

OSP SEEKS PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE AFTER BIGHORN RAM POACHED - GILLIAM COUNTY

News Release from Oregon State Police

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On Sunday April 10th, 2016 at approximately 6:00PM the Oregon State Police received several reports from passing motorist's about a bighorn sheep near milepost 118 on Interstate 84 (east of Rufus).

The callers reported that the sheep was in an unusual position and was possibly dead. The deceased ram was located by OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers in a rock slide near the highway. A necropsy determined the ram had shot with a firearm and left to waste. There is no indication that this incident has any connection to the killing of two rams the week before just east of this location.

The Oregon State Police is requesting any person with information on this incident to contact Senior Trooper Jubitz at 541-705-5330. A Turn-In-Poachers (TIP) reward of up to \$500.00 is available for information that leads to an arrest. Call 1-800-452-7888. No further information will be released as this is an ongoing investigation.

Information on the TIP Reward Program:

The Turn-In-Poachers (TIP) reward program is sponsored by the Oregon Hunters Association. Rewards are paid for information leading to the arrest/conviction of person(s) for the illegal possession, killing, taking, and/or waste of deer, elk, antelope, bear, cougar, big horn sheep, mountain goat, moose, and/or game birds.

TIP rewards can also be given for the illegal taking, netting, snagging, and/or dynamiting of salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and/or large numbers of any fish listed in Oregon statute as a game fish.

In addition, a reward may be issued for information that results in an arrest/conviction of a person who has illegally obtained Oregon hunting/angling license or tags. People who "work" the system and falsely apply for resident licenses and/or tags are not legally hunting and/or angling and are considered poachers.

Increasing damage to wildlife habitat by off-road vehicles prompted the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) in 2009 to create the Natural Resources Reward Program that offers a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone causing natural resources damage by the illegal use of motorized vehicles and is similar to its highly successful TIP program.

* \$100 Game Fish

* \$100 Upland Birds

* \$200 Habitat

* \$250 Deer, Bear, Antelope, and Cougar

* \$500 Elk, Big Horn Sheep, Moose, and Mountain Goat

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

TIP Hotline: 1-800-452-7888 (24/7)

TIP E-Mail: TIP@state.or.us (Monitored M-F 8:00AM - 5:00PM)

Contact Info:

www.oregon.gov/OSP

Twitter: @ORStatePolice

Contact Info:

Captain Bill Fugate

Public Information Officer

Oregon State Police

Contact Phone (Cell) 541-419-8843

Media Email: OSPPIO@state.or.us