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ADA Road Access Entry Program

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For Persons
With Disabilities

Application Period:



**June 1st -
July 31st**



wdfw.wa.gov/ada-road-access-entry

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
The Department of Interior, Civil Rights Division
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2025 ROAD ACCESS ENTRY PROGRAM FOR HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES

A cooperative effort between Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service, private timber companies, nonprofit organizations and private landowners.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with disabilities who need assistance in the application or testing process, or those needing this booklet in an alternative format, may call (360)

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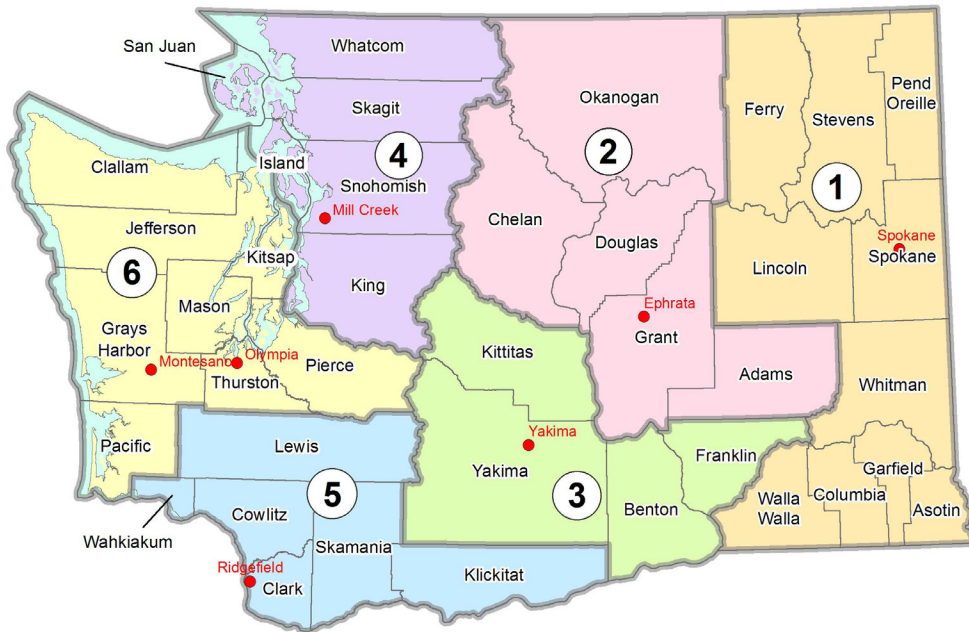
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DISABLED HUNTER ROAD ACCESS ENTRY PROGRAM & DRAWING

The Road Access Entry Program provides access to hunters with lower extremity mobility disabilities into areas with fewer barriers and vehicle distractions. This program is a cooperative effort between Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), private timber companies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners. The Road Access Entry Program is NOT the same as the special permit drawings offered each year in the "Big Game Hunting Regulations" booklet or a permit drawing for a deer or elk tag. If drawn, you will be issued an access permit to drive a motorized vehicle into a closed, gated area where other hunters must walk in.

ALL AREAS ARE:

- Open to walk-in hunters.
- Open to administrative use by the agency or land manager.
- Subject to tribal treaties, logging, fire, emergency closures, etc.

Hunters do NOT have to buy their license or tags first to apply for a Road Access Entry Permit. Hunters must be registered with WDFW with a permanent lower extremity mobility disability, have their Disabled Hunter WILD ID number available (this number is on your hunting license), and have WDFW disability status in good standing. If drawn for a Road Access Entry Permit, you must have all appropriate licenses and tags for the game you are pursuing. In addition, everyone must follow all state regulations on hunting in Washington. For more information on how to obtain disability status, please visit wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/eligibility-requirements-disability-status.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ATVS/UTVS/E-BIKES:

WDFW recognizes the need and benefits of using ATVs, UTVs, and E-bikes for recreational purposes. The ADA Road Access Entry Program permits individuals with lower extremity disabilities and vehicle access to areas others must walk into. For this program, hunters possessing an access permit may drive any street-legal vehicle on the identified roads. Approved vehicles include "On-Road" ATVs, UTVs, or designated classes of E-bikes (Class 1, 2, or 3). ATVs and UTVs are NOT allowed to venture off the designated roads. Hunters may use on-road vehicles to access the permitted area like a standard road vehicle. Class 1 and 2 E-bikes may be used on any trails where other bicycles are allowed if the rider has an ADA placard.

Be sure to check with the local ranger station for local regulations. In addition, "Off-road" ATVs or UTVs are only allowed on roads identified on lands where "ATV/UTV use is allowed." Class 1, 2, and 3 E-bikes are allowed on roads closed to motorized use. Please note that "On-road" means having the proper licenses/tags to operate the vehicle on roadways. "Off-road" means that the motorized vehicle does not have the appropriate licenses/tags to operate on roadways. Hunters who intend to use an "On-road" ATV/UTV as the primary mode of transport for the access permit (instead of a standard vehicle) must procure the proper licenses/tags and let the land manager in your award letter know before arriving on site. Off-road travel is still prohibited even if you use an "On-road" ATV/UTV. *DNR does not allow E-Bikes on roads closed to motorized use.

In addition, many of the properties/lands within the ADA Road Access Entry Program are privately owned and do not fall under the definition of "WDFW/DNR managed lands." ATV/UTV and E-bike use is not permitted for these properties unless the hunter acquires prior permission from the land/property owner/manager. Individual properties managed by WDFW may also have additional restrictions that limit ATV/UTV/E-bike use. Hunters drawn for an access permit for one of these areas can direct your questions to the land manager listed in your award letter.

The information beginning on page 4 only pertains to properties/lands under partnership for the ADA Road Access Entry Program. For other regulations and/or restrictions on ATV/UTV/E-bike use on WDFW or DNR lands, please contact the appropriate agency representatives.

SPECIFIC PROGRAM INFORMATION:

If you have specific program or property questions, please contact:

- **Joey McCanna**, WDFW ADA Road Access Entry Program Manager at (509) 610-0690
- **Heidi Stephens**, DNR ADA Access Manager at (360) 338-2128
- **Cody Duncan**, TransAlta Manager at (360) 807-8049 or Cody_Duncan@transalta.com

QUALIFYING PROGRAM CRITERIA - HUNTER WITH A LOWER EXTREMITY MOBILITY DISABILITY

To apply for this ADA accommodation, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Have WDFW disability status in good standing, **and**
2. Have a permanent inoperable lower extremity mobility impairment, **and**

3. WAC 220-200-160(1)(a): Have been medically prescribed the use of an assistive device every time for mobility, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, walker, crutch, lower extremity prosthesis, or oxygen bottle, **or**
4. RCW 46.19.010(1)(a-j): Have been issued a DOL blue disability parking permit, **or**
5. Unable to walk more than 200 feet.

RCW 46.19.010(1)(A-J) DOL DISABILITY PARKING PERMIT CRITERIA:

- a. Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest;
- b. Is severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition;
- c. Has such a severe disability that the person cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;
- d. Uses portable oxygen;
- e. Is restricted by lung disease to an extent that forced expiratory respiratory volume, when measured by a spirometer, is less than one liter per second or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest;
- f. Impairment by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified as class III or IV under standards accepted by the American Heart Association;
- g. Has a disability resulting from an acute sensitivity to automobile emissions that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The personal physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant of the applicant shall document that the disability is comparable in severity to the others listed in this subsection;
- h. Has limited mobility and has no vision or whose vision with corrective lenses is so limited that the person requires alternative methods or skills to do efficiently those things that are ordinarily done with sight by persons with normal vision;
- i. Has an eye condition of a progressive nature that may lead to blindness; or
- j. Is restricted by a form of porphyria to the extent that the applicant would significantly benefit from a decrease in exposure to light.

a hunting area and give an idea of its location. Each hunt area has a charted schedule showing the entry number, hunt type, date of hunt, number of permits offered, and species for the year. Each line on the chart schedule represents one road access selection opportunity, and the number of permits indicates the number of hunters drawn for that particular date.

Look through the opportunities carefully, then select up to four (4) options. These options can be any combination of either Elk or Deer. Fill out the online submission form with the entry number(s) for the road area(s) you would like access to. Please consult the hunt area descriptions in this book to determine the location of each hunt opportunity and apply only for those areas you would travel to if you are selected. Entry Numbers in the booklet are separated into two hunt categories, Deer and Elk. Please be aware of which entry you are applying for and ensure you list the appropriate entry number.

Select the number listed under the "Entry Number" column and select it from the drop-down menu in the online application. You may select up to four (4) options. To be considered as an alternate, check the "alternate" box. If hunts remain available after the drawing, WDFW will attempt to match undrawn hunters with disabilities to an area close to their preferred choices by geographic location. If you cannot access this process online, please call Wildlife Program Customer Service at (360) 902-2515 OR Licensing at (360) 902-2464.

DESIGNATED HUNTING COMPANIONS/COMPANION HUNTERS

Hunting areas have different rules about whether the hunter companion can also hunt on their license or must only assist the disabled hunter in the harvest. Please verify with WDFW representative listed in your award letter. Successfully drawn hunters with disabilities and their designated hunting companions must follow the rules of the land manager while hunting and driving in the permit area.

OTHER NON-HUNTING PERSONS

Depending on the area and the permit, other non-hunting persons or family members besides your hunting companion may be allowed to accompany the hunter with a disability. Verify with WDFW representative listed in your award letter.

FILLING OUT THE ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM

The following pages seek to inform hunters about choosing

Step by Step Instructions on **How to Apply** through the **WILD Licensing System**



Application submissions will begin June 1 and close July 31. WDFW will ONLY accept Road Access Program submissions online and are ONLY available through the WILD Licensing System. Please log in to your WILD account at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/login and complete the application. If you need assistance, please call Wildlife Program Customer Service at (360) 902-2515 OR Licensing at (360) 902-2464. The specific instructions on how to apply through WILD are listed below.

1. Log into your WILD account (fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/login) and verify that your contact information is correct (Email, Physical Address and Phone number).
2. To begin the application, click on the PURCHASE A SPECIAL HUNT APPLICATION tile at the top of your customer home page.
3. Add the free hunt application, 490 - Special Hunt Application Deer and Elk ADA Road Access, to your shopping cart and **complete your purchase**.
4. From the order confirmation page click on the blue SPECIAL HUNT button to return to your account and submit your hunt choices.
5. On the SPECIAL HUNT page, locate the 2025 Deer and Elk ADA Road Access application in the Special Hunt applications table and click on the blue SUBMIT button.
6. Enter your hunt choices in priority order using the drop down menus, 1 through 4 (any combination of deer or elk), and click on the blue NEXT button.
1. Review your hunt choices to ensure they are correct. If you wish to make changes click on the black **cancel** button to return to the previous page. If they are correct, **you must attest that you meet the minimum requirements to participate in the Road Access Entry program by checking the attestation box (see page 5 for criteria)**, then click on the green CREATE button to submit your hunt choices.

2. You will be sent an email confirmation of your submitted application. Please make sure your email is correct in your profile before submitting the application. Submitted applications can be viewed in your account under the Special Hunt link.

Those who are drawn will receive the following information:

- Congratulation letter
- Information about the Road Access Entry Area for which they were drawn, and
- Instructions about how to obtain the access permit, lock combination and/or key, map, etc.

You may be required to visit the land manager's office in person at a specific time to pick up a key, sign papers, and receive the access permit.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE

Please notify the ADA Road Access Entry Program Manager as soon as possible if you cannot use the permit drawn to allow the permit to be reissued to an alternate.

Please ensure that your information is entered correctly on your application; incorrect data may lead to your application being denied.

TIPS FOR HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES DRAWN FOR AN ACCESS PERMIT:

Please follow the WDFW or DNR letter instructions if you are successfully drawn for an access permit. **Letters from DNR will come via email only.** The letter will describe obtaining your key, combination, and other documents needed to enter the gated access area.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

- Be courteous to the staff where you pick up your key/combination. Land managers are providing these keys/combinations and supplying the paperwork as a courtesy to you.



DRAWING NOTIFICATION

Hunters who have been drawn will be notified no later than August 31. Hunters will be able to see if they were drawn in their WILD Account under the Special Hunt Link.

- Have your License and permit with you. Carry your Hunter Companion Card with you when needed to prevent losing it.
- If you were issued a key for your hunt, please return it and the required paperwork when your hunt concludes.

Follow all hunting regulations, rules, instructions, and procedures of the access permit and land manager so you and other hunters with disabilities will be welcomed back.

REMEMBER...

- Access to these areas does not guarantee hunting success. The entry permit allows you to drive a vehicle into an area other hunters walk into. All other state hunting laws apply to you. Other vehicle traffic may be permitted in the area for reasons other than hunting. Other hunters with disabilities may be in the area at the same time.
- Signs, gates, or locks may be vandalized or damaged and may prevent you from entering the area you are assigned. If this occurs, contact the landowner or call WDFW immediately. WDFW cannot guarantee you will be able to use your access permit at your appointed time if these circumstances occur.

If you suspect an illegal activity, DO NOT ENDANGER YOURSELF. Instead, note the vehicle's description, persons involved, license plate number, time, place, etc., and notify the Land Manager and Law Enforcement as soon as possible.

You must return the key issued to you within the time frame stated on your access permit paperwork. The key is government property. If the key is not returned, you may be cited and removed from the program and lose your hunting privileges.

DISCLAIMER:

Please Note: If any of the following dates associated with the GMU are incorrect, or the GMUs listed in this booklet are incorrect, the 2025 "Big Game Hunting Regulations" pamphlet dates related to the GMUs apply. The hunter is responsible for ensuring that you are appropriately licensed, hunting within the legal areas, and hunting for the appropriate species. Landowners and managers may cancel the permit at any time due to fire danger, logging activity, vandalism, etc. The Department has no control over these decisions. This program does not guarantee a successful harvest.

WAC 220-413-140 HUNTING OF GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS BY PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY.

1. Definitions:

- a. "Hunter with a disability" means a person who has been granted a disability designation and who possesses a valid disabled hunter endorsement issued by the department.
- b. "Disabled hunter endorsement" means an endorsement to a license issued by the department to a person granted a disability designation.
- c. "Designated hunter companion" means a designated person who only assists with that physical function the hunter with a disability is unable to perform, such as stalking, shooting, tracking, retrieving, or the tagging of game birds and game animals.
- d. "Designated hunter companion card" means an identification card issued by the department to a hunter with a disability for use by another person in assisting or acting on the behalf of the hunter with a disability while engaging in hunting activities.
- e. "Accompany" means the hunter with a disability and the designated hunter companion are in the physical presence of each other, not to exceed a 1/4-mile separation.

- 2. WDFW will include a designated hunter companion card for the holder of a disabled hunter permit when the hunting license is issued. While stalking or shooting an animal, the hunter with a disability and the designated hunter companion must have a form of reliable and direct communication.
- 3. It is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to fail to obtain all required licenses, tags, or stamps before hunting.
- 4. It is unlawful for a designated hunter companion to assist a hunter with a disability unless the designated hunter companion has the designated hunter companion card on his or her person. A designated hunter companion must have a valid hunting license issued by Washington state or another state.
 - a. The designated hunter companion must accompany the hunter with a disability when stalking or shooting game on behalf of the hunter with a disability.
 - b. The designated hunter companion does not need to accompany the hunter with a disability while tracking an animal wounded by either hunter, or while tagging or retrieving a downed animal on

- behalf of the hunter with a disability.
5. It is unlawful for the hunter with a disability or the designated hunter companion to fail to:
 - a. Immediately cut, notch, or date any required tag upon harvesting a game bird or animal; and
 - b. Affix the tag to the carcass of the game bird or animal as soon as is reasonably possible after killing the game.
 6. Game birds or game animals killed, tagged or retrieved by a designated hunter companion on behalf of a hunter with a disability do not count against the designated hunter companion's bag or possession limit.
 7. It is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to possess a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, or shoot from a

motor vehicle, unless the hunter with a disability has been issued a special use permit from the department, and

- a. The vehicle is stopped, the vehicle is removed from the maintained portion of the roadway, and the motor is turned off; and
 - b. A valid blue disabled hunter "shooting from a vehicle" identification placard must be displayed and visible.
8. It is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to utilize a crossbow in archery or muzzleloader season, unless the hunter with a disability has been issued a special use permit from the department.

Persons with Disabilities

WDFW may issue a disability designation to a person with permanent disabilities as described in WAC 220-200-160.

WDFW DISABILITY STATUS:



A person with a disability is a person who has a permanent physical or developmental disability which substantially impairs their ability to participate in recreational activities or to access department lands.

ACCESSIBILITY WAC RULES

WAC 220-200-160, WAC 220-200-170, WAC 220-200-180, WAC 220-200-190, WAC 220-413-140, WAC 220-413-210.

All disability-related WAC language is available online at: wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/accessibility/laws

DISABLED HUNTER PROGRAM:

A hunter with a disability means a person who has been granted a disability designation and issued a valid disabled hunter endorsement on their license by the Department.

The hunter with a disability issued a disability endorsement will receive a designated hunter companion card. The hunter companion card allows a licensed hunter to assist the disabled hunter with that physical function the hunter with a disability is unable to perform. The hunter

companion must be in the physical presence of the disabled hunter, not to exceed a ¼ mile separation. The

hunter and companion must have a form of reliable and direct communication. A hunter with a disability may no longer possess a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, or shoot from a motor vehicle, unless the hunter with a disability has been issued a special use permit from the Department. In addition, it is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to utilize a crossbow in archery or [muzzleloader season](#), unless the hunter with a disability has been issued a special use permit from the Department. (For complete ADA hunting information and definitions, please refer to WAC 220-413-140.)

SPECIAL USE PERMITS:

Special use permits issued by the Department allow for a limited, specific exception to a recreational activity, service, equipment, or regulation for persons granted a permanent disability designation and are processed through the Licensing Division. For complete special use permit information and definitions, please refer to WAC 220-200-170 or visit the Special Use Permit Program website at: wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/wdfw-special-use-permit-program.

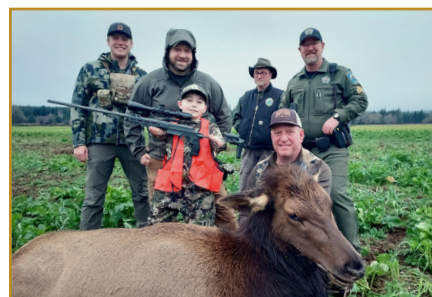


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ROAD ACCESS ENTRY PROGRAM

This program provides opportunities for accessibility modifications to hunters with a mobility disability, unable to walk 200 feet, or who have been medically prescribed the use of an assistive device every time for mobility such as; a wheelchair, walker, crutch, prosthetic, leg brace, or oxygen. Many new opportunities are being developed and existing areas may rotate due to current activities within those areas.

Access roads are identified through signage at the gated entry points. Hunters drawn for access will receive a permit for entry.

These opportunities are in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and private timber companies and private landowners.

The Road Access Entry Booklet is available online, June 1st and can be requested after June 1st at any WDFW Office. Submissions are accepted from June 1st through July 31st of each year. For 2025, all applicants must apply through the online licensing system (WILD). They can access the application via their WILD account.

- For information about opportunities on DNR lands only, call (360) 338-2128.
- For other information about the Road Access Entry Program, please call WDFW at (509) 610-0690.

DISABLED TRAPPER PROGRAM:

A trapper with a disability means a person who has been granted a disability designation and issued a valid disabled hunter endorsement on their trapper license by the Department.

OTHER ACCESSIBILITY OPTIONS:

Other opportunities are available through the special deer and elk permit drawings in this pamphlet. Accessible waterfowl blinds are located around the state on private, state, and federal lands. Each regional office has possible program modifications and accessible facilities located within its region. They can help you with your hunting prospects for that specific area.

The Private Lands Access Program provides hunting access to 1.8 million acres of private land. Enrolled properties can be found at: wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/locations/private-lands

For questions about your license, or to request a Hunter/Fisher Disability Status or Special Use Permit application contact:

- **WDFW Licensing Division:** (360) 902-2464
- **Hearing impaired TTY:** 711
- **For Wildlife questions:** (360) 902-2515
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State Recreation Lands

Anglers, hunters, and others who park on Washington state recreation lands must use either the WDFW Vehicle Access Pass or the Washington State Discover Pass.

WDFW VEHICLE ACCESS PASS (VAP)

Most annual hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses include a complimentary Vehicle Access Pass, which allows you to park at WDFW wildlife areas and water access areas. This pass is good only at WDFW managed lands.

WASHINGTON STATE DISCOVER PASS

To park at recreational properties owned or managed by Washington State Parks or the Washington Department of Natural Resources, you will need a state Discover Pass. The Discover Pass is also good at WDFW managed lands.

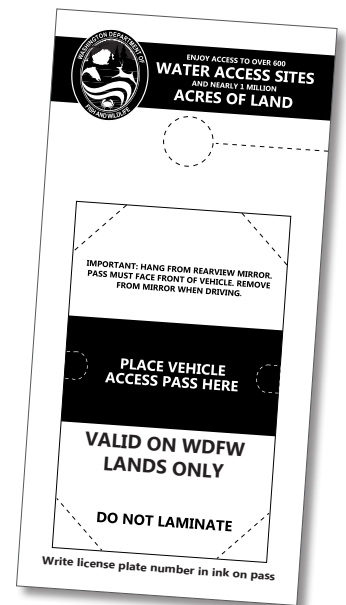
Proceeds from Discover Pass sales support the operation and maintenance of state-managed recreation lands throughout Washington. More information is online at store.discoverpass.wa.gov/.

WHERE TO PURCHASE

Fishing and hunting licenses, which include the Vehicle Access Pass, and the Discover Pass are available online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/#/login; by phone at 360-902-2464; or at retail license vendors throughout the state. A complete vendor list is online at wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/dealers. The Discover Pass may also be purchased online at discoverpass.wa.gov/; by phone at 866-320-9933; and at state parks and parks system offices. Information about sales locations is online at discoverpass.wa.gov/133/Where-to-Buy.

YOU MUST DISPLAY YOUR PARKING PASS

Whenever you park at state recreation lands, you must display the Vehicle Access Pass or the Discover Pass so that it is visible from outside the vehicle. Both passes may be transferred between two vehicles, but a single pass may be used for only one vehicle at a time.



Turn in a Poacher (TIP) Trailer

The Washington Hunter Education/Turn In A Poacher (HE/TIP) trailer has two primary purposes: a) To engage the hunting public and general public in direct protection of their natural resources; and b) To promote Hunter Education and recruitment of the next generation of hunters needed to continue the heritage of hunting in Washington. It will be used by Fish and Wildlife Officers throughout the state as a community policing and preventative enforcement tool. Scheduling of the TIP Trailer is determined by the Enforcement Headquarters Lieutenant (360) 902-2923.



Become a Good Witness

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Call: 360-902-2936

Visit: wdfw.wa.gov/about/enforcement/report

Text: WDFWTIP to 847411

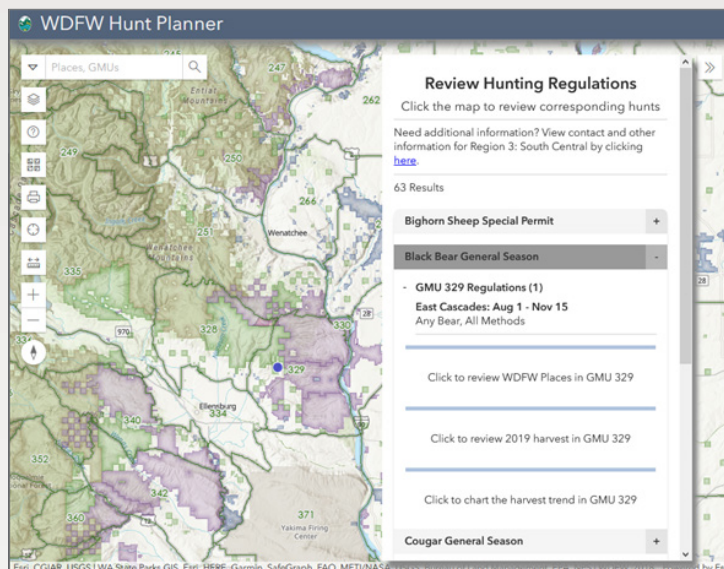
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 Gig Harbor (253) 858-8800
 Long Beach Peninsula (360) 533-5707
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 Wenatchee (509) 663-9721
 Yakima (509) 575-2320

Review Hunts in the Upgraded Hunt Planner!

Go to wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/ and click on "Hunt Planner Webmap"



- New features, improved functionality, and more intuitive design
- Browser-based, mobile-friendly web map*
- Review harvest statistics and trends alongside hunting opportunities**

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Hunting Hours

2025-2026 OFFICIAL HUNTING HOURS FOR GAME ANIMALS AND FOREST GROUSE*

ALWAYS KNOW YOUR TARGET.

The “golden hour” may be an effective time for finding game, but as light diminishes, so does your ability to identify your target. In these situations, make sure you know your target and what is beyond.

*These are lawful hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) for game animals and forest grouse (ruffed, blue, spruce) during established seasons.

EXCEPTIONS:

- a. Bobcat and raccoon are exempt from hunting hour restrictions except as stated on pages 23 and 44 of the Big Game pamphlet. A small game license is required to harvest a bobcat or raccoon. Night hunting for bobcat is prohibited in the following GMUs: 101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 203, 204, 215, 218, 224, 231, 233, 242-247, 250, 426, and 450.
- b. Hunting hours for falconry seasons (except migratory game bird seasons) are exempt from these hunting hours, except on designated pheasant release sites.

Hunting hours for turkeys are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Turkey and other small game seasons will be published in the Game Bird and Small Game Regulations pamphlet in June.

DATES (INCLUSIVE)	WESTERN WASHINGTON	EASTERN WASHINGTON
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME		
Mon. Sept. 1-Sun. Sept. 7	6:00 am-8:15 pm	5:50 am-8:00 pm
Mon. Sept. 8-Sun. Sept. 14	6:10 am-8:00 pm	6:00 am-7:50 pm
Mon. Sept. 15-Sun. Sept. 21	6:20 am-7:45 pm	6:10 am-7:35 pm
Mon. Sept. 22-Sun. Sept. 28	6:30 am-7:30 pm	6:15 am-7:20 pm
Mon. Sept. 29-Sun. Oct. 5	6:40 am-7:15 pm	6:30 am-7:05 pm
Mon. Oct. 6-Sun. Oct. 12	6:50 am-7:00 pm	6:40 am-6:55 pm
Mon. Oct. 13-Sun. Oct. 19	7:00 am-6:50 pm	6:50 am-6:40 pm
Mon. Oct. 20-Sun. Oct. 26	7:10 am-6:40 pm	7:00 am-6:25 pm
Mon. Oct. 27-Sat. Nov. 1	7:20 am-6:25 pm	7:15 am-6:15 pm
PACIFIC STANDARD TIME		
Sun. Nov. 2	6:20 am-5:25pm	6:10am-5:15pm
Mon. Nov. 3-Sun. Nov. 9	6:30 am-5:15 pm	6:20 am-5:00 pm
Mon. Nov. 10-Sun. Nov. 16	6:40 am-5:05 pm	6:30 am-4:55 pm
Mon. Nov. 17-Sun. Nov. 23	6:50 am-5:00 pm	6:40 am-4:45 pm
Mon. Nov. 24-Sun. Nov. 30	7:00 am-4:50 pm	6:50 am-4:40 pm
Mon. Dec. 1-Sun. Dec. 7	7:10 am-4:50 pm	7:00 am-4:40 pm
Mon. Dec. 8-Sun. Dec. 14	7:15 am-4:50 pm	7:05 am-4:40 pm
Mon. Dec. 15-Sun. Dec. 21	7:20 am-4:50 pm	7:10 am-4:40 pm
Mon. Dec. 22-Sun. Dec. 28	7:25 am-4:55 pm	7:10 am-4:40 pm
Mon. Dec. 29-Sun. Jan. 4	7:25 am-5:00 pm	7:15 am-4:45 pm
Mon. Jan. 5-Sun. Jan. 11	7:25 am-5:05 pm	7:15 am-4:55 pm
Mon. Jan. 12-Sun. Jan. 18	7:25 am-5:15 pm	7:10 am-5:05 pm
Mon. Jan. 19-Sun. Jan. 25	7:20 am-5:25 pm	7:05 am-5:15 pm
Mon. Jan. 26-Fri. Jan. 31	7:10 am-5:30 pm	7:00 am-5:25 pm

2026 Multi-Season Tags

Hunt Big Game General Seasons from
September 1 - December 31

Applications on Sale: December 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026



NEW: Scan here to watch a video on how to apply for the multi-season tags or visit www.youtube.com/@thewdfw/videos.

WHAT IS IT?

These applications allow you to purchase a multi-season deer or elk tag if selected during the drawing process. If selected, you may hunt in any open unit during all general seasons starting with archery and continuing on for muzzleloader and then to modern firearm. The bag limit does not increase. One tag equals one animal. You must comply with all rules and hunt method restrictions for the season in effect.

There are 8,500 deer and 1,000 elk tags available for the drawing.

BENEFITS

- Increase your success rate in harvesting deer or elk.
- You may also apply for any weapon type within special permits once the multi-season tag you were selected for is purchased.
- Elk multi-season tag holders may hunt eastern and western Washington.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Purchase Application

(12/01/25 through 03/31/26)

You may purchase online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov, from a license vendor, or by calling 1-866-246-9453.

Refer to page 8 of Big Game pamphlet for application prices.

You DO NOT need to purchase a deer or elk license and tag before purchasing a multi-season application.

2. Submit Application

If you are applying as an individual, your application is automatically submitted at the time of the drawing. No further action is needed to participate in the draw.

If you would like to apply as a group (maximum of two people) you must submit your application online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. If you are in need of assistance with your submission, please call 360-902-2464 before March 31.

If you wish to have a point for your application and not be automatically entered into the drawing, you must submit

your application for a point online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. If you need help accessing your WILD account, please contact WDFW Licensing Customer Service staff at 360-902-2464. Both options must be done prior to the March 31st, 2026 deadline.

See page 18-19 for more information on applying for special permits.

3. Check Drawing Results

In April, drawing results will be posted in your online customer account at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. Having the correct email address in your account will facilitate an email notification when drawing results are finalized. If selected, the customer will receive an email notification they were selected. If a customer does not have an email address listed on their account, winners will be notified by mail.

4. Purchase Multi-season Deer or Elk Tag

If selected, you must purchase prior to midnight on July 31, 2026. In addition to the cost of your original deer or elk license, you must purchase the multi-season tag.

The cost for both resident and non-resident multi-season tags are:

Multi-season deer tag: **\$139.10**

Multi-season elk tag: **\$182.00**

License fees listed are current at the time of publication. Proposed legislation may alter these license fees. Refer to fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov for up-to-date information.

Please note that if you purchase your general season tag before you are selected, your general season tag must be surrendered before you can purchase a multi-season tag. This can be done at any WDFW region office, WDFW HQ, or license dealer location. Contact the licensing division during normal business hours at 1-866-246-9453.

LEFT OVER TAGS

Tags not purchased by selected applicants before the July 31st, 2026, deadline may be sold to non-selected applicants at the discretion of the Department. **The Department will announce in mid-August when and how the remaining tags will be available.** To ensure you receive the announcement, keep your email address updated in your profile.

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

Photo by Quentin Brown



HUNTING ACTIVITY REPORTING

By January 31, midnight, hunters must report their hunting activity for EACH special permit acquired AND each deer, elk, bear, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and turkey tag purchased in 2025 even if you did not hunt. You are required to report hunting activity for cougar, please see requirements on the Cougar General Season Page (page 67). For each transport tag you will owe a general season hunting activity report AND you will also owe a hunting activity report for EACH big game special permit awarded. The special hunt permit reports should be completed at the end of the special permit season. You must complete ALL reports to avoid the \$10 penalty. Hunters who do not meet the deadline must pay a \$10 penalty before they can buy a license the following year. If your hunting season (including special permits) extends beyond January 31, your hunter report is due within 10 days of the close of that season or on March 31st, whichever date occurs first. You will receive a confirmation number for each successfully submitted hunter report. Be sure to keep all of your confirmation numbers. Do not send in your tags or licenses to WDFW, as they do not fulfill the reporting requirement. You are not required to report cougar transport tags unless you harvest a cougar (see hide sealing requirements on page 67).

INCENTIVE PERMIT DRAWING FOR EARLY REPORTING

Hunters who report harvest by January 10 will be entered into a drawing for a special incentive permit. The nine special permits include two any elk permits for western Washington, two any elk permits for eastern Washington, and five statewide any deer permits. If your special permit hunting season extends beyond January 31, you will be included in the incentive drawing if you make a report within 10 days of the close of that season. The incentive drawing is usually held in April.

INCENTIVE PERMIT SEASON

Incentive permits are valid for areas open to general hunting seasons or special permit hunting seasons. The hunt dates are September 1 through December 31. The permits require a hunter to use archery equipment during archery season, muzzleloader equipment during muzzleloader season, and any legal hunt method at other times if there are no firearm restrictions.

PAYING FOR INCENTIVE PERMITS

Hunters who win the special incentive permit must provide the appropriate license fee to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Headquarters office in Olympia. Hunter may do so by mailing in a check to WDFW Licensing, or calling Licensing at 1 (866) 246-9453. WDFW will then mail the license and transport tag to the permit winners address on file.

Reports Required

Hunter reports are required from Deer, Elk, Black Bear, Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Turkey Hunters.

Reports Due By:

January 31, 2026

Two Ways to Report:

Online: fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov

Call 360-902-2464, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Hunter harvest reports will be taken 24/7 during the month of January ONLY through an after-hours call center.

Note: Reports are not accepted by mail or Email.

Hunter Orange and/or Fluorescent Hunter Pink

Under the following conditions a minimum of 400 square inches of fluorescent hunter orange and/or fluorescent hunter pink exterior clothing is required. It must be worn above the waist and be visible from all sides. A hat, by itself, does not meet this requirement.

- It is unlawful to hunt upland birds or rabbits with a firearm, other than a muzzleloading firearm, during any upland game bird season unless the hunter is wearing fluorescent hunter orange and/or fluorescent hunter pink clothing.
- It is unlawful to hunt big game, except bear and cougar, with modern firearm equipment at any time in any manner unless the hunter is wearing fluorescent hunter orange and/or fluorescent hunter pink clothing.
- It is unlawful to hunt wildlife, except migratory birds, during those times and in those places open to taking of deer or elk during nonmaster hunter, modern firearm general seasons, unless the hunter is wearing fluorescent hunter orange and/or fluorescent hunter pink clothing.

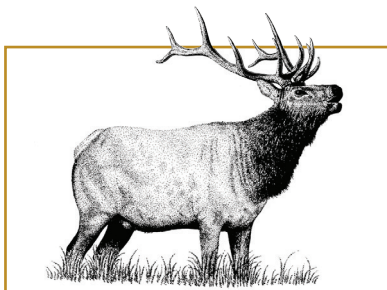
Hunter Orange and/or Fluorescent Hunter Pink Clothing is NOT Required:

- During an upland game bird season for anyone hunting upland game birds with a muzzleloading firearm, bow and arrow, or falconry.
- While hunting in a muzzleloading or archery only season and possessing a valid muzzleloading or archery deer or elk tag.
- See WAC 220-414-080.



Photo Credit: Adam Prater

Treponeme-associated Hoof Disease (TAHD) in elk



DISEASE OVERVIEW

Treponeme-associated hoof disease (TAHD) causes limping and lameness in elk due to abnormal hoof growth, lesions, and, in severe cases, sloughing of

the hoof capsule. TAHD is a form of digital dermatitis, a disease strongly associated with a group of bacteria known as treponemes. Although digital dermatitis has affected the livestock industry for decades, TAHD is the first known instance of digital dermatitis in a wild ungulate.

This unprecedented disease presents a significant challenge to elk management in Washington State. Once hoof disease infects a population it is extremely difficult to eradicate, particularly because there are no vaccines or practical treatments for managing TAHD in free ranging elk. Scientists are still learning about this disease and WDFW is partnered with Washington State University to research the disease's causes, transmission, and potential solutions.

Elk hoof disease is most prevalent in southwest Washington but is currently confirmed in 17 counties. You can help WDFW track TAHD by reporting observations of affected and unaffected elk on the WDFW's online reporting form at survey123.arcgis.com/share/cc394b82d5ed4b9f80855e89a41f7be1. For more information about this disease, see WDFW's webpage: wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/diseases/elk-hoof.

TAHD INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WDFW has an incentive program to encourage west-side (400, 500, 600 series GMUs) hunters to harvest elk with hoof disease (TAHD) and reduce the number of diseased elk on the landscape. The program has two related but independent components:

- General Season or Special Permit hunters can participate in the program by submitting the hooves from their elk harvest at one of many drop-off locations. Hunters that submit hooves with signs of TAHD (i.e., abnormal hooves) will be entered into a drawing for a Special Permit incentive for the following year. These Special Permit incentives allow the harvest of any bull elk in western Washington GMUs from

Sept. 1–Dec. 31. The permit draw will be held prior to the typical special permit application deadline.

- WDFW is also offering special permits that are intended to target diseased elk under the Master Hunter permit category. These permits are offered as an opportunity for antlerless elk and are not restricted to private land. Master Hunters must submit all four hooves from their harvest to WDFW for inspection. Only one elk may be harvested under these permits (a change from previous years), and because a Master Hunter permit is itself a special opportunity, elk harvested under these permits are not eligible for the General Season or Special Permit incentive permit

described above.

Participation in this incentive program is voluntary, and harvest of an elk with hoof disease is optional or part of the Master Hunter permit conditions. No evidence to date suggests that meat from elk with hoof disease is unsuitable for human consumption. WDFW does not provide replacement transport tags to hunters who harvest an elk with TAHD.

For more information and a list of drop-off locations, please see this website: wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/diseases/elk-hoof/incentive-permits

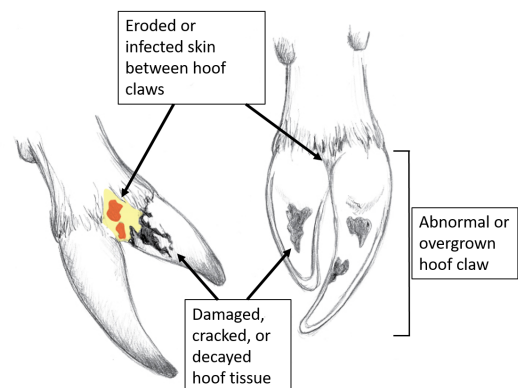
HOOF DISEASE REPORTING

If you harvest an elk in Washington, carefully inspect all four hooves from the elk you harvested and note if, in your opinion, the hooves appear to be deformed or exhibit any abnormalities. WDFW will request this information in your annual hunter report, and your answer will help WDFW understand the distribution and prevalence of treponeme-associated hoof disease of elk in Washington.

If you harvest an elk in western Washington (400, 500, 600 series GMUs), consider participating in WDFW's pilot incentive program described below. If you harvest an elk in eastern Washington (100, 200, and 300 series GMUs) with deformed or abnormal hooves, please retain the hooves and immediately report your observation through WDFW's online reporting form (link below) or by contacting your regional WDFW office.

Advanced stages of TAHD appear as obviously deformed, elongated, broken or missing hooves. Early stages are more difficult to detect and may appear as eroded skin and infection between the two claws of the hoof, areas of separation between the skin and the hoof, or large cavities on the underside of the hooves. See illustration for an example of diseased hooves. For more information on treponeme-associated hoof disease, please visit wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/diseases/elk-hoof and report any observation of limping elk or elk with abnormal hooves here: survey123.arcgis.com/share/cc394b82d5ed4b9f80855e89a41f7be1

Common Signs and Appearance of Treponeme-Associated Hoof Disease



What is Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)?

CWD is a fatal illness of cervids, which include white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, and caribou. CWD has **been detected** in Eastern Washington and is found in wild or captive cervids in most other states and Canada. CWD can be spread to new areas in the remains of harvested cervids. Unmanaged, CWD in Washington could severely impact our deer and elk populations, which could in turn impact hunting opportunities, economies that rely on hunting revenue, and ultimately, ecosystem health and resilience.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To best maintain healthy cervid populations, we need help from our hunting community. Hunters can contribute to cervid management and conservation by:

- Preventing transmission of CWD to other areas by following the guidelines for proper disposal.
 - 1st preferred method – Debone at the harvest-site and leave inedible parts on site.
 - 2nd preferred method – Any inedible parts brought out of the harvest-site, disposed of at an approved landfill, and make sure transport restrictions are followed.
 - 3rd preferred method – Any inedible parts brought home, double bag, and put in household trash that goes to a landfill.
- Getting your harvested deer, elk, or moose tested for CWD (see “Learn more about the CWD Surveillance Program”).
- Staying up-to-date and understanding carcass transportation restrictions in Washington and other states and provinces where you hunt (see page 61).
- **Be aware of the new statewide prohibition on baiting and feeding, see page 76 for more information.**

Learn more about the CWD Surveillance Program

If you harvest a deer, elk, or moose in eastern Washington within Region 1 you are required to have your deer, elk, or moose tested for CWD, please visit: www.wdfw.wa.gov/cwd for information on how to submit a sample. If you want to have your deer, elk, or moose that was harvested outside of Region 1 tested, visit the website, and follow instructions on how to mail-in your sample.



WDFW AND DOH ALSO ADVISE HUNTERS TO:

- Avoid harvesting any animal that appears sick or behaves strangely.
- Wear eye protection and disposable gloves while field dressing game.
- Thoroughly wash hands and equipment after processing carcasses.
- Minimize handling parts where the CWD prions accumulate, including the brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, pancreas, tonsils, and lymph nodes.
- Avoid cutting through bone, brain, or spinal cord.
- Disinfect processing tools by soaking in household bleach (>2% free chlorine) at a 40% solution (with water) for a minimum of five minutes. Remove any tissue pieces from tools before soaking and rinse tools after soaking.
- Safely discard inedible parts and any positive meat using one of the recommended methods listed on the WDFW website. Tissues from CWD-positive animals can contaminate the environment and infect other cervids. Do not dispose of infected materials on the landscape or feed to pets.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SAFETY

CWD has not been shown to infect people, but research is still ongoing, and it is not known for certain if people can get infected with this disease.

There is a theoretical risk to people who eat an infected animal. As a precaution, the Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend not eating any animal that tests positive for CWD or appears to have it.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How long will it take to get my test results back after I submit a sample?

A: Typically, 4-6 weeks. Results will be available online, using your WILD ID or salvage permit number depending on if this was a harvested or road-killed salvaged animal. If the animal tests positive for CWD, WDFW will notify you and help with disposal of any meat you do not wish to consume.

Once I submit a deer, elk, or moose head for sampling, do I get the head and antlers back?

A: When sampling is done at a WDFW office or hunter check station, the head and antlers can be returned if it wasn't brought in frozen and the sample can be extracted immediately. Heads dropped off at self-service kiosks are not able to be returned. Please remove antlers prior to depositing the head.

Can I have the meat from my harvested animal tested?

A. No, only the retropharyngeal lymph nodes can be used for CWD testing at this time.

NEW Possession, Transport, and Testing Rules

If you **hunt or salvage** deer, elk, or moose in any WDFW management region where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected, **you must submit a sample of the animal for testing**. At the time of publication, the department has confirmed CWD in Region 1. See **WACs 220-400-040 & 220-413-100** or wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/diseases/chronic-wasting for more information. Region 1 hunters must also

follow new **transport** rules, including deboning the meat before relocating it to an in-state area outside Region 1 (see below for details - **WAC 220-413-030**).

These rules also apply to deer, elk, moose, or caribou harvested or salvaged outside of Washington. You cannot bring whole carcasses into Washington.

Washington Carcass Transportation Restrictions

If you hunt deer, elk, moose, or caribou in states or provinces outside of Washington State, only the following items may be imported to Washington to reduce the risk of transmitting CWD:

Violation of this rule is a gross misdemeanor having a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine or one year in jail. (RCW 77.15.290)

In addition, if you are notified by another state fish and wildlife agency that the animal you have harvested outside of Washington State has tested positive for CWD, you must notify the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife within 24 hours. Violation of this rule is an infraction (RCW 77.15.160).



Meat that has been de-boned in the state, province, or CWD-positive WDFW Region where it was harvested and is transported as boned-out meat.



Any part of the skull and antlers with all soft tissue removed. Soft tissue is any tissue that is not tooth, bone, or antler (velvet must be removed).



Hides or capes without heads attached.



Tissue imported by researchers with preapproved permits for use by a diagnostic or research laboratory.



Finished taxidermy mounts.

2025-2026 Game Management Units (East)



Republic Ranger District

GMU 101

The Colville National Forest consists of approximately 1.5 million acres in the northeast corner of Washington which roll like the high seas. Three waves of mountains run from north to south, separated by troughs of valleys. These ranges: the Okanogan, Kettle River, and Selkirk are considered foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Visitors regularly enjoy the Colville National Forest's wild huckleberries, mushrooms, personal-use firewood, camping opportunities, motorized & non-motorized trails, lakes, and streams. The Colville National Forest boasts exciting wildlife such as the grizzly and black bear, cougar, lynx, bobcat, bald eagle, deer, and elk.



Boundary Mountain (GMU 101) in Washington – This route is near the Canadian border northeast of Republic. To access this route go north on Highway 21 to County Road 66 (Lone Ranch Creek Road) for several miles, turn left on North Fork Lone Ranch Creek Road/ Forest Service Road 6120-900, and remain on Forest Service Road 6120-900 until you come to the gate. This route includes 6120942, 6120944, and 6120945. Camping and firewood gathering is not allowed behind this gate. This road is not maintained. * Elk may be infrequently viewed.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9100	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9101	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9102	Modern	Oct. 11–17	1	Deer
9103	Modern	Oct. 18–24	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9104	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9105	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9106	Modern	Oct. 25–Nov. 2	1	Elk

Three Rivers Ranger District

GMU 101

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Betty Creek (GMU 101) in Washington – From Colville, drive west approximately 12 miles on highway 395 through Kettle Falls and across Lake Roosevelt where you will continue north on highway 395 six miles to the Deadman Creek road which exits on the west side of the highway. This road is forest road 9565 or county 460. Follow the main Deadman Creek road about seven miles passing through private property. Turn north on the 9565800 road, driving northwest about eight miles to the first hunting route which exits to the right on the 9565810 road. The gate is about a quarter of a mile down this road. This route also includes 9565811, 9565812, and 9565813. The second route is about one mile on up the 9565800 road. It is the 9565830 and the gate is about an eighth of a mile down this road. This route also includes 9565832, 9565833, and 9564834. These routes sometimes have tall dry grass in the fall and may need to be closed due to fire danger or for other administrative reasons. There is no camping or firewood gathering behind the gate. There are dispersed camping sites along the 9565800 road. This road is not maintained.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9107	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9108	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9109	Modern	Oct. 11–17	1	Deer
9110	Modern	Oct. 18–24	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9111	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9112	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9113	Modern	Oct. 25–Nov. 2	1	Elk

Three Rivers Ranger District

GMU 117

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Mitchell Mountain (GMU 117) in Washington – Go south from Colville or north from Spokane on highway 395 to Chewelah. In Chewelah, take County Road 2998 about 8 miles north then east to the Colville National Forest boundary where this road designation changes to forest road 9521 (North Fork of Chewelah Creek Road). You will see road 9531015 about ½-mile after the forest boundary. It exits south and passes through some private timber land. Follow 9521015 about 2 miles to the gate. Your hunting route consists of 9521015 and 9521041. Use is not permitted on spur 9521043 due to a washout so do not attempt to drive it. Camping and wood gathering are not allowed behind the gate, but there are great camping sites along the North Fork of Chewelah Creek Road. In some years this route may be unavailable due to tall, dry grasses and high fire danger. The road may be closed for fire danger or other administrative reasons. This road is not maintained.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9114	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9115	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9116	Modern	Oct. 11–17	1	Deer
9117	Modern	Oct. 18–24	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9118	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9119	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9120	Modern	Oct. 25–Nov. 2	1	Elk

DNR Sherry Divide

S 2000 Road

GMU 117

Directions:

From Colville take SR 20 east for 18.3 miles, turn right on Sherry Creek Road for 1.6 miles. The S 2000 Road is on the left. The S 2000 Road is a 3 mile loop accessing both cut over areas and standing timber.



Notes:

- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- Tracked vehicles are allowed for access during snow events in late season.
- No camping.
- May close due to timber sale or weather.
- Discover Pass required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9121	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	2	Deer
9122	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	2	Deer
9123	Modern	Oct. 11–17	2	Deer
9124	Modern	Oct. 18–24	2	Deer
9125	Late Modern	Nov. 8–19	2	Deer
9126	Late Archery	Nov. 25–Dec. 15	2	Deer

Tips for a successful drawing submission:

Apply through the WILD Licensing System (fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/login) following the TWO-PART process.

- Purchase the free 490 – Special Hunt Application Deer and Elk ADA Road Access
- THEN, go to the Special Hunt page and make your top four choices.

Double check that your selection is for the correct **SPECIES**, **WEAPON TYPE**, and **LOCATION**.

See page 6 for detailed instructions.

DNR Rose Hill

4700 Road

GMU 121

Directions:

From Spokane take US 395 to Loon Lake, then west on SR 292 to Springdale, turn right onto SR 231, continue west for about a mile, then turn left onto the Springdale Hunters Road for about 10 miles. The entrance to 4700 Road is on the right. There are 4 miles of road accessing a number of cut over areas.



Notes:

- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- No camping behind the gate; do not park in tall grass.
- Dispersed camping permitted just Northwest of the gate - no campfires allowed.
- Discover Pass Required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9127	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9128	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9129	Modern	Oct. 11–17	1	Deer
9130	Modern	Oct. 18–24	1	Deer
9131	Late Modern	Nov. 8–19	1	Deer
9132	Late Archery	Nov. 25–Dec. 15	1	Deer

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WDFW Sinlahekin WLA

Jay Hill Unit

GMU 215

Directions:

The Jay Hill Unit is located 28 miles northwest of the town of Riverside. Take Hwy 20 north from Riverside. Turn left onto Pine Creek Road, which turns into Fish Lake Road, then Sinlahekin Road, and head north. Go past Blue Lake on the left and Forde Lake on the right. Turn right onto Connors Lake access road and stay left. Proceed up to the area manager's office for the key. Hunters must have all permits displayed and remain on the mainline road at all times. This road drives out through the pastures and follows the creek north.



Notes:

- White-tail and mule deer are present in the area.
- Camping is available at the WDFW office with permission. The town of Loomis is four miles north. One non-hunting person, in addition to the Hunting Companion, is allowed to help. Only one (1) ATV/UTV vehicle is allowed to assist the disabled hunter with NO off road travel. ATV unloading area is available at the office. Green dot roads are open to the east of this area.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9133	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9134	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9135	Modern	Oct. 11–15	1	Deer
9136	Modern	Oct. 16–21	1	Deer
9137	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	1	Deer

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Choose the correct hunt number for your desired SPECIES, WEAPON TYPE, and LOCATION.

WDFW Methow WLA

USFS Bear Mountain

GMU 224

Directions:

Bear Mountain (USFS) is located on U.S. Forest Service property near the Loup Loup summit off of State Route 20. Twisp is approximately 12 miles from this site. This area is characterized by rolling hills with mixed Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Fir forest with a shrubby understory. Bear Mountain has an extensive road network. Mule deer and black bear are the big game species found in the area. From State Route 20 at the Loup Loup summit, go north on Forest Service Road 42. At 0.6 miles from the highway, USFS Road 42 will veer right. Continue on USFS 42 for another 3 miles until the pavement ends. Access to the Bear Mountain site is on the left.



Notes:

- Camping facilities, including vault toilets are available at nearby USFS campgrounds.
- No ATV/UTV use allowed.
- This USFS road is not maintained or brushed.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9138	Modern	Oct. 11–15	2	Deer
9139	Modern	Oct. 16–21	2	Deer



WDFW Scotch Creek WLA

Silver Hill Area

GMU 233

Directions:

The Roberts Lake Unit is located 18 miles northwest of the town of Okanogan. Take Hwy 215 to downtown Okanogan. Turn left onto Pine Street. Turn south onto 6th Ave North, which turns into Conconully Road. Follow for 16 miles to Silver Hill Road on the right. Hunters must have all permits displayed and stay strictly on the mainline road. Silver Hill Road loops up the hill, crosses the ridge, and heads back down to Conconully road.



Notes:

- White-tail and mule deer are present in the area.
- Camping facilities are available at Conconully State Park. The town of Conconully is two miles NW. One non-hunting person, in addition to a Hunting Companion, is allowed to help. Only one ATV/UTV vehicle is allowed to assist the disabled hunter with NO off road travel. An ATV/UTV unloading area is available at the gate entrance.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9140	Modern	Oct. 11–15	1	Deer
9141	Modern	Oct. 16–21	1	Deer

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WDFW Big Bend WLA

Rock Lake Unit

GMU 248

Directions:

The Big Bend Unit is located 16 miles northwest of Grand Coulee. You will find permanent lakes, seasonal ponds and wetlands, shrub & meadow steppe, grasslands, aspen groves, basalt cliffs and stands of Ponderosa pine overlooking the Columbia River. Mule deer can be found throughout the area along with a variety of upland game birds. Upland bird hunters are advised that sharp-tailed grouse and sage grouse are protected species and can be found on the unit. From Grand Coulee, take HWY 174 west to Smith Lake road. Turn right and follow for 5 miles. Pass the 28 1/2 Rd NE and pass the 31 Rd NE. Travel on the D Rex Rd for 2 miles. Then turn right onto the 32 Rd NE. Gate near Rock Lake.



Notes:

- No ATV/UTV use allowed.
- Camping available at Rock Lake. Hunter companion may assist.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9142	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9143	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9144	Modern	Oct. 11–21	1	Deer

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4. Photo must be appropriate (minimum blood etc.).
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Photo by Lily Huth

DNR Naneum State Forest

Croker Flats

GMU 328

Directions:

Located on the eastern slopes of the central Cascade Mountains, Naneum (nah-num) Ridge State Forest includes 71,000-acres of mostly forested uplands. With its mix of ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and white fir trees, this area is habitat for deer, bears, cougars, and abundant bird life. The Naneum area also is home to one of the largest elk herds in the state of Washington. Portions of the forest are a critical corridor between the winter and summer ranges of the Yakima and Colockum elk herds. This access is located on the east side of Pearson Creek.



Notes:

- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- Camping available behind gate.
- All fire laws apply depending upon statewide burn bans.
- Propane powered campfire rings allowed year round, as well as BBQs (do not dump ashes).
- Discover Pass required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9145	Early Archery	Sept. 1–21	1	Deer
9146	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9147	Modern	Oct. 11–21	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9148	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9149	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9150	Modern	Oct. 25–Nov. 2	1	Elk

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DNR Naneum State Forest

Boulder/Winch Hill

GMU 328

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Notes:

- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- Camping available behind gate.
- Fire laws apply- watch statewide burn bans.
- Propane powered campfire rings allowed year round as well as BBQs (do not dump ashes).
- Discover Pass required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9151	Early Archery	Sept. 1–21	1	Deer
9152	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9153	Modern	Oct. 11–21	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9154	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9155	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9156	Modern	Oct. 25–Nov. 2	1	Elk

Important Note

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Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility

Ellensburg

GMU 329

Directions:

The Wild Horse Wind Facility is located 17 miles east of Ellensburg on the Vantage Highway.



Notes:

Owned and operated by Puget Sound Energy, the facility generates electricity from 149 wind turbines spread across 11,000 acres of rangeland in the Whiskey Dick Mountain area of eastern Kittitas County.

- Hunters with disabilities drawn for this access must check in at the Maintenance Building office before their hunt.
- There is no access of any kind within 300 feet of wind turbines, solar panels, buildings, or substation. No pointing or shooting any weapon at any target other than legal game. The hunting party must drive on site access road only.
- One hunter with a disability and one hunter companion allowed.
- No ATV/UTV use allowed and No off-road driving.
- No camping on-site.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9157	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4-10	1	Elk
9158	Modern	Oct. 25-Nov. 2	1	Elk

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What to look for:

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Photo by Bill Hebner

Great Western Checkerboard Project

Central Cascades Forest

GMU 336



Located on the eastern slopes of the central Cascade Mountains, the Great Western Checkerboards Project seeks to conserve lands granted in 1862 by Congress to the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads. This particular Nature Conservancy acquisition south of the town of Cle Elum contains a significant portion of the Yakima River headwaters and

connects large, intact wilderness areas to the north and south, supporting irreplaceable habitat for wildlife, including elk, bear and cougar, as well as rare and threatened species such as the wolverine and spotted owl. This ecologically diverse working forest provides a mix of ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and white fir trees. Access is via the NF-4510 road.

Directions:

Access is via the NF-4510 road.

Notes:

- No ATV/UTV use allowed and no off road travel.
- Camping available outside the gate in designated locations along the USFS Taneum loop.
- All state, federal, and local fire laws apply.



Photo by Kenneth McNaughton

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9159	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9160	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9161	Modern	Oct. 25–Nov. 2	1	Elk

WDFW/USFS Section 31

Cottonwood Unit

GMU 346



Road 1413 (GMU 346) this area is located 21 miles west of Naches off Hwy 410. The topography is dominated by steep, rocky slopes, with rolling ridges and canyons. Open ridges and southern slopes at the lower elevations support sagebrush, bitterbrush and rabbitbrush. Bluebunch wheatgrass is the most prevalent native grass. In the early spring the area is full of wildflowers scattered across the rangeland. At higher elevations, the vegetation transitions to conifer forests. Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, sub alpine fir, Engelmann spruce and western white pine can all be found as elevations increase. Drawn hunters will pick-up their key at the Oak Creek Wildlife Area off Hwy 12. Camping available at Cottonwood Campground. One hunter companion may assist.

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WATCH

Campfires must be attended at all times.

EXTINGUISH

Be sure campfires are cold to the touch before leaving.

Keep a shovel and bucket of water nearby to extinguish the campfire.
Clear all flammable vegetation at least 10 feet in all directions.

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WILDFIRE

Fires are investigated and cost recovery pursued.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9162	Early Archery	Sept. 1-11	1	Deer
9163	Early Archery	Sept. 12-21	1	Deer
9164	Modern	Oct. 11-16	1	Deer
9165	Modern	Oct. 17-21	1	Deer

WDFW Oak Creek WLA

Cougar Canyon

GMU 360

Directions:

This 40,366-acre Oak Creek Unit is 8 miles west of Naches on Hwy 12. A winter elk feeding program is conducted annually. This access departs from the WDFW office headquarters on the R-1000 Bethel Ridge Tie Road. Stay on the R-1000 road for approximately 5 miles. The road accessing the hunt area will be on the right, indicated by a gate with signs.



Notes:

- All permits must be displayed in this area.
- Only one ATV/UTV per entry is allowed at this site.
- No off road travel.
- This road is not maintained, 4x4 vehicle recommended.
- Primitive camping along the R-1000 road and at the WDFW office is available.
- USFS Forest Service campgrounds are also nearby. Please contact the Naches Ranger Station for more information.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9166	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9167	Modern	Oct. 11–16	1	Deer
9168	Modern	Oct. 17–21	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9169	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9170	Modern	Oct. 25–Nov. 2	1	Elk

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WDFW Oak Creek WLA

Windy Point Road

GMU 364

Directions:

This 40,366-acre Oak Creek Unit is 8 miles west of Naches on Hwy 12. A winter elk feeding program is conducted annually. This access departs from Hwy 12, miles west of the Oak Creek Office. Turn left onto NF-1302 and proceed approximately 1 mile to the NF 1302-511 road on the right. Gate access starts there.



Notes:

Starting in June 2022, a restoration thinning will occur in the area, resulting in more open forest conditions. No log truck or heavy equipment hauling will occur during hunt seasons, but crews may still be working in the area away from the road. Contact the Oak Creek office for most up to date information.

- All permits must be displayed in this area.
- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- This road is not maintained, 4x4 vehicle recommended.
- Primitive camping is available at gate or at WDFW office. USFS Forest Service campgrounds are nearby. Please contact the Naches Ranger Station for more information about camping.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9171	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9172	Modern	Oct. 11–16	1	Deer
9173	Modern	Oct. 17–21	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9174	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9175	Modern	Oct. 25–Nov. 2	1	Elk

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COLUMBIA LAND TRUST

Bowman Creek Natural Area

GMU 388

Directions:

Klickitat County - Zelinski Road. This private land is 12 miles northwest of Goldendale off Zelinski Road about 0.5 miles west of the Glenwood Hwy and Zelinski Road intersection. There is 348 acres of pine-oak forests, prairies and a small portion of Bowman Creek at the south end. Much of the western edge borders WDFW and DNR managed lands and an access trail extends 1.4 miles through the entire length of the parcel.



Notes:

- Animals common to this area include mule deer, cougar, bear, turkey and the occasional elk.
- Only the drawn hunter with a disability and one companion is allowed access.
- The companion may harvest after the hunter with a disability has filled their tag.
- The hunting party must drive on the access road only, no off-road driving. No camping on-site.
- The gate must always be kept in the closed and locked position.
- No shooting is allowed within 200 yards along the eastern border Safety Zone, near homes.
- Hunting party must exit on date indicated on permit.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9176	Modern	Oct. 11–21	1	Deer

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2025-2026 Game Management Units (West)



DNR Markworth Forest East

GMU 460

Directions:

I-90 to Preston (Exit #22) then north to Fall City pass Twin Rivers Golf Course - Cross bridge over the Snoqualmie River and turn left on Highway 203 to Carnation. Go six miles (through Carnation) and go three more miles and turn right on Stillwater Hill Road. Stay to the right on Rock Road and veer to the right on Stossel Creek Way. Go 1 mile veer right again to enter Markworth State Forest. At the four-way, access is allowed behind both gates. Markworth West Gate #1002 and Markworth East Gate #1001



Notes:

- All roads beyond the gate are open to hunting.
- Logging activity may be present.
- Wastewater sludge is sprayed over vegetation in August leaving a mild odor.
- No ATV/UTV use allowed.
- No camping.
- Discover Pass Required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9177	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	3	Deer
9178	Modern	Oct. 11–17	3	Deer
9179	Modern	Oct. 18–24	3	Deer
9180	Modern	Oct. 25–31	3	Deer
9181	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	2	Deer
9182	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	1	Deer



Photo by WDFW

DNR Lincoln Creek

L 1000 Road

GMU 501

Directions:

I-5 & Centralia take Exit 82 and go west on Harrison Ave 0.8 miles, then turn left onto Galvin Road for 2 miles to Galvin, then continue west on Lincoln Creek Road for 11.4 miles, turn right (north) on Manners Road for 2.6 miles. Turn left (west) on Garrard Creek Road for 3.1 miles. Lincoln Creek 1000 Road is on the left. This area has various terrain.



Notes:

- No ATV/UTV use allowed.
- Camping permitted - no campfires allowed.
- Do NOT block road or gates.
- Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9183	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9184	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	2	Deer
9185	Modern	Oct. 11–17	2	Deer
9186	Modern	Oct. 18–24	2	Deer
9187	Modern	Oct. 25–31	2	Deer
9188	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	2	Deer
9189	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9190	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9191	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	2	Elk
9192	Modern	Nov. 1–12	2	Elk
9193	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 8	1	Elk

WDFW Cowlitz WLA

Peterman Ridge Unit

GMU 505

Directions:

The 6,840-acre Peterman Ridge Unit is located south of Morton in Lewis County. Owned by Tacoma Power and managed by WDFW, this area is home to black-tailed deer. From Highway 12 near Morton, turn south onto Highland Valley Road. Stay uphill to Peterman Hill Road, the entry point is at the 1500 Road. Access to over 7 miles of Mainline Road.



Notes:

- All permits must be displayed.
- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- Camping is available at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake.
- RV and tent camping is available in Morton at Gust Backstrom City Park.
- One non-hunting person in addition to the Hunter and Hunter Companion is allowed to assist.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9194	Early Archery	Sept. 1–12	1	Deer
9195	Early Archery	Sept. 13–26	1	Deer
9196	Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9197	Modern	Oct. 11–20	1	Deer
9198	Modern	Oct. 21–31	1	Deer
9199	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	1	Deer
9200	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 13	1	Deer
9201	Late Archery	Dec. 14–31	1	Deer

DNR Tahoma State Forest

11 and 23 Road

GMU 510

Directions:

From Elbe continue East toward Ashford on Hwy 706. Turn right onto the #1 road (South District Access) just before the Baptist Church, travel approximately 1.7 miles to the 11 road gate, access #1. Continue approximately 1 mile to the junction of 1 & 2 Roads and turn right. Take the 23 road to the left and travel 1.6 miles to the ADA gate, access #2. There are newer units at the top of this ridge.



Notes:

- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- Camping is NOT permitted, no campfires allowed.
- May close due to weather or fires.
- Discover Pass required.

Attention: Tribal hunting is permitted in these areas.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9202	Early Archery	Sept. 1–21	1	Deer
9203	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9204	Modern	Oct. 11–17	1	Deer
9205	Modern	Oct. 18–24	1	Deer
9206	Modern	Oct. 25–31	1	Deer
9207	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	1	Deer
9208	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9209	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9210	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9211	Modern	Nov. 1–12	1	Elk

DNR Robertson Road

GMU 530

Directions:

From State Route 4 (between milepost 47 and 48) turn north onto Mill Creek Road. Follow for 0.90 miles. Turn right onto Robertson Road and follow for 0.50 miles. Turn left onto R-100, through the yellow gate.



Notes:

- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- Camping permitted, no campfires.
- Other recreationalists are allowed access, but not in full sized vehicles.
- Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9212	Early Archery	Sept. 1–21	1	Deer
9213	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9214	Modern	Oct. 11–17	1	Deer
9215	Modern	Oct. 18–24	1	Deer
9216	Modern	Oct. 25–31	1	Deer
9217	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	1	Deer
9218	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9219	Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9220	Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9221	Modern	Nov. 1–12	1	Elk
9222	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	1	Elk

DNR Cassidy Creek

PA-L 1000 Road

GMU 621

Directions:

From Sequim on Highway 101 travel 2.1 miles west to Hooker Rd. Turn left and travel .3 miles to Atterbury Rd. Turn right and travel 2.1 miles to Cassidy Rd. Turn left and travel 1.1 miles to the gate.



Notes:

- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- No camping.
- There are other recreationists allowed behind the gate.
- Follow signage for trail access requirements.
- Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9223	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9224	Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9225	Modern	Oct. 11–17	1	Deer
9226	Modern	Oct. 18–24	1	Deer
9227	Modern	Oct. 25–31	1	Deer
9228	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	1	Deer
9229	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	1	Deer

Reward Program

Information that contributes substantially to an arrest of another person for violation of Title 77.15 RCW or WAC 220, including the loss of fish, wildlife, or damage to WDFW property, could be eligible for a cash reward. Annually, over \$10,000 is paid in rewards.

Hunting bonus points (up to 10) may be awarded for violation information about illegal hunting or killing of big game or an endangered species. Bonus points provide a greatly improved chance of drawing special permits for hunting.

DNR Hood Canal State Forest GMU 621

Directions:

From Highway 101 and Jorsted Creek Road (Forest Service 24 Road) follow 2.1 miles to the junction of FS 2480 and FS 24 Roads. Turn left onto FS 24 and follow for 2.9 miles. Turn left onto FS 2420 to the gate.



Notes:

- There are several large thinning units behind the gate.
- Berry pickers may be present. Active brush lease area.
- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- No camping.
- Discover Pass Required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9230	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	2	Deer
9231	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	2	Deer
9232	Modern	Oct. 11–17	2	Deer
9233	Modern	Oct. 18–24	2	Deer
9234	Modern	Oct. 25–31	2	Deer
9235	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	2	Deer
9236	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	2	Deer

DNR Green Mountain

4 Road

GMU 627

Directions:

Go northwest from Bremerton and take Seabeck Highway to Holly Road. Take Holly Road about 2 miles (just past Wildcat Trailhead) and turn left on Rock Quarry Road. Go through county gate stay to the left and follow about 0.2 miles to DNR gate. This is the GM 4 road.



Notes:

- Logging operations may be occurring, and there are other recreation users in the area, so be sure of your shot.
- ATV/UTV use is allowed on roads only - no off road travel.
- No camping.
- Discover Pass is required.

*Active brush lease area.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9237	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9238	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	1	Deer
9239	Modern	Oct. 11–17	2	Deer
9240	Modern	Oct. 18–24	2	Deer
9241	Modern	Oct. 25–31	2	Deer
9242	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	2	Deer
9243	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 31	1	Deer

Important Note

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Choose the correct hunt number for your desired SPECIES, WEAPON TYPE, and LOCATION.

DNR Sherwood Forest

GMU 633

Directions:

From Highway 101, take the first Shelton exit. Go through Shelton and take Highway 3 North. After you pass the major intersection of highway 3 and Grapeview Road, look for mile marker 15 on the right, travel .2 miles further north, driveway to the gate will be on the left. There are two orange, Green Diamond gates, the one on the left is the gate you can access.



Notes:

- No overnight camping.
- No ATVs allowed.
- No hunting between the orange gate and the DNR Blue gate, this is Green Diamond property.

*Active brush picking lease in this area.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9244	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	2	Deer
9245	Early Muzzle	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	2	Deer
9246	Modern	Oct. 11–17	2	Deer
9247	Modern	Oct. 18–24	2	Deer
9248	Modern	Oct. 25–31	2	Deer
9249	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	2	Deer
9250	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	2	Deer

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See pages 28 and 36 for more details.

DNR Tahuya State Forest

West Block

GMU 633

Directions:

From Belfair at intersection of NE Old Belfair Hwy and State Rte 300: continue on St Hwy 300 for 3.5 miles, turn right on NE Belfair-Tahuya Rd for 7.7 miles. Take a right onto NE Dewatto Holly Rd and follow for 2.3 miles. Turn left on NE Hohobas Way. At 750', there will be a NEW gate installed but open until October 31, after which an ADA lock will be placed. Travel .2 miles to Access #1 (gate #169). Continue .3 miles and take the left split and travel .9 miles where you'll see Hohobas Camp gate. Turn left for less than .1 miles to Access #2 (gate #153). Continue on mainline for .6 miles to Access #3 (gate #154).



Notes:

- No ATV/UTV use allowed.
- No camping and no campfires are allowed".
- Discover Pass Required.

*Active brush lease area.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9251	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	2	Deer
9252	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	2	Deer
9253	Modern	Oct. 11–17	2	Deer
9254	Modern	Oct. 18–24	2	Deer
9255	Modern	Oct. 25–31	2	Deer
9256	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	2	Deer
9257	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	2	Deer

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DNR Elbe Hills

GMU 654

Directions:

From Elbe, follow SR-706 east for 6.2 miles. Turn left on 278th St./Stoner Road and follow for 0.6 miles. Bear left onto the 8 road and follow for 2.5 miles. Continue straight onto the 92 road and follow for 0.4 miles. Turn right on 92-1 and travel 0.8 miles to lower Unit 1 or continue and turn right onto 92-3 and follow for 0.6 miles to reach upper Unit 1.



Notes:

- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- No camping behind the gates and no campfires allowed.
- May close due to weather or fires.
- Discover Pass Required.

*Attention - Tribal hunting is permitted in this area.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9258	Early Archery	Sept. 1–26	1	Deer
9259	Modern	Oct. 11–17	1	Deer
9260	Modern	Oct. 18–24	1	Deer
9261	Modern	Oct. 25–31	1	Deer
9262	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	1	Deer
9263	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 15	1	Deer
9264	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 31	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9265	Early Archery	Sept. 6–18	1	Elk
9266	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9267	Modern	Nov. 1–12	1	Elk

DNR Capitol Forest

DC Line Road

GMU 663

Directions:

Located in the Capitol Forest between Porter and Oakville opposite of State Route 12 – Mile Post 31. Approximately 10 miles of road accessing good views of both timber and cut over areas.



Notes:

- Be extremely cautious - logging may be occurring on this road.
- ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
- No camping.
- Active brush picking lease.
- Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9268	Early Archery	Sept. 1–13	3	Deer
9269	Early Archery	Sept. 14–26	3	Deer
9270	Muzzleloader	Sept. 27–Oct. 5	3	Deer
9271	Modern	Oct. 11–17	3	Deer
9272	Modern	Oct. 18–24	3	Deer
9273	Modern	Oct. 25–31	3	Deer
9274	Late Modern	Nov. 13–16	3	Deer
9275	Late Archery	Nov. 26–Dec. 13	3	Deer
9276	Late Archery	Dec. 14–31	3	Deer

TransAlta/Skookumchuck

GMU 667

Directions:

The 960-acre Skookumchuck Unit is managed by and on TransAlta's private property located eleven miles NE of Centralia and downstream from the Skookumchuck Dam in Thurston County. On Hwy 507, go south of Tenino towards Bucoda 2.3 miles and turn left (east) onto 184th Ave SE, which becomes Skookumchuck Rd. SE. Proceed 5.4 miles and turn right (south) onto Thompson Creek Rd SE. Proceed 1.0 miles to TransAlta's Gate #17 on the left just past BPA's transmission lines. This road is 1.9 miles long. Deer and Elk move into and through this security cover from forage fields on the north side of the river and meadows on the south side.

Notes:

- This access is for the south side of the Skookumchuck River and for Elk only.
- ATVs/UTVs/E-bikes, target shooting, and overnight camping are not permitted in the habitat area.
- Camping is available at Millersylvania State Park.
- Hunter may bring one hunter companion to help.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
9277	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 4–10	1	Elk
9278	Modern	Nov. 1–6	1	Elk
9279	Modern	Nov. 7–12	1	Elk
9280	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 26–Dec. 8	1	Elk



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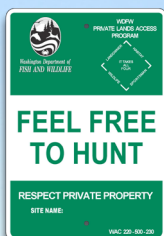
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Hunt by Reservation – This component of the private lands program launched in 2013. It is attractive to many landowners and organizations because it allows access to specific reservation and hunter information via a landowner portal. The Hunt by Reservation program is managed through an online registration system where hunters create an account in order to reserve available properties. The Hunt by Reservation program allows landowners to manage hunting on their lands, without direct contact with hunters.



Feel Free to Hunt – This includes private lands where the Department has a management agreement with the landowner or organization to provide public access for hunting with minimal restrictions. This type of agreement provides the most open and unrestricted type of access for the public. Many Feel Free to Hunt properties house a wide variety of small game and big game species and provide ample hunting opportunity.



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