

## DIRECTIONS:

The Anthony Creek feed site, part of the Elkhorn Wildlife area, is easy to reach on snow groomed, paved roads. Take exit 285 off Interstate 84 at North Powder, between La Grande and Baker City, Oregon. Travel 8 miles west on North Powder River Lane, following the brown "wildlife viewing" signs.



## NEWS RELEASE

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## Subject: *Celebrating with Elk*



(North Powder, Oregon) Ethel Laurence, a resident of La Grande, Oregon, knew exactly what she wanted to do for her birthday. Turning 83 years young January 23, 2010, Ethel told her daughter visiting from Portland area, she wanted to visit the elk. That is exactly what she did!

"I had been wanting to see these elk, but couldn't find anyone to take me", relayed Ethel. Her daughter continued, "There was really only one thing she wanted to do for her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday, and that was come see these elk and meet the horses."

This past Saturday, T&T Wildlife Tours were able to make Ethel's birthday wish come true. Located just west of North Powder at the Anthony Creek feeding site, T&T offers tours every weekend through the end of February. "We were so happy to meet Ethel, and learn that we were part of her birthday wish," commented Susan Triplett, co-owner of T&T Wildlife Tours. Triplett continued, "It was a beautiful, mild weather day, and both the elk, along with Waylan and Jed – the horses – were happy to meet her."

Miss Laurence summed up her experience by saying, "I hope it becomes an annual birthday event!"

Tour are offered every weekend through the end of February. The first ride departs at approximately 10:30am (pst), and visitors are encouraged to come a little early to help insure a ride on the first trip. Tours last about half-an-hour, and the last tour typically leaves at 2:00pm (pst). For more information, contact T&T Wildlife Tours at 541-856-3356, or visit the website: [www.tnthorsemanship.com](http://www.tnthorsemanship.com). All pictures depicted and more are available electronically in a jpeg format. You can contact Ethel Laurence at 541-963-5704.

## Subject: *ODF&W offering Special School Group Tours*

(North Powder, Oregon) The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is offering a limited number of elk-viewing tours via horse-drawn wagon in conjunction with T&T Wildlife Tours, for school groups. Eddie Miguez, manager of the Elkhorn Management area relayed, "We are fortunate to be able offer scholarships for a limited number of school groups to be able experience the educational program offered by T&T Wildlife Tours, and learn about the management program.."

Participants will learn about the lifecycles of the elk, along with many interesting facts regarding antler growth, the ivory teeth of elk, and maternal care for the calves. Printed information is available for use in the classroom by teachers either pre or post tours. The publication, *Wild About Elk*, is produced by the Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation, and furnished to school groups to help expand education about elk.

Teachers or parents interested in finding out more about this opportunity should contact Susan Triplett, with T&T Wildlife Tours at: 541-856-3356, or email: [tnthorse@eoni.com](mailto:tnthorse@eoni.com).