

New rules would allow roadkill salvage

Salvaging the meat from a deer or elk killed by a car will be legal next year, if the Fish and Wildlife Commission approves new rules at its meeting Friday, October 12, in at the Running Y Ranch in Klamath Falls.

The Commission will be asked to adopt administrative rules to allow the salvage of roadkilled deer and elk beginning January 1, 2019. The new rules are due to the passage of SB 372 by the 2017 Oregon State Legislature. Highlights include:

- Deer and elk accidentally struck by a vehicle may be salvaged for consumption only. Intentionally hitting a deer or elk in order to salvage it remains unlawful.

- Anyone who salvages a roadkilled deer or elk must complete a free online permit within 24 hours of salvaging the animal and provide information including their name, contact info, where and when salvage occurred, species and gender of animal salvaged, and if they were driver that struck animal.

- Antlers and head of all salvaged animals will need to be surrendered to an ODFW office within five business days of taking possession of the carcass. This rule will meet the requirements of SB 372 and will contribute to ODFW's surveillance program for Chronic Wasting

Disease.

- The entire carcass of the animal including gut piles must be removed from the road and road right of way during the salvage.

- In cases where a deer or elk is struck, injured, and then put down to alleviate suffering, only the driver of the vehicle that struck the animal may salvage the carcass and law enforcement must be immediately notified. (This is a requirement per Oregon Revised Statute 498.016 and SB 372.)

- Any person who salvages a deer or elk will consume the meat at their own risk. ODFW/OSP will not perform game meat inspections for any deer or elk salvaged under these rules.

- Sale of any part of the salvaged animal is prohibited, but transfer to another person will be allowed with a written record similar to transferring game meat.

- The state of Oregon is not liable for any loss or damage arising from the recovery, possession, use, transport or consumption of deer or elk salvaged.

The Commission's agenda for October 12 originally included plans to adopt rules related to the destruction of forfeited firearms from wildlife law violations, but that agenda item has been delayed until a future meeting.

Baseball team gets top-notch coach

By Rongi Yost
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The Sisters High School varsity baseball team will have a new coach this spring: Kevin Feist, a player and veteran coach, who will bring his knowledge and years of winning experience to the squad.

Feist started playing at a very young age, played all the way through college, and got in a few years of adult league. He attended Banks High School and was primarily a shortstop, with a bit of pitching thrown in here and there. Honors included first-team all-league his sophomore, junior, and senior years, and first-team all-state his senior year.

Feist went on to play collegiate ball at Pacific University. His freshman year he played shortstop and then moved to the outfield for his final three years. Kevin transferred to Eastern Oregon State College his senior year. His junior and senior year he was selected all-conference and all-district.

Feist started his coaching career in Boise (1989-1990), and over the next 10 years coached in Meridian, Idaho, and Enterprise, Yamhill-Carlton, and Moro, Oregon. From 1999-2017 he was the head baseball coach in Burns, and while there acquired quite a list of accomplishments. The team won six league championships, and qualified for the state playoffs 12 of 17 years, including three semi-final

appearances. They were 3A state champs in 2007 and 2008, and the 2A/1A state champs in 2016.

Last year, Feist got a job teaching at Baker Web Academy, and moved from Burns to Central Oregon. Feist and his wife, Tori, together have three adult children, Caleb, Austin, and Karli.

Feist heard about an opening for a teaching position at Sisters Middle School (SMS) and decided to apply. He got the job as the SMS PE teacher, and decided to continue the application process and apply for the baseball head coaching position.

Kevin shared that the reason he wanted to pursue a teaching job and a coaching position in Sisters was the District's outstanding educational and athletic reputation.

Feist told *The Nugget* that his goal for the baseball program is to build a solid varsity and JV team, which he knows all comes down to numbers.

"We have a young group right now," said Feist. "I want to see these guys work hard, be committed to the baseball program, and try to take the program to another level."

Feist acknowledged that Sisters has had a very successful baseball program in the past and gave credit to former coach Steve Hodges.

"Steve did a great job of putting Sisters' baseball on the map on a yearly basis," said Feist. "They were good every year. I want to continue that



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Kevin Feist will be the Outlaws' new baseball coach next spring.

tradition, and ideally, I would love for Sisters to win a state championship."

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Feist told *The Nugget* that there are three things he specifically wants for his players: The first is to be a better person in all areas of their lives. The second is to be a better baseball player, be coachable, and work hard to improve their skills. Finally, he wants them to have a greater appreciation and respect for the game of baseball.

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