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National Elk Refuge

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## **SLEIGH RIDES ON THE NATIONAL ELK REFUGE TO CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 4**

Interpretive sleigh rides onto the National Elk Refuge will continue through close of business on Friday, April 4, allowing for several more weeks to enjoy a unique way to observe and photograph wildlife. Sleigh rides operate daily from 10 AM to 4 PM from the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center, located at 532 N. Cache Street in Jackson. The rides are operated under contract by Double H Bar, Inc. and are offered on a first-come basis. Passengers purchase tickets at the Visitor Center and take a shuttle to the sleigh boarding area two miles north of Jackson on Highway 26/89/191. Wagons will be substituted for sleighs if conditions change due to spring weather.

The National Elk Refuge is operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and was established in 1912 for winter range and care of the Jackson Hole elk herd. Nearly 8,000 elk have wintered on the 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.

To inquire about group or private tours, or for further information about the sleigh rides, please call the sleigh ride contractor at 1.800.772.5386 or 307.733.0277.

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