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Controlled Hunts

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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, we have provided some special information which is specific to your tag/hunt before you go hunting in the 2026 season.

SPECIAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Please carefully review the updated 2026 rules page below for hunt area rules and further information regarding The Dalles Watershed Hunt (241A). **New since 2025, hunters will no longer be granted special vehicle authorization to retrieve a harvested elk.** Hunters must sign the attached compliance agreement and obtain an entry permit prior to the hunt. Hunters must contact the Mid-Columbia Field Office to set up a check-in date and time before the hunt begins. If you are unable to check in at the office prior to the hunt, staff will also be available at the check station (45.442802, -121.465139) on opening morning (Wednesday, Oct 28th) from 5 am until noon. See office contact information below.

Contact Information:

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Mid-Columbia Field Office
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We anticipate the highest level of sportsmanship and wish you a very safe and pleasant outing.

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CITY OF THE DALLES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE CRITERIA FOR 241A CONTROLLED ELK HUNT

The Dalles Municipal Watershed is **closed to unauthorized entry** to protect the quality of the domestic water supply for the citizens of The Dalles, Oregon. Certain types of resource activities which are compatible with the objectives of maintaining water quality and quantity are permitted to occur on a limited and controlled basis including controlled elk hunts. Persons found in violation of the "Watershed Reserve Closure Ordinance" are cited into the appropriate jurisdiction for prosecution. Users of the Watershed must obtain authorization to enter the closed area by issuance of a "Watershed Entry Permit" defining the terms of permitted access; entry permits for Watershed elk hunts are issued at the initial check in. Once in possession of a legal permit for entry, the user will be expected to cooperate and obey all rules and regulations. **Failure to comply will result in termination of the permit and possible citing for violations.**

1. SMOKING IS PROHIBITED.
2. NO FIRES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED.
3. DISCHARGE OF HUMAN FECAL WASTE IS PROHIBITED except in provided toilet facilities. In an emergency use the 6 - 8 inch burial technique at least 500 feet from any stream, wet area, or draw.
4. NO LITTERING OR DEPOSIT OF MATERIAL WASTES OR GARBAGE IS ALLOWED. Carry in - carry out.
5. NO BODY CONTACT ACTIVITY WITH STREAMS, SPRINGS, OR LAKES IS PERMITTED.
6. NO OVERNIGHT STAY IS PERMITTED within the Reserve.
7. NO MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE RESERVE. Administrative and other permitted vehicle traffic is likely to occur in the hunt area during the controlled elk hunts; information on known traffic areas will be available at the time of hunter check-in.
8. NO PACK OR RIDING ANIMALS OR MOUNTAIN BIKES WILL BE PERMITTED; your hunting experience will be one of walking.
9. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY TYPE ARE PERMITTED within the Reserve.

SPECIAL PERMIT HUNT REGULATIONS:

10. CHECK-IN: Hunters are required to register prior to entering the Watershed. If possible, please check in at The Dalles ODFW office prior to the hunt beginning. The Check-in station at the watershed will also be staffed on opening day (Wednesday) from 5 am to noon. If you cannot check in during these previously stated check-in times, contact The Dalles ODFW District Office at 541-296-8026 to make other arrangements for check in.
11. CHECK-OUT: Hunters are required to exit the Watershed daily. Upon conclusion of your hunt a self-service kiosk will be at the check station location to deposit your vest and entry permit..
12. Permits to enter the Watershed will be issued to the tagholder with a valid 241A Controlled Hunt Tag. One additional person (hereafter hunting partner) may accompany the tagholder in the watershed and must always remain in the immediate vicinity of the permittee. The hunting partner may not hunt or possess a centerfire weapon while inside the reserve.
13. Permittee and hunting partner (if applicable) WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A NUMBERED BIB, furnished by the City and which will be returned to the City by the end of the hunt, VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE WATERSHED. Failure to return a bib will result in a \$35.00 replacement fee.
14. Hunting of bear or cougar is allowed for hunters with a VALID, UNUSED 241A controlled elk tag.
15. After harvesting an animal, it shall be removed by the end of the following day. Once hunters have retrieved their elk, they may not re-enter the Watershed unless accompanying another tagholder with an unfilled 241A tag.
16. A five-dollar per hunter fee will be paid to the City to help offset the costs of administering the hunt. All fees must be paid in cash.

CITY OF THE DALLES

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

CONTROLLED HUNT COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

Please fill out the following and turn in at initial check-in. No permits will be issued without a signed agreement to abide by the criteria set forth on the preceding page.

I have read and understand the criteria under which a permit to enter The Dalles Municipal Watershed for the Controlled Rifle Elk Hunt from October 28 through November 1, 2026 is issued and agree to abide by these regulations.

Signed

Date

YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED!! HAVE A GOOD EXPERIENCE.