







Hunt ID: 5032-G-L-3995-ElkMDeer-CO-XXX-ERME4EK-RL2LK-U1GHH-Ranching for Wildlife

So, you like to hunt elk during the rut in Colorado but since it is Archery or Muzzleloader, If you missed the Colorado Elk draw this one is a slam dunk.

(Read on how to bypass that restriction and hunt elk with a Rifle during the rut!)

The problem is you are archery challenged and you don't have the preference points required to get a license for Muzzleloader unless you shell out \$2500 extra for a landowner voucher. Additionally you want to double your chances and hunt not just private land but prime private land. It may as well be an either sex license so that no matter what you are coming home with a truck load of elk, with or without elk. While we are at it we may as well have it guided with meals and lodging and the dollars are added and added to be an \$ 8000 package. I have one that the owner wants to sell to be done for his 2014 booking. The total price has been reduced down from \$8000 to only \$ 3995!!

You will be hunting the famous NW Colorado home of the densest elk population in the world. More than ½ of Colorado's 375,000 elk reside here, summer and winter. We did say there was an elk behind every tree but we grew more threes and that is no longer true. It is no doubt that you will see and have opportunity to take more than 1 bull. This property is inspected by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife and then the owner is provided with the vouchers for a number of elk to make it a well-managed ranch.

HABITAT AND HABITAT GOALS

We support a wide range of plant communities including primarily sage, mountain shrub, and aspen, with riparian bottoms along several major drainages. The vegetative assortment within the ranch provides a substantial diversity for wildlife species. Upland vegetation consists primarily of sagebrush interspersed with scattered mountain shrub and aspen communities at the upper elevations.

Mountain shrub species consist primarily of gambel oak, serviceberry, and chokecherry. Scattered stands of Aspen and some coniferous forest occur at the higher elevations on the Ranch. Coniferous forest and pinyon juniper woodlands provide thermal cover for big game, as well as habitat for a wide variety of birds and other small game species as well.

Upland under stories consists of a mix of grasses and forbs, with most species native to the sites. Various species of noxious weeds are also scattered throughout the native vegetation, but are not dominant.

Riparian vegetation, primarily found along Veatch Gulch and Flag Creek, includes some willow and a few stands of cottonwood trees, but is dominated by a mix of native sedges, rushes, and grasses.

The riparian areas and water sources on the Ranch are incredibly important to wildlife species throughout the year, while the irrigated hayfields and grasslands provide extremely high quality forage to wildlife species during critical periods.

HABITAT MANAGEMENT GOALS:

The overall goals in terms of habitat management for the Ranch property are to:

- 1.** Increase the number and nutritional health/quality of both mule deer and elk utilizing the ranch on a year round and seasonal basis with continued implementation of an integrated and progressive livestock grazing management plan that is approved by CPW per conservation easement guidelines.
- 2.** Work cooperatively with CPW to manipulate decadent/unproductive stands of sagebrush, pinyon/juniper, mountain shrub and aspen stands that are found on the ranch in order to improve the quality and diversity of these habitat types for the benefit of mule deer, elk, and sage grouse.
- 3.** Aggressively identify, control and monitor any noxious weed infestations on the Ranch property to avoid long term losses of plant biodiversity and habitat quality.
- 4.** Maintain, restore, and enhance riparian areas and available water resources on the Ranch through habitat/water improvement projects and well managed livestock grazing management.
- 5.** In conjunction with riparian enhancement projects, establish quality recreational trout fisheries and wetland waterfowl habitats on sites where feasible and biologically practical, to increase the diversity of available recreational opportunities (i.e., the east and main forks of Flag Creek, and spring fed pond sites throughout Veatch gulch) on the Ranch property.
- 6.** Interseed some irrigated crop land and upland dry cropland sites with high quality grasses, legumes/forbs, and shrubs specifically selected for mule deer, elk, and sage grouse.

ELK/DEER SEASONS

-Elk/deer seasons begin September 1, and end December 16, with the late season antler-less hunts lasting through January.

-Private archery elk hunts take place September 1-14.

-Private rifle hunts take place during the last two weeks of September, normally during the peak of the rut.

-October hunts coincide with the general public seasons taking place on our neighboring National Forest, normally resulting in new herds of elk coming onto the ranch throughout the general season.

-Generally as many as 15 preference points are required to draw the ranch bull or mule deer buck tags.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS:

In order to obtain incense/ you will need

-Current Drivers License.

-Hunter Safety card if born after 1/1/1949

-Hunters are also required to wear 500 inches of blaze orange. (Vest & cap)

HUNTING PACKAGES:

-All hunts include guides, lodging, and meals.

-Harvested animals will be field dressed by guides and transported to a local packing house at no additional cost.

-All meat packing and shipping expenses belong solely to hunter.

TRANSPORTATION

-Transportation to and from the airport is not provided but is available from flights into Grand Junction, Colorado. A lower price option is a Grand Junction rental car.

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Season Dates are as follows:

1st week 08/27/16-09/02 Archery

2nd Week 09/03-09/09/11 Archery

3rd week 09/10-09/18 Muzzleloader

4rd week 09/19-09/22 Archery

5th week 09/19-09/25 Archery

Big Game Season Dates and Fees

2016 Big Game Season Dates - [Check the regulation brochures for specifics and variations](#)

Archery	
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)	Aug. 27–Sept. 25*
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 1–28*
	Nov. 9–30
	Dec. 15–31
Moose	Sept. 10–25
Pronghorn (bucks only)	Aug. 15–Sept. 20
Pronghorn (either sex)	Sept. 1–20
Muzzleloader (by draw only)	
Deer/elk/moose	Sept. 10–18
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 8–16
Pronghorn	Sept. 21–29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose	
Moose	Oct. 1–14
Separate limited elk (1st season)	Oct. 15–19
Combined (deer/elk) (2nd season)	Oct. 22–30
(3rd season)	Nov. 5-13

Combined limited (deer/elk) (4th season)	Nov. 16–20
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 29–Nov. 8
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Dec. 1–14
Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only)	
Pronghorn	Oct. 1–7*
Black Bear	
Rifle limited (by draw)	Sept. 2–30
Archery (over-the-counter with caps)	Sept. 2–30
Muzzleloading (over-the-counter with caps)	Sept. 10–18
Rifle (over-the-counter with caps)	concurrent with deer/elk rifle seasons

**unless otherwise noted in the brochure tables*

License Fees

Important Note: Anyone ages 18-64 MUST purchase a Habitat Stamp in order to buy or apply for a preference point or for a hunting or fishing license. For more information, see [Habitat Stamp Basics](#).

	Resident	Nonresident
Elk, Cow	\$ 49	\$ 469
Elk, Bull or Either Sex	\$ 49	\$ 629
Deer	\$ 34	\$ 379
Moose	\$ 254	\$ 2,084
Pronghorn, Buck or Doe	\$ 34	\$ 379
Bear	\$ 44	\$ 354

*All prices include a 25-cent search-and-rescue fee, a 75-cent surcharge for the Wildlife Management Education Fund and a \$3 application fee for limited licenses applied for in the draw.

*Nonresident fishing licenses are good through March 31.

Habitat Stamps (non-refundable)	Resident	Nonresident

Habitat Stamp (valid 4/1–3/31)	\$ 10	\$ 10
Lifetime Habitat Stamp	\$ 300.25	\$ 300.25

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