

# Jackson, WY: July 13 - 16, 2008

Jackson, Wyoming, provided Rockies researchers with various experiences. Family and friends of the Snake River Ranch greeted the researchers with dinner. The next morning researchers toured the National Elk Refuge. Historically, elk have migrated through the valley which is now home to Jackson Hole. To prevent elk starvation, the National Elk Refuge feeds the migrating animals through the winter.

Researchers also met with Sophie and Derek Craighead, who run Craighead Beringia South Research Center in Kelly, WY. For generations the Craighead family has been on the frontiers of wildlife research in Yellowstone Park, as well as internationally.

The next day, researchers visited the National Museum of Wildlife Art and took a rafting trip on the Snake River.



Taking a swim during a Snake River rafting trip



Examining elk feed pellets at the National Elk Refuge



Visiting with a friend of the Craighead's Beringia South



Dinner with family and friends of the Snake River Ranch



National Elk Refuge