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Hunt the wiley Wapiti (Elk) from your mountain Cabin each morning driving 4 wheelers or 4 wheel drive Pickup to the wilderness area or to particular locations on National Forest, The wilderness area does not allow motorized vehicles which is ok when you are hunting but packing out an elk on your back can make you old quick! The Cabin owner has ways of making that part easier. He is also able to show you on a map the honey holes where he always finds them, but not go with you on the hunt because of guiding restrictions. If you know how to hunt elk but just need someone to point where the herd concentrates are this is the hunt for you. With the cabin

comes free meat packing for the elk you shoot. After personally hunting the area for 20 years and living there he has hunted everything from Turkey to elk with Mule Deer in between.

The area continually produces elk for a DIY hunt and books up fast every year with 90% repeats.

This is entirely a fair chase hunt that is physically challenging and very rewarding when successful. You will be hunting in an area with altitudes between 7000 and 11000 feet, depending on the season and weather. Elk will migrate to the preferred conditions and we hold all of them. The area is in a migration corridor so there is always a elk flow through the local area.

Good numbers of both Elk and deer in unit GMU071 and surrounding units. All Antlered deer hunts are by drawing only, and has been managed for good bucks and bulls. Each year there are nice bucks taken in unit GMU071 in the 20-28" class. Elk are much more plentiful, but mature 6x6 bulls the exception rather than the rule. Good numbers 4x4 and 5x5 bulls exist. A Good bull to cow ratio, and the either sex hunts offer a good success rate and meat for the game hunter. It takes a couple of days to acclimate and you can arrive early to facilitate that, and it is well worth it.

The area **either sex** elk hunt code is "E-E-070-01R" with a 70 % chance of drawing with 0 preference points. 100% drawing success with 1 preference point. For the other seasons the hunt code is similar but not exact of course. Second and third season have bull elk licenses over the counter. The "01" column indicates the season you will be hunting. Please contact the outfitter to confirm the season you will be hunting before putting in the application.

The either sex elk license allows us to hunt **GMU070, GMU071 and GMU711** from the cabin with great hunter in harvesting a bull or a cow elk with this either sex license.

All hunts are DIY with assistance as defined below calling it semi-guided but the bottom line is that you will be hunting without him with you, but at the cabin on maps he can tell you how to get to the sweet spots that elk stay.

Early seasons seem to provide more elk on the mountaion but the later in the season tends to provide bigger elk , but not as many on the average. It is somewhat Quantity vs Quality as the early to late seasons pass. The 4<sup>th</sup> season can be late enough that depending on the fall snow storms the cabin may not be accessable. Because of that we do not always book for the 4<sup>th</sup> rifle season.

This has been a very productive hunt for many years and I don't see a change. So productive that the owner shows you on a map where to be. Most of the elk are shot within a mile or two from the cabin itself.

The key location where elk have been taken for the last 15 plus year show the pattern of the elk during the past seasons that just seem to ring true year after year. So true that September calling is not necessary if you are elk bugle challenged.

This area makes a great DIY hunt with cabin lodging and assistance for the hunt.

All hunts are 6 night 5 day hunt or less depending on season dates and when you fill of course.

### **Cabin Lodging-Discounted Rates**

DIY hunt is \$2300 discounted down per person to only.....\$1495

The cabin provides lodging, along with a normally \$500 meat processing of your elk.

Note: Due to the snow and possible temperatures of the 3<sup>rd</sup> season lodging is the cabin only available. Unless you bring your own lodging.

Local Airport is Durango Aitport 1.5 hours each way is free of charge if needed.

Elk and Deer can be hunted at the same time but acquiring licenses for each is a different process depending on the season.

All deer licenses except archery are acquired from the application draw or leftover from that draw. The deadline for that draw is the first week of April. Elk Muzzleloader 1<sup>st</sup> and second season is also a draw along with cow licenses but usually there are left over licenses that can be purchased on the first week in August. Make reservations before you apply for your license so that when you do draw you are assured that I will have space available. Also the owner will assist you in completing you application for season and GMU number.

### **Firearms, Bows and Muzzleloaders**

Because of this we required a 30.06 or larger rifle. Sighted in dead on at 200 yards, with a scope, and at least 150 but prefer 180, 200 or 220 grain bullets. You will be semi-guided so that you shoot one that is in this size class. A backup person with a rifle is also required for your safety.

In some cases, we do allow archery, large bore pistols and Muzzleloaders to be used as long as you are proficient with it. The reason for the rifles to be as large as possible a wounded elk is full of adrenaline and cannot be stopped immediately with body shots. It requires skeleton breakage to anchor the animal at that point. Safety is always a factor. A shot at a running or even moving elk to hit head, neck, backbone, shoulders or hind quarter bone at the hip joint is not an easy task.

I want to stress how strong these animals are and how difficult it can be to bring one down for good. A 30.06 180 grain bullet through the lungs will seldom exit the Elk's body.

### **MERRIAMS TURKEY**

You will find few successful Merriam's Turkey hunting in the Colorado Pines. The bird is in his element and can be difficult to give o than a 6x6 Rocky Mountain Elk that it shares its range with. Don't be mistaken he is quite a pure bred trophy with hi paper white tail trim color there is no mistake when you have one slung over your shoulder you earned a pure bred Merriam's! This is a Semi-Guided hunt for 1 Merriam's' Tom turkey for 3 days. This is a shotgun hunt or \$50 higher for an archery hunt.

The Hunts is in elk and deer property so you will most certainly run into a few of them what pursuing their roommate named Tom. The Hunt is \$ 395.00

This is a good hunt to prepare you to high altitude elk, deer and sheep hunting in the Colorado Mountains.

Season Dates usually follow about April 15<sup>th</sup> and go into the end of May.

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