

CFB Suffield Elk Herd Management Program (EHMP) 2022/23

This document along with other material is meant to better inform and assist with your preparations for the upcoming elk hunt.

As you arrive to the parking lot of the Recreation Center in Ralston, AB for the morning registration, we will hand out registration packages to you while in your vehicles. We will also be checking names to ensure that only registered hunters and their helpers are entering the parking lot.

The hunter registration packages (every hunter gets a package) will include all the paperwork required and will consist of:

1. Contents of package list;
2. Morning Brief FM frequency to tune into (morning brief should start around 6:45 am, make sure you're tuned in around that time);
3. Hunt map;
4. Additional "Temporary Out of Bound Area(s)" handout, if any;
5. Morning brief PowerPoint handout (to follow along on the FM radio);
6. National Wildlife Area (NWA) draw info;
7. COVID-19 mitigation plan;
8. COVID-19 statutory declaration (**turned into hunt staff when requested**);
9. Hunter & helper waiver form (**first couple of pages turned into hunt staff when requested**); and
10. Acknowledgment of Understanding the Morning Brief form (**turned into hunt staff when requested**).

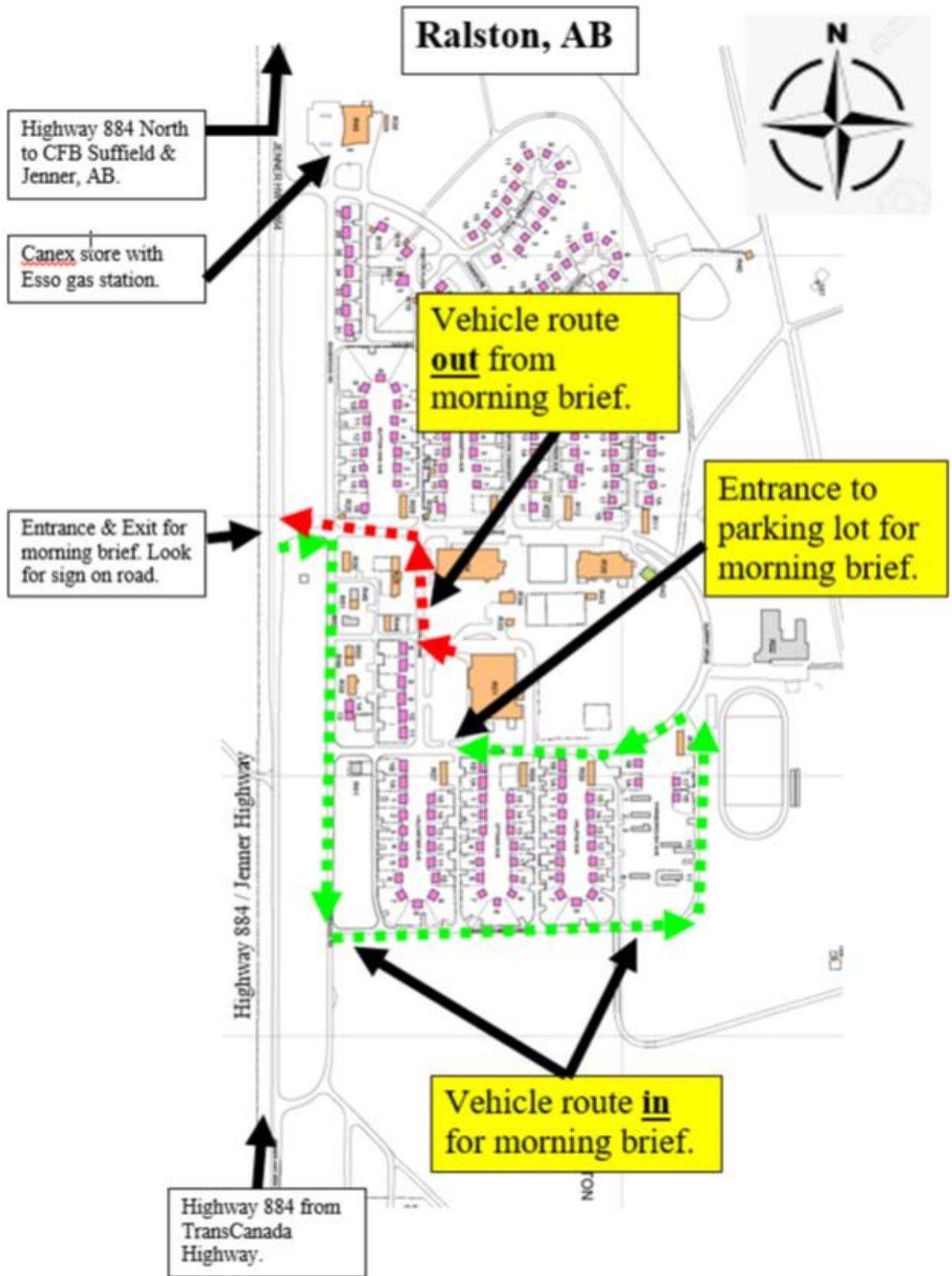
Helper packages (every helper gets a package) will be smaller and will consist of:

1. Contents of package list;
2. COVID-19 statutory declaration (**turned into hunt staff when requested**);
3. Hunter & helper waiver form (**first couple of pages turned into hunt staff when requested**); and
4. Acknowledgment of Understanding the Morning Brief form (**turned into hunt staff when requested**).

The Morning Brief will then provide all the information required to harvest in the Military Training Area/NWA, but here are a few helpful hints, reminders and early points from the morning brief:

- There is a zero-tolerance policy for drug and alcohol use or possession in the Range and Training Area, including any drug that will impair an individual's judgement or cognitive ability. If a participant is found to be in possession of these items, they and their hunting party will be banned immediately upon entering the base;
- Everyone (hunters and helpers) must be 18 years of age or older;
- Make sure everyone has a mask. Masks will need to be worn when your vehicle window(s) are down and are talking to elk hunt staff;

- If you plan to enter the draw and hunt in one of the two National Wildlife Area's (NWA), make sure you have the mandatory equipment (compass/dedicated GPS & a flashlight). Water, energy bars and spare batteries are a very good idea. Also a cart/sled as the NWA's are walk in-walk out only;
- Have a fuel plan. The Military Training Area is quite large. There is a gas station close to the morning brief (Esso in Ralston, AB), but its hours are limited, especially on weekends. The hours are Mon-Fri: 7:30am – 7:00pm, and Sat-Sun: 10:00am-5:00pm. Other gas stations in the area are North 54 km in Jenner, AB (hours unknown), and East 40 km in Redcliff/Medicine Hat, AB (24 hr gas stations are available);
- Have a plan if you get stuck or break down in the Military Training Area. The Military is not allowed to pull vehicles out. Tow companies will not likely enter the Military Training Area when it's near to, or already dark. Range Control will be able to assist your return to Main entrance to Base, but then you will need to call a taxi to get you to Medicine Hat, or elsewhere. Then you'll need to return the next day to continue with your vehicle recovery;
- Everyone (hunters and helpers) are required to wear high visibility colours when outside their vehicle in the Military Training Area. There are several high visible colours that work well, i.e. hunter orange, red, yellow, etc. Wearing high visible is mandatory and is meant to promote safety;
- ATV, snowmobiles, horses, drones/UAV's, etc. are not allowed;
- Gut piles and/or carcasses can be left in the Military Training Area where the elk was harvested once the useful meat has been removed;
- Hunters can bring a spare rifle, but only one rifle can be outside the vehicle at a time. Helpers cannot carry a rifle;
- All hunters must remain in the Military Training Area/Hunt Area until they are ready to leave for the day;
- The time to be leaving the Military Training Area is 6:00 pm daily.



Morning Registration parking lot (Ralston, AB)

