

Youth spike elk, doe hunting opportunities available

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Morrow-Grant County OHV Park is offering opportunities for youth hunting. Applications are available for a youth elk hunt, and requests are being accepted from youth doe hunters. Applications are due by 4 p.m. Oct. 8 for the second-season youth spike-only hunt, to be returned to the Morrow County Public Works office in Lexington. Grant and Morrow county residents 12-17 may apply. Up to six applicants will be provided with a hunting permission packet. Applicants must have a hunters education certificate, a valid hunting license and will be required to purchase a general second season (Nov. 7-15) elk tag prior to the hunt. For a youth doe hunt, youths who have received tags for hunt 648T may request to hunt at the OHV park. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Kirsti Cason at 541-989-9500 for more information before the season opens.



Contributed photo
Mariah Moulton with a buck she killed last year. Eastern Oregon archery hunters will have to apply for a buck tag in 2021.

Eastern Oregon archery deer hunting moves to controlled season next year

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Archery deer hunting in Eastern Oregon will change from a general season to a controlled season next year. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the 2021 Big Game Hunting Regulations including changes to archery deer season and West Cascade elk season at a recent meeting. The West Cascade elk any-legal-weapon season will move three weeks later to improve hunt quality, which will also eliminate the seven-day break during general deer season in the Cascades. Commissioners declined to adopt changes that would have allowed big game hunters to use crossbows during any-legal-weapon seasons (when rifles, bows, handguns and other weapons are also allowed).



Contributed photo
Columnist Rod Carpenter's son poses with a deer shot with a .243.

SHOOTING THE BREEZE

The little engine that could

Introduced to the world in 1955, the .243 Winchester was quickly recognized as a little cartridge with amazing versatility. Nothing more than the .308 Winchester necked down to .243 caliber. It was billed as the ideal combination varmint-deer rifle, and it turned out to be just that. With a wide variety of bullet weights from 50 all the way up to 115 grains, it can be tailored to suit many applications. A 55-grain bullet at 3,800 feet per second makes a very impressive general varmint round. Jump to a 75- or 80-grain for coyotes or if the wind is blowing, and 90- to 100-grain bullets are great for deer and antelope as far as most of us should be shooting. If you want to go long range, spin on a 7.5- or 8-twist barrel and go with one of the high ballistic coefficient bullets at 105-115 grains. The .243 may not look as sexy as the new 6 Creedmoor or 6 XC, but it is a ballistic twin and components are less expensive and much easier to find. What really makes the .243 shine is it's "shootability." Just about every rifle that I have shot has shown fine accuracy. As well, the recoil is mild enough for just about everyone. I don't care who you are, everyone shoots a low-recoiling rifle better than a hard kicker. As we all know, bullet placement trumps everything else in cleanly taking game. Not velocity, bullet weight or energy can make up for a bullet in the wrong place, and the mild little .243 helps you put it where it needs to go.

In the old days, some suggested that the .243 was marginal for big deer. Today, however, we are blessed with some exceptional bullet designs like the Barnes Triple Shock and the Nosler Accubond that perform very well in the .243, making a solid choice for any deer hunting. There are even a few that recommend it for elk. While elk have been taken with the .243, I feel that there are better tools for that job. If you are looking for a go everywhere, do anything, everyday carry rifle that will handle everything from mice to mule deer, the .243 Winchester just might be exactly what you are looking for. What is your favorite general purpose rifle? Let us know at shootingthebreezebme@gmail.com.

Rod Carpenter is a husband, father and hunting fool.

Surprising coho salmon run results in first chance for anglers since 1980

By Jayson Jacoby
EO Media Group

Jeff Yanke was optimistic about this year's run of Lostine River coho salmon, but he was still surprised by how many fish began battling their way up the Columbia River earlier in 2020. "This year's return was frankly really unpredictable," said Yanke, the district fish biologist at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Enterprise office. This unexpected bounty has buoyed biologists' hopes about the long-term success of their effort to reintroduce coho salmon to the Grande Ronde River basin. It's also given anglers a chance they haven't had since Ronald Reagan was elected to his first term as president. The first coho fishing season on the Grande Ronde since 1980 started Thursday, Oct. 1. The season will continue through Nov. 30, or until further notice, on the Grande Ronde from the Oregon-Washington border upstream to the Grande Ronde River Road bridge, about 7 miles above Troy. Anglers can keep up to two adult coho — ones longer than 20 inches — per day, and up to five jack coho, shorter than 20 inches, per day. Yanke said coho average between 20 and 27 inches.

Contributed photo/Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kyle Bratcher of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife with a Lostine River coho salmon trapped at the Lostine weir in Wallowa County in 2018.

From: Kenneth Delano
Mount Vernon, OR 97865

Aug. 17, 2020

To: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
To: The Honorable Chuck Shumer, Senate Minority Leader

Subj: Request for policy input

Dear Congresswoman and Senator:

I am doing personal research on current affairs in the United States and am hoping to get your inputs on a few questions that keep coming up during my citizen interviews and discussions:

Most of the small town and rural residents I question do not favor the violence and destruction happening in our cities (I am closest to Portland OR and Seattle WA). The liberal administrations at best tolerate the destruction and at worst seem to support the anarchy. Do you think the division between the destroyers and builders can be overcome or are we looking long-term at a Two State Solution?

If the socialists are successful in precipitating a second civil war, what will the Republic look like post-civil war? You have not denounced the anarchy and violence so I can only assume you support it. Are you confident in your chances of success in a modern civil war?

If the US becomes divided, do you have a picture of what you would suspect the new boundaries and borders will look like?

Do you believe a socialist country and a free republic can coexist with a common border? North and South Korea come to mind. A nation founded in tyranny and lawlessness may have difficulties if it borders a Constitutional Republic based on law and order and god given rights.

Do you believe a party that relies on voters who cannot seem to prosper in this historical land of opportunity can thrive in a new nation where motivation, preparation and perspiration are held in such disdain? Who will provide the tax money to support the largess necessary to maintain your voter base. Or do you foresee a dictator, where no opposing ideas will need to be considered.

Are the astute investors in congress buying Arms and Ammunition stocks while backing a policy of eliminating police forces? Will all security be up to the individual?

Will ANTIFA be the backbone of your socialist army when the civil war begins?

Thank you for assigning a staffer(s) to respond to my locally important research questions.

I am a Navy Vet who spent 22 precious years pushing back against the United Soviet Socialist Republic. We took the socialist out of USSR. I and many others who have seen much of the world are striving to understand why this country we have loved for so many years is imploding before our very eyes. I took the same oath you have taken to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States many times and I have never rescinded that commitment.

Respectfully Submitted,

P.S. As expected, I got not a word in response.

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John Day City Council/Grant County Court

October 14, 2020

Grant County Regional Airport

1:00 PM VIRTUAL WORK SESSION

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WORK SESSION ITEMS

1. TRANSIENT LODGING TAX
Attachments:

- None

2. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (BROADBAND & STREETS)
Attachments:

- None

3. GLEASON POOL REPLACEMENT
Attachments:

- None

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