



Hunters advised not to harvest sick bear

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"This bear apparently had an abscessed paw and was very lethargic when it was found last Saturday," said Mark Vargas, Rogue district wildlife biologist. "It was treated with antibiotics and other drugs and released without ODFW's knowledge."

Vargas also explained that when ODFW uses tranquilizers and other drugs when handling wildlife prior to or during a hunting season, biologists collar the animal or ear tag it with information advising hunters to call the local ODFW office before eating the meat.

The bear was released approximately eight miles up on Bear Camp Road from the Galice side. It does not have identification collar or ear tag but may be identifiable by shaved spots on its hip and lower leg, areas where the medication was given. This bear is a 147 pound cinnamon colored female and is not lactating.

