

Can You Help? Yes!

1. Please respect travel regulations when using the area.
2. Report violations of travel regulations.
3. Comments or questions are welcome:

La Grande Ranger District Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife
 5502 Hwy 50 107 20th
 La Grande, OR 97850 La Grande, OR 97850
 503-963-7186 503-963-2138

Violation Report _____ area.

If you witness a violation, record information on this form and present to an official.

Time _____ am _____ pm Date _____

Vehicle:
 Make _____ Model _____

Color _____

License No. _____ State _____

County _____ Road Number _____

Location _____

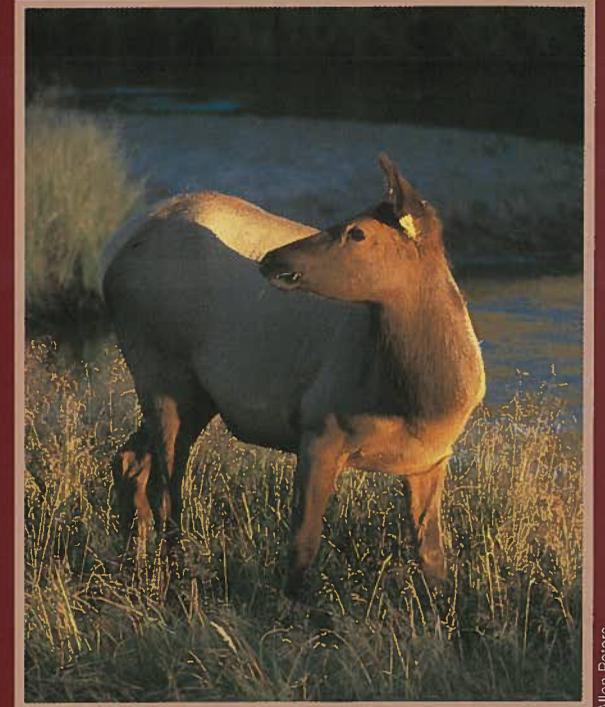
No. of persons Involved _____

Describe Violation _____

**If mailed, send to: Game Division
 Oregon State Police
 107 Public Service Bldg.
 Salem, OR 97310**

DRY BEAVER/LADD CANYON ELK HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

A National Demonstration Area Project



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A Partnership in Cooperation

- Blue Mountain Elk Initiative
 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
 Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
 Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
- Seeking Common Ground Initiative
 USDA Forest Service
 Bureau of Land Management
 American Farm Bureau Federation
 International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
 National Cattleman's Association
 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
 Wildlife Management Institute
 National Fish & Wildlife Association
 Public Lands Council



STRATEGY TOOLS

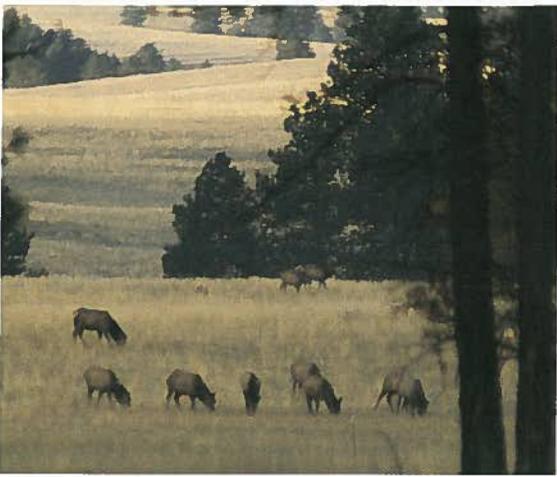


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Federal and state agencies, plus numerous natural resource groups, joined together to restore traditional elk migration patterns on public lands. The results of this project include reduced elk damage on private lands, better herd management and more effective habitat use on public lands. Thank you for your support and interest in this project.

Project Strategy

The project is located on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. We implemented a habitat enhancement program covering 80,000 acres. We improved year-round security for elk by decreasing motor vehicles access. We also created more desirable habitat conditions for elk on public lands by fertilizing rangelands, establishing salt sites and using prescribed fire. Our primary goal was to draw elk away from private land onto public land during the summer and early fall.



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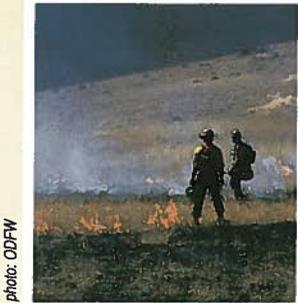


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Road Density Management

Road densities in the forest are a major factor causing elk to move to the seclusion of private lands. A rigorous road closure program has been initiated using gates, earthen berms and other methods to limit motorized use of the area. The reduced elk harassment encourages the elk to use their original spring/summer/fall ranges.

Prescribed Fire

Prescribed fire on elk spring and summer ranges reduces coarse forage conditions and increases the quality of forage for elk.

Fertilization

The application of fertilizer improves forage palatability and attracts elk away from private land.

Salting

Elk heavily use salt during the spring and early summer months. Established salt licks are maintained twice a year with block salt.

RESULTS



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Project Monitoring

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists located radio-collared elk from July 1993 to September 1998 to determine effects of habitat improvements on elk distribution.



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COMPARISON OF ELK LOCATIONS

Before and After Dry Beaver-Ladd Canyon habitat enhancement

