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NATIONAL ELK REFUGE SLEIGH RIDES CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 1

Despite the recent mild temperatures and lack of substantial snow coverage on the National Elk Refuge, interpretive sleigh rides onto the Refuge will continue through Sunday, April 1. Wagons can be substituted for sleighs to accommodate current conditions, still allowing visitors to get close to segments of the elk herd for wildlife viewing and photography opportunities. The rides are operated under contract and are offered on a first-come basis, available daily from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center located at 532 N. Cache Street in Jackson.

An estimated 7,200 elk have wintered on the National Elk Refuge this season. The animals typically begin their spring migration during April and early May, spending the summer at higher, cooler elevations in the forests and meadows of Grand Teton National Park, the southern portion of Yellowstone National Park, and the wilderness areas of the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

After the sleigh rides conclude for the season, elk and other wildlife can be viewed from pullouts on Highway 26/89/191 north of Jackson, along the west side of the Refuge. A portion of the Refuge Road, beginning at the East Broadway Street entrance, is currently open to the public. All traffic is restricted to the main Refuge Road and turnouts. A winter wildlife closure will remain in effect on the Curtis Canyon and Flat Creek Roads through the Refuge until May 1.

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