

DEADLY BARBED WIRE

Wild Wings Raptor Rehabilitation
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Gary's rescue of this owl is what started the relationship between Wild Wings Raptor Rehabilitation and Deschutes Juvenile Justice and the BARBED WIRE REMOVAL PROJECT. In a span of 2 weeks, Wild Wings received 4 calls reporting raptors caught in barbed wire fencing. All were hanging in fences long abandoned and not being used for livestock. Most fences were in disrepair with portions laying on the ground. Barbed wire is everywhere in Central Oregon and it is nasty stuff that snags all sorts of unsuspecting wildlife.



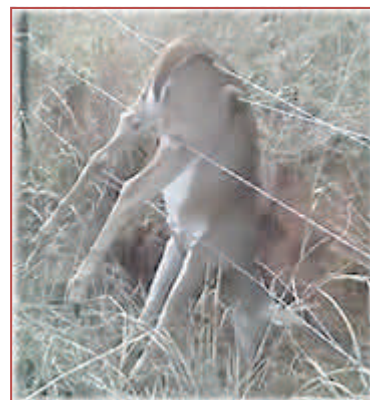
Barbed wire is extremely hazardous to wildlife and domestic animals. Every year numerous calls are received regarding owls, falcons, hawks, songbirds and mammals that have become entangled in barbed wire fencing. Many struggle there until they die. Injuries are usually so severe that euthanasia is the only alternative.



In 2007, *Wild Wings Raptor Rehabilitation* partnered with *Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice* to remove nonfunctional barbed wire that has fallen to the ground, has been partially buried or is no longer used to fence in livestock.



Since this program started, over 32 tons of barbed wire has been removed and recycled.



This service is free to landowners

The barbed wire is taken down and removed for recycling in a timely manner. The posts are left in place to mark property boundaries.

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