



A mallard duckling prepares to make the leap of faith from a hen house at Denman Wildlife Area, where OHA and Delta Waterfowl have built hen houses.

NSSF awards OHA \$50,000 to help combat extremism

OHA is pleased to announce a \$50,000 donation from the National Shooting Sports Foundation awarded to support OHA initiatives to protect hunters throughout the state.

As Oregon's largest hunting organization, OHA will use these funds to expand 2026 education projects, including a massive outreach effort planned to inform the public of IP 28, a dangerous and radical ballot proposal that would cancel hunting outright if it passes in this fall's election.

"We are incredibly grateful to NSSF for taking a clear stand against these out-of-state extremists who are hell-bent on destroying our way of life forever," said Todd Adkins, OHA's Executive Director. "IP 28 proponents have one goal, to change Oregon by removing hunters from the landscape once and for all. We can't let that happen."

The NSSF monies will support a variety of OHA initiatives, including digital media, community workshops, and educational materials that highlight the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. This model ensures that wildlife is managed as a public trust for future generations, funded largely by the contributions of hunters, anglers, and recreational shooters.

"This proposal (IP 28) is perhaps the most devastating idea ever conceived to destroy our highly successful model of wildlife conservation in America," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice

President & General Counsel. "Oregon was the recipient of over \$20 million in wildlife restoration funds from excise taxes on firearms and ammunition in 2026, which would be subject to forfeit under IP 28. The damage to Oregon's wildlife would be obvious, immediate, and irreversible."

Since its founding in the early 1980s, OHA has put "boots on the ground" for wildlife, habitat and Oregon's hunting heritage across the state through its network of 26 local chapters. This work includes hundreds of wildlife conservation projects on the ground, protecting hunter access on federal and state public lands, and fighting on behalf of sportsmen and women in the political space, where OHA has been long recognized as the state's leader for hunters.

"OHA has a long track record of advocacy success and is uniquely positioned within Oregon to lead the fight to stop this initiative," added Keane. "No organization is better equipped or more trusted by Oregon's hunting and conservation community to take on this fight."

"We will battle like there is no tomorrow to guarantee our wildlife management remains in the hands of agency professionals and dedicated conservationists, not carpet-bagging ideologues trying to change who and what we are," said Adkins. "The NSSF partnership will help OHA combat animal extremist propaganda and protect hunting long-term."

OHA to host seed giveaway May 9 at E.E. Wilson

OHA will give away more than 500 bags of free seed at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area on May 9. Each bag will cover at least two acres of wildlife habitat. Landowners are encouraged to contact wildlife area manager Shawn Woods at shawn.k.woods@odfw.oregon.gov to reserve seed in advance. Remaining bags will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Seed pickup begins at 7 a.m.

The seed is provided at no cost thanks to contributions from OHA and Turf Merchants, Inc. The mix is a cool season blend of species that attract wildlife, game birds, and mammals. It contains grains, grasses, legumes, and brassica that provide critical food sources for animals during fall, winter, and early spring in places where native forage is lacking or has deteriorated. This mixture is designed to be used on a wide range of revegetation sites, pre-formulated based on seeds per square foot, species establishment and final mixture diversity upon maturation.

It is ideal for project sites not requiring continual maintenance.

Enhancing wildlife habitat on private lands where wildlife winter and fawn plays a critical role in sustaining Oregon's native species. Private landowners can enhance habitat with seed mixes that regulations might prohibit on nearby federal lands. Through efforts like this seed giveaway, OHA is working to improve habitat for wildlife.

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Two win guided Maine bear hunts

Jacob Dunnivant of Roseburg and Zach Pliska of Portland are the lucky winners of two guided Maine fall 2026 bear hunts co-sponsored by the Oregon Hunters Association and ExpoSure Shows (www.ExposureShows.com).

Dunnivant entered a free drawing at the Newswatch 12 Sportsmen's and Outdoor Recreation Show at the Jackson County Expo, one of four Oregon ExpoSure shows where the drawing was offered at OHA booths.

Pliska purchased one of 500 OHA raffle tickets available for the same experience, and his name was drawn at the OHA office on April 1. When contacted, he thought it might be an April Fool's joke.

Sunkhaze Outfitters of Bangor, Maine, will play host to the Oregon hunters. Jeff Fahey and Rob Gould are co-owners of the outfitting business.

The hunt will be out of a traditional Maine hunting camp which is a cabin several drivable miles into Maine's densely wooded backcountry. The hunters will be set up in a tree stand or ground blind at a bait site that is legal in Maine.

OHA thanks all those who visited our booths and entered the free drawings, as well as those who purchased tickets for the raffle and supported OHA's mission.

OHA announces next winners in 2026 Gun Calendar Raffle

The next winners in OHA's 2026 Gun Calendar Raffle have been announced!

The 2027 Gun Raffle Calendar is on sale now; call 541-772-7313 or visit <https://oregonhunters.org/shop/#raffles>

See winners on OHA's website or get our app, which you can also use to enter OHA contests and get timely notifications.

★ **4/1 Sig Sauer P320 M18 Coyote Striker 9mm**
Bryan Collman, Klamath Chapter

★ **4/8 Howa 1500 Carbon Fiber 6.5 PRC**
Nathan Fletcher, Hoodview Chapter

★ **4/15 Stoeger M3000 Max 7 camo**
Traci McDonald, Pioneer Chapter

★ **4/22 Christensen Evoke Hunter 7mm PRC**
Kerry Johnson, Klamath Chapter

OHA awards rifle for CWD testing

Melanie Bjerke of Silverton had her mule deer sampled at the ODFW Celilo Park Chronic Wasting Disease check station in 2025, and on April 1, 2026, OHA gave her a Weatherby Vanguard 7mm Rem in First Lite Specter valued at \$1,150. Melanie's name was drawn from a pool of 3,408 hunters who submitted a CWD sample last year. If you submitted a sample at an ODFW CWD check station, ODFW Field or District Office, participating meat processor, or taxidermist, you were automatically entered into this drawing.

Next year, OHA will be offering another prize – a Howa .223. Again, if you submit a CWD sample this upcoming hunting season, you will automatically be entered to win a rifle.

OHA is invested in keeping Oregon a CWD-free state for as long as possible, but early detection of the disease if and when found in Oregon is critical to limit the spread. CWD is a fatal disease capable of drastic negative impacts on deer, elk and moose populations. Currently, the disease has been detected in three of Oregon's four neighboring states (Washington, California and Idaho).

It is easy to submit CWD samples at ODFW check stations, ODFW field and district offices, and cooperating taxidermists and meat processors. A list of cooperating taxidermists and meat processors can be found on ODFW's website <https://myodfw.com/articles/other-ways-get-your-animal-tested-cwd#Cooperating-taxidermists-and-meat-processors>

Two Zumwalt Prairie hunt winners drawn

The winners of OHA's raffle for dream deer and elk hunts on The Nature Conservancy's Zumwalt Prairie, drawn on April 22 at the OHA office, are:

★ **Elk Hunt: Donald Monroe, Klamath Falls**
★ **Deer Hunt: Jon Blocker, Bend**

OHA thanks all who bought tickets to support Blue Mountains habitat work and OHA's mission, as well as TNC for their commitment to conservation.



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