## Oregon Hunters Association Hoodview Chapter News

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The e-newsletter is coming soon stay tuned



### IT'S BANQUET TIME!!! FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Can you sponsor a banquet raffle package? We have a program to make it easy. Pick a raffle to sponsor or donate an item.



Examples: Duck Raffle, Pistol Raffle, Silent Auction, General Raffle, Early Bird Raffle, Appreciation Raffle

Sponsors get a sign, big ad in the program, one year business card ad in the newsletter, and of course, the good feeling that comes with doing something like this <sup>(2)</sup>

We can use donations of nearly any worthy item and cash donations are always appreciated!

Contact Kelly Parkman if you can help. Kparkman.oha@gmail.com or 503-706-7481

• One unit of shavings

• Two rooms painted

• Carpet cleaning

#### DONATION IDEAS THAT ARE

Load of gravel

Ton of alfalfa

- Load of bark dust
- Cord of firewood
- Yard work
- Auto repair
- Handyman service
- Overnight at the coast

Nor Fundamental

- Blazer tickets
- If you can help with things like this please contact us at ohahoodview2019@gmail.com or call 503 314 3090

#### after the banquet - March 14, 2025 General Meeting at 7:00 PM

**How to avoid a Class A citation!** Stop in at a "Wild Life Inspection Station" or "CWD Check Station" location this year if you are transporting an unsampled deer or elk.

**Is CWD in Oregon yet?** Over 3646 specimen samples have shown it is NOT, although, 164 specimens are still pending at this time of writing.

ODFW biologists are spreading the word with an intentional outreach effort of just how close the Prion disease is to land in Oregon.

At this March 13th presentation: Learn that mandatory sampling of Whitetail deer in (3) N.E. Oregon units is required per the 2025 regulations!

- Find out if your boots can relocate the infectious disease to a different area?
- Know the length of time that the dead Prion virus can lay ready on soil, plants, and in water systems to infect the next animal that passes by!
- Understand what is needed to clean your knife, meat saw, and other equipment of the CWD virus! Show up at this March 13th CWD presentation and hear the latest data that ODFW staffers have to share about this disease, see the data trends recorded to date, and understand how you can assist in reducing the spread of this fatal neurological animal disease.

~ Mark Your Calendar ~ February 22, 2025 Annual Banquet March 13, 2025 ODFW CWD presentation April 5, 2025 Youth Turkey Clinic April 10, 2025 Successful Spring Bear Tactics June 7, 2025 White River Conservation Project General Meetings held at 7:00

Elmer's 1933 NE 181<sup>st</sup> Ave Port-

Round of golf

Camping equipment

Jewelry

January Meeting OHA lobbyist Amy Patrick made it easy to see how far the needle has moved since OHA changed from a contract lobbyist to a staff lobbyist.

Amy highlighted multiple wins in Salem for OHA and conservation.

As our lobbyist, Amy is in Salem every day the legislature is in session. This creates opportunities for partnerships and collaboration with key stakeholders and things seem to happen.

Said another way, OHA has stepped up in the political arena and it's paying off nicely.

Amy asks that we each take the 3-5 minutes required to email on hot topics. She especially want's us jumping on emails from Howl For Wildlife. This group has turned the tables on the 'Anti's' by using their own tactics against them. They weren't ready for that!

Thanks for speaking Amy. Go get 'em in Salem!







"Successful Spring Bear Tactics", shared with you by a (25) year veteran hunter, mentor, and instructor, Heather Aldrich.

She has been studying and stalking these predators with determination for years and it has paid off several times with yogi on the ground.

Learn some of the real "Do's" and "Don'ts" of sound predator management.

She is a life time American Bear Foundation member, an instructor at "Ladies Hunting Camp", and a mother of (2) children.

Heather is co-owner of Bravo! MFG. INC., home of the Super Grade Wall Tent produced in SW Washington.

Be sure to join us April 10th for this presentation plus the Q&A session.

#### From the Chairman of the

**Board** Here we go banquet, banquet, banquet! Full mode.

Looking at some great items and lots of fun.

Come share some hunting stories with new and old friends and have a great night.

Looking forward to getting to catch up with everyone.

Stay warm. Cathy Hamell

To help with selling tickets at the Banquet





February 22, 2025 Annual Banquet

To help set up morning of the Banquet February 22, 2025

and help with other things too.

Help make this years' 2025 banquet another huge success. To volunteer contact Cathy Hamell at 503-358-7821

Memories from the 2024 Banquet Great Fundraiser - Fun Evening - Full House





2025 Hoodview Chapter Oregon Hunter's Association

Annual Fundraising Banquet

Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, OR

Raffles, Live & Silent Auctions, Buffet Dinner Early Bird cut off February 1st, 2025 Doors open at 4:00pm, Dinner served at 5:40pm

#### Premier Gun Table (Value \$1,740)

- 8 Dinner tickets
- 8 Appreciation raffle tickets
- 8 Tickets for 1 rifle raffle at your table
- 8 Early bird tickets when purchased before 2-1-2025
- 80 General raffle tickets
- 4 OHA memberships
- \$1,200

#### Hoodview Table (Value \$1,220)

- 8 Dinner tickets
- 8 Appreciation raffle tickets
- \$160 Raffle script
- 8 Early bird tickets when purchased before 2-1-2025
- 4 OHA memberships
- 40 General raffle tickets
- \$950

# Single Seats (Value \$180)

- 1 Dinner ticket
- 1 Early bird ticket when purchased before 1-2025
- 1 OHA membership
- 5 General raffle tickets
- \$105

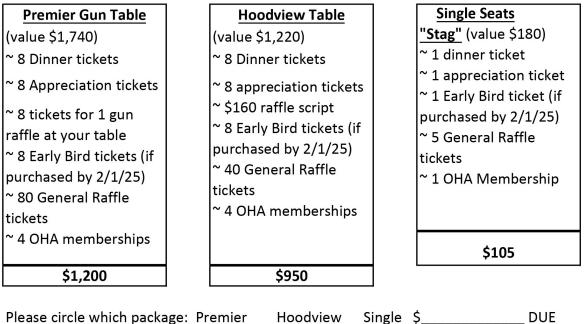
Our Sponsors providing premium raffle items again (rifles, optics, hunting packages).



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Please circle which package: Premier Hoodview Single S\_\_\_\_\_ DUI If you are already a member, please indicate chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name and phone number for primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

To register, fill out the form and mail: OHA Hoodview, 715 SE Robin Way, Gresham, OR 97080 or call 503-314-3090 or email ohahoodview2019@gmail.com

All registrations must be paid in full at the time of registration. cash, check, card accepted



This new 20-foot banner featuring a life-size bighorn ram will serve as a backdrop for OHA booths at sports shows this winter. Stop by and enter our cool raffles!

## OHA takes aim at Oregon gun control bills

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director Amy@oregonhunters.org

As the 2025 legislative session begins, it is shaping up to be heavily focused on firearms. At the time of this writing, OHA is tracking 20 bills related to firearms ownership, with more expected over the coming weeks.

A few of the bigger bills, so far:

**HB 3075 - Measure 114 return.** This bill was killed by the Senate Republican walkout in 2023. The bill brings all the components of Measure 114: the permitto-purchase scheme, the registration of permits, the mandatory training course to qualify for a permit, a waiting period, and other added restrictions, including a

stipulation that any legal challenge can only be filed in Marion County.

**HB 3076** • **Gun Dealer Licenses study bill.** Currently worded as a study bill, but thanks to a press release by the antifirearms groups, we know that this bill is intended to be a vehicle for greater restrictions on firearms dealers.

**SB 429 - 72 Hour Wait Time.** This bill requires a background check to be completed, approval number returned to the gun dealer, and a 72-hour wait time before a firearm can be transferred.

**SB 697 · Age Restriction for Firearms Ownership.** Restricts firearms ownership below the age of 21.

SB 698 - Restricts Concealed Carry.

Enables public buildings to limit the affirmative defense of concealed carry.

While many of these bills would be litigated should they pass, the fight to protect firearm ownership rights and mitigate the impacts to our hunting and sport shooting activities will be ongoing for the next six month of legislative session.

**Measure 114** continues to be on hold during the litigation process. The next ruling is due back at any time from the Oregon Court of Appeals as to whether it will continue to uphold the Harney Country ruling that the measure's components are unconstitutional.

To donate to OHA's Victory Fund, visit: https://oregonhunters.org/donate

## Elliott plan favors owls over elk

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director mtotey@oregonhunters.org

The Oregon Department of State Lands has developed a habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the Elliott State Forest in Coos and Douglas Counties. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed the HCP and released a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the HCP. The HCP supports forest research and some reduced management activities to support the conservation of ESA listed species and their habitat on the Elliott.

The 83,000-acre Elliott State Forest was managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry for decades under an agreement with DSL, producing timber, jobs, and recreational opportunities for the community. After the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet ESA listings in the 1990s, priorities began to change. The new focus of the forest, now called the Elliott State Research Forest, will be toward research and preservation, with more restrictive timber harvesting.

This heavy emphasis on late seral conditions are not favorable for deer and elk, which need strong components of early seral habitat for browse.

The final EIS is one of the last steps before USFWS decides whether to issue an 80-year incidental take permit to DSL for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet based on the HCP. A separate decision whether to issue an incidental take permit regarding Oregon coast coho would be made by NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service.

# ODF director resigns amid agency turmoil

Cal Mukumoto, Oregon State Forester and ODF Director, has announced his resignation. ODF has been stressed lately with an unprecedented wildfire season in 2024, a contentious planning effort for the more than 700,000 acres of state forests in western Oregon, and ongoing negotiations and work to implement the Private Forest Accord, which addresses management on private forestlands.

Kate Skinner will serve as the interim State Forester during the search to fill the position permanently. Skinner has been with ODF since 1995 and has served as district forester for the Tillamook District since 2014. She has been serving the organization as the interim Deputy State Forester since last summer.

—*Міке Тотеу* 

OHA banquets in 2025 will feature a Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle for a Weatherby Vanguard First Lite Specter .300 WM.

## 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 2025 fund-raiser updates at: https://oregonhunters.org/events-2

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Ochoco	541-410-5050	
FEBRUARY 22		
Hoodview	503-314-3090	
Redmond (🗩	541-419-7215	
MARCH 1		
Pioneer	503-710-1233	
MARCH 8		
Bend	541-480-9848	
MARCH 15		
Capitol	503-990-2978	
Rogue Valley	541-773-8736	
Union-Wallowa	541-786-1283	
Yamhill County	503-490-2489	
MARCH 22		
Josephine County		
MARC		
Tualatin Valley	503-502-0611	
APRIL 5		
Baker	541-403-0402	
Clatsop County	503-440-9934	
Lake County	541-417-2983	
Tioga	541-294-7912	
Mid-Willamette	541-971-3351	
Umpqua	541-430-7324	
APRIL 26		
Klamath	541-891-3549	
Curry	406-499-2234	
MAY 3		
Tillamook 🗢	503-812-3832	
OHA State Convention, S		
Chinook Winds Casino, 541-772-7313		
A&H Statewide Deer Tag auction		
A&H Statewide Elk Tag auction		

### BLM opens 1 million acres in Oregon to solar development

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director mtotey@oregonhunters.org

The BLM's updated Western Solar Plan expands the area that the BLM considers available for solar development to cover all 11 western states, including Oregon. According to a press release from the BLM, "The updated Western Solar Plan identifies the availability of over 31 million acres of public lands across the 11 Western states for utility-scale solar project applications." This includes over one million acres in Oregon.

While the plan doesn't specifically authorize the development of a solar farm, it does address the growing emphasis to allow more renewable energy development on public lands. OHA and other conservation organizations pushed hard to make sure that any solar development on BLM lands minimized the impact on wildlife and access. For example, specific areas like big game migration corridors will not be made available for development.

The Western Solar Plan EIS is available at: https://tinyurl.com/yc3jj9yj



## OHA funds Blue Mountains Elk Initiative projects

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator TD@oregonhunters.org

OHA and ODFW funded the entirety of a Bridge Creek Wildlife Area project that will treat 512 acres of annual grasses through aerial Rejuvra (herbicide) ap-

plications. OHA funded \$16,000 toward this project to cover the project cost. The goal of these treatments is to help improve winter range by restoring perennial grasses which should ul-

OHA funds will help treat invasive annual grass and restore aspen.

timately help retain elk on these public lands and reduce elk damage issues in the Gurdane area.

Mule deer will also benefit from this project.

Across the West, annual grass invasion is reducing the forage quality of once productive landscapes. Invasive ventenata (annual grass) is competing with native perennials on the wildlife area and reducing habitat quality for ungulates and other wildlife. Bridge Creek Wildlife Area and its associated rangelands are critical winter range for many elk in the Ukiah and Heppner units.

OHA also funded the Indian Prairie Aspen Restoration Project with \$10,000 to restore aspen habitat by thinning 51 acres of encroaching conifers and installing fencing to protect 15 acres of aspen. This project will occur in the Ochoco Unit and will benefit elk and mule deer.

Aspen stands provide wallowing areas, lush cover during calving, and a very palatable forage resource. This important habitat type has decreased by as much as 80 percent in Oregon's Blue Mountains. This project aims to restore aspen habitat in large, high elevation meadows, and increasing and protecting this integral habitat should result in more elk on public land.





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