



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
2014 KLAMATH ROOSEVELT ELK HUNT
www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk



Congratulations on receiving a tag for the Klamath Roosevelt Elk Hunt! This hunting opportunity is being provided on private land owned by Green Diamond Resource Company. As guests of the landowner, the continuance of this hunt depends on your cooperation with the personnel of the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) and Green Diamond Resource Company.

For those who have access to a computer and a high speed internet connection, the Department has an interactive mapping program which allows you to zoom in to the 7.5 minute topographical maps. The program website is <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/gis/imaps.asp>.

Roosevelt elk are large animals. The weight of adult bulls average over 660 pounds and a large bull can exceed 1,000 pounds. Please consider that field dressing and transporting a harvested elk from the field can be very arduous work and no assistance will be given by Green Diamond Resource Company or Department employees. In addition, black bears are common in the hunt area so hunters should be prepared to avoid leaving a harvested carcass in the field overnight in a manner accessible to bears. Please be prepared to transport the carcass out of the field in a timely manner and properly hang those portions that must be left out overnight. We recommend that hunters who are inexperienced with handling game as large as elk acquire the knowledge needed to do so successfully prior to going out into the field. Department staff is available to answer questions that you may have, and information may be obtained from experienced hunters, sporting goods stores, and literature.

Hunter Orientation: All tag holders are required to attend an orientation meeting at **9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2** at the Green Diamond Valley Green Office. Hunters are not allowed to enter the hunt area until after the orientation meeting. A detailed map of the hunt area will be available at the orientation meeting, courtesy of Green Diamond Resource Company. Directions are as follows:

1. Parking space limited – Please, only one vehicle per hunting party at the orientation meeting.
2. The building is located on the east side of Highway 101 approximately 3 miles north of Orick, CA across from the Elk Meadow Cabins.
3. It is immediately north of the posted Redwood National Park turnoff for Elk Meadow/Gold Bluff Beach/Fern Canyon/Davison Road and 0.4 miles south of the posted Redwood National Park turnoff for Lost Man Creek.
4. The building is clearly visible from Highway 101 and is a single story green and tan structure marked with the address 123777.
5. Please bring your hunting license, tag, and information regarding where you are staying and a phone number where you can be reached during the hunt.

6. During the hunt, hunters are required to call in each day when first entering the property and when leaving it for the day. Having a cell phone is recommended.

Rules and Regulations: A more detailed list of rules and regulations will be provided to you at the orientation, however, be aware of the following items so you can plan accordingly:

1. Blaze orange vests are required and must be worn by hunters and non-hunting companions while in the hunt area.
2. Each permit holder may be accompanied by up to two non-hunters, neither of which may be in possession of firearms or bows and arrows. Hunters are strongly encouraged to bring at least one non-hunting companion to aid them in transporting game from the field.
3. Each permit holder may be in possession of only one legal firearm or bow while on the hunt area. No pistols or shotguns may be possessed.
4. Only one vehicle for each permit holder is allowed on the hunt area.
5. Generally, only vehicles licensed for use on public roads are permitted in the hunt area, and trailers are not allowed in the hunt area. However, if approved by Green Diamond Resource Company personnel, trailers or all-terrain vehicles may be used to remove a harvested elk from the field.
6. Each hunter should have a shovel, ax or handsaw (no chainsaws), and fire extinguisher in the vehicle.
7. Horses or dogs are not permitted in the hunt area.
8. Camping is not permitted in the hunt area. A free camp site may be provided adjacent to the hunt area but availability has not been confirmed. Contact CDFW Wildlife Biologist Dave Lancaster at (707) 498-1908 for details.
9. Fires of any kind are prohibited.
10. Hunting for species other than elk is prohibited.

Remember all hunters MUST report to the Department within one week after the close of elk season, REGARDLESS if an elk was taken, either through mailing in the tag or the new online reporting system outlined below.

Due to mandatory harvest reporting for all big-game species the Department offers an internet reporting option for hunters to submit big game tag report card information. For the 2014 hunting season, both successful and unsuccessful hunters will be able to report their hunt results online via the Department's online license service at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/>. Log on to the Online License Sales and Service, and then click on Harvest Reporting in the top section. Hunters submitting reports online will receive a report confirmation number and will not have to mail in the report card. The Department encourages all hunters (including those who were unsuccessful or who had a tag but did not hunt) to use this service to meet their respective reporting requirements. Accurate harvest information is a crucial element in developing population estimates and the resulting tag quotas as well as in assessing the performance of current hunt programs and in the development of new opportunities. An online reporting option will provide that information in a timelier, more convenient manner.

Tooth 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. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your GO ID number. Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the following year (2015).

Care of Meat: Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm, even with mild temperatures an improperly handled carcass can lead to **spoilage**. The weather and the steep, rugged terrain within the hunt area make it critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. Elk are large mammals and hold heat, which leads to **spoilage**. Open up the elk as soon as possible including the neck area, hip joints, and shoulders to promote cooling. You should be physically fit and prepared to skin and quarter or de-bone your elk **immediately** after it is tagged. It is encouraged that you debone the meat as soon as possible to prevent the meat from spoiling (bone sour). The meat should be hung in fly proof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out (as soon as possible). If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks (six is better for loose cuts of meat), 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. Failure to properly care for or remove all edible portions of a harvested animal can lead to a violation of the Fish and Wildlife Code. 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.

Additional Information:

Travel Tips: Motels, trailer parks, private campgrounds and restaurants are available in Arcata, Eureka, Klamath, Orick and Crescent City. Public camping facilities are located at Redwood National and State Parks near Orick, but they should be consulted regarding restrictions on firearms and the possession of game. Cold storage lockers for meat processing can be found in Eureka, Arcata and Crescent City.

Weather: Weather conditions are variable and may range from heavy rain and fog with cool temperatures through clear skies and warm temperatures.

Landscape: The topography in the hunting area is rugged. Much of the area is covered by dense forest interspersed with recently logged timber harvest units. Meadows comprise a portion of the hunt area.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt, please contact the Wildlife Management personnel at our Eureka office at 619 Second Street, Eureka, California 95501 (707) 445-6493 or Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. **Please do not contact Green Diamond Resource Company.** Information is also available at the Department's website www.dfg.ca.gov. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!