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(Utah Deer Applications must be submitted by the end of February, don't miss your chance for an easy wall hanger.)

**(Muzzleloader with a scope can be rented for \$20 with components)**

If you are a Trophy Mule Deer Junky, this hunt is for you. If you enjoy taking big mules with a bow or muzzleloader, then get ready to place your "X" on the dotted line.

We all know that mule deer antlers are a product of his genes, his age, his food supply, the mineral available in the ground local to where he is staying just before and during the antler growth period around April-August of that year and to some degree, that year's spring moisture conditions. To provide that requirements for large antlers well support age, we only hunt with archery equipment and muzzleloader equipment. The area is farm ground with wheat and alfalfa. Most of the shooting is patterning the buck herds, then ambush them when they travel between the fields to feed and their bedding areas. Each farm has water tanks, water holes or larger ones that they call tanks, so the deer have nowhere else they would want to be. During your 5-day hunt, you could see upward of 250 head of deer with most of them bucks, because the does stay with the fawns in a different area at this time of the year.

This hunt is guided, but with the tree stands, ground blinds, and natural blinds, the guide doesn't sit with the hunter, he just adds more sound and scent to the equation. He will take you to the blind that the deer are passing closest to and make certain you are set up, then leave you to shoot any deer that you wish. The hunt is a low impact hunt, you don't walk much because the bucks are moving through an area he has patterned. In addition, since it is farm ground that you are hunting, it is restively flat ground anyway. The September time of the year, so there is no snow, and even though the mornings can be brisk, it soon warms up with the sun. The area is dry, so rain storms are appreciated by few and far between.

There are no trophy fees, you shoot what you like and if you want to process it there, they have a place to do it. If you want it processed for you, there is a place locally where it can be done for you and even made into jerky or sausage.

This is the most successful Mule Deer hunting I have ever seen. With harvest running about 80-90% on a 5-day guided hunt. The outfitter pre-scouts the farms and notes the path the deer take. These are bachelor herds of bucks this time of the year and normally you won't see any does. It is not uncommon to see a head of 10-20 bucks of all sizes traveling together. Because of the drawing restrictions of 1 point and the restricted weapons, there are plenty of big bucks to shoot, you just have to pass all of the 130-150 bucks, that come by closer to hold out for the 160,170 and larger. Last year, everyone basically tagged out except for the 2 muzzleloaders and the 2 archers that wounded bucks and they weren't found until 2 days later.

The reason is quite apparent. They never hunt with high power rifles, **only Muzzleloader and Archery**. The ranch/farm land is very fertile and the deer population has exploded with the minimal number of hunters that he allows to hunt each year.

Archery gear options are wide open, and crossbows are legal with a doctor's excuse of a shoulder problem. Unlike some states, if you shoot a cross bow because of a shoulder injury, you are not required to remove the standard scope that comes on the crossbow and change to iron sights. In Utah, you can use the crossbow scope as well.

As for muzzleloaders, Utah is a great Muzzleloader friendly state. In Utah you can have a muzzleloader with a scope, and the scope can be multi-power. This makes a shot scoped muzzleloader shooting legal Blackhorn209 powder, sending a CVA Platinum 287 grain bullet and 90% done deal at 200 yards. In line muzzleloader technology has brought the hunting muzzleloaders a long way in the accuracy world and a hunter that is on top of these improvements, can do extremely well with today's quality muzzleloaders.

You will be hunting in the South East Corner of Utah, for a ball park location it would be by a lot of little towns, and the one that would finally be on the map, is most likely in the Utah Abajo Mountains, in San Juan County Game Unit 14A. As far as drawing a license for the muzzleloader season with zero points there is a 25% draw. For 1 point it is 100% chance of drawing. This is a "general" so you can buy a \$10 preference point this year to be certain to draw next year. The hunt code for archery is **DB1521** and muzzleloader is **DB1581**. You cannot use a rifled shotgun during the muzzleloader season.

We have some honey hole farms that is all mule deer and carries a high success rate of 80% for muzzleloader and slightly higher 88% for archery.

We only allow 4 muzzleloader hunters per year as individuals or in a single group. The draw is extremely easy by Utah standards, with a bonus point only, there is an 80-90% chance of drawing and with 1 point, it is a slam dunk.

## Drawing a License/Applying in February

If your hunters have a bonus point, they should have an 80 to 90 percent chance for draw. We are looking for 4 muzzleloader hunters to fill our hunt. If you planned on hunting with us and you receive an Unsuccessful Draw Notice, your deposit will be refunded.

We will contact each individual before the 2018 draw due date, to verify that the Utah License was purchased and the Mule Deer permit draw was submitted for unit 14A.

There are a number of prime mule deer properties we provide, and a multitude of different hunting types. If you want, you can also fish for trout or even golf on the number 3 golf course in Utah and rated 28th in the United States, photograph wildlife, sightseeing or just relax at the lodge.

This is a hunting adventure that specializes in hunting mule deer. Our experience Licensed Outfitter has spent over 40 years hunting in this area of Utah. We take only a limited number of hunters to the properties each year.

Of all the farmlands in the area, our properties have some of the greatest quality and quantity of Mule Deer than is on other private ranches that cost much more. We make every attempt to ensure you have an enjoyable time and an opportunity to harvest a quality Buck Mule Deer. You will see a number of 135 to 150 class mule deer, we also see 170 and 180 class deer each year.

The ranches are located 70 miles west over the boarder of the airport in Cortez, Colorado and arrangements can be made to be picked up at this airport. We have meat processing available, or you can do it yourself. There is no antler point restrictions on the ranch and the minimum length is 5 inches.

All we require you to do when going on this hunting adventure is practice your shooting, be efficient at shooting straight at your chosen distance, pick a killing shot, and tag your trophy buck. Without rifle hunting the deer are easier to get into range then most places but you still need you hunting and shooting skills required to make a good shot on the animal.

Hunting with us, you are required to have a Utah State Hunting License and have drawn a 14A Archery or Muzzleloader Deer Permit. The Permit and License are not included in our price. The non-resident license is \$65 and deer permit tag is \$268 and the elk permit tag is \$393. The license and the mule deer permit tag must be obtained through the Utah Division of Wildlife



Department Big Game Drawing, the website is [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov). You have to apply and draw a Unit 14A Archery or Muzzleloader Mule Deer Tag to hunt mule deer with us. The Elk Tag can be obtained across the counter at an authorized agent if you decide to go that way.

All our hunts are a full 5 days of hunting in Unit 14A, arrival and leave days are not considered a hunt day and is included in the price.

The cost of the Mule Deer Hunts, lodging, and all your meals is \$ 4900 Discounted down to only \$ **2995.00** for each hunter.

**WE DO NOT HAVE A RIFLE MULE DEER HUNT ON THESE RANCHES.**

We Guide on the private land and not on State or BLM Land.

Since drawing is an issue, we take a deposit of \$ 200 to hold your slot. The remaining amount is due when the hunter is notified he/she was Successfully Drawn by the Utah Division of Wildlife, remaining payment is due no later than July 1.

If you want to process your own deer we will provide a Deer Hanger to hang your deer, Butcher Board.

You can elect to have the butcher on site process your deer. If you had used a muzzleloader 10 or 20 years ago and it has been in the closet ever since, I understand why you left it in the closet. Try it with today's accurate components or today's modern in-line muzzleloader and the handicapped weapon is a thing of the past.

The Lodging includes all meals, sleeping arrangements will be provided. The property is approximately 12 miles north of the lodge, if you drove, be prepared to drive to and from the ranch daily. Transportation to and from nearby designated commercial airports and the hunting property for hunters flying in to hunt, will be provided at a small cost, but this needs to be arranged 30 days prior to arrival. If a rental car or a motel is needed at any time, it will be the responsibility of the hunter.

As a hunter, you have sufficient knowledge and hunting skills and abilities for the type of hunt you have booked, along with intimate knowledge of the operation of the weapon that you are using, and that you are in good physical condition. Before the hunt, all physical limitations or health problems must be made known to Outfitter/Guide so we can plan accordingly.

You will be hunting on private properties leased the Outfitter and you can hunt the interspersed public land areas, but they will be unguided.

We will not be hunting on Sundays. All tree stand hunters must wear required safety harnesses and are responsible to make sure they have them on while in the tree stand. Hunters are asked



not to travel through any stand areas; as this might ruin the possibility of another hunter getting a shot on a Trophy Book.

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