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If you were ever asked to find the center of the world, you would have to say is the United States, then if you were ever asked to find the center of the united states, you would select Nebraska. If you were then asked to find the center of Nebraska, you would find where you will be hunting for Mule Deer. How do I know? Well when I was young I was told the best mule deer hunting in the world is in the center of the best country in the world... I then asked how I would know when I was in the best hunting in the whole wide world... I was told you will find great Mule Deer hunting.

Well I found it, the deer are here and you will soon be here in the center of the world in the best mule deer hunting in the world. To have a bigger piece of that world we begin with 10,000 acres, then add lease after lease after lease to make our world and the deer hunting even better. To have a way to get to the center of the world, the highway department put in Interstate 80 when they found where the center of the world was located, so people like you and me could get there.

You will be in the famous Nebraska sand hills, sitting right over the famous Ogallala Aquafer. The Ogallala Aquafer is an extremely large underground river that begins as far north as North Dakota and continues down to Texas, centered along the border between South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and so on.

In many places like the Nebraska Sandhills, it has changed sandhills used as pasture requiring 30 acres to feed a cow, calf for a year. This made the value potential for the land extremely low.

Then wells begun to be plunged through that sand all the way down into the giant underground river. Soon large circles of corn, alfalfa and other water requiring crops were planted and large circle sprinkler systems that are so large, they can be seen by every jet airliner crossing this now prosperous land.

Sandhills stretching for miles, with circle pivots of corn fields and alfalfa planted sporadically with water sources during the summer that were never there before, is mule deer heaven. In addition, in the winter the Mule deer can live on snow for moisture, but many time ranchers bring the cattle into the corn fields to tide them over, and in doing so, the cattle must have water, so the mule deer drink out of the same water sources that the ranchers provide for the cattle. In addition, there is very little traffic back in these areas, the annual plowing, planting and combining is about it, which suit the Mule deer even better. With 2 track roads through this vast once wasteland to every water source and agricultural field, the hunting usually consists of a pleasurable road trip in a 4-wheel drive truck with a heater and air conditioning to make the hunt comfortable.

In most cases there is little need to get out and walk because the deer all tend to stay in the general area, and if a big buck gets smart and decides to stay away from these drive able areas, the does don't and since you are hunting during the rut, all I can say is bring a good pair of binoculars, you will need them.

Most of the time when a good buck is spotted, the guide will get the vehicle out of site as quick as possible to not alarm the spooky bucks. The it is all about stalking up on the downwind side from a dune that provides you visual protection from the weary eyes of

the old buck. A peak over the dune to confirm the buck location or if he has spooked out of the area.

The guide will assist you in getting set up quietly and quickly on the top or in a saddle of a dune for a shot. It may be 100 yards, it may be 300 yards, depending where the buck is located. In the cornfields, the ground is flattened to make the sprinklers and planting more efficient, so the shots can be long. In the dune areas, the shots tend to be closer because of the terrain.

These are big deer, corn fed Deer and can be long shots, and typically the wind is blowing some direction. A 270, 30.06 or the 7mm or 300 magnums are recommended to be armed for the conditions.

A 3x9 or 4x12 or 16 will give you the flexibility for the shot. A dead-on on rifle at 200 yards will only be 8 inches low at 300 years, but the key is a good trigger squeeze and a guide that can dope the wind for you, will be the medicine needed to put a big buck in the back of the truck.

If you don't remember a single thing, the number one rule is at home before you pack up to come to the dunes, practice with the rifle. It will shoot almost exactly the same place every time. It is the guy pulling the trigger that ads the inaccuracy of the shot. Get off the shooting bench, bring a pad and practice shooting from the ground on your belly. There will be no shooting benches on the on this hunt. You will be shooting from laying on your belly on the sand, so that is what you need to practice. Shooting from the bench just proves what the rifle can do, and after 5 of those shots it is time to learn how to shoot the same group from your belly position. That belly shot is what will put meat on the table and horns on the wall. If at all possible, shoot at 200 yards or farther. The bucks chest is 18" x 18" so that is your target. Try that target from 100 Yards, 200 yards and 300 yards. When you can keep all shots on paper at 300 yards, you are ready. If you only have 200 yards to shoot, you will want to be able to keep all shots in the black at 200 yards. Remember, the range conditions will be easier shooting than field conditions, because there is no adrenaline and breathing hard when at the range, the wind in snot blowing and your forearm surface is better at the range. In the field, you may only get 1 shot at that monster, and he is good at staying alive. In fact, he is so good at staying alive, he has won every confrontation he has had his whole life, so you must be better than every hunter he has ever come up against to have the honor of taking him home.

CHADRON, Neb. – Nebraska's deer seasons wrapped up in mid-January and preliminary numbers show the harvest was up in the Panhandle. Through all seasons, hunters checked in 8,072 deer in the region compared to 7,815 the previous year — a 3.3 percent increase.

The Panhandle's overall number of harvested deer consists of 4,717 mule deer and 3,355 whitetails.

Three of the four westernmost units in the state – Pine Ridge, Plains and Sandhills — reported more deer harvested this fall and winter than over the same period last year. Only the Upper Platte Unit experienced a decrease in harvested deer.

Micah Ellstrom of Alliance, a wildlife manager in the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's northwest district, said the increased harvest is not surprising since Commission staff have gradually been observing more deer in the region.

"Deer numbers are improving from levels where they have been," Ellstrom said. "It is the result of slight increases over time district-wide."

The populations have improved from 2012 when drought and disease took a toll. The most significant increase of harvest was in the Plains Unit, which lies between the Niobrara River and U.S. Highway 26 from the Wyoming line eastward to Hyannis and Arthur. Hunters there harvested 2,106 deer for a 9.7 percent increase over last year. The Pine Ridge Unit, which consists of all land north of the Niobrara River from the Wyoming line to Gordon, reported the most deer checked in of any Panhandle Unit with 2,343, a 3.3 percent increase over the previous year.

Hunters in the Sandhills Unit, which encompasses the expanse between Valentine, Gordon, Arthur and Stapleton, checked in 2,052 deer for a 4.6 percent increase. The Upper Platte Unit in the Panhandle's southwest corner had 1,571 deer for a 5.6 percent decrease.

Most of Nebraska's deer harvest occurs during the nine-day November firearm season. The state's deer hunting begins in September with the archery season and runs through the muzzleloader season in December and the late-antierless-only period in early January.

Hunt Trophy Whitetails and Mule deer with rifle, black-powder and archery private property. The archery equipment can be longbow, recurve, compound or Crossbow. The Muzzleloaders have minimal restrictions, so long shooters with scopes are legal in Nebraska.

We provide the cover optimal game bird production of Prairie Chicken, Pheasants, Ducks, Goose and Turkey. These hunts are available outside the rifle Deer season in mid-November as time allows.

Small game, bird and habitat licenses are available on site, but not Deer licenses. In Nebraska your license is good for mule deer or whitetail deer, it is your choice, in fact you can shoot a mule deer and a whitetail deer if you have 2 licenses and the hunt is only \$1500 for the second deer. It will be approved by the outfitter before purchasing the 2<sup>nd</sup>. You cannot shoot 2 Mule Deer though.

Deer licenses are only \$ 250 with the habitat stamp included.

Airports with commercial service are located at North Platte and Grand Island, Lincoln, Omaha, Denver or you may fly your own private plane or jet into the Ainsworth Airport, which has a 121- by 6,822-foot runway. With Jet fuel available at the airport.

All hunts are guided with meals and lodging for 4 days and 5 nights.

Mule Deer Hunts are \$ 5000 discounted down to only \$2995

Whitetail Deer Hunts are \$ 4500 discounted down to only \$2495

Add \$500 additional to each hunt for the opening 4 days of the deer season, vs the last 4 days of the season.

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The Nebraska Telecheck Program allows hunters to check deer or antelope by telephone or online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The exception is during the rifle season when you must take the deer to a local check station to have the antler banded.

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