



# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

## Klamath Chapter Newsletter



**August 2009**

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**COMING EVENTS**

- August 14**-Youth Antelope Hunt-Contact Norman Collins  
884-4822 or Bob Sweet 882-9765
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- September 17**-Klamath Falls Chapter meeting
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7:00pm – Trappers at Kingsley Field

**OHA Klamath Chapter Board Meeting**  
August 6, 2009

July meeting minutes were read and approved.

Ken gave the treasurer's report. He presented the new t-shirt design available and the cost. He also has 20 aprons available for use by servers at BBQ's, etc.  
The report was approved as read.

Old business: The Hart Mt. campground pavilion is now complete except for the siding. Rick will arrange a time and date for a work party.

The JWTR project for an enforcement officer has been funded. JWTR has purchased a tank for the ice and drinks and donated it to the club. Sonny requests that an appreciation letter be sent to all donors.

Secretary  
Phil Jameson

**BOATING SAFETY**

Operating a boat comes with the awesome responsibility of not only to yourself, but to those in your boat and on the water. Here are a few things to keep in mind when operating a boat.

- Are you licensed to operate the boat?
- Have you taken the sage boating course?
- Is there a PFD for everyone on board?
- Do you know the navigation rules?
- Has your boat been check out this year?
- Do you have suntan lotion?
- Are you prepared if you have mechanical issues?
- Did you tell someone your boating plans?
- Do you have GPS and cell phone?
- Flares
- Extra water and food

Klamath Chapter is now offering advertising for businesses in our news letter. Anyone interested, contact Linda Ward at 880-8966 for information. Business card adds. \$10.00 per month or \$100.00 per year

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A big thank you to every one who gave donations and gave of their time to make the 4-H / FFA BBQ a success. Pictures will be in the September News Letter.

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Dear Forest User:

The Fremont-Winema National Forests invite you to comment on the Travel Management Proposed Action. The Proposed Action identifies designated routes, vehicle class and season of use, motorized access to dispersed camp sites and designated areas for use by motorized vehicles.

The Forest's Travel Management Planning effort embraces a collaborative approach to involve the public, including user groups and adjacent landowners. In order to accomplish this task, a multi-phased approach was developed. Phase I will meet the intent of the Travel Management Rule by publishing the first Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). The intent of Phase II is to continue the ongoing collaborative process to resolve outstanding needs and issues. In the spring of 2010, available information will be used to publish the first MVUM. Regular revisions to this map will occur, integrating additional information like localized Ranger District planning efforts.

### **Public Open Houses**

Public open houses will be held to answer questions and provide opportunity for the public to view hard copy maps. Open houses will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- Gilchrist                      Monday, August 10
- Lakeview                      Tuesday, August 11
- Summer Lake                Wednesday, August 12
- Chiloquin                     Monday, August 17
- Klamath Falls                Tuesday, August 18

### **Submitting Comments:**

Written, faxed, hand-delivered and electronic comments will be accepted until August 28, 2009.

- Written comments can be faxed to 541-883-6709 or mailed to:

**Glen Westlund, Forest Environmental Coordinator**

**2819 Dahlia Street**

**Klamath Falls, OR 97601**

- Hand delivered comments should be brought to any of the Fremont-Winema National Forests' offices. Office hours for submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- Electronic comments should be submitted as part of the actual e-mail message or as an attachment in Microsoft Word, rich text format (RTF), or portable document format (PDF) and sent to [r6\\_frewin\\_travel\\_mgmt\\_planning@fs.fed.us](mailto:r6_frewin_travel_mgmt_planning@fs.fed.us). For electronically mailed comments, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of the comments, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

All materials sent in mailings along with information about public meetings will be posted on the Fremont-Winema National Forests Travel Management website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/frewin/travel-mgmt/index.shtml>

If you have any questions concerning the project, please phone either Robert Wetherell or Glen Westlund at (541) 883-6714.

Thank you for taking time to review this project. Your comments, concerns and observations are important to the development of the final project.

## OHA to propose more cougar hunting

The Oregon Hunters Association will present to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission three proposals related to cougar hunting and harvest to be considered as part of the big game regulations that will be before the Commission in October 2009.

If adopted, the OHA proposals would offer Oregon hunters more opportunity to hunt and harvest cougars.

Here are the three proposals OHA will present:

- Expand Year-Round Cougar Season – OHA would like to see the 12-month “extended cougar hunting area” expanded to cover the entire state due to the fact that all cougar hunting zones have failed to meet harvest quotas since 2002.
- Eliminate Cougar Tag Sales Deadline – OHA would like to see the cougar tag sales deadline eliminated so hunters could purchase a cougar tag anytime during the year. This action would allow hunters to purchase their first or second tag in the event an opportunity to legally hunt cougar was presented late in the year. Currently a hunter can buy two tags, but must buy both before the season opens. Once you’ve taken your first cat, it’s too late to buy a second tag.
- Eliminate Centerfire Rifle Restrictions – OHA would like to see hunters have the ability to hunt bear or cougar with a centerfire rifle anytime they possess a valid tag, regardless of other seasons in progress. Whereas hunters are currently not prohibited from carrying a firearm for personal protection, OHA believes the present law does not deter willful party-hunting and only penalizes legal and honest hunters of big game. In some states, successful elk hunters will hunt for predators – sometimes over the entrails of their elk – during the balance of their elk trip. Oregon law presently doesn’t allow it in certain elk and eastern Oregon deer seasons.

Final action on these three items will take place at the Commission meeting in October during the discussion of the big game regulations.

Oregon Legislative Session concludes; hunting fares well

This is the final Legislative Report for the 2009 Legislative Session – we promise!

The bills we supported passed, and those that we wanted to die did just that. Our achievements in this Legislative Session were too numerous to list in their entirety, but here are the Elite Eight:

1. We brought the issue of hunting to the forefront with the “state of hunting in Oregon” hearing. The echoes of that hearing were reverberating in the halls even as the session was ending.
2. We fought the Landowner Preference program battle that seemed to last all session. We extended the program – unchanged – until 2014.

The LOP issue will be discussed further during the interim.

3. We got poaching fines increased.
4. We got legislation passed allowing the Access and Habitat program to purchase easements that will allow more public hunting access.
5. We got the wolf listed as a game mammal. This will allow for better management in the future.
6. We came up with the concept for a \$50 Youth Sport Pac. This will offer families an affordable opportunity to introduce their kids to more types of hunting and fishing, starting in 2010.
7. We prevented deep cuts in wildlife management and law enforcement programs.
8. We passed a bill that will help OSP deal with poachers who use spotlights. It allows officers who view spotlighting from the air to contact officers on the ground to issue citations.

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