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Women of OHA enjoy 2nd annual weekend away

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The second annual Women of OHA Weekend Away event Oct. 18-19 proved to be a big hit, as women from across the state gathered in Prineville for a weekend of fun, food, and chukar hunting.

This year 24 women participated in the chukar hunt portion of the weekend, which was put on with assistance from the Bend OHA Chapter. The evening prior to the hunt, the ladies gathered in Prineville for a catered meal, social event, and numerous giveaways donated by OHA chapters. One lucky participant won a Citadel 1911 .380 series pistol donated by Legacy Sports International.

This is the second year of the Women of OHA program and its annual Weekend Away event, which was supported by donations from OHA's Mid-Willamette, Umpqua, Tualatin Valley and Pioneer chapters, Legacy Sports International, and a grant from the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund. The Bend OHA Chapter supported the event by donating their hunt location, volunteers, and expertise.

Planning has already begun for the 2026 event, which will be held next October. Subscribe to the Women of OHA newsletter for more information and to receive notices of event registration:

<https://oregonhunters.org/hunting/women-of-oha>

OHA weighs in on Minam area plans

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The Minam River Wildlife Area (MRWA) is one of the newest and biggest state wildlife areas in Oregon. ODFW, RMEF and OHA all supported the acquisition of the property (OHA contributed \$100,000). The area hosts many game species, access to the Minam River, and a variety of publicly available outdoor recreation activities.

ODFW has drafted a management plan for the area. The purpose of the plan is to share the goals and vision for the MRWA, document current condition of the MRWA, identify management needs, discuss management actions

(like timber harvest and grazing) and set the groundwork for public use. ODFW hosted a public meeting to introduce the draft management plan, then followed up with a specific meeting for OHA staff and board representatives. OHA offered several suggestions on everything from management, to funding, to hunting access.

Key questions still remain, such as how camping will be allowed, and areas for seasonal closures to protect wintering big game. OHA looks forward to continuing our partnership on the MRWA and contributing on future projects. See the draft management plan on the ODFW website:

<https://tinyurl.com/47m6wbh5>

Safe crossing projects shift into high gear

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OHA has been working across the state to address critical areas with a high density of wildlife/vehicle collisions. Work has been completed on Highway 97 at Gilchrist (where OHA invested over \$100,000), and projects are planned on the southern portion of Interstate 5, Highway 20 between Suttle Lake and Bend, and Highway 20 east of Juntura.

In northeast Oregon, two different highways are in need of work to safely get wildlife, specifically deer and elk, across busy highways. The first is Highway 82 in Wallowa County, between Wallowa and Enterprise, where way too many white-tailed and mule deer are struck

by vehicles every year. The second is Interstate 84 between Pendleton and La Grande. While elk and deer collisions are clearly a concern on the roadway here, GPS wildlife tracking has shown this interstate to be a barrier to migrational movement. Addressing this barrier will be a key factor to connect habitat, protect seasonal movement corridors, promote healthy elk and deer populations, and improve safety for motorists on this stretch of the interstate.

All of this work takes a tremendous amount of planning, time and funding to complete a project. In the end, wildlife collisions are decreased by over 85 percent, habitat stays connected, and travelers are safer.

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OHA invites Vets to waterfowl hunt on Jan. 31



OHA, ODFW and OHA Citizen Landowner of the Year David Sill will host waterfowl hunts for veterans and active military personnel on Jan. 31 at Sill's waterfowl hunting property on the Tualatin River. The ODFW Duck Hunting Workshop at the Gervais Rod and Gun Club on Jan. 26 is required for selected participants, and a copy of their military ID or DD214 form (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) will be required when applying.

Six parties of two hunters each will be paired with an experienced mentor.

Experienced dogs are welcome (with the required dog license and vaccinations). Shotguns, ammo, waders and decoys are provided, or hunters may bring their own.

Hunters should provide their own food, drinks and the required hunting license and waterfowl stamps.

Applications will open at 7 p.m. on Dec. 1 and close when 12 qualifying applications have been received. Contact OHA State Board member Kelly Forney at w.kelly.forney@gmail.com

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Bob Romine, Pioneer Chapter

★ **Howa 1500 carbon fiber barrel 6.5 PRC**

Joe Quashnick, Clatsop Chapter



OHA seeks 2 state board members

The OHA State Board of Directors is currently looking for two board members.

As a state board member, you will participate in monthly meetings (two in person annually, others virtual) and contribute on committees throughout the year. Meeting travel is compensated.

If you are interested in serving as an OHA State Board member, please contact OHA Vice President Cindy Rooney (cindyrooneyoha@outlook.com) for the application and nomination forms.

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