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## KLAMATH CHAPTER OHA

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### Upcoming Events

#### August 24: Gerber Youth BBQ & Orientation

- Free event for successful youth Gerber Youth Antelope tag holder and their family/ mentor.
- Contact Karen at 541-281-6518 to RSVP

#### October 26-27: Youth Chukar Hunt, Klamath Hills

- The mentored youth hunter program will apply to this hunt. A 2 bird bag limit will be applied.
- Call 541-883-8326 to Reserve your spot.



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## Presidents Message

Hello all members of the OHA Klamath Chapter,

Please welcome our new chapter President, Dennis Wiard!

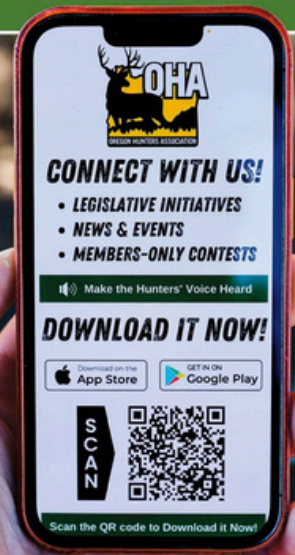
Dennis is a long time OHA member and has been on our board for many years. Dennis and his wife, Tamie, are long time residents and are currently raising their 2 granddaughters. Dennis is very busy working at the Wiard Park District, helping out with maintenance at the SVCC as well as always working hard at our events. This is a new experience for Dennis and he is asking for grace as he learns this new role.



Dennis Wiard  
Klamath Chapter OHA President

# Keep up-to-date on what OHA has going on!

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# Public Access Should Be Restored

To all the members of the Klamath Chapter of the Oregon Hunter's Association; here is a brief FYI regarding a move to reopen the road leading to the former Squaw Point region, in the Spence (Doak) Mountain area. The road in question forks off to the right, and up the hill, shortly after you reach the Shoalwater Bay area on the way out to Eagle Ridge Park. This road has been closed for the past three years thereby blocking public access to the area.

As a fellow OHA member and wildlife photographer, I became so frustrated with this continued closure that I did some investigating into the matter, especially since Spence Mountain is now owned by the county, and is now public land. I was told to contact the county public works supervisor, Jeremy Morris, regarding the road closure. Mr. Morris left me a message stating the road was now open, and I would be able to access the area to go fishing. However, a trip to the areas the following Saturday revealed the road was still closed.

I then appeared before the Klamath County Commissioners and made my case, which then led to a meeting with Commissioner Henslee, which Mr. Morris also attended. It was at this meeting that I discovered Mr. Morris was a member of the Klamath Trails Alliance, the organization responsible for putting in all the hiking-biking trails in the Spence Mountain area. Mr. Morris made it clear that he really didn't want the general public back in the area, and stated various reasons why. Commissioner Henslee stated that a full vote by the commissioners would be needed to reopen the road, but that it wasn't going to happen very soon. He then suggested that I bring my issues before the Spence Mountain Advisory Board in order for my concerns to be included.

At this very moment, the area beyond the blocked road is opened to people who want to bike the trails. The purpose for building the trails was to attract mostly out of town people to come here to recreate. These out of towners bring new money into the community via hotel-motels stays, restaurant dining, and gasoline purchases. Therefore, new money is being brought into the county, which we long term residents don't provide. So, they get to enjoy the area while the rest of us remain locked out.

I was told there are about 400 OHA members associated with our local Klamath Chapter. If any of you have enjoyed fishing, hunting, or photographing in the south eastern region of Spence Mountain-Eagle Ridge, than you need to step forward and join in the effort to regain public access to this area. I've already written a letter to the editor about this issue, but more are needed. In addition, a show of concern by OHA members via an appearance before the county commissioners, and the Spence Mountain Advisory Committee is also needed. If we work together as a team we can win public access back to this area.

The way things currently stand, we had more freedom and liberty to access and enjoy this area when it was private timber land, than we do now that it's public land controlled by the county. I personally don't believe this is right, but, do you agree?

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***Gate blocking the road to the south end of Eagle Ridge.***

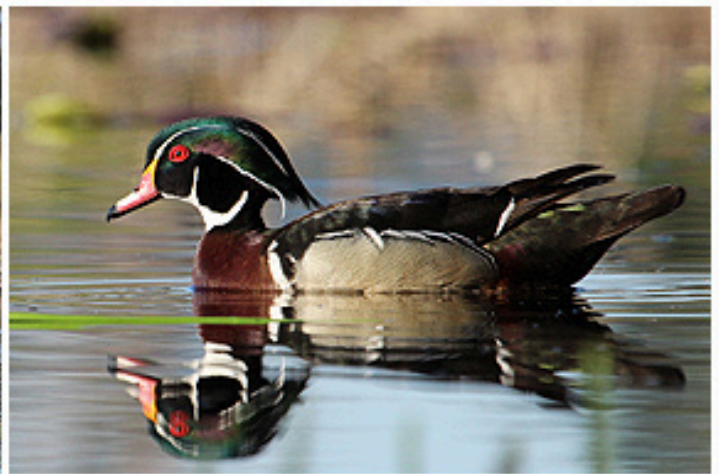


***Private property sign, but the land is now public.***

***Photographs by John McFarland III***



***Canada Geese photo from the area.***



***Wood Duck drake photo taken in the area.***

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