



# Oregon Hunters Association Hoodview Chapter News

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Hoodview Chapter News is a monthly publication of the Oregon Hunters Association

**What A Great Fundraiser!** Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at our fundraiser. It was a fun evening.

This event fully funded our Youth Program, Learn To Hunt outreach, White River project, and Rocky Mountain Elk Initiative, as well as the funds to keep Hoodview running each month.

Again, thank you for your support. This is how we support Habitat, Wildlife, and Our Hunting Heritage.



## APRIL CONTEST!

Let's get more subscribers to the OHA app.

This is a premium recruiting tool  
and so easy to use.

Those who download the app in our  
April meeting or have already downloaded it,  
will receive a free ticket for a nice raffle item  
drawn that evening.



~ Mark Your Calendar ~

**April 6th** Youth Turkey Clinic

**April 11th** ODFW Black Bear  
Management Plan

**May 9th** OSP Wildlife Trooper

**June 8th** White River conservation project

**Aug 8th** ODFW Blacktail  
Management Plan

**Dec 7th** Holiday potluck

**General Meetings held at 7:00**



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~~ May 9th ~~

Come meet James Baird, the new  
OSP Wildlife Trooper for our area.  
The last Trooper visit we had was  
before covid, so there's  
a lot to report!

## WELCOME - New Members!

*Your support matters  
and it's appreciated. Thank you.*

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# Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic

April 6, 2024

8:45 am – 4:00 pm

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's

White River Wildlife Area



For Youth ages 8 - 17

Space is Limited! Registration Deadline March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**HUNTER EDUCATION CARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND!**

To register login online at <https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login>

Registration fee of \$10 includes lunch for youth. Lunch is available for adults & families for a donation. For questions, call 541-544-2126 or email [Chase.Brown@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Chase.Brown@odfw.oregon.gov)

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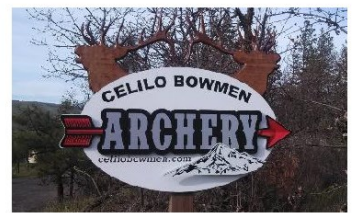
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**Archery:**  
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## Message from the president

Hoodview is in full swing! Great meetings, fantastic banquet, Turkey Clinic, and White River all rolling out one after another.

Other big news is that the Weston Dealerships have partnered with Hoodview by hosting all the food service this year! From the Friday evening BBQ, three Saturday meals, and Sunday morning breakfast, Weston Dealerships will make sure we are well fed!

Please consider volunteering at White River this year. It's a fun event and completing this fence is critical for our deer and elk wintering there.

Board member Fred Weaver, who is immersed in the Douglas Ridge Rifle Club volunteered to keep us abreast of news from this world class rifle range right in our backyard.

Notice the app contest in our April meeting. The OHA app is a key recruiting tool and sponsors become generous when they see good numbers. Come help us support this effort!

*Sincerely, Kelly Parkman Hoodview President*

## Message from the chairman of board

Wow where is the time going! Banquet in the books and headed to the Turkey Clinic.

April 6th at the White River Game area we will be putting on our annual youth turkey clinic.

If you have never been and would like to come and assist we would love to have you.

It is a great family day with camping and lots of instruction for the kids.

Please see the attached flyer in this newsletter.

Remember to get your new hunting licenses that come with your wildlife parking permit.

Looking forward to getting into more spring weather.

Everyone stay safe and good hunting, *Cathy Hamell*

## April Speaker

Black Bear Meeting

ODFW biologist David Keiter is fired up about presenting the ODFW Black Bear Management Plan in our April Meeting.

David will begin with the macro picture, then drill down to specifics like seasonal patterns, preferred food, and preferred habitat. He loves Q&A on the fly, so let's drill him with questions about spring bear hunting! We even asked him to put an X on a map for the best place to hunt!



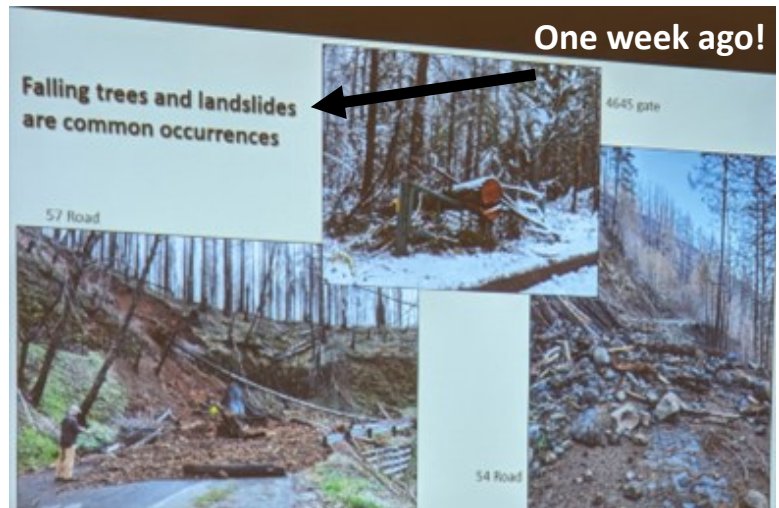
## March Speaker

Jeff Goldberg oversees the Clackamas and Zig Zag national forests. He updated us with real time info about recovery efforts from the 2020 Riverside fire.

While many roads are once again open, several will be painfully slow to reopen. Mini slides are the nemesis. Jeff's crew learns of new slides nearly every week. Contractors and USFS staff are routinely stuck behind them.

Jeff confirmed hunters can walk the roads behind gates and doing so could very well be worth the effort!

Thanks for the info Jeff! We'll see you again next year.





## Good Sheperd Event

Members Daniel Larson, Levi Barrera, and Kelly Parkman volunteered a Friday afternoon at the Good Sheperd Sportsman's Event in Boring. They recruited new members with gun calendar sales and talked to a lot of folks about our mission.



### News From Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

The classified ads are making a return to our website. There will be firearms related items as well as contact information for folks looking for local firearm trainers and people who are FFLs for someone needing their services.

Since we are a member club of the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges, (OASR) we are sending information to OHA's own Amy Patrick for her Woman's group newsletter she has gotten started. This will be where women can learn how to shoot, firearms or bows, practice or just connect with likeminded ladies. They can learn more about becoming an outdoors woman together. Not sure what all Amy has in mind, but we will help her the best we can.

Sincerely, Fred Weaver, recent past president DRRC.

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# 2024 White River Conservation Project

## June 8th & 9th



The White River Game Management unit provides critical wintering grounds for thousands of deer and elk from as far away as Mt. Hood.

This year we're fencing the first aspen stand to recover from the 2020 fire. Aspen is a treasured food source for big game. Buck & Pole fencing allows deer and elk to crawl through or jump over, but cattle can't.

What to Expect: We anticipate 20-40 people including kids.

We camp at Crawford Barn which is haunted. Kids love it! The site is a large flat field with ample room for cars, tents, and trailers. Access is super easy off paved road 48. No power or water. Porta Potties are provided here and at the work site.

Most folks arrive Friday night and enjoy an informal BBQ.

The work event is all day Saturday. A hot breakfast is served at 7:00 with orientation at 8:00, then we drive 30 minutes to the job site.

We'll break for lunch with a 'build your own' sandwich buffet and drinks. The work typically runs another 2-3 hours.

Saturday evening is the big feed presented by Chef Nate in

partnership with Weston Dealerships. Lots of social time and tons of raffle prizes.

Misc.

Phone and internet ok for most

This is a family friendly event. The barn really is haunted.

Please bring your own camp chair and an extra if you can

Bring work clothes, boots, and gloves

Expect any weather Oregon can produce in early June, especially wind.

Please let Kelly Parkman know if you're coming!

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## OHA engages in search for ODFW's next director

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director

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ODFW is on the cusp of a new era with the retirement of current Director Curt Melcher.

Effective April 1, Director Melcher is retiring, and the current ODFW Commission is tasked with the selection of the new agency leader.

The Commission and Governor Kotek are at the helm of the selection process with the Governor's office facilitating the recruitment and selection process and the Commission making the final selection from the winnowed list of applicants.

Selection of a new director is scheduled

for the May 10 Commission meeting.

OHA has been engaged with Commission members, as well as decision-makers in the Governor's office, to express our concerns and advocate for a director who can effectively lead the agency through a hotbed of social topics while remaining focused on science-based wildlife management.

An extensive background in wildlife management, as well as a strong understanding and belief in the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, are crucial attributes OHA has put forth to decision-makers. Additionally, a knowledge of the principles of wildlife research

and how to apply those in an unbiased manner is another key characteristic a successful director should possess.

Another important attribute is fiscal responsibility for the agency and to the rate-paying stakeholders made up of hunters, anglers and trappers. Understanding and appreciating that these stakeholders contribute 47 percent of the agency's budget is key to managing and conserving wildlife.

OHA will continue to work with the Commission members, as well as the Governor's office, to express the views and needs of the sportsmen and women in Oregon.

## OHA scores big win to fund fight against CWD spread

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director

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After a two-year process, OHA has successfully secured funding for increased Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) monitoring, detection, and testing in Oregon.

In the spring of 2022, OHA was concerned that CWD funding was not included in the proposed ODFW budget. As such, OHA authored and championed a bill for the 2023 legislative session that would appropriate funding from

the State's General Fund to both ODFW and the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OVDL) at Oregon State University. That bill, HB 2532, died at the end of the session.

Because of OHA's relationships in the

Capitol, the CWD funding package was brought back in the 2024 session, reincarnated as part of HB 4148, the wildlife omnibus bill. HB 4148 contained CWD funding, appropriations for the Invasive

Species Council, funding for a new program to reduce human-wildlife conflict, and important policy language specific to wildlife crossings. While the bill itself died in Ways & Means, the funding portions for the CWD work and the Invasive Species Council made it into the end-of-session budget bill.

ODFW will receive \$795,000 to increase capacity in the Wildlife Laboratory and seasonal positions to assist with much-needed sample collection. Additionally, the successful program that pays taxidermists and meat processors for

samples will receive a portion of those funds. Increased sample collection is vital to monitoring and potentially detecting CWD, should it be found in Oregon's ungulate populations.

The OVDL was appropriated \$1.9 million to increase laboratory capacity for zoonotic disease research and to establish in-state testing for CWD. Currently, all samples are shipped to Colorado State University, taking in excess of seven weeks for results, by which time meat is already processed, and heads and spines are deposited who knows where. In-state testing will provide fast, reliable results to Oregon's hunters and position the state in a more proactive stance to process the needed increase in sample testing.

Securing this funding is a big win, not just for OHA and Oregon's sportsmen and women, but most importantly, for Oregon's wildlife.

**Currently, all of the samples are shipped to Colorado State University, taking in excess of 7 weeks for results.**

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## OHA to fence SW meadows April 13

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator  
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OHA is working to protect and enhance meadow systems in the Rogue Unit for the benefit of wildlife, their habitat, and hunters. On April 13, we will finish the Whiskey Springs project we started last year by installing approximately 1/2 mile of wildlife-friendly smooth and barbed wire fence. We will convene at the Butte Falls USFS Ranger Station at 9 a.m. (730 Laurel Ave., Butte Falls).

The campground at Whiskey Springs will be closed, but OHA volunteers who are part of this project will be allowed to dry camp if they so choose. Per usual, we will have a great prize drawing at the event. We will give away a Howa M1100 .17 HMR as well as other great prizes. Please bring lunch, appropriate work attire, and spread the word to others ready to work for wildlife.

Meadow systems are important for deer and elk, and across the western Cascades, meadows are at risk of loss, degradation and fragmentation due to conifer encroachment, heavy use by domestic livestock, illegal OHV use, and wildfire suppression, among other factors. Ultimately, OHA and partners will protect three areas in the Cascade Mountains (Willow Prairie, Short Creek, and Whiskey Springs/Fourbit) with 6.5 total miles of wildlife-friendly fencing to restore the resiliency of these mesic systems and provide habitat for wildlife.

OHA conservation staff procured a \$50,000 grant for this project from Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.

For more information, contact Tyler Dungannon (td@oregonhunters.org).

### SIGN UP:

Register to volunteer with the QR code, and OHA will provide more details.

<https://oregonhunters.org/regional-projects/swcascadesmeadowproject>



## OHA seeks changes to Mule Deer Plan

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator  
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The Oregon mule deer management plan revision continues to be a top priority for OHA, and it's paramount that we help shape the plan for the benefit of mule deer and hunters. OHA has dug into the draft plan, and OHA's deer committee of experts and staff have provided comments to ODFW on important chapters of the plan.

We are currently awaiting feedback on those extensive comments, and we hope to see a revised draft from ODFW with many if not all of our comments incorporated into the next draft of the plan prior to commission approval.

For example, it's important that the abysmal state of mule deer populations is reflected in the plan so OHA, ODFW, and other groups can point to this plan to get ODFW the help they need from agency partners, and other entities capable of assisting or hindering deer populations. Initially, the plan was to be approved by the Commission in April, but OHA was successful in moving that date back to June to allow ample time for the agency to review and incorporate comments from OHA and other stakeholders. OHA hopes to be supportive of the plan when it goes before the Commission in June so we can turn our attention to plan implementation.



## Latest Gun Calendar winners announced

OHA Gun Calendar Raffle winners are posted every Wednesday on OHA's social media, website and app.

Get your 2025 OHA Gun Raffle Calendar now by calling the OHA state office at 541-772-7313 or visiting OHA's website at: [www.oregonhunters.org/store](http://www.oregonhunters.org/store)

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- Fred Heins of Blue River*
- Citadel 1911 Flag .45 ACP:
- Dennis Vosika of Medford*
- Howa 1500 6.5 CR:
- Sandy Morse of Unity*
- Pointer Acrius 12 Ga. O/U:
- Tim Taylor of Stayton*



## Zumwalt hunt winners drawn

The winners of OHA's raffle for dream deer and elk Hunts on The Nature Conservancy's Zumwalt Prairie, drawn on March 14 at the OHA office, are:

**Deer Hunt: Jake Spiering, Bend**  
**Elk Hunt: Harry Hansen, Klamath Falls**



OHA thanks all who bought tickets to support Blue Mountains habitat work and OHA's mission, as well as TNC for their commitment to conservation.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OHA BANQUET NEAR YOU SOON!

Enjoy a fun evening among friends and check out auctions and raffles featuring trips, great gear and more at an OHA chapter banquet near you soon.

Watch for 2024 fund-raiser updates at: <https://oregonhunters.org/events-2>

OHA banquets in 2024 will feature a Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle for a Browning Xbolt Speed LR Ovix 7mm PRC!



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- Apr. 13 Clatsop County 503-440-9934
- Apr. 27 Klamath 541-884-5773
- Apr. 27 Curry 530-351-5847
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