

**Species:** Elk

**Unit Group:** 121 Depredation

**Hunt Geometry ID:** 51

**Hunt ID:** [603, 614, 605]

**Access:**

Access is readily available on the numerous federal, state, county, and BLM roads throughout the hunt area. Hunters are urged to familiarize themselves with land ownership within the hunt area and always respect private property.

**Recommended Hunting Areas:**

This hunt is designed to minimize elk use on private agricultural properties in the Steptoe Valley portion of Hunt Unit 121. Elk numbers fluctuate greatly during the hunting season, typically in response to hunting pressure and environmental conditions. Elk in this hunt area have been heavily pressured over the years and are rarely found in private fields during daylight hours. Hunters should focus their efforts on the BLM administered lands surrounding agricultural fields in the hunt areas, concentrating on potential bedding areas. Hunters should spend time locating trails leading to agricultural fields, areas with recent tracks make for potential ambush sites. Historically, the primary area of elk use is the cluster of private properties at Lages Junction, where US 93 and US Alt 93 come together. Secondary areas of focus include the properties adjacent to the Monte Neva Road, and the fields near Second Creek.

**Biologist Comments:**

The towns of Ely, Wells, and Wendover provide access to groceries, fuel, lodging, and other amenities. There are numerous RV parks in Ely, Wells, and Wendover with varying degrees of availability and services provided. Dispersed camping opportunities are readily available on federally managed lands throughout the hunt area. Depredation hunts are intended to drastically reduce elk numbers within the hunt area. Difficult hunting conditions and poor hunter success is expected.