

## EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett

### New mule-deer plan will manage for varied hunting opportunities

The structure of the new mule deer management plan adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission earlier this month is being touted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to not only improve the overall quality of mule deer hunting in Oregon, but to provide hunters the option of applying for hunts managed for bucks of varying quality as well.

The new plan calls for each hunt unit to be managed under one of three separate management strategies which will determine the number of bucks to be managed for each 100 does. According to ODFW, 17 units will be managed under Strategy 1, which calls for 12 bucks per 100 does. Strategy 1 units will be among the easiest



to draw tags for, boasting higher hunter numbers and success rates, but fewer big bucks. In the 22 units managed under Strategy 2, 15 bucks per 100 does will be maintained. Perhaps the most difficult tags to draw will be for the eight units managed under Strategy 3, which is to support a minimum of 25 bucks (many of them older, mature animals) per 100 does, but will offer fewer available tags.

According to ODFW District Wildlife Biologist Greg Hattan of John Day, Strategy 3 units will most likely include those with typically high buck ratios such as Steens, Trout Creek Mountain, Minam, Metolius, and so on. Many of these units have been limited-entry for some time and tags here have always been difficult to draw. On the other hand, many Strategy 1 areas were not previously limited entry, and Hattan said higher tag numbers here should continue to offer increased hunting opportunity.

"I expect a lot of those units that have 12 bucks per hundred does will have tags left over," he said. "In the first year at least, not all of the tags will be taken."

Though ODFW admits some opportunity for mule deer hunting will be initially reduced, biologists estimate that 90 percent of the applicants will successfully draw a mule deer tag in 1991.

"I think it will be more than that," Hattan said. "I think what they looked at was the numbers they would cut from what is hunting there now. And just going through the drawing process is going to eliminate a lot of people who will choose not to even apply—like on the western-Oregon side, some will just say, 'Well, I'm going to hunt blacktails instead.' That's the reason I'm saying that some of those units will have tags left over."

One provision of the plan calls for developing incentives to make blacktail-deer hunting more attractive, possibly reducing the number of applicants for mule deer tags. Such a shift could mean increased deer-hunting opportunities statewide.

"If I remember right, 16 percent of the western Oregon hunters who come over to hunt mule deer said they would remain to hunt blacktails if something was done to increase their hunting opportunities on the west side, like multiple deer (bag) or something like that," Hattan offered, explaining that westside deer populations are currently not stressed.

In the past, many mule-deer areas had varying season lengths—usually from five to 12 days. Under the new plan, all mule deer buck season will be extended to 12 days. Before all areas became limited entry, managers tried to protect suffering buck populations by reducing season lengths, but his was found to be ineffective.

"Particularly in these units that are so badly rooded, 90 percent of the deer taken are dead within the first four days," Hattan said. "Now (with a 12-day season), if someone wants to hunt toward the end of the season—or can't come for the first of the season—they still have an opportunity to hunt."

The department also plans to develop a system to allocate leftover tags from units which may not have been filled, as well as a "preference system" in which an unsuccessful applicant's odds of drawing a tag would increase the following year.

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## Sportsmen Are Subject to Yuletide Spirit Too

Ah, Christmas time. Eating, shopping, wishing, receiving, planning...more eating. The holiday season brings with it the traditional values most appreciated by adults as well as enchanting memories of our youth. It's an exciting, magical time for both young and old—and contrary to the belief of many spouses, eastern Oregon sportsmen are far from exempt.

Of course, as adults the magic takes on a somewhat different—though no less agreeable—hue. For instance, when I

finally learned the real truth about Santa Claus I was relieved, if anything. The concept is much more acceptable now that I know that Saint Nick lives year-round at the North Pole only in the minds of youngsters—that, in reality, his off season (roughly January through October) is actually spent bass fishing on Lake Okechobee in Florida. Incidentally, I can't say as I blame the good elf; if I had his means of transportation I would likely do the same. Still, I can't imagine why this information was withheld from me as a child.

Though the worries of finding enough money to get through the holiday season along with the high levels of commercialism that have taken over the entire scene these days can dull even the most festive spirit (if I see one more picture of a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle in a Santa suit I think I'll bust), the excitement of opening gifts on Christmas morning remains as intense for adult sportsmen as it does for any ten-year-old. We never lose it; we just learn to disguise it.

With all the wonderfully stimulating outdoor equipment on the market these days, the possibilities are endless for making this Christmas one any outdoors lover will never forget. Just as too many clothes (as opposed to toys) elicit forced smiles from children at tree time, the sportsman likes to get playthings too. Forget what he needs; he wants sporting goods.

Thanks to my wife's flawless gift-buying system of having me mark down in my sporting goods catalogs virtually everything I'd like to have, she is assured of surprising me with something I truly want. And since I can easily use up an ink pen during a single session with a good catalog, scrutinizing and marking down all the nifty goodies is half the fun. Yet despite the almost endless selection, there remain a few articles on my want list that so far have eluded my close perusal of countless catalogs. These items include:

**The Spill-proof Tackle Box**—Any angler would love this handy, satchel-type box that alerts him when he has forgotten to latch its lid back down. When the handle is grabbed upon picking the box up, a pleasant electronic voice spouts "Watch it, you idiot. Do you really feel like picking all these lures up out of the dirt?"

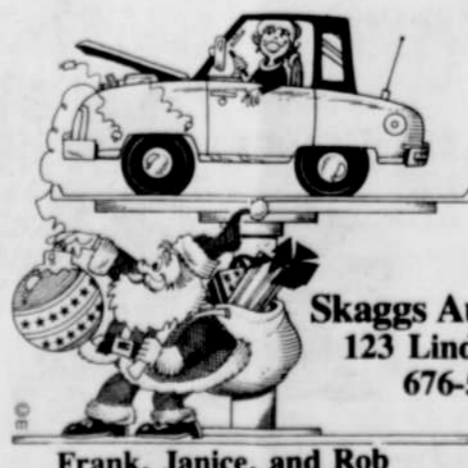
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## BMCC updates class schedule

Blue Mountain Community College Morrow County coordinator, Sue Warren, is offering a number of classes to ease winter doldrums. Class schedules listing the Morrow County courses were mailed the week of December 3.

There are several major updates in the schedule. Calligraphy I will be held Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. for six weeks beginning January 8. There is also a \$17 lab fee, which brings the total cost of the course to \$37. Weight training for men and women is offered for six weeks beginning Wednesday, January 9. Gourmet cooking includes a lab fee of \$30, which brings the total for the class to \$65.

Warren notes that the lab fees must be paid at the time of registration in order to allow instructors to buy necessary items for class in advance. If you have any questions about these or other BMCC classes contact Warren at 422-7040.

## DMV travels to Condon

Patty Issel of the Heppner Department of Motor Vehicles field office will be in Condon on January 17, February 21 and March 21, 1991.

## PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The City of Heppner is inviting proposals from various auditing firms in anticipation of awarding an auditing contract for the audit of the City's records for three consecutive years beginning for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1992. Proposals shall include consideration of Single Audit Regulations for Federal and State Grants. Last day to receive proposals will be January 11, 1991 at 5:00 P.M. prevailing time. The bid opening will be during the City Council meeting January 14, 1991 at City Hall, Heppner, Oregon. The City of Heppner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The City of Heppner is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
Marshall Lovgren  
City Administrator  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council for the City of Heppner, Oregon will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 PM on January 14, 1991, at Heppner City Hall, 188 West Willow Street regarding a violation of City Ordinance No. 474, an ordinance Abating Nuisance for Accumulation of Solid Waste and Fire Hazards.

The address of the property involved is 140 North Court Street, Tax Lot #2801, Map #2S 26 35BB in the County of Morrow and is in violation of the ordinance because the dried grass, weeds and shrubbery in the yard and surrounding area are a fire hazard and the deterioration of the building creates a harborage for rodents and insects and is injurious to the safety and general welfare of the people.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Morrow County Court is accepting applications for one person from the Heppner area and one person from the Irrigon area to serve a four year term on the Morrow County Planning Commission.

A letter of interest should be submitted to the Morrow County Court, P.O. Box 788, Heppner, Oregon 97836 by December 31, 1990.  
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NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS AND TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY!!!

YOU MUST "CLAIM" AN INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED SEIZED PROPERTY OR YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY LOSE ANY INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE. TO "CLAIM" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE "FORFEITURE COUNSEL" LISTED BELOW, A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "CLAIM". THE "CLAIM" MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FORFEITURE COUNSEL WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE LAST DAY THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED. THE CLAIM MUST INCLUDE: A) YOUR TRUE NAME, B) YOUR CURRENT AND FUTURE MAILING ADDRESS, C) THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, D) THE TIME, TRANSFEROR AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR ACQUISITION OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, E) THE REASONS YOU BELIEVE THE PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE, F) ALL FACTS SUPPORTING THESE REASONS, G) ANY ADDITIONAL FACTS SUPPORTING YOUR CLAIM AND, H) THE PRECISE RELIEF YOU SEEK. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND BE SIGNED BY YOU UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY. THE DEADLINE FOR FILING IS JANUARY 10, 1991.

WHERE TO FILE A "CLAIM" AND FOR MORE INFORMATION

FORFEITURE COUNSEL Jeff M. Wallace, M.C.D.A. PHONE 676-9061 Address P.O. Box 664, Courthouse, Heppner OR 97836

SEIZING AGENCY Morrow County Sheriff PHONE 676-9061 Address P.O. Box 159, Courthouse, Heppner OR 97836

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BASIS FOR CIVIL FORFEITURE On or between October 7, 1990 and October 23, 1990, the above described was seized for civil forfeiture by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The property is subject to forfeiture under OR Law Chapter 791 as X proceeds X profits and/or X instrumentalities used in the following prohibited conduct, and/or the solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit the following prohibited conduct X possession of a controlled substance, X manufacture of a controlled substance, X FORFEITURE means that the property will be transferred to the government and persons with any interest in the property will be deprived of that interest without compensation because of the use or acquisition of the property in or through prohibited conduct as defined in OR Law.

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