General Information: U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) has sponsored its tule elk hunts since 1996. FHL is a 162,000-acre installation administered by the U.S. Army. Military training is the primary mission of the base, and other activities are subservient to this mission. Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information).

Non-lead ammunition is required for all legal methods of take for elk at FHL. Shotguns are not a legal method of take for elk in California. Refer to Section 353 and 354 for legal methods of take.

All hunters MUST report to the Department within one week after the close of elk season, regardless whether an elk was taken or not, either through mailing in the tag or online. Both successful and unsuccessful hunters will be able to report their hunt results online via the Department’s online license service at http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales. Hunters submitting reports online will receive a report confirmation number and will not have to mail in the report card.

Harvest Data: CDFW implores all elk hunters to provide the most accurate harvest information possible. A GPS harvest location is preferred. These data are crucial for CDFW personnel to evaluate current harvest strategies, propose new strategies, assess herd health, track elk herd distributions, and recommend tag quota changes to the Fish and Game Commission. All information is used by CDFW personnel to best manage the elk herds for continued population growth and expansion while providing continued recreational use and hunter opportunity. Online reporting is preferred, but please use whatever method is most convenient for you – as long as you report. Thank you!

FHL Specific Information:

➢ FHL HUNTING PERMIT—FHL Tule Elk Muzzleloader and Archery Hunt participants are required to create a FHL iSportsman account and purchase a FHL Annual Hunting Permit online through their account. Cost of a general public annual permit is $120.00. FHL provides discounts to select groups (e.g., juniors, disabled veterans).

FHL requires all hunters to clear a National Crime and Information Center - Interstate Identification Index (NCIC-III) background check prior to being able to purchase a FHL annual hunting permit. The vetting process can take up to two weeks after submitting an Access Request Form to FHL Law Enforcement.

The process to buy a permit can take up to 3 or 4 weeks, so please begin this process as soon as possible to avoid losing your elk hunt. Visit the FHL iSportsman website (https://fthunter.isportsman.net) for more information or email your questions to the FHL Hunt and Fish Program at: usarmy.hunterliggett.id-readiness.mbx.hunt-and-fish-program@mail.mil.

➢ MANDATORY HUNTER ORIENTATION—all tag holders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation given in the late-afternoon the day before the hunt. Tag holders will receive a letter with information on the time and location of this meeting from FHL.

➢ CLOSED AREAS—during your hunt there will be portions of the base closed to all access due to military activities, mission operations, and the possibility of unexploded munitions.
The Department cannot guarantee where elk will be during the season in relation to closed or weapon restricted areas.

- **HUNT CHANGE OR CANCELLATION**—due to on-going military training and mission operations, there is a possibility that season dates might be changed or the hunt may be cancelled. Training schedules can change at any time, limiting our ability for timely hunter notification. FHL and the Department will contact you regarding changes in hunting days as soon as possible. As such, it is critical that we and FHL have your current contact information.

- **TAG VALIDATION and DATA COLLECTION**—all successful tag holders will be required to have elk brought in to the FHL Wildlife Check Station for biological data collection and tag validation prior to leaving FHL. All unsuccessful tag holders will be required to turn in their unfilled tags to FHL immediately upon completion of their hunt.

**Teeth Collection:** The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth—please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department or FHL during the data collection process. Please do **NOT** wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post age analysis results at [https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Elk/Tooth-Age-Data](https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Elk/Tooth-Age-Data) for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your GO ID number. These results may not be available until December of the following year (2020).

**Non-lead ammunition information:** Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state. For more information, please refer to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 250.1 and Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5.

**Care of Meat:** Elk are large mammals and hold heat, which leads to spoilage. Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm, but even with mild temperature, an improperly handled carcass can lead to spoilage. The weather and the terrain within the hunt area make it critical that you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. Failure to properly care for or remove all edible portions of a harvested animal can lead to a violation of the Fish and Game Code.

FHL Wildlife Check Station has a skinning facility and cool box available for elk hunters. FHL prefers elk are brought to the check station field dressed (or quartered, if necessary) for full data collection. Please do not bring whole animals to the check station. Field dressed weights for mature tule elk at FHL range from 350-500 lbs. for bulls and 250-350 lbs. for cows. You should be physically fit to retrieve such a large animal, and be prepared to field dress, skin, quarter and/or de-bone your elk after it is tagged. **It is recommended that you bring a visitor/guest for game spotting and retrieval.** All guests are required to clear a Criminal Background Check prior to accessing FHL hunting areas. If you are hunting by yourself, you will likely need, at minimum, a pen to fill out your tag, game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Never lay meat directly on the bed of a truck because the exhaust system heats the bed and can lead to spoilage. It is suggested you place a pad or sleeping bag down to insulate the meat underneath. The meat should be hung in fly proof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out (as soon as possible).

**Changes in Elk Tag Application, Retention, and Evidence of Sex** (CCR T14-708.11. Elk License Tags, Application, Distribution and Reporting Procedures). Bold sections were new in 2015:

(A) **License tags shall be attached to the antler of an antlered elk immediately after killing. The license tag shall be kept attached to the antler of an antlered elk and retained for 15 days after the close of the season.**
License tags shall be attached to the ear, leg, or largest portion of meat of antlerless elk immediately after killing. If the head is removed and not retained, evidence of sex in the form of udder or vulva must remain naturally attached. Boned out or quartered animals shall have evidence of sex naturally attached to a portion of the meat. The license tag shall be kept attached to the ear, leg, or largest portion of meat of an antlerless elk until processed and then shall be retained for 15 days after the close of the season.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need more information as you plan for your hunt, please contact Monterey County Unit Manager, Mr. Jeff Cann at (831) 649-7194. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!
§ 364. Elk.
(d) Department Administered General Methods Tule Elk Hunts:
(12) Fort Hunter Liggett General Public General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:
(A) Area: That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.
(B) Fort Hunter Liggett Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).

(e) Department Administered General Methods Apprentice Elk Hunts:
(7) Fort Hunter Liggett General Methods General Public Tule Elk Apprentice Hunt:
(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(12)(A).
(B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).
(C) Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

(f) Department Administered Archery Only Elk Hunts:
(6) Fort Hunter Liggett General Public Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:
(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(12)(A).
(B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).
(C) Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.

(g) Department Administered Muzzleloader Only Elk Hunts:
(3) Fort Hunter Liggett General Public Muzzleloader Only Tule Elk Hunt:
(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(12)(A).
(B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).
(C) Elk may be taken with Muzzleloader Equipment only as specified in Section 353.

(j) Military Only Elk Tags. These hunts are sponsored and tag quotas are set by the department. The tags are assigned and the hunts are administered by the Department of Defense.
(1) Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:
(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(12)(A).
(B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).
(2) Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only General Methods Tule Elk Apprentice Hunt:
(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(12)(A).
(B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).
(C) Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(3) Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt:
(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(12)(A).
(B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).
(C) Elk may be taken with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.
(4) Fort Hunter Liggett Military Only Muzzleloader Only Tule Elk Hunt:
(A) Area: The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(d)(12)(A).
(B) Special Conditions: See subsection 364(p).

(p) Fort Hunter Liggett Special Conditions:
(1) All tagholders hunting within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.
(2) Tagholders hunting within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.
(3) All successful tagholders hunting within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter will be required to have their tags validated on Fort Hunter Liggett prior to leaving.
(4) Due to military operations and training, the specified season dates within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett are subject to further restriction, cancellation, or may be rescheduled, between August 1 and January 31, by the Commanding Officer.

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Definitions
(1) Bull elk: Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.
(2) Spike bull: A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base.
(3) Antlerless elk: Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.
(4) Either-sex elk: For the purposes of these regulations, either-sex is defined as bull elk, spike elk, or antlerless elk.

(m) Method of Take: Only methods for taking elk as defined in Sections 353 and 354 may be used.

(n) Tagholder Responsibilities:
(1) No tagholder shall take or possess any elk or parts thereof governed by the regulations except herein provided.
(2) The department reserves the right to use any part of the tagholder's elk for biological analysis as long as the amount of edible meat is not appreciably decreased.
(3) Any person taking an elk which has a collar or other marking device attached to it shall provide the department with such marking device within 10 days of taking the elk.

(o) The use of dogs to take or attempt to take elk is prohibited.

NOTE Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 332, 1050 and 1572, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 203, 203.1, 332, 713, 1050, 1570-1572, and 3951, Fish and Game Code.

§ 353. Methods Authorized for Taking Big Game.
(a) Except for the provisions of subsections 353(b) through (g), Title 14, CCR, big game (as defined by Section 350, title 14, CCR) may only be taken by rifles using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding bullets; bow and arrow (see Section 354, Title 14, CCR, for archery equipment regulations); or wheellock, matchlock, flintlock or percussion type, including “in-line” muzzleloading rifles using black powder or equivalent black powder substitute, including pellets, with single ball or bullet loaded from the muzzle and at least .40 caliber in designation.
(b) Shotguns capable of holding not more than three shells firing single slugs may be used for the taking of deer, bear and wild pigs. In areas where the discharge of rifles or shotguns with slugs is prohibited by county ordinance, shotguns capable of holding not more than three shells firing size 0 or 00 buckshot may be used for the taking of deer only.
(c) Pistols and revolvers using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding bullets may be used to take deer, bear, and wild pigs.
(d) Pistols and revolvers with minimum barrel lengths of 4 inches, using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding bullets may be used to take elk and bighorn sheep.
(e) Except as provided in subsection 354 (j), crossbows may be used to take deer and wild pigs only during the regular seasons.
(f) Under the provisions of a muzzleloading rifle only tag, hunters may only possess muzzleloading rifles as described in subsection 353(a) equipped with open or “peep” type sights only.
(g) Under the provisions of a muzzleloading rifle/archery tag, hunters may only possess muzzleloading rifles with sights as described in subsection 353(f); archery equipment as described in Section 354; or both. For purposes of this subsection, archery equipment does not include crossbows, except as provided in subsection 354(j).
(h) Except as otherwise provided, while taking or attempting to take big game under the provisions of Section 353 or Section 354, Title 14, CCR, it is unlawful to use any device or devices which: 1) throw, cast or project an artificial light or electronically alter or intensify a light source for the purpose of visibly enhancing an animal; or 2) throw, cast or project an artificial light or electronically...
alter or intensify a light source for the purpose of providing a visible point of aim directly on an animal. Devices commonly referred to as “sniperscopes”, night vision scopes or binoculars, or those utilizing infra-red, heat sensing or other non-visible spectrum light technology used for the purpose of visibly enhancing an animal or providing a visible point of aim directly on a animal are prohibited and may not be possessed while taking or attempting to take big game. Devices commonly referred to as laser rangefinders, “red-dot” scopes with self-illuminating reticles, and fiberoptic sights with self illuminating sight or pins which do not throw, cast or project a visible light onto an animal are permitted.


§354. Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations.
(a) Bow, as used in these regulations, means any device consisting of a flexible material having a string connecting its two ends and used to propel an arrow held in a firing position by hand only. Bow, includes long bow, recurve or compound bow.
(b) Crossbow, as used in these regulations means any device consisting of a bow or cured latex band or other flexible material (commonly referred to as a linear bow) affixed to a stock, or any bow that utilizes any device attached directly or indirectly to the bow for the purpose of keeping a crossbow bolt, an arrow or the string in a firing position. Except as provided in subsection 354(j), a crossbow is not archery equipment and cannot be used during the archery deer season.
(c) For the taking of big game, hunting arrows and crossbow bolts with a broad head type blade which will not pass through a hole seven-eighths inch in diameter shall be used. Mechanical/retractable broad heads shall be measured in the open position. For the taking of migratory game birds, resident small game, furbearers and nongame mammals and birds any arrow or crossbow bolt may be used except as prohibited by subsection (d) below.
(d) No arrows or crossbow bolt with an explosive head or with any substance which would tranquilize or poison any animal may be used. No arrows or crossbow bolt without flu-flu fletching may be used for the take of pheasants and migratory game birds, except for provisions of section 507(a)(2).
(e) No arrow or crossbow bolt may be released from a bow or crossbow upon or across any highway, road or other way open to vehicular traffic.
(f) No bow or crossbow may be used which will not cast a legal hunting arrow, except flu-flu arrows, a horizontal distance of 130 yards.
(g) Except as described in subsection 354(j), crossbows may not be used to take game birds and game mammals during archery seasons.
(h) Except as provided in subsection 353(g), archers may not possess a firearm while hunting in the field during any archery season, or while hunting during a general season under the provisions of an archery only tag.
(i) No person may nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle.
(j) Any person with a physical disability which prevents him/her from being able to draw and hold a bow in a firing position, may use a crossbow or device which holds a string and arrow in the firing position to assist in the taking of birds and mammals under the conditions of an archery tag, archery season, or general season. Under these conditions, archers must provide to the Department and retain in their immediate possession while taking or attempting to take big game written verification of the disability, including: the person’s name and signature, address, date of birth, driver’s license or DMV number; physician’s name and signature, physician’s license number and address; and a description of the disability.

§ 730. Camping Near or Occupying Wildlife Watering Places.

(a) Camping/Occupying Defined. For purposes of this Section, camping/occupying is defined as establishing or inhabiting a camp; resting; picnicking; sleeping; parking or inhabiting any motor vehicle or trailer; hunting; or engaging in any other recreational activity for a period of more than thirty (30) minutes at a given location.

(b) Wildlife Watering Places Defined. For purposes of this Section, wildlife watering places are defined as waterholes, springs, seeps and man-made watering devices for wildlife such as guzzlers (self-filling, in-the-ground water storage tanks), horizontal wells and small impoundments of less than one surface acre in size.

(c) Prohibitions.

(1) Camping/Occupying is prohibited within 200 yards of the following:
   (A) Any guzzler or horizontal well for wildlife on public land within the State of California.
   (B) Any of the wildlife watering places on public land within the boundary of the California Desert Conservation Area as depicted on the Bureau of Land Management maps of “Calif. Federal Public Lands Responsibility,” “Calif. Desert Conservation Area” and the new “Desert District, B.L.M.”

(2) Camping/Occupying is prohibited within one-quarter mile of the following wildlife watering places:
   (A) Butte Well -T31N, R14E, Section 28, NE1/4, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.
   (B) Schaffer Well -T31N R14E, Section 25, Center, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.
   (C) Tableland Well -T31N, R14E, Section 17, SE1/4, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.
   (D) Table Mountain Well -T31N, R14E, Section 32, SE1/4, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.
   (E) Timber Mountain Well -T44N, R6E, Section 33, M.D.B.M., Modoc National Forest, Modoc County.
   (F) Belfast Well -T31N, R14E, Section 31, NE1/4, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.
Note: Hunt boundary shown is an approximation. Hunters are responsible for knowing the exact boundary locations as described within Section 364, Title 14, Calif. Code of Regs.