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OHA, TAO donate GPS to OSP for wildlife division flights

The Oregon State Police (OSP) “eye-in-the-sky” received a boost in June with a donation of the latest aviation portable GPS units for placement in OSP Fish and Wildlife Division aircraft. On June 21, the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division received three portable Garmin Aera 796 GPS units purchased with donations from eight Oregon Hunters Association chapters and the Traditional Archers of Oregon (TAO). The GPS units were presented to OSP in Salem by OHA Capitol Chapter President Stu Crosby and a Garmin representative. OHA and TAO contributions totaled \$5,300 to purchase the three units. Sergeant Chris Culp, Chief Pilot of the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division, said the GPS units help OSP flights be safer and more effective during the day and night. OSP currently operates three aircraft strategically stationed in Salem, Bend and Baker City.

According to Culp, the new GPS units were designed to be used in aircraft and will provide pilots with accurate location information that can be relayed down to ground resources to help locate people and specific areas of interest. Additionally, the new units increase flying safety with up-to-date satellite weather reports and forecasts, have 3D Vision technology showing a behind-the-aircraft perspective of surrounding terrain in relative proximity to the aircraft, and a terrain database that warns the pilot if in danger of colliding with the ground or other terrain. Crosby said OHA seeks to put as much pressure as possible on poachers.

“We know OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers have a lot of ground to cover, so having the latest technology available will help them cover more area while keeping an eye out from above,” said Crosby.



The new GPS units will be used in aircraft to provide pilots with accurate location information that can be relayed down to ground resources.

External advisory committee to scrutinize ODFW's budget

OHA and other stakeholders on the ODFW External Budget Advisory Committee have met twice already this year and will continue to do so as the ODFW budget is developed under an entirely new state budget system. We will keep you posted on developments.

Committee addresses sage grouse conservation

The Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership Committee met in June to share updates on the current status of sage grouse conservation efforts and to organize stakeholder involvement in the development of a unified all-threats, all-lands approach to sage grouse conservation in eastern Oregon.

The conveners of the committee are representatives from the Governor’s Natural Resources Office, the BLM and

the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The purpose of this group is to develop an “Oregon Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership” that will coordinate federal, state and local efforts (current and projected) to address the multiple threats to sage grouse across the eastern Oregon sagebrush landscape. This is in anticipation of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) review of the sage grouse listing decision and critical habitat proposal due in September 2014.

OHA is a member of this group. The group meets monthly, and we will keep you updated on the development of the Oregon Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership plan.

Oregon wildlife damage group planning 2013 event

The Oregon Wildlife Damage Management Council is currently planning for the 2013 legislative session and also has begun work on developing an event for 2013. The council sponsored the 2012 Wolf Symposium. The 2013 event will be held in the spring east of the Cascades. The council is an Oregon based group made up of organizations that support predator management in Oregon.

Preference points offered for sale if you didn't apply

New this year, hunters who didn't apply for a big game controlled hunt or purchase a point saver by May 15 may buy preference points from July 1 to Nov. 30. Hunters must download an application from the ODFW website (www.dfw.state.or.us). Preference points cannot be purchased online, at license sales agents or by phone. The cost is still \$8, and hunters also need an annual hunting license.

OUTDOOR OUTLOOK

JULY 28

OHA Portland/TV Chapter
Tillamook Forestry Center
Project, (503) 357-8104;
OHA Columbia County Chapter
Picnic, (503) 201-7495

JULY 29

OHA Lincoln County Chapter
Youth Day, (541) 444-1187

AUGUST 1

Bear season opens

AUGUST 11

Standard antelope season opens

AUGUST 12

OHA Klamath Chapter FFA/4-H
BBQ, (541) 591-2452

AUGUST 17

OHA Klamath Chapter Gerber
Reservoir youth antelope
hunt BBQ, (541) 591-2452

AUGUST 18

OHA Clatsop County Chapter
youth day, (503) 359-3535;
OHA Columbia Basin Chapter
youth bow shoot, (541) 379-6858

AUGUST 19

Standard antelope season closes

AUGUST 24

Bow tag sale deadline

AUGUST 25

General bow season opens

SEPTEMBER 1

Season opens for dove, forest
grouse & W. Oregon quail

SEPTEMBER 23

General bow season ends

SEPTEMBER 28

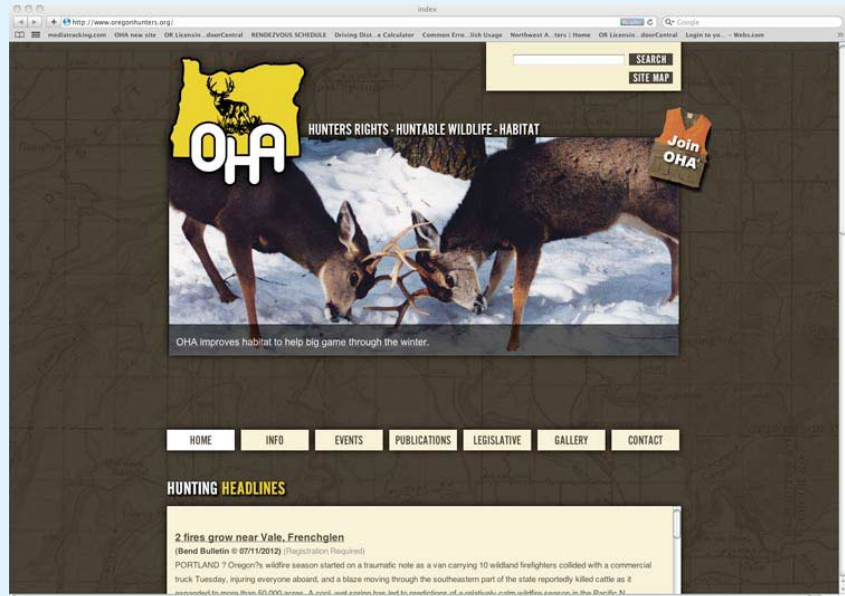
Deadline to buy tags for
rifle deer, bear and cougar

SEPTEMBER 29

Deer rifle season opens statewide;
OHA Capitol Chapter Abiqua Basin
access project begins,
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