

Wildlife Awareness

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Wildlife awareness: Avoiding a collision

According to Defenders of Wildlife, be alert when driving in wildlife areas:

- Take notice of and heed wildlife crossing signs
- Pay attention to and scan both sides of the road
- Avoid distracted driving
- Wear seatbelts

Annually, there are 1-2 million collisions between vehicles and large animals resulting in 200 human fatalities and 26,000 injuries

Source: DOT and U.S. Forest Service





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- Slow down and increase following distance
- Limit driving in wildlife areas at dawn and/or dusk, if possible
- Use high beam headlights, but only if there's no oncoming traffic, fog or snow
- Avoid overdriving the vehicle's headlights
- Look for reflective eyes of deer in the distance
- Keep dashboard lights on low
- Avoid internal lights that can cause glare and reduce visibility

Source: Defenders of Wildlife

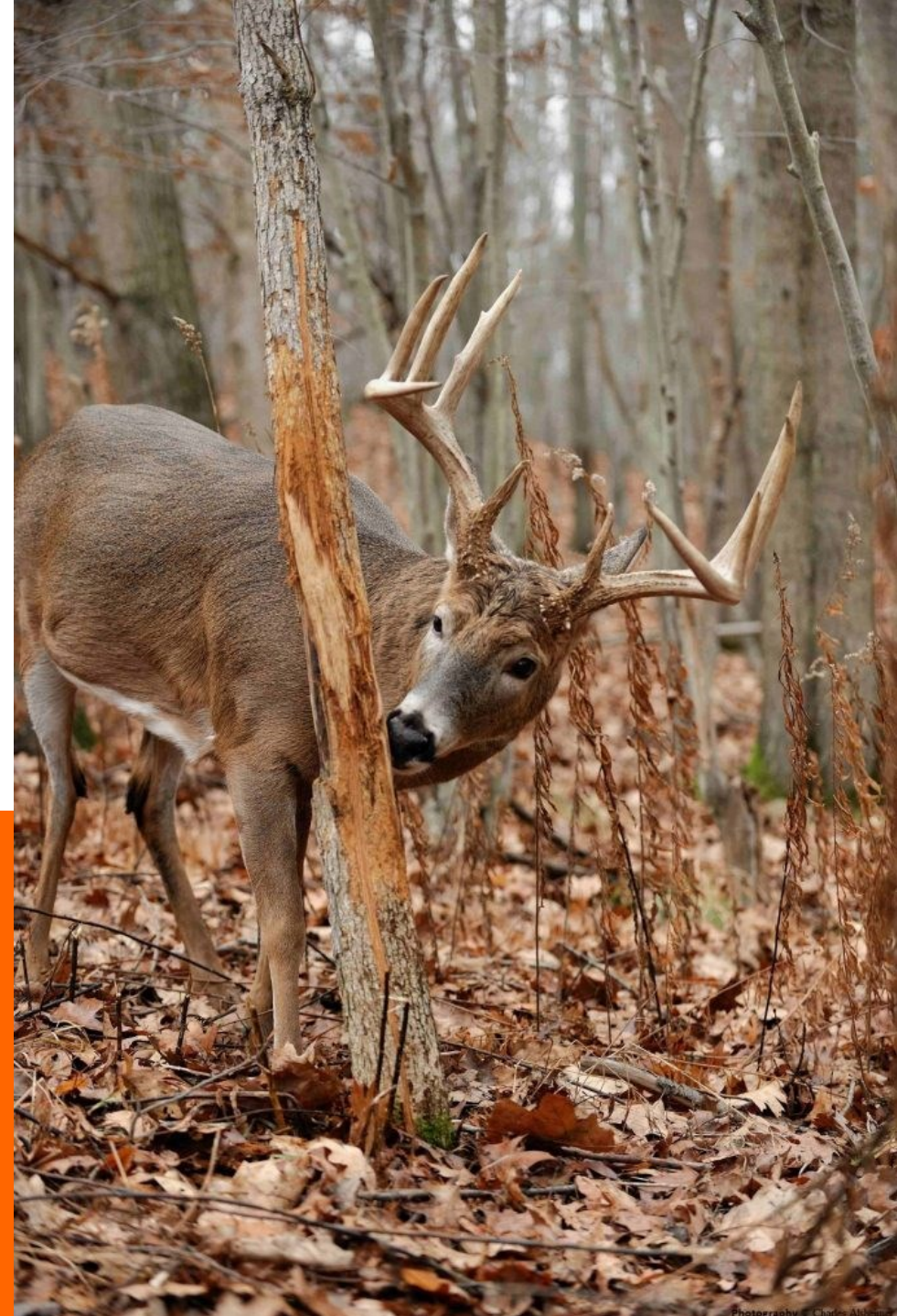
Wildlife awareness: Deer rutting season

- Deer rutting season occurs between the middle of October and early December when deer mate.
- As a result, deer are more active, which significantly increases the risk of hitting one while driving.

Sources: Humane Society and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIS)

The average cost of repairing a vehicle after colliding with a deer was estimated at \$1,840. For collisions with elk and moose, the cost increased to \$3,000 and \$4,000, respectively

Source: FHA





Wildlife awareness: Is it safe to swerve?

Swerving can cause loss of control which can lead to hitting an object or veering into oncoming traffic. If a collision with an animal is unavoidable, consider:

- Holding securely to the steering wheel
- Applying brakes firmly
- Coming to a stop
- Remaining in lane

Sources: AAA, Canada Wildlife Collision Prevention Program, NAIC

If a group of animals is blocking the road, try flashing the lights and honking the horn to encourage them to move along.

Source: Defenders of

Wildlife awareness: If a collision with wildlife occurs...

- Turn on hazard lights and safely move out of traffic and off the road
- Do not approach a wounded animal
- Report the accident to state/local police, especially if the animal is still on the roadway
- Assess damage to vehicle to determine if it's safe to continue driving

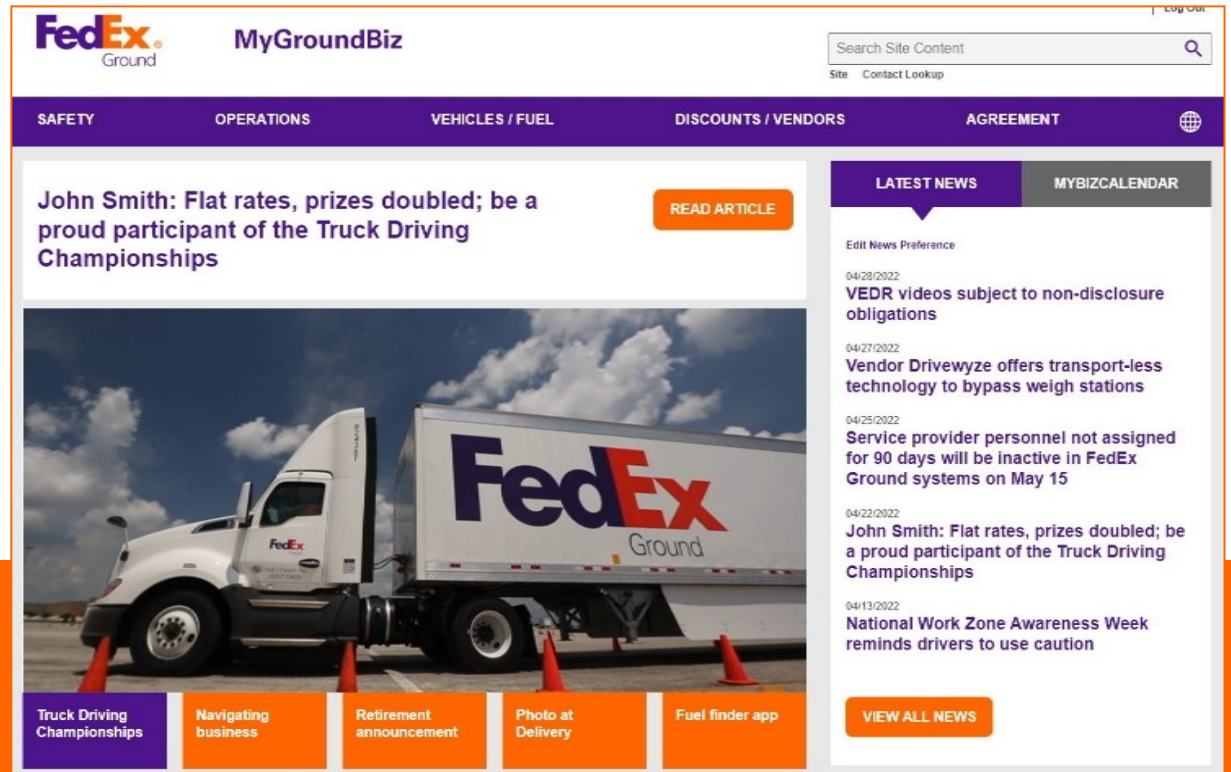
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For discussion:

How does your business operate with wildlife awareness?

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