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Drop me in the back country surrounded by elk and I will shoot myself out of the herd! If you don't need a guide but you need to be put back in the back country, with a tent to stay in and pack out my elk that is all I need, then this is a hunt for you in the San Juan National Forest hunt elk outside of the famous Durango, Colorado.

This the traditional elk hunting trip. It is a 7 day trip with 5 days of hunting in the center of the trip. The first day of the trip will be a horse pack in and riding about 3 hours into the heart of some of the greatest elk hunting country, away from the roads, crowds and blaze orange.

This is a enjoyable hunt but does have physical requirements. From the 3 hour pack in trip, hunting at 9,000 feet and altitude, get your dead elk to where a horse can get to it and the elk is packed out on a different horse then packing you out to the ranch where you started.

Elk hunting on your own in Southwest Colorado may not be for everyone, but for those who can locate, track , call, and hunt elk this drop camp will be very rewarding. Your Colorado elk hunt will begin when we pack the horses at our trailhead, and get you suited with a good trail horse for the ride to camp. Your Colorado drop camp is well equipped with everything you'll need, so your quest for Colorado elk and mule deer can begin as soon as we get to camp.

Colorado mule deer numbers and quality have been on the increase in recent years, so you'll want to apply for a Colorado Mule deer tag. Then you'll be ready for whichever crosses your sites first.

Note: Hunter Safety card required for anyone born after January 1, 1949.

Colorado elk rifle drop camps are an affordable elk drop camp, and very productive for putting meat in the freezer. Many of our rifle elk are taken at distances of less than 200 yards, but the hunter who can shoot well may enjoy the chance of shooting their Colorado bull elk at 400 to 600 yards.

Don't worry about where you shoot your Colorado elk or Colorado mule deer, we'll pack it from the kill site, and haul it to the processor for custom meat processing or hang it in their coolers for you to take home and process yourself.

Hunt our pre-set up camps that traditionally are in the summer to rut areas and the migration corridors.

The First Rifle Season starts around Mid October and is a limited draw season. Apply in early March so you have the best chances for a license. This is a fantastic time to hunt since the elk haven't seen much pressure from hunters.

The Second Rifle Season begins near the end of October, when snowfalls a probable occurrence. The snow that falls in the High Country gets the elk moving. Seeing large herds moving about becomes more likely. Second Rifle Season tags are unlimited and available over the counter at numerous retailers.

The Third Rifle Season is a great season because snow is very likely to fall in substantial quantities. This really gets the elk and mule deer moving and makes them easier to track.

The Fourth Season is limited draw only in some units 75 & 751. During Fourth rifle Season elk are moving through our area from higher elevations for a reprieve from the snow and to find more abundant food sources. This is a productive Season in early November. Dress Warm.

If you are looking for a muzzleloading hunt for Colorado elk or Colorado mule deer we offer a hunt in the San Juan National Forest near Durango, Colorado in game units GMU075 and GMU751. Both elk and mule deer muzzleloading tags are limited and available only by drawing. Apply Early.

Muzzleloading is an effective way to take BIG GAME, and the season is at the most beautiful time in the Colorado High Country. The elk go into full rut at this time and their bugling can be heard day and night.

Muzzleloading is a nine day season, plenty of time to find the elk or mule deer you have dreamed of.

Your Colorado elk and mule deer hunt will begin with your party meeting us at our trailhead which originates on private property in the midst of the San Juan National Forest. We'll ride approximately two hours to arrive in good elk and mule deer habitat where you'll be hunting right out of the camp.

Your Colorado drop camp will be well equipped with everything you need. You'll need to bring your food, clothes, and personal gear, and everything else is already in camp.

Weather can often times have a big effect on a hunt, and usually, the nastier uglier the weather the better the elk movement. Snow in the Colorado high country get the elk moving and bring elk out of higher elevations increasing the concentration of animals.

Traditional Elk Hunting Camp

Our Camps are located in game abundant areas, and range in elevation from 8500' to 10,000' feet. The hunting area is vast and ranges up to nearly 12,000' feet.

We will provide you with a recommended gear list when you book your hunting adventure.

Drop Camps are equipped with:

large canvas sleeping tent lanterns/fuel cooking pots and pans
large canvas cook tent plates and utensils dining table
sturdy cots cut firewood prep table
drinking water wash basin latrine
wood stove
gas cook stove/fuel shovel axe

Drop Camp Rates

Archery week 1 and 2:

August 31 thru September 14th

\$ 1700 reduced down to only \$1195 per hunter 7 day hunt 4 or more hunters.
 \$ 1800 reduced down to only \$1395 per hunter 7 day hunt for 3 hunter camp
 \$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1595 per hunter 7 day hunt for 2 hunter camp

Archery week 3 and 4 September 15th thru September 29th
 \$ 1800 reduced down to only \$1395 per hunter 7 day hunt 4 or more hunter camp
 \$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1595 per hunter 7 day hunt 3 hunter camp
 \$ 2200 reduced down to only \$1795 per hunter 7 day hunt 2 hunter camp

Muzzleloader: Sept 14-22 same rate as latter part of archery.

Rifle: 1st-Oct. 12-16 (limited draw), 2nd-Oct. 19-27, and 3rd-Nov. 2-10 seasons

\$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1495 per hunter 5 day hunt 4 or more hunter camp
 \$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1695 per hunter 5 day hunt 3 hunter camp
 \$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1895 per hunter 5 day hunt 2 hunter camp

Rifle 4th season draw only Nov 13-17

\$ 1800 reduced down to only \$1395 per hunter 5 day hunt 4 or more hunter camp
 \$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1595 per hunter 5 day hunt 3 hunter camp
 \$ 2200 reduced down to only \$1795 per hunter 5 day hunt 2 hunter camp

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Big Game Season Dates and Fees

2015 Big Game Season Dates- [Check the regulation brochures for more specifics and variations](#)

Archery	
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)	Aug. 29–Sept. 27
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 1–23
	Nov. 4–30
	Dec. 15–31
Moose	Sept. 12–27
Pronghorn (bucks only)	Aug. 15–31

Pronghorn (either sex)	Sept. 1–20
Muzzleloader (by draw only)	
Deer/elk/moose	Sept. 12–20
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 10–18
Pronghorn	Sept. 21–29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose	
Moose	Oct. 1–14
Separate limited elk (1st season)	Oct. 10–14
Combined (deer/elk) (2nd season)	Oct. 17–25
(3rd season)	Oct. 31–Nov. 8
Combined limited (deer/elk) (4th season)	Nov. 11–15
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 24–Nov. 3
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Dec. 1–14
Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only)	
Pronghorn	Oct. 3–9
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. 12–20
Rifle (over-the-counter with caps)	concurrent with deer/elk rifle seasons

Habitat Stamps (non-refundable)	Resident	Nonresident
Habitat Stamp (valid 4/1–3/31)	\$ 10	\$ 10
Lifetime Habitat Stamp	\$ 300.25	\$ 300.25
Licenses Fees		
(Note: When applying for a license, an additional \$3 non-refundable fee must be submitted with payment.)		
Elk, Cow	\$ 46	\$ 461
Elk, Bull or Either Sex	\$ 46	\$ 616
Deer	\$ 31	\$ 371
Moose	\$ 251	\$ 2,061
Pronghorn, Buck or Doe	\$ 31	\$ 371
Bear	\$ 41	\$ 351

*License Fees include a 25-cent search & rescue fee and a 75-cent Wildlife Education surcharge.

*All non-resident big game licenses are a big game and annual fishing combination license.

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