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Welcome to a big place with lots of deer, elk and antelope and a ranch all to yourself and your group. These hunts are semi-guided and guided hunts and priced accordingly. The guides are extremely knowledgeable about where the animals are located and their core area. Also, when you are consuming the part of the hunt that takes the longest, "Locating Game" their knowledge and experience on all of the property is a great edge toward success. We only take a particular number of Semi-Guided and Guided hunters each year because we hunt the property lightly to keep the animal numbers and quality at this high level.

For a Semi-Guided hunt, defines as a DIY hunt on private land, a map of the private land and verbal details as to where to find game. You are required to have your own vehicle and a GPS of cell phone with topo and property boundary and definition on it so that you do not get on the wrong property by accident or any other way. Some of the properties are not fenced so going from his private to a neighbor's property is not always defined. There is also land locked BLM that you can hunt but again the line when you go into private land of whoever's is not defines by a fence because in many places the private and the BLM land is grazed by cattle from the neighboring property. Tress pass violations are not treated lightly by the neighbors and we want to be good neighbors. If you don't have a device with GPS land ownership with you will not be able to hunt the semi-guided hunt and must hunt the guided hunt to be on the property. We take this stand because we also don't want the neighbors on our property spoiling your hunting.

For the Guided hunt you just must show up and you will be guided at a 1-4 hunts to 1 guide, with a 2 hunter to 1 guide as a normal situation. Some time it is better to have more than two hunters in this country because it is so vast the animals can always stay ahead of you. With more hunters he is able to drop each hunter off at a good visual location the animals must travel through the area trying to by-bass every stationed hunter which makes it extremely difficult for the animal to slip through. Most animals can stay away from one hunter pursuing them but with 2 or more split up it make it very difficult for the large trophy animals to do so. Your guide will take you to the location that has the highest density of game from his pre-scouting and knowledge from multiple seasons on the property hunting and guiding. The guide will beat up his vehicle not your as he works his way across the property on 2 track roads and some cross county if needed. He will locate the game, and assist you in setting up for a shot as much as you request, crawling with you to get a good show and so forth. After you shoot the animal he will clean it for you and if

needed both of you load it, or quarter it and then load it on his vehicle. Then he will take you and the animal to your vehicle and transfer the animal to your vehicle leaving you free to take it to the local meat processor or to process it yourself, your choice. There is no meals and lodging included with any of these hunts although there is a lodging discount with this hunt as space allows. Craig has every type of restraint from McDonalds to steak houses. Even a subway sandwich shop to get a sandwich made for the next day's hunt.

Animals will move from the weather, required feeding and water requirements. They will also spend the bulk of their time in sheltered cover conserving energy. They can be extremely difficult to spot when they lay down in the sage and high brush.

The guides skilled eyes will find the animal time after time with just a ear or the tip of an antler showing.

This outfitter provides you with one of about 5 ranches covering 10,000 acres, then since he is a licensed outfitter, the strips between them and land locked BLM you can hunt as well. In Many places there is no fence separating the private property from the BLM property because the rancher leases the grazing right to the BLM and wants free access for their cattle. Also, because they have an on-going lease and it would physically and financially putting the fence in which they feel is not justified. A cell phone with a GPS mapping or a Garmin GPS will have you right on track, or the map that the outfitter provides you will have the topo lines and the section breakdowns. The Outfitters Pre-Scouting before your arrival allows them to place you where the game you are after is located. The Deer and Elk usually stay on their home ranch with the exception of during migration and hunting pressure. The elk also are gypsies, any port in a storm, and like that. The earlier seasons they begin coming in, so he books lighter, as the season progresses they begin building their numbers. The elk may be on one ranch, but soon as opening day passes, they quickly move to different ranches. This gives him the opportunity to move you as the elk move or set you in an area that they are moving to or being pushed to before they get there, so you can help them reach their destiny, in the back of your truck. Be certain bring you own 4-wheel Drive Truck to hunt out of and to get around as needed.

The areas in GMU301 and GMU003 is a high-density area and gets higher as the fall continues instead of dwindling as the fall continues like most areas. The area has a number of herds of elk being pushed around and traveling to where they can hide from the pressure, so he sets hunters at different high areas, so you can spot them and make a stalk to their location or ambush them as they come through.

We take a lot of elk in this area every year, it has been quite dependable and easier shooting because it is pasture, hay fields, sagebrush, alfalfa fields and Bitter-brush of all kinds. Water sources are always available on the different ranches. Access is relatively easy and most elk are loaded whole into your truck. There are 2 meat packers in town processing deer at only \$150 and elk at only \$ 250 which is quite a bargain. They can even swap out if you want jerky or sausage, so you can have everything in 24 hours, cut, freezer wrapped and frozen.

60,000 head of elk come through this area every fall coming from the mountains in the west heading to the wintering area 38 miles to the west in the Godiva Ridge location. Here they not exposed to the weather with the cedar trees providing a wind break by the moving to different sides of the cedars provide thermo-regulation. Arriving in your hunting area, after searching for and eating mountain grass, things like alfalfa are like candy to a baby.

Most licenses are available either through the application draw in April, the left-over license announced in July or because the 2nd and 3rd seasons are unlimited bull elk over the counter. With this hunt we offer a lodging special in town in a nice motel that lists at \$90 per night with our pas code you get 2 hunters, 1 room, 2 beds and 2 free breakfasts for only \$ 30 each subject to availability so make your reservations as soon as you book.

Mule Deer abound in the area and simply said, you will soon be tired of seeing them, which is great if you have a deer license. Second Season Deer can be drawn with about a 30% draw rate. The 3rd season does require about 5 points to draw. The 4th season is about double that but takes down some great timber bucks that have left their lofty safety of the high mountains, pushed by high country and very noticeable in the open country looking for girls during their mid-November rut. These monsters just show up on the property in Mid-November and the 170-200 class buck is very popular at that time of the year during that season. This is a great license to get. Usually there are some vouchers available for deer for the 2nd season, and now and then a 3rd season. A deposit of 50% is required to the outfitter on the Landowner voucher or Tag as they say in other states, to hold it for the hunt. Hunter success has been 100% for the last 5 years for Mule Deer.

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DE003O1A	A	Drawn Out At	0 Pref Points	0 Pref Points	Choice 2	0 Pref Points	Leftover Choice 3	None Drawn
		# Drawn at Final Level	125 of 377	56 of 149	4 of 12	4 of 8	3 of 3	N/A
DE003P2R	A	Drawn Out At	0 Pref Points	0 Pref Points	Choice 2	0 Pref Points	Leftover Choice 2	Leftover Choice 3
		# Drawn at Final Level	141 of 150	185 of 195	10 of 36	4 of 4	1 of 17	3 of 3
DE003P3R	A	Drawn Out At	0 Pref Points	0 Pref Points	Choice 2	0 Pref Points	0 Pref Points	Choice 2
		# Drawn at Final Level	46 of 129	103 of 270	4 of 27	12 of 19	40 of 87	8 of 80

Hunt Details.

The 1st and 4th rifle are 5-day hunts. The 2nd and 3rd season are 9-day seasons, they are the first 4 days of the season or the last 4 days of the season for Deer and Elk. If you have the first 4 days and don't fill in the 4 days and want to hunt another day you can hunt the transition day between the seasons for \$ 250 cash at the time to the outfitter per hunter.

All Hunts are Semi-Guided hunts. This being defined as a DIY, with a map of the properties, and details provided from the outfitter as to where the animal you are after bed, feed and drink when they are scouted and his travels on the properties. The outfitters many years of hunting experience and many on this property has made them quite sharp in how to set you up to be successful. If you will listen to his guidance and responds approximately then you will see your odds of filling your license increase considerably.

The only thing the outfitter can't do for you is to shoot for you. I cannot stress enough how much you need to practice your shooting before the hunt. It can be the difference between success and failure on this hunt and it is all up to you to make time before the trip to do so.

Practice, Practice, Practice, once your rifle is sighted in you are done with the shooting bench because there won't be one in the field. Practice shooting in the prone or laying down position. This is the most solid rest position and best for longer shots but can be used for all shots. Kneeling is good as well to practice but is not as solid as prone. Shoot at a target at 200 yards so you know what it takes to hit a deer, elk or antelope at 200 yards. Then standing I consider a shooting position if the game animal is less than 50 yards away and I have seen misses many times from a standing position with a deer at less than 50 yards. If there is a stiff bush or something you can use that is a good option but there are many places with high sagebrush and no solid rest that would get you above the sage brush level. Practice while you are hunting looking for a rest if your game animals would appear at that time. Finding a rest should be number 1 in your mind once you spot the animal because 99% of the time they have already spotted you. Remember the shots are there but only you can close the deal. You just need to practice and shoot straight.

The outfitter can help you loading game if needed and is always just a cell phone call away if you have any questions. You will find this property quite easy to hunt if you get high up and use your binoculars to spot the game then determine a route to intercept or ambush them. The outfitter can hunt with you but is not required to do so. Many times, he will alert you of game animals in the area but his principal position is to continue to check the fences and stop other hunters from trespassing on to the prime hunting ground.

This area is known for its high population of game animals so it can be desirable for others to come to hunt. If you see something that is not right call him and he will handle it.

Plan on arriving 1 day early to meet the outfitter to get organized for the following morning. There is an un-manned rifle range south of Hayden, where you can confirm that your rifle is still sighted in after the trip. There is also one on Cedar Mountain 5 miles north of Craig which is open every Friday before the 1st, 2nd and 3rd season which begin on Saturday. This one even has steel targets from 200-500 yards, if you would like to try your hand at shooting at them.

They also have knowledgeable personnel there to assist you if you are having difficulty with your rifle. I always recommend that you bring a primary rifle and a secondary rifle if you have in case something happens with your primary rifle.

I recommend in sighting your rifle with a scope dead on at 200 yards. This way if the game animal is under 200 yards you aim dead-on on with your crosshairs. If it is 300 yards do the same because with most rifles it is only 8 inches low at 300 yards which if you compensate you will over compensate but if you put it on the horizon of the animals back you should do well. Never, never, never put daylight between the scope cross hairs and the animals back or you are assured that you will shoot over their back. See what 300 yards ins in distance and remember from the ground to the top of the elks back is only 4 ½ feet high. An average Mule Deer is around 4 feet with a antelope about 3 ½ feet. But probably to grind it into numbers that matter the most is the animal's chest size, Use that for the size of the target you shoot at the range. With your target cut down to this size you can easily tell if you will be getting your knife dirty, or if you should just leave your knife at home.

Antelope 12-14 in.

Mule Deer 13-17 in.

Elk 20-24 in.

Moose, 30-36 in.

Many people feel that during 2nd and 3rd seasons that the best time is the first half of the season. That is true to a degree but elk are moved more by the weather than by the dates. In that light the 2nd half would be better because the elk are more likely to be pushed by a storm. The bottom line is that the

weather can be perfect or terrible at any of these dates. The deer are local and migrants so all you can say is like the elk the worse the weather the better the hunting.

For antelope the weather is a factor but in a opposite way. Antelope, turkey and Doves are fair weather animals. On a bright warm sunny day antelope are up and around plus very easy to spot. If it is raining or snowing go to a restraint and drink coffee or whatever you want until the storm clears. They bed down and disappear during a storm. When the sky clears and the sun comes out they will all be up and about making up for lost eating time. If it is a early snow storm then spotting brown and white antelope on a white background leaves you only a brown line to look for, but they are up and moving.

2nd and 3rd season Bull Elk licenses are over the counter and unlimited so you can get them when you arrive but be certain to bring your hunter safety card you will be asked for it when buying your license in person.

All deer, antelope elk 1st and 4th season, and all cow elk licenses are either drawn through the application draw Submitted in April of purchased on-line as leftovers licenses from the draw.

2nd Rifle Season	SEMI-GUIDED	GUIDED
4 Day Elk (1st 1/2 of Season) \$ 2600 Reduced Down to only.....	\$1995	\$ 2295
4 Day Elk (Last 1/2 of Season) \$ 2600 Reduced Down to only...	\$1795.....	\$ 1995

3rd Rifle Season	SEMI-GUIDED	GUIDED
4 Day Elk (1st 1/2 of Season) \$ 3500 Reduced Down to only.....	\$1995	\$ 2295
4 Day Elk (Last 1/2 of Season) \$ 3000 Reduced Down to only...	\$1795	\$ 1995

4th Rifle Season	SEMI-GUIDED	GUIDED
5 Day Elk \$ 3000 Reduced Down to only.....	\$ 1995.....	\$ 2295

Any Season **Cow elk** 3,4 or 5-day \$1495 with other hunter(s) which can be advantageous when you see a bull there will usually be cows with them.

The **December Cow elk** likes requires an elk point to draw but it is an extremely successful cow elk season.

Un-guided Cow elk hunts below are reduced down \$200 for s Semi-guided hunt as to the Guided hunts listed below.

The exception is the single hunter must be guided due to liability issues. The other option remove \$ 200 each to go from a guided price as listed to a Semi-Guided option price. These hunts are usually between the end of 4th season and the end of November with that special 10;1to 11/31 license. The December cow hunt which covers the duration of the month requires a point to draw but is the best cow season available.

December Cow Elk Hunt 1 Hunter \$ 2000 discounted down to only	\$ 1495
December Cow Elk Hunt 2 Hunter \$ 2000 discounted down to only	\$ 1395
December Cow Elk Hunt 3 Hunter \$ 2000 discounted down to only	\$ 1295
December Cow Elk Hunt 4 Hunter \$ 2000 discounted down to only	\$ 1195

We have a special guided on private land cow hunt that you must apply for to get a license. It is end of November. This license allows us to host you between the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th seasons and from the 4th to

the end of November. The license is easy to draw and does not require a preference point, but there are never any leftover licenses because it is such a flexible license.

This is such a good season you will seldom see any other hunters during this season because this is a couple of weeks since the bull elk hunters have gone home and the cows have settled down. Hunt code on this one is:

E-F-003-P5-R and the hunt is the end of November.

E-F-003-L5-R is the while month of December but requires a point to draw this license.

(There is a small fee for hunters per day after the 3 days if you still have an open tag which has never happened yet but just in case. Usually this is someone that has a problem getting the elk to run where his bullet is flying.

The December Late Cow hunt elk License for the month of December Requires 1 point to draw. E-F-003-L1-R

This is a highly successful 3-day hunt that usually takes place in late December and has ample opportunity to be filled on the 1st day.

2nd animal hunts as adding a buck deer or a cow elk to an existing bull elk hunt is \$1500 reduced down to only \$995 this year. Antelope don't fall into this because the season is around the 1st of October and the deer and elk season open Mid October and close mid-November

Mule Deer

2nd Rifle Season _____ **SEMI-GUIDED** _____ **GUIDED**

4 Day Deer (1st 1/2 of Season) \$ 2900 Reduced Down to only..... \$1995.....\$ 2295
 4 Day Deer (Last 1/2 of Season) \$ 2900 Reduced Down to only.....\$1795.....\$ 1995

3rd Rifle Season Rut Hunt _____ **SEMI-GUIDED** _____ **GUIDED**

4 Day Deer (1st 1/2 of Season) \$ 3700 Reduced Down to only..... \$1995.....\$ 2695
 4 Day Deer (Last 1/2 of Season) \$ 3700 Reduced Down to only..... \$1795.....\$ 2695

4rd Rifle Season Rut Hunt _____ **SEMI-GUIDED** _____ **GUIDED**

5 Day Deer \$ 4700 Reduced Down to only.....\$2295.....\$ 2995

Antelope

Antelope Archery, Muzzleloader or Rifle 2 day Semi-Guided on Best of 10,000 acres.

2 Day Buck Antelope Private Land \$ 2500 Reduced Down to only.....\$ 995.....\$1395

2 Day Doe Antelope Private Land \$ 2500 discounted Down to only..... \$ 495.....\$ 495

3 Buck Antelope Vouchers are available along with 1 Doe Voucher is available first come first serve. Antelope Season always begins around October 1st every year. You can apply for a doe and get it with zero points. The antelope buck tag requires you to apply and has about a 40% chance of drawing with a 100% chance of drawing if you have 1 or more points. During the October season, success is 100%. Like deer, it is certain that you will see over 100 animals to select from. I have taken Boone and Crockett bucks in this general area twice before.

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AM003O1A	A	Drawn Out At	4 Pref Points	4 Pref Points	4 Pref Points	None Drawn	0 Pref Points	0 Pref Points
		# Drawn at Final Level	42 of 58	1 of 1	2 of 4	N/A	2 of 18	11 of 17

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			Res	NonRes	Res	NonRes	Unrestricted	Restricted
AM003O1M	A	Drawn Out At	10 Pref Points	11 Pref Points	None Drawn	No Apps	4 Pref Points	1 Pref Points
		# Drawn at Final Level	7 of 8	2 of 2	N/A	N/A	1 of 1	1 of 1
AM003O1R	A	Drawn Out At	13 Pref Points	13 Pref Points	None Drawn	None Drawn	1 Pref Points	0 Pref Points
		# Drawn at Final Level	15 of 46	5 of 9	N/A	N/A	21 of 25	24 of 48
AM003P5R	B	Drawn Out At	1 Pref Points	1 Pref Points	1 Pref Points	1 Pref Points	1 Pref Points	0 Pref Points
		# Drawn at Final Level	157 of 171	19 of 22	21 of 22	2 of 2	27 of 39	22 of 45

There is 1 very important rule here and it is that the hunters must follow the guide's direction, he is there for you and has hunted that property(s) more than you have and a guide and hunter working together is by far your best chance for success. With all that said the other key factor is the shooters ability to shoot accurately not from a bench, that is a measurement of rifle only. It is the shooters practice and accuracy when shoot at a distance kneeling, sitting or lying flat on your belly. That is what I hunting we say closes the deal.

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