

side road access into these habitats
8. Concern

Cougar and their needs are mostly unknown to the majority of Oregonians. Increasing cougar populations indicate greater chance for future human/cougar encounters. Such random meetings create fear among some people.

Strategy
 a. The Department will, through various media means, provide the public with information on cougar, their distribution, habitat needs and behavior.

b. Opportunities for cougar observation are virtually nonexistent, but the Department will provide interested observers information on "watchable" opportunities.

History of Cougar Management in Oregon

1843-1912: First bounty offered by territorial government in 1843. Bounty in 1911 was \$10.

1913-1961: cooperative government hunter program began in 1915. Between 1915 and 1961 federal hunters killed 442 cougar.

Bounty increased from \$10 to \$25 in 1925. The "Depression" forced a reduction to \$20 in 1933. Bounty increased to \$50 in 1939 and was paid until 1961.

Between July 1, 1915, and August 8, 1961, a total of 6,718 cougar were submitted for bounty payment. Numbers bountied ranged from a high of 337 in 1930 to 27 in 1961.

1962-1967: government hunters took 31 cougar on damage complaints.

Sport hunting became more popular as road construction increased and more efficient snow-travel equipment was developed.

The 1967 Legislature granted the Oregon State Game Commission authority to declare cougar a game animal in areas where game damage was not expected. Bounties were no longer in effect (ORS 610.205).

1968-1969: sport hunting for cougar was closed. A total of 26 cougar was taken on damage complaints.

1970: Controlled season for 25 tags was authorized from Dec. 1-31 in parts of Willowa County. A total of 9 animals was harvested with 80 percent being immature.

1971-1974: controlled hunts continued to be offered with all or varying portions of the state open to hunting. In 1974, the bag limit was changed from one cougar to "one cougar except kittens and females with spotted kittens are protected." 1975-Present: Controlled hunts continued. Varying parts of the state were open.

Grande Ronde Added To Scenic Rivers Bill

PORTLAND—Legislation announced by Sen. Mark Hatfield to designate or study more than two dozen Oregon rivers for protection under the Wild and Scenic River Act drew praise from conservationists, who called it a positive

Cougar Hunting Seasons and Harvest

Year	Season Dates	Number of Hunts	Tags Available and Issued	Number of Hunters
1970	Dec. 1-31	1 (NE)	25	16
1971	Dec. 1-31	1 (most of state)	100	68
1972	Dec. 1-31	1 (NE)	75	46
1973	Dec. 1-31	5	83	56
1974a	Dec. 1-31	4	75	34
1975	Dec. 1-31	3	80	60
1976	Dec. 1-31	6	125	80
1977	Dec. 1-31	7	140	73
1978	Dec. 1-31	7	130	81
1979	Dec. 1-Jan. 15	7	140	71
1980	Dec. 1-Jan. 15	7	160	72
1981	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	9	161	53
1982	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	11	168	83
1983	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	12	188	85
1984*	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	15	263	149
1985*	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	21	362	(est)155
1986	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	22	462	307
1987	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	20	457	

* No Hunter Survey Taken
 (a) Spotted Kittens and females with spotted kittens protected starting in 1974.

step to preserve more of the state's waterways.

The rivers include the Grande Ronde and the North Fork of the John Day.

Hatfield, R-OR, said in Washington, D.C., he intends to introduce in January legislation to designate or designate for study at least 27 rivers in Oregon as wild, scenic or recreational under the Wild and Scenic River Act.

The legislation will be "the largest river-protection act in the history of the lower 48 states," said Bob Deppeld of the Oregon Rivers Council. "We are pleased Senator Hatfield has agreed to take this innovative and historic step."

The Senate bill will include those rivers the U.S. Forest Service has indicated meet the minimum criteria for wild scenic or recreational status in draft forest plans being released for the 13 national forests in Oregon, Hatfield said.

"My interest and love of Oregon's rivers runs as long and deep as the rivers themselves," Hatfield said.

The rivers to be included in Hatfield's bill are the Deschutes and Metolius in Deschutes National Forest; the Sycan, North Fork Sprague and Chewaugan in Fremont National Forest; the Clackamas, Roaring, Salmon and White in Mount Hood National Forest; the North Fork Crooked River Deschutes and Crooked Area in Ochoco National Forest; the Rogue in Rogue River National Forest; the North Fork Chetco in Siskiyou National Forest, and the Alsea, Nestucca and Siuslaw in Siuslaw National Forest.

They also include the Grande Ronde, Tucannon, North Fork John Day and Wenaha in Umatilla National Forest; the North Umpqua in Umpqua National Forest; the Lostine, North Powder, Grande Ronde, Eagle Creek, Joseph Creek and North Fork John Day in Willowa-Whitman National Forest; the Williamson and Sycan in Winema National Forest, and the McKenzie in Willamette National Forest.

HCNRA Facility Planned For River Launch Location

A Hells Canyon National Recreation Area interpretive facility for the canyon has been ordered to the planning stage at the Willowa-Whitman National Forest center NRA administrative office here this week.

The facility is expected to be under contract in this 1987-88 fiscal year, said Gay Brockus, of the public relations office.

The center was envisioned in the NRA management plan and will be located at the launch site below Hells Canyon dam.

The building will not be large but will house the administrative and utilities in 340 square feet, with about 300 for visitors. There will be a book concession type counter with literature and pieces dealing with the canyon and its history. It will have a viewing area and an open deck and have an audio-visual presentation.

The several employees may later have living facilities at Bib Bar nine miles up the canyon on Hells Canyon lake. One of the employees will carry on the river ranger function and keep tab and serve launches at river use, fishing and hiking traffic and information.

Information panels will be a part of the facility and improved rest rooms.

The canyon already attracts 14,000 to 17,000 visitors to the site—which is the only accessible view by normal vehicular traffic and pavement. It is considered the most spectacular point at river level in Hells Canyon and the awesome narrows stretch of the mile-deep gorge.

Five thousand floaters and 2000 boaters go in an out of the site. And this traffic is expected to increase with an interpretive center.

To get Brazil nuts out of their shells unbroken, freeze them until the shells crack.

Guns and Ammunition

by W. Joseph O'Connor



What's new in guns and ammunition:

Remington, owner of the old Parker Gun Co., which they purchased in 1934, will resume the manufacture of Parker Double Barrel Shotgun, which they discontinued in 1940.

The first gun, now being handmade at the Remington factory, will be exhibited at the coming Shot Show, Jan. 18-20, in Las Vegas. The gun will be auctioned off and the proceeds earmarked for the educational programs of the National Shooting Foundation.

Remington announced that their Model 1988 700 Limited Classic edition rifle will be chambered for an "Old Time Wildcat Cartridge" the .35 Whelen and that two factory loaded cartridge is loaded with 200 and 250 grain bullets, will be available. The .35 Whelen will be available in June 1988 at a suggested retail price of \$440.

Remington has two other factory loaded cartridge: a .45 Colt auto shot cartridge, that will function through the magazine and the 7mm Bench Rest cartridge. The .45 auto cartridge is loaded with 150 No. 12 shot. The 7mm Bench Rest cartridge is loaded with 17h 140 grain bullets with 1,000 foot pound striking energy at 200 yards.

Colt Industries are offering their U.S. Govt. Model automatic pistol, the Delta Elite in caliber 10mm automatic. 10mm automatic pistol cartridges are made by Norma and distributed in the U.S. by The Federal Cartridge Co. Dies for reloading and a 10mm bullet mould are available from Lyman Industries.

The Federal Cartridge Co. has a new 12 gauge shotgun shell—a 3 1/2 inch 12 gauge Magnum for steel shot. It will be available loaded with steel shot sizes, F, T, BB and 2. O.F. Mossberg & Sons will make shotguns to shoot this new 12 gauge cartridge.

News from Eldorado

By The Prospector



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Paris	485.51
Zurich	487.60
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Oct. 1989	567.60
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Silver:	
New York	\$6.93
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Jan. 1989	7.56

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