

WDFW Help

What is WDFW doing about Elk Hoof Disease?

WDFW veterinary and biological staff have undertaken an exhaustive diagnostic effort to determine the cause of this disease, as summarized in a [detailed poster](#) and [slide presentation](#). These efforts have allowed us to rule out a number of potential causes of elk hoof disease and narrow down the list of possibilities. Evidence to date suggests an infectious bacterial cause, with *Treponema* sp. playing a major role in the disease. WDFW continues to work with veterinary experts, both local and abroad, to refine our diagnostic approach and evaluate possible management options.

For more information on Elk Hoof Disease, please visit WDFW's website at http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/health/hoof_disease/.

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