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Two bull elk shot, left to waste

The Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help to identify the person(s) responsible for the unlawful killing of two bull elk in Union County.

On November 16, 2016, OSP was notified of two dead bull elk approximately 60 yards off of Yarrington Road, which is located northeast of Elgin in Union County.

An OSP Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded and found both bull elk had been shot and left to waste. Investigation revealed the elk were most likely shot in the late evening hours of November 15 or early morning hours of November 16, 2016. Evidence was collected at the scene.

A reward of up to \$500 is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. The reward is offered by the Oregon Hunters Association



Submitted Photo.

A \$500 reward is offered for information leading the arrest of whomever shot and left two bull elk to waste.

tion Turn-In-Poacher (TIP) program.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked

to contact OSP Senior Trooper Marcus McDowell through the TIP hotline at 1-800-452-7888 or email at

marcus.mcdowell@state.or.us. Information may be kept anonymous.

Man convicted in hunting violation

On November 8, 2016 in Baker County Circuit Court, Todd Longgood (dob 11-16-1975) of 101 S.E. 3rd St. Pendleton, Oregon, pled guilty to one count of unlawful taking of a game mammal-a mule deer. Longgood was sentenced to three years bench probation.

His hunting and fishing privileges were suspended for three years. He was order to pay \$7,500 in restitution to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and a \$1,000 fine.

A 180-day jail sentence was suspended upon successful completion of probation. He was also required to forfeit the antlers from the illegal kill.

Longgood harvested a trophy mule deer buck in 2014 during archery season on private property near Daly Creek in Baker County.

He then harvested another mule deer which was a trophy mule deer that was non-typical and reportedly scored 212 inches for the Pope and Young record book.

Longgood was alleged to have held the antlers over to the 2015 archery season and applied his 2015 archery season tag to the illegally killed deer.

The Oregon State Police served search warrants on August 9, 2016 in Baker, Morrow and Umatilla Counties. As a result of the search warrants, game officers came into possession of photographs that indicated the deer was killed in 2014. Longgood is a hunting guide and owner of Sheep Mountain Outfitters. He is on the national board of the Mule Deer Foundation.

Dain Gardner of the Oregon State Police game division was the lead investigator on the case. "Dain did an excellent job investigating the case and following all leads."

"This is an important case as these cases can be difficult to prove when the game crime is committed on private property," said District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff. "Concerned citizens are always important in bringing incidents like this to light and were beneficial to this case as well."

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NE OREGON HUNTING

BAKER COUNTY

Chukar, Hun, and California Quail - The season ends Jan. 31. Hunters should expect a good season similar to last years. Chukar numbers were up for a second year in a row.

Grouse season continues. Blue grouse can be found in the higher elevations while ruffed grouse are more common in wetter areas. Hunters should expect an average year for grouse.

Cougars can be found throughout Baker County but hunters should target areas with high concentrations of deer and elk. Setting up on a fresh kill or using distress calls can all be productive techniques. Hunters are required to check in the hide of any cougar taken, with skull and proof of sex attached.

Bear season ends November 30. Successful hunters, remember check-in of bear skull is mandatory; see the regulations for details. Biologists recommend propping the bear's mouth open with a stick after harvest; it makes for easier tooth collection and measuring.

Coyote numbers are good throughout the district. Try calling in early morning and late afternoon. Remember to ask for permission before hunting on private properties.

GRANT COUNTY

Elk and Deer -The Rail Creek Fire west of Unity is contained but area closure do to the fire may limit access for hunts in portions the West Beulah unit. Hunters are encouraged to check inciweb.nwgc.gov for updated fire information. The USFS is conducting some controlled burns throughout the forest so hunter should pay attention to signed areas where burns are planned and avoid those areas. Elk are scattered because of mild and wet conditions and good feed

throughout the county.

Cougar hunting remains open. Successful hunters should remember that check-in of the hide with skull and proof of sex attached is mandatory; see the regulations for details.

Coyote numbers are good in most of the district. Coyotes may respond to distress calls. Try calling in the early morning and late evening.

Bear population are doing well. Season closes Nov. 30.

Upland Game Bird number a good this year as brood routes indicate a good production year. Chukars can be found in steep areas along the South Fork John Day River. Turkeys are doing well but are scattered because of mild and wet condition with good green up throughout the county. The birds have not concentrated on private land like most years.

MORROW, GILLIAM AND WHEELER COUNTIES

Cougar hunting is open. Cougar are well distributed in our forested areas. Calling with distress calls or cougar vocalizations can be effective. However, locating a fresh, naturally made kill has the best chance of success.

The Coyote population is healthy with good numbers of coyotes available for those who wish to pursue them. Watch wind direction to help prevent giving away your location. Calling with game distress calls can be very successful.

UMATILLA COUNTY

Cougar are well distributed in forested areas of the Walla Walla, Mt. Emily, and Ukiah units. Hunters will have best success by finding a fresh naturally made kill and sitting on it, or by using predator calls. Some success has come from following tracks until the cougar is located.

Coyote are numerous throughout

the County and hunters should have good success calling. Remember to ask permission before hunting on private lands.

UNION COUNTY

Rifle Elk hunters can expect to find good numbers of animals in all Union County units. Spike hunters will find yearling bulls with cows in herds. Bull hunters should focus efforts on areas of steep terrain and heavy cover adjacent to water and feed. Older bulls often seek solitude to recover from the rut. All general seasons have ended.

Forest Grouse should be plentiful this season. Look for ruffs in moist canyon bottoms choked with Alder and Hawthorn trees. Blues can be found above 5000 feet elevation on ridge tops.

Fall turkey season continues for those hunters who already have a tag; tags for 2 Eastern Oregon hunters have sold out. Birds are plentiful everywhere in Union County. Hunt around water sources and in areas with wild fruit trees.

Black bears will be focused on fruit and berries in the early fall. Look for bears in riparian areas with Hawthorn trees or on slopes with Huckle or elder berries. Hunters should concentrate hunting during the early morning and evening hours. All bears taken must be checked in within 10 days of harvest; call for an appointment before check in. Season closes Nov. 30.

Cougars are common in Union County. Focus on game rich areas with long ridgelines or saddles that cats typically travel. Setting up downwind of a deer or elk killed by a cougar can be productive. Nonresident hunters can include a cougar tag with others tags for only \$14.50. All cougars taken must be checked in within 10 days of harvest; call for an appointment before check in.

Coyote numbers are high throughout the district. Try calling in

early morning and late afternoon. Remember to ask for permission before hunting on private properties.

WALLOWA COUNTY

Elk: Elk numbers are generally above management objectives with a good number of nice bulls taken during second bull elk season especially in units with any bull bag limit like Snake River and Chesnimus. Units with spike only bag limits like Sled Springs and Imnaha had lower success rates. A few antlerless elk season are running now or will start on Wednesday Nov. 16.

Forest Grouse: Forest grouse in Wallowa County did not fare as well as grouse in other parts of the state this year because cold, wet weather in June when the eggs were hatching caused high chick mortality early on. Some ruffed grouse can still be found in draw bottoms with dense brush. Blue grouse are found higher on the slopes and on ridgetops near the edge of timber stands, but will soon be moving up high into conifer trees to find buds to eat for the winter and so will be harder to find.

Black Bear: Bear hunting has been good, but most bears will be going into their dens in the next few weeks as the weather cools and we start getting some snow. Season closes Nov. 30.

Cougar: Populations are moderate throughout Wallowa County. Most lions are taken incidental to other hunting; however, calling with fawn bleat, or locating a cougar kill and waiting for a cat to return are often successful techniques.

Coyote: Good numbers of coyotes can be found throughout Wallowa County. Calling coyotes with rabbit distress type calls has been effective for hunters. It is important to choose areas with abundant coyote sign and little human activity.

PRSC schedule announced

The Powder River Sportsmen's Club has announced its revised, upcoming schedule:

The 2017 schedule for 1000-Yard will be last-Saturdays, March - August.

The 2017 schedule for Cowboy Action shoots will be 2nd Saturdays, April - October.

Check for the new Club Calendar online after Dec 31. Reminder:

The Annual Club Turkey Shoot is scheduled for 10 a.m. -4 p.m. on November 20th. This will be the last match for 2016, and it's a fun match for the whole family. \$20 will get you seven tickets. Each event costs one ticket and consists of six shooters. Each event winner receives a \$10 prize.

Approximate schedule for the day: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.. 50 Yard Chicken Silhouettes, any centerfire pistol, any position. Also Lucky .22 Event. 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; 200 Yard Turkey Head Silhouettes, prone with sling, no other rest, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.; and Running Deer Event, any legal deer rifle, two shots offhand at a life-size deer target that travels down a cable, 80 yards for iron sights, 200 yards for scope.


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NOVEMBER 2016 Menu
Community Connection of Baker County

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>Lunch Service 11:30-12:30</i></p> <p>1 Get your Menu & Newsletter by email. Call or come to the office to register</p>	<p>1 Ham & Beans Peas Cornbread Beet & Onion Salad Jello</p>	<p>2 Sloppy Joes Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Green Salad Bread Pudding</p>	<p>3 BBQ Chicken Legs & Thighs Parslaid Red Potatoes Fruit Ambrosia Roll....Cake Sponsored by Mike & Marianne Klingler IMO Bill & Betty Klingler</p>	<p>4 Hot Beef Sandwich Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Blend Carrot Raisin Salad Cookies Sponsored by Eagles Aux. 3456</p>
<p>7 Pork Tips over Noodles Tomato Green Beans Roll Coleslaw Ice Cream</p>	<p>8 Chili Cheese Dogs Macaroni Salad Green Salad Lemon Cheesecake Sponsored by Judy Lazdauskas Mike & Joan Daley</p>	<p>9 Chicken Fried Chicken Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Sauerkraut Salad Roll....Brownies Sponsored by Baker County Veteran Service</p>	<p>10 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Cauliflower Garlic Bread Stix Green Salad Pudding</p>	<p>11 Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Baby Carrots Peas & Onion Salad Roll Cheesecake Sponsored by VFW Aux. #3048</p>
<p>14 Chicken Broccoli Alfredo over Fettuccini Peas Garlic Bread Fruit Ambrosia Tapioca</p>	<p>15 Liver & Onions Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Beet & Onion Salad Cookies Sponsored by Wilma Phegley-Waggoner...IMO Steve Waggoner</p>	<p>16 Enchilada Casserole Spanish Rice Corn Green Salad Sherbet Sponsored by Greys West</p>	<p>17 Roast Turkey w/Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Roll Broccoli Bacon Salad Pumpkin Dessert Sponsored by Ludy Busciglio & Friends</p>	<p>18 Cheeseburgers w/ Trimmings Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Cottage Cheese w/Fruit Pudding</p>
<p>21 Breaded Pork Loin Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Roll....Cake Sponsored by Anonymous</p>	<p>22 Meat Lasagna Peas & Carrots Garlic Bread Stix Fruit Cup Pudding Sponsored by Baker Advisory</p>	<p>23 BBQ Ribs Augratin Potatoes Green Beans Roll Coleslaw Cheesecake Sponsored by Terrie Everts</p>	<p>CLOSED Thanksgiving</p>	<p>CLOSED</p>
<p>28 Boneless Chicken Breast w/ Cream Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots, Fruit Cup Biscuit....Cookies Sponsored by Dave & Paula Odahl</p>	<p>29 Hearty Beef Stew Cauliflower Cornbread Cottage Cheese & Fruit Brownies Sponsored by Settler's Park</p>	<p>30 Baked Ham Sweet Potatoes, Roll Mixed Vegetables Peas & Onion Salad ** Birthday Cake Sponsored by Heart 'n Home Hospice & Palliative Care</p>	<p>**Dining Birthday cake sponsored by Grays West and Safeway Store. Meals on wheels cake sponsored by Heart 'n Home Hospice & Palliative Care. Thanks!</p>	<p>Senior & Volunteer Suggested Donation \$4.00 Non-Senior Charge \$ 6.25 Under 12 Charge \$4.00</p>