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*Trooper Butler checking
angler compliance
on Big Elk Creek.*

FISH & WILDLIFE K9



Meet Buck!

The Oregon State Police is excited to introduce “Buck.” Buck is our newest member to join the OSP canine unit. OSP has partnered with the [Oregon Wildlife Foundation](#), who is helping sponsor our first ever Wildlife Detection K9.

Buck is a two-year old yellow Lab, who is currently in training with his handler. Buck is assigned to the Fish & Wildlife Division, where he will be working to help our Troopers catch poachers and detect wildlife crimes. Buck has a keen nose and is being specially trained to detect odors associated with firearms, people and various wildlife such as deer, elk and bear.

Keep your eyes out for more information about Buck, his handler and the great work he will be doing protecting the natural resources in Oregon.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Family Fish Camp in Corbett

Fish & Wildlife Troopers from the Portland Area Command participated in an event called Family Fish Camp sponsored by the NW Steelheaders. The event was held at Camp Angelos in Corbett, Oregon and was held to help children and their parents learn how to fish. Troopers assisted families with learning how to fish at a trout pond at the camp as well as answering questions.



Hunter Education Field Day in Knappa

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper from the Astoria office and four other volunteers held a Hunter Education Field Day at the BKS Gun Club in Knappa. Twenty of the 28 registered youth and one adult, most of which are from Clatsop County, showed up for the all-day event and passed the course. They will all soon be mailed their hunter safety cards from ODFW headquarters. The mandatory course is required for anyone under the age of 18 intending to hunt in the state of Oregon and consists of, among other topics, responsible firearms handling, laws/ethics, shoot/no shoot scenarios, wildlife ID, and range fire.

Western Oregon University LE Career Fair

A Salem area Fish & Wildlife Trooper assisted with the Western Oregon University Law Enforcement Career Fair. The Trooper was well received and answered many questions from possible future applicants. Many applicants were encouraged to apply with the department because they are expected to graduate this spring.

Banks Hunter Safety Course

McMinnville Fish & Wildlife Troopers attended the Banks Hunter Safety course with 25 youth and parents in attendance. The Troopers spoke to the youth about the job of a Fish & Wildlife Trooper, and about hunter ethics. The Troopers also answered several questions from the youth and the parents regarding a wide range of wildlife questions from how to approach a Trooper in the field, to what they should do if they see something suspicious when they are hunting with their families.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS

Elk Hunting Violations - Table Rock Area



Fish & Wildlife Troopers from Central Point responded on a complaint of shots heard and an elk that was dead in the Table Rock area near Medford. Landowner and a late antlerless elk hunts were both currently

open. This portion of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land has a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that prohibits firearms from being discharged, but does not prohibit hunting. When Troopers arrived they saw the herd still balled up and spooked. From the road they could see a dead elk that the reporting party had informed them about. They located the suspects a short time later when they were seen walking toward the elk. Troopers contacted the hunters and found that one, a licensed disabled hunter, had a late season elk tag and had shot and killed a cow elk. The killing of that elk did not violate any state regulations, but did violate the CFR of discharging a firearm. The Troopers found however that the able bodied assistant, in his attempt to aid the disabled hunter, unlawfully shot and killed a second elk located about 300 yards from the first elk. The CFR violation will be forwarded to BLM Rangers for follow up. The elk was seized and donated to charity. The able bodied assistant was cited for **Exceeding Bag Limit on Elk**.

Borrowed Bobcat Harvest Card - La Grande

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper received a report from ODFW of a late check in of a bobcat. The investigation revealed that the individual who checked it in was not the one who shot the bobcat and he had loaned his bobcat harvest card to a friend who did not have one. The bobcat and harvest card were seized and one individual was cited for **Loaning Bobcat Harvest Card**, while the other was cited for **Borrowing Bobcat Harvest Card**.

Great Horned Owl Killed - Redmond

Bend area Fish & Wildlife Troopers received information that a man had shot and killed an owl in Redmond. A Facebook search of the man revealed a photo in which the man bragged about killing the owl. The troopers were able to locate the man at his work where he admitted to shooting the Great Horned Owl. The troopers followed the man to his house where a set of owl talons and a shotgun were seized as evidence. The subject was criminally cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Protected Species**.



ATV Patrol - Jackson Travel Management Area

Two Fish & Wildlife Troopers from the Central Point office teamed up for an ATV patrol within the Jackson TMA road closure. The Troopers contacted a pair of riders as they came out from a closed road and onto the open road. After clearing contact with those two ATV's, the Troopers followed tracks that had gone around a gate and into the road closure. They located three road closure violators about four miles into the closure; two side by sides, and an SUV that was buried in a mud hole. The Troopers returned out to an open road and marked a commonly violated road as closed. Upon coming back to that road later in the day, the Troopers found the markers they had placed had been moved. They went about a half mile up the closed road and found a couple discarding yard debris from a trailer.

During the five hour ATV patrol the Troopers issued several citations and warnings for various littering, ATV, motor vehicle, and road closure violations. In addition, they talked with other citizens who were glad to see the Troopers up there. The Troopers answered many questions regarding ATV and road closures.

ATV Trespass - Molalla

While patrolling a local tree farm property, a Fish & Wildlife Trooper found fresh ATV tracks leading from an adjacent landowner's property onto the tree farm property. The ATV tracks went for miles around the property. The Trooper set up a trail camera on the trail leading from the adjacent property. Two weeks later The Trooper found photographs on the trail camera indicating that the neighbor was unlawfully riding his ATV on the tree farm's property. Two Troopers interviewed the subject and he admitted to riding his ATV on private property. The subject was issued a criminal citation for **Trespass II**.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS

Bobcat Violations - Clackamas County

A Portland area Fish & Wildlife Trooper was contacted by ODFW about a non-resident trapper who failed to check in his bobcat pelts and get an ownership tag before the deadline. ODFW informed the trapper that he had to surrender the pelts since they could not issue him an ownership tag without the jaw bones. The trapper met with the Trooper and surrendered the pelts. The trapper was issued a violation citation for **Failure to Comply with Special Bobcat Regulations**.

Unlawful Take of an Antlerless Deer

A Portland area Fish & Wildlife Trooper responded to the report of a deer being illegally shot at a popular target shooting area on Hwy 224. A Clackamas County Deputy was nearby and also responded to secure the scene before the Trooper arrived. Several witnesses said it was clear the suspect was intentionally aiming to shoot the deer. After the deer was initially shot, it tumbled down the hillside and was barely alive. A friend of the suspect ended up dispatching the deer because the original shooter refused to do so. The shooter was criminally cited for **Unlawful Take of an Antlerless Deer** and the rifle was seized.



Anonymous Tip Results in Charges - Prineville

Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to an anonymous call of a deer hanging from a fence in Prineville. The homeowner stated the deer was a week old road struck doe and they had not reported it to ODFW. The homeowner gave the troopers permission to search the yard for the deer's missing head, which yielded two additional buck deer heads found in a nearby tree. Investigation revealed the son of the homeowner shot one of the bucks out of season and removed the other head from a road struck animal. The two buck heads, the doe body, 14 packages of deer meat and a .30-06 rifle were seized as evidence. The son was issued criminal citations for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer-Closed Season, Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer and Unlawful Possession of Antlerless Deer**.



Big Horn Sheep Capture - Hells Canyon

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Snake River and assisted Idaho Fish and Game biologists, in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct a big horn sheep capture. The capture is conducted to collect valuable data that indicates the health of the herds in Hells Canyon. The capture occurred in an area of Hells Canyon only accessible by boat or helicopter. Ten big horn sheep were captured, collared, weighed and blood work was taken for research purposes.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Cascade Head Marine Reserve Patrol

Fish & Wildlife Troopers with the Marine Fisheries Team conducted a boat patrol of the Cascade Head Marine Reserve due to a complaint of commercial crab gear inside the reserve. The Troopers found a string of gear, and six of the pots were determined to be inside of the boundary line. The fishing vessel who owned the gear was in the area pulling pots and was boarded. The captain showed the Troopers his plotter and admitted to not having the exact coordinates in the plotter but was aware of the reserve and just tried to stay outside of the general coordinates. The captain was cited for **Fishing Closed Area; Cascade Head Marine Reserve**. During that same patrol, Troopers conducted angler checks for recreational groundfish. One angler was contacted who did not have a 2019 Angling License and was cited for **No 2019 Angler License**.

Illegal Commercial Crab Sales - Newport

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper received information of a commercial crab fisherman who was seen selling crab off a vessel in Newport. The fisherman had previously purchased ODFW licenses to sell crab from his vessel but did not possess any dealer licenses for 2019. The Trooper obtained surveillance video and observed the fisherman and one of his deck crew sell crab to multiple individuals over the course of two days. The following day the two individuals were contacted and both admitted to selling crab knowing they did not possess the correct licenses to do so. There were records on the vessel indicating the fishermen had made approximately \$2,600 in illegal sales. The fisherman was instructed to sell the remaining crab left on the boat to a wholesale dealer. The fisherman and boat owner were cited criminally for two counts of **No Limited Fish Seller Permit** and the deckhand was cited for **Aiding in a Commercial Fish Offense; No Limited Fish Seller Permit**.

Commercial Fish Dealer Training - Newport

Fish & Wildlife Troopers, ODFW Commercial Fish Dealer staff, and NOAA Enforcement Officers conducted commercial fish dealer training for a dealer in Newport. The training was court ordered due to the dealer being convicted of previous violations. Thirteen employees attended the training that included proper offloading, sorting and weighing procedures for commercial offloads. The training also covered how to handle illegal product that may be encountered during offloads. The training was well received and will hopefully assist plant employees in ensuring proper offloading procedures.

Garibaldi Evening Patrol

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper conducted an evening patrol at the Garibaldi boat ramp and the Tillamook Bay north Jetty. Three citations were issued for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab**. After seizing some undersized crab from two anglers, and repeatedly asking the anglers if there was any wildlife in the truck (and them answering there wasn't any), the Trooper located a cooler buried behind the passenger seat with 75 cockle clams in it. The anglers were camping and were not over their possession limit, but lied about it because they thought they were over their limit. They anglers were warned for **Fail To Allow Inspection of Catch** and cited for **Taking Undersized Crab**.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Columbia River Patrol - Cannon Beach

Astoria area Fish & Wildlife Troopers, and two officers with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), conducted an ocean patrol from the Columbia River to Cannon Beach. Near Cannon Beach, a boat with five people on board was contacted. Multiple undersized lingcod on the deck of the boat were observed, and one subject threw two of the lingcod overboard as the troopers approached. The anglers said that the fish on the deck, and in a cooler, were the only fish they had caught that day. A consent search of the boat's holds found 37 additional lingcod (16 of which were undersized), and 22 additional rockfish. The anglers were found to be 27 lingcod over their daily limit and six rockfish over their limit. The boat owner said that they had done this before, and if he had seen the troopers coming from further away, he would have dumped all of the extra fish overboard. All five subjects were criminally cited for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Marine Fish, Taking Undersized Lingcod, and Exceed the Daily Limit of Lingcod**. The lingcod and rockfish were seized. Later another boat was contacted with two cabezon on board. Retention of cabezon is prohibited until July 1st. The troopers issued two citations for **Taking Cabezon Closed Season** and the cabezon were released alive.

Angling with More Than One Line/Rod

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper from Gold Beach observed a boat with one individual on board and two fishing lines in the water anchored up on the Rogue River near Dunkleburger Bar. The angler was contacted from shore and instructed to reel in both lines and contact the Trooper at the boat ramp just up river. The angler admitted to knowing he could only fish with one line but was fishing for steelhead and decided to put a second line out to see if any springers would bite. He was cited for **Angling with more than one Line/Rod**.

Dealer and Commercial Fish Checks - Newport

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper with the Marine Fisheries Team and ODFW Commercial Fish Dealer staff, were conducting dealer and commercial fish checks in Newport. One commercial crab fisherman was warned for **Failure to Maintain Logbooks**. The Trooper and ODFW staff also noticed a commercial fishing vessel offloading frozen hagfish into totes and loaded directly into a box truck without being weighed or recorded. Upon contact with the captain, he said he was selling to a local dealer and was told the fish would be taken to the dealer facility and weighed later. The fisherman said he planned to visit the dealer the next week to sign a fish ticket. The Trooper and ODFW staff followed the truck and contacted the dealer. The dealer claimed they were unable to get offloading space at the dock and had been waiting to unload the fish for a long time. They had gotten a small window to get the boat to the offloading hoist and had been in a hurry. They said they thought it would be ok to just weigh at their plant. When asked to see the scale, they presented a small makeshift scale they said they planned to use that would require them to remove all of the individual bags of frozen fish instead of weighing the entire tote because they didn't have scales big enough for the totes. The makeshift scale had no certification nor did it show it had been certified at any time. The dealer was instructed to obtain a certified scale in order to legally weigh the fish. The dealer was cited for **Fail to Complete Fish Receiving Ticket**.

Salmon Boat Patrol - Columbia River

Two Fish & Wildlife Troopers conducted an evening spring salmon boat patrol on the Columbia River from St. Helens to Portland. Catch rate was poor, and the troopers issued 5 citations for **Angling Prohibited Method – Barbed Hooks for Salmon**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Angler Check - Multnomah Channel

Fish & Wildlife Troopers conducting a boat patrol on the Multnomah Channel came across Ilya Kiryuta from Portland and took this photo with him.

Clatsop County Razor Clam Patrols

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper from the Astoria OSP office conducted three razor clam patrols on Clatsop beach after ODFW reopened razor clamming on March 1st. During the three day patrol over 60 clam diggers were contacted. Two subjects were observed keeping larger sized clams and discarding the small ones they did not want to keep (regulations require you to keep the first 15 dug regardless of size). Both subjects were cited for **Fail to Retain Clams as Required**. The next day, one subject was contacted while attempting to leave the digging area with a bag of clams. Upon inspection, it was determined he had dug 19 razor clams. This subject was cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Razor Clams**. Four additional warnings were issued for **Digging Clams for Another, Fail to Use Own Container, and No Valid Shellfish License in Possession x 2**.

The same Fish & Wildlife Trooper conducted several more razor clam closure patrols on Clatsop County beach. Eight warnings were issued for: Take Clams Closed Area. One commercial razor clam harvester was contacted from a prior incident in which he made two offloads of razor clams to a commercial business in Astoria. In total, 405 commercially dug razor clams were delivered. Upon inspection of the clams by a local ODFW Shellfish Biologist, along with two Fish & Wildlife Troopers, 111 razor clams were found to be under the commercial size limit of 3 ¾ inches. The subject was cited for: **Take/Possession of Undersized Commercial Razor Clams**.

Bass Tournament - Tenmile Lake

Coos Bay area Fish & Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Tenmile Lake during a large bass tournament. Over forty boats were competing in the tournament, and many of the anglers were from out of state. Most of the fish checked by the Troopers were in the 3 to 4 pound range, but one fish weighing approximately 7 pounds was observed.

Angler Check Reveals Undersized Marine Fish

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper from the Newport OSP office contacted an angler near Otter Rock Crest Loop down a trail in a remote location. The Trooper observed the angler had an undersized lingcod in possession. The fish was seized and the angler was cited for **Take/Possession of Undersized Marine Fish**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Undersized Dungeness Crab - Sand Lake

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper was on patrol in south Tillamook County when he responded to assist a deputy at Sand Lake Recreational Area. A group of people were found to have not paid their camping fees and were causing issues with the camp host in the Sandbeach Campground. When the Trooper arrived it was found that the subjects also had a bucket of undersized Dungeness crab. When the trooper asked for shellfish licenses, the subjects showed angling licenses only. Two subjects were issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and **No Resident Shellfish License**. The crab were released back to the bay. The subjects were additionally cited for theft of services and trespassed from the park by the deputy.

Dive Clam Fishery Inspections - Garibaldi

An Astoria area Fish & Wildlife Trooper conducted enforcement checks in Garibaldi for the commercial dive clam fishery. Several commercial harvesters were contacted and all were in compliance. Several wholesale dealers were also contacted.

Self-Reported Non-Clipped Steelhead

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper from Roseburg received a self-reported angling violation by cell phone call. The man killed a steelhead then realized it was not fin-clipped as required, citing a small adipose fin “with a flat top.” He agreed to send a picture of his angling tag and the adipose area of the fish to the Trooper. The fish was clearly not fin-clipped so the Trooper met the angler at ODFW and seized the fish, issuing a written warning for **Unlawful Take Non-Clipped Steelhead**. The fish was donated to local charity immediately after contact.

Yaquina Bay Patrols

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject fishing off of the South Jetty on Yaquina Bay. The subject told the Trooper he had only caught one fish and consented to allow his bucket to be checked. The subject was in possession of a 12 inch lingcod which is below the 22 inch minimum size for retaining lingcod. The subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Undersized Marine Fish – Lingcod**, and the lingcod was returned to the bay.

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper contacted multiple boats at South Beach Marina on Yaquina bay. Two Cabezon and two Yelloweye Rockfish were seized and three anglers were cited for **Take/Possession of Marine Fish Closed Season**.



Unlawful Import of Crayfish - Portland

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper conducted an inspection at a Portland restaurant and found the restaurant to be in possession of approximately 180 lbs. of live crayfish. The crayfish were imported from New Orleans without an import license. The crayfish were seized and donated to the Salem Union Gospel Mission, and the owner of the restaurant was cited for **Unlawful Possession/Import of Crayfish Without an ODFW License**.

Columbia River Boat Patrol

Fish & Wildlife Troopers from the St. Helens office conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River focusing on the spring salmon closure below Warrior Rock. During the patrol one group was located angling in the closed area and the subjects stated that they were unaware that the area was closed. An inspection of the gear found all anglers were angling with barbed hooks. Subsequent citations were issued for **Angling Closed Area** and **Angling Prohibited Method – Barbed Hooks**.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES

Trooper Assists with Fire Rescue

A Prineville area Fish & Wildlife Trooper observed smoke coming from a residence near where he lives. Further investigation found that the garage apartment adjacent to the main house was on fire. The Trooper requested for fire to respond and then began checking the main residence for occupants. Two elderly women were found to be in the house and safely evacuated. Upon evacuating the women the Trooper was advised the tenants of the garage apartment may be in the apartment. The Trooper then entered the smoke-filled apartment and checked for the occupants. No occupants were located. Fire personnel arrived shortly after and were able to confirm no other occupants were in the residences and eventually extinguished the fire.

Sturgeon Rescue & Firearm Offense - Sauvie Island

Fish & Wildlife Troopers from the St. Helens office responded with ODFW to several hundred trapped sturgeon in Sturgeon Lake on Sauvie Island. The sturgeon got into a small bay and appeared trapped when the water level went down. Their fins and backs were exposed to the sun. ODFW and troopers worked for several hours to setup a pump system to get water from a nearby irrigation canal into the lake. Approximately 1000 feet of hose was rolled out and the water pump was activated just after dark. ODFW and OSP were assisted by local farmers, the Sauvie Island Volunteer Fire Department, and United Rental.

While Troopers were assisting with the sturgeon rescue they heard a gunshot nearby. A Fish & Wildlife Trooper observed three individuals shooting firearms into the water on a closed portion of the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA). The Trooper drove to the area and the individuals attempted to flee on foot. The Trooper contacted the individuals just as they reached their vehicle and were stashing the firearms in the trunk. All three individuals were detained and a search of the vehicle yielded a rifle and a stolen 9mm pistol. A bag containing marijuana and paraphernalia was also located in the vehicle. All three individuals were cited for **Discharging Prohibited Firearms on the SIWA**. One individual was cited for **PCS Marijuana under 21 years old**, and cited and released for **Possession of the Stolen Firearm**.



Shed Hunters Trespassed

A complaint was received from a local landowner of a possible trespass. Fish & Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles responded and contacted three juveniles as they came off the landowners property. The three juveniles stated they knew it was private property, but didn't think it was a big deal since they were only looking for shed antlers. The landowner decided against charging the juveniles. The parents were contacted, whom were not overly happy with their kids. According to the parents, the juveniles will be writing an apology letter to the landowner. The 20 shed antlers were returned back to the woods.

Washington County Criminal Mischief Case

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper was patrolling rural Washington County woods when he was flagged down by another vehicle. The driver informed the Trooper of a suspect that OSP Troopers and Washington County Deputies had been looking for the previous day, who was outside his house near Vernonia. The suspect had cut down a tree illegally on a neighbor's property and the tree fell onto Hwy 47 nearly hitting a passing motorist. The Fish & Wildlife Trooper notified Troopers from the North Plains Patrol Office and the Troopers went to the house. The Troopers were able to observe the suspect who was on his front porch. The Troopers were able to successfully detain him before Deputies arrived. Once Deputies were on scene the Troopers handed the suspect over to them and he was taken into custody and lodged on charges of **Criminal Mischief I, Disorderly Conduct**, and two counts of **Reckless Endangerment**.

Raptor Complaints - Central Point

Troopers from Central Point have received several raptor complaints as of late. A Trooper responded to a Red Shoulder Hawk that had hit a window causing its own demise. Others have been called in as being shot, reported as being owls and eagles but they have all been hawks and though reported as being shot, x-rays and necropsies have not supported those theories. Most have had trauma and/or malnutrition as the likely cause of death determined by raptor rehab specialists.



CASE DISPOSITIONS

Elk Case - Whitehorse Unit

A subject plead guilty to one count of **Unlawful Take/Possession of Elk**, and one count of **Tampering with Physical Evidence** in Malheur County stemming from an elk case in the Whitehorse Unit. The subject forfeited the elk, received a 36 month hunting license suspension, and received a \$1000 fine (\$500 per offense).

Yamhill County Circuit Court Dispositions on WED Operations - 2018 Hunting Season

In late October, 2018 Fish & Wildlife Troopers operated a buck deer Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) in Yamhill County in the Trask unit. Several subjects shot a Wildlife Enforcement Decoy from the roadway with the aid of artificial light after legal hunting hours. The following dispositions were received from Yamhill County Circuit Court:

Cited for **Hunting Prohibited Hours**. Received 18 months bench probation, 3 year hunting license suspension, forfeit item seized, \$500 restitution, and \$500 fine.

Cited for **Take/Possession of Buck Deer**. Received 18 months bench probation, 3 year hunting license suspension, \$500 restitution, and \$500 fine.

Cited for **Take/Possession of Buck Deer**. Received 18 months bench probation, 3 year hunting license suspension, forfeit all items seized, \$500 restitution, and \$500 fine.

Cited for **Hunting Prohibited Hours**. Received 18 months bench probation, 3 year hunting license suspension, forfeit all items seized, and \$500 restitution (OHA - WED).

Unlawful Take of an Elk - Sumpter Unit

The following disposition was received in a Baker County wildlife case involving the unlawful take of an elk in the Sumpter Unit during a controlled bull hunt in 2018. The subject elected to have a jury trial and was found guilty of three misdemeanors, **Take/Possession of Elk**, **Borrowing Big Game Tag- Elk**, and **No Resident Hunting License**. The subject received a 36 month hunting license and trapping license suspension, received 36 months bench probation, was ordered to pay \$5000 in restitution for the elk, received 20 days in jail, and also received fines and court assessments.

Apology Issued in Wallowa County Case

The following judgment out of Wallowa County was regarding a subject who wasted wildlife after shooting an elk too far away to be retrieved. In addition to fines, the defendant had to write the citizens of Wallowa county the following apology letter:

"Dear Citizens of Wallowa County,

Please consider this as my sincerest apology to the citizens of Wallowa County, Oregon, for my poorly managed decision to engage in long range shooting, thus resulting in the loss of my meat. I have learned that this method is not an effective means of hunting, unless you are far more equipped than the average hunter. I could have taken better steps both before and after my shot to prevent the wasting of the animal. You need to have your pack prepared to spend a minimum of one night in the mountains.

Get a good lay of the land you will be hunting in to know how you will get to the animal before you shoot. Having good spotters is a must when shooting long distance. After the shot it could take most of a day to get to the animals location. Whether you see it go down or know you hit it or may have missed.

If it goes out of sight you need to pack up and get there right away. When you reach the animal it should be field dressed and ASAP and hung in trees if available in game bags. If the game meat is sour smelling you need to contact your local game warden for meat verification. You cannot make that decision on your own. Going forward I will use my experience, which I have learned from, as a way to educate others."



TURN IN POACHERS

PREFERENCE POINTS -OR- CASH REWARDS

5 Points-Bighorn Sheep
5 Points-Rocky Mountain Goat
5 Points-Moose
5 Points-Wolf
4 Points-Elk
4 Points-Deer
4 Points-Antelope
4 Points-Bear
4 Points-Cougar

\$1,000 Bighorn Sheep
\$1,000 Rocky Mountain Goat
\$1,000 Moose
\$500 Elk, Deer & Antelope
\$300 Bear, Cougar & Wolf
\$300 Habitat Destruction
\$200 Illegally obtaining license/tags
\$100 Game Fish & Shellfish
\$100 Upland Birds, Waterfowl & Fur Bearers

The TIP program offers preference point rewards or cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the unlawful take/possession or waste of big game mammals.

WHAT SHOULD I REPORT?

- Nature of violation or activity observed or advised about
- Location of activity (Road, Milepost, GPS, etc.)
- Date and time of violation/activity
- Description of any vehicle involved
- Name and/or description of violator

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