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Shed Hunting Season Is Underway



Shed Hunting. Photo Credit: NW Sportsman Magazine

The Fall hunting season is over but another one is in full swing: Shed hunting.

A growing number of people take to the woods during winter, looking for the antlers that have been shed by Oregon's deer and elk. Deer usually shed theirs from late December through March, and elk from late February through early April. A recent press release has important information for those heading out to the woods looking for antlers.

**ODFW Resources
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SALEM, Ore.—A few people have already been cited by Oregon State Police for trying to cut antlers off deer and elk skulls they found in the outdoors. Others have wrongly picked up bighorn sheep skulls with horns

attached in the Owyhee Unit, where a disease outbreak has left dead scavenged sheep on the landscape.

ODFW and Oregon State Police are reminding shed hunters that they can only pick up naturally shed deer and elk antlers in the wild, not antlers with skulls attached. The skulls and horns of bighorn sheep should be left where they are found, as rules state horns can only be taken during authorized hunting seasons. "If possible, please get a GPS location and take a photo of the dead sheep, then contact your local ODFW office to help wildlife biologists track the disease," said Phil Milburn, ODFW district wildlife biologist in Ontario.

ODFW and OSP are also asking shed hunters to follow these other rules to protect big game at this time of year, when animals need to be conserving energy to get through the winter: **Minimize any disturbance to big game.** Deer and elk energy reserves are low at this time of year. Don't approach animals or follow the same ones on a daily basis.

- **Respect road and area closures.** These are in place to protect winter range and wintering big game.
- **Don't take vehicles off-roading.** The ground is water-logged at this time of year and off-roading in the wrong place can damage critical wildlife and fish habitat. Travel by foot or horseback instead.
- **Don't be in the same spot every day.** Deer and elk might need to be in that spot for food or cover, and your presence will keep them from it.
- **Keep dogs under your control.** Don't let dogs approach or follow wildlife. State law prohibits dogs (and people) from harassing wildlife. (OAR 498.102 and 498.006)
- **Don't trespass on private property.** You always need permission to be on private land.

Wildlife / Hunting

Shed Hunting Cont'd:

"With shed season upon us, we are getting a lot of sheep skulls and horns picked up," notes Phil Milburn, district wildlife biologist in Ontario, where a disease outbreak has killed 70 percent of the Owyhee Unit's bighorn sheep. (No sheep tags will be available in the Owyhee Unit this year due to the outbreak and ODFW continues to monitor the extent of the disease.) "Remember it is only legal to pick up naturally shed antlers from deer and elk, not antlers or horns with skulls attached." (Unlike deer and elk antlers, bighorn sheep and Rocky Mtn goats do not shed their horns each year.)

People are also allowed to sell or exchange shed antlers, but certain rules apply. Only naturally shed antlers, antlers detached from the skull, or a skull split apart can be sold or exchanged. For antlers detached from the skull or skulls split apart, the seller must have legally taken the animal (e.g. on a big game tag).

Past poaching problems led to the regulations. Skulls that are split have less value and are not eligible for record books. These regulations reduce the incentive for someone to kill animals on winter range or out of season, hide the skull, and go back months later and "find it." A Hide/Antler Dealer permit (\$34) is needed to purchase antlers for use in the manufacture of handcrafted items.

Oregon's buck deer shed their antlers from late December through March and bull elk shed them from late February through early April. Antlers begin re-growing soon after they are shed, with most growth happening in spring and summer months. The antlers are covered by "velvet" throughout this growth period, before hardening to bone in late July-early August for elk and late August-early September for deer. This makes antlers ready in time for breeding season (in September for elk and November for deer), when male deer or elk will fight for dominance using their antlers.

Several ODFW managed wildlife areas and Travel Management Areas are closed during the winter to protect big game on winter range. Others have travel restrictions. See page 102-109 of the 2016 Oregon Big Game Regulations for more information.

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OSP F&W Troopers Patrolling Shed Hunting Areas

F&W Senior Troopers from the Prineville and Madras offices patrolled the Paulina and Ochoco Units. The snow has melted off just enough to allow for vehicle traffic to access areas previously accessible by snow cat or snowmobiles. Shed hunting is starting and hounders with sleds are still active in accessing remote areas. ODFW was conducting helicopter flights for mule deer count on same day and troopers met with ODFW bios at LZ set up at Paulina Rodeo grounds.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms					
AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Senior	Senior
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	Lt.	Lieutenant	SFST	Standardized Field Sobriety Test
BER	Boat Examination Report	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	ODF	Department of Forestry	TMA	Travel Management Area
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under BUI/DUI	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Trooper	Trooper
Capt.	Captain	ODOT	Department of Transportation	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OPRD	Parks and Recreation Department	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	UTL	Unable to Locate
DWS	Driving while Suspended	Rct.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sergeant	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Wildlife/Hunting

WILDLIFE / HUNTING

Dogs Harassing Wildlife in Separate Incidents

A F&W Senior Trooper out of the Baker City office received a report from an Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife employee regarding two dogs that were chasing elk on the Elkhorn Wildlife Area at the Old Auburn Feed site. An ODFW employee witnessed the incident and took photographs. The Senior Trooper responded to the area and contacted the owner of the dogs. The owner was cited and released for **ORS 498.102 Running Game Mammal with Dogs**.

A F&W Senior Trooper from the La Grande office fielded a complaint of a dog that had chased and injured a mule deer doe within the Wallowa Lake State Park. The investigation led to a cite and release for **498.102 Running Game Mammal with a Dog**.



Dogs Harassing Deer. Photo credit: OSP File

Snowmobilers Fail to Validate for Bobcat

A F&W Trooper and Senior Trooper from The Dalles office located two subjects running bobcats with dogs off snowmobiles in the Mt. Hood National Forest. One of the two men had killed two Bobcats. Neither had been tagged. The Trooper issued 1 citation for **Failure to Validate Bobcat Harvest Card**. The same subject was cited for having **Expired Registration Tags** on his snowmobile. Several warnings for hunting license or tags being on their person and snowmobile violations were also issued.



Untagged Bobcat Kills. Photo credit: OSP File

Illegal Take of Mule Deer Investigation Results in Two Being Cited

A F&W Senior Trooper and a F&W Sergeant out of the La Grande office completed an investigation regarding an unlawfully taken mule deer buck. The Senior Trooper started the investigation during this year's buck season when he was on a personal hunting trip. A hunter began a casual conversation with the Senior Trooper, unaware of his occupation, and began to brag about killing a mule deer buck the year before without a tag. The investigation revealed that the hunter had used his father's tag to harvest the animal. The 25 year old son was cited for **Unlawful Take Mule Deer Buck** and the father was cited for **Loaning Big Game Tag**. The head mount of the buck was seized.



Seized Head Mount. Photo credit: OSP File

Trap Complaint Results in Warrant Arrest and Cite

A F&W Trooper working in The Dalles was patrolling the Deschutes River access road below Sherars Falls when he stopped to speak with a couple sitting in their vehicle on the side of the road. During this contact the Trooper was told by the female driver that her dog had been caught in two leg hold traps at a nearby day use area. The female said she had been bit by her dog as she was trying to get him out of the traps. The driver, who was upset, said she had taken the traps and had them in her vehicle. The Trooper verified that the dog was okay, retrieved the traps and gathered their info to generate a possible trapping complaint. As the driver led the Trooper to the location of the trapping site, the Trooper ran both subjects to enter them into the call. The male passenger returned with a **Felony Warrant** for possession of dangerous drugs. After arriving at the day use area and inspecting the incident location the Trooper placed the male under arrest. The male was transported to NORCOR in The Dalles and the trapper who had been identified by trap brand and tag was called. The next day the Trooper and a Senior Trooper out of the same office returned to the trap site to verify set back distance before contacting the trapper. Because the trap site was near a BLM day use area specific setbacks were required. The trapper's set location had been nearly 100 feet short of the required setback and he was issued a citation for the **Setback Violation**. His traps were returned to him.

Wildlife/Hunting

Hunting/Trespassing Investigation Concludes with Two Subjects Cited

A F&W Senior Trooper in the Baker City office concluded an investigation involving a hunting/trespassing complaint within the Sumpter Wildlife Management Unit on October 31, 2015. One subject was cited and released for **ORS 498.120 Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another**. Another subject was cited and released for **ORS 164.245 Criminal Trespass II**. The investigation also revealed the second subject unlawfully killed a cow elk during the muzzleloader hunt in August in the Sumpter Wildlife Management Unit. That subject was also cited for **ORS 498.002 Unlawful Possession/Taking Cow Elk**.

Airplane Saturation Patrol of Road Closure Areas

East Region F&W Troopers and a F&W Sergeant worked an airplane saturation of the Tumalo and Metolius Road Closures with the F&W assisting in locating vehicle's from the airplane. The following activities were recorded:



OSP Aircraft. Photo credit: OSP File

- **34 Total Citizen Contacts**
- **10 Warnings for Operating a Motorized Vehicle in Travel Management Area**
- **2 traffic warnings**
- **1 Juvenile Warned for Discharging a Firearm From or Across a Public Roadway**
- **1 warning for hunting without license in possession**
- **1 warning for no furbearers' license in possession while pursuing**
- **1 citation for MIP-less 1 oz. marijuana**
- **1 runaway juvenile located and returned to mother**

Landowner Preference (LOP) Hunter Kills Elk in Prohibited Area

A F&W Trooper from the Roseburg office received information that a LOP tag holder killed a bull elk outside of the registered LOP tag property. The Trooper with assistance from a Senior Trooper from his office responded and contacted the landowner where the elk was killed and verified the kill site. The suspect was then contacted at his residence where he stated he killed a five point bull elk on his neighbor's ranch because he thought he could hunt anywhere in the

Melrose Unit. The antlers and carcass were seized and the subject was issued a violation citation for **Taking Bull Elk Prohibited Area**.

Deer Head Removed Illegally

F&W Senior Troopers from The Dalles responded to the Sportsman's Park area near Rock Creek Reservoir on a complaint of a freshly killed buck deer missing its head. The deer was located and determined to have died of wounds from fighting with another deer. The head was located nearby on an adjoining property whose owner admitted to finding the deer deceased and cutting the head off. The head was seized, and the man was warned for unlawful possession of deer.

Facebook Tip Results in Citation

A F&W Trooper in John Day received a tip based on Facebook posts, that an elk had been illegally killed on a private ranch in southern Grant County. The Trooper investigated and found evidence of illegal hunting. The Trooper then did a follow up interview with the subject who admitted to hunting elk without a license. The subject was cited for **No Non-Resident Hunting License**.

Scavenged Deer Appears Suspicious

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Pendleton office responded to Stewart Creek near Pilot Rock on the report



Scavenged Deer. Photo credit: OSP File

of a deer that had been killed and the back straps taken. Upon examination, it was determined that the deer hadn't been shot, and that there were several bite marks in the neck area; however the

manner which the carcass had been scavenged made it look suspicious.

Illegally Shot Geese Seized

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Springfield office contacted a subject launching a boat at Cottage Grove Reservoir. The subject told the Trooper he was going to retrieve two geese he had shot on the reservoir. The Trooper determined the subject didn't have a NW Goose Permit. With the help of a Lane



Canada Goose. Photo credit: Stock Photo

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County Marine Patrol Deputy and his boat, the two Canada geese were recovered from the lake and the subject was cited (violation) for **No NW Goose Permit**. The geese were seized as evidence.

Trapping Investigation Results in Numerous Citations/Warnings

F&W Senior Troopers and the F&W Sergeant from the Baker City office concluded a lengthy trapping investigation spanning a couple of weeks. Initially several traps were located in two separate Hunt Units that were in violation of trapping laws. The violations included, several instances of sight bait within 15 feet of a foot hold trap set for carnivores, several unbranded traps, a couple of traps with no jaw spacers, several instances of failure to check traps within 48 hours. The associated trapper was contacted in the field and determined to be in unlawful possession of a bobcat and two coyotes. A citation was issued for **Trapping Prohibited Method to wit; Unbranded Traps and Unlawful Possession of a Furbearer-Bobcat**. A bobcat and two coyotes were seized. Warnings were issued for Criminal Trespass II, Sight bait within 15 feet of a foot hold trap, failure to check traps within 48 hours, trapping prohibited method to wit; no jaw spacers, No ATV permit and operating unregistered snowmobile.

High School Students Discover Dumped Remains of Elk

A group of four high school students were hiking an area off Willow Creek Hwy outside of Heppner, when they discovered the remains of a bull elk, including the head, a 5x5 branch bull partially concealed in some trees. On Saturday February 27th, F&W Senior Troopers from the Pendleton and Madras offices met with one of the subjects who had reported finding a bull elk head that had been stashed in the brush on the Heppner RHA property off of Willow Creek. There were numerous leg bones, one fully intact skeleton of a cow elk, and the head of the bull concealed in trees within 100 yards of each other. The head of the bull appeared to have been a much more recent death than the cow. There was no sign of what killed each of the animals, though the bull head placed in the location made it highly suspicious. The area was photographed and the antlers were removed. No suspects or other information.



Bull Elk. Photo credit: Stock Photo

Self-Reporting Subject Warned

A F&W Sergeant and F&W Trooper from the Tillamook office responded to a subject who had reported he had shot and killed an extra cow elk on accident. The Troopers met the subject in a clear cut and due to the weather and darkness they could not get a cable to the downed animal. The Troopers skinned and quartered the animal and left it to cool throughout the night and returned in the morning with additional help to assist in packing the animals out. The subject was warned for **Exceeding the Bag Limit Antlerless Elk** and the elk was donated to a local jail for their use.

ANGLING

Coquille River Anglers Cited



Steelhead. Photo credit: Stock Photo

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Roseburg office worked the Coquille River system and checked two subjects angling in a remote location along the riverbank. The male subject was found to be in possession of three hatchery steelhead and had not recorded any of the fish on his tag. He was cited for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining a Daily Bag Limit of Steelhead and Fail to Validate Salmon-Steelhead Tag**. The female was cited for **No Resident Angling License / No Salmon-Steelhead Tag** after initially denying angling at the location.

Angling Closed Stream Results in Citation

A F&W Sergeant from the Klamath Falls office was traveling Highway 97 when he observed two subjects who appeared to be angling in the Williamson River. The Sergeant watched and it appeared that a male subject was attempting to teach the female how to fish. Both subjects were unaware the season was closed and neither held valid angling licenses. They were both warned for angling closed season and the male was cited for **No Angling License**.

Siuslaw Angler Cited for Continuing to Angle after Limit Reached

A F&W Trooper from the Springfield office observed three anglers for several hours angling on the Siuslaw River at the mouth of Whittaker Creek. Over a 3.5 hour

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period the subjects were observed hooking nine Steelhead. One subject retained two of the Steelhead. After a short break he was observed angling again. Upon contact the subject stated that he was just going to catch and release, but wanted to fish because fishing had been so good. The angler was cited for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining his Daily Limit**.

Citations Issued for Fishing Closed Area - Sauvie Island



Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

Sauvie Island Photo credit: ODFW

Two F&W Troopers from the St. Helens office were on a boat patrol checking a closed portion of the Gilbert River within Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. A boat was observed with two people on board angling.

Investigation found that one of the subjects had recently moved to Oregon and had purchased a resident angling license. Both subjects were cited for **ODFW Day Use Violation (Entry into Closed Area)**, and one subject was cited for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License**.

Use of Illegal Bait Results in Warrant Arrest

A F&W Senior Trooper in The Dalles contacted two women angling in the Deschutes River at Heritage Landing. Both were using bait in violation of Deschutes River regulations. One of the women had an outstanding warrant for her arrest for Possession and Delivery of Methamphetamine. The woman was **arrested and lodged in NORCOR**. Both women were warned for Angling Prohibited Method: Bait.

Dibblee Beach Angler Unrepentant

A F&W Sergeant from the Astoria office contacted an angler at Dibblee Beach who was angling with two rods. The subject has been cited at least four times in the recent past for angling with more than one rod, and recently started using a dog as a lookout. He was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method: More than One Rod/Line, Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks for Salmon/Steelhead, and Failure to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Harvest Card**. Prior to breaking contact, the subject told the Sergeant that he would continue to violate the laws but would work harder to not get caught.

Sturgeon Fishermen All in Violation



Sturgeon. Photo credit: Stock Photo

A F&W Senior Trooper and F&W Trooper from the Portland office received a complaint that three subjects had unlawfully retained two large Sturgeon on the Willamette River near the Sellwood Bridge. Upon contacting the three subjects, the troopers discovered that two large Sturgeon (54.25" and 53") were being unlawfully retained near the three subjects. Two of the three subjects were angling with no tags and barbed hooks for sturgeon, and all three subjects stated that they had been involved in the catching, taking, or processing of the fish. One subject was cited criminally for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**, and another subject was cited criminally for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and referred to the DA for additional charges of No Angling Tag and Barbed Hook. The third subject was cited criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon-Closed Season** and referred to the DA for additional charges of No Angling Tag and Barbed Hook. Both sturgeon seized were donated to charity.

Charity Benefits From Illegal Fisherman

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Roseburg office observed a subject that had been angling in the upper South Fork Coos River. Upon talking to the subject, it was learned that he had taken an unlawful unmarked steelhead and two unlawful trout. The fish were seized and he was cited for **Unlawful Take of Unmarked Steelhead** as a violation. The fish were donated to charity.

COMMERCIAL

Illegally Set Commercial Crab Pots Seized



Crab Pots. Photo credit: OSP File

A F&W Marine Team Lieutenant and a F&W Marine Team Senior Trooper and Trooper patrolled the Cascade Head Marine Reserve in response to commercial crab gear reported to be set inside the reserve. The gear was observed by another Senior Trooper a week earlier during a flight with the USCG. The Troopers located twelve

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commercial pots fishing the reserve. All twelve pots were seized.

Illegally Purchased Crab Nets Wholesaler a Citation

A F&W Marine Team Senior Trooper from the Coos Bay office completed an investigation into a commercial wholesale dealer from California. It was determined that the dealer was licensed to purchase commercially caught fish and shellfish in Port Orford. However, during the months of January and February, 2016 the dealer had purchased approximately \$287,000 worth of commercially caught Dungeness crab in Brookings without a commercial buyer's license. The wholesale dealer was issued a citation for **No 2016 Buyer's License**.

HELLFISH

Wife Denies Clamming, Husband Cited for Exceeding Limit

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Astoria office contacted a subject who possessed 23 clams. The man adamantly claimed his wife had dug the extra clams and "walked back to the truck early to stay warm." The Senior Trooper spoke with the wife who was sitting in their vehicle completely dry with sand-free clothes and caring for a newborn baby. She admitted she did not dig any clams. The husband was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. The clams were seized and donated to the Clatsop County Food Bank.



Razor Clams. Photo credit: Stock Photo

Crabbers Taking Undersized, Cited

The F&W Sergeant from the Coos Bay office responded to a report of two women keeping undersized crab in Charleston. One of the women was cited for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab**. 12 undersized crabs were released back into the bay.

Female Clammer Exceeds Daily Limit

A F&W Sergeant out of Astoria observed a lone female dig a limit of razor clams on Clatsop Beach and then hide them under the front seat of her pickup. She was then followed approximately a half mile down the beach where she was observed changing her clothes, after which she returned to the original spot on the beach and dug 15 more clams. Upon contact she initially denied having any extra clams, but eventually admitted to digging an extra limit for her elderly mother. She was cited criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and 15 clams were seized.

Attempt to Hide Excess Clams Fails

A F&W Sergeant from the Astoria office and a F&W Trooper from St. Helens checked a group of razor clam diggers after a commercial digger reported that they were acting suspicious. Upon contact, each subject was found to have a bag of clams in the bed of the pickup. The owner of the pickup denied there were more clams and denied consent to search the vehicle. He eventually said that there were ten more clams in the cab that his four year old son had dug, and retrieved them from underneath the back seat. When confronted with the fact that they were hidden, he admitted there were more and retrieved five more clams. He then consented to a search and a large number of clams were found hidden under the rear seat. The owner of the pickup admitted to digging all of the extra clams and was found to be 51 clams over the limit of 15. He was cited criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and 51 clams were seized and donated to the Scappoose Senior Center.



Razor Clams. Photo credit: OSP File

OSMB/Environment/ATV/General Law

OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD (OSMB)

Numerous Waterways Patrolled for Compliance

Boat Patrols were conducted on Lake Billy Chinook, John Day River, six on various parts of the Columbia River, the Umpqua River, The Willowa River, The Grand Ronde River, The Deschutes River, Haystack Reservoir and Hills Creek Reservoir. The patrols resulted in many contacts, boat checks, warnings and citations.



River Patrol. Photo credit: OSP File

Boat Washes Ashore in Brookings – No Damage

A F&W Trooper out of the Gold Beach office responded to the report of a boat that had washed up on the Sport Haven Beach in Brookings. The operator of the boat was put through Standard Field Sobriety Tests and passed. The operator did not cause any harm to himself, his passengers, nor did he damage his boat. The operator and his boat occupants were able to push the boat off the beach and use the kicker motor to get it back to the docks.

ENVIRONMENT

Eastern Oregon River Patrol Discovers Vandalism

F&W Senior Troopers from Bend and Prineville patrolled the Crooked River, Prineville Reservoir and Ochoco Reservoir. Those anglers checked at Prineville Reservoir had some success with trout and fly anglers along the Crooked River reported slow catch for trout and whitefish. Vandalism at Devil's Post Pile BLM campground



Devil's Post Pile Recreation Area. Photo credit: Free Guide to NW Camping

on the Crooked River was discovered. Individuals left a fire along the river's edge burning, hacked five trees in campsite #4 with hatchet, and kicked boards out of the garbage can corral for use in fire. No suspect information and the incident was reported to BLM LEO.

Garbage Left Behind After Target Practice Leads to Citations

While two F&W Troopers from The Dalles were investigating a deer complaint, they could hear what sounded like target shooting and exploding targets on the nearby national forest. They soon located the subjects on their way out of the area who stated they had cleaned everything up. They were informed and warned for using exploding targets, which are prohibited on the national forest, and let go. The target shooting area was located and far from cleaned up. Beer cans, paper targets, numerous shell casings and other garbage was located and cleaned up by the troopers all within 100 yards of a nearby stream. The subjects were called and later met nearby where they were cited and released for the crime of **Littering With-in 100 Yards of Oregon Waters.**



Do Not Litter Photo credit: LastingImpressionsonline

ATV

Off Roader Illegally Drives on Highway

A F&W Sergeant from the Bend office contacted a subject who was operating an off road ATV on paved roads. The Sergeant followed the subject into the Tumalo Rd Closure where he was stopped. Along with several warnings, the subject was issued citations for Violating the Closure and **Operating an Off Road Vehicle on the Highway.**

GENERAL LAW

Smoking Marijuana in a Public Place Results in Citations



Marijuana Clip Art Photo credit: Goodfellas

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Pendleton Office contacted a man and woman angling at Hat Rock Park near Hermiston. Both anglers had the appropriate licenses when checked at the park, however, the male subject decided to light a marijuana cigarette and smoke it in front of the Senior Trooper. The Senior Trooper cited the man for **Smoking Marijuana in a Public Place.**

General Law/Interagency Cooperation

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Hood River office observed a subject walking down a sidewalk in Hood River smoking marijuana. The subject was contacted and cited for **Smoking Marijuana in a Public Place**

DUII Arrest

A F&W Trooper from the St., Helens office observed a vehicle all over the road on Sauvie Island. As the vehicle negotiated a curve in the roadway, nearly the entire vehicle was traveling in the oncoming lane. The Trooper conducted a traffic stop and when he asked for the driver's license the driver attempted to provide The Trooper with his check book and a receipt for vehicle maintenance. The driver presented multiple indicators of impairment by alcohol and had an open container in the vehicle. The driver was arrested for **DUII**. The driver provided a breath sample at .19% BAC nearly two hours after the time of stop. The driver was booked into the Columbia County Jail without incident.

Minors in Possession at Smith River Falls

The F&W Sergeant out of Coos Bay was patrolling Smith River Falls after dark and located several subjects out walking around at the falls. The subjects scattered like quail upon his arrival. Three were ultimately apprehended and cited for **MIP-Alcohol**. The fourth subject was cited and released for **Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor**. They didn't have any fishing gear with them.

DWS-Misdemeanor Cite for Deschutes River Boater

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Madras office ran the license plate on a vehicle pulling into the boat launch on the Lower Deschutes River near Warm Springs. A check on the license plate revealed that the registered owner was DWS-Misdemeanor for DUII. The driver of the vehicle matched the approximate age, and height and weight of the registered owner. The Senior Trooper contacted the driver and confirmed he was the registered owner. **The subject was cited and released for DWS-Misdemeanor.**

Illegal Wood Cutters Cited and Warrant Arrest Made

An Access and Habitat Senior Trooper got information from one of the private timber companies that a group of locals were illegally cutting wood on their property. The Senior Trooper responded and found the group of wood cutters on an adjacent piece of private timber company property. The wood cutters actually had a permit, but the permit was for an even different private timber company and not the land they were currently on. In addition to issuing citations to the two individuals for **Unlawful Cutting and Transporting Firewood**, the Senior Trooper also arrested a female passenger on an outstanding warrant.



Chopped Wood Photo credit: Flickr.com

F&W Trooper First on Scene of A Multi-Vehicle Crash

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Klamath Falls office was first on scene to a multi vehicle crash on US 97 involving 2 semi-trucks and 2 cars that had just occurred. One semi-truck was over a steep embankment and the driver was extricated by passersby while the Trooper checked the other vehicle's occupants for injuries. Another F&W Trooper arrived to assist while Patrol Troopers responded. The driver was taken to the hospital for head injuries sustained in the crash. A northbound car had lost control and crashed into the steering tire of the semi-truck, causing it to veer off the road and crash. A southbound semi-truck and passenger car stopped to assist the driver in the crash when another southbound semi-truck veered off the road, just clipping the back of the stopped car.

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Feral Swine Survey in Eastern Counties



Feral Swine Photo credit: DFW-State of Oregon

A F&W Trooper from The Dalles assisted BLM with a Feral Swine survey in south Wasco County and Wheeler County. One of the sows was fitted with a tracking collar.

Interagency Cooperation/Public Relations

Subject Receives Numerous Charges After Resisting Warrant Service

While traveling through the City of Haines, a F&W Senior Trooper from the La Grande office was contacted by a Baker County Deputy who requested assistance with locating a wanted subject. A couple of minutes later the subject was observed and contacted. The subject denied being the subject with the warrants and provided a false name. The subject was identified by a photo. While taking the subject into custody he resisted and the subject was taken to the ground. The subject was lodged in the Baker County Jail for two **Felony Warrants, Resisting Arrest, Assault on a Police Officer and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.**

Search and Rescue Efforts End Successfully

A F&W Trooper from the Lakeview office assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Office with a lost hiker above Lakeview. The woman had become injured and exhausted and took a nap becoming hypothermic in the deep snow. She awoke just before dark thanks to some people practice shooting at a nearby range and called 911 for help. The F&W Trooper along with a Lake County Sheriff's Sergeant and Lakeview Police Officer started to search for her on foot due to the near freezing temperature. The F&W Trooper located the female under a tree cuddled up without shoes on. The original search party put her shoes on and started to pack her out. The officers were relieved by EMS personnel and Lake County Search and Rescue personnel. The female was taken to the local hospital for treatment.

Investigation Leads to False Application Violations

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Enterprise office finished an investigation of ODFW records geared towards apprehending False Application violations for Oregon hunters. The Senior Trooper identified several violators one of which was cited in California by California Fish and Game. More citations will be issued as subjects are located.

ODFW Biologists Assisted with Deer Survey in Hells Canyon

F&W Senior Troopers out of Enterprise and a F&W Sergeant from the La Grande office conducted a jet boat patrol on the Snake River assisting Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife biologists conduct a deer survey. During the

three day patrol Troopers and the Biologists covered more than 20 miles on foot in Hells Canyon gathering data to help determine the health of deer populations in the area. This information will help determine future tag numbers for the hunt unit.



Hell's Canyon. Photo credit: Wikimedia.org

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Trapping Issues Discussed at Bend Meeting

Senior Troopers out of Bend and Madras assisted USDA Wildlife Service with a public talk at the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association Bend meeting and spoke on trapping issues.

Bend Oregon Hunters' Association Meeting Well Attended

F&W Senior Troopers from offices in Bend and Prineville attended the Bend OHA meeting with approximately 50 attendees. The Troopers did a presentation on how to remove a dog from a trap.

Hermiston Hunter's Education Class

A F&W Senior Trooper out of Pendleton spoke at a hunter's education class in Hermiston this past week.

Oregon Bow Hunters Convention

Two F&W Troopers from the Ontario office travelled to Bend this past weekend to give a presentation at the annual Oregon Bow Hunters Convention. The convention was held at the Riverhouse Convention Center. The power point presentation covered cases involving poaching activities in Southeast Oregon from the Ontario, Burns, Baker City and Bend. The audience

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participated in a question and answering session and the presentation was well received.

Sportsmen's Show in Jackson County

F&W Troopers from Central Point and Grants Pass worked at the Jackson County Sportsmen's Show with the Trailer of Shame on display. Many contacts were made and the public continues to support our efforts.

The Marine Fisheries Team Attend Saltwater Sportsman's Show—Meet Super Heroes

Members of the F&W Marine Fisheries Team participated in the Salt Water Sportsman Show at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. The Marine Fisheries Team created a display which provided attendees with statistics related to notorious violations and ways to avoid such in the future. Also on display was the Guardian boarding craft, ("Mini G"), which garnered many comments and recognition for its work throughout previous off-shore activities. Troopers even had the opportunity to get their photo taken with Marvel Superheroes who wandered in from a neighboring trade show



Saltwater Sportsman's Show. Photo credit: OSP File

DISPOSITIONS

Bend City Limits Take of Deer Results in Lifetime Hunting Suspension

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Bend office received disposition on a case from this past fall. The subject shot a deer in the city limits of Bend with archery equipment and had pled guilty. He received

- 36 months' probation
- No possession of hunting equipment outside of his

home

- Lifetime hunting suspension
- 30 days in jail
- Restitution for \$1,000.

Illegal Take of Antlerless Deer Receives Disposition

In October of 2015, a F&W Trooper from McMinnville received information regarding subjects spotlighting and shooting at night, the day before deer season opened. The Trooper located the subjects, and after a lengthy investigation it was found one subject had shot a doe and fawn. The Trooper contacted the suspect at a residence and found he had hidden the two deer and his rifle in an old boat in a corn field on the property. The subject was cited and released for two counts of **Take/Possession Antlerless Deer**. The subject was convicted of **Take/Possession of Antlerless Deer** and received the following disposition in Yamhill County Circuit Court:

- 12 months bench probation
- 3 year hunting and fishing suspension
- Forfeiture of rifle
- 20 hours of community service to be completed within 6 months
- \$100 to the court
- \$2,000 to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Unlawful Take of Black Tail Deer Results in 3 Year Probation and Suspension

A suspect who was charged with Unlawful Take of a Blacktail Deer in Curry County was sentenced on Wednesday, 2-17-16. The suspect received

- 36 months' probation
- 36 months hunting license suspension
- \$1,350.00 fine
- 5 days in jail.



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