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Come hunt 40,000 acres of timber, wetlands, rivers and sandhills, home for Mule Deer Whitetail Deer Sharp-tail Grouse, Prairie Chickens, Geese, Ducks, and the famous Merriam's Turkeys.

Don't need your ATV here the hunt is guided by the owner, with 2 hunters at a time during the muzzleloader season only. With down home values the ranch is saved for the now grown up youngsters to return annually for their rifle season deer hunt. This leaves all of December wide open for Muzzleloader and almost any time for archery.

Some of the best ranching and hunting in this valley, fertile ground and no lack of water provides the baseline for corn and alfalfa and grassland. The sandhills mixture provides home for Mule deer while the rest provides home for big whitetail deer.

Relax in the ranch house for a few days, a week or longer. It features a master bedroom w/queen bed 2nd bedroom w/ two double beds, a sleeper sofa sectional and a twin love seat sleeper and there's still room for a queen air mattress in the living room if you need it.

You will be hunting in the Nebraska Sandhills the largest area of stabilized grass covered sand dunes in the Western Hemisphere. The Sandhills are located above the High Plains Aquifer, which provides some of the best water in the world. This aquifer supports our spring fed river, lakes and wetlands.

Our guest house is surrounded by trees that attract wildlife and birds and fish in a small pond.

Hunting starts early in the morning with blinds for whitetail and hunters set in them, then the mule deer hunters are driven for spot and stalk in the sand hills.

Since rifle hunting is \$4000 per person we have no problem letting the kids absorb the rifle season. The December Muzzleloader or archery season is only \$ 2200 it makes it a very feasible hunt. Lodging/Meals included. The Muzzleloader and archery licenses are both state wide unlimited licenses.

Muzzleloader season is all of December while archery is October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> minus the 9-day rifle season in November.

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*CHADRON, Neb. – Nebraska's deer seasons wrapped up in mid-January and preliminary numbers show the harvest was up in the Panhandle. Through all seasons, hunters checked in 8,072 deer in the region compared to 7,815 the previous year — a 3.3 percent increase.*

*The Panhandle's overall number of harvested deer consists of 4,717 mule deer and 3,355 whitetails. Three of the four westernmost units in the state – Pine Ridge, Plains and Sandhills — reported more deer harvested this fall and winter than over the same period last year. Only the Upper Platte Unit experienced a decrease in harvested deer.*

*Micah Ellstrom of Alliance, a wildlife manager in the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's northwest district, said the increased harvest is not surprising since Commission staff have gradually been observing more deer in the region.*

*"Deer numbers are improving from levels where they have been," Ellstrom said. "It is the result of slight increases over time district-wide."*

*The populations have improved from 2012 when drought and disease took a toll.*

*The most significant increase of harvest was in the Plains Unit, which lies between the Niobrara River and U.S. Highway 26 from the Wyoming line eastward to Hyannis and Arthur. Hunters there harvested 2,106 deer for a 9.7 percent increase over 2016.*

*The Pine Ridge Unit, which consists of all land north of the Niobrara River from the Wyoming line to Gordon, reported the most deer checked in of any Panhandle Unit with 2,343, a 3.3 percent increase over the previous year.*

*Hunters in the Sandhills Unit, which encompasses the expanse between Valentine, Gordon, Arthur and Stapleton, checked in 2,052 deer for a 4.6 percent increase.*

*The Upper Platte Unit in the Panhandle's southwest corner had 1,571 deer for a 5.6 percent decrease.*

*Most of Nebraska's deer harvest occurs during the nine-day November firearm season. The state's deer hunting begins in September with the archery season and runs through the muzzleloader season in December and the late-antlerless-only period in early January.*

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