

Classifieds / Outdoor Rec

HELP WANTED

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FARM / RANCH



12 yr.-old sorrel mare. 14 hands high. \$1000. 541-519-5035.

LAWN / GARDEN

LAWNMOWER. Craftsman lawnmower. Works great but owner has upgraded to an easier to start mower for herself. Retailed for around \$350. Asking \$100 OBO. 541.519.0572. Leave a voicemail.

RENTALS



Office Space for rent in Baker City. Prime downtown location. Handicap accessible. Off-street parking. Air conditioning. 541-523-5851.

YARD / GARAGE SALE

Saturday & Sunday (5/27 & 28) 19770 Sumpter Stage Hwy. Milepost 39. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Large raft with frame, bicycles, guns, 48" mower deck, 5th wheel hitch, Bow Flex, telescope, much more.

Free fishing weekend ahead June 3-4

There will be a Free Fishing Weekend in Oregon on June 3-4 – making it the perfect weekend to take a friend or family member out fishing, crabbing or clamming.

During this weekend, no fishing licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag and a Columbia River Basin Endorsement) are required to fish, crab or clam anywhere in Oregon.

“Free Fishing Weekend is a great opportunity for friends and families to get out and enjoy a day or two of fishing,” said Mike Gauvin, ODFW recreational fisheries manager. “Lakes and ponds are fully stocked, rivers and streams are open for trout, and don’t forget about the coast for crabbing and clamming.”

Although no licenses or tags are required, all other regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions.

Free Fishing Weekend also aligns with State Parks Day on Saturday, June 3, so if you’re going camping in an Oregon State Park this weekend, be sure to pack your fishing, crabbing or clamming gear, Gauvin said.

Several state parks will be hosting ODFW Free Fishing Weekend fishing events and State Parks is waiving park admission and camping fees in many parks on “State Parks Day” Saturday, June 3.

ODFW WEEKLY RECREATION REPORT

NE ZONE HUNTING

OPEN: COUGAR, COYOTE, SPRING BEAR (see regs), SPRING TURKEY

Bear and turkey hunting close May 31.

Wolves are protected by state law and it is unlawful to shoot them. Coyote hunters in northeastern Oregon need to take extra care to identify their target as wolves can look like coyotes, especially wolf pups in the mid-summer and fall. Please report any wolf sightings or wolf sign to La Grande office (541) 963-2138 or online with the Wolf Reporting Form.

Use the Oregon Hunting Map to see where to hunt.

BAKER COUNTY

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. Remember a 2017 cougar tag and hunting license is needed to hunt as of Jan. 1.

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

Ground Squirrels are starting to emerge. There are some good hunting opportunities on private land along the John Day Valley, Fox Valley, and Bear Valley. Most hunting areas on private land so remember to get permission before you hunt.

Turkeys can be found throughout the county and will move to higher elevations as the snow melts. Most birds are a mid to lower elevation near the forest boundary. Toms are starting to strut and will respond well to hen calls.

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. Remember a 2017 cougar tag and hunting license is needed to hunt as of Jan. 1.

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

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. Remember a 2017 cougar tag and hunting license is needed to hunt as of Jan. 1.

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. Remember a 2017 cougar tag and hunting license is needed to hunt as of Jan. 1.

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

UNION COUNTY

Spring Bear - The late fall green-up and warm spring days, although few, have been producing plenty of bear forage. Look for sign of bear along closed roads in timbered areas and on open ridges where they have been digging wild onions. Hunters will have the greatest success glassing in the early morning and just before dark.

Turkey numbers should be stable throughout the county due to the high quantity of birds hatched in 2016. Some winter loss has been observed, but will likely not affect where birds are found. Hunters should spend time walking closed roads looking for sign and listening from ridge tops to locate gobbling toms. Remember to ask for permission before hunting on private properties.

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. Remember a 2017 cougar tag and hunting license is needed to hunt as of Jan. 1.

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.

Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area Hunting on all lands North and East of Foothill Rd are closed. The Glass Hill portion of the wildlife area is open to hunting.

Big Game: Glass hill does occasionally have bears and cougars. They are at low densities and seem to pass though. Most of their activities in the spring will be on the upper half of the hill. Hunters can try slow stalking the roads or using predator calls to be successful.

Turkeys: Turkeys can also be found on Glass hill. These birds spend their time in the transition between the open fields and the dense forest feeding and traveling amongst the brush. The birds are sensitive to pressure so hunters might be successful trying slow, soft calling. Also prime times will be the first part of season and the last based on hunter pressure.

WALLOWA COUNTY

BLACK BEAR: Spring bear season continues thru May 31, and a good density of black bears exists throughout the district. Most of our snow is gone from low and middle elevation areas of the district and bears are already moving onto ridges and upper elevation areas in search of ground squirrels, and roots, and tubers. In spring, black bears are fair weather fellows and really only venture out on warm, sunny days. The best strategy for finding them this time of year is to sit on a spot with a good view of open canyon sides and use binoculars or a spotting scope to locate them. The animals feed off and on during all daylight hours and patience is the order of the day when spotting spring bears.

TURKEY: Spring turkey season continues thru May 31. Turkey numbers are expected to be low this year because many of them had a hard time finding food over winter with the heavy snows which we had. Most of our snow is gone from low and middle elevation areas of the district, turkeys are now in their nesting areas. The best strategy for finding them

this time of year is to travel the forest roads or hike into areas where turkeys might be and call for them or just listen for their calls early in the morning.

Cougar: Populations are moderate throughout Walla 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.

WILDLIFE VIEWING

BAKER COUNTY

Bighorn sheep can be seen in the Burnt River Canyon west of Durkee or along the Snake River Road south of Richland. The best viewing is in the early morning and late in the evening.

Bald and golden eagles can be seen along the

Snake River. Take the Snake River Road between Richland and Huntington.

Early in the morning and late in the afternoon are good times to view wildlife.

Elkhorn Wildlife Area is known for the Rocky Mountain elk and mule deer herds that frequent the area during the winter. There are two good viewing sites. The Anthony Creek site is located about eight miles west of I-84 on North Powder River Lane. From I-84 take the North Powder Exit (Exit 285). About 150 elk can be seen here on any given day. From the overlook on Auburn Road, watch hundreds of elk and mule deer. It is on the south side of Old Auburn Road, which branches off Highway 7 about six miles south of Baker City.

GRANT COUNTY

Bighorn sheep may be viewed from the South Fork near the Murderers Creek road. Early mornings are your best chances for catching them out on the rocky outcrops.

Song Birds are starting to return to the John Day Val-

ley. There are good birding opportunities along Hwy 26 and the South Fork John Day.

Sandhill Cranes are migrating through the county and can be found stopping to rest in Fox and Bear Valleys.

UNION COUNTY

Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area Mark your calendar: Ladd Marsh Bird Festival begins May 19 with Mark Obmascik, author of Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature and Fowl Obsession, as featured speaker.

Note: All visitors must have in their possession a free daily permit to access the wildlife area. Permits are available at several self-check-in stations at entry points and parking lots. Wildlife viewers and anglers also need a parking permit to park on the wildlife area. The \$10 daily or \$30 annual permit can be purchased online or at an ODFW office that sells licenses or at a license sales agent. Learn more about ODFW’s Wildlife Area Parking Permit Program.

Eclipse at Devil’s Canyon Ranch

Bridgeport, Oregon 97819 (Baker County, OR)



Camping spots available right in the path of Totality for the eclipse Unobstructed view of the sky

Self-Contained recreational vehicles only Sorry, no Class A rigs – they won’t make it up the road! No Tents. No water or sewer hook ups 2 nights stay, minimum

TO RESERVE a spot: Go to www.TheBakerCountyPress.com

No refunds after August 1, 2017 Questions? Call 541-519-5035

Ask about our early bird special through June 15, 2017