



An artist's rendering shows the future wildlife crossing over Interstate 5 south of Ashland, which will be Oregon's first wildlife overpass. A similar new overpass in Idaho is already showing impressive results.

OHA to help build massive wildlife crossing over I-5

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Oregon's first wildlife overpass will be built on I-5 at milepost 1.7 south of Ashland, thanks to a coalition of conservation groups, including OHA, and agencies that successfully obtained a \$34 million federal grant.

Federal funding is paused, but state funding that was secured is moving the project forward until federal funds arrive (hopefully in 2027).

State OHA has worked with the Southern Oregon Wildlife Crossing Coalition since 2021 on this effort to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity. OHA has played a critical role in providing relatively small amounts of funding for the project's feasibility study, attaining support from Jackson County Commissioners, supporting state legislation, and committing to oversee minor fence repairs associated with the new structure.

Each year in the western United States, wildlife-vehicle collisions account for an estimated \$10 billion in vehicle damage, medical expenses, and hundreds of thousands of dead animals. These staggering numbers are derived from reported crashes, so the actual costs are likely much higher. Wildlife-vehicle collisions are a huge problem for Oregon's deer and elk, and we hope that this project will pave the way for construction of additional structures across the state.

OHA backs bill to limit ballot-box wildlife management

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As the legislative session progresses, OHA continues to work in the Capitol on behalf of the sportsmen and women of Oregon.

OHA has authored two concepts for the 2025 session. Working with Senator Nash and Representative Owens, we have brought forward SJR 30 and HJR 11, concurrent bills that would require a higher number of signatures for initiative petitions to reach the ballot while also requiring those signatures to be gathered in all six congressional districts. The bills have strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate.

Working again with Representative Owens, OHA has authored HB 3596, a bill to extend a current ODFW study on mule deer population metrics to include the Steens Mountain area. The data gathered

in this study may help shape population management decisions in the future.

Notable bills that OHA has engaged on thus far:

SB 769 - This bill would allow counties to vote to exempt themselves from the statewide ban against hunting cougars with hounds. This bill had a public hearing on Feb. 11 with OHA staff providing the presenting testimony.

HB 2170 & HB 2982 - These bills address funding for the invasive species inspection and the efforts to keep potentially devastating invasive species, such as quagga mussels, from entering the state. Both bills had a public hearing on Feb. 10.

SB 812 - Removes the sunset on the Landowner Preference Program. OHA

provided supporting testimony at the public hearing on Jan. 30.

HB 2167 - Funding for OSU's College of Veterinary Medicine and the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OVDL). OHA is strongly supporting this bill as it continues vital funding OHA secured for the OVDL in the last legislative session to begin in-state testing for chronic wasting disease samples.

Several bills important to the hunting community remain on the horizon: HB 2342, the ODFW fee increase bill; HB 2977, an alternative funding source for ODFW; and HB 5009, ODFW's budget. OHA will continue to engage on these bills, and many others, as the legislative session progresses.

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	MARCH 15	
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Yamhill County	503-490-2489	
	MARCH 22	
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Baker	541-403-0402	
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	APRIL 26	
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	MAY 3	
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OHA State Convention,		
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	MAY 10	
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OHA Spring Youth Events



APRIL 5

YOUTH TURKEY CLINICS:
White River Wildlife Area,
503-358-7821;
Denman Wildlife Area,
541-857-2407

APRIL 26

Pioneer Chapter Youth Day,
503-936-4718

MAY 3

Tioga Chapter Youth Day, 541-294-7912

MAY 17

Tillamook Chapter Youth Trap Shoot,
503-842-7153

MAY 31

Bend Chapter Youth Day, 541-480-7323

JUNE 7

Josephine County Chapter Youth Day,
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JUNE 7

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- ★ **Citadel 1911 RWB Flag .45 ACP**
George Krumm, Hoodview Chapter
- ★ **Christensen Mesa .28 Nosler**
Jeffrey Phillips, Yamhill Chapter
- ★ **Browning A-Bolt 3 Composite Stalker 7mm**
Trevor Humes, Pioneer Chapter
- ★ **Pointer Acrius O/U 12 ga.**
Jennifer Taylor, Pioneer Chapter
- ★ **Sig Cross 6.5 CR**
Dennis Cabatic, Mid-Willamette Chapter
- ★ **Howa 1500 Carbon Fiber Barrel 6.5 PRC**
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- ★ **Howa M1500 .22-250 T/C Kryptek Typhon**
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