

Illegal Kill: OSP seeks public help in bald eagle killing

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Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife troopers are seeking the public's assistance regarding a bald eagle being illegally shot with a firearm on Lower Cow Creek Road near West Fork Cow Creek Road.

At approximately 9 am.m. on November 7, OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers responded to a reported bald eagle that was deceased in Lower Cow Creek. Upon examination by Fish and Wildlife troopers and personnel from Umpqua Wildlife Rescue, it was determined that the bald eagle died from being shot by a firearm. It is believed the bald eagle had been deceased for one to two days before being reported.

In conjunction with The TIP program and the Oregon Hunters Association TIP reward fund, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is offering a reward up to \$2,500 for information leading to a criminal conviction of the person(s) responsible for the shooting.

The bald eagle is currently protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The killing or possession of a bald eagle or its parts is a violation of both Acts, punishable by

imprisonment of up to one year and a fine of up to \$100,000.

Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact OSP Senior Trooper Kyle Bachmeier or Senior Trooper Curtis Weaver through the Turn in Poachers (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888 or *OSP (mobile).

Report Wildlife and Habitat Law Violators

The TIP program offers preference point rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the unlawful take/possession or waste of big game mammals.

Preference Point Rewards

5 Points-Bighorn Sheep

5 Points-Rocky Mountain Goat

5 Points-Moose

5 Points-Wolf

4 Points-Elk

4 Points-Deer

4 Points-Antelope

* 4 Points-Bear 4 Points-Cougar

Or the Oregon Hunters Association TIP reward fund also offers cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the unlawful take/possession or waste of Bighorn Sheep, Rocky Mountain Goat, Moose, Elk, Deer, Antelope, Bear, Cougar, Wolf, Upland Birds, Waterfowl, Furbearers, Game Fish and Shellfish. Cash rewards can also be awarded for turning in people who destroy habitat, illegally obtain licenses/tags and for the unlawful lending/borrowing of big game tags.

Cash Rewards

\$1,000 Bighorn Sheep, Rocky Mountain Goat and Moose

\$500 Elk, Deer and Antelope * \$300 Bear, Cougar and Wolf * \$300 Habitat Destruction

\$200 Illegally Obtaining License/Tag(s)

\$200 Unlawful Lend/Borrow Big Game Tags(s) * \$100 Upland Birds and Waterfowl * \$100 Furbearers

\$100 Game Fish and Shellfish

How to Report a Wildlife and/or Habitat Law Violation or Suspicious Activity

TIP Hotline: 1-800-452-7888 or *OSP (677) TIP E-Mail: TIP@state.or.us (Monitored M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)