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Disclosure of Sensitive Species Data

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Western Pond Turtle Nesting Surveys
Photo Credit: Victor Berthlsdorf

2019 Statute



House Bill 2841 (2019)

ODFW was given authority to refuse disclosure of certain fish and wildlife data under public records law.

Which data?

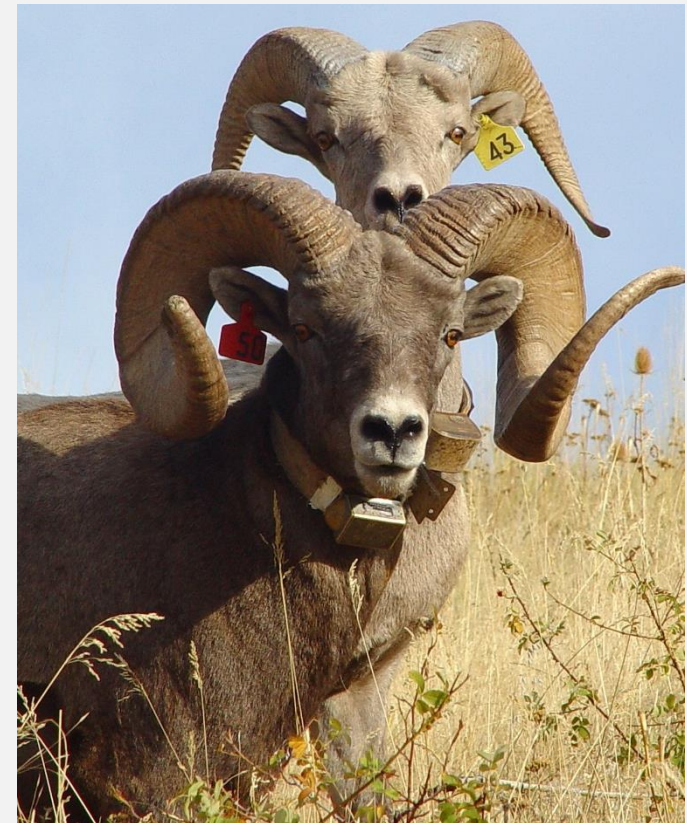
Telemetry, radio frequency or other locational data about a species, an individual member of a species or the habitat of a species or individual member of a species

What species?

- Federal or state T&E listed species
- Species under consideration for T&E listing
- Species defined by rule as sensitive species (e.g., at risk, small or declining populations)
- Species of commercial value or black-market value, or game species
- Species with a history of harm/vulnerable to harm



Collared Mule Deer
Sumpter Unit



Collared Big Horn Sheep
Wallowa Mountains

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ODFW may disclose species data if the requestor signs a confidentiality agreement.

This language has significantly constrained the Department's ability to partner with federal, state, tribal, universities, and other public entities to obtain funding and develop shared analyses of fish and wildlife population health that inform species management.

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- Removes federal governments, tribal governments, public utilities, accredited colleges, universities, and other public bodies from the section requiring confidentiality agreements when sensitive data is released.
- ODFW retains the latitude to develop confidentiality agreements with these entities, if needed.



Male sage grouse displaying on a lek location in Eastern Oregon
Photo courtesy of Adopt-a-Lek Volunteer Pete Zimowsky

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SB 886 A also:

- Deletes a duplicative review process for contested cases created in the 2019 law
- Extends sunset on authority to refuse disclosure from January 2, 2024 to January 2, 2029
- Directs ODFW to report back to legislature:
 - Data on conflicts between wolves and livestock
 - Summary of discussions during the department's five-year review of the Oregon Wolf Plan, related to the release of wolf location data, including any discussion of other states' models for sharing wolf location data with livestock producers and others



Collared female wolf of the Minam Pack
Wallowa Mountains