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ELK HUNTING SEASON WITHIN NATIONAL ELK REFUGE OPENS OCTOBER 21

Wyoming Hunt Area 77 within the National Elk Refuge boundary will be open for elk hunting from October 21 through December 3, 2006. A Refuge specific permit is required to hunt on the National Elk Refuge, obtained by participating in a weekly public drawing at the Jackson Rodeo Grounds on Fridays, October 20 and 27, November 3, 10, 17 and 24, unless Area 77 closes earlier. There is no pre-application for permits.

Individuals wishing to draw for a Refuge hunting permit must be present at the drawing, possess a valid unused general or limited quota State of Wyoming elk hunting license, and have a valid hunter safety or instructor card (or certification) issued by a state agency. While hunting on the National Elk Refuge, individuals must also possess a Wyoming Conservation Stamp and a Wyoming Elk Feedground Special Management Permit. Both the Conservation Stamp and Elk Feedground Special Management Permit can be purchased for \$10.50 each at any license-selling agency, including the Wyoming Game and Fish Regional Office at 420 N. Cache Street and the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center at 532 N. Cache Street, both in Jackson.

The weekly hunt drawings will be held in the Jackson Rodeo Ground's new horse arena beginning at 4:30 PM each Friday. Participants should arrive by 4:00 PM to allow time for licenses to be checked and a numbered ticket issued prior to the drawing. A \$1.00 fee is charged to participate in each drawing.

During the first hunt period of the first week, October 21 and 22, permits will only be issued to youths age 12-17, to provide diversification and promote ethical behavior in beginning hunters on the Refuge. Youths must be accompanied by an experienced non-hunting adult and will be subject to State and Refuge regulations.

Additional hunting information and regulations are posted on the Internet at www.fws.gov/nationalelkrefuge/NERHuntingRegs.htm.

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