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NATIONAL ELK REFUGE ELK HUNTING PERMIT APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 22

National Elk Refuge Manager Steve Kallin announced today that hunters have until the close of business on Tuesday, September 22 to apply for permits to hunt elk on the refuge during the 2009 season. Applications for either the North or South Unit elk hunt areas must be submitted electronically by September 22 to be entered into a computerized random draw. Hunters may initially apply for only one hunt period per hunt unit and must already have a valid Wyoming elk license to enter the electronic drawing for a refuge permit. The results of the drawing will be posted on the application web site on September 29.

On September 29, the on-line system will continue to be active to allow access to any leftover permits. Any unissued permits will be available through the same on-line application system on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons who were successful for one hunt period on the September 29 drawing may reapply for a first-come, first-served leftover permit valid for another hunt period.

Alternate permits will also be available throughout the season beginning Monday, October 19. A full set of instructions, including information on the permit application process, alternate permits, and drawing times and dates can be found on the National Elk Refuge's home page at www.fws.gov/nationalelkrefuge. Several links to National Elk Refuge hunting information and regulations, including a direct link to the permit application site, can be found under the "What's New" column on the web page listed above. Application for National Elk Refuge elk hunting permits is done in cooperation with the Wyoming Game & Fish Private Lands Public Wildlife Access program.

Craighead Beringia South, a local non-profit research institute based in Kelly, Wyoming, has conducted studies in the area on the effects of lead ammunition and will be hosting several upcoming events to raise awareness levels on the benefits of making a voluntary switch to non-lead ammunition. Additionally, Craighead Beringia South will be distributing limited quantities of non-lead ammunition, purchased through a grant awarded by *1% of the Tetons*. The programs are in support of a voluntary non-lead program in Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge for the 2009 elk and bison seasons. For a list of scheduled events and information on the non-lead ammunition distribution program, please visit the Craighead Beringia web site at www.beringiasouth.com/.

For assistance or questions about hunting on the National Elk Refuge, please call the Refuge Headquarters at 307.733.9212.

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