

OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

BEND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING MAY 8, 2019

Come join us on May 8 for the next chapter meeting! The meetings are now held at the :

Bend Golf & Country Club
61045 Country Club Dr
Bend Oregon 97702

Just a heads up– The limited dinner menu may change from month to month and the club likes us to issue one check at the end of the night, so until we come up with a preferred way of facilitating this, please pay John Bambe for your meal as you order it so he can keep track. It's a great place for us to meet, has everything we need for a great meeting and the view is beautiful! Please come experience the Bend OHA meetings!

Candy Yow, OHA member and state board member for **Access Habitat** was our April Speaker. Oregon Access & Habitat is through ODFW, and is a program to help gain access to private land for hunters as well as help provide habitat.

Landowners & Hunters together for Wildlife

Access & Habitat mission is: To foster partnerships between landowners and hunters to benefit the wildlife they both value.

Our A&H program is Currently Involved in the following:

- *60 Active Projects
- *Matching funds of approx. 11 Million
- *Annual Hunter access to over 4.9 million acres of private land
- *Wildlife habitat improvements on over 52,000 acres

A & H Funding Sources

*\$4 Surcharge on Annual hunting and combination licenses

*Allocation from ODFW Green Forage & Deer Enhancement & Restoration (DEAR) Program

*Proceeds from Annual Auction and Raffle of 10 deer & 10 elk tags

Project Accomplishments: Hunting Access

The majority of A&H projects provide public hunting opportunities on private lands. A&H funding of Enhanced Law Enforcement Patrols maintain public access to over 4 million acres of productive western Oregon private forest lands. In addition, A & H Access provide access to over 738,000 acres of farms, ranches, and private forest land throughout Oregon. From our 2014 Farm Bill were used to provide over 479,000 acres of hunting access, including property in the Willamette Valley & Central Oregon where participation in A & H has historically been low.

Projects active during the 2017-2019 biennium improved habitat on over 52,000 acres of private land" A & H has improved a total of approximately 1.5 million acres since its inception in 19193. Common habitat enhancements include juniper removal, noxious weed control, spring development, riparian restoration, and emergency seeding after wildfires.

A&H Regional Advisory Councils:

Six Regional councils serve in an advisory capacity to the State A & H board. The councils provide the initial review of grant proposals and forward their recommendations to the A & H board. Composed of landowner, hunter and public representatives, volunteer council members bring grass roots expertise and local knowledge to the review process.

The six regions are :

*North Willamette Council,
Dave Nuzum

*South Willamette Council:
David Stroppel

*Southwest Council:

Jade Keehn

*Deschutes-Klamath Council:

Andrew Walsh

*Northeast Council:

Jon Pasutian

*Malheur Council:

Tom Segal

Welcome to Hunt Access:

Located at most of the Welcome to Hunt areas are a sign, maps and Hunt Permits. Our biggest challenge to date is getting hunters to report success, or otherwise, we have less than 30% feedback of those that enter the Welcome to Hunt areas. It is very hard to present more opportunities to the Commission until we have more facts back from the hunters themselves. To encourage this we have a raffle during our July A&H meeting each year to encourage hunters to complete a daily use permit on A&H Access areas, in the years past it was a rifle, hence you should fill out the information for a chance to win. Information from the permits helps the Board decide which projects to continue funding.

Hunts Available

There are many different hunts and areas available from Coast lands of smaller acreage but with unique opportunities for rare breeds of geese to Forest lands that allow hunting off road of over 250,000 acres in one area. There are a few specialized areas that allow only 3-4 people per year that focus more on habitat and quality of hunt rather than allowing mass amounts of people through.

Go to OregonHuntingMap.com to learn where these properties are located, Enhanced Patrol areas, as well as other State & Federal hunting areas. Details provided for each hunting area include, size, species available, open periods, special regulations, contact information and link to a downloadable map. Myodfw.com Access & Habitat.

Get Involved!

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Regional Councils are always needing landowner or hunter reps State Board is often times looking for landowner or hunter rep Conservation is always looking for help, through A&H, OHA or other areas, we must work together to keep our Public lands, Hunting rights and 2nd Amendment Rights to preserve this for our future generations

Oregon Access & Habitat Board

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"Remember if we don't like the way things are, we can only help by getting involved. It is our responsibility to help our communities by volunteering for the things we love and believe in. "

Thanks, Candy

"The 27th Mule Deer Classic 2019"

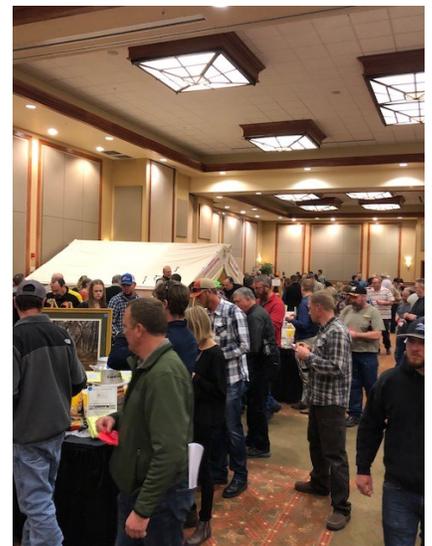
This was our biggest and best banquet/ fundraiser with 416 in attendance and over \$105,000 worth of firearms and merchandise awarded in the games, raffles and auction. Everyone had a great time and since the banquet was sold out again, plan on signing up early next year.

The banquet will be held March 14, 2020 and we hope to see you all there!

A very special THANK YOU goes to all our sponsors and donors!. We couldn't do it without all the generous contributions you have all made!

Funds made at this event go towards the conservation of wildlife, educating and helping youth via scholarships and outdoor events, OHA also strives to be active in preserving the future of hunting and protecting our 2nd amendment rights.

Please see all those who donated this year at our Mule Deer Classic and please consider supporting the businesses that contribute to this cause.



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From the Presidents' Chair

Hello Bend Chapter,

We had our first monthly meeting at the Bend Golf & Country Club in April. It's a very nice venue with excellent service and food. We have had to change the process of dinner payments, the club would like us to present one check to them at the end of the meeting so we will be working out how that process will be implemented.

On the agenda for our May meeting, will be nominations for some of our leadership positions. This year the positions that will be open for nominations will be :

- One of our Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Project Coordinator
- 2nd Member at Large / Youth Events.
- We also have an appointed position open for Banquet Coordinator.

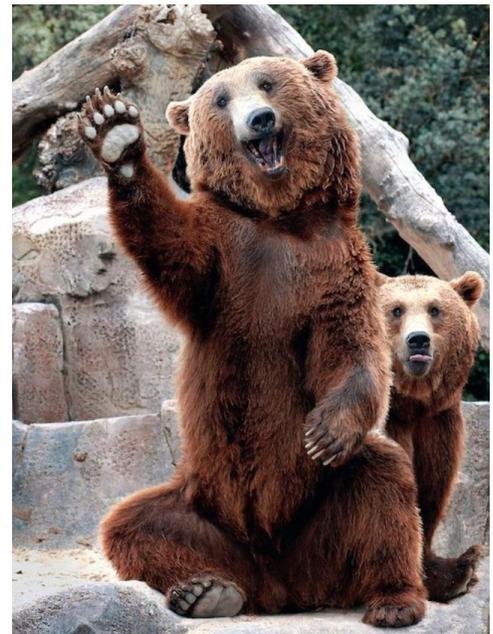
All of these positions sit on the Chapter's Board. Additional nominations and voting will be done at the June meeting. Please attend to vote. If you have any interest in being more involved with the chapter's leadership, please come to the meeting or let one of the board members know of your interest. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have about any of the positions.

We are coming into the time of year that projects start hitting the calendar. We already have several scheduled. These are great opportunities to get involved, meet new friends and hunters, participate in habitat projects and help others to understand our hunting heritage and teach useful skills.

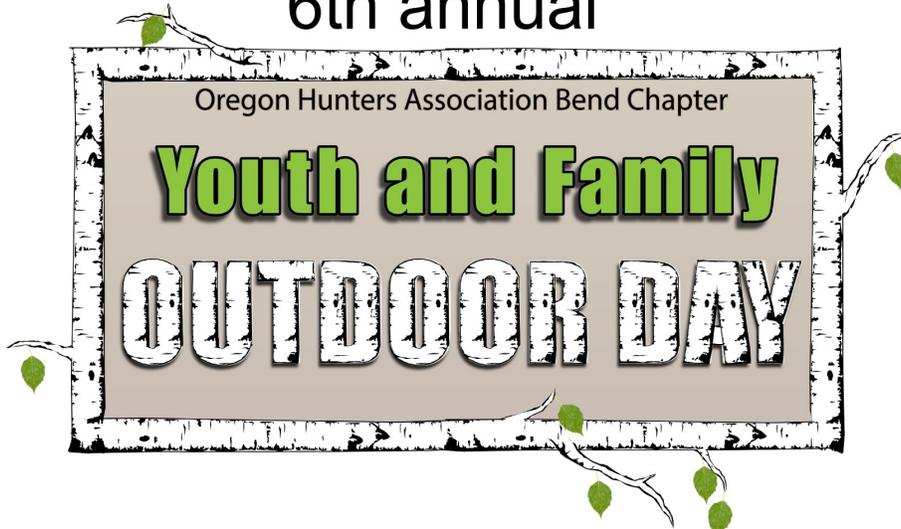
Our state congress is still in full swing attempting every avenue available to them to rob you of your firearm rights and hunting heritage. I would encourage you to stay informed through all the resources available to you and do what your conscious dictates to you to defend those rights. Don't be afraid to put the pen to paper to your representatives.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Bob Dixon
President, OHA Bend Chapter
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Saturday June 1, 2019

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For more info., call the Bend OHA Youth and Family
Activities Coordinator:

Kevin Borst 541-480-7323



Meat Eater Podcast

Just a little over a year ago I was spending a winter night in the Hager Mountain Lookout with my son who turned me on to Podcasts. I am smartphone challenged and knew nothing about Podcasts when my son played a program over his phone. I was intrigued and found out that there are thousands of Podcasts available on just about any subject you can think of. I have since stumbled onto a Podcast called "The Hunting Collective" with host Ben O'Brien. Ben was doing this Podcast while working for Yeti Coolers however he has moved on and is now affiliated with Meat Eater (Themeateater.com) where he has continued the series. The web site describes this Podcast as covering ideologies and philosophies of the modern hunter while touching on key ideas like conservation, our value systems and how to construct a better public image. Just yesterday I listened to a discussion about recruiting and retaining hunters which is something on OHA's agenda.

You can download this Podcast onto your phone or go to Themeateater.com and hear it on the web. There is a new segment each week. Land Tawney from BHA, Remi Warren, Tim Burnett and many others have been on this Podcast. Segment 42, "A Bear Attack on Afognak Island" will certainly get your attention. You should give it a try. Eric Brown



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MAY SPEAKERS

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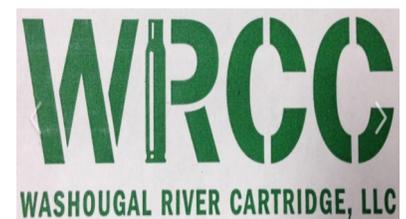
1. **Michael O'Casey**, OHA member & the Oregon field representative for Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
2. **John Schwend**, Owner of Hat Point Targets



The Bend Chapter, OHA is looking for a volunteer to help out with our T Shirts and Hats. This may include ordering and helping to distribute them for the chapter. Design skills not required but would be useful. For more information please call

Bob Dixon 503-572-2806

Volunteer and help out your chapter.



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The April door prize winner was

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John Bambe, Bend Chapter Treasurer gets his bird
OPENING DAY GOBBLER

APRIL Membership Raffle

The name drawn for \$350.00 worth of sporting
merchandise was Treavor Van Ormain

Treavor was **not** present to win!

YOU HAVE TO BE AT THE MEETING!
What were you doing that evening?
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Presidents' Report

The Bend chapter has 571 members as of April 2019!

22 new members, including some existing members renewing

Welcome all new members!

The chapter would like to encourage all members to come to the monthly meetings and join in on our many chapter activities. If you're wondering what's going on in Oregon, and what OHA is doing about it, Get involved! You aren't going to hear about it in the news!

Our chapter is active, involved
and gets results!

Come find out what you can do for your chapter
and be apart of it!

Be sure to pay your annual dues and keep your memberships current, you don't want to miss out!

Help Preserve and Improve Hunting in Oregon!

(and you'll have a good time!)

Volunteer

ALL HANDS, ALL BRANDS

Mark your calendar for June 21 – 23 for a weekend work party in the Ochocos which has an invite to members statewide including our partners with NWTF, USFS, BHA, TRCP, MDF, RMEF and others. For those that have had chain saw classroom training you will get your in-field certification at this event. There will also be classroom training Aril 13 in Bend. For now we will be camping at Sugar Creek Campground with a Potluck dinner and raffle on Saturday night. This is an event you do not want to miss out on. For more information and to RSVP, call 541-647-0424, Eric Brown.



How are we doing?

To make comments or send in your harvest pictures email : dixichick1@icloud.com



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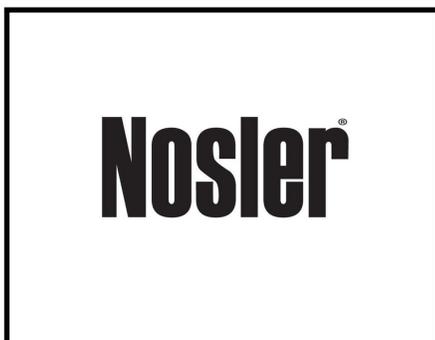
Treasurer's Report

John Bambe was pleased to report that the current Bend Chapter's OHA checking account balance was \$142,5670. as of April 1, 2019.

Come to the meetings and hear what OHA is doing!

Consider getting involved !

It really is gratifying and helps OHA do the right things for Oregon hunting, habitat and wildlife.



ALL HANDS, ALL BRANDS, ON YOUR PUBIC LANDS
June 21-23, Sugar Creek Camp Ground

All OHA Chapters including BHA, RMEF, NWTF and other groups are invited to this weekend work party. This is a first for OHA and we hope to grow this event in the coming years. Not only will we accomplish a lot, but we will also have a terrific chance to network with other hunting and conservation organizations. Our primary work for the weekend will be putting up wire fence at a couple locations to protect Aspen stands. Guzzler maintenance and inspecting old projects will also occur.

Did I mention RAFFLES?

We plan on having several raffles and all you have to do to get a ticket is participate at the work party. Bryan Cook, OHA Field Director, is working on obtaining some nice raffle items. Archery targets will also be set up near our camp so bring a bow and compete or just have fun with your fellow archers. For those coming early there will likely be a .22 competition on Thursday.

We will pack Sugar Creek Campground and the day use area. Dispersed camping will also be available nearby. Saturday night is our potluck dinner in the campground. We hope to be providing steaks and you bring a side dish.

Sunday breakfast will be provided.

Please RSVP Eric Brown @ 541-647-0424 if you want to come to the event. This state rendezvous is a first for OHA and something that hopefully will be expanded and improved upon in the years to come.

Eric Brown
OHA, Project Coordinator



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SIERRA NEVADA FOX PROJECT - Bend OHA member and volunteer Gary Holtz played a key role in trapping a fox for ODFW. Gary lives in the Crescent Lake area and is an active member participating in our Deer Fence Maintenance and other Chapter projects.

It started at an OHA meeting in Bend, Oregon in either October or November of 2018. Jamie Bowles of the Bend ODFW gave a presentation to the chapter about her Sierra Nevada Fox research project. Well it just so happened that I had pictures of her subject material. I had a fox visit my back yard looking for food scraps. We discussed her bringing me some box traps and bait and see what would happen. We set 4 box traps around my back yard and we were open for business, the exception was, there was no trapping on weekends as ODFW doesn't work on weekends. I also had a trail camera watching each trap area. At first I had coyotes show up, but they stayed away from the traps. Then a fox started showing up on a weekend! It started snowing so I closed the traps and they got buried under 2-3 feet of snow. The fox showed up during the night and "worked" the traps. I have pictures of a fox smelling the bait through the 2-3 feet of snow. They would walk around the perimeter trying to figure out how to get to the buried bait. Finally, March arrived and snow was melting and it started visiting-on the weekends!

Saturday March 23 a fox stood about 2 feet away from a closed trap! It even had the nerve to sit out in the open of my backyard about 0830.

On Sunday afternoon April 14, I rebaited the traps and opened them for business. I also replaced the trail camera discs and viewed pics of recent visitors. The raccoons were on the prowl and every trap had been visited by them. Coyote visits had declined, which was fine by me, as coyotes will search out and kill any fox they smell in their territory.

Monday morning April 15 arrived and about 0700 I walked outside with the binoculars and checked two of the traps from a distance. The other two were visible from the kitchen windows with binoculars and I checked them. The trap door was down on the trap closest to my garage! So, in my pajamas I worked my way down the snow-covered hillside, breaking through the snow crust-dam and the snow was cold on my bare feet! But what have I got in the trap? BINGO!!!! A Fox!!! I called Jamie, she was out checking Sage Grouse Leaks near Millican since 0400. She was excited and said she'd be at my place before noon. Jamie, Cory, and Adam showed up about 1100.

The fox was sedated, it was a 2-3-year-old female, weighing about 8 pounds and in good health. DNA and blood samples are taken, metal tag attached to an ear, and radio collar attached. After more stats are recorded, a reverse sedative shot is administered. About ten minutes later the fox got up and wandered off. Radio signals are being received so stats of its travels will be recorded! Research at its best! Now, to catch a couple more fox!!

Gary Holtz

On April 9, the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee voted to approve SB 978 with the dash – 5 amendments. This gun bill, among other things, would require firearms be kept unavailable for self-defense and victimizes gun owners whose firearms are stolen.

OHA Members need to ACT NOW to protect your Rights.

What SB 978 Does • Legalize age discrimination for firearm dealers to allow them to refuse to sell guns or ammo to young adults ages 18, 19 and 20 for no reason other than being under the age of 21. • Makes possession of a firearm without a serial number a felony.

Remember: Many firearms manufactured prior to 1968 do not have a serial number.

Simply owning a classic hunting rifle or family heirloom manufactured without a serial number will be a felony.

- Imposes a one-size-fits-all government solution for firearm storage and require them to be made unavailable for self-defense by requiring all guns to:

1. Be stored in a locked container or have trigger locking device installed whenever gun is not carried by or in control of the owner.

2. Directs Oregon Health Authority to define what is and is not considered a container or locking device.

3. The bill clearly states container does not include a building, room or vehicle or a space within a vehicle.

Therefore, a gun locked inside a vehicle, even in a locked glove box or other locked space in the vehicle, will be illegal.

- Victimizes gun owners who have suffered a loss or theft of their property with criminal penalties if they fail to follow certain requirements when reporting them, including holding the gun owner strictly liable for the future illegal acts committed by criminals using the stolen firearm.

- **In short, you will be a criminal if you do virtually all the things normal law abiding gun owners do. Contact Your State Senator Now!!!**

Now is the time to contact your State Senator and submit your comments. SB 978 will soon be up for a vote, so contact your Senator **NOW!** Find your State Senator here:

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts.html>

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OHA TRACKER

MAY 2019

SUMMER LAKE

New bills on guns and cougars emerge in Salem

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist
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The ongoing all-out assault on Oregon hunters and gun owners continues this spring in the Oregon Legislature, but OHA and our allies are standing our ground in defense of our hunting heritage and gun rights. In some cases, we're going on the offensive.

OHA is tracking more than 1,700 bills daily and attending countless hearings and work group meetings on bills.

Hearings on a number of key hunting-related bills began in early April, and OHA was there to testify on bills affecting gun rights, coyote contests and elk damage control.

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/>

Bills That Are Moving

• SB 978 Gun Sales & Storage Restrictions: What SB 978 Does:

- Legalizes age discrimination for firearm dealers to allow them to refuse service to young adults ages 18, 19 and 20 for no reason other than being under the age of 21.
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- Directs Oregon Health Authority to define what is and is not considered a

container or locking device. The bill clearly states container does not include a building, room or vehicle or a space within a vehicle. So a gun locked inside a vehicle, even in a locked glove box or other locked space in the vehicle, will be illegal.

- Victimizes gun owners who have suffered a loss or theft of their property with criminal penalties if they fail to follow certain requirements when reporting them, including holding the gun owner strictly liable for the future illegal acts committed by criminals using the stolen firearm.

Update: This bill is now in the Senate Committee on Rules. OHA has sent an action alert on this bill. A hearing room and six overflow areas were needed to accommodate all those who came to listen and testify on SB 978. OHA submitted testimony in opposition to the bill. The bill will likely be up for a work session soon.

Anti-Poaching Bills

All three of the anti-poaching bills have been heard before the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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

Update: This bill passed the floor of the House by a vote of 58 to 2 and the bill is now in the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

- **HB 3087 & HB 3088**

HB 3087 is the anti-poaching bill and HB

3088 is a wildlife penalties bill.

Update: These two bills were combined into one bill. The bill is now HB 3087 and is in the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources.

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

Update: This bill was passed out of the House Committee on Natural Resources and referred 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: Bill is in Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. A hearing has been held on this bill.

- **HB 2069 Unallocated Game Hunting**

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: Bill is in Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. A hearing has been held on this bill.

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

Update: Bill is in Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. A hearing is scheduled on this bill for April 23.

For more information about bills:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/list/>

You can find your legislator at:

www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts.html

See OHA legislative updates: <https://oregonhunters.org/legislative-news>





The time is now to submit your comments on Oregon's revised Wolf Management Plan and management input. Be sure to submit input on this plan prior to May 23, so your voice is heard by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioners prior to the June 7 Commission meeting in Salem, when the revised plan testimony will be taken, and plan adoption voted upon by the Commission. Submit your input to:

odfw.commission@state.or.us

The draft wolf plan is available for review at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves/management_plan.asp
To help guide your input, please consider using the bullet points below:

- OHA supports this most recent version of the draft management plan.
- The plan provides ample protection for this species in Oregon.
- The plan provides effective management tools that are critical to protecting other valued resources and activities, such as maintaining game populations and big game hunting.
- The determination of management zones and controlled hunting is well identified within this plan, and we support these developments.
- OHA would like to also see management objective numbers established for wolves in designated wolf management zones.
- Sportsmen would like to contribute reported sightings to annual wolf surveys – modelled after the system used in Montana.

OHA defends public hunting access on OWEB properties

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OHA staff attended the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) meeting on April 16 and 17 in response to concerns raised by OHA members on the North Coast regarding the potential loss of hunting access on lands acquired with OWEB funds.

OHA submitted a letter to OWEB outlining concerns of a net loss in hunting access across public lands. Additional public comment was made during the meeting echoing those points. Several board members expressed support for public access, particularly for hunters and anglers.

Approval of the land acquisition was not given until assurances could be made that bow hunting would continue to be allowed on the 95-acre property in question.

OHA will continue to engage with OWEB and other conservation organizations to ensure our voice is heard regarding sportsmen's access.

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05/27/19	Memorial Day
06/01/19	Youth & Family Day
06/16/19	Fathers Day
06/15-16/19	Raise Em Outdoors
06/16/19	BHA Beer, Bands & Public Lands @ Drake Park
07/19-20/19	NW Womens Hunting Camp
07/27-28/19	NW Womens Hunting Camp
06/21-23	Ochoco Chapter rendezvous near Rager Ranger Station