

## ***Master Hunter Elk Permit Hunt Description Rattlesnake Hills***

**Hunt objectives:** The elk in the Rattlesnake Hills area cause damage to private property used primarily for livestock production, dry-land agriculture, and irrigated orchards and vineyards.

**Eligible applicants:** Current Master Hunters with any Washington elk license. If successful, applicants may purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> elk tag for this hunt.

**Season(s):** The season is from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – February 28, 2012.

**Legal hunting areas:** The area is defined as designated areas within GMU 372. This is a damage control hunt administered by a hunt coordinator. If called, hunters will only be allowed access to private property at the site of damage.

**Legal animal:** Antlerless elk only.

**Legal hunting implement(s):** no restrictions other than weapon must be consistent with elk license.

**Hunt Coordinator hunt:** Yes

**Land access and topography:** the properties in the hunt area are generally open grassland or sagebrush, with few or no trees or riparian areas. The land is almost exclusively private. The northern boundary of the site is the US Army Yakima Training Center. The most likely area where hunts could occur is the north slope area of the Rattlesnake Hills and the south slope of the Yakima Ridge area, adjacent to State Route 24.

**NOTES:** This is a damage control hunt administered by a hunt coordinator, and applicants should note not all successful applicants will get called in a given year. Permit holders will get contacted on an as-needed basis to help with specific sites of elk damage. **Note the change from 2010 regulations that only antlerless elk may be taken on this hunt.**