

## Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunting Report

by ODFW

**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 will open April 13. This is an unimproved dirt road not suitable for travel by low clearance vehicles or with travel trailers.**COUGAR:**

Cougar are reported regularly in the Maury, Ochoco, and Grizzly units, at all elevations and habitat types. Deer, elk, and pronghorn have moved off of wintering areas and are scattered at higher elevations across transition and summer ranges. Cougar will be following them and be harder to find as big game move on to the more expansive summering areas on the Ochoco National Forest. **GROUND SQUIRRELS:** Squirrels have emerged and are active in agricultural fields and pastures. Best opportunities are on private lands where permission from landowners is a must before hunting.

For a complete 2007 spring bear forecast, visit [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/hunting\\_forecast/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/hunting_forecast/index.asp) The general spring turkey hunting season opens April 15. For a complete forecast visit [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR/hunting\\_forecast/turkey.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR/hunting_forecast/turkey.asp)