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BEND CHAPTER

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Deer Fence Maintenance, Lava Butte to Sunriver Junction

Wednesday October 5, 2022

Today four OHA members did a routine fence patrol at the big game fence from Lava Butte to Sunriver Junction due to the fall migration and winter coming up. Overall, the fence is in great shape but we did have to remove a few trees that were laying on the fence. Some brush was cut, a few angle support brackets were reinstalled and the electric strips on the highway shoulders were cleared of gravel. We also picked up litter along the route which gets blown from the highway.



Above picture is fence damage at the NW corner of Cottonwood and US 97. This was first reported December 2020, again in 2021 and again Feb 2021. We were of the

understanding that ODOT was going to take care of this. I will simply leave it up to the three agencies to decide if it should be repaired and who will do it. When we first started doing the fence patrol, we agreed that OHA would not be doing this type of work along the highway. Should be stop reporting this damage?



This is a corner post that has been struck at the NE corner of the Sunriver Junction which also has been reported since 2020. Only cosmetic in nature. Today we hooked a cable to the pole and tugged hard several times with an ATV in order to reset the pole. Gravel was removed from electric strips. Painted cattle guards appear to be utilized for the new fence south of Sunriver Jct. We will be curious to hear about known results on this method especially when the gravel builds up on top of the paint.

Tree found across the fence was not big enough to cause major damage. This was the biggest in size of tree laying over the fence today.

ODOT/ODU-Cascades signage at the trail cameras along the fence. Corrine Oedekerk is doing a research project with ODOT. We look forward to her coming to a Bend OHA meeting to provide additional information on what she is learning about animal migration and the fence.



L: Roger Point with his bounty of garbage collected today along the fence from Cottonwood to Sunriver Jct. This was just the stuff we could reach through the wire and collect. R: Rex Parks, Bend Chapter OHA President is attaching a wire to the fence post.

Volunteers: Eric Brown, Roger Points, Bill Littlefield and Rex Parks

Total time including travel time = 16 hours each

3 Vehicles total miles = 80

2 ATV's & 1 Side by Side total miles = 16

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