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Fantastic Spring Bear Presentation!

Heather Aldrich knocked it out of the park with her spring bear hunting presentation.

She has years of hunting bears in multiple states

and has more credentials than we could list here. Heather even operates a mentoring program!

30+ people attended. Most of us confirmed we're doing a lot right, and all of us left with 2-3 new nuggets we'll be implementing this year!

Thank you Heather! We're inviting you back!



~ Mark Your Calendar ~

May 8, 2025 6:30 voting meeting

June 7, 2025 White River Conservation Project

June 12, 2025 Get the lead out of ammunition

General Meetings held at 7:00



1933 NE 181st Ave Portland

WELCOME - New Members!

*Your support matters
and it's appreciated.*

Thank you.

Randall Johnson
Nate Liebler

Ryan Snider
Stephanie Vanzant



Half Hour May Meeting???? Yep! Our May 8th meeting is 6:30 to 7:00 simply for folks who prefer to deliver their Hoodview election ballots in person. The board will have met prior that, then hang around for the formal voting. New president Levi Barrera may share thoughts of what's to come and answer questions.

Past president Kelly Parkman will be the exhausted guy in the corner redirecting questions to the new guy ☺
Feel free to pop in if you wish. Otherwise cast your ballot with one of the alternative option that works best for you!

~~ Important Dates to Remember ~~

May 8th, 2025
Voting Meeting
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June 6th, 7th & 8th, 2025
2025 White River
Conservation Project
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June 12th, 2025
General Meeting at 7:00 PM
Get the lead out of ammunition
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From the Chairman of the Board

Help us find
a new venue
for 2026

Banquet buddies: It appears the remodeling is done in the Monarch and it is not going to work for us anymore. The room is only holding about 16 tables. Will not work. They also apparently did not update speaker system.

We need to find new home. If you are out and about and see or hear of something please let us know. Either Cathy, Kaleena, Nate or Leslie.

Cathy Hamell





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2025 White River Conservation Project

June 6th, 7th & 8th

We're Back At Smock Reservoir!

The White River Game Management unit provides critical wintering grounds for thousands of deer and elk from as far away as Mt. Hood.

We're doing a fuels reduction project around the reservoir. Cutting, clearing, and stacking tree debris. Our effort ensures that any fire coming through burns low and fast with minimal damage.

What to Expect We anticipate 30-50 people including kids.

We camp at the reservoir. The site is a large flat area with ample room for cars, tents, and trailers. Access is via freshly repaired gravel and two-track roads. Motor homes and rigs pulling trailers will be slow but fine. No power or water. Porta Potties are provided.

Most folks arrive Friday night and enjoy an informal BBQ.

The work event is all day Saturday. A hot breakfast is served at 7:00 with orientation at 8:00, then we walk a few minutes to the job site.

We'll break for lunch with a 'build your own' sandwich buffet and drinks. The work typically runs another 2-3 hours after lunch.

Saturday evening is the big feed presented by Chef Nate in partnership with Weston Dealerships. Lots of social time and tons of raffle prizes.

For those who stay Saturday night, we whip up yet another hot breakfast Sunday morning!

Misc.

- The fishing is great. Reservoir recently stocked.
- Phone and internet ok for most
- This is a family friendly event. Tons of kid fun available.
- Please bring your own camp chair and an extra if you can.
- Bring work clothes, boots, and gloves
- Expect any weather Oregon can produce in early June, especially wind.

Please let Kelly Parkman know if you're coming!
Call or text 503-706-7481. Email works too
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Running For President

As a member of the Hoodview family for over three years, I Levi Barrera am excited to announce that I will be putting my name in the hat to take over the role of our current Hoodview president Kelly Parkman.

I have had the pleasure of serving under Kelly and the amazing team that has been put

together within the Hoodview chapter for over three years now and am looking forward to being elected as Hoodview president to continue the fight for our hunting and fishing heritage.

Thank you for your support. Sincerely Levi Barrera.

Not Running For President

Hoodview is a rock solid chapter blessed with a capable, caring person volunteering for chapter president.

Levi Barrera will far and away be the youngest president in the 26-chapter organization. Possibly the youngest president ever, which brings the hope and vitality every organization needs in leadership.

Because Levi invested 3+ years observing Hoodview and OHA, we can confidently let him run with his dreams for our chapter and our organization.

I endorse Levi Barrera for chapter president. He will move the needle for habitat, wildlife, and our hunting heritage.

Sincerely, Kelly Parkman soon to be past president Hoodview Chapter of OHA.



Youth Turkey Clinic

Hoodview co-hosted another great Youth Turkey Clinic with our ODFW partners at White River. Sixty-nine youth and their parents

attended the event on a gorgeous day.

This event is held one week before the youth season opener and kids rotate through five stations with a nice break for a lunch that we provide.

We had plenty of great volunteers from Hoodview, Mid-Columbia, and our Oregon City High School Shotgun Team.

Thank you to everyone who attended and everyone who helped!





General Meeting, June 12, 2025 - Get the "LEAD" out, of ammunition that is!

Non-lead Hunting Education Specialist, **Hannah Dinell** will present the North American Non-lead Partnership movement and show test results of projectile fragmentation of various material types on June 12th, 2025, at Elmers restaurant.

High performance non-lead bullets have the same stopping power as lead, but leave fewer bullet fragments that can be swallowed by scavengers, other wildlife, and humans. A nationwide ban on lead shot for waterfowl hunting is credited with saving millions of ducks, geese and waterfowl from lead poisoning. Non-lead ammunition like bismuth, tungsten, steel, and solid copper may be available for most rifles, handguns and shotguns.

Look on line at <https://nonleadeducation.com/> to take the training course and enter to win hunting gear.



HOODVIEW ELECTIONS

Multiple ways to vote this year!

Elections held during the **May 8th** general meeting.

Email a note that says **Vote For All**

~ or ~ Vote For _____

~ or ~ Write yourself in _____

We will also accept text photos of your completed ballot card

Email OHAhoodview2019@hotmail.com

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President - Levi Barrera

VP - Nate Purdum

Secretary - Crystal Smith

Position 1 - Bob Bucholtz

Position 5 - Rick Lazott

Position 7 - Fred Weaver

Position 9 - Don Lyon

Position 11

Write in _____

If you would like to help on the board, simply write yourself in and jot a note about your area of interest.

We have an onboarding protocol that eases you into helping. Simply learn how things work, then select tasks or duties that appeal to you.

Sincerely, Kelly Parkman Hoodview President



Redmond OHA volunteers planted 3,050 cottonwood trees in crucial winter range at Priest Hole on the John Day River the last weekend of March.

Wildlife and gun bills still in play

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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The 2025 legislative session reached the halfway point in early April as bills were required to move out of their chamber of origin and into the second chamber. Many bills, both good and bad, did not make it past the deadline.

Key bills OHA is tracking that have survived the deadline to remain in play for the second half of the session include:

Firearms Bills

HB 3075 - The "Measure 114" bill would institute the bulk of Measure 114 with slight modifications and additions. The bill has a large fiscal impact statement of \$14.6 million from the General Fund in the first biennium. The bill is currently in Ways & Means.

HB 3076 - The "State Regulation of FFLs" bill would create a new sector of the Department of Justice to build and implement a state-level regulatory structure for firearms dealers in addition to the federal requirements. This bill also has a large fiscal impact of \$5.8 million in the first biennium and has joined HB 3075 in Ways & Means.

SB 243 - The "Firearms Omnibus" bill that includes a mandatory 72-hour wait period, a ban on rapid-fire trigger mechanisms, and the ability for local municipalities to determine CHL restrictions for public spaces. This bill originally included the ban on firearms possession for those under 21 but OHA worked successfully to get that component removed from the final version of the bill.

The fiscal impact of this bill is undefined at this time and is awaiting assignment to either Ways & Means or Senate Rules committee.

Wildlife Bills

HB 2167 - Allocates additional funding to the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at OSU for continued work on zoonotic disease and chronic wasting disease.

HB 2978 - Increases communication and collaboration between ODOT and ODFW regarding wildlife crossing structure design, location, and implementation.

HB 3596 - An OHA-drafted bill that allocates additional funding to ODFW for continuation of an on-going mule deer survivability study with a third sector specific to the Steens Mountain area.

HB 3932 - A ban on beaver trapping on public lands specific to impaired waterway designation.

SB 777 - Wolf depredation compensation framework for livestock owners.

SB 812 - Removal of the sunset imposed on the Landowner Preference Program.

OHA supports bills that align with our mission of protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage, while opposing bills that would have a negative impact on the hunting community and the State's wildlife populations.

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Oregon wolves up 15 percent over last year

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Oregon's minimum wolf count rose 15 percent to 204 in 2024, according to the annual wolf report shared at the April Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting.

Most of ODFW's report covered the three main factors that were prioritized at a wolf workshop in 2023: illegal take of wolves, reducing depredation (specifically in NE Oregon), and improving population monitoring, including the development of a population model.

Wolves continue to expand their range as juvenile wolves disperse into new territory, and as wolves expand into new areas of Oregon, conflict follows.

There is still no population estimate for the total number of wolves in Oregon, which leaves only the "minimum wolf count" for reference to a population, which is essentially useless for overall management of the species.

Missing in the report is any reference to the predation effects on ungulates. Data are nearly impossible to find, and currently we know very little about the impact predation by wolves is causing on their prey populations.

Wolves are managed by the Oregon wolf management plan, and also under the Endangered Species Act in the western two-thirds of the state.

To view ODFW's 2024 wolf report, visit <http://tiny.cc/ttgh001>

FOLLOW THESE BILLS AND OTHERS OHA IS TRACKING: [HTTPS://OREGONHUNTERS.ORG/LEGISLATIVE-NEWS](https://oregonhunters.org/legislative-news)

Turkey hunting opportunity to increase; OHA requests population monitoring

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the 2025-26 Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations and the new 2025-2030 Upland Game Bird Hunting Season Framework at its April meeting.

Essentially the only thing that is changing from last year is the expansion of turkey hunting opportunity.

Changes for the fall turkey hunting season include combining Western and Eastern Oregon fall turkey tags into one general fall turkey tag, expanding fall turkey hunting opportunities in the Silvies, Malheur River, Juniper and Steens Mountain wildlife management units, and implementing beardless turkey permit hunts in portions of the Fossil, Heppner, Melrose, Applegate, and Evans Creek units.

OHA supported ODFW staff in their efforts to use hunters to address turkey damage complaints rather than using administrative removal.

With this expanded turkey hunting opportunity, and significant expansionary changes implemented in the last

three years, OHA expressed the need for ODFW to stick to the five-year framework and refrain from additional regulation proposals aimed at increasing fall turkey harvest in the coming years until turkey harvest and population data are available to show that the expanded opportunities are not having significant impacts on turkey populations that predominantly use public lands.

Recent efforts to increase turkey harvest are largely driven by damage complaints, and OHA is concerned that implementing broad-scale regulations to increase harvest could result in declining turkey populations that mainly inhabit public lands.

Although essentially the entire country saw a boom in turkey populations in the late 20th century, many midwest and eastern states are now seeing substantial declines as a result of hunting pressure, habitat loss and degradation, and increasing predator populations.

OHA intends to ensure that quality public land turkey hunting opportunity is abundant in Oregon for current and future generations.

2025-26 bag limits increased for pintails, decreased for Northwest Canada geese

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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Adopted migratory game bird hunting regulation changes for the 2025-26 season include an increased bag limit for northern pintail from one to three daily, as well as bag limit and season length reductions for geese in the Northwest Goose Permit Zone.

The Canada goose season in the Northwest Permit Zone will be shortened to 74 days (a nearly one-third reduction in season length), and the limit will be dropped to just two Canada geese for the 2025-26 season.

OHA encouraged ODFW staff and the Commission to maintain the current bag

limit and implement a minima cackling goose sublimit of two birds per day, but ODFW and USFWS were steadfast in reducing the limit in its entirety as a result of declining cacklers.

Goose hunters in the NW Permit Zone already have a shorter season and smaller bag limits on Canada geese than any of the other zones in the state. These rules will reduce the hunting opportunity even further in hopes that the minima and Taverner cackling geese will begin to see a population rebound.

OHA will continue to work with ODFW and the Commission to increase our goose hunting opportunity as we wait for next year's flyway surveys.



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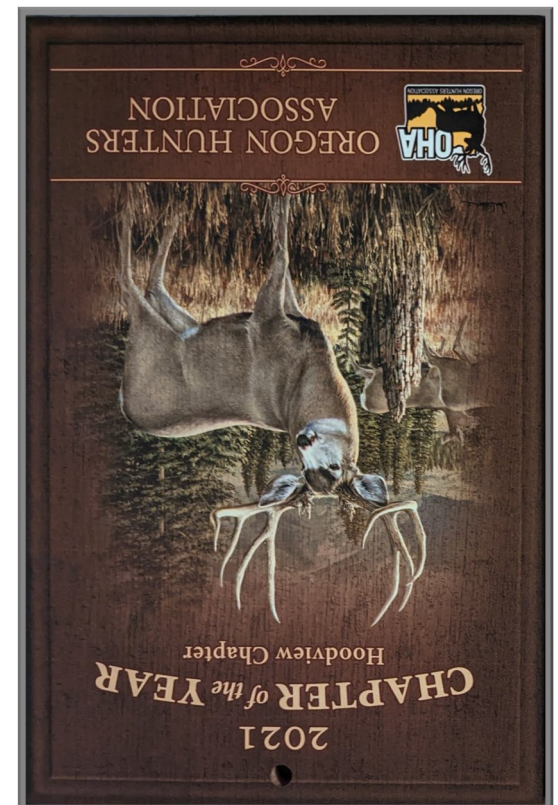
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