

2009 Elk Hunting Season Recommendation

Proclamation XX-09



Presentation to TWRC
October 22, 2008



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2009 Elk Hunting Recommendation (Preliminary)

This is a draft proposal.

The plan is for the Commission to act on an elk hunting proclamation at the January meeting.



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- The Agency will release five (5) bull elk tags according to our elk population criteria.
- Four (4) permits will be available to licensed Tennessee hunters through a quota permit drawing; one (1) permit will be donated to a qualifying NGO to be auctioned off with proceeds benefiting the agency's elk program.
- All elk hunting will be restricted to the North Cumberland Wildlife Management area.
- Furthermore, the WMA will be subdivided as follows:



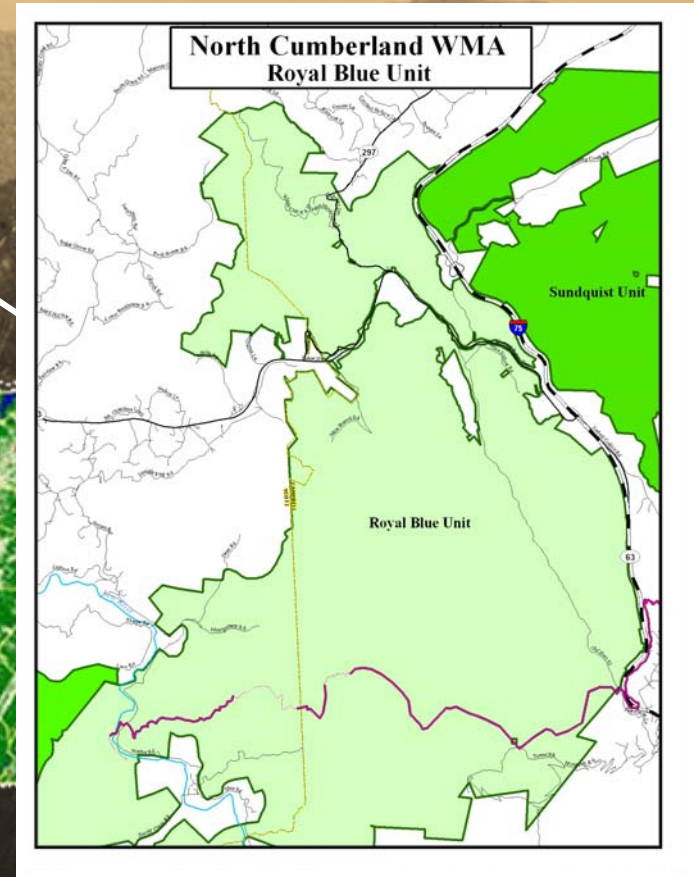
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North Cumberland WMA

- There will be five (5) elk hunting zones (EHZs), all of which will be located in the Royal Blue unit of the WMA.
- There will be one (1) hunter designated in each of the five zones (awarded through a handheld drawing in August).

Justification: To ensure over-harvest of bulls in a particular drainage does not occur.





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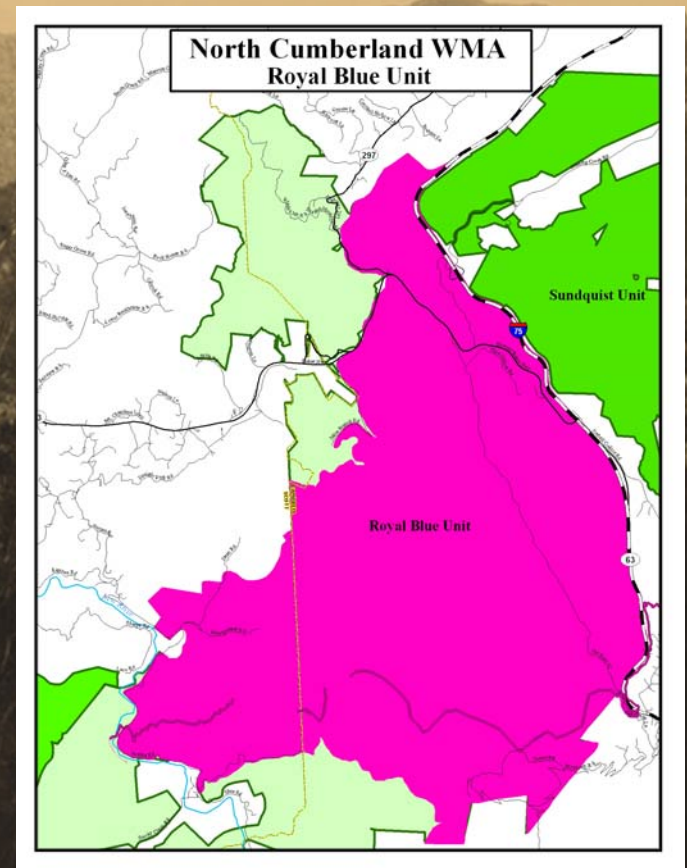
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North Cumberland WMA

The five Elk Hunting Zones are:

- Chestnut Ridge and Fork Mountain
- Adkins and Turley Mountain
- Horse Gap and Wolf Ridge
- Anderson and Massengale Mountain
- Cross Mountain and Red Ash

* The entire elk hunting zone encompasses approximately 40,000 acres (~ 8,000 acres/EHZ).





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Hunt Dates:

October 19-23, 2009
(Monday – Friday)

**Justification: Peak of the bugling season.
Minimal conflict with deer hunters.**

Season Type:

Gun/Muzzleloader/Archery

Justification: Allow all opportunity for take.



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Special Regulations:

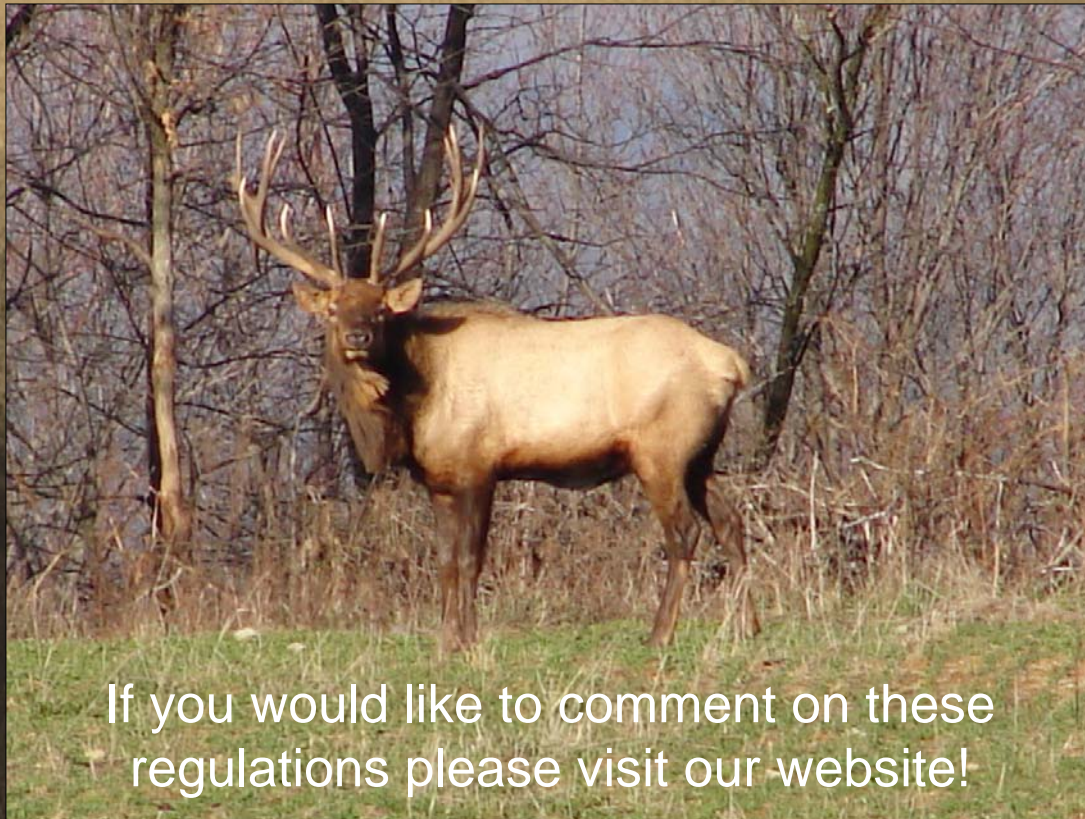
- Upon harvesting an elk the hunter is to contact TWRA before moving the elk. TWRA personnel will tag the animal and collect data at the kill site.
- Permitted hunters may be accompanied during the hunt by up to two individuals who are allowed to participate in all aspects of the hunt except harvest. The hunter must provide TWRA with the names of the individuals prior to the hunt as specified by TWRA. These 2 individuals are not permitted to possess any weapons. These individuals must possess a Type 01 and 94 license/permit (except for Lifetime and Annual Sportsman's License holders). Youths under the age of 13 are exempt.
- Use or possession of electronic tracking equipment is prohibited.

This concludes the preliminary elk hunting recommendations.



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...a few Tennessee hunters will have an opportunity at this!