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Where the early Season Elk are found / Share camp with the outfitter, he feeds you, and talks to you, where to hunt, but the hunt is DIY after updating with him each morning and evening. Drive in back Woods base camp, instead of the middle of nowhere drop camp with no contact with the outfitter.

### **SPECIAL DIY/SEMI-GUIDED ELK HUNT IN WILDERNESS AREA CAMPING AND EATING WITH THE OUTFITTER!**

This Outfitter is amazing and every hunter I have spoken with that has hunted with him confirms my suspicions and findings. He is not afraid to think out of the box when it comes to making his hunters successful. If you know how to hunt elk but just need to be drop camped in the middle of them, this is your man.

This is the only drop Camp hunt that you not only camp in the outfitter camp area, you have breakfast and dinner with him every night. His drop camps are the most successful drop camps in Colorado!

If you are ready for a premier Elk Outfitter Hunt, this one has the Primo property and even the DIY/Semi-Guided Hunters do well. The standard "Drop Camp" is when an Outfitter is bringing his guided hunters to the large outfitters Tent with lodging and meals, if you are a drop camp hunter you get put on the back side of the mountain in a small tent camp for 4-6, no guide, and you cook your own meals and everything else. Those pack in Drop camps are now rounding the corner of the \$2000 and climbing today.

This outfitter wants his guided hunters to fill but in earnest he does everything possible to see that his drop camp, DIY/Semi guided hunters fill also. This concern and his earnest and successful efforts show that.

This outfitter not only tells you where the best place to hunt is, he put his guided hunters Outfitter Tent right next to the guided hunts tent. If there is a problem, he is right there. In addition, he can meet with you every day and get an update on how you did and what you saw. At that point, his 20 plus years on the mountain will tell you what your "Plan B" should be. Being able to share the camping area, the evening fire and hot dinner plate along with morning biscuits and Gray, you have complete access to him for guidance.

Since most elk are shot within a mile of camp his direction is spot on, and as a drop camp Tennant on his hunts you can walk right out of camp and hunt.

So, you and the guided hunters are not competing for the same elk his guided hunter leave on horseback in the morning and don't hunt seriously until they are about a mile out. After personally placing hunters with experience elk hunting guides, I will say I have never seen so much of a drive by the outfitter to make his unguided hunters successful. It is simple to understand that this Outfitter has the most successful unguided drop camp hunters I have ever seen.

I am amazed in this effort with follow through on this part of an outfitter to make this hunt an extremely enjoyable and successful hunt for everyone he takes with him on these hunts. It shows in the fact that his return clientele run about 89% on most years. The ones that hunt with have first choice on the next year's slots so we can never add any big groups to his hunts the best is a 4-hunter group if we are lucky. Remember his main camp has no more than 10 hunters, guided and unguided jointly.

This is a Wilderness hunt in game management units GMU018 and GMU181 in both Arapahoe National Forest and Routt National Forest. Yes, I am permitted in 100's of miles of elk habitat, with elk in them. Our camp and hunting equipment are top notch and we rely on it to continue to take the trophy quality animals that we take each year.

Our local area holds over 4,500 head of elk with a perfect 4 cows to each bull ratio to grow big bulls.

Of course, the larger the bulls the older they are and the more years they have under their belts avoiding use when we are hunting them. Even though we still average 1st, 2nd and 3rd rifle seasons are consistently averaging a 55% or better success rate on bulls averaging in the 255-305-inch class with occasional 300+ bulls pushing all the way up to the 350 inch class. Without hunt area being so large we find bulls that are traveling and have never seen them before, and that is where we get the wild card bulls that push the scoring limits.

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Our pricing is simple, there is a base price for 1 animal and if you want to add a second animal there is only a \$ 500 combo fee as the example below. At this point I don't recommend the deer hunt because being honest we are in perfect elk wilderness area. Deer will not stay around elk, so they are lower in different habitat that the elk don't like. Our big bucks are rare, and I am just being honest. A bull and cow elk option are a much better option for a combo.

There are 3 distinctly different hunts available. It is detailed above each on. All hunts begin with an approximately 5 mile ride into the remote base camp. The differences are after that point.

**1. The full service** Hunt you are lodged in the Base Camp Tents. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, which comes out to about 20 meals per person. Each morning the Wranglers saddle all the horses while you are eating breakfast. Then you ride out on horseback 2 hunters per guide to different elk pockets and hunt them on foot, but travel by horseback so you can hit more pockets per day. This is a successful way to hunt elk. You are back in where other hunters don't get because horseback ride it thins out the hunters greatly. Of course, included in this package your elk is quartered and packed out for you in this package.

**FULL SERVICE HUNT** (per person)

Our Guided Meals and Lodging Elk or Deer hunt is \$5900 discounted down to only .....\$4295

The Combination hunt for both Deer & Elk is \$6500 discounted down to only.....\$4795

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**2. The BASE CAMP** Semi-Guided HUNT is a remarkably successful way to hunt for someone that has hunted elk before. You are lodged in the Base Camp Tents. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, which comes out to about 20 meals per person. Each morning you are eating breakfast with the outfitter. You are camped in a tent right next to the outfitter. This provides you with all the directing to the best places within a day's walk of the camp. You will be eating breakfast and dinner with the Outfitter and guides so you will always be close to the intel from these people that are extremely organized and knowledgeable

about the elk in the area. Since the guided (1.) hunters ride out before first light they travel well out of your area before first light, the area withing walking area around this base wilderness camp is not bothered by their travel. The outfitter conversations about the feed corridors as well as the migration corridors help you pinpoint where you want to spend the time for your hunt. This is the only outfitter that provides this type of guiding on a non-guided hunt, so it has been successful. The outfitter provides this hunt because of its high success for a hunt that does not require a guide to be with you all day. Also included in this hunt is your elk pack out at no added charge.

**BASE CAMP HUNT (per person)**

Hunt with Meals & Lodging Elk or Deer hunt is \$3600 discounted down to only .....\$2795

The Combination hunt for both Deer & Elk is \$6500 discounted down to only.....\$3495

The area you will is much more suited to Elk than Deer. The deer are not common because of the high elk population in this classified Wilderness area.

Because of #2 being so successful for many hunters this outfitter does not supply a specific "Drop Camp" type of hunt during the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> season. It is only offered during the September Archery and Muzzleloader seasons.

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**3. The standard Drop Camp** is a favorite for many seasoned elk hunters because of the price. To be successful on these hunts it usually requires someone with elk hunting skills under their belt. Many times, people select these hunts because of the low price not because they have the necessary elk hunting skills. They must be able to scout and hunt the land, read the elk signed and understand what that means to the availability of elk to be available plus where and to many degrees where. Many outfitters do not explain this detail of drop camps and so the success can be extremely low. Keep in mind on any DIY/Semi-Guided when Saturday morning comes it is up to you, the hunter to find the elk. Your skills are 90% of the success, so be honest with yourself to your skill level in any drop camp, many outfitters are not this honestly details about this fact. If you do not meet these qualifications, I would upgrade to the #1 or #2 package if there are still any available, these book quickly every year.

**DROP CAMP HUNT (September Archery and Muzzleloader Only (per person)**

\$2100 Elk or Deer

\$2600 Combination (for both)

**Pack Service**

\$145 per horse used in and out required in package #3.

+ \$400 cost to pack out any Elk or Deer to be frozen until end of hunt

In the warm September weather a elk can spoil quickly, the yellow Jackets and Flies are in full force, so raw meat is a delicacy for them, which soon spoils any elk. The only way to save it back in the wilderness is to get it to a cooler as soon as possible and that will determine the condition of the meat that you have on the dinner table.

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Note: Hunter Safety card required for anyone born after January 1, 1949. If you don't have one it can easily be obtained by taking a test on-line. Don't wait until the last minute to do it, since many will and you may have difficulty getting in online. Also, If you need assistance applying for a license feel free to ask for our assistance. Application date is in March so make preparations

early so you have the best opportunity get the license you require. Hunter Safety Cards have become a Nation Wide Standard so to hunt in any state today they are required.

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