

[Deschutes County commissioners talk with ODFW biologist about widespread mule deer decline, causes](#) August 23, 2023 Oregon

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... this isn't a situation unique to Central Oregon," Andrew Walch, ODFW's district wildlife biologist, told the board. "They're declining through much of their range throughout the West, and certainly most of Eastern Oregon... stressors on the deer include drought, roadkill, disease, and predators like cougars and wolves...

[Counting mule deer in Deschutes County](#) August 1, 2023 Oregon, The Bulletin

... The most recent mule deer crash happened in the back-to-back winters of 2016-17 and 2017-18 when we were hit with deep snows and prolonged cold. Deer died on the winter range. Deer died of starvation even as new growth was coming up in April. What we halfway expected was a bounce back. But it was a flat kind of bounce...

[Answering the call: A plea for our mule deer and their habitat](#) July 21, 2023 Oregon, The Bulletin

... in Deschutes County ... Their natural habitats, particularly the essential migration corridors, and summer and winter ranges, are in a state of precarious imbalance. In the Klone Vegetation Management Project area ... we have seen a staggering 62% decline in the deer population in just the past decade...

[Biologists, hunters implore Deschutes County commissioners to consider wildlife inventory](#) January 6, 2023 Oregon, Bend Bulletin

... The number of mule deer in four defined areas of Central Oregon managed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife declined 33% since 2017. They number nearly 11,000, according to ODFW estimates reported in August, compared to 16,521 five years ago. The mule deer population has fallen by 51% compared to 2002 population estimates. ...

[Four Deschutes National Forest winter wildlife range closures go into effect amid declining deer population](#) November 29, 2022 Oregon, KTVZ

... Local mule deer populations have declined 56% between 2004 and 2021. Human disturbance of deer and elk during the winter can cause the animals to flee, which expends energy from the reserves they're relying on to survive through winter and to successfully provide for young in the spring..,