



Women from 13 OHA chapters planted seedlings on OHA's conservation easement in Metolius Unit winter range habitat, and hunted chukars the next day.

Women of OHA plant shrubs, hunt chukars

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A total of 32 women from 13 different OHA chapters came together in late October to improve winter range habitat for wildlife, participate in a shooting skills clinic and hunt chukars in the Metolius Unit. The Women of OHA planted 1,100 bitterbrush plants adjacent to the Crooked River National Grassland, spent well over 3 hours with ODFW instructors who provided ammunition and clay targets, and chased chukars to wrap up the weekend.

Registration for this event reached its cap in less than a week, and it's clear that demand for these events is high. The Women of OHA was established

to take on some of this demand and this program is quickly achieving its goals. Participants left this event with immense sense of accomplishment as a result of their hard conservation work, new friendships, mentors, connections, and a number of chukars for dinner. This was a weekend well spent on all fronts thanks to the Women of OHA, OHA staff, ODFW staff, USFS staff, State OHA Board Members, OHA chapter leaders and our sponsors. State OHA thanks the Bend, Umpqua, Tualatin Valley, and Mid-

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Willamette OHA chapters, Leupold & Stevens Foundation, Legacy Sports International, onX, Brooks Chukars, and the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund for their support in making this event successful.

OHA looks forward to announcing the second annual Women of OHA Weekend Away in the fall of 2025. Plans are already in the works to mirror what was

done this year by tying a fulfilling conservation project in with a shooting skills clinic and upland bird hunt.

Legislators change, balance stays much the same

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The 2024 election is over and brought a few surprises on the national level, but less so at the state level. In the state legislature, there will be 17 new legislators headed to Salem in January when the 2025 legislative session gets underway.

The Senate had a high percentage of turnover. due in part to the Republican Senators who were not eligible for re-election because of their 2023 walk-out absences. Of the eight new legislators elected, one of them flipped a previously Republican seat to put the Democrats back into a super majority control of the chamber.

As of this writing, nine new Representatives will join the House. However, one uncalled race will decide if the House becomes a Democratic super majority.

On the federal front, a second term for President Trump's administration could mean opportunity on topics such as delisting the gray wolf. The potential appointment of North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum prioritizes an emphasis on energy originating in the U.S., a potential boon for the economy, but those efforts may be coupled with impacts on public land and conservation efforts.

Firearms owners could also see federal level benefits with the new administration, although historically President

Trump has been mixed on regulations around gun control. However, during the lead-up to the election, President Trump specifically discussed expanding concealed carry opportunities.

At the state level, the legislature remains in a Democratic majority, which is not a new landscape for us to traverse. The federal level offers the most potential for change with both expanded opportunities and conservation challenges for the sportsmen's community. OHA will continue to work tirelessly at the state level as the only hunting organization with a lobbyist in the Capitol, and engage at the federal level to maximize opportunities for Oregon's sportsmen and women.

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New OHA Mule Deer Fund will award \$50,000 annually in grant funding for large projects that address limiting factors for Oregon mule deer

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OHA regarded the development of the new Mule Deer Management Plan, which was adopted last June, as a top priority. OHA was the leading conservation organization throughout the effort to shape the new plan for the benefit of mule deer, their habitat and hunters. Management plans are important, but words on paper are meaningless without action. OHA successfully challenged ODFW to make the plan actionable with specific to-do lists for each individual herd range.

OHA's new Mule Deer Fund will provide key match funds for projects designed to benefit mule deer. State OHA, its staff and deer committee are managing the fund, but the execution of this concept would not have been possible without many OHA chapters and the Central Oregon Quail & Upland Wildlife Federation leaning in.

The fund will award \$50,000 in grant funding in March 2025, to one or more projects that help restore and enhance conditions for mule deer. OHA conservation staff and the OHA deer sub-committee will rank projects and allocate funds. Submitted projects that will rank highest and be most competitive for funding will address: 1) an issue likely limiting an Oregon mule deer population, 2) a mule deer herd range of extreme or very high management concern, 3) a primary action item in the Oregon Mule Deer Management Plan for a specific herd range, 4) a need within a mule deer migration corridor or priority wildlife connectivity area on publicly accessible lands, and 5) will leverage OHA funds as match to attain additional partner, state or federal funding.

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