3911 Master Hunter Orientation

- Sponsored by:
  - Master Hunter Advisory Group
  - Kittitas County Big Game Management Roundtable
  - Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Agenda

Introductions (Jim Huckabay and Bob Holtfreter)

- ❑ Ethics issues/thoughts
- ❑ Big Game Management Roundtable (Jim Huckabay)
- ❑ Master Hunter Advisory Group intentions/purpose (Bob Holtfreter and Ray Boone)
- ❑ Review of new applicant numbers and other statistics (Ray Boone)
- ❑ Forms and info for recertification, hours (John Wisner, WDFW)
- ❑ 3911 Unit orientation/information (Powerpoint by Anthony Novack, WDFW)
  - ❑ Eastern end 3911 map and pamphlet
  - ❑ PSE access (Jennifer Diaz)
  - ❑ Private land access (Don Weber and/or Steve Kiesel)
  - ❑ Yakima Training Center— restricted access
  - ❑ Future boundary changes
  - ❑ Elk telemetry study
  - ❑ Helpful hints
- ❑ Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement—appropriate rules and expectations no-shooting areas, firearms restriction areas. Points reward
- ❑ Sign up sheet – volunteer hours
- ❑ Questions and answers

WDFW is responsible for managing elk damage to crops on private land

- Damage prevention and public cooperation is key
- Prevent damage and conflicts while maintaining or increasing elk populations

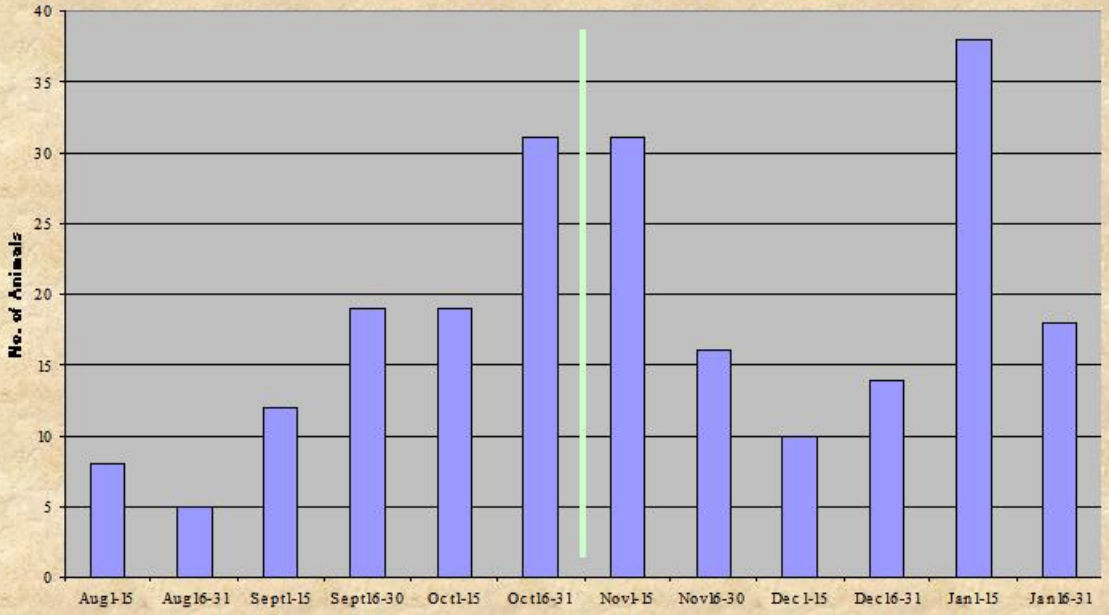
Missing Hay

How Has WDFW Responded?

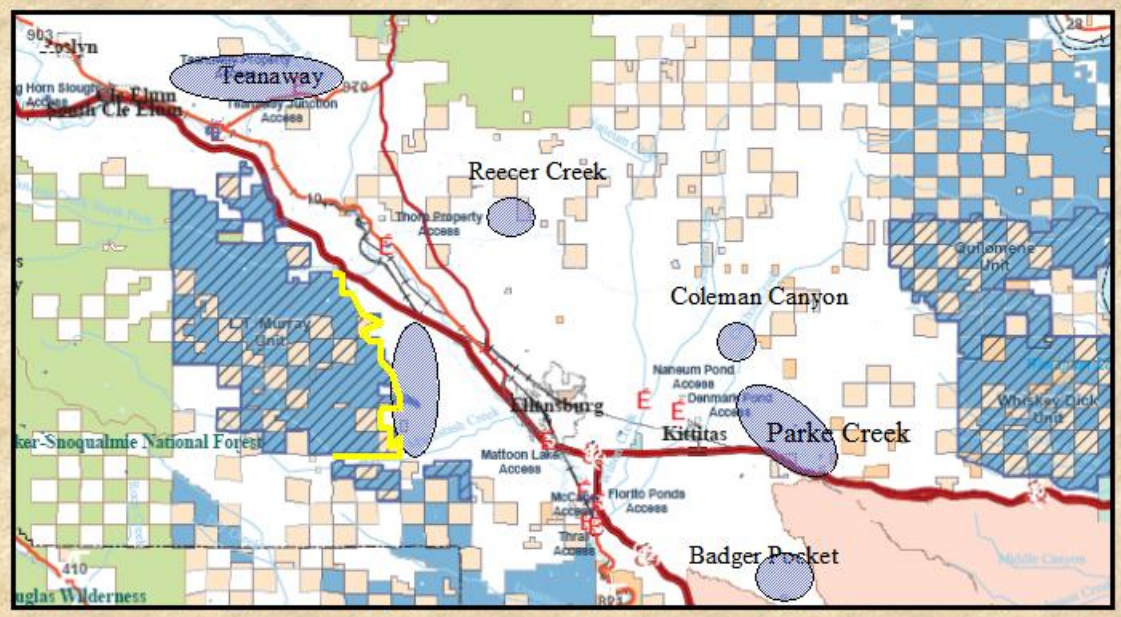
- **Damage hunts August 1 – Feb. 28**
- Allowing B tags to encourage harvest in 3911 (Aug 1–Oct 24)
- Landowner permits
- Late season permits (GMU 335)
- Herding
- Hazing

Goal = <u>Motivate elk to move off private lands while increasing herd size</u>

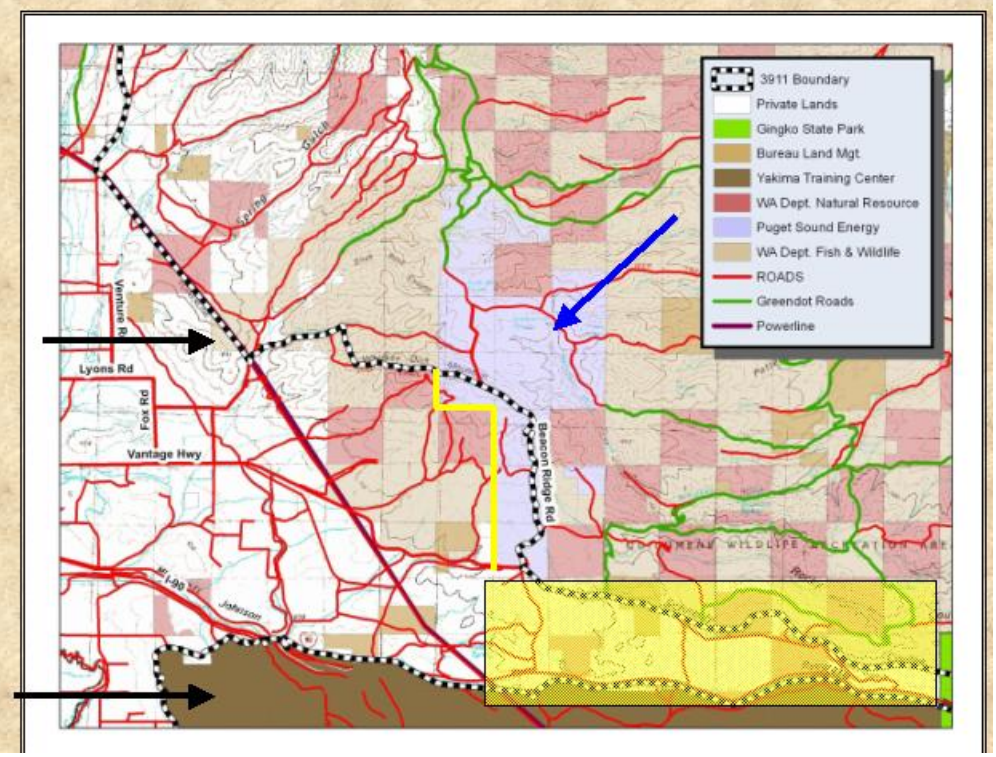
Female Elk Harvest – Colockum 2007-08
Total Harvest = 222



Kittitas County – Elk Damage Hotspots

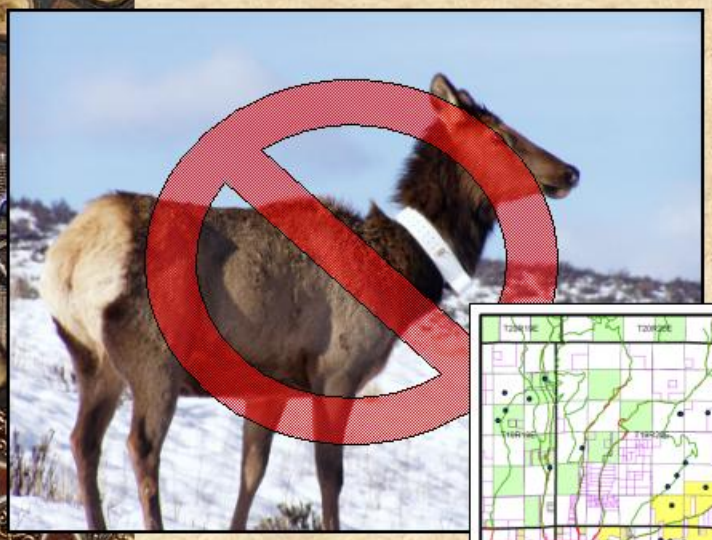


Eastern 3911 Map

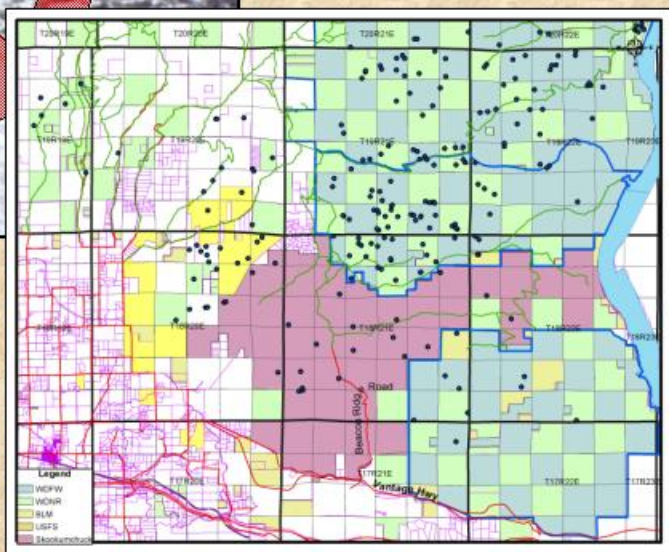


Helpful Hints

- Elk Activity updates on the web
- Property owners through Kittitas Assessor's web page
- Push animals away from croplands
- Volunteer hours assisting landowners



Elk Telemetry Study



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