

DALY CREEK

Wildlife Habitat

Youth Hunter Opportunity



Idaho Power's Hells Canyon complex offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities to visitors near and far. From fishing to rafting to camping, people have been enjoying our parks and recreational facilities for more than 50 years.

During the fall of 2012, Idaho Power will again provide access to youth hunters on most of its Daly Creek Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA) for those interested in hunting upland birds, deer and elk. This year, youth hunters will also be able to hunt bear and cougar during the deer and elk hunts. In 2012, a total of 66 access permits will be available. This unique youth opportunity is intended to help Idaho Power identify a level of hunting pressure consistent with the habitat potential and its habitat enhancement projects. It also is intended to foster a positive hunting ethic among youth and assists with long term management planning regarding public access.

Idaho Power wants youth hunters to have a quality back-country hunting experience, accompanied by mentoring adults. This is relatively open, rocky, road-less, sage brush-dominated rangeland, with topography ranging from moderate to extremely steep. Hunters must access the property by foot or horseback and have all the necessary equipment to haul out quartered or deboned meat by foot or using pack stock. Idaho Power does not allow overnight camping on the Daly Creek WHMA.

Eligibility (or Who Can Apply)

Youth hunters must be 12-17 years of age at the time they hunt, have completed a hunter education class, and have an Oregon hunting license and appropriate tags issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Youth must be accompanied by at least one, and not more than two, supervising non-hunting adults. "Accompany" is defined as being close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without the use of electronic devices. Supervising adults must be 21 years of age or older, have a valid Oregon hunting license, and must not carry firearm or archery equipment.

The hunts offered during the program will occur during all or part of the seasons that are annually defined by ODFW.

For more information, visit www.idahopower.com/dalycreek

Accessing Daly Creek WHMA To Hunt

Youths interested in hunting the Daly Creek property will need to have an access permit issued by Idaho Power. Hunters must have a valid Oregon hunting license and tag to apply for an access permit. Interested parties can pick up applications at the Daly Creek Wildlife Habitat Office, 44985 Snake River Road, Richland, Ore., or online at www.idahopower.com/dalycreek.

Youth desiring access during general elk and deer bow seasons must submit an application postmarked by Aug. 1, 2012. Applications for all other access permits must be postmarked by Sept. 15, 2012; youth who have obtained the Hunt 264T tag may apply at any time prior to hunting during November and December 2012. With the exception of the Hunt 264T, all other submitted applications will be entered into a random drawing for the limited number of available access permits.

Available Permits

Youth with the appropriate license and tag, may apply for one access permit per species for each of the following hunts.

Deer Hunting

Three access permits will be issued for the general deer bow (one buck with visible antler) season Aug. 25-Sept. 23, 2012.

Three access permits will be issued for the controlled deer (one buck with visible antler) rifle season in the Lookout Mountain Unit, Hunt No. 164, Sept. 29-Oct. 10, 2012.

Elk Hunting

Three access permits will be issued for the general elk bow (one elk) season, Aug. 25-Sept. 23, 2012.

Four access permits will be issued during the controlled elk (one elk) rifle season in the Lookout Mountain Unit, Hunt No. 264X, from Oct. 24-28, 2012.

Three access permits will be issued during the controlled elk (one elk) rifle season in the Lookout Mountain Unit, Hunt No. 264Y, Nov. 3-11, 2012.

Ten access permits will be issued during the controlled elk (antlerless elk) rifle season in the Lookout Mountain Unit, Hunt No. 264, from Nov. 1-25, 2012.

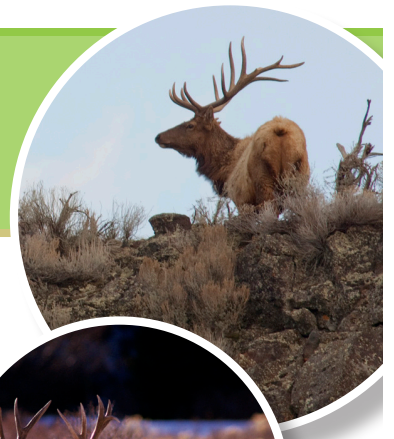
An access permit will be issued for any youth obtaining the controlled elk (antlerless elk) rifle tag in the Lookout Mountain Unit, Hunt No. 264T, from Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2012. Thirty tags are estimated to be issued by ODFW for this hunt in 2012.

Upland Bird Hunting

Ten access permits will be issued for youth desiring to hunt upland birds from Oct. 12-14, Nov. 16-25 and from Dec. 21-30, 2012.

Cougar Hunt and/or Bear Hunt

Any youth obtaining an access permit to hunt deer or elk may also hunt cougar and/or bear during the period for which they have an access permit, if: 1) the season established by ODFW is open during the time of their access permit, 2) a hunter possesses a valid (unfiled) deer or elk tag, and 3) Youth Hunter must possess a valid cougar or bear tag and follow all regulations established annually by the ODFW. Once a youth harvests a deer or elk, access for the cougar or bear hunting is terminated.



Note: All youth and accompanying adults must carry the appropriate licenses and tags issued by the ODFW and the access permit issued by Idaho Power at all times when on Daly Creek WHMA property.

Questions regarding youth hunts should be directed to Senior Habitat Biologist Gary Holmstead at 208-861-7546, or Youth Hunt Coordinator Teresa Chaffee at 541-785-7260.

For more information about the Daly Creek WHMA or for more details about the youth hunter opportunity, visit www.idahopower.com/dalycreek.