

9. Do you use access (road) management to regulate hunter distribution? What is the hunting public's reaction? Who is responsible for enforcement of closures etc.?

*Yes we use cooperative travel management to regulate hunter distribution. Hunters are generally supportive of travel management areas; however some people do not like them. The Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State Police, or the US Forest Service are responsible depending on the area.*

10. Do you use a system such as "preference points" to distribute the opportunity to draw big game permits? If yes, what has been your experience with such a system?

*The Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife adopted a "preference point" system that went into effect this year for Controlled Buck deer and Antelope. The system is too new to evaluate at this point. Under this system 75% of tags will be issued based on preference points and 25% will be issued by a lottery process for each hunt.*

11. In what ways do you believe hunting impacts your deer populations (ie. compensatory/additive mortality, total population size, genetics, behaviour, etc.)? What data do you have to support this?

*I feel that mule deer hunting impacts the number of males/ 100 females. We have a number of units where this ratio is below 10 bucks/100 does. We do not have evidence to support other effects.*

12. What do you feel are the major factor(s) limiting the deer populations, and what evidence is this based on?

*We feel that mule deer populations are probably limited by habitat. No direct evidence reflects this. Some biologists believe that populations are effected by fawn predation but the effects are not documented.*

13. Do you make any attempts to model deer populations? If so, please describe the model. Identify any problems.

*Yes. We are trying to use the POP II simulation model. Our biggest problem is having the necessary data to enter into the model. We have begun to conduct some studies to determine natural mortality rates for adult deer.*

14. What is your state or province's approach to manipulating habitat to benefit deer?

*We have several habitat enhancement programs which try to improve deer habitat, primarily forage. We also participate in some cooperative projects to remove juniper etc.*

15. Primary deer research efforts underway at this time (please list):

*We do not have a major deer research project currently. We are doing an AUM equivalency study with deer, elk and cattle inside the Starkey Experimental Forest. Also deer are a part of another study investigating the effects of intensive forest management and roads on deer, elk and cattle.*