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Congratulations, you have been successful in the Big Game Controlled Hunt Drawing. Please refer to the 2026 Big Game Hunting Regulations to determine your hunt dates and area.

Now that you have drawn your tag, you will require some special information which is specific to your tag/hunt before you go hunting in the 2026 season.

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

The North Lake cow elk hunt (277A) underwent a boundary change for the upcoming 2026-27 hunting season. The new boundary encompasses those parts of units 35 and 77 as follows: That part of Unit 77 east of Hwy 31, and that part of Unit 35 south of Lake Co Rd 5-12B to Derrick Caves Rd, to Lake Co Rd 5-12. A map of the new boundary can be found at: https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-03/277A_north_lake_0.pdf

This change was designed to focus harvest on elk within agricultural fields, while alleviating harvest of elk on the public wintering grounds nearby. We realize this may cause shifting of hunt strategies and make some previously included acreage fall outside of the new boundary. If your property lies outside of the new boundary and you experience elk damage to agricultural crops or fences, please give one of the local ODFW offices a call and we can work to address the damage.

See the 2026 big game regulations for the specific hunt area description. **This hunt is primarily intended to help alleviate elk damage on private land. Therefore, the majority of your hunt area is composed of private land. Always seek permission from the landowner before entering private ownership!**

A portion of your hunt area that is publicly owned will be closed to motor vehicle access at different times during the hunt period:

Cabin Lake/Silver Lake Cooperative Winter Range Closure: December 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

While portions of these areas are closed to motorized vehicles, non-motorized access is allowed on public lands, and on private lands on which one has permission to access. You can obtain maps of the road closures from the ODFW web site at: www.dfw.state.or.us/maps/index.asp#Travel or the QR code(s) below.

If you need information on where to hunt, have questions about the boundary change, or are unfamiliar with the area please contact the Lakeview Office at (541) 947-2950 or the Deschutes Watershed Office at (541) 388-6363.

We anticipate the highest level of sportsmanship and wish you a very safe and pleasant outing.

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