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OHA steps up again on CWD

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Instead of chasing deer on opening weekend, OHA State President Steve Hagan and OHA staff helped out at the Prineville chronic wasting disease (CWD) check station. This isn't glamorous work, but it is critically important. Check stations like the ones in Baker, Elgin, Celilo and Prineville take samples of lymph nodes that can be tested for the presence of CWD. The goal was to get successful hunters in and out of the check station within 10 minutes.

According to ODFW, a total of 362 samples were taken during the opening weekend period at the check stations. These samples will go toward ODFW's goal of collecting 4,000 total samples in 2024. As a bonus, hunters who submit samples for CWD testing will be entered into a drawing for a rifle combo or scope that were provided by OHA.

The check stations open again over the first weekend of the first elk season in eastern Oregon, with an additional check station in Ukiah. The check station locations can be found at this link (<https://myodfw.com/articles/other-ways-get-your-animal-tested-cwd>)

The lymph nodes are located at the base of the skull under the bottom jaw bone. Leaving the top vertebrae attached to the head will ensure that a good sample can be taken from your animal. Have your transport tag attached, be ready with either your paper tag or e-tag, and answer a few simple questions on the wildlife

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ODFW AND OHA AIM TO INCREASE CWD SAMPLES THIS YEAR

Oregon Hunters Association is partnering with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to offer an incentive drawing for hunters who submit Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples from their harvested deer and elk this season.

For every deer or elk sample provided, hunters will receive an entry to win a **Howa 1500 .223 rifle with mounted Nikko Sterling Gamepro 4-12x40mm Scope combo**. A second hunter will be drawn and receive a **Sig Sauer Whiskey3 4-12x40mm Quadplex scope**.



Hunters who submit a CWD sample from a harvested deer or elk between **Aug. 1, 2024** and **April 1, 2025** will automatically be entered to win the prizes.

In partnership with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Successful hunters will receive one entry for every legally harvested deer or elk for which they provide a CWD sample. Hunters can submit samples at CWD check stations, participating taxidermists and meat processors, or at most ODFW offices.



WIN A RIFLE COMBO OR SCOPE



For more information scan the QR code or visit [MyODFW.com/CWD](https://myodfw.com/CWD)



management unit where you harvested your animal. That's it! ODFW staff and volunteers will take care of the rest.

Also remember that if your route home does not take you by a check station,

you can have your harvested deer or elk sampled at the ODFW field offices (call first before you go) and many of the meat processors and taxidermists are able to take samples as well.

New Commissioner appointed

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Dallas Hall Defrees is the newest appointee to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Dallas resides in Baker City and is a fifth-generation rancher. She holds a Masters Degree in Rangeland Ecology and Management, has worked as the Sage-Grouse Coordinator in Baker County, and is the Regenerative Ranching Program Director for Sustainable Northwest. This appointment by Governor Kotek, which was confirmed by the state senate during the September legislative days, fills the vacant seat for the Eastern Oregon Region.

Her term runs through September 2028.

The Eastern Oregon Region position is a result of the work OHA did in the 2023 legislative session on HB 3086 to reform the Commission by changing the appointment regions from congressional districts to river basin management areas. The new regions lessen the impact of Portland-centric Commission appointments while ensuring greater representation to the eastern portion of the state.

OHA staff has already met with the new Commissioner to introduce our organization, our mission, and our priorities. Her first Commission meeting will be in December.

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FALL 2024 HABITAT RAFFLE WINNER:
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Latest Gun Calendar winners announced

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Steve Fox of Terrebonne

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Jerry Rosenblad of Salem

Howa 1500 .223:

Dustin Alan of La Grande

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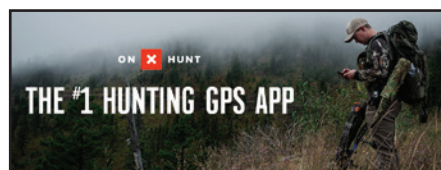
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