

Big game public meeting will be May 10 in John Day

Topics include 2016 tag numbers, changes and proposals, target numbers

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will hold the 2016 big game public meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Oregon Department of Forestry office at 415 Patterson Bridge Road in John Day. According to Ryan Tor-

land, ODFW district wildlife biologist, topics to be covered include tag numbers for the 2016 hunting season, hunting season changes and proposals and management objectives, which are target numbers for deer and elk populations. "We're in a 10-year review process for management objective," Torland said. "We

have gone to a local advisory committee who gave us some direction, and now we are asking for input for the public." Torland said there are proposals for two changes:

- West Beulah Unit: Reduce elk from 1,300 to 500.
- Desolation Unit: Reduce deer from 2,500 to 1,500.

 Torland said neither change will reflect changes in the actual population. "We're just reflecting on what's realistic on the winter

landscape, more of an accounting change," he said. All other management objectives are open for review as well but at this time there has been no recommendation for changes. Several tag number changes are in place this season:

- Desolation Unit: reducing deer by 100, from 1200 to 1100.
- East Murderers Creek: Dropping 50 tags, from 300 to 250.

- Northside Unit: Reducing cow tags from 500 to 400.
- Increasing spring bear tags for 2017 from 500 to 600.

These are tag recommendations for the 2016 hunting season that will be proposed to the ODFW commission in June, Torland added. There will also be an update of on herd status of local wildlife populations in the district. In general for the county:

- Deer: Fawn numbers are

36 per 100 adults, and populations are stable from last year.

- Elk: Cow to calf ratio, 21 per 100 cows; bull ratio, 13 per 100; populations are stable.
- Mountain goats: Staff haven't had a chance to survey them since the Canyon Creek Complex fire, but Torland said not much of the goat habitat burned. They are at 65, and still on the increase.
- Big Horn sheep and antelope populations are all holding steady.

SOFTBALL

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Twelve Prospectors had hits, with multiple hits from Ravyn Walker, Jocelynn Smith, Whitney McClellan, Railey Namitz and Moulton. Grant Union started off with a big first inning. The Prospectors scored a couple runs off some walks with the bases loaded. Then Walker tripled, scoring three. Smith followed up with a double on a bunt to score two. "It was an opportunity for

the younger kids to get some experience," Nash said, adding she appreciates the luxury of having several pitchers available. "It's nice to see those kids perform," she said. Grant Union had a make-up game Saturday against Echo/Stanfield, the Cougars taking a 3-0 win. Moulton pitched four innings, with Madden finishing the game. "It was a defensive game, and neither team could gather much offensive momentum," Nash said.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union first baseman Janelle King tags a Umatilla runner out with pitcher Brianna Zwegardt and second baseman Mariah Moulton in the action.

Scoring opportunities came in the fifth, sixth and seventh, but the Prospectors were unable to push them across for runs. Grant Union was on the road Tuesday, past press time, facing Weston-McEwen in Athena.

They play the Vikings in Vale at 2 p.m. (MDT) on Friday. "Those are teams we have to get after," Nash said. "The team that plays to their best potential will win."

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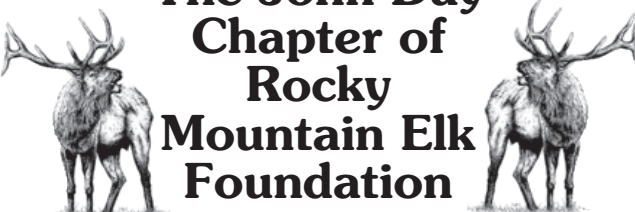
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MONUMENT

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Thomas said she's working to qualify for state in the 3,000 and continue to make personal gains in the 800. "I like that we have more people participating in track this year, which makes it more enjoyable because it makes it more supported," she said. Homan said she appreciates her team's support. "Being a first-year senior, I mainly focus on personal records and getting ready for life," she said. Molly Hoodenpyl is also on the team for the first time. She said, so far, she's having fun with her events. "I really had to push myself, and I have a lot of room to improve," she said. Jess Hoodenpyl said his favorite event is the 3,000, and he

has a goal to keep beating his record. "I like our team," he said. "We're a close knit team." Dailey's goals include maximizing the number of athletes qualifying for state championships and winning a meet this year. "All the athletes have personal records as part of their individual goals, which have largely been met — and, of course, everyone wants to have fun," he said. It's now "crunch time" for districts, he said. The coach said he encourages his team to "pay attention to the details of your event, practice like you want to perform, remember that you love your sport, you love being fast and jumping or throwing far." He reminds them: "You are ultimately competing against yesterday, and, finally, there is no problem that can't be solved with higher knees."



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Grant Union's Samantha Brock was ahead of the pack in the girls 100-meter hurdles.

TRACK

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Nick Springer, first, Grant Union
Hayden Schafer, second, Monument
Discus
Hayden Schafer, third, Monument
Javelin
Hayden Schafer, first, Monument
Andrew Copenhaver, third, Grant Union
High jump
Garrett Hitz, first, Prairie City
Nick Springer, second, Grant Union
Pole Vault
Garrett Hitz, first, Prairie City
Andrew Copenhaver, second, Grant Union
Braden Spencer, third, Grant Union
Long jump
Adam Rajabeliev, first, Long Creek
Wyatt Williams, third, Prairie City
Triple jump
Fernando Rodriguez, first, Long Creek
Wyatt Williams, second, Prairie City
Duane Stokes, third, Grant Union




The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Long Creek's Kirill Borisov hurls the javelin, competing at the Prairie City Invitational.

Girls

100
Sophie Pettit, first, Monument
Kaylee Wright, second, Grant Union
Sydney Brockway, third, Grant Union
200
Sophie Pettit, first, Monument
Kaylee Wright, second, Grant Union
Trinity Hutchison, third, Grant Union
400
Faythe Schafer, second, Monument
Trinity Hutchison, third, Grant Union
800
Reitta Wyllie, first, Grant Union
Maya Thomas, second, Monument
McKeely Miller, third, Grant Union
3,000
Maya Thomas, first, Grant Union
100 hurdles
Samantha Brock, first, Grant Union
Kyla Emerson, third, Monument
300 hurdles
Tamara Homan, second, Monument
Kyla Emerson, third, Monument
4x100 relay
Shyannah Carr, Danielle Girvin, Trinity Hutchison, McKeely Miller, first, Grant Union
4x400 relay
Samantha Brock, Jozie Rude,

Kenzie Wilson, Reitta Wyllie, first, Grant Union
Shot put
Jozie Rude, first, Grant Union
Teri Cobb, second, Prairie City
Danielle Girvin, third, Grant Union
Discus
Chelsie Kodesh, first, Grant Union
Shyannah Carr, second, Grant Union
Faythe Schafer, third, Monument
Javelin
Kaylee Wright, first, Grant Union
Chelsie Kodesh, third, Grant Union
High jump
Kaylee Wright, first, Grant Union
Kenzie Wilson, second, Grant Union
Sydney Brockway, third, Grant Union
Pole vault
Amaya Zwegardt, first, Prairie City
Jozie Rude, second, Grant Union
Annie Wall, third, Grant Union
Long jump
Sophie Pettit, second, Monument
Sydney Brockway, third, Grant Union
Triple jump
Samantha Brock, second, Grant Union
Kenzie Wilson, third, Grant Union
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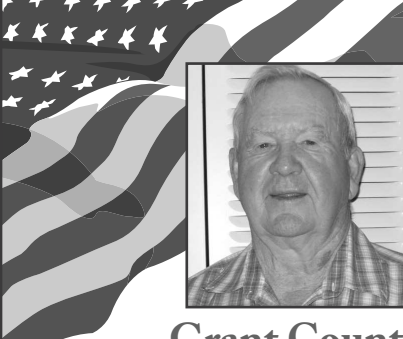







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