



OHA volunteers braved sub-zero temperatures to plant thousands of forage seedlings in an Interstate Unit burn Nov. 18-20.

OHA restores Interstate mule deer winter range

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In response to wildfires that burned over 500,000 acres in the Interstate Unit last year, OHA and partners planted thousands of sage and bitterbrush seedlings to help restore Lake County mule deer winter range on Nov. 18-20.

Adults in Custody at the Warner Creek Correctional Facility, who sowed and nursed the plants beginning in May, planted 400 plants in three hours on Nov. 18, and then 40 OHA volunteers took the torch over the weekend. An actual torch would have been nice, as morning low temperatures were -8 on both Saturday and Sunday. Still, most volunteers were shedding layers by 10 a.m. and enjoying blue bird days.

OHA conservation staff broadcasted sage and bitterbrush seed, and our hardy volunteers planted and protected roughly 6,000 seedlings near Clover Flat, east of Lake Abert. However, there is still more work to do. OHA staff will set a date to plant an additional 6,000 seedlings for spring of 2023, when we hope to see mild weather.

Future planting dates have yet to be determined, but please stay tuned if you're interested in restoring mule deer winter range. Contact Tyler Dungannon (td@oregonhunters.org) for information.

State OHA, OHA Klamath and Lake County chapters each contributed \$3,000 to the 2022 project, respectively. OHA conservation staff successfully attained grant funding to make this project possible, and these grants were awarded by the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (\$23,000) and Rocky Mountain



FREEZER BURN – OHA volunteer Jacob Haley plants a dormant seedling in the Bootleg Fire burn in Lake County, where morning temperatures were below zero on Nov. 19-20.

Elk Foundation (\$10,000). Backcountry Hunters and Anglers donated more than \$1,000 of sage and bitterbrush seed, and Legacy Sports International, Benchmade,

and Sig Sauer donated amazing drawing prizes for volunteers. Institute for Applied Ecology, the Bureau of Land Management and the Warner Creek Correctional Facility have played pivotal roles in making this project a success, and OHA is looking forward to continuing these partnerships.

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Got a hunter on your list who has it all?

Tickets are the ticket!

Enjoy a fun evening among friends and check out auctions and raffles featuring trips, great gear and more at an OHA chapter banquet near you soon.

Watch for 2023 fund-raiser updates at: <https://oregonhunters.org/events-2>

OHA's 2023 banquets will feature the Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle for a Howa Lightweight (4 lbs 7 oz) in 6.5 Creedmoor.



2023 OHA BANQUETS

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Feb. 25 Redmond	541-419-7215
Mar. 4 Pioneer	503-710-1233
Mar. 11 Union-Wallowa*	541-786-1283
Mar. 11 Emerald Valley	541-729-5220
Mar. 11 Bend	541-480-9848
Mar. 18 Josephine Co.	541-821-1511
Mar. 18 Yamhill County	503-490-2489
Mar. 18 Clatsop County	503-440-9934
Mar. 25 Tualatin Valley	503-502-0611
Apr. 1 Baker	541-403-0402
Apr. 1 Lake County	541-417-2983
Apr. 1 Tioga	541-267-2577
Apr. 8 Umpqua	541-580-5660
Apr. 15 Mid-Willamette	541-971-3351
Apr. 22 Capitol **	503-851-8409
Apr. 29 Blue Mountain	541-231-4384
Apr. 29 Klamath	541-884-5773
May 6 Tillamook	503-801-3779

May 6 OHA State Convention,***
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* Oregon Mountain Goat Tag Auction
** A&H Statewide Deer Tag auction
*** A&H Statewide Elk Tag auction

Election results will affect hunters

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Measure 114, the gun control bill on the Oregon ballot, passed in the November election by a margin of only 1.5 percent. With this result, OHA will transition our fight to the arenas of litigation and legislation. While OHA will not be the lead organization on the lawsuits being filed, we are working closely with our sportsmen's coalition partners and supporting those that are seeking litigation through financial contributions and strategic use of our legislative efforts.

While it cannot be guaranteed, we are hopeful that any litigation filed will also be granted an injunction against the measure, which would keep its regulations from taking effect while the litigation makes its way through the court system.

Therefore, we are advising OHA chapters to continue with 2023 banquet planning and fundraising options as we have in the past.

Democrats retained their 36-year grip on the Governor's office. The incoming administration will appoint new staff in the Governor's Natural Resource Office, as well as having the potential to make changes to agency leadership and appointments to boards and commissions. The new governor will also have an additional month to approve their recommended budget to be brought before the legislative body in January.

Makeup of Oregon's House and Senate changed slightly as a result of the election. Previously, Democrats held a super majority with 37 seats in the House and 18 in the Senate. They now hold 35 House seats and 17 Senate seats. While not a large change, it affects how specific bills can progress through chamber votes.

The redistricting of Oregon's House and Senate districts, which takes effect in 2023, has contributed to more legislative turnover. The 2023 legislative session will see 23 new representatives and senators joining the legislature. OHA will work to develop relationships with all the new legislators while maintaining those we have with existing lawmakers.

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