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Did someone say Trophy Area? Yes, this is and the points to draw it show it. A herd of 24 shootable bulls there? You bet due to the high points to draw, and the extremely low voucher count. This is a packin at timberline to spike camps. The bull to cow ratio is extreme.t high. The bulls stay high and migrate last.

I have 1, yes only one landowner voucher available to work with. The land owner wants \$ 4000 for the voucher but with the hunt he will sell it at only \$ 1995 if it is available. The pack-in hunt is only \$ 3295.

You will need a \$650 Non-Resident or \$50 for a resident license. Other than that, all you need is a Rifle that knows how to shoot elk during the first season and bring it with you. Don't miss this there is only 1. A phone call and a 50% down on the hunt, not the voucher and I will put it together for you. You will pay the landowner directly for the hunt.

We welcome you to some of Colorado's biggest country and a <u>Big Game Quality</u> designated area that has no bounds. We understand trophy hunting and know that some want to be guided and some want to (DIY) do it yourself hunts. We aim to please and provide for both. Hunting season services for elk, mule deer, archery, black powder and rifle hunts in Colorado's Game Units **GMU066** and **GMU067**. Yes I did say **GMU066** Known as the, "Land of the Giants."

Traditionally our earlier hunts are the best because our camps are at 10,000 feet and from there the deer and elk can do nothing but go down from there. The thing to remember it is the biggest bucks and bulls are usually the last ones to migrate downhill for the winter. That keeps us right in their laps for these seasons. Mule deer with an outside score or 30 to 31 inche. They are definitely in a quality hunting area.

Because we want to share the grander of this area with other we have made concessions to hunters to make it as easy as possible. You will be in either The LaGarita Wilderness or Powderhorn Wilderness areas. Be certain to bring a camera because there will be thing you will see that has never been recorded in this area before.

Our Primary hunting area is in **GMU066** which we know the country and deer and elk patterns very well. We gear our hunts for productivity not just a scenic time in the mountains. We have some very big elk and the deer preference points speak for themselves. If this area weren't good for 30 plus inch wide Muley's people would not be waiting around 12 years to get a license. Our deer get attention but the elk have similar trophy classification with 285-345 being our average size span.

Something that works well for us is very limited hunting pressure that allows the deer and elk to be 3-4 years older on the average age of many of the other GMU's. The other thing is that the larges bulls and the largest bucks are the last to migrate so even when all the cows, calves, does, and fawns have has moved down for the winter we still have the oldest, biggest and baddist trophies wanting to stay on the mountain for safety. In a big buck or big bull the number 1 concern is always safety. Food and water are not even on the scale if safety isn't available.

September for the elk and November for the deer is the exception to that rule and the required points to draw also reflects that.

This is a sleeper for trophy elk even if the big focus is on the bucks. Our average scores prove the age difference that we have walking among us. We don't see the large volume of animals that you see at lower altitudes but people come here for quality not quantity and we have it. To improve on that even more we seldom hunt anything except for the Designated Wilderness area not the national forest. To hunt that area requires horse's good mountain horses that are comfortable at this 10,000 and even 11,000 foot altitudes. There is a lot of glassing instead of walking. In this open country you let your eyes do the walking because deer and elk show up very well when the cover gets short.

### WHY HUNT COLORADO'S PREMIER TROPHY ELK and MULE DEER UNIT GMU066

Hunt one of Colorado's premier limited license Areas for trophy Elk and Mule Deer. Quality Elk unit GMU066 is a four point restriction for Elk and a complete draw unit, giving the hunter an excellent chance at a large mature bull Elk. This Unit is Quality managed for Elk. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife has recently rated this unit as one of the best in the State of Colorado for exceptional Elk hunting with excellent success.

A survey showed that Bull Elk taken were well defined and uniformed antlers from 4 x 4 to 7 x 7 racks. The Average Elk taken are 5 x 5's or better, with many satisfied hunters having their trophy mounted. When we say Quality, we mean exactly that, from a comfortable camp, good food, excellent guides, a large population of game, and no outside hunting pressures. I have personally sighted bull Elk scoring 330 to 375 B.C.in the area while a 6X7 bull elk harvested scored 335 B&C from **GMU066**.

Bull to Cow ratio is 36 to 100, making this one of Colorado's top elk units. All Rifle and Archery licenses are either sex, meaning your Elk tag will be good for a Bull Elk or a Cow Elk, your choice, unless you apply for a "cow only" tag. This license regulation has been successful in keeping in check the herd population objectives by harvesting a limited amount of cow elk and producing trophy size bulls. As far as Deer the taken averaged from 25 inch to 30 inch spread and 3x3, 4x4, 5x5 antlers with heavy mass. Scores have been from 140 to 198 on bucks.

Old timberline bucks inhabit the area with spreads of 35 inches and are as smart and cagey as they come. In the last couple of years the Mule deer population has rebounded tremendously thanks to the limited hunts and there is a plentiful amount of monster size bucks in the area at this time. These are the true monarchs of the Rocky Mountains. The first step to success is to start saving up on preference points for some excellent Mule Deer hunting. Remember you can apply for a "preference point only" each year and use it in the future year's hunt for Elk and/or Mule Deer. This insures a license for that year. Many apply as a group, some as individuals.

There is no substitute for experience when it comes to guided outfitting and packing your game and gear in and out on horseback over rough mountain trails in all types of weather. Also to the gentle horses which are like family to us and make it all possible.

Below is the drawing preference point today. It will continue to as it has in the past to grow larger so get in the draw as soon as possible and build your points for the premium seasons to take your wall hanger home.

#### Deer

DM066O1A 2 4 Archery
DM066O1M 4 8 Muzzleloader
DM066O2R 5 8 2nd Rifle
DM066O3R 9 12 3rd Rifle

### Elk

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EM066O1M	4	13 Muzzleloader
EM066O1R	0	2 1st Rifle
EM066O2R	0	0 2nd Rifle
EM066O3R	0	0 3rd Rifle
EM066O4R	0	0 4th Rifle

For the deer trophy hunter I recommend that you hunt here for elk one season to get to know the area then the next year use your points and get your trophy buck.

# **Guided Hunts**

Our guided hunts are operated right out of the lodge with hot showers, warm beds and good food. We have pre-scouted the area and know where the elk or deer are staying. They have their own territory and we can usually find them relatively close to the area of comfort or core area.

All of your hunting with is in some of the prime areas of **GMU066** for what **GMU066** is known to produce. There are a lot of loner bucks and bulls and small bachelor herds of bucks and bulls staying together outside of their given rut. Our guides are familiar with the traditional travel of these animals from many prior year of hunting them and their ancestors. Anything you shoot will be packed out for you to the lodge at no extra charge. Pricing is straight and simple for the 5 day guided hunt is \$ 4200 and reduced for the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 hunters booked down to only \$ 3295

If you have a buck of a life time that you are pursuing and it is the 5<sup>th</sup> day extra day can be purchased to cover that. We don't want anyone to miss out in filling their bucket list.

## **DIY Drop Camps**

We accept

Your Drop Camp hunting trip is a 7 day trip consuming one day on each end packing in and packing like a traditional elk hunting experience. Gear and hunters being packed in on horseback with a long train of loaded horses covering many more miles than a man can in this steep country. When you arrive at your pre-built camp there is a tent and cots waiting for you. Firewood is ready for the wood stove for those crisp nights and mornings.. Our guided hunts are a traditional elk hunt packing in on quality horses to a camp site that awaits your presents We specialize in the wilderness areas where no one else seems to ever be. With no motorized vehicles allowed if you see someone he had to come a long way on a horse to be there where you can see him. All but one camp is in **GMU066**, with the one outsider being in **GMU067** which is a much easier draw area. It is much more rugged with huge eroded walls so steep that the vegetation cannot seal it during the short summers at this altitude.

Pricing is straight and simple for the 7 day Drop Camp with a DIY Hunt is \$ 2500 but for the first two hunters booked will be reduced down to only \$ 1495.

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