

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunting Report

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GENERAL: Temperatures have been warming but recreationalists should be prepared for variable weather conditions. Snow is largely gone except at elevations above 5000 feet where a few persistent drifts remain. Local BLM and Forest Service offices should be contacted regarding motorized access and camping.

TURKEY: Season closes May 31. Birds are scattered and using higher elevation national forest lands on Lookout Mountain and Paulina Ranger Districts. Areas to consider include Bear and Trout Creeks, and across the Paulina Ranger District from N. Fork Crooked River to the breaks of the S. Fork John Day River.

COUGAR: Cougar are reported regularly in the Maury, Ochoco, and Grizzly units, at all elevations and habitat types. Deer, elk, and pronghorn have scattered to 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 are very active in agricultural fields and pastures. Best opportunities are on private lands east of Prineville along the Crooked River between Paulina and Post. These are private lands where permission from landowners is necessary before hunting.