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Location Colburn, Colorado **GMU421**, about 1-hour se of grand Junction which is about the Utah/Colorado line on I-70, good location for deer and elk and all interstate highway to this point for most.

A. Semi-guided hunts for 4 days 2nd or 3rd season first 4 days and second 4-day split, over the counter bull tags. 1st and 4th seasons are 5-day hunts.

If they want day guiding then is \$300 for 1 on 1 or \$ 250 each for 2 on 1 hunters.

The BLM land is kept primitive so there are no roads just horse and elk trains traversing it. The base of the mountain that makes up part of this BLM takes you from about 7000 feet to 11,000 feet, so the elk are always there they just change altitude with the weather. They also migrate and move form area to areas.

Elk pack-out is available for a reasonable fee dependent on how fare in it is and guide time spent retrieving the elk.

The BLM is the hunting land the hay fields is where he has his guided deer hunts.

They can have a deer license also with no extra charge, 1 point required to draw but 40% of drawing without a point for 2nd season, Vouchers are available usually for \$ 1500 from a different ranch.

Cow tags can be drawn for any season with some leftover available at times. No extra cost having 2 licenses in your pocket.

Not ATV's anywhere. It spooks the elk and deer dramatically.

All hunting is on the BLM.

The Semi-Guided criteria is:

They are met or taken to the hunting/lodging property]

This Outfitter is very versatile with the multiple categories of land and multiple hunts available. It is a good one but it can be confusing. If you have questions just ask.

Hunt A

A knowledgeable person, guide, outfitter or and owner shows them how to operate the cabin as propane, where the wood is if stored.

Provides the lay of the land, property they can hunt and where they cannot hunt, fences.

Where they traditionally get games.

Where they have seen game lately.

Provide a cell phone number so the hunters can contact the person if questions arise during the hunt.

This does provide the hunters with a leg up on the hunting success because it is like pre-scouting without the extra trip to the property. In addition, the landowner/outfitter/guide is able to tell them historical information that would not be available in a pre-scout.

Pre-scouting in other situations occurs the day or 2 in advance of the season. This I am against because they are in where they are going to hunt in a day or two but they don't have a rifle, so they are just spooking game.

This way they can go into fresh country opening morning and if they spot something they can shoot it instead of just look at it and hope the game will be there or comeback after spooked. They also leave scent in the area which is foreign to elk and can also move them away.

We are able to provide all of this with a cabin on the line between private and semi-landlocked BLM.

Other options for hunts besides the semi-guided with cabin lodging hunt.

Hunt B

An enhanced full-service hunt. 5 days all seasons, guided hunt back in on the BLM farther than others hunters can walk, where you tie off your horses for the day. This is done with a 1-hour morning ride out from the lodge, with meals and lodging included. In the evening after hunting 3-7 miles back in the BLM land you ride 1 hour back into the lodge. This is the highest success hunt because you are guided with 20 years of experience on the property and you are taken on horseback back in farther than cabin people can walk. Also, the hunters accessing the property way down at the bottom are pushing elk up to you as well as the cabin hunters. If you would like to make this a combo hunt and add a Mule deer to your hunt it is reduced down to only \$1495 as a combo. There is a 60% chance of drawing a deer license with 0

points and 100% chance with 1 point. As a rule, the outfitter can usually find a Landowner Voucher Tag for you if you wish. Vouchers run \$ 1000 to \$ 1500 depending on the rancher that has the voucher.

Hunt C

During the 4th season there is a guided private land hunt on 250 acres that backs up against public land. The lodging is the lodge, not the cabin but you must take care of your own meals.

Hunt A Detail: Semi-Guided elk hunt with Cabin lodging

Everyone wants a cabin hunt with of course deer and elk surrounding it, at a reasonable price. This one fits the bill but usually doesn't last long. Licenses are easy to come buy with the most difficult being Mule Deer with a 60% draw success with 0 points in the march drawing. Elk Bulls are over the counter with 1st and fourth season drawable with 0 points and the same for cow elk.

The big option with this one is seldom seen but available here. A brand new are to hunt for you for the first. Remember you are hunting elk where the lead cow had learned from their ancestor's hoe to stay alive, then personally she may have 14 years of he own experience added the that knowledge. Therefore, many hunters hesitate to change hunting areas they may have hunted it with their fathers for the last 30 years. In elk hunt knowledge and good legs are very important.

Now what this outfitter is doing that is so unique he is providing day guiding at a more than reasonable price, until he runs out of guides, so you will want to book one as soon as possible if you are interested.

If you miss the application deadline there are usually leftovers that can be a second choice or can even be picked up in the leftovers the first week in August. In this case **2nd Season and 3rd season bull elk licenses are unlimited and available over the counter.** Most of the time I can also get you a 1st season Either sex or a 4th season bull. In addition, early on there are also cow licenses for all 4 seasons. Archery is always over the counter Either Sex, while September muzzleloader usually takes a point to draw.

There are 3 cabins of varied sizes spread across the edges of the 240 acres of private land. They have direct access to the national forest in an area where any one elk would have to walk all the way around from a public access then walk up hill to where you will access/hunt on the back side of the private property.

The cabins are complete with propane to cook with, wood stove propane lights and outhouse. The outfitter provides Potable water for each cabin.

There is a 2-man, 4-man, and 6-man cabins that are spike camps close to the best elk hunting. They don't have showers but the Lower lodge has a shower if you want to use it. It is about ¼ mile down the hill on the private land. This ranch does not use ATV's daily and many of the deer and elk are extremely spooked if they hear or see an ATV. So, for everyone's benefit if you get an elk down back in and can't get it out just call or TXT the outfitter and he will bring up pack animals to pack it out and make everyone's hunting better. On the National forest, there are no ATV trails anyway. It is quite remote and

that is why the elk go there. The outfitter will pack out any elk for just a tip, except for the 4th season, which is discounted down to only \$ 210.

The cabins are located on 240 acres of private land that borders the Grand Mesa National Forest. There is no public access to the National Forest in our area except for these 3 cabins. We have the Outfitting and Guide Permit on the National Forest in our area and it is over 10,000 acres. Below is a list of the hunts that I have available and the rates.

Archery Elk Hunting: All Elk hunting prices will increase \$100 next year..... \$995

Season is last weekend of August to last weekend of September.

Note: Because season dates and the days of the week don't align perfectly so the First week has a 1 day earlier and the last week has 1 extra day on the end.

Outfitter will not split groups but try to book the fairest way first come first serve.

Archery Season hunters go in on Sunday and come out on a Saturday (Break between 2 groups) 5-day hunt with 1 day (Saturday) in and 1 day (Sunday) out.

Cabins are \$ 995 per 5-day hunt per person during the Archery season.
Cabins are \$ 995 per 5-day hunt per person during the Muzzle Loader season.
Additional Days if available are \$200 per hunter.

Non-Hunting Guests are @ \$200 for a 4-day season hunt and \$ 250 on a 5-day season hunt.

Rifle Elk Hunting and Deer if you have -a Deer License Semi-Guided

1st Season 5 Day Season are \$ 2000 but because of short notice have been discounted down this year per hunter to only..... \$ 1295

1st half of 2nd Season -Cabins are \$ 2300 discounted down to only \$ 1395 per Hunter 4 day during the 1st 4 days of the rifle season. Additional Days if available are \$250 per hunter. 1st half of 2nd Season Hunters arrive the day before the season and must be off the property by 10 am the day after your hunt so the cabins can be cleaned and a chance for the game to refresh. \$ 1395

2nd half of 2nd Season 4-day cabin hunt is \$ 2300 discounted down to only \$ 1195 per 4-day hunt per person during the 2nd half of 2nd of the rifle season. Additional Days if available extra days are \$250 per hunter. Hunters arrive after 2 pm on Wed and can hunt that evening. Then leave the property on Mon..... \$ 1195

1st half of 3rd Season Half

9-day total season-Cabins are \$ 2300 discounted down to only \$ 1395 per 4-day hunt per person during the rifle season. Additional Days if available are \$250 per hunter. Hunters

arrive the day before the season and must be off the property by 10 am Wed so the cabins can be cleaned and a chance for the game to refresh. \$ 1395

2nd half of 3rd Season

Cabins are \$ 2300 discounted down to only \$ 1195 per person. During the last 4 days of the rifle season. Additional Days if available are \$250 per hunter. Hunters arrive after 2 pm on Wed and can hunt that evening. Then leave the property on Wed
.....\$ 1195

4th Season 5 Day Season per hunter for 3 hunters \$ 1495 per hunter or \$ 1195 per hunter for 4.

4th Season Only: The Base discounted down to only 3 for \$ 1695 or 4 at \$1595 to hunt the **private property and lower part** of the National Forest)

Day Hunt Guiding

The day guide rate is \$300 per day hunting 1 hunter on 1 Guide or \$200 per day as a 2 Hunters on 1 Guide or more per hunter. This is an option if you already have one of the cabin but decide you need a guide for a day or 2 that will show you around where the elk are instead of spending the first couple of days finding where the elk are not. The commit must be made in advance.

This can be the first day or longer just be certain to reserve the guide and the number of days early he will certainly run out of guides before he runs out of hunters.

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Many hunters ask me which is the best season and do you hunt high or low? The bulk of the elk are on the higher ground. If they are seen on the lower ground they are crossing enroute to the higher ground.

When it comes to what is the best season you need to think like a gypsy because this is how an elk thinks. He has 4 requirements:

1. Safety is number 1 and always number 1 he will travel miles day and night to be in a safe location and during migration he may, " back migrate" to return to safety to bed for the day. You must remember the lead cow in a herd with or without a bull may be 10-14 years old, and she learned from the prior lead cow with her 10-14 years under her belt. So, you are squaring off with a cow with 20 years of experience under her belt (if she had a belt, and this is your first year on her ground. You must make up your handicap with woodsman, hunting and shooting skills. If you are working a bull remember he has probably had challenges every year of his life from hunters trying to mount him on their wall. Since he is still here it means that he has won every challenge he has met. Be certain you have something better than the previous hunters that challenged him if you want to put him on your wall.

2. Food, as in green grass and fresh new growth, forbes. The best is out in the middle of a wide open field, but then requirement number 1 kicks in and eating in a wide open field is only good before opening day and he will find his vitals in smaller clearings.
3. Water, has for all animals is important. It is more of an issue during the early season in September archery and 75 to 80 degree temperatures make water hole sitting quite productive about 4 pm when they leave their shady day beds to replenish all the water they have used during processing that mornings breakfast grass. Later in the season when snow is available and water sources become frozen, snow becomes their water source.
4. I will say, the Rut, is powerful but short lived in the duration of hunting season. Mid to Late September is the chasing peak, post rut, and looking for leftover cow's time. After that the best you can get is a response to a bugle if pressure has been light but they are not coming to you, you must quickly go to them if you want to locate them. Personally, I feel a cow call, or for those that are mouth impaired and not a good one with reed calls get a 1 hand squeeze call like a Hoochie Mama for \$ 30 squeeze it every 200 yards or so when you are walking through cover don't be surprised if you walk up on a herd of bedded elk thinking the walking noise they herd was that of a walking cow elk, they had no need to be alarmed or get up. Be certain as you walk to get low and look under the pine limbs, a bedded elk is only 3 feet tall.

Hunt B Detail: Full Service elk hunt guided, meals and lodging from the lodge.

This is a 1-hour horseback hunt back into the timber past where the walks get. Set up and let them push the elk to you this time. If you are not comfortable with horses a 1-hour ride is well worth it for where it gets you into aspen honey holes and migration corridors. You will find that 90% of horse riding comfort comes from the adjustment of the stirrups to allow your legs to have a slight bend and give you the ability to sit flat in the saddle while walking but in uphill riding or other area the ability to come up off of the saddle as needed to make the ride smooth when the horse and the terrain is not. This is not flatland riding but mountain riding so if you listen to your guide and you horse and you will feel like you are riding in a Cadillac with a broken heater.

In nuts and bolts language, to find the correct stirrup length, sit in the saddle with your feet out of the stirrups. Relax your leg and allow the stirrups to bump against your feet. The bar or bottom of the stirrup should hit your ankle bone.

No other hunt is built like this so that you can use the advantage of horses for travel but not have a 3-hour ride. The horses and the lodge are located where you can drive your vehicle but deep in private land. It is at that point you leave the hunters and get back to undisturbed elk. The hunting is on foot from there in the area for the day, checking aspen pockets and fantastic elk country.

At the end of the day you saddle up back on your horse which has stirrups set to your leg length and take a leisurely ride back to the lodge where a warm meal is awaiting your arrival.

As far as shooting your elk this is where it really gets good. Your job and only job is to shoot your elk fill out your license and put it on your elk. The guide will remove the entrails from the elk and pack it out for you. It doesn't get any better than that.

Recommended Hunt as long as room is available. This hunt is \$1500 less than market price. This hunt is \$ 4000 but has been discounted down to only \$ 2495 for a maximum of 4 hunters per season.

Now you tell me which elk season is the best and enjoy learning for yourself which is the best elk season.

Recommendations:

This is not recommended for the 1st time elk hunters unless accompanied by experienced elk hunters or a guide, as I would recommend for any inexperienced elk hunter hunting elk for the first time. There is a reason that I provide this information. I want all of my hunters to come home with elk, without knowing where and how to look for elk you are at a severe disadvantage and the elk have the advantage. In addition this is roadless country so you must know how to get back to camp each night, not just walk the road home.

The elk are there but like any elk hunt you need to know how to locate them. It is terrific elk hunting country but you will need to hunt without guidance on elk that may be 4-8 years old. Because of the location any size bull is possible since elk pass through this area daily 9 months out of the year from many other areas.

Hunt C Detail: Special hunt: 4th season for 2 hunters a special 240 private acres for Elk. The two hunters will have these 240 acres to themselves, along with being able to hunt the Semi-Land locked BLM behind it. This hunt is guided, and has lodging in the lodge, cook your own meals in the lodge while you are on this 5-day hunt. These 240 acres of private land tends to be a hold up place for the elk during the migratory seasons due to the lack of activity and that it is not hunted by the earlier seasons, just 4th season.

The area is good, but to prevent new hunters to the area from blowing the elk off the 240 it is a guided hunt so that you can use stealth and take advantage of multiple vantage points to see the elk

before they see you. The elk hold up on this private land and as some filter out going for lower ground for the winter the new arrivals come in and stay for a while in the safety of the 240.

This hunt will have walking, stealth checking of repeated pockets on the private land and watching elk movement to pattern an ambush with the 2 hunters. 4th season is the last bull season and naturally the biggest bulls move down to lower altitudes and move last and the least. This 240 has elk that stay in it all winter and never migrate lower like the cows and smaller bulls.

Elk migrate by the push of the weather conditions, not by the moon as with deer. Because of that migrating elk can be difficult to locate unless you can find a holding spot like this to hold them over time.

That is why this land is hunted this way. Caution is that if one hunter shoots a big bull the bachelor herd that he is migrating with may go back up hill, go downhill, or circle and not leave the property just relocate. Because of 2 of the possibilities your guide will take you into the back side of the 240 and into the BLM land to hunt for a day or 2, continuing to check the 240 for returning or migrating elk to fill the second hunter.

240 acres doesn't sound like much ground, but if it is the best 240 in 2000 acres then it is what you want to be in.

This 4th season guided hunt with lodge lodging for 5 days is \$4500 discounted down to only \$ 2195 for each of the 2 hunters.

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