



## ODFW seeks public input on mule deer, elk populations

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SALEM — The public can weigh in as the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reviews management objectives (MOs) for mule deer and elk populations on 67 wildlife management units.

A population MO is not the maximum number of animals a unit can support, but a compromise that tries to maintain deer and elk numbers at levels compatible with primary uses of the land. The MO also factors in habitat availability, carrying capacity and the level of damage to private property, while trying to maximize recreational benefits (hunting and wildlife viewing) and preventing the serious depletion of wildlife.

Buck ratio MOs range from 12-25 bucks per 100 does, while bull elk ratio MOs range from 10-20 bulls per 100 cows.

ODFW, which periodically reviews management objectives, first asked for input from review committees which included representatives from hunting groups, land management agencies, Oregon State Police and other individuals concerned with deer and elk populations. These committees have already looked at the MOs and offered their input.

"We didn't want to raise MOs to a level that is unachievable, or lower MOs where populations are not doing as well so they could be achieved under current conditions," said Doug Cottam, ODFW South Willamette watershed manager, who is managing the MO review for the agency. "There is broad support for maintaining or increasing the current level of hunting opportunity."

There are no proposed changes for most wildlife management units, but maps and tables at the ODFW website show the units where either ODFW or a review committee has recommended changes.

For areas in or near Grant County, the map shows no changes recommended for the Northside, Murderers Creek and Sumpter units. ODFW is considering changes to buck ratio for Silvies, Malheur and Beulah units, and is considering changes to population objectives for the Desolation unit.

The topic was discussed at a June 9-10 meeting in Salem where the Fish and Wildlife Commission was briefed on the MOs.

ODFW staff will review public comments, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission is expected to make a final decision at their Aug. 5 meeting. Before then, comments may be emailed to [odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.wildlifeinfo@state.or.us).

# Swim Team holds its own at first meet

Team competes in Lakeview on July 8-10

By Angel Carpenter  
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The John Day Swim Team faced tough competition at their first meet of the season June 24-26 in Prineville, and head coach Sabrina Howard said they held up well under the pressure.

"This meet was against year-round swimmers, so to hold a candle against them says a lot about our athletes," she said, adding several on her team shaved time off last year's records.

"Our kids persevered and did really well," she said. "They represented the John Day Swim Team with flying colors."

The team travels to the Lakeview Meet July 8-10.

Howard said she's grateful to parents who help their children make the trip to Lakeview, where the pool was renovated two years ago.

She said she hopes the participation levels increase



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The John Day swim team with coach Sabrina Howard at the June 24-26 Prineville Meet.

for the July 15-17 Burns Meet.

Prineville Meet local top-five results:

Place/Last name, first name/Time/Points

Boys 11-12 200 SC Meter Freestyle  
 4 Reames, Riley, 4:34.24, 3 points

Girls 13-14 200 SC Meter Freestyle  
 4 Reames, Jessica, 3:29.90, 3 points

Boys 13-14 200 SC Meter Freestyle  
 5 Coalwell, Trevyn, 3:23.82, 2 points

Girls 15 & Over 200 SC Meter Freestyle  
 5 Coalwell, Torie, 2:56.18, 2 points

Boys 15 & Over 200 SC Meter Freestyle  
 5 LeQueiu, Grant, 2:55.12, 2 points

Girls 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Medley Relay  
 3 John Day Swim Team, 3:10.23, 6 points

1) Robertson, Riley A 12 2) Coalwell, Myckee M 17 3) Mead, Rhea R 12 4) Coalwell, Torie B 15

Boys 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Medley Relay  
 2 John Day Swim Team, 2:52.56, 8 points

1) Hallgarth, Quentin 13 2) Coalwell, Trevyn K 13 3) LeQueiu, Grant J 15 4) Hunt, Taylor J 14

Boys 9-10 100 SC Meter Freestyle  
 5 Coalwell, Ryan, 1:46.37, 2 points

Boys 11-12 100 SC Meter Freestyle  
 4 LeQueiu, Thomas, 1:36.73, 3 points

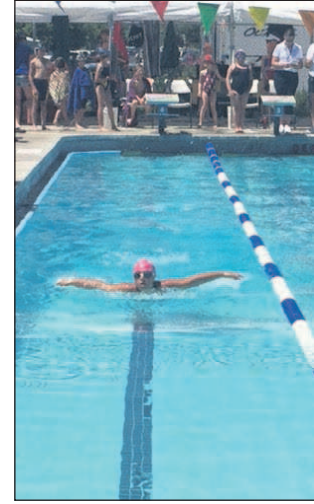
Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Freestyle  
 2 Hunt, Taylor, 1:15.47, 5 points

4 Hallgarth, Quentin, 1:16.60, 3 points

Girls 15 & Over 100 SC Meter Freestyle  
 3 Coalwell, Torie, 1:37.25, 4 points

Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Butterfly  
 3 Coalwell, Torie, 1:12.94, 4 points

Girls 8 & Under 25 SC Meter Butterfly  
 5 May, Sierra, 28.99, 2 points



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John Day Swim Team athlete Sierra May competes at the June 25-26 meet in Prineville.

Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter Butterfly  
 5 Reames, Jessica, 1:46.80, 2 points

Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Butterfly  
 1 Hunt, Taylor, 1:26.46, 7 points

3 Hallgarth, Quentin, 1:33.66, 4 points

Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Backstroke  
 4 LeQueiu, Thomas, 49.08, 3 points

Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Backstroke  
 5 Coalwell, Trevyn, 2:10.91, 2 points

Girls 15 & Over 100 SC Meter Backstroke  
 3 Coalwell, Torie, 1:37.25, 4 points

Girls 8 & Under 100 SC Meter Freestyle Relay  
 2 John Day Swim Team, 2:15.58, 8 points

1) Walker, Morgan L 8 2) Komning, Dilynn A 7 3) Howard, Colbie K 7 4) May, Sierra E 8

Boys 12 & Under 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay  
 2 John Day Swim Team, 3:17.84, points 8

1) Gabbard, Trevor W 10 2) LeQueiu, Thomas R 12 3) Howard, Cayden J 9 4) Coalwell, Ryan F 10

Girls 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay  
 3 John Day Swim Team, 2:35.30 6

1) Reames, Jessica S 14 2) Coalwell, Myckee M 17 3) Amsden, Deja B 15 4) Coalwell, Torie B 15

Boys 18 & Under 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay  
 3 John Day Swim Team, 2:14.37, 6 points

1) LeQueiu, Grant J 15 2) Coalwell, Trevyn K 13 3) Hallgarth, Quentin 13 4) Hunt, Taylor J 14

Boys 9-10 100 SC Meter IM  
 5 Coalwell, Ryan, 2:15.46, 2 points

Boys 13-14 200 SC Meter IM  
 2 Hunt, Taylor, 3:12.42, 5 points

4 Hallgarth, Quentin, 3:21.01, 3 points

Boys 9-10 50 SC Meter Breaststroke  
 2 Gabbard, Trevor, 1:09.24, 5 points

4 Coalwell, Ryan, 1:13.10 3

Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Breaststroke  
 3 LeQueiu, Thomas, 57.08, 4 points

Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Breaststroke  
 4 Hallgarth, Quentin, 1:40.84, 3 points

5 Hunt, Taylor, 1:41.74, 2 points

Boys 9-10 50 SC Meter Freestyle  
 2 Coalwell, Ryan, 46.78, 5 points

Boys 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle  
 2 Hunt, Taylor, 32.24, 5 points

5 Hallgarth, Quentin, 34.42, 2 points

Girls 15 & Over 50 SC Meter Freestyle  
 3 Coalwell, Torie, 32.13, 4 points

Boys 18 & Under 400 SC Meter IM  
 2 Hunt, Taylor, 7:28.83, 5 points

## Fawning wildlife



Contributed photo/Sherri Giffin

Sherri Giffin of Coyote Photo captured a picture of this fawn Saturday, June 18, near Keller Creek near the Izee Highway.



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Connor White competes in the June 25 Cinnabar Mountain Playdays National Patriot Event in the intermediate division.

## Cinnabar rodeo youth compete in doubleheader

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Cinnabar Mountain Playdays rodeo youth competed in a June 25 daylong Wrangler National Patriot event.

The youth and spectators were invited to dress in red, white and blue, and some contestants decorated their horses for the occasion.

As part of the event, participants will gather funds to donate to a local veteran's group.

The rodeo youth will next compete at the Grant County Fairgrounds on July 16. Cinnabar Mountain Playdays results:

June 25 First performance	June 25 Second performance	Overall Standings After 3 Rodeos
<b>Leadline</b> Branson Harper 1 Weston Hamilton 2 Gus Rowell 3-4 Ruby Hopper 3-4	<b>Leadline</b> Branson Harper 1 Kara Hansen 2 Ruby Hopper 3 <b>Peewee</b> Molly Davis 1 Kodee Kimball 2 Tatyn Harper 3	<b>Leadline</b> Branson Harper 1 Weston Hamilton 2 Gus Rowell 3 <b>Peewee</b> Kodee Kimball 1 Tatyn Harper 2 Taylor Hamilton 3
<b>Junior</b> Bailey McCracken 1 Coy Mathieson 2 Rowdy Israel 3	<b>Junior</b> Bailey McCracken 1-2 Rowdy Israel 1-2 Coy Mathieson 3	<b>Junior</b> Bailey McCracken 1 Rowdy Israel 2 Coy Mathieson 3
<b>Intermediate</b> Denali Twehues 1 Sam McCracken 2 Oran Davis 3	<b>Intermediate</b> Sam McCracken 1 Denali Twehues 2 Oran Davis 3	<b>Intermediate</b> Denali Twehues 1 Sam McCracken 2 Oran Davis 3
<b>Senior</b> Chloe Martin 1 Hunter Martin 2	<b>Senior</b> Chloe Martin 1 Hunter Martin 2 Regan Johnson 3	<b>Senior</b> Chloe Martin 1 Hunter Martin 2 Regan Johnson 3

## All Stars boys lose tough battle

Grant County team competes in Burns tourney

By Angel Carpenter  
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The Grant County 9-10-11 All-Stars baseball team played against tough competitors in the June 25 through July 1 tournament in Burns.

La Grande, Burns, Baker and Pendleton were among the teams at the Oregon District 3 Little League All Star Tournament.

Grant County took a loss in their first game 12-2 against Baker on June 25, and lost to La Grande 22-17 on June 26.



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Grant County 9-10-11 All-Stars baseball team.

The roster for the Grant County All Stars included athletes chosen from two of the regular season teams.

Coaches were from three regular

season teams, Tim Boethin, Brandon Cully and Chris Beil.

Grant County Little League president was Hailey Boethin and vice president was Heather Rookstool.



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The Cinnabar Mountain Playdays youth pose for a group photo. Back row left to right, Coy Mathieson, Connor White, Hunter Martin, Chloe Martin, Rowdy Israel; second row from back, Bailey McCracken, Oran Davis, Sam McCracken, Ryanne Isreal, Jacey Mickey, Savannah Watterson, Riley Gregg, Helen Rowell; third row from back, Tavin Desadier, Kodee Kimball, Tatyn Harper, Anna Jacobs, Molly Davis, Aaliyah Marciel, Taylor Hamilton; front row, left to right, Josey Kimball, Gus Rowell, Ruby Hopper, Kara Hansen, Riley Hansen and Bransyn Harper. Not pictured: Denali Twehues, Kathyne Page, Weston Hamilton, Henry Miller.