



2015 OREGON BIG GAME REGULATIONS

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REMEMBER TO REPORT

By January 31 for tags valid April 1 - December 31

By April 15 for tags valid January 1 - March 31

LEGAL HUNTING METHODS FOR GAME MAMMALS

Species and Season	CENTERFIRE FIREARMS						OTHER WEAPONS					
	Rifle		Handgun		Shotgun (any barrel)		Muzzleloading Firearm			Bow		
Note: Some hunts and areas have specific weapon restrictions; consult hunt tables and descriptions for other restrictions.	.22 cal. or larger	.24 cal. or larger	.22 cal. or larger	.24 cal. or larger	#1 buck or larger	Slugs only	any .40 cal. or larger	.40 cal. or larger, open or peep sights & open ignition	any .50 cal. or larger	.50 cal. or larger, open or peep sights & open ignition	40 lb. or greater recurve, long, or compound bow	50 lb. or greater recurve, long, or compound bow
BLACK BEAR & COUGAR General or controlled seasons	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
PRONGHORN Rifle	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Muzzleloader (slugs only)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Archery	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
BUCK DEER General or controlled rifle	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Muzzleloader (#1 or larger buckshot, slugs)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Archery	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
600 SERIES DEER HUNTS*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ELK General or controlled rifle	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Muzzleloader (slugs only)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Archery	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
BIGHORN SHEEP and ROCKY MT GOAT	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL	Any rifle; handgun; shotgun; muzzleloading firearm; or long, recurve or compound bow.											

* Except during 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.

GENERAL WEAPONS PROVISIONS FOR HUNTING GAME MAMMALS: CENTERFIRE FIREARM

- Fully automatic firearms prohibited.
- Semiautomatic rifles with a magazine capacity greater than five cartridges prohibited (except for western gray squirrel).
- Military or full-metal jacket bullets in original or altered form prohibited.
- Hunters may use any muzzleloader with any ignition type, except matchlock, any legal sight, any propellant, or any bullet type during centerfire firearm seasons, provided the weapon meets caliber restriction for the species.

SHOTGUN

- Shotgun is a smooth bore firearm, designed for firing bird shot and intended to be fired from the shoulder, with a barrel length of 18 inches or more and with an overall length of 26 inches or more.
- Shotguns equipped with rifled slug barrels are considered shotguns when used for hunting pronghorn antelope, bear, cougar, deer, or elk when centerfire rifles or shotguns are legal weapons.

MUZZLELOADER

- Scopes (permanent and detachable), and sights that use batteries, artificial light or energy are not allowed during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only, except for visually impaired hunters who have a visual acuity of $\leq 20/200$ with lenses or visual field of ≤ 20 degrees (a permit is required; please see page 86). Open and peep sights made from alloys, plastic, or other materials that do not have the properties described above are legal sights. Fiber optics and fluorescent paint incorporated into or on open or iron sights are legal.
- During muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only, it is illegal to hunt with jacketed bullets, sabots, and bullets with plastic or synthetic tips or bases. Only the following projectile/bullet types are allowed: a) Round balls made of lead, lead alloy, or federally-approved nontoxic shot material, used with cloth, paper or felt patches; b) Conical bullets made of lead, lead alloy, or federally-approved nontoxic shot material, with a length that does not exceed twice the diameter; c) **Lead free copper conical bullets with a length that does not exceed twice the diameter.**
- It is illegal to hunt with centerfire primers as an ignition source during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.
- It is illegal to hunt with pelletized powders or propellants during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only. Granular (loose) black powder and black powder substitutes are the only legal propellants during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.
- No other firearm may be used for hunting during a muzzleloader-only season. See definition on page 72.
- Muzzleloading firearms with revolving actions are prohibited during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.
- For muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only, the muzzleloader must have an open ignition. See definition on page 72.

BOW

- Broadhead blades must be fixed, unbarbed and at least 7/8" wide (except for western gray squirrel). It is illegal to hunt with or possess mechanical or moveable blade broadheads when hunting game mammals, except western gray squirrel.
- No device secured to or supported by a bow may be used to maintain the bow at full draw.
- No electronic devices may be attached to bow or arrow.
- No device that supports or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow string when the bow is at rest (undrawn) may be secured to or supported by a bow's riser. Overdraws meeting this restriction are legal during archery seasons.