



# Oregon Hunters Association

## PIONEER CHAPTER

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# S P I K E C A M P

### Dates to Remember

#### *Pioneer Chapter Monthly Meeting*

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00PM  
Canby Pub and Grill

#### *Duck Box Route*

November 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00AM  
Meet at Forest Service in  
Estacada

#### *GPS Training*

November 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM  
Wholesale Sports  
Portland, OR

#### *Gun and Knife Show*

November 20 21 & 22  
Portland Expo Center

#### *Adopt-a-Highway #1*

November 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00AM  
Meet at Carus Rd. and  
Highway 213

#### *Next Month*

#### **Pioneer Chapter Monthly Meeting**

December 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00PM  
Canby Pub and Grill

#### **Gun and Knife Show**

December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
Clackamas Co. Fair  
Canby

#### **Adopt-a-Highway #2**

December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00AM  
Meet at Union Hall Rd.  
And Highway 213

### November 2009

#### Presidents Message

As the hunting seasons close for the year, it is mandatory that you report your harvest whether you were successful or not. In the big game regulations pages 18 and 19, you will find information that will be very helpful.

At the end of the Sight-in days our chapter started a new rifle raffle, to end at our May 2010 monthly meeting. The rifle is a Winchester Model 70 300 magnum featherweight. Raffle tickets may be consigned at the monthly meetings, to the members that want to help sell tickets.

From the Tracker: Oregon Hunters Association invites Oregon Farm Bureau and Oregon Cattlemens Association to talk about Land Owners Preference Program.

During the 2009 legislative session there were a number of discussions around the issue of the Land Owners Preference Program between the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Cattlemens Association and OHA. The groups were tasked with working together on the issue in the interim session.

Recently OHA sent a letter to OFB and OCA asking both organization to come together and discuss issues and options for the LOP program.

That's all for now Dan Sr.



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## HUNTER EDUCATION RAFFLE

**Winchester Model 70, 300 Win Mag Featherweight Deluxe. Drawing to be held May 4th 2010 at our regular chapter meeting.**

## OHA PIONEER CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply now for one of our two 1000 dollar scholarships for 2010. Applications and instructions are available at:

<http://www.OHA-Pioneer.org/ChapterInfo/ScholarshipApp.pdf>

Applications must be returned by January 31, 2010 to:

OHA Pioneer Chapter  
5611 SE Oetkin Rd  
Milwaukie, OR 97267

Or email application and essay to:

[steuerrp@gmail.com](mailto:steuerrp@gmail.com)

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## OHA IN OUR COMMUNITY

### **October 16-18: Expo Gun & Knife Show:**

Four of our members staffed our booth at this three-day event. We sold raffle tickets and memberships and talked to the public about OHA.

**October 20: GPS Training:** Eight people attended our basic GPS training class at Wholesale Sports in Portland.

**October 24: Duck Boxes:** Four members checked boxes on three lakes. Eighteen boxes were checked and fifteen of them were used.

**October 24: Water Guzzlers:** Three members and a guest made our last trip for this year. All

guzzlers are looking good going into winter and the birdhouses are cleaned and ready for spring

Again, thanks to all who volunteered their time for the October projects. The projects will continue as the winter arrives so we do need your help. If you can volunteer for any of our future projects, please contact Dan Allee at (503) 632-6756 or Rich Steuer at (503) 654-6949.



A base camp sits on the edge of the Rogue-Umpqua Divide. New proposed regulations would limit camping in the Umpqua NF to 'camping corridors.'

## DEFAZIO COMES TO OHA'S AID ON TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

**Congressman questions Forest Service practices in closing uninventoried roads in Umpqua NF**

U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio has recently sent a letter to the Forest Supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest questioning the U.S. Forest Service's planning process in closing a vast network of forest roads and implementing "camping corridors" to which camping would be limited in the area.

The OHA Umpqua Chapter has been actively involved in the travel management process for the region, and has several concerns about arbitrarily closing roads that have not been recently inventoried and implementing needless restrictions on use of the forest.

These concerns are echoed in Congressman DeFazio's letter dated Sept. 30, in which he names OHA as one of the user groups among his

constituents that could be adversely affected by hasty decision making.

In the letter, DeFazio notes that he has been an active force in securing additional congressional funding for the Forest Service – including \$650 million in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – to address its road maintenance backlog.

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## **BIG CHANGES MADE TO OREGON BIG GAME REGS**

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted big changes to the 2010 big game hunting regulations on Oct. 2.

The 2010 Big Game Regulations will be available later this year with changes in blue text. Some highlights of the changes adopted for next year follow:

- Deer and elk hunters may hunt bear or cougar after filling their deer or elk tag. (Previously, hunters could not hunt bear or cougar during deer and elk season after filling their deer or elk tag in many units.) OHA proposed the change.
- Muzzleloaders with fiber optic sights will be allowed during muzzleloader seasons, as this is standard in new muzzleloaders and does not increase effective range or reliability for these traditional weapons.
- Adults with the proper license and tag will be allowed to hunt during youth hunts, which should benefit families where the adult has a tag for the same area as the youth or during long-duration hunts.
- Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area will be closed to all entry (except by permit) from Jan. 1 to April 10. This area provides wintering range for elk and the closure will help keep elk on the wildlife area and off adjacent private agricultural land.
- 46 new youth elk hunts.
- Archery deer hunts in Maury, Steens Mountain, and N. and S. Warner units will be controlled, not general season, and require an application by May 15, 2010. (The units are part of the Mule Deer Initiative and the change is for the purposes of better tracking effort and harvest. Bowhunters successful in drawing a controlled hunt tag will

receive one tag valid for a controlled hunt and the general season in other units.)

- The Heppner Regulated Hunt Area will be open to archery hunting.
- No tag sale deadline to purchase SW Additional Bear Tag or Additional Cougar Tag, but Fall General Bear or General Cougar Tag must be purchased by deadline to be eligible to purchase additional tag. This was OHA's proposal.
- Cougar season will run year-round statewide. OHA proposed this change. Hunters may still not harvest spotted kittens or females with spotted kittens.

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## **OHA SENDS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION LETTER ON PENDING FERAL HORSE LEGISLATION**

OHA sent a letter to Oregon's Congressional Delegation voicing opposition to HR 1018, the "Restore Our American Mustangs Act" legislation. This congressional bill would "ensure that, to the extent practicable, acreage available for wild and free-roaming horses and burros is at least equal to the acreage where they were found in 1971".

OHA has a long-standing position in opposition to feral, non-native species that degrade habitat in Oregon. This legislation would further protect feral animals and require the state to maintain them.

In the letter's closing statement, OHA said in part: "OHA believes that public lands should be managed well. We believe that public land managers should not allow feral, unauthorized free-ranging non-native game/exotic species or unauthorized domestic livestock to inhabit or be established on public lands. Feral horses and burros must be held to population levels that protect native wildlife species. It is as simple as that."

The bill has passed the Congressional House and now begins its journey in the U.S. Senate.

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