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More than 300 elk migrate from the forest to the wind-swept rolling hills of Amsden Creek Wildlife Habitat Management Area each winter. Located on the foothills of the Big Horn Mountains, this area supports grasses and shrubs that furnish crucial winter food for elk and mule deer. Forests and rough terrain provide protection from cold winter winds.

In an effort to allow people and big game to co-exist, the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission purchased this area to ensure the protection of crucial winter habitats for big game. A high fence was built along the lower portion of the habitat area to help deter elk damage on private lands. Conversely, livestock are excluded from the natural habitat to save winter food for wildlife. Fishing opportunities in the area are limited to small trout in Amsden Creek. However, excellent fishing for trout can be found on the Tongue River nearby.

Vehicle access is limited, but hikers, backpackers and horseback riders will find the area relaxing and peaceful while they enjoy the beauty of the mountains. Photo opportunities are numerous, and the scenery along the Tongue River is spectacular. If you enjoy bird watching, the shrub lands bordering the edge of the forest provide food and cover for a variety of birds. U.S. Forest Service land can be accessed here for big game and small game hunting. In the winter, elk and mule deer can be observed from the county road bordering the habitat management area.

*Amsden Creek WHMA is closed each year to vehicles November 1 through May 31 and to human presence November 16 through April 30. Tongue Canyon is open year round. 5 day camping limit at Amsden Creek WHMA and Tongue River Canyon PAA, camping in designated areas only.*