

Oregon predator trap check regulation worries livestock industry

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SALEM — Traps for predators must be checked more frequently under new Oregon wildlife regulations that the farm industry fears will undermine protections for livestock.

Significantly for cattle and sheep producers, restraining traps must be checked more than twice as often if they're meant to stop predators from damaging livestock operations.

Due to the long distances between many traps, agriculture groups worry the revised rules will hinder efforts to control coyotes and other predators.

"We have a multitude of predatory animals and their populations are growing," said Todd Nash, president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. "The thing that seems to reduce over time is the number of capable trappers. They're spread so thin to begin with that they're covering huge swaths of land."

For traps that kill predators, the state's Fish and Wildlife Commission has reduced the time between trap checks from 30 days to 14 days, which the OCA did not oppose.

However, traps and snares that restrain livestock-damaging predators must now be checked every two days under the new regulations, compared to every seven days previously.

With the limited number of available trappers, the rule change effectively reduces the amount of work they'll be able to perform — especially when fuel prices are so high, critics say.

"That's a game changer. You change the way you operate," Nash said.

If they're not intended to prevent livestock damage, restraining traps for predators must now also be checked every two days, down from three days previously.

Traps intended to curb livestock damage are meant

to catch specific predators. They were previously given more time to work than those not aimed at particular individuals.

By "bending to urban pressure" and reducing trap check intervals, the commission has shown it's "out of touch with rural communities and land managers," said Lauren Smith, the Oregon Farm Bureau's government and national affairs director.

"Across Oregon's vast landscape, there are terrain and weather issues, lack of road access, trap efficiency and many other issues that come into play when making such a significant reduction in a trap check time intervals," Smith said in an email.

The rule change fails to account for these practical challenges or the livestock losses and other costs that predators impose on rural

landowners, she said.

Complying with the new rules will cause expenses to "skyrocket" for the USDA's Wildlife Services division, whose agents are often hired to trap predators, said Jim Soares, vice president of the Oregon Trappers Association.

The agency would need to spend substantially more money just to perform the same amount of work, but it's unclear where the addi-

tional funding would come from, Soares said.

"This is going to be devastating for the livestock industry," he said.

Environmental advocates, on the other hand, cheered the revised trap check requirements because shorter intervals will decrease the amount of time that animals suffer. More frequent checks will also help prevent the unintended deaths of non-target species.

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by Stella Wilder

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022
YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder

Born today, you are never so content as when you are fighting against the status quo and working toward something that you think is much better than what you are likely dealing with at the time. You have been endowed with strength, stamina and foresight -- and yet there are times when you charge into things without thinking about possible outcomes, and that's when things get difficult for you. Open your eyes, for you'll see clearly and make good decisions.

FRIDAY, JULY 1
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- There is likely no precedent for you to study today as you try to solve a sudden problem. You'll have to rely on trial and error.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Circumstances are likely to improve today, allowing you to do more with the limited resources you currently have available to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- The more practical you are today, the more likely you'll be to advance -- not only your own agenda, but someone else's as well. Both are essential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Others will make it clear that they want you in their corner as they face something challenging today. You can provide valuable assistance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Take a few practice swings today before making any serious attempt to hit the ball out of the park. If nothing else, you'll score style points.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Pay attention to the way someone else does something you're eager to try. You can learn a lot about what to expect when it's your turn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Your alliances may be put to the test as someone is threatened by an outside force. You can be the first to come to the rescue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- You'll want to have all your ducks in a row by day's end, as many things are about to happen that could very well upset your daily routine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- You receive an unusual offer today, and you'll want to get the honest opinion of several friends before you formulate your response.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You may come face to face with a formidable opponent today -- and one who represents the authority of the status quo. You mustn't be cowed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You are feeling unusually generous today, but take care that you don't give away something that you will soon miss dearly. Be sensible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You may not be aware of making a pivotal decision today, but even a seemingly insignificant decision can soon affect things in a big way.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Drop bait on water
- 4 Left Bank chums
- 8 Skirt's edge
- 11 Otherwise
- 13 Batter's play
- 14 Caviar
- 15 Suspected
- 17 Reined in
- 19 Poi parties
- 21 Cribbage card
- 22 Free ticket
- 24 Cut off, as branches
- 26 Resolve
- 29 Discharges
- 31 Recent
- 33 Cosmic force
- 34 — it (fighting)
- 35 Mineo of old films
- 37 102, to a centurion
- 39 Windows device
- 40 Have a go at

DOWN

- 1 Dict. entry
- 2 Tavern fare
- 3 Church readings
- 42 Capt.'s superior
- 44 Grind, as teeth
- 46 Detected
- 48 Negative prefix
- 50 Hires a lawyer
- 51 Rights movement
- 53 Chewy roll
- 55 Cleric's wear
- 58 Marine deposits
- 61 P. in Greece
- 62 Seep
- 64 Stratam
- 65 Zippy the Pinhead's exclamation
- 66 Best players
- 67 Pedro's aunt

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 4 Singer Paula —
- 5 Frat letter
- 6 Letterhead abbr.
- 7 Shock
- 8 Tolkien creature
- 9 Morn's counterpart
- 10 Impractical
- 12 Blows, as a volcano
- 16 Pricing wd.
- 18 Ticket info
- 20 Dad, to Grandpa
- 22 Blazers
- 23 Shocking
- 25 Delt neighbor
- 27 Memory glitch
- 28 Lomond and Ness
- 30 "Casablanca" pianist
- 32 Artificial hair
- 36 Highland youth
- 38 Coin-slot word
- 41 Cheerful color
- 43 Crane arm
- 45 Café —
- 47 Not even one
- 49 Bags
- 52 Liniment
- 54 Monopoly start
- 55 Bawl
- 56 Melodramatic shout
- 57 Give it the gas
- 59 Hawaiian garland
- 60 Mexican Mrs.
- 63 News agcy.

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- VFW
- Baker Elk's Lodge
- Main Event
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- Baker City Fire Dept.
- Haines Sell-Rite
- Idle Hour
- Salvation Army

104 Community Calendar

VFW POST 460
Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm.
Corner of Main at Birch in Union

LA GRANDE LIONS CLUB
Meets 2nd & 4th Monday of each month @ 12 PM
Union County Senior Center
1504 N. Albany St., La Grande

PINOCHLE
Fridays at 6:30 p.m.
Senior Center
2810 Cedar St., Baker City
Public is welcome

Baker County United "freedom rallies"
3rd Thursday each month
6 p.m. at the Sunridge
1 Sunridge Lane.
The public is invited

KEY OF DAVID
Saturdays - 2PM
Baker County Library
Taught by:
Gary Robinson
& Blaine McKnight

Kiwanis Club of Baker City
Tuesday at 12:00 PM
Sunridge Inn Restaurant
1 Sunridge Lane
For more information call:
(541) 523-6027

ROTARY CLUB of Baker City
Meets every Monday
Noon - 1 PM
Baker Towers
Meeting Room

POWDER RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
Meets 1st Tuesday of every month
8th & Broadway, Baker City
6 PM - Pistolettes
7 PM - Regular Membership

114 Group Meetings

CELEBRATE RECOVERY
Calvary Baptist Church
Third & Broadway
Baker City, OR
EVERY THURSDAY
6:15 - 8:00 PM

DO YOU HAVE...HURTS, HABITS and/or HANG UPS?
12 Step Biblical Support
Harvest Church
3720 Birch St. Baker City
Thurs., 6:30 - 8:30 PM

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Every Friday Night @ 5pm, 2107
Gekeler Ln, LG, Church of Christ
basement. For more info please
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Someone's drinking a problem?
AL-ANON Meetings
are available by phone
Info for Baker City Meetings
Call: 541-239-7323

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Goin' Straight Group
Meetings:
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114 Group Meetings

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Wednesday Nights, 7-8:15pm.
Fort Union Grange Hall, corner of McAlister & Gekeler Lanes. For more info, call 541-786-1222

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12 - 1:00 pm
Baker Presbyterian Church
1995 4th St.
(4th & Court, Side Door)

WEDNESDAYS
Survivor's Group
12:05 pm
Baker Presbyterian Church
1995 4th St.
(4th & Court, Side Door)

THURSDAYS
Survivor's Group
12:00 pm
Baker Presbyterian Church
1995 4th St.
(4th & Court, Side Door)

SATURDAYS
As Bill Sees It Group
10:00 am 2970 Walnut
(Corner of "D" & Grove St.)
Grove Apts. Community Rm

SUNDAYS
Been There Done That
5:30 pm
Grove Apartments
Community Room
2970 Walnut Street

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