## - BE ADVISED ELK USE THIS AREA

## Safety tips to follow around elk in Oregon:



ENJOY WATCHING FROM A DISTANCE. Keep pets on a leash at all times. Try not to disturb elk with sudden movement or loud noises. They are large animals and can pose a danger to themselves and others when startled.



**BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS** to avoid surprising a herd of elk by walking into the middle of them.



Elk are most active at dawn and dusk and most aggressive during breeding and calving seasons. Watch out for them at dawn and dusk along roadways and migration routes. Stay away and keep pets away at all times but especially during the breeding season (September/October) and calving season (May/June) when elk become more territorial.



NEVER PICK UP AN ELK CALF OR ANY OTHER YOUNG WILDLIFE. <u>It's against the law and bad for the animal</u>. If you encounter a young animal that appears to be in distress, leave it alone, and if you are concerned, call the police or nearest ODFW office.



NON-NATIVE VEGETATION ATTRACTS ELK, especially in the winter when other food sources are scarce. To move a herd off your property, calmly approach the herd, making your presence obvious. Avoid surprising or being aggressive toward any wildlife.

For more information, contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Division, 503-947-6000 | www.odfw.com or contact your local ODFW field office.



