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Foundation Donates ATVs to OSP to Support Wildlife Law Enforcement

– Donation supports commitment to combat wildlife crime in Oregon –

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Portland, Ore. – The Oregon Wildlife Foundation, a Portland nonprofit organization, donated 3 accessorized all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to the Oregon State Police – Fish and Wildlife Division (OSP) to support wildlife law enforcement in late 2016. One of those ATVs, along with a trailer, is dedicated for use on Sauvie Island, near Portland, while the other two are to be used by OSP, at their discretion, wherever the need is greatest in Oregon.

“Poaching and other wildlife-related criminal activities are an unfortunate reality throughout our state and we wanted to do something to help. In consulting with the OSP, we determined together that access to ATVs would help its personnel take enforcement farther into the field. Unfortunately, OSP doesn’t have the budget for this type of equipment. While this is a small step, we hope it will help bring more criminals to justice and deter poaching and other wildlife crimes moving forward” said Tim Greseth, Executive Director of the Foundation.

“Oregon State Police is very appreciative of the donation of 3 ATVs as well as the continued support from the Oregon Wildlife Foundation. The ATVs will allow our Troopers to cover more area and be more effective in the enforcement of fish and wildlife laws” said Lieutenant Ryan Howell.

An article by Andrew Thenen, published in the Oregonian on December 1, 2016 stated that Oregon has averaged 764 poaching investigations each year since 2012 and that the official number is probably just scratching the surface of a problem that appears to be growing.

The Oregon Wildlife Foundation has established the Wildlife Law Enforcement Fund to accept donations for and provide support to the Oregon State Police – Fish and Wildlife Division’s effort to combat wildlife-related crime in Oregon. For more information and to make a tax-deductible gift, go to www.myowf.org.

About Oregon Wildlife Foundation

The Oregon Wildlife Foundation is an operating charitable Foundation established in 1981 to receive gifts for and provide funding support to fish, wildlife, and public access related projects throughout Oregon. Our mission is to empower the lasting conservation of fish and wildlife and citizen enjoyment of our natural resources.

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About Oregon State Police – Fish and Wildlife Division

The purpose of the Fish and Wildlife Division is to ensure compliance with the laws and regulations that protect and enhance the long term health and equitable utilization of Oregon's fish and wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend. Other important services include public safety and enforcement of criminal and traffic laws.

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