

Fall 2020 hunting season regulations

The tribes largest hunting season—any legal weapon, buck deer—opened Saturday. General season hunts on the reservation for black bear, bull elk, bighorn sheep and mountain lion begin this fall as well.

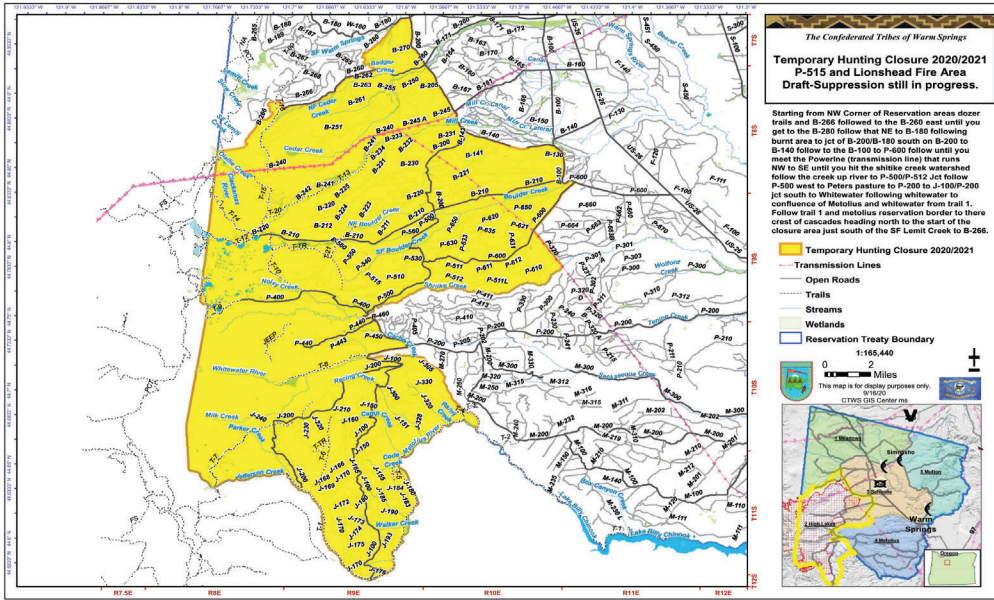
Last year, 201 tribal hunters participated in the fall season hunts.

From Natural Resources: Tribal hunters, Remember to issue your reservation deer, bear and lion tags. If you are requesting a designated tag—for elders or disabled—you still go through the request process: Submit a request online, or pick up the form, fill and submit to the Fish and Wildlife Committee—Designated hunting for deer only.

Much of the reservation lands, as well as parts of various public lands forests, are still closed due to Oregon's unprecedented wildfires. This includes parts of the Willamette, Mt. Hood and Deschutes national forests.

Lionshead fire closure

The fire area, including portions of unburnt area (see map upper right), is closed to the public due to ongoing fire operations and hazardous conditions along



2020-2021 CTWS Hunting Seasons

Off reservation and Reservation hunting regulations have been approved. Please login to tribal website hunting.warmsprings-nsn.gov or order by email (wildlife.tags@ctwsbnr.org) or phone (5415532001) permits requested by phone come by Natural Resources office to pick up your permits and regulations. Please take advantage of off reservation hunting tags, these opportunities take hunting pressure off the Reservation due to fire closures, which help improve wildlife populations. Please make sure off reservation hunting takes place on public (unclaimed) lands. It is the HUNTERS' responsibility to know where they are hunting, where they are allowed to hunt, what weapons they are allowed to use and what the bag limit is. For questions regarding hunting please contact the Natural Resources Department at 541-553-2001.

OFF RESERVATION HUNTS:		
Hunt	Open Season	Bag Limit
Buck Deer - Rifle:	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31	Open to buck deer with visible antler
Metolius Unit Hunts Special Regulation Dates		
Metolius Rifle:	Sept. 12 – Oct. 16	
Metolius Muzz.:	Oct. 20 – Oct. 26	Open to buck deer with visible antler
Metolius Archery:	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	
ELK Off Reservation		
Elk Archery:	Aug. 15 – Oct. 2	Open to any Elk with archery only.
Early Elk Rifle:	Sept. 1 – Oct. 16	Spike bulls and Antlerless Elk Rifle.
Bull Elk Rifle:	Oct. 17 – Nov. 30	Open to bull elk with visible antler.
Late Elk Rifle:	Dec. 1 – Jan. 31	Spike bulls and Antlerless Elk Rifle.
Special Animal Hunts		
Pronghorn:	Aug. 8 – Oct. 31	Either sex pronghorn antelope.
Bighorn sheep		
	Oct. 3 – Nov. 30	One ram per tag. Tags will be awarded to five Tribal members through a public drawing. Hunts: John Day River (2 tag), Deschutes River (2 tags) and Aldrich (1 tag).
Black bear	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31	Either sex; excluding cubs less than one year and sows with cubs.
Cougar	Entire Year	Either sex; excluding spotted kittens or female cougars with spotted kittens.
ON RESERVATION HUNTS:		
Buck Deer - Rifle:	Oct. 3 – Oct. 25	Open to buck deer with visible antler (One tag per subsistence hunter 18 years older) Designated hunter request allowed*
Note: Those that are issued archery bull elk tags will not be eligible for bull elk rifle season on reservation.		
Elk Archery:	Aug. 15 – Oct. 2	Open to Bull Elk with visible antler. (50 tags available) Cancelled due fires.
Bull Elk - Rifle:	Nov. 7 – Nov. 29	Open to Bull Elk with visible antler. (One tag per subsistence hunter 18 years older)
Bighorn Sheep No. 1:	Oct. 3 – Oct. 31	One ram per tag. Tags will be awarded to two Tribal members through a public drawing one youth and one adult. Sign up for the lottery draw is at the Natural Resources front desk. Hunt locations are mutton mountains only.
Bighorn Sheep No. 2:	Nov. 1 – Nov. 29	
Black bear	Oct. 3 – Dec. 31	Either sex; excluding cubs less than one year & sows with cubs.
Cougar	Open season	Either sex; excluding spotted kittens or female cougars with spotted kittens.

Off reservation hunting is designated for OFF RESERVATION public (unclaimed) lands. Illegally harvesting wildlife on the

the fire lines.

The hunting closure encompasses some buffer areas around the main fireline, and also includes critical big game habitat.

The closure is effective by order of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, who report directly to our Warm Springs Tribal Council. If found hunting in the closure areas, tribal members will be cited for violation of the Tribal Hunting and Trapping Code: 350.210 subsection 18.

The closure area map can be accessed on the tribes' hunting website. Or talk with the Branch of Natural Resources, 541-553-2001.

As of earlier this week at least, the Branch of Natural Resources offices remained closed to visitors due to the Covid-19 precautions.

Anyone who needs help with their account or tag, reach out to permit issuance personnel via email or phone. Email: wildlife.tags@ctwsbnr.org

Scheduling a time for pick-up of printed tags and permits at Natural Resources is an option available to those who don't have a mobile device or printer at home.

Remember, You can is-

sue your tag/permits online and print it directly (or choose e-tagging) from home by going to the Natural Resources permits page: hunting.warmsprings-nsn.gov/login

If you are using e-tagging, visit the rules and regulations; or simply follow directions on the tag for the process to tagging carcass and other game you are harvesting.

You are required to report your harvest even if you did not fill your tag. This is important data for the future of game management.

Off rez hunts

Hunters need to check with public lands where they intend to hunt for the latest on access and fire restrictions before hunting. Access can change quickly, so check back often. This information is online at:

www.fs.usda.gov/ - US Forest Service

www.blm.gov/oregon-washington - Bureau of Land Management

gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/PFR.html - Oregon Department of Forestry including fire restrictions

inciweb.nwcg.gov/ - InciWeb major incidents (may include closure maps).

A tribal fishery opened Monday, and end at 6 p.m. this Wednesday, October 7. The open area is all of zone 6. Allowed gear is set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh restriction. Allowed sales are salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp.

Lionshead fire update

The latest estimated full containment date of the Lionshead fire is October 30. Since igniting in September, the blaze has burned across more than 200,000 acres, including about 96,266 on the reservation.

Interior burning to the northeast will continue to generate smoke for the next few days, but that burning is far less intense than the extreme fire behavior seen in September.

The acreage that burned on the reservation represents millions of board feet of timber.

Tribal employees will begin developing a salvage plan later this week. On a more positive note:

"We didn't lose any struc-

tures at all," said Robert Brunoe, general manager of the tribal Branch of Natural Resources. "We were lucky," Mr. Brunoe said.

Upcoming work of firefighters will be to leave the reservation in the best condition possible, when the fire is fully extinguished. For example, an archaeologist will conduct a cultural survey of close to 60 miles of dozer line and 10 miles of handline.

Fire crews dug the lines during the suppression effort, to be followed by the rehabilitation work. Water tenders assigned to the fire will be helping the tribe with road repair and grading work.

Last weekend, monitoring

crews hiked out to assess fire activity within islands of unburned vegetation in the northeastern corner of the fire, reporting it is at least 3,000 feet within the black—a fire term for previously burned ground. Areas of active burning are also being monitored in the north part of the blaze.

Also recently on the fire: Helicopters dropped water on several visible smoke spots to the southeast of Mt. Bruno.

Aviation also provided a Burned Area Emergency Response reconnaissance flight, and is coordinating with various power companies conducting infrastructure assessments.

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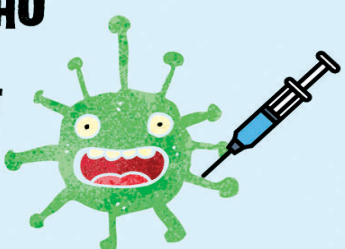
Warm Springs Community Health staff are available to give flu shots at the Family Resource Center, at the Cares Act application drop-off area, through this Friday, October 9. The staff is on hand from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Everyone 6 months and older is encouraged to get a flu shot to protect yourself, your family, friends, co-workers and the community. When you show up for the shot, please wear a short-sleeved shirt.

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