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Keno Action Plan Resulted in Numerous Subjects Charged with Various Wildlife Offenses

The Klamath Falls Team (Sgt. Hand, Sr. Tpr. Niehus, and Sr. Tpr. Randall) was joined by Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay), and Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) to carry out the Keno Unit Action Plan. The plan was developed to address an estimated 25-40% non-compliance in deer tags. Prior to the season, a statewide press release was made advising of an increased enforcement effort. Signs were created and placed by ODFW along unit boundaries and at main entrance points into the unit. Three teams of OSP troopers were deployed over the opening weekend to operate Wildlife Enforcement Decoys (WEDs) throughout the unit. They conducted 22 operations, resulting in 58 hunters contacted. Of the 58 hunters, nine did not have valid deer tags for a non-compliance rate of 15.5%. This rate is well below the previously estimated rate (25-40%). The lower rate is attributed to the press release and the increased number of signs, based on numerous comments from hunters about reduced hunting pressure. The Klamath Falls Team continued to work the Keno Action Plan through the end of the controlled deer season. Weekend highlights include:



Wildlife Enforcement Decoy. Photo credit: File

A vehicle rolled to a stop in front of the WED. The female passenger handed a rifle from her position to her adult son. The son then shot the WED. Although the son had bear and cougar tags, he did not have a deer tag; but his mother had a Keno Unit tag. The son was cited for **Unlawful Take of Deer—No Valid Big Game Tag**, and the rifle was seized.

On another WED operation, a hunter shot a buck deer decoy from the back seat of a pickup traveling on a gravel road. Three hunters were contacted in the pickup, and it was determined the shooter did not have a valid Keno Unit deer tag. The shooter admitted he was shooting the deer for his mom, who was in the front seat of the pickup. Everyone in the vehicle were given multiple warnings. The shooter was criminally cited for **Unlawful Take of Deer—No Valid Tag**, and his rifle was seized.

When a vehicle rolled up to the WED, the driver aimed a handgun out the window at the WED. The passenger stepped out and then shot at the WED. Troopers contacted the two subjects and learned the driver did not have a deer tag. When questioned further, he admitted to having a suspended hunting license. The subject was two years into a five-year hunting license suspension. The suspended subject's handgun was seized, and he was cited for **Hunting While Suspended** and **Driving While Suspended—Misdemeanor**. The female passenger was warned for Shooting from the Road.

Two subjects with guns bailed out of a truck after stopping in front of the WED. The right front passenger fired, and the younger rear passenger fired at least twice. Upon contact, the right front passenger slid the rifle back into the truck and seemed to ignore the trooper's request for his license and tags. When directly confronted, and the request was made very specific, the passenger admitted he had a Western Oregon deer tag. The younger passenger and the driver had Keno Unit tags. The Western Oregon tag holder was cited for **Unlawful Take of Deer—No Valid Big Game Tag**, and the rifle used (belonging to the driver) was seized.

On another occasion, after working a WED, two troopers began following vehicle tracks on old logging roads. They came around a corner to find five people out of their vehicles and four with rifles. Two subjects were observed in the brush and appeared to be quite focused on following something. The remaining hunters stated several deer had just crossed the road, and the two were trying to get a shot. When returning, one of the hunters decided he did not want to come back in but suddenly had to go to the bathroom and yelled out for toilet paper. Sgt. Hand offered to take it to him and did so. While exchanging the paper, the subject admitted he did not have a tag (he filled it the previous day), and his .30-06 rifle was indeed loaded. The subject was cited for **No Valid Big Game Tag**.

A truck stopped in front of two deer decoys. The driver got out with a rifle and "scoped" the deer. After a moment, the passenger pointed, then the driver aimed across the hood and fired. The subjects were contacted, and it was learned the shooter had a Western Oregon deer tag. The passenger (the driver's father) had a Keno Unit tag. The driver said he was trying to help his elderly father fill his tag. The driver was cited for **Unlawful Take of Deer—No Valid Big Game Tag**, and his rifle was seized. On the next day, in another part of the unit, a vehicle stopped in front of the WED. The driver stepped out and shot the decoy. The driver was contacted, and it was learned he had a Western Oregon deer tag. The driver was quite upset; but he admitted he shot a decoy the day before, and his rifle was seized. He again was cited for **Unlawful Take of Deer—No Valid Big Game Tag**, and his second rifle was seized.

Honors / Dispositions

Springfield Trooper Awarded Wildlife Officer of the Year

Shikar-Safari Club International honored a Division trooper as the State's top conservation enforcement officer for 2008. Trooper Marc Boyd (Springfield) was awarded the Shikar-Safari Club Wildlife Officer of the Year, given annually for more than 25 years to recognize outstanding game enforcement officers. The presentation was made in October at the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Salem by Lynn Loacker, Shikar-Safari representative.

The award from the conservation-based organization honors a Fish and Wildlife trooper who demonstrates outstanding performance and achievement the previous year. Boyd's selection by the Shikar-Safari Club is for his commitment to fish and wildlife enforcement and protection, placing him with a "distinguished group who have earned this recognition for their outstanding performance and dedication to duty." Boyd, age 44, joined OSP in September 2004. He was first assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Division at the Newport office and transferred to the Springfield office in July 2007. Earlier this year, he was also selected as the OSP 2008 Fish and Wildlife Division Officer of the Year. "Trooper Boyd brings enthusiasm, professionalism, tenacity, out-of-the-box thinking, and a great work ethic to his job," said Lynn Loacker. "It is for these reasons that Shikar Safari Club International is pleased to present him this award." Shikar-Safari Club presents recognizes wildlife law enforcement officers in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and the territories of both nations. The Club is known worldwide for its efforts in the protection, enhancement, and preservation of wildlife and has placed particular emphasis on endangered and threatened species through the promotion of enforcement of conservation laws and regulations.



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Lifetime Suspension Fails to Deter Brownsville Subject

A lifetime hunting suspension did not deter a Brownsville-area subject who was sentenced in October to 10 months in the Linn County Jail following a Division investigation. The most serious charge, Violation of a Lifetime Hunting Suspension, led to a 180-day jail sentence. In January 2009, Division troopers and Linn County deputies responded to a Brownsville address following a report the subject was trespassing on private property while attempting to retrieve his beagles. The Division was already investigating the subject for allegedly hunting rabbits with his beagles on neighboring private timber land. The subject has a lifetime hunting suspension and is a convicted felon stemming from a 1999 racketeering conviction. He was convicted of hunting bears with dogs, killing bears illegally, and selling the bear gall bladders. When Linn County deputies arrived to the trespassing complaint in Brownsville, they found a shotgun and ammunition in the subject's vehicle. He was arrested for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and **Criminal Trespass with a Firearm**. Soon after this incident, Division troopers served a search warrant at his residence. He was subsequently charged with **Violation of a Lifetime Hunting Suspension**. The subject's 10-month sentence is on the following charges: 30 days for Felon in Possession of Firearm, 180 days for Violation of a Lifetime Hunting Suspension, and 90 days for Criminal Trespass with a Firearm. The subject will be placed on a 36-month supervised probation with restrictions not to possess any game meat or any part of game mammal or fur-bearing mammal; not to engage in any kind of hunting or be with anyone who is hunting; and, not to train any dogs for hunting or live with anyone who owns dogs for hunting.

Awarded for Service

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) recognized marine law enforcement officers from around the state for their outstanding performance and contributions during the 2009 boating season at their annual post-season conference on October 13, in Bend. Among many awards given, the Oregon State Police Trooper of the Year was awarded to Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge), and Special Instructor awards were presented to Sgt. Dean Perske (Roseburg) and Sr. Tpr. Brad Bennett (Grants Pass). For the press release, please visit OSMB's website ([click here](#)).

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Sr.	Senior Sheriff's Office
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SO	Turn in Poachers
BER	Boat Examination Report	Lt.	Lieutenant	TIP	Tpr.
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Tpr.	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODF	Department of Forestry	UPCS	U.S. Coast Guard
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	USCG	U.S. Department of Agriculture
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USDA	U.S. Forest Service
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DA	District Attorney	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	UUMV	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	Rct.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DSL	Department of State Lands	Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
DWS	Driving While Suspended	SIU	Special Investigations Unit		

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Wildlife / Hunting

Unlawful Big Game Hunting

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) cited a subject for **Unlawfully Taking Branch Bull Elk** after the subject advised he shot the elk from 500 yards away with a three-power scope. He thought it was a spike and, upon locating the elk, discovered it was a five-point bull.

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) located three additional suspects on a trespass case. The landowner observed a wounded deer after he caught the group in his field during bow season. The group said they shot at a coyote. Three of the four men decided to stick with that story, even after officers told them their story was not believable, and the fourth member told the truth. The truth teller was disgusted with their behavior and would not lie for or associate with them. The troopers cited all three for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and two also for **Offensive Littering**.

A Newport resident purchased his first season rifle elk tag. On October 14, the subject hunted the Five Rivers area and killed a 4 x 4 bull on what he thought was opening day of Coast bull elk season. Upon returning to Newport that evening, he discovered elk season did not start until November 14. Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) responded to his residence after he called in to report his oversight. His rifle and a quarter of the bull were seized at the time. Arrangements were made to meet with him at the kill site the next day and recover the rest of the elk. The hunter was subsequently cited for **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season**. The elk was donated to the Newport Senior Center.

Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) responded to a complaint about hunters who observed a group of subjects who shot a five-point bull elk during closed season. Perske located the suspect vehicle. Upon contact, the suspects denied shooting but later admitted they did. Perske located backstraps in the trunk. The suspects said they were going to find pack frames to get the rest out. Only one suspect admitted shooting the elk—one time. While the suspects were retrieving the elk out of the canyon, Perske located spent casings from two calibers matching the suspects' three rifles. When the suspects returned three hours later, they corrected their story. When asked why they shot the elk, they said they just "couldn't resist." Perske issued citations for **Taking Elk Closed Season** and **Aiding** and a warning for No Hunting License and seized the elk.

Trophy Blacktail Seized from Poacher

Tpr. Fromme (Portland) responded to a trespassing hunting complaint in the Sandy area. Suspect vehicle information was obtained, and the registered owner lived near the complaint. Upon arriving at the owner's residence, the suspect vehicle was located. After interviewing the suspect, Fromme confirmed the suspect trespassed on the neighbor's land and shot a large four-point blacktail buck. The suspect was in the process of dressing it when Fromme arrived. Fromme cited the suspect criminally for **Trespassing with a Firearm** and **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another** and seized the deer and rifle. The meat was donated to the Mission, and the non-typical antlers were taken to a Boone and Crockett-recognized taxidermist for a measurement. The buck was ranked in the top 40-50 of 434, scoring 157 1/8 (non-typical) and 153 5/8 (typical). For the *Oregonian* article on the measurement, [click here](#).



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Poacher Caught Hypothermia

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) received a report that a man was taken to the hospital with hypothermia from a field in the Howard Prairie area, and a dead spike buck was found nearby. Collom's investigation revealed a spike buck was shot, killed, field dressed, and hidden in some brush. The poacher decided to go back and retrieve it in the early morning hours around 1:00 a.m. Later in the early morning light, some hunters in a nearby cabin heard a man groaning and yelling for help. They responded and found a man with a bloody nose, suffering from hypothermia. The man was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Medford. He had apparently hit his head while dragging the spike buck out to his vehicle and laid in the field until the people heard his yells for help. Collom contacted the man in the hospital and plans to re-contact him when he is released to issue him a citation for **Unlawfully Taking Spike Buck Deer**.

Four Charged for Unlawfully Killing Four Bull Elk

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) received a call regarding an elk case in progress south of Cottage Grove. Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge), and Rct. Kyle Bachmeier (Patrol) located four bull elk carcasses. As the investigation began to unfold, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher contacted area landowners who reported hunters trespassing on private lands to retrieve the poached bull elk. They were part of a year-round herd that reached up to 70 elk. The troopers identified suspects in the case. As a result of the investigation, the troopers determined the four bull elk (a 3-point, 5-point, 6-point, and 6 x 7) were unlawfully killed on private property south of London Road about three miles south of Cottage Grove in the Melrose Unit in the late



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morning hours on October 20. Troopers cited the first suspect for **Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk** (x 4) and **Borrowing an Elk Tag** (x 2); the second for **Loaning an Elk Tag and Aiding in a Game Offense**; the third for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another, Loaning an Elk Tag, and Aiding in a Game Offense**; and the fourth for **Aiding in a Game Offense**. Additional charges may be pending. The elk were salvaged by the troopers, and the meat was donated to the Eugene Mission. The Division praises the help of a landowner in the investigation.

Wildlife / Hunting

Large 6 x 6 Killed during Rifle Season



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Retired Sr. Tpr. Hulett and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a complaint of a large 6 x 6 bull elk killed during rifle deer season. The complainant waited for their arrival and assisted the troopers as they skinned the bull. No gunshot or archery wounds were found, but preliminary evidence indicated the bull appeared to receive a blunt force injury high in the neck area possibly caused by a fight with another bull.

Felon Cited for Multiple Charges

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) received a report about a felon who poached deer on and around his property and had multiple guns in his residence. Barden served a search warrant with the assistance of Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sgt. Lea, Tpr. Keeler, (Coos Bay), Sgt. Punch, Sr. Tpr. Johnson, and Rct. Smithers (Patrol). Troopers located and seized six firearms (most were loaded), an early spring velvet buck head and frozen deer meat, and evidence of an unlawfully killed silver grey squirrel and several stellar jays. The suspect admitted shooting firearms at his residence and to killing the buck. The suspect was lodged in jail for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Take of Deer Closed Season, and Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts.**

Game Mammals Went to Waste

Tpr. Baimbridge and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) investigated an incident where a male shot a fawn with an antlerless tag. The subject left the fawn to waste and then shot a larger doe believed to be the fawn's mother and kept her. The subject denied knowing he shot the fawn, contrary to the witness and evidence. The subject was cited for **Waste of a Game Animal and Exceeding the Bag Limit.**

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) received information from a landowner about some subjects who shot a doe and left it to waste. The landowner told Mayer after seeing the subject shoot, he watched the suspect walk over to what he thought was an animal, then walk back to their vehicle and drive away. Mayer contacted some hunters the next day in the same area in the suspect vehicle. Mayer determined one of the subjects shot the doe. Mayer seized the suspect's firearm and cited him for **Taking Antlerless Deer Closed Season and Waste of Big Game Mammal.**

Sr. Tpr. Duncan, Sr. Tpr. Hawkins, and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) worked on a trespass case in the Sumpter Unit. A subject shot a large 6 x 6 bull on private property and returned later with a friend to remove it. The investigation revealed the friend who helped pack the bull out also shot a bull elk a week earlier with an Oregon resident tag. Investigators later learned that subject is a Colorado resident. Both elk went to waste. The subject who trespassed and shot the 6 x 6 bull was cited for **Criminal Trespass II, Waste of a Game Mammal, and Fail to Validate Elk Tag.** The Colorado resident was cited for **Criminal Trespass II, Waste of a Game Mammal, and Unlawfully Taking Big Game Mammal—With Falsely Applied for Resident Elk Tag.**

Suspect Took Deer without Valid Tag



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Sgt. Pond (Bend) was patrolling the Metolius Unit and contacted a group of hunters. The hunters advised of an incident where a subject shot a two-point buck near their camp and then loaded it whole into his truck and left. Pond located the truck and a two-point buck in a large camp in the McKenzie Unit with no one around. While patrolling the area, the subject was located driving around in the Metolius Unit. They were led back to their camp where an investigation led to the suspect being issued a citation for **Taking Deer without a Valid Tag.** His deer, rifle, and tag were seized. A TIP reward will be submitted.

Tags Loaned and Borrowed

Sr. Tpr. Griffin (La Grande) and Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) worked a horse patrol in Hells Canyon in response to a hunting complaint. Although the group was not located, a group of four "party hunters" were, and enforcement action was taken. In this group, they determined one subject took two deer with another person's tag. The deer was seized, and they packed out the head/antlers to the trail head, where they met the suspect and seized the meat. Citations were issued for **Loaning a Deer Tag and Exceeding the Bag Limit—Buck Deer.**

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) completed an investigation that occurred in deer season. While contacting a hunting camp with an ODFW volunteer, a couple of small children ran up to Lindberg and advised their dad killed the buck hanging in camp. The mother rounded up the children and informed Lindberg her children were being untruthful, and another subject killed and tagged the deer. The investigation revealed the father indeed killed the deer and borrowed a tag from a relative who left the area. Citations were issued to the father for **Borrowing a Deer Tag** and to the relative for **Loaning a Deer Tag.**

Juvenile Mistakes—One Cited, One Warned

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received information of a deer just shot in a residential neighborhood. He contacted an hysterical woman who said she was nearly shot and then found a dead deer in her yard. Stinnett located a bullet hole in the doe. The woman showed Stinnett where she was standing, which was very close to the deer. Stinnett contacted the neighbor and discovered a 16-year-old had used a 30 caliber carbine to "shoot a blue jay" off the fence from his deck. Stinnett seized the gun and doe and issued citations for **Taking Doe Deer Closed Season and Reckless Endangering.**

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled near Crow for deer hunters and checked 13 hunters, all of whom were in compliance. Imholt received a report of a spike deer shot on private property five miles away. He contacted the suspect, a juvenile boy. He and his father were hunting on their property when he saw a spike buck in the same area they saw a forked horn earlier. He was excited and shot the spike thinking it was the forked horn. The boy was very upset during the contact, knowing he had done wrong, and his father was teaching him how to properly deal with mistakes. Imholt warned the boy for shooting the spike and donated the deer to the Mission.

Wildlife / Hunting

Unlawful Parts Removed Prior to Entering Oregon

Sgt. Pond (Bend) received a call from an ODFW employee who advised that a pickup passed him westbound east of Bend at a high rate of speed with a couple of large sets of elk antlers. Pond located the subject and noted due to the size of the antlers, they were more than likely not from Oregon. The subjects were stopped for traffic violations and contacted. The antlers were from elk taken in Utah which is a CWD state. The subject's were unaware of the laws regarding importation of prohibited parts. Fortunately, the subjects at the ranch in Utah where they had been hunting were aware of the law and took care in removing parts prohibited in Oregon. The lucky hunter's elk scored 351 and 328 respectively. They were advised to tell others about their contact in Bend to assist in educating others they know who hunt out of state.

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WED Operations Resulted in Numerous Citations

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) was working a WED near Adel when a vehicle approached at a high rate of speed. The occupants observed the WED and abruptly stopped, leaving 40-foot skid marks. A rifle then came out the passenger window, and a shot was fired. The decoy was hit, leaving a fair amount of damage. The passenger had a tag that was not valid for that unit (Beatys Butte). Weaver cited the passenger for **Unlawful Take of Deer—No Valid Big Game Tag** and seized his rifle.

Sr. Tpr. Torland, Sr. Tpr. Canfield, and Tpr. VanMeter (Newport) conducted a night WED operation when a vehicle drove through the set and off the road towards the WED. When the driver got out of his vehicle and started to approach the WED, Canfield contacted him. The subject stated the deer was beautiful, and he wanted to see if he could touch it. When Canfield told him it was a decoy, he could not believe it. No weapons were located, and the subjects admitted to the troopers they were not very experienced in the outdoors.

On the last night of rifle buck season, Sr. Tpr. Hayes, Tpr. Ring, Sgt. Pond (Bend), and Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) conducted a WED operation after hours in the Upper Deschutes Unit. A vehicle entered the set and stopped, illuminating the decoy with its headlights. The passenger exited the vehicle and fired one shot from the paved road. Seconds later, the driver grabbed his rifle, got out, and fired from the road, hitting the decoy. Just after Hayes and Pond contacted the suspects, another vehicle came up behind the suspects at a high rate of speed, nearly striking their vehicle. Bean contacted that driver and determined this subject was **DUII**. Sr. Tpr. Duran (Patrol) lodged the subject in jail. The shooters received citations for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and several warnings, and both rifles were seized.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) conducted a late night WED operation along Hamm Road west of Creswell. The decoy was set up on private property in response to reported ongoing poaching. At 1:30 a.m., a vehicle approached slowly, and the driver turned the vehicle sideways, illuminating the decoy with the headlights. The occupants determined the "deer" was a decoy and left. Upon contact, as the driver did not have identification and provided a false name, he was taken into custody for **Fail to Carry and Present Driver License**. The driver then provided his true name, and a records check revealed he had a warrant for Fail to Appear—Larceny and a suspended license. Troopers also found a compound bow with arrows in the seat behind the subjects within arms reach and a spotlight under the bow. The driver was cited for **Casting an Artificial Light on Game Mammal while Armed, DWS Misdemeanor, and Providing False Information to a Police Officer** and lodged in jail on the warrant.

Unlawful Parts Imported into Oregon

Sr. Tpr. Madsen (Patrol) observed a vehicle on I-84 near La Grande with a large bull elk rack. He did not observe a tag, so he stopped the suspect knowing no bull elk season was open. An Enterprise resident took the elk in New Mexico, and the antlers were still attached to the head. Sr. Tpr. Griffin (La Grande) assisted. He cited the suspect for **Unlawful Importation of Prohibited Cervid Parts (CWD State)**. He removed the antlers, took a tissue sample, and cleaned the skull cap before returning it to the suspect. Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) also stopped a vehicle for a violation with a visible buck rack. The antlers were attached to a head from Colorado. Hayes cited the subject for **Unlawful Importation of Prohibited Cervid Parts (CWD State)**. He removed the antlers and cleaned the skull cap before returning it to the suspect.

Subjects Cited for Hunting with and from a Vehicle

Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) responded to a report of a freshly killed deer in the back of a vehicle on a golf course at 1:30 a.m. Assisted by Tpr. Lombardi (Patrol) and Officer Vanderver (Umatilla PD), Brown contacted the suspect. He determined the suspect shot the deer one hour before in the lights of a golf cart driven by his roommate. The suspect and his roommate retrieved the deer with his truck. Vanderver saw the taillights traveling across the course and located the vehicle with no one around. The suspect appeared a short time later, claiming to have heard the shot, located the deer with his truck, and left to find the shooter. The suspect was cited for **Hunting with Aid of Artificial Light, Taking Deer Prohibited Method, and Hunting without a Valid Tag**, and the roommate was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Sgt. Pond (Bend) was patrolling the boundary of the High Cascade buck hunt and the Metolius Unit and observed a bow hunter comfortably sitting on a boat cushion on the roof of his vehicle while his wife was driving about 2 mph. When the subject realized that Pond was behind him taking a photograph, he quickly went through the sunroof in his vehicle and into the passenger seat. When contacted, the subject gave several reasons why he was hunts in this manner. Pond issued the subject a citation for **Hunting from of a Motor Vehicle** and a warning for Fail to Use Seat Belts.



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Wildlife / Hunting

Troopers Investigated Various Bear, Game Bird, Reptile, and other Wildlife Cases



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Tpr. Olsen (Salem) and Rct. Long (Patrol) cited a Portland man for **Unlawful Possession of Prohibited Species—Diamondback Rattlesnakes**. This stemmed from an investigation in September when Olsen seized two 20-inch+ rattlesnakes from an apartment in Salem.

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) responded to Colds Springs Reservoir to a report of subjects hunting waterfowl closed season. Dietz contacted three suspects with goose decoys out on the reservoir and in possession of three ducks and two geese. Dietz cited two suspects for **Taking Goose Closed Season** and the third for **Taking Duck Closed Season**.

Someone spotted a man throwing items down a ravine near Gold Hill. One of these items was a freshly killed bobcat. Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) contacted the man and discovered the suspect shot the bobcat while deer hunting. Upon reflection, the suspect, realizing the bobcat was illegal, decided to discard it. Cushman cited the suspect for **Taking Bobcat Closed Season**.

Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sgt. Hand, Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls), Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview), and Rct. Faulkner (Patrol) conducted an opening weekend saturation patrol of the Summer Lake Wildlife Area. Over 600 hunters checked in for opening day and slightly less for the second day. The troopers checked numerous hunters, issuing several citations for **Unplugged Shotgun, Hunting Prohibited Method—Lead Shot, Taking Prohibited Species, and Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit (Pintails)**.

A woman in the Applegate Unit called OSP to complain her neighbor was catching skunks, shooting them, and then hauling the carcasses away. Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) contacted the woman, who was concerned about the trapping of skunks and any other animal that might walk into the live trap. Allison contacted the trapper who said he had a family of skunks living under his house without permission. The landowner boarded up the skunk access holes and thought he had evicted the family. Allison provided the trapper with information to obtain an ODFW permit and gave him a verbal warning.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) checked a pickup with three males and two females with a small black bear. He asked who took the bear and checked their tags. The male driver told him he had taken the bear, but he had not validated his tag yet. Bennett had the subject take him to the kill site, a couple hundred yards from the Rogue River at Mule Creek. The subject told Bennett he had not validated his tag, because after he shot it, a couple of people came up from the river and commented about the bear. He did not want to leave a gut pile near the road or by the people, so he was going to take it up the road a ways and field dress and tag it. Timing is everything. Bennett issued the subject a citation for **Taking Black Bear Prohibited Area—Within One Mile of the Rogue River** and a warning for Failure to Validate.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) contacted a subject who was disposing of several waterfowl carcasses on BLM land. The subject had only removed about half of the breast from each bird. The subject was issued a citation for **Waste of Wildlife—Waterfowl**.

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) had a busy opening week, issuing citations for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another, Taking Chukar Closed Season, Taking Ducks Closed Season, Waste of Wildlife—Ducks, and Fail to Immediately Validate Deer Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) responded to the Rogue River area about a complaint of duck hunters shooting near homes on the river. He found no violation regarding the shooting near homes, but he contacted two subjects in a drift boat who were in violation. The first subject was cited for **No Waterfowl Validation** and the other for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Shotgun that Holds More than Three Shells**.

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area during the Zone 1 waterfowl hunting closure. Imholt located a duck hunter on the wildlife area who said he did not know it was closed to duck hunting. He said he did not look at the regulations and just figured it was the same as last year. Imholt cited the hunter for **Hunting Waterfowl Closed Season**.

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area again for duck hunters. There were excessive amounts of hunters shooting before legal shooting times and many warnings were given out. Imholt contacted and checked 51 duck hunters with 148 ducks. He checked one hunter with a goose, but the subject did not know what he had shot was a goose. The hunter was cited for **Unlawful Take of Goose—Closed Season**. Two hunters did not have federal waterfowl stamps were cited for the offense.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) cited one subject for **No Entry Permit** and warned three others after they entered Ladd Marsh at 3:30 a.m. to hunt waterfowl (the area is closed from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.). He also cited a subject for **No Hunting License** and warned him for Hunting Prohibited Area after he was found hunting pheasants in a closed area. Chandler cited another subject for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Toxic Shot** after he was found in possession of lead shot and warned him for No Federal Waterfowl Stamp.

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) was dispatched to a report of a deer stuck in a wooden fence in Happy Valley. Moore arrived to find a yearling blacktail doe that had its hips stuck in the deck fencing. The deer had been there for about 30 minutes. Moore got a cordless drill from the homeowner and removed a fence board,



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allowing the deer to run free unharmed. Moore then repaired the fence, and the homeowner and his family were very happy.

Marine Board / Commercial Fish

Boat Patrols Yielded Citations and Numerous Warnings

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) did a boat patrol on Lost Creek Lake and checked nine anglers, resulting in one verbal warning for Fail to Possess Angling License and one cite for **No Angling License**. They conducted four BERs, which resulted in five verbal warnings. One boater/angler received warnings for Fail to Possess Angler's License, Fail to Carry Certificate of Numbers, and Illegible Registration Numbers; he was new to boating. Later, while sitting in the no-wake zone above Payton Bridge, the same boat was found speeding through the zone. The offender was stopped, and it turned out that it was the man's wife driving the boat this time. Apparently, she did not see the speed limit signs. She was given a verbal warning.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) conducted a boat patrol on the Siuslaw River with the assistance of Tpr. Goldsmith (Patrol). They checked 14 boaters and 31 anglers and talked with numerous landowners along the river. They cited one Chinook angler for **Fail to Validate Harvest Card** and another for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Coho Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Hawkins and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) worked the Snake River on a jet boat patrol from the Hells Canyon Dam to Waterspout Rapids in response to the increased steelhead bag limit and angler success. They contacted several steelhead anglers and issued four citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook**

Shellfish and Commercial Investigations Resulted in Citing Multiple Violators

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) checked a marina employee crabbing off of the marina's docks. Galusha discovered the subject did not have a 2009 shellfish license, and he cited him for the offense. The subject knew he needed a license but did not crab very often.

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted a subject with four undersized greenling on the North Jetty of Tillamook Bay. The subject was not aware greenling had a size restriction. Galusha cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Greenling**.

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) and Rct. Herman (Astoria) contacted several crabbers near Seaside. Upon contact, the troopers observed one undersized Dungeness crab. Later, they gained consent to search a subject's motor home and located five female crab. The troopers issued one citation for **Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited a commercial trawl skipper for **Illegal Possession of Channel Rock Short Spine Rock Fish—Exceeding Cumulative Trip Limit**. The skipper delivered 2,442 pounds in excess of his two-month cumulative catch limit. The landing was a 14% overage. The skipper issued ODFW a check for \$970.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited a commercial long line vessel skipper for **Illegal Possession of Sablefish—Exceeding Daily Trip Limit**. The skipper made two sablefish deliveries within the same week in August 2009. The second delivery was 431 pounds over the 300-pound daily limit (144% overage). The skipper thought he could retain sablefish twice within the same week, because the first trip was primarily halibut. The skipper issued ODFW a check for \$888.

As a result of an investigation in conjunction with the Derelict Gear Project, Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) seized 75 commercial crab pots from one commercial crabber who has not made a crab landing since mid-May. Commercial vessels contracted with the Derelict Gear Project assisted Urbigkeit with brining in the pots. Urbigkeit has received numerous complaints about the crabber leaving these pots out at sea after the season. Urbigkeit criminally cited the commercial crabber for **Commercial Crab Pots Deployed in the Pacific Ocean More than 4 Days without a Crab Landing and Leaving Commercial Crab Pots in the Pacific Ocean after the Ocean Closure Date of August 15**.



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Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) received reports of a local fishing guide retaining Chinook and coho salmon and not tagging the fish on guided trips. Frerichs set up surveillance in the area, and the guide was contacted with an untagged coho salmon hen. One of the two out-of-state clients in the boat caught the fish approximately five hours earlier. The guide acknowledged he normally tags the fish for his clients, but he forgot in this case. The guide was issued a criminal citation for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

While checking salmon anglers a boat ramp, Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted two subjects who had two coho salmon on their boat. Only one of the subject's tags was validated. The subjects stated they had just caught the second salmon and were going to validate the tag when they returned to the boat ramp. Also located on the boat were nine Dungeness crab, four of which were undersized. The subject who admitted to measuring the crab was cited for **Unlawful Take Undersize Dungeness Crab** and warned for fail to validate salmon tag. The crab were returned alive to the river.

Tpr. O'Connor and Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) used the 24-foot Zodiac patrol boat to monitor the 12-hour lower Columbia River commercial sturgeon gillnet season. They contacted 15 vessels from Astoria to Rainier and inspected mesh size on many of the vessels' nets while they were in the water. Two Marine Board safety equipment warnings were issued. After a search, one skipper was found to be in possession of one illegal steelhead and four sturgeon fillets. The man had bagged the fillets in a small garbage bag. All fish was found stored in a covered compartment in the bow of the vessel. He was cited **Illegal Possession of Mutilated Sturgeon Fillets and Fishing Closed Season/Illegal Possession of Steelhead**. On another occasion, Klepp, O'Connor, and Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) used the Zodiac to monitor the 12-hour lower Columbia River salmon gillnet season. They checked 17 vessels and did not detect any violations.

Sport Angling

Anglers Caught Snagging Salmon, Several Fish Seized

Snagging fish is a persistent problem. Fish and Wildlife troopers have ramped up their efforts to catch angling poachers. The public can help catch wildlife violators by obtaining suspect and vehicle description and information and calling the TIP line at **1-800-452-7888**. The following are only a few of the many cases made in October:

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) patrolled Lake Billy Chinook and contacted numerous anglers and boaters. He cited three subjects for **Retaining Foul-Hooked Game Fish**. Tpr. Mayer and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) worked early morning snaggers on the Umatilla River near Hermiston. Jewett identified a subject snagging salmon and retained them. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Snagged Salmon**.

Tpr. Bowen, Tpr. Davis, and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) responded to complaints of snagging near the Green Acres tide gate. One subject was cited for **Failure to Validate Salmon Tag** and warned for Taking Foul-Hooked Game Fish. Another subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Area** and warned for Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Taking Foul-Hooked Game Fish. While observing anglers at the mouth of the Elk River, Sr. Tpr. Harris and Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) observed one subject attempting to snag salmon. Keeler contacted the subject in his vehicle as it left the area. Both occupants denied attempting to snag any fish. A consent search of the vehicle located three native Chinook and one hatchery Chinook. The passenger admitted to keeping two native Chinook and was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Chinook Salmon**. The fish was seized as evidence. The driver was warned for Attempting to Snag Salmon.



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While watching salmon anglers on Eagle Creek, Sgt. Allori (Portland) observed a subject snag a salmon, land it, and hide it in some brush. Later, as the anglers prepared to leave the area, Allori went to the parking lot at Bonnie Lure State Park to contact the person. Just before leaving, Allori observed a second angler place a second coho salmon into a backpack. Allori contacted both anglers. The angler who had the salmon in his backpack denied he had caught anything. After Allori told him he had observed him place a salmon into his backpack, the angler revealed a wild coho salmon hidden inside his pack. Allori seized this fish and cited the angler for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Coho Salmon**. Allori then contacted the second angler who had snagged a salmon. Allori seized a second fish and cited that angler for **Snagging Salmon—Coho**. Both fish were donated to charity.

Anglers Cited for Using Prohibited Methods

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (St. Helens) and Rct. Herman (Astoria) concluded an investigation regarding an individual attempting to net salmon on the Nehalem River. After interviews, the subject was cited for **Attempting to Take Salmon Prohibited Method**.

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) observed one subject take three salmon unlawfully by hand in the shallow water of the Elk River. Harris then observed a second subject take one salmon by hand. Troopers contacted both subjects in the same vehicle as they left the area. They cited each subject for **Unlawful Take Salmon—Prohibited Method** and seized the fish.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) conducted a patrol on the Lower Deschutes River, contacting several steelhead anglers. He issued citations for **No Angling License**, **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**, and **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. Two subjects were also contacted and cited for **No Lower Deschutes River Boater's Pass**. Lindberg contacted one steelhead angler who advised he did not have his angling license and harvest card on him. A further investigation revealed the subject's angling status as suspended. The subject was cited for **Angling While Suspended**.

License and Tagging Issues Common

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) responded to a complaint on the Umatilla River near Hermiston. A subject, who was contacted a couple days before by the ODFW fish checker, was angling in the area again with an altered harvest card. Upon contact, troopers discovered white-out was used to conceal harvest dates. The subject was cited for **Altered Harvest Card**.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr, Sr. Tpr. Canfield, Rct. Tucker, and Rct. Shimer (Newport) contacted several anglers on Drift Creek related to an angling complaint. Investigation revealed all suspects were fishing without licenses and tags, and one coho had been caught. Troopers issued several citations for **No Angling License/No Salmon Tag** and one for **Unlawful Possession of Coho Salmon—No Salmon Tag**.

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) observed anglers at the Gardiner boat ramp. He watched an angler place a coho in a burlap bag and discreetly place it in his pickup bed. Upon contact, the angler told him the fish was a non-adipose fin-clipped coho that died before he could release it. While filling out the citation, Lea discovered the angler had a warrant. On search incident to arrest, a Wyoming driver license was located in the suspect's pocket. Lea determined the suspect was a Wyoming resident and had used his parent's address to obtain a resident license. Lea cited the suspect for **Unlawful Taking Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho** and **False Application for Resident Angling License**.

Sport Angling

Numerous Anglers Cited for Unlawful Possession and Exceeding the Limit



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and returned to the Columbia River. The angler received a criminal citation for **Unlawful Possession of Oversized Sturgeon**. The photo shows the fish shortly after it was released.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) responded to an angling complaint on the Yamhill River at the Lafayette Locks. He located two anglers. One individual did not have a license, and the other had caught and retained a trout. Schwartz cited the first suspect for **No Valid 2009 Angling License** and the second for **Unlawful Retention of Trout**.

Ret. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to the Garibaldi Marina for a complaint involving a subject who unlawfully retained a wild coho. Upon arrival, the subject told Galusha they thought the fish was a Chinook after looking at the pictures in the regulations. Galusha cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Coho** and seized the fish.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted a salmon angler in a small boat at the Port of Gold Beach. The angler proudly showed Barden what the angler thought was a wild Chinook. The fish was actually a non-adipose fin-clipped coho. Barden educated the angler on the proper salmon identification and seized the illegal coho. He cited the angler for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

While checking salmon anglers at a boat ramp on the Coquille River, Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted one subject who had two coho salmon on his boat. The subject stated he caught one coho and one Chinook. After much discussion, the subject agreed that both fish were in fact coho. Keeler cited the subject for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Coho Salmon** and seized the fish as evidence.

Sgt. Allori (Portland) contacted a subject at his residence who had been reported to have taken a sturgeon and failing to record the catch on his harvest card. Allori contacted the subject and found the angler was over the yearly limit for sturgeon. He also found the angler already filleted the sturgeon and actually breaded some of the meat for cooking. Allori seized all of the sturgeon, including the prepared sturgeon, and cited the angler for **Exceeding Annual Bag Limit of Sturgeon**.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) observed two subjects in the area of the Tye Access Bridge on the Umpqua River, and one was angling. Baimbridge observed him catch two bass and fillet them as soon as he landed them. He contacted the two as they walked out. A consent search of their tackle box revealed a bag full of fillets. Mixed in with the bass fillets were four trout fillets. Baimbridge cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession of Trout** and warned for filleting the fish prior to being done angling. The trout fillets were seized as evidence.

Sgt. Allori, Tpr. Fromme (Portland), and Rct. Frank (Patrol) contacted several sturgeon anglers on the Columbia River just downstream of Bonneville Dam. Allori and Frank observed one angler retain a sturgeon and then take the fish to his vehicle before returning to continue angling. As soon as the angler saw Allori and Frank, the angler tried to run away; but he was contacted before he reached the parking lot. The angler had hidden an oversized sturgeon in the back of his vehicle, which was seized

In one week, Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) seized two wild coho salmon, one from each of the Siletz and Salmon Rivers. One angler stated he had been salmon fishing for 30 years and knew the difference between a Chinook and a coho. The other angler did not know the difference, and when she asked her fellow anglers on the bank, she was unfortunately given bad information. Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) seized one wild coho salmon from the Yaquina River. Again, the angler misidentified the fish as a Chinook. All three anglers were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.



Sandy River. Photo credit: Oregon.gov

Charged with Prohibited Areas and Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. Hanson, Sr. Tpr. Moore, Tpr. Schoenborn, and Rct. Frank (Portland) conducted an angling saturation on the Sandy River at the Cedar Creek Fish Hatchery. They contacted 32 anglers, resulting in five citations and multiple warnings. One subject was cited for **Failing to Immediately Validate 2009 Angling Tag**. Four subjects were cited for **Angling Prohibited Hours**.

Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) contacted six subjects at different locations angling on the South Umpqua. The South Umpqua is closed to all angling to protect spawning fall Chinook and coho. All subjects were using large spinners with treble hooks, but said they were just fishing for bass. Four were contacted while in a motorized boat with expired tags. Two were angling from shore. Perske cited all six for **Angling Closed Stream** and warned one for No Angling License and another for Expired Boat License.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) checked a subject who just released a wild steelhead. As Bennett approached, the subject began walking to his car. He told Bennett he was going to get his tag to validate the salmon he caught about an hour ago. An adult Chinook was found still alive on a stringer. It was released. The subject was advised angling was closed for salmon, warned for allowing his son (under 14) to angle for steelhead without a tag and for Taking Salmon Closed Season, and issued a citation for **Angling Closed Season—Salmon**.

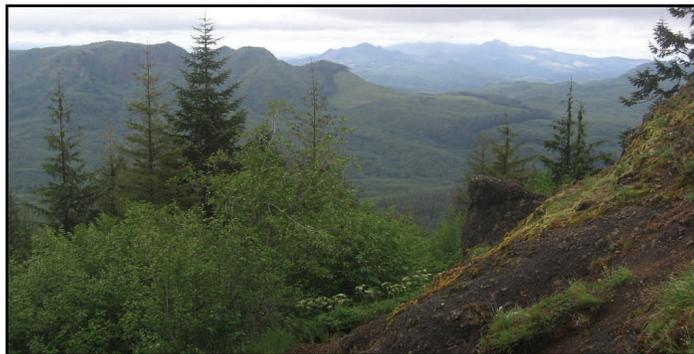
Environment / Habitat / ATV

Illegal Activities Discovered in Closed Areas

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) and Rct. Clement (Albany) were patrolling north Linn County when Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem, pilot) a subject trespassing on Weyerhaeuser land. Culp directed Turnbo to the location. Turnbo cited the subject for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sgt. Brown (Patrol) assisted the Bend Fish and Wildlife Team by working Fox Butte in the Paulina Unit opening weekend, allowing team members to work other hunting complaints and action plans. He contacted 35 subjects, checked 14 tagged deer, gave out 16 warnings, and issued five citations for **Illegal Motorized Travel**.

Retired Sr. Tpr. Hathaway (Newport) received a complaint about two vehicles blocking roads in the Green Mountain area. This is the third year in a row Hathaway has received complaints about these two subjects. He contacted one of the subjects and issued a warning for Blocking a Road. Then an hour later, he located the other subject vehicle blocking another road. Hathaway cited that subject for **Violation of Travel Management Restrictions—Blocking a Road**.



North Coast Range from Saddle Mountain. Photo credit: Wikipedia/CCSA Atul666

Retired Sr. Tpr. Oriet (Astoria) received information from a former OSP volunteer who told Oriet, while hunting near South Saddle Mountain on foot, he contacted a vehicle driving on a closed road with two subjects. While checking hunters in the Sain Creek area, Oriet located the suspect vehicle parked near another closed road unoccupied. Just before dark, the suspects returned and were contacted about the complaint Oriet received earlier. The suspects recalled a hunter foot contacting them and offered no explanation mitigating the violation reported. The driver was cited for **Illegal Motorized Entry** and the passenger was warned.

After Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) set up on Weyerhaeuser property in the Big River area and waited for the pilot to locate a spotlihter, he saw headlights approach. Expecting to see a spotlight after the vehicle entered the clear-cut, he observed the vehicle stop and go dark. Maher then heard a chainsaw fire up. Realizing the trespassers probably were poaching firewood and not game, Maher proceeded to their location. He contacted two subjects who had hastily thrown their chainsaw in the back of their pickup and were preparing to leave when they saw him. The subjects said they were just trying to get firewood to keep their family warm and knew they should not be there. A check revealed one subject had a Failure to Appear warrant (\$25,000 bail). Upon confirmation, Maher took the subject into custody. The other subject was cited for **Criminal Trespass II** and escorted off the property. The first subject was lodged in jail and cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.

ATV Operators Cited for Various Offenses

Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) cited two ATV operators for **Committing Unlawful Damage with Class III ATV** after receiving a complaint from a local ODFW biologist about the damage they had done to a forest meadow and trees.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) contacted an ATV operator driving down the 2110 Road. The operator's rifle was loaded, and the operator was impaired. He was arrested for **DUII** and provided a breath sample of .14%, two hours after arrest. He was released to his brother, who had taken custody of the ATV after arrest and responded to town.

While observing anglers at the mouth of the Elk River, Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) noticed a subject illegally operating a three-wheel ATV on the beach. While moving in to make contact, the ATV crashed into the surf, causing the operator and passenger to fly off. Barden stopped the ATV, cited the operator for **Operating an ATV on a Closed Beach** and warned him for No ATV Permit and Careless Driving.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) checked a truck parked at a Longview Fibre gate with ATV ramps in the bed. There was a note left on the window by another hunter. The note stated, (something like) "Thanks. The quad noise spooked several animals!!!" Schwartz went through the gate and located the quad with three hunters about one mile in. The operator said he had permission to be in the area with a quad. When asked when; he replied, "1995." The operator was cited for **Operating a Motor Vehicle in Violation of Travel Management Area**.

Volunteers Kelly and Buchanan (McMinnville) occupied a blind on Stimson property off of Dixon Mill Road. They spent hours monitoring illegal motor vehicle entry via a pirate trail discovered that bypassed the gate. They advised Retired Sr. Tpr. Oriet (McMinnville) they just videotaped ATVs enter the area and relayed what part of the system they went into. A few minutes later, Oriet stopped three suspects. Two were male adults, and the third was a juvenile female. Oriet cited both adults for **Criminal Trespass II** and warned the juvenile.

Landowners contacted Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) about gunshots coming from their property. After searching the area, they located several footprints and a dead six-point bull. Mayer located a set of ATV tracks in the snow leading off the private property. After waiting at the end of a trail, he met two subjects on ATVs. Upon contact, an investigation revealed one of the suspects shot the bull. The suspect knew he was on private property; but when he heard and saw trucks in the area, he left. He hoped they would leave, so he could return for the elk. Mayer cited the suspect for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a complaint of a spotlihter riding an ATV up Armstrong Gulch in the Applegate Unit. The witness had seen the ATV over two nights but had not heard any shots fired. Allison parked his truck and waited in the dark. He watched a landowner come out of his house, fire up his ATV, and ride down the road toward Allison. The suspect was stopped and found to have a headlamp and a loaded 30.06 rifle. He told Allison he was looking for a fox that killed his chicken. He also chased deer out of his yard with the ATV. The landowner claimed the road was on his property, and BLM had an easement. With consent, Allison checked his outbuildings and freezers. Allison warned the subject for a Loaded Firearm on an ATV.

General Law / Other

Various General Law Investigations by Fish and Wildlife Troopers

While off duty, two transients contacted Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) in the parking lot of his wife's business. During this contact, the transients offered to trade several grams of hash for food. Van Prooyen stated he was not interested, adding he might know a guy but would need to make a call. He contacted Curry County SO and Gold Beach PD who were happy to respond. Their search revealed no hash. The subjects claimed they planned to rob Van Prooyen. Mrs. Van Prooyen then "86'd" both subjects from her business' property. OSP contacted the transients two days prior in Brookings trying to trade dope for a van.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) recovered a burnt out stolen vehicle in the Eagles Rest Road area. The person who reported the vehicle only provided GPS coordinates for the location. Maher located the vehicle and discovered it was still smoldering. ODF responded to the location and put out the hot spots on the ground and in the vehicle. The vehicle, a total loss, was towed.



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While driving to a suspect's residence on a sturgeon complaint, Sgt. Allori (Portland) drove up on a four-vehicle crash, including an ODOT truck. He stopped to investigate and found the offending driver fled on foot. Several Portland troopers assisted. Allori found the driver hiding in another vehicle and took him into custody, charging the driver with **Fail to Perform Duties of a Driver—Injury (Felony), Fail to Perform Duties of a Driver—Property Damage (x 3), DWS—Misdemeanor, Careless Driving, and Driving Uninsured.**

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) contacted three subjects at the Eagle Creek trailhead at their vehicle smoking marijuana. They recognized two of them from an earlier contact when both were caught fishing at Herman Creek in the closed area. At the time, a third subject ran. They interviewed all three subjects and located a fishing pole with a large treble hook with a sliding sinker. The investigation revealed they were going to snag salmon. Each subject was cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana and Conspiracy to Unlawfully Take Salmon.**

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) patrolled the Middle Fork of the Willamette River and observed a parked vehicle and an angler. Upon contact, he found the angler did not have an angling license and was unlawfully using bait. While writing the **No Angling License** citation, a check revealed the angler had an outstanding felony warrant for Fail to Appear. Maher confirmed the warrant and took the angler into custody. He called for a tow, and a check revealed the vehicle was stolen. Maher confirmed with Seaside PD the entry. He recovered the vehicle, had the vehicle towed, and notified the owner. The suspect was lodged in jail on the warrant and on the additional probable cause charge of **UUMV.**

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) observed a pickup run a stop sign in Central Point. He followed the vehicle for about a half-mile when the suspect made an abrupt U-turn, drove towards Allison, and then sped off. The suspect failed to make a corner and skidded up a driveway. He then drove through 20 feet of chain-link fence, a cow pasture, two more fences, an irrigation ditch, and about a quarter of a mile through another cow pasture until his clutch went out. The suspect bailed out, and a foot pursuit ensued over a fence and through another cow pasture. Allison took the suspect into custody. Sr. Tpr. Thompson, Rct. Neuenschwander (Central Point), and Jackson County SO assisted. The driver was lodged in the jail for **Elude Vehicle, Elude Foot, DWS—Misdemeanor, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering (x 2), UUMV, UEMV, Criminal Mischief II (x 3), Warrant for DWS—Misdemeanor, and PV Detainer for FTA—Drugs.**

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the Upper Deschutes Unit during deer season. During the investigation, Hayes found the two occupants had Western Oregon deer tags, and both subjects were convicted of several felonies and had rifles. Hayes cited both subjects for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm.** The subjects argued that they *should* be able to have rifles since they had deer tags.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) just finished patrolling closed areas near Wickiup Reservoir when he stopped a reckless driver. The investigation resulted in Hayes lodging the subject in jail for **DUII, DWS—Misdemeanor, Reckless Driving, Refusing a Breath Test, and Open Container of Alcohol.** The subject possessed a .30-.30 rifle and spotlight.

An landowner contacted Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) about a suspect who planned to shoot a blacktail buck on the landowner's property. The suspect told the landowner he had a disabled tag that allowed him to shoot from a public roadway. The landowner advised the suspect that was not so and told him to stay at the location while he retrieved a pen and paper to record his name. The suspect then hit the vehicle accelerator, forcing the landowner to retreat into the ditch to avoid being struck. Frerichs cited the suspect for **Reckless Endangering.**

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) observed a subject operating motorcycle recklessly and attempted to stop the subject. The operator observed Frerichs and attempted to elude him. Frerichs pursued the operator for five miles when the subject attempted to go off-road and crashed the motorcycle. The suspect was transported to Mercy Medical Center where he was treated and released for a broken collarbone and ribs. When asked why he ran, the suspect said he thought *he* could outrun the OSP truck. The suspect was cited at the hospital for **Attempt to Elude Police Vehicle, Reckless Driving, and Driving Uninsured.**

Tpr. Ritter and Sr. Tpr. Johnson (John Day) responded to a complaint in Prairie City regarding a possible impaired driver. The witness advised the suspect's sister had her five-year-old daughter sitting on her lap, unsecured. Dispatch advised both the suspect and the sister had outstanding felony warrants. Johnson located the suspect, who was very intoxicated but not driving at the time, and arrested him on warrants for **Forgery II** and **UUMV.** A witness said he would testify he saw the suspect driving an hour earlier, so Johnson will request the DA charge him with **DWS—Misdemeanor.** Ritter arrived on scene and arrested the sister on warrants for **Theft I, UUMV, and Forgery II.** A consent search revealed a marijuana pipe with residue, so Ritter charged her with **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana.**

Interagency Cooperation

Interagency WED Operations, Assistance, and Investigations



White River Wildlife Area. Photo credit: ODFW

Sr. Tpr. Kipper, Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), and White River Wildlife Area Manager Josh Moulton conducted two WED operations on and near the wildlife area. One man who shot the WED from a paved road was cited for **Hunting from a Roadway** and warned for Hunting Prohibited Hours. Another was cited for **Shooting Decoy from Paved Roadway** while using the pickup bed as a rest.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) conducted a WED operation in the Metolius Unit with ODFW. A subject stopped his vehicle and shot the decoy. The subject had a Western Oregon tag. He said he hiked 22 miles earlier on the Pacific Crest Trail and passed up better bucks. He was cited for **Hunting Deer without a Valid Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River), Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles), Tpr. Ocheskey (Patrol), and USFS LEOs ran a WED operation in the Hood River Unit. A subject shot at the decoy and had another's tag when he walked up to the WED. A hunter in the backseat loaned his tag to the subject. Citations were issued for **Hunting and Taking Deer (WED) without a Valid Tag** and **Loaning and Borrowing Deer Tags**.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) conducted a WED operation with USFS in the Grizzly Unit near Prineville the last weekend of archery season. One subject illuminated the WED with headlights and shot it with a bow and was cited for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and **Taking Deer Prohibited Hours (WED)**. A driver and passenger of another vehicle shot at the decoy with a bow, and the passenger hit it. Upon contact, officers found in the vehicle a doe taken an hour before. Hayes cited the driver for **Taking Doe Deer Closed Season** and **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and the passenger for **Taking Deer/WED Prohibited Hours** and **Hunting without a Valid Tag**.



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Sr. Tpr. Madison (Prineville) responded to a single engine airplane crash near Big Summit Prairie in Wheeler County. The pilot and friends left Redmond Airport for an overnight camping trip to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. They were returning to the Redmond Airport in mostly clear weather conditions when the plane lost power over the Ochoco National Forest about 60 miles east of Prineville. The pilot selected an emergency landing spot among the trees and brought the plane in. As the plane approached, the left wing hit the top of a tree then crashed on its left side. The pilot had a minor wrist injury, and one passenger was unhurt. The other passenger received a back injury and was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Prineville for treatment. OSP was assisted by deputies from Wheeler and Crook County SOs and medical responders out of Crook County. The FAA conducted an investigation.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) assisted Deschutes County SO with a dog that killed a fawn. The dog's owner was located and found to have been cited six times for allowing her dog to run at large and be a nuisance. Love issued the dog owner a criminal citation for **Allowing Dog to Chase and Harass Wildlife**.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) responded to a call of two subjects who knowingly shot a buck with 30-06 rifles within the city limits of Vernonia, endangering homes in the area. Schwartz cited both subjects for **Unlawful Taking Deer—Within City Limits** and **Shooting from a Roadway**. Vernonia PD issued additional citations in the case.

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) assisted ODFW with inspecting a pet store that had rattlesnakes, pit vipers, and cobras without a permit. ODFW and OSP previously contacted the subject, explaining a permit was needed for these snakes. After a lengthy investigation, a single sidewinder was seized. ODFW is following up on the holding permit.

Deschutes County SO responded to a prowler report in Redmond and found subjects with a doe and called Sr. Tpr. Madison (Prineville). The investigation revealed a subject killed a doe with a .22 and brought it to a friend's house to process it. Madison cited one subject for **Unlawfully Taking Deer** and two for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) and ODFW Biologist Stuart Love responded to a human safety cougar kill. A deer hunter turned around to find a cougar staring at him less than 20 feet away. When it did not run away after a few moments, the hunter shot the cat. The hunter did not have a tag, so the 130-pound cougar was seized. No action was taken on the hunter.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) made a traffic stop and located a pistol in the suspect's vehicle. He received information from a Washington County code officer about a deer in the suspect's burn pile. At the residence, Schwartz also found a fresh forked-horn mule deer. The suspect did not have a tag or transfer slip for either deer. Schwartz cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of a Firearm** and **Unlawful Possession of Deer—No Transfer Slip (x 2)** and seized the pistol.

Sr. Tpr. Madison (Prineville) received a call from Prineville PD about a subject who shot at a deer inside the city limits. Madison located a deer that had been shot on a hillside from a residential backyard across a roadway. The deer rolled down the hill, landed in an irrigation canal, and got stuck in a debris prevention screen. The deer had to be pulled from the screen using a winch. Upon contact, Madison cited the suspect for **Hunting Prohibited Area—Within City Limits**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) and CDFG worked the I-5 southbound agricultural pest check station south of the Oregon border. They cited one man for **No Written Record of Transfer** who exceeded his limits of salmon, tuna, and trout from Oregon and another for **Exceeding the Bag Limit—Rockfish (44 over)**. They also gave several warnings for tag violations. Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) also worked the station with CDFG. They checked several unsuccessful hunters and a legal commercial fisherman. One person was towing a boat with crab pots in it. He admitted to catching three crab over the limit; however, he did not the crab; they were in a vehicle following him. Since that vehicle was not located, and no evidence could be located, he was released.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

OSP Assisted in Rescues

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) assisted Lincoln County Search and Rescue find a lost hunter. He drove to the end of a landing and thought he heard something. He called the hunter and immediately got a response. The hunter was across the canyon a few hundred yards. Kehr directed rescue personnel to the area. The hunter was very grateful after spending the night in the woods.

Ret. Vogel (St. Helens) assisted USCG, Columbia County Fire and Rescue, and CCSO in a search for a downed airplane near St. Helens. The aircraft was located in a remote wooded area, and the pilot was found alive. Vogel assisted in transporting the seriously injured pilot out of the area and acquiring Life Flight. He returned to the crash, obtaining GPS readings and marking the area for the follow-on investigation by the FAA.

OSP and McMinnville Investigate Deer Taken in City Limits

A shot fired after dark inside the city limits involved a deer, so McMinnville PD requested Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) respond. Shugart learned two subjects were being questioned about a deer in their canopy-covered truck bed. The large forked horn buck was shot but still alive. Shugart interviewed the driver and passenger. The investigation revealed they shot the deer after dark in the headlights, quickly loaded it into the truck, and drove away. The subjects drove into town and realized they were being followed by a witness, so they attempted to lose the witness. The suspects realized the deer was still alive but did not want to stop since they were being followed (but dispatched the deer after stopping). Shugart learned the passenger was a convicted felon and had a rifle at his residence. The subject took Shugart to his residence and turned the over rifle. Shugart cited both subjects for **Unlawful Possession Deer—Taken with Aid of Artificial Light** and additionally cited the passenger for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Shugart seized and salvaged the deer.



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Various Public Relations, Meetings, and Presentations



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out, and the father shot the buck. Pond assisted in the recovery, as the father advised he was a little whipped.

Sgt. Pond (Bend) sat as a panel member during a discussion at the OPRD ATV workshop held at Eagle Crest for law enforcement. About 150 officers attended the 2 1/2-hour discussion.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) attended an ODFW-sponsored commercial nearshore fish meeting in Brookings and Van Prooyen and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) attended one in Port Orford.

Tpr. Thomas and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) provided a presentation to the Grand Ronde Tribe Natural Resources Department concerning fish and wildlife enforcement in the Trask Wildlife Management Unit.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) assisted USFS conduct a workshop for Siuslaw Middle School 7th graders. The five work stations consisted of water quality, fish, vegetation, macro invertebrate, and wildlife. Scruffy the decoy was present, along with various fur pelts, feathers, and claws.

Sgt. Hand and Retired Sr. Tpr. Johnson (Klamath Falls) attended and participated in a tour of the Timbers and Spring Butte road closures with the Access and Habitat Board, ODFW, and the landowner representative. At one stop, vandalism to a wildlife water improvement project was discovered. Johnson will be following up at a later time.

Mr. Robert Koons and Mr. James Reed, both of the Humane Society of the United States Wildlife Land Trust, met with Capt. Markee and Lt. Lane at the Salem Area Command Office to receive the donation of a robotic elk WED to the Division.



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The elk was built by Custom Robotics out of Wisconsin and has a value of \$4,000. The robotic elk WED was first used on the opening day of Cascade elk season, with no violations taking place.

ADA and Reporter Accompanied Troops on WED

Lt. Lane (NW Region), Sr. Tpr. Turnbo, and Retired Sr. Tpr. Chichester (Salem) were accompanied on an elk WED operation by Marion County ADA Toby Tingleaf and Eugene Register Guard outdoor writer Mike Stahlberg. ADA Tingleaf is newly assigned to Stayton Justice Court to handle fish and wildlife crimes/violations. Mr. Stahlberg has written several articles on the WED program in his years as an outdoor reporter. He has been a huge benefit to the Eugene/Springfield in highlighting violators of fish and wildlife laws. This story will be the last Mr. Stahlberg does on a full-time basis, as he is retiring after 40 years with the Register Guard. There were no violators on this WED operation, which was conducted for both night and day violations. Mr. Stahlberg had the opportunity to interview the landowner of the property the WEDs were placed on concerning trespass, dumping of garbage and carcasses, shooting at all hours, and criminal mischief. The Division would like to thank both ADA Tingleaf and Mr. Stahlberg for supporting the Division and for their public service.

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