

Elk Area 5053 Randle Hunt Description

This area is largely private land. There is a small portion in the Southeast corner that is National Forest. The National Forest can be accessed by Rd 2505 or 2503. This area is also divided by the Cowlitz River with most of the area on the north side of the river.

Although there are many elk in the area they are usually seen in the area of the river bottoms. Landowners can be easily found but have expressed many concerns about hunters tearing up roads during wet weather and harming farm and stock animals with poorly placed shots.

There are many roads that crisscross this area and some private parcels may be very small so use of a GPS may be helpful. There have been concerns expressed about shots taken across roads or with an uncertain background. Landowners are very helpful in giving accurate descriptions of areas they own but are wary of granting access if they have not gotten to know you ahead of time.

With over 90% of this area under private land ownership access is extremely limited. If you do not have access secured before you apply you may wish to apply for a different hunt.