule making at the Sept. 13 meeting in Gold Beach.

See the proposed changes at: <https://myodfw.com/articles/proposed-changes-2020-big-game-regulations> and the meeting schedule at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2019/06_Jun/062419b.asp

To provide written testimony, send your comments or recommendations to: odfw.commission@state.or.us



Volunteers cut encroaching conifers and built wildlife-friendly fencing to protect aspen stands.

All hands, all brands turn out for public lands

By Karl Findling, OHA Lands Director
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More than 75 volunteers from several different conservation-minded sportsmen's organizations, including OHA, turned out in force June 21-23 for a "rendezvous-style" gathering and work party in the Ochoco National Forest.

Projects included fence repair and replacement with wildlife-friendly fencing around aspen stands. New buck and pole exclusion fencing was installed around various springs and aspen stands in three different locations.

The work is important because aspen

stands across the west are not regenerating due to impacts from domestic cattle and wildlife.

New projects were discovered and planned for next year's event.

Participating organizations included OHA, NWTF, RMEF, BHA, TRCP, Pheasants Forever, USFS and ODFW.

Volunteers were treated to a potluck dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. Various conservation organizations provided booths, raffles and donations. Sponsors included Legacy Sports, Leupold & Stevens, Benchmade, Sig, Work Sharp and dozens of others.

OHA prevails again in lawsuit for Ochoco elk

By Karl Findling, OHA Lands Director
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OHA is pleased to announce the conclusion to the Summit OHV proposal, with the federal government dropping its appeal process in June. OHA filed a lawsuit challenging the Record of Decision by the U.S. Forest Service to build an additional 137 miles of off highway vehicle (OHV) trails on the Ochoco National Forest in critical elk habitat.

"The Bend and Redmond chapters were initially concerned with illegal OHV use and encroachment into critical elk calving areas," stated Jim Akenson, OHA Senior Conservation Director. "This is a big win for wildlife and habitat protections going forward."

OHA's State Board, staff, and central Oregon OHA chapters had opposed the Ochoco Summit Trail Project since it was proposed in 2009. OHA and other groups, including ODFW, had been fully engaged in the public process to oppose adding 137 miles of OHV trails and roads in critically important elk habitat, citing the Forest Service's own research in the Starkey Experimental Forest.

OHA filed suit, and OHA's Bend Chapter and RMEF contributed to legal fees.

In the latest action, the Federal Government dropped its appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, ending the case and stopping the project.

As a prevailing party, OHA will seek to recover legal expenses.



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July 9th — Board Meeting is at 7pm— 33 S 18th Ct, Cornelius OR 97113

July 16th — Chapter Meeting at Primetime Sports Bar & Grill 4450 Pacific Avenue, Forest Grove OR 97116 Guest Speaker is Kiernan Hull of Oregon Taxidermy, LLC

July 20th — Target Shooting Clean Up on Salmonberry Road 8 AM
Meet up at the Viewpoint on Highway 26 at milepost 32

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