

2010 Wildlife Plan for Friends of Train Mountain (Friends) and Train Mountain (TM)

The 2010 Wildlife Plan for Friends of Train Mountain (Friends) and Train Mountain (TM) is an update of the 2008 Wildlife Protection Policy that has been approved by ODFW. The intent of this update is to provide more detailed guidance on our Wildlife responsibilities. The 2008 Wildlife Protection Policy and supporting documents are attached.

There are 2 major Wildlife considerations at Train Mountain :

1. -- The Roosevelt Elk which are protected by the Winter Roosevelt Elk Range Significant Resource Overlay.
2. -- The protection of the Eagle on the adjoining Forest Service Land.

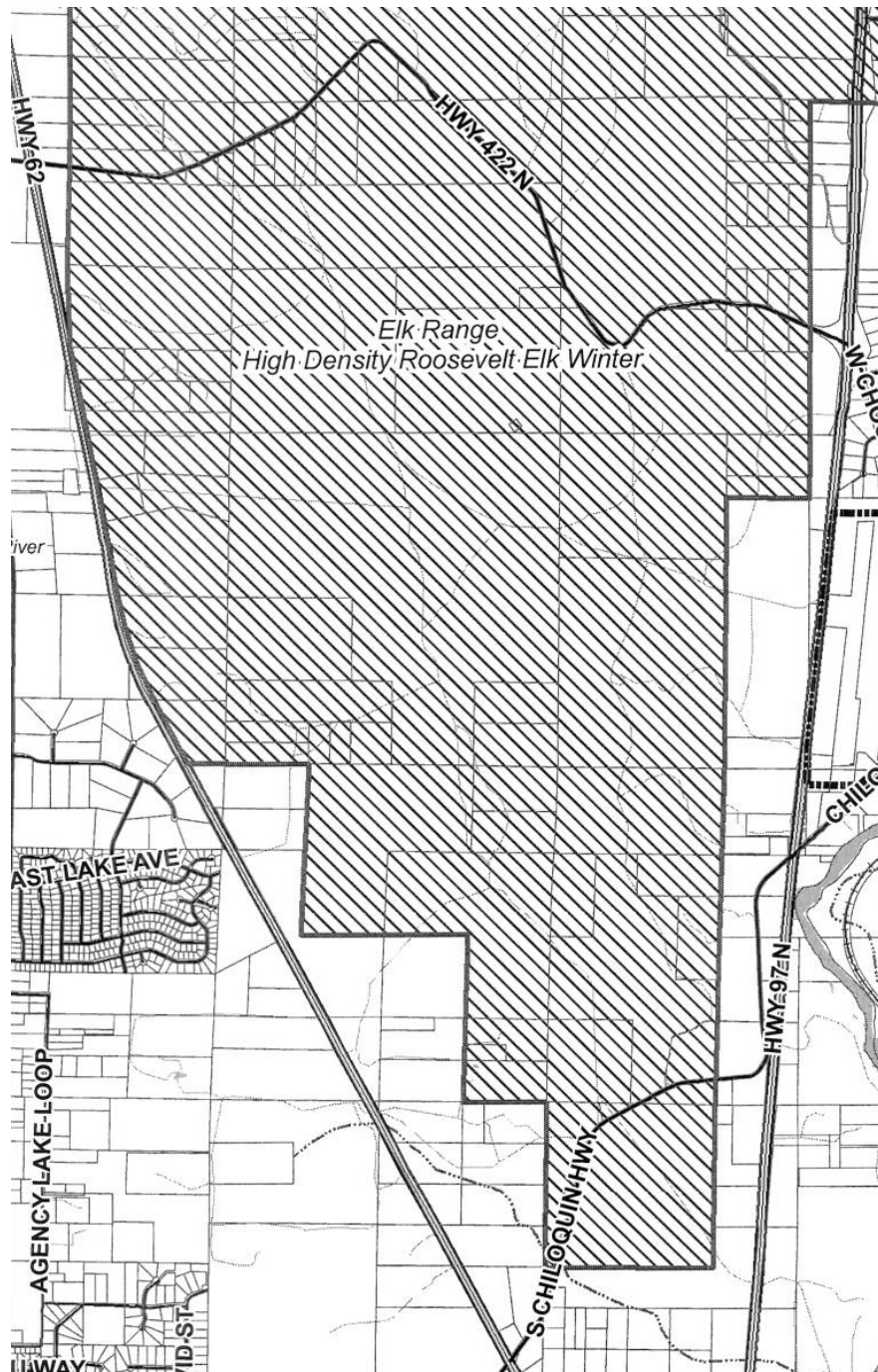
Roosevelt Elk Protection

Train Mountain hosts a herd of Roosevelt Elk every winter. They arrive when the weather gets cold and the snow flies. Mostly they are at Train Mountain when there is snow on the ground. They stay till the snow melts in the spring. We have often observed the elk using our railroad grades to move around the property. The inch high track does not seem to bother them in any way.

The elk are welcome visitors. Train Mountain track is seldom used during the winter. During the Polar Bear meet in January people stay close to Central Station. The residents plow a few tracks and the cell tower guys struggle up Steiger Butte to service their equipment, but the overwhelming majority of Train Mountain is deserted... available exclusively for the Elk.

To welcome them, Train Mountain maintains an Elk Crossing Opening over 1000' long along our northern boundary which is State Highway 422. This crossing area has no fence of any kind. It is sufficiently treed so having no fence is not a problem. The Elk do not have any problem navigating the Aspen saplings and pine trees, but the forest keeps vehicles and poachers from entering the property.

Compliance with Significant Resource Overlay for Roosevelt Elk Winter Range

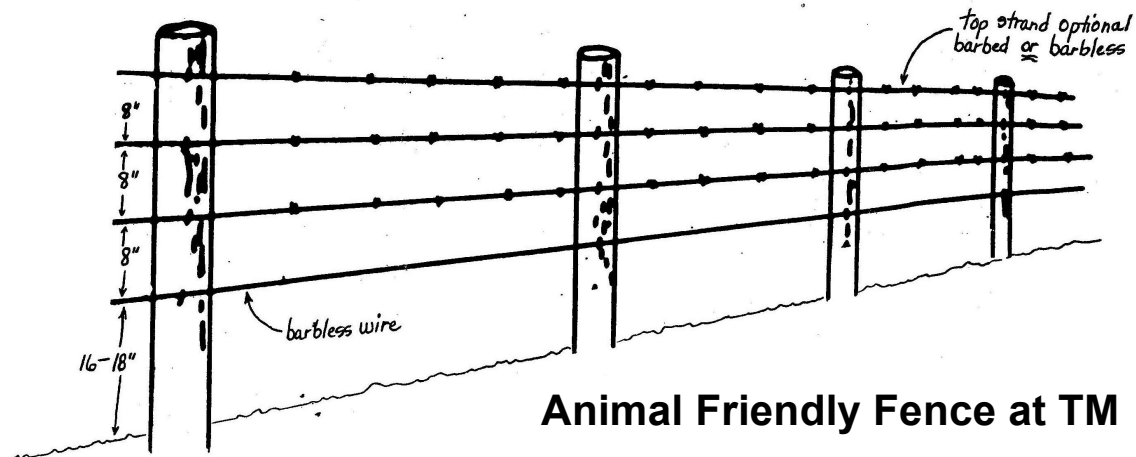


The overlay covers almost all of Train Mountain. It places significant restrictions on what the land can be used for. Train Mountain plans to limit its development of this area as advised by the Klamath County Planning Department and following the requirements of Article 57 of the Klamath County Land Development Code.

Animal Friendly Fencing

Train Mountain has also modified its fencing in many areas to be more animal friendly. The animal friendly fence is a maximum of 42" high. No wire is closer than 16" from the ground. The bottom wire is smooth. Other wires may be barbed, but smooth wire is preferred.

In 2009 Train Mountain made a good start on inventorying the fencing all around the property. When this inventory is complete, we will be consulting with ODFW and others on how to improve the fencing for the wildlife.



Animal Friendly Fence at TM

Corner posts and support posts are made with capped 3" square tubing set in concrete. Tee posts are used for intermittent support between the main support posts. Wire splices may be twisted loops or crimps with bent back wire ends. When posts are painted an evergreen color is used.

No Wildlife Feeding Policy

No artificial feeding of wildlife is allowed at Train Mountain. This rule was adopted as soon as it was suggested by ODFW. It is strictly enforced regarding the deer, elk, cougar, fox, and other animals that live at Train Mountain. The only exception to the rule is that we would feed wildlife when directed to by ODFW or another appropriate government wildlife agency. We are told that feeding can be requested in cases of abandonment, injuries, natural or man made catastrophes.

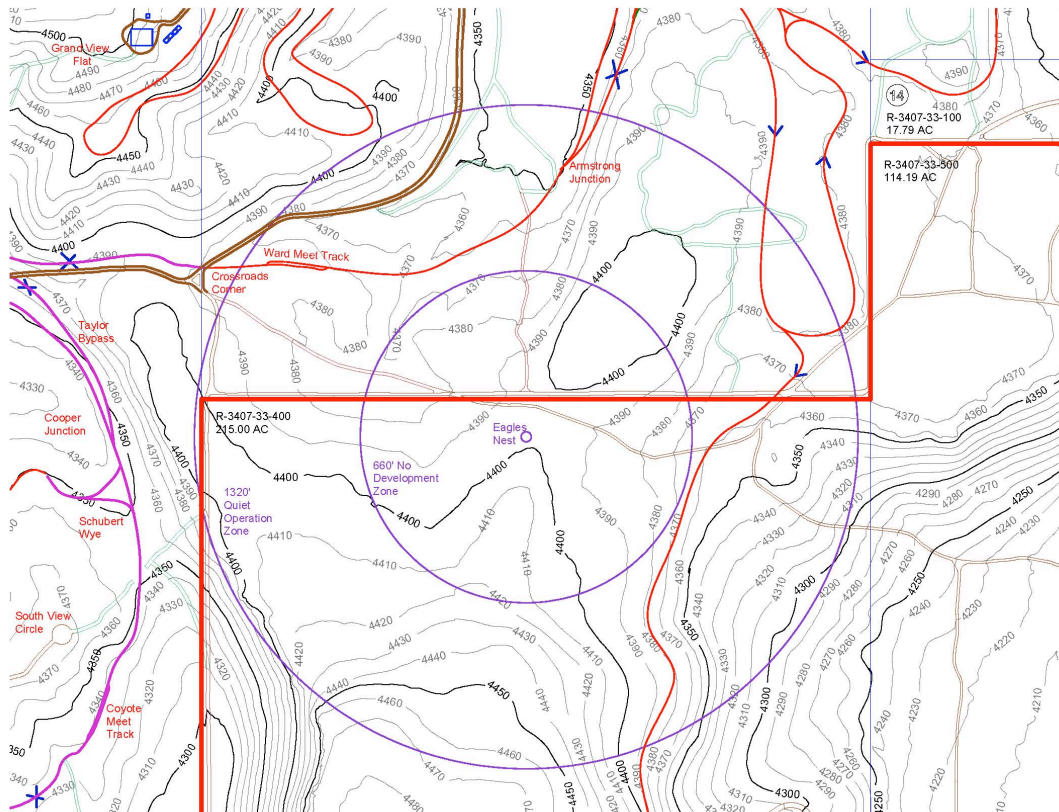
Dead or Injured Wildlife

Dead or injured wildlife will be dealt with as directed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 541-883-5732 or the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service 541-883-6900.

Eagle Protection

There are no Eagle nests on Train Mountain property.

There is an Eagle's nest just south of Train Mountain land on the Forest Service land. The nest site is at T34S-R7E-Sec 33 NW near the Chiloquin helipad. It is named #1011 Chiloquin Helipad.



Train Mountain has agreed to protect this Eagle's nest by these actions :

1. No road maintenance or construction of any type within 660' of the nest between January 1 and August 1.
2. Closing of the road on Train Mountain land along the northern boundary of the Forest Service property between January 1 and August 1.
3. Removal of all the other roads on Train Mountain land that are within 660' of the nest.
4. Establishing a "Quiet Zone" where no train whistles are blown within 1320' of the nest. We will place "Entering Silent Zone" signs where tracks

or roads enter the 1320' circle.

5. Not building Crossroads Circle within the Quiet Zone.

6. No loud noises within 1320' of the nest.

7. Posting signs to educate everyone on why the Quiet Zone and closed roads are important.

Improving Our Wildlife Policies

We are anxious to improve our Wildlife Policies. If you have ideas, please contact John Black, john@FriendsTM.org.

Attachment : 2008 Train Mountain Wildlife Policy and supporting documents.