



OHA TRACKER



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Drop off ballots by November 8

If you haven't already and it's not too late, please remember to drop off your election ballot. As they say, every vote counts and every vote will be counted; and the world is run by the people who show up.

For what's at stake in this Oregon election, see October's OHA Tracker at: <https://oregonhunters.org/publications>



Video conveys need for safe wildlife crossings

OHA is working tirelessly to improve ungulate migration, and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions in Oregon. Many aspects of this example in Nevada apply to Oregon, and we need your help to achieve what other states have done to bolster big game populations.



Join our efforts at www.oregonhunters.org

Scan the code or visit this link to watch a compelling video on the need for more safe crossing structures:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NK-mvhPMokY&t=4s>

Hunters should have their heads examined

ODFW seeks samples to test for Chronic Wasting Disease

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The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is looking for your help this fall for preventing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) from entering Oregon, and detecting CWD if it already has. CWD is a fatal neurological disease infecting deer and elk across North America.

OHA President Steve Hagan spent the first three days of the deer season assisting ODFW at the big game check station in Prineville. Samples were taken from 49 deer and one elk that weekend at the check station. Other check stations at Celilo and Elgin collected 104 and 15 samples, respectively. These samples will be tested for the presence of CWD to find out if the disease has already spread into Oregon. It was recently detected in Idaho very close to the Oregon border.

While check stations in Prineville, Elgin and Celilo were all mandatory check stations for those who pass by, any hunter who harvests a deer or elk this fall is encouraged to contact a local ODFW office to make an appointment to take a sample from the harvested animal.

For testing, ODFW will need the animal's head and at least one vertebrae below the skull. Keep your deer or elk head cool prior to sampling if possible. Once your sample is collected, you'll be able to get the results of the test online.

If you plan to take your animal to a taxidermist or butcher, ODFW has a



OHA President Steve Hagan collects a sample from a deer to be tested for CWD at a hunter check station in Prineville. OHA seeks funding for faster in-state CWD testing.

program in place for those facilities to take the sample from your animal and submit it.

Currently all samples are sent out of state to other wildlife disease labs for analysis. OHA has been working hard to support an in-state testing facility at Oregon State University. This will increase capacity for testing, and also help get test results to the hunter faster.

If you are one of the lucky hunters travelling out of state this fall, keep in mind the strict rules for transporting your harvested animal home, specifically the ban on bringing home the brain and spinal column.

For more, visit ODFW's webpage about CWD and what can be done to fight its spread: www.myodfw.com/CWD

