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**SPECIAL Hunt in the San Luis Valley for an Economy Bull Elk Hunt on private land in the San Luis Valley. This is a low impact hunt that has provide us some very fine bulls in the past. The mode of hunting is from a 4-wheel drive truck driving and glassing from county roads and two-tracks through the private land. The outfitter has taken over 800 elk this way so I consider him as the best there is for success on a low Impact hunt.**

**He has multiple properties leased in the valley where the elk move daily and since the move in the morning and evening then bed during mid-day most of the activity is in the morning and evening. For the most part when the elk reach their daybed they will stay bedded for the duration of the day until they get hungry in the evening or a weather change.**

**When the elk move onto the leased properties there is a plan made on how to get as close as possible for a good shot at the bulls. You will come home with a 4x4, 5x5 or 6x6 in most cases. Hunter success has been as high as 95%, but these are free ranging wild elk so they have a mind of their own. IT varies with the weather and time of year but the largest**



variation is the shooters skills. These bulls have a chest about 36" X 36" inches so a shot a 200,300 or even 400 yards is relatively easy with a good rest for your rifle. Sight your rifle in for dead-on at 200 yards and practice shooting at 300 yards and you will be ready for what the hunt can have in store for you. This hunt has very little walking in most cases and the vehicle assists in covering as much property as possible in a short amount of time, during the prime time of morning and evening.

Each hunter is responsible for their own lodging and meals. The bull licenses are available over the counter before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the season. GMU information will be provided as needed, but for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> season it is a General over the counter Bull Elk License. You are not required to purchase a \$ 2000 Landowner voucher during these two season because the Bull licenses are unlimited and available at the sporting Goods store or and Walmart. The hunt is a 4-day hunt but the outfitter has been known to throw in a 5<sup>th</sup> day if someone has not filled by that time.

The unique part about this hunt is that it the only way to use a vehicle in elk territory because most elk property is rugged enough that you can't see and cover the amount of property required to find elk on a regular basis.

A very limited number of slots will be available on this hunt because he keeps the groups small to keep the elk accessible.

This \$ 5000 hunt has been discounted down to only \$ 2995 for these few slots.

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Multiple ways to hunt Elk, Mule Deer and Antelope in Southern Colorado, everything from extreme Low Impact to Extreme physical hunts depending if you are on the valley floor flat land with a voucher if needed or in the high-country drive in or pack in camp. All hunts are guided except for the pack in drop camps. Some of the Valley bull hunts begin with the bulls in full soft velvet and you can hunt with a rifle when no one else can even hunt with any weapon. As the muzzleloader season begins in September others are forced to use muzzleloader while the hunts on the valley floor have you again being legal to use a high powder rifle. Through October and November finally the mountains and the flatland are both able to use high powder rifles.

Did you see the trend on the flatland valley hunts? You are able to begin earlier and always use high power rifles. Is that special... it Shure is. Is there any walking... seldom, we say you don't get out of the truck until you see brown?

***PRIVATE VALLEY GUIDED ELK HUNTS: \$5495 to \$5895 per person, fully guided with Meals and Lodging.***

We operate all our hunts from our base location in north end of the San Luis Valley. Each year we work with local ranches and landowners to secure a variety of elk license vouchers. We even have some elk hunts that allow the harvesting of bull elk in the summer months when the animals will still be in velvet. We have very high kill success on these hunts approaching 90%.

The bulk of this hunt if there isn't any weather to make the elk move all day is early morning driving to the private properties and glassing for the elk to be on the numerous ranches that we lease. If the elk are not on them and don't seem to be moving we go back to

the lodge and take it easy all day and leave the elk alone so that if they move they move onto the properties where we can shoot. In the afternoon we check the properties until last light then return to the lodge.

Elk can stay in one place for days or move 5 miles in one day for no particular reason. The good part is you are not walking all day on steep hills in snow. The Valley seldom gets snow, that is why the elk are here. They move in and out from the local mountains daily and a big migration can be caused by just a freshly cut alfalfa field that with the wind blowing from west to east push the sweet smell up the mountain draws bringing elk like the smell of bacon and eggs being cooked for your breakfast.

This is the chance of a lifetime to take a bull elk with undamaged velvet. Most of the time it is only during early archery season, and with a bow is this even a possibility. In this case you are hunting just after the velvet has stopped growing but is still intact, this is great for an elk mount and a beautiful conversation piece.

One extremely difficult part about this hunt is a Colorado Parks and Wildlife licensing regulation nightmare. The reason is because the CP&W are trying to lower their crop damage complaints and payout to the land owner each year. Because of this they regulate for a specific area 1 year then the elk move so they change that area back while they loosen the regulations on one area just to tighten them up on the old area because the elk are no longer a problem. Add to the Colorado Landowner Voucher system complexity, the private land only Licenses (PLO) and the general license that can be drawn for the regular hunting season and you will see what I am saying.

Then there are areas that you can only hunt with vouchers, while elsewhere you can get an any land tag for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> season over the counter with no limit except for 1 per person unless your second one is a private land only. The outfitter is very conscious of this and keeps current with all of the regulation changes and how he can make his hunters successful. In some cases, he allows them to hunt the mountains for 3 days and finish out the last two days on private land in the flatland so you are hunting and any land tags and shooting your elk as a last chance on private land he leases.

In Colorado your license is your tag, where in many other states the two are separate like in Utah. Because of this we will get your license for you if it needs to be applied for in advance. If it is a voucher with a license over the counter or a straight license over the counter he will work those out with you.

These are fair chase hunts (no high fences) on large private acreages.

**Hunt dates are July 15 to December 31.**

Cow elk can only be taken as a second animal with a bull elk hunt. These are \$ 995 discounted down to only \$ 1995.

**Bull elk vouchers are \$1500 vouchers but if included in the hunt they have been reduced down to the prices reflected below \$ 400.**

| -Private land | GMU | Season          | Weapon | Dates          | Price            |
|---------------|-----|-----------------|--------|----------------|------------------|
| 4 Vouchers    | 682 | Bulls in Velvet | Rifle  | 07-15 to 07-21 | \$5895 W/Voucher |
| OR            |     | Bulls in Velvet | Rifle  | 07-22 to 07-28 | \$5895 W/Voucher |
| 2 Vouchers    | 682 | B Hard Horned   | Rifle  | 08-14 to 08-20 | \$5895 W/Voucher |

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| 2 Vouchers | 682       | Bulls in Rut    | Rifle | 09-16 to 09-22 | \$5895 W/Voucher |                         |
| 2 Vouchers | 682       | Bulls           | Rifle | 10-26 to 11-01 | \$5895 W/Voucher |                         |
| 2 spots    | 082 & 083 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rifle | 11-3 to 11-11  | \$5495           | Private and/or Mountain |
| 2 spots    | 082       | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Rifle | 11-14 to 11-18 | \$5495           | Draw                    |

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### ***MOUNTAIN GUIDED ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER OR RIFLE ELK HUNTS***

We will have four separate guided archery hunts for elk and deer and offer a guided muzzleloader hunt. These hunts will be conducted in GMU681 from our high-country Horse pack-in tent camps. Camps are limited to four hunters maximum with a 2X1 hunter to guide ratio. All hunts will be a seven-day trip with five full days of hunting. These are wonderful pack-in horse hunts in a high mountain basin. Hunting the mid to late part of the elk season will give us the best opportunity to work bulls as they should be in the rut and moving with groups of cows. We will hunt spot and stalk, as well as setting up early and late in the day on wallows. We will use bugles and cow calls to try to bring the elk in close. Archery bull elk licenses are available over the counter. The Muzzleloader elk hunts are by draw with points.

Meals are prepared in camp; all food is provided. There is a \$ 250 meal per diem unless you want to bring your own meals.

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### ***MOUNTAION FOREST GUIDED RIFLE ELK/DEER HUNTS THESE HUNTS ARE BACK IN BUT THEY CAN BE DRIVEN TO RATHER THAN USING PACK HORSES.***

We operate two fully guided camps on the National Forest in GMU681 for rifle hunts and you can hunt mule deer at no additional charge. Camp size is small with 2-4 hunters

maximum and we have a 2X1 guide to hunter ratio. All trips are seven days in length and include five full days of hunting with pack camp and travel days on both ends. It does provide easy access if you hunt 3 days in the mountains and want to do your last 2 days on the Valley private land if your license allows. Generally, for 4th rifle season we expect snow, so we hunt from the ranch so a pack trip is often not necessary.

Meals are prepared in camp; all food is provided. There is a \$ 250 meal per diem unless you want to bring your own meals.

| -Private land | GMU       | Season          | Weapon | Dates          | Price                          |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 spots       | 082 & 682 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rifle  | 11-03 to 11-11 | \$5500 Private and/or Mountain |
| 2 spots       | GMU082    | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Rifle  | 11-14 to 11-18 | \$5500 Easy Draw               |
| 2 spots       | GMU xxx   | Archery         | Bow    | 8-18 to 8-24   | \$4500 Mountain                |
| 4 spots       | GMU xxx   | Archery         | Bow    | 8-25 to 8-31   | \$4500 Mountain                |
| 4 spots       | GMU xxx   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rifle  | 11-06 to 11-12 | \$4950 Private and/or Mountain |
| 4 spots       | GMU xxx   | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Rifle  | 11-13 to 11-19 | \$4950 Private and/or Mountain |

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## Colorado Drop Camp Hunts

### ***SELF GUIDED CAMPS:***

I have lived here and outfitted hunts in this area for many years. My knowledge of the local terrain, drainages, and elk habits and movement will help you have a successful hunt. We offer several drive-to camp locations which are 4WD accessible. We do not use horses and this is not a pack-in, drop camp hunt. Groups of varying sizes can be accommodated from individual hunters to 4-6 persons in a tent camp or the cabin. Just ask and we'll get something set up for you that will work.

**\*\*\*\* Bear Creek Camp:** Our Bear Creek Camp is remote and located in an area where vehicle traffic is minimal. Outfitting services on this hunt include getting you into camp where I will brief you on the local hunting terrain and current hunting conditions. I will share my personal knowledge of the area with you and do everything possible to help you have a safe, enjoyable and successful week of hunting. Hunters who are prepared physically and who are ready with their equipment and pre-hunt planning are more successful in finding elk on this hunt.

**\*\*\*\* Spring Gulch Cabin:** Our Spring Gulch Camp is a wonderful log cabin set on private land with walk-out access to the National Forest. There is no public access on either side of the camp and you will find elk on the mountain above the property. As with any elk, hunt you will want to be in good shape as the mountain begins at the camp, so your daily hunt

will begin with a walk up the hill. This area has some real good mule deer too, and there is a brook with lots of trout on the property. As we do for all our self-guided hunts, I will review with you places where we historically see elk.

**\*\*\*\* Cabin Hunt:** Our cabin is also available for self-guided hunts. The cabin is located at the east side of the San Luis Valley with National Forest land available right out the door. Several good trailheads are within a mile or so of the cabin and this is an area where hunters historically find the elk. We kill lots of elk, mule deer and antelope right around the cabin each year.

One of our elk and mule deer drop camps



We will be glad to accommodate groups of varying sizes including individual hunters. Camps are limited to 4-6 hunters and smaller groups can be accommodated. If necessary we will match you with another group to get a minimum of 3-4 hunters per camp. On these hunts all you need to provide is your license, food, personal gear and the desire to enjoy a great hunting experience. Our camps are fully equipped to ensure an enjoyable hunt.

### ***SELF GUIDED CABIN HUNTS:***

Hunters really enjoy our modern and beautiful four room log cabins. The cabin was built in 2000 and is located on my 80-acre property at the base of the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Nestled in the quaking aspens, where the deer and the elk are behind you in the wooded mountains, and with a fantastic panoramic view of the valley floor in front of you, you often will see antelope grazing around my hunting blinds and sometimes deer and elk on



**the valley floors. You can walk out the door and easily connect with a good hiking trail up into the mountains behind the cabin or you can make short drives to several other trailheads that also offer good hunting. In the morning your day will start with a hike uphill, but you can work your way back down through the day as you search for elk in the dark timber above the camp.**



**The cabin has two bedrooms, one with four bunk beds and the other with a single full-sized bed. The cabin is solar generated so we have electricity for lights, a TV and a refrigerator. It is heated with a wood burning stove, and we use propane for cooking in the fully equipped kitchen. The cabin has a bathroom with a flush toilet and plenty of hot water for showers! It is comfortable accommodations for up to six people.**

**A small trout stream and several ponds are on the property, plus being within a few miles of 6 national forest trailheads makes for either a wonderful hunting trip, or just a relaxing weekend during the summer months for hiking and fishing. With three hot springs facilities, and The Alligator Farm, and the Great Sand Dunes National Park close by, there is plenty for all to enjoy. The cabin is used by my clients during the hunting seasons, but is available for rental May through mid-August at a rate of \$350 per weekend (Fri/Sat/Sun) or at a weekly rate of \$750.**

**As a self-guided camp, the price for a cabin hunt is \$1495 for archery and \$1795 per person for the rifle seasons. The maximum number of hunters in the cabin is five. We also use the cabin as a base for guided hunts during the late seasons.**

**We host up to four hunters in a drop camp. If you are a single hunter or smaller group we will attempt to match you with other hunters to help fill the camp. You need only bring your personal gear and food.**

**Self-Guided Drop Camp Hunts: All self-guided camps if less than 4 hunters the price is \$1795 each. If 4 or more it is reduced down to only \$ 1495 I have 2 camps, 1 horse and 1 drive to.**

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| -Private land | GMU | Season | Weapon | Dates | Price |
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| 4 spots | Archery         | Bow   | 8-24 to 8-30   | \$1495 2 camps 1 horse 1 drive to |
| 4 spots | Archery         | Bow   | 9-01 to 9-07   | \$1495                            |
| 4 spots | Archery         | Bow   | 9-09 to 9-15   | \$1495                            |
| 4 spots | Archery         | Bow   | 9-17 to 9-23   | \$1495                            |
| 4 spots | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Rifle | 10-13 to 10-17 | \$1495 Draw                       |
| 4 spots | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Rifle | 10-20 to 10-28 | \$1495 OTC                        |
| 4 spots | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rifle | 11-03 to 11-11 | \$1495 OTC                        |
| 4 spots | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Rifle | 11-14 to 11-18 | \$1495 Draw                       |

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***ANTELOPE HUNTS: \$ 2195 reduced down to only\$1495 per person, fully guided, (5 days of hunting (Voucher extra if required.)***

Archery antelope hunts take place during late August and September while the rifle season begins in early October. For archery hunts we will primarily hunt from blinds which we set along fence lines where the antelope naturally cross during the day as they move between the alfalfa fields. Rifle hunts involve more spot and stalk tactics. Preference points are necessary to draw licenses, but if you contact us early in the year we may be able to secure a guaranteed land owner sponsored license for you. All hunts are fully guided and include five days of hunting. After you secure your license we will set dates for your hunt. Our antelope tend to score well with the mass because they generally have heavy bases but not overly long horns. The guiding on this hunt is 1 on 1 most of the time.



Lodging can be in town or if space is available lodging at the ranch is only \$ 195 for the total hunt. Extra days can be added to a hunt for only \$ 250 per day. It is a private land hunt down in the valley.

Rifle Points Required: Muzzleloader Points required: Archery Points Required:

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*Foothills Buck Mule Deer Hunts: \$ \$3500 reduced down to only \$2495 per person, fully guided, (4 days of archery hunting 23 days with rifle or muzzleloader hunting. Extra Days available at a prorated per day price.*

*The seasons are shorter but the hunt is only 4 days (Voucher extra if required.) You will be hunting on private land in **GMU681**.*

Mule Deer hunts take place during September, Archery along with Muzzleloader. The rifle seasons are late October for the 2<sup>nd</sup> season and early November for the 3<sup>rd</sup> season. There is a 4<sup>th</sup> season but the points required to draw a license are extreme.

**For archery hunts we will primarily hunt from blinds which we set along fence lines where the deer naturally cross during the day as they move between the alfalfa fields. Rifle hunts involve more spot and stalk tactics. Preference points are necessary to draw licenses, but if you contact us early in the year we may be able to secure a guaranteed land owner sponsored license for you. All hunts are fully guided and include five days of hunting. After you secure your license we will set dates for your hunt. The foothills of the valley have some large deer because of the points restriction that limits the number of deer taken each year.**

**The guiding on this hunt is 1 on 1 most of the time.**

**Lodging can be in town or if space is available lodging at the ranch is only \$ 195 for the total hunt. Extra days can be added to a hunt for only \$ 250 per day. It is a private land hunt down in the valley. Mule Deer GMU681Antelope GMU682**

**681 mountain hunt mid valley 682 private land velvet hunt 82 by great sand dunes private 1,2,3 and 4th**

**Note Mule Deer unit GMU681 & GMU682 merges in to controlling unit GMU068**