

How do I apply?

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a letter each year notifying NDOW of their interest in participation in the elk incentive program.



When should I apply?

As soon as possible after January 1st each year since calculations for incentive tags are based on elk use during the calendar year (January 1 - December 31).



Do I have to provide public access to my private land?

Per NAC 502.42276: Public access through enrolled properties depends on accessibility to nearby public lands. Enrollees are required to provide "reasonable access to adjacent public land," which provides a commensurate benefit to sportsmen.

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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

ELK MANAGEMENT ON PRIVATE LANDS

ELK INCENTIVE TAG PROGRAM:
NRS 502.142 and NAC 502.4224253-
502.42283.



Purpose

To promote cooperation with private landowners who provide elk habitat that supports and enhances Nevada's elk herds.

Who is eligible?

Any landowner or, with a letter of authorization from a landowner, "any lessee or manager" of private land in an area open to regular bull elk hunting is eligible.

What lands are eligible?

Private lands that provide native meadow and rangeland habitat beneficial to elk.

Agricultural croplands like alfalfa clovers, grass, and grain do not qualify for this program.

Only native hay meadows are eligible under both the Elk Incentive Tag Programs and the Elk Damage Mitigation Program because they can be considered either a "native wildlife habitat" or an agricultural crop. The decision is mostly left up to the landowner but value to Nevada's elk herds might also be considered before a native hay meadow is determined eligible under the Incentive Tag Program. Additionally, a property cannot be enrolled in both programs within the same calendar year.

What are my responsibilities when enrolled in the program?

A NDOW representative will evaluate your property to determine habitat improvements that would be beneficial to elk, and other wildlife. Recommendations may include fence modifications, water development, grazing adjustments, etc. Applicants are also required to notify NDOW of any significant changes in elk use on enrolled properties.

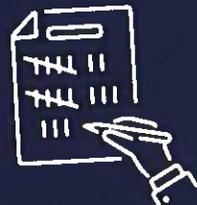
How does it work?



1. After contacting the closest office the applicant and a NDOW representative initiate required paperwork and conduct elk use investigations as needed.



2. The applicant provides a map depicting the private land being used by elk.



3. The applicant and the local NDOW representative work together to keep track of the number of elk and the amount of time spent by elk on the private land in question.

What is the formula?

Per NAC 502.42279; The number of incentive tags is based on:

The percentage of the total elk herd that the private land supports over the entire year multiplied by:

- The number of antlered bull tags issued plus the total harvest of spike-only bulls during the monitoring period.
- Traditional rounding conventions are used to determine qualifying tags meaning an applicant will not receive a tag if the calculated value is less than 0.50.

Some private lands support elk 24 hours a day while some private lands are only used for a portion of each day. The calculations take this into account.

Not every property will qualify for tags. The amount of current and potential use by elk of your private land, in addition to the size of the overall elk herd, and recent tag quotas should be weighed if you are considering enrolling in the Elk Incentive Tag Program.



What can you do with the tag?

The applicant can use the tag, give it to anyone you may choose or sell it. The tag holder must buy or possess a Nevada hunting license, complete the application form that is sent to the landowner, and pay the normal elk tag fees to obtain the tag by mail from the NDOW Reno Office.