



# Umpqua Chapter

*Protecting Our Hunting Heritage*

January 2026

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Happy New Year!

As we approach the end of the year, most hunting seasons are winding down or have wrapped up. We hope it was a successful season for everyone.

Please remember to report your tags to avoid late penalties—next year's tags will be expensive enough as it is.

Starting in January, we'll resume our general meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at Backside Brewery. We'll also be holding a gun drawing, so be sure to attend.

Hope to see you there, and wishing everyone a safe and happy New Year!

Thank You,

Tadd Moore  
President

# Meeting Notes

## *January Chapter Meeting Speaker - Dr. Todd Adkins, OHA's Executive Director*

Please come down to Backside Brewing on **Tuesday, January 20th at 6 p.m.** to meet OHA's new Executive Director, Dr. Todd Adkins. Remember that we will be having a drawing at this month's meeting, but you will need to be present to win. The prize is a surprise!!! Come on down and join us in welcoming Dr. Adkins to the OHA family. We look forward to seeing you all there on January 20th at 6 p.m. for dinner and great conversation.

Sincerely,

Cindy Rooney  
Vice President

## **YOUR UMPQUA CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Your local chapter board is in need of volunteers to help with the monthly newsletter, help organizing the banquet and working the night of the banquet, assisting with projects that we would like to do in the future such as a youth field day or conservation projects. We also need new board members to help with the overall work that the chapter board members do regularly. If you are interested in assisting, please contact a board member or contact one of the officers listed on the back of this newsletter and they would be happy to speak with you. Let's keep this chapter growing and moving forward.

Sincerely,

Cindy Rooney  
Vice President

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# DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR NEW RAFFLE TICKET



## Oregon Hunters Association Umpqua Chapter

2026 Roseburg Sportsman's Show



### *Hunt or Photo Safari*

FMV • Hunt \$11,000 • Photo Safari \$4500

\$20.00 per ticket or 3 for \$50.00 • 500 Tickets Available

Drawing to be held at closing of show • February 8th, 2026

1 in 500 chance to win • Need not be present to win • Airfare NOT Included



## ONLY 500 tickets available

For ticket information please contact **Debbie at 541.430.7324**  
or email [oha.umpqua.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:oha.umpqua.treasurer@gmail.com)

## \$20 EACH or 3 for \$60

ATTENTION!  
PLEASE!

- Don't forget to register for 2026 Banquet
- Volunteers Needed- Please Help



# OHA TRACKER



JOIN/RENEW MEMBERSHIP

OWYHEE/TYLER DUNGANON

**JANUARY 2026**

*PROTECTING OREGON'S WILDLIFE, HABITAT AND HUNTING HERITAGE.*

## OHA aims to enhance black-tailed deer management

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator

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Umpqua and Tioga OHA chapters have pitched in with State OHA to fund a monumental effort to improve black-tailed deer herd composition and deer density estimates across western Oregon. Our current reliance on inaccurate spotlight surveys to obtain buck:doe and doe:fawn ratios is shifting to a new, well-vetted, and financially sustainable method that uses trail cameras.

In the coming years, ODFW will be able to describe deer density across these units, which refers to the number of deer per unit area (usually per square kilometer), and is crucial for enhancing hunter satisfaction by managing harvest for a sustainable, quality herd. It helps

determine when to increase or decrease harvest, manage sex ratios, and maintain a resilient population that benefits both wildlife and hunters.

In 2025, 318 cameras have been deployed across 8 of the 20 western Oregon wildlife management units, but there will be more in the future as this new monitoring program gains steam. In the near future, there will be up to 600 trail cameras deployed across the 20 western Oregon units, and they will collect data after hunting seasons in the month of December each year.

OHA applauds ODFW for using OHA funds to leverage additional federal Pittman-Robertson funds to benefit black-tailed deer management in western Oregon.



*OHA funds will leverage P-R funds for cameras to improve blacktail population monitoring.*

## Budget shortfall may threaten CWD funds, not gun bills

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director

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Oregon's financial woes remain the primary concern for the 2026 Legislative Session. The state budget remains in a financial shortfall, even with the recent revenue forecast, which legislators will have to decide how to balance.

The revenue forecast posted on Nov. 19 shrank the previous \$373 million deficit to \$63 million. It will be up to legislators how to address the remaining shortfall, whether through agency reductions or by dipping into the two reserve funds the state has kept for such an emergency.

Regardless of the solution, most bill concepts requiring new state funding will have a low probability of success.

While this will likely hinder ben-

eficial concepts like continued funding for chronic wasting disease efforts, it appears it won't have the same effect on costly firearms bills. Bills from the 2025 session intending to enforce Measure 114 and to create a state-level firearms dealer registry appear to be poised for a return in the 2026 session, regardless of the costly ramifications for Oregon taxpayers.

These bills have been estimated to cost Oregonians between \$6 and \$15 million, respectively, to implement – a

high price tag during a session when state agencies are being asked to reduce their budgets to account for the economic shortfall.

In addition to defending against these recurring firearms restriction bills, OHA's legislative priorities heading into the 2026 session remain strongly focused on wildlife and habitat.

While not directly tied to the legislative session, Measure 114 remains an issue to be watched closely. The Oregon Supreme Court heard the appeal case on Nov. 6, but it may take anywhere from 3 months to a year before the ruling is filed.

You can continue to support OHA's ongoing work in the Capitol and on legal issues by donating to the Hunters' Victory Fund: <https://oregonhunters.org/donate>

**TO DONATE TO OHA'S HUNTER VICTORY FUND, VISIT [HTTPS://OREGONHUNTERS.ORG/DONATE](https://OREGONHUNTERS.ORG/DONATE)**

# OHA seeks to help rehab Flat Fire burn

By Mike Tote, Conservation Director  
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OHA will look for opportunities to join forces with the USFS and other partners to restore critical winter range habitat in the Metolius Unit following this summer's Flat Fire, which erupted on Aug. 21 and quickly spread south. This human-caused fire affected some of OHA's conservation efforts in the area.

The fire covered more than 23,000 acres in an area that is a key wintering ground for migrating mule deer within the Deschutes mule deer herd range.

OHA recognized the importance of this area some time ago and leaned in to help conserve and improve the habitat here as part of a bigger project known as the Metolius Winter Range project. The area is home to an OHA conservation easement and multiple habitat projects.

The USFS is already planning to plant bitterbrush (21,000 plants) this year and more next year. They are also planning to seed portions of the burned area (600-800) with native bunchgrass and forbs before invasive plant species can move in.

**WIN A 2026 DEER OR ELK HUNT ON ZUMWALT PRAIRIE!**  
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**FOR EACH SEPARATE RAFFLE:**  
**3-day guided hunt for 1 hunter. Value: \$4,900.**  
**Tickets: \$50 or 7 for \$300.**  
500 offered.  
Drawing: 4/22/26, OHA State Office.  
Tickets & info:  
call 541-772-7313 or visit [www.oregonhunters.org/store](http://www.oregonhunters.org/store)

## Last '25 Gun Calendar winners announced

The latest winners in OHA's 2025 Gun Calendar Raffle have been announced, and the 2027 OHA Gun Raffle Calendar will be on sale soon!

See weekly 2026 winners on OHA's website or download our app, which you can also use to enter OHA contests and get timely notifications.

★ **Remington 700 ADL .300 Win Mag**  
Bradlee Smith, Emerald Valley Chapter  
★ **Ruger American Go Wild Bronze 7mm PRC**  
Chrissy Black, Mid-Willamette Chapter  
★ **Browning A-Bolt 3 Composite Stalker Black**  
Darin McCarthy, Pioneer Chapter  
★ **Citadel 1911 RWB Flag .45 ACP**  
Troy Laws, Clatsop Chapter



**ENTER TO WIN A GUIDED MAINE BEAR HUNT FOR 1 IN 2026!**  
**Lodging, Meals & Airfare from PDX to Bangor included!**

Hunt over bait in Maine's backcountry for 4 weekdays in mid-September. Includes transportation to and from cabin, Big Game License & Bear Permit.

Tickets: \$20; 7 for \$100. 500 offered. Value \$4,999. Drawing: April 1, 2026.

Drawing: 3pm 4/1/26, OHA Office, 301 Crater Lake Ave. #C, Medford, OR.  
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Call 541-772-7313 or visit [oregonhunters.org/shop/#raffles](http://oregonhunters.org/shop/#raffles)

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## YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OHA BANQUET NEAR YOU SOON!

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

Watch for 2026 fund-raiser updates at: <https://oregonhunters.org/events-2>

### FEBRUARY 21

Columbia County 971-225-8013  
Ochoco 541-410-5050

### FEBRUARY 28

Redmond 541-419-7215

### MARCH 7

Hoodview 503-314-3090  
Pioneer 503-710-1233

### MARCH 14

Bend 541-480-9848  
Capitol 503-990-2978  
Rogue Valley 541-773-8736  
Yamhill County 503-490-2489

### MARCH 21

Tualatin Valley 503-502-0611

### MARCH 28

Josephine County 541-761-1852  
Union-Wallowa 541-786-1283

### APRIL 4

Baker 541-403-0402  
Lake County 541-417-2983  
Umpqua 541-430-7324

### APRIL 11

Clatsop County 503-440-9934  
Tioga 541-294-7912

### APRIL 18

Mid-Willamette 541-971-3351

### APRIL 25

Curry 541-698-0413

### MAY 2

Tillamook 503-812-3832

### MAY 16

OHA State Convention, Seven Feathers Casino, 541-772-7313

• A&H Statewide Elk Tag auction

• A&H Deer & Elk Tags auction