

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunting Report

by ODFW

ODFW and OHA-mid Columbia Chapter will sponsor a youth turkey hunting clinic at the White River Wildlife Area in The Dalles on March 31. For more information and to register, call ODFW tel. (503) 947-6028 or OHA 541-980-2503. Cost of event is \$10 and space is limited to 30 participants. GENERAL: Spring has arrived early and recreationalists should be prepared for unseasonably mild and muddy conditions. Snow accumulations are below average, with wet and crusted snow present above 4000 feet elevation. . Off road motorized travel should not be attempted without proper equipment and checking with local BLM and Forest Service officials regarding motorized access restrictions in effect to protect wintering big game.

PRINEVILLE RESERVOIR WMA: The north side access road and WMA are closed to motorized access for the protection of wintering big game. The area is open to foot traffic and other non-motorized access.

COUGAR: Cougar are reported regularly in the Maury, Ochoco, and Grizzly units, at all elevations and habitat types. Areas to consider include the Alkali Butte and Sanford Creek (Maury WMU); Bridge Creek, Sunflower Creek, and Lookout Mountain (Ochoco WMU); and Green Mountain, Mill Creek, and Marks Creek (Grizzly WMU). As winter progresses areas frequented by concentrations of wintering elk and deer will be areas to scout for cougar sign.