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If your two favorite things in life are fishing and hunting then sit down and listen you have come to the right place.

Colorado has the highest elk population of all of the 7 western Elk States, actually over 8 times as many elk as any of the other 6 states. Some of the best trophy Mule deer come out of Colorado as well. Add that the a great catch and release trout stream with rainbow trout, Brook Trout and Grayling and you will find what walking boots, waders, a rifle and a fishing pole can get you.

Nestled at the base of the flattops in western Colorado rests a Western Style lodge that for this hunt becomes a bed and breakfast bed and breakfast hunting cabin providing a surf and turn trip like no other. (Elk license holders get a free Colorado fishing license with their elk license.) All of the amenities of home with running hot and cold water, electricity and a wood stove to keep the lodge toasty warm burning logs from all the wood in the area. **This 5 day hunt is reduced down to only \$ 1495 per person, hunter and non-hunting guest alike. There is a minimum of 2 hunters and a maximum of 4 hunters.**

With 15 acres of private land, with the white River at one end and directly connected to the White River National forest on the other end is where your lodging and trip begins. This hunt is for elk and Mule Deer with all the land you can cover. Elk Licenses, bulls and cows are relatively easy to get and we will assist you in getting them. The deer require a preference point to draw and if you don't have one we can get you one at the same time as the elk license and you will be good for the following year for deer also. Most of Colorado requires a deer preference point to draw a license. Your main license can be a bull or a cow elk.

This is a medium impact hunt with a walk from the front door to the end of the private property where it meets the famous White River National forest, and the area known as the flattops. This mountain area has as many elk as any of the other 6 elk states have in their whole state. You are at the base of the flattops and can take advantage of the elk hunting pressure pushing the elk off the top down to you waiting in the mountain saddles as they cross through. Early season when it is dry this is the best way to hunt them is to get in an area of multiple saddles and watch for the elk as they maneuver arrow the low lands avoiding hunters that are on the top. Later in the season this also works but with at arrival of snow you can track the elk and find them that way. Either way you go I would rate this as a medium impact hunt and if you want to go all the way to the top I would call this a high impact hunt.

Mid-day if you wish you can trade your rifle and hiking boots for waders and a fly rod and try your hand at 2 miles of river front in front of the lodge. The river gives up rainbow trout, Brook Trout and whitefish to the handy fisherman. The fishing is free from the comfort of the lodge for the paid hunters. Fishing only is \$ 495 for 4 days with meals and lodging from the bed and breakfast. The hunting and fishing is semi-guided with direction where to hunt and fish and some insight on how to do it from a long time resident that by the way is you camp cook as well. He won't go on the mountain with you but provide you a topo map with marked points of reference and as much assistance as possible from the cabin.

The hunting is on foot or horse back. Horses can be delivered to the location at \$795 for the 4 day hunt. There are no corals but there is a place about 100 yards from the lodge where you can keep them for feed and water. Since you are on private property certified weed free hay is not required as long as all hay is kept on the private land and not on the Forest Service land. It makes the walking much easier and

getting you elk down from the mountain as well. The two tracks are drivable for the 3/4ths of a mile that takes you through the private land.

There are no trails or roads on the national forest and it can be a steep walk until you get to a saddle to watch from. The elk are there but you must go after them.

On the lower ground get more compressed elk density and larger herds of elk as they drop off the top of the mesa due to pressure and try to hide in the lower ground. By hunting the low saddles you miss the high concentration of hunters since access to the top is easy from elsewhere on the mesa. Hunters don't follow the elk down to the low saddles because they know if they shoot an elk they would have to brag it up hill to the top of the mesa. In your case you only have to drag or pack your elk downhill to the cabin.

The activity on top of the mesa builds a honey hole of elk safety area as far as the elk are concerned, and builds a good hunting pocket for hunters out of this cabin.

You will be hunting in **GMU024** about 30 miles west of Meeker Colorado, your closest town for supplies with everything except a Walmart which will require a trip to Craig or Steamboat Springs.

The lodge has x bedroom as sleeps up to 4 people with reservations requiring 2-4 hunters. You will have an early breakfast before going out each morning and a sack lunch will be packed for you to take with you on the mountain. A GPS or even a compass is a good item to have with you. At the cabin is good cell service but up on the mountain it can be hit or miss.

Meat processing can be obtained in Meeker, Steamboat Springs or highly recommended in Craig.

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