





#### Hunt ID: CO-5062

Northwest Colorado is the "Elk Capitol of the World" more elk than any place in the World. 30% of all the 60,000 plus elk harvested in Colorado are from the area! There is 1 there waiting for you, and easily named, he has your name on him. In addition, the late season hunts are extraordinarily successful hunts because the hunts take place in the rolling sage brush flats in the Valley and west. No trees, and easy traveling of old cattle ranches with many 2-Track roads makes travel/hunting easy. In addition, besides elk the same habitat houses Trophy Mule deer and Trophy Antelope as well. The area has all the ingredients it takes to produce high numbers of big game animals. This is a Private land hunt so this time you are hunting on our side of the fence so you can watch hunters drive even more game animals from public land on to this 30,000-acre Ranch for you. These incoming are met with a high population of already large of animals that are here already waiting for more company.

This 200 Mile Radius has more elk on any given day than anywhere else in the world. Winter migration into the Crag Valley supplies views of elk herds in the hundreds flowing into the low ground and eventually down to the river bottoms to spend the winter. Life is so good for elk in the valley that approximately 30,000 have decided to stay in the valley year-round waving goodbye to their comrades in arms in the spring as the others move back up hill to begin their spring of eating and calving.

The herds are so large their movement is easily detected on the ground they cover like a herd of domestic cattle moving through except these "cow trails" don't stop at the fence, they continue as the whole herd bunches at the fence line, then one jumps and the balance soon follow suit and a brown Carmel flows over the fence and onward to their destination.

Even though this area has an extremely high elk density it also is known for its B&C Class Mule Deer usually taken during the later seasons when the deer hut is on in November. Every year the area finds at least 1 or 2 Mule deer that break the 200-inch barrier as they look for does during the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> season and become accessible to hunters for that brief time span every year in this area. This outfitter also provides a bachelor herd hunt during the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> season being the first one pursuing them with a high-power rifle can catch some big bucks off guard.

While we are adding to the reputation it is best to bring in the record class Pronghorn Antelope.

The area consistently gives us P&Y along with even B&C record class bucks to the diligent hunter that will not give up on all the opportunity to take a buck but keep his bullet in his pockets or his arrow in his scabbard until the right buck is in the right place for a 1 shot clean kill with a flat shooting rifle or bow.

The record books don't lie. The genes are here and when the age is provided these bucks have what they need to make a great wall mount with record book level scores.

Your outfitter is a trophy also and has sent many record class heads home with his clients. Outfitter skills are never spoken about but in my business, it is my life blood. The outfitter must oversee the operation and handle income and outgoing hunter while the guides take the time in-between. The number 1 skill

of a good outfitter is to secure high-quality property and do it in a way to keep his overhead low enough he can sell his hunts at a fair or lower than fair market price.

Some ask about the success rate for elk for the outfitter for the last few years. The success average across the 6 seasons varies every year due to the weather. Elk are very weather dependent for their migration. A good average is 60-75% harvest with 99.9 have at least 1 opportunity during the 5-day season, Archery, Muzzleloader, 1st rifle, 2nd rifle, 3rd rifle and 4th rifle. Archery being the lowest success due to the range restriction and 4th season the highest due to the compacting of the herds due to migration but weather can always be a factor in elk hunting.

The major reason for not filling you elk license is the slow or long time for a new hunter or one that has not hunted in the west to get from sighting a bull, to getting down on the ground, resting the rifle on a log to be accurate, getting the crosshairs on the bull's chest and firing an accurate shot. The other of course is buck fever. When you have an animal 3 times the size of a deer it is extremely clear you must, must focus on the shoulder not the antlers when you shoot. We have antlers shot off many times because of this. I spoke with a hunter that didn't fill and he had shot 20 rounds, at 5 different bulls, 1 at 90 yards standing broad side and never hit an elk.

The other reason is many are short range ground blind whitetail hunters. The farthest they have ever shot is 50 yards in eastern whitetail states. Because of this a 300 or even 200-yard shot is out of the question. We have had them refuse to shoot an elk standing at 200 yards because they felt it was too far. If they do shoot, they shoot that far standing up instead of with a rest or better yet laying down.

I recommend everyone to shoot a 300 yards target before coming out west. An elk is huge with a chance twice the size of a deer. (15x15 vs 36x36) so in theory shooting an elk at 200 years is like shooting a deer at 100 yards. If you can do well on paper at 300 yards you will be one of the 75% not the 25%. I also recommend shooting lie down on the ground this skill is difficult for many to lay down on the ground when hunting but this or to some degree with a rest is an important skill to build. Finally getting from a walking position to down on the ground in a solid position with shooting sticks low or resting the forearm of the rifle on a solid rest is a times even with elk hunting. You only have so much time to get from walking to pulling the trigger before the bull moves of out of sight. These are free ranging elk not high fence elk. They will do everything possible for them to be difficult to shoot, and for that we have no control but will do our best to give you an opportunity for a shot.

I have personally hunted in this area for 35 years and never gone home without an elk. You can't find a denser population in the world then the private land you will be hunting in an area known as the elk capitol of the world. Even the public land elk move into the already high number on the private land as soon as the first shot is fired. The lead cow has been doing it for 15 years and they keep doing it generation after generations because it gets so little pressure in comparison to the public land which is wall to wall blaze orange. The public land hunters do an excellent job of moving even more elk than we already have into our private property. Our private property is pre-scouted before the hunts and local herds spotted. Those have the public land herd by noon on the 1st day. Moving elk are an easier target than the local herds because they are not as familiar with the private property escape routes, while your

guide is. If the elk are moving, they are everywhere. Just like deer though if they decide to lie down and hold up, they will still be there but must be spotted in their beds unless they get up to feed or migrate.

Would allow us to bring a self-contained RV to stay in on the property is a question we get asked but due to the fire danger during the hunting season which is usually announced by the forest service is extreme camping of any type is not allowed on the property. Better yet though is in the town there is a KOA campground dedicated to hunters in the fall. It has a large game pole, for skinning and hanging you elk to cool. They provide anything that relates to hanging deer and elk along with hunting.

I am asked what the largest reason for lack of success is for any hunters that don't fill on any given year. It is a lack of a skill I call, Tuck and Roll, or Run and Gun."

This skill is nothing you ever read about; there are no classes, videos or terrific books on this. This is the skill and speed of a hunter transitioning from vertical spotting the animal to the point of being on your belly, flat on the ground, with your rifle on the right log to give you the perfect height to make a steady shot at 200 yards after getting the crosshairs on the animal's chest. Remember also you will probably be adrenaline charged and be huffing and puffing from the climb to that point. Practice this at the range or better yet an open shooting area. That skill will get you more deer, elk and antelope than any other single factor in the west. This outfitter books up early each year so by now some slots are already filled.

# DISCOUNTED PRICING AVAILABLE BUT HUNTS ARE GOING FAST

land hunts can require 1 point to draw or <u>Watchdog®</u> Assistance.

# We call this the California hunt/ Trophy Mule Deer Hunts 1 on 1 or 2 on 1 Hunts

It is rifle Trophy Mule deer in the earliest Rifle Deer season and the first 5 days of the season. As rule nights are cool and days are warm usually there is no snow. It is the warmest fall hunting for deer with a high trophy success. This outfitter uses his 30,000 acres and daily pre-scouting to find and not disturb these herds of 2-6 bachelor Bucks, then be on their doorstep at first light opening morning. This is the mildest weather that you will ever see a trophy Buck Hunt. We know those big bucks are somewhere during the early 2<sup>nd</sup> season but are seldom found. With Pre-scouting we can catch them in their bachelor herds and take advantage of the surprise before their refuge is invaded by hunters and they disappear like a ghost.

If you want to go on a guided **TROPHY MULE DEER HUNT** for your Bucket list. The problem is you found that your piggy bank in suffering from malnutrition providing very few options with the \$5000 trophy Mule deer hunts. We have limited number of hunts for you to look at but don't wait to long for the stars to line up. If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> season GMU003, GMU301 or GMU013 license. This is a bachelor herd trophy buck hunt. You will be hunting the opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> season. These bucks are still in their bachelor herds so you will have other buck with the biggest one, so you can make that decision. Which one is the biggest of the five 4.5 and older bucks? They run in size from 20-27 inches and are in their prime and glory. These deer are hunted in a specific area that is only for the trophy deer hunting, so the average buck is larger than normal. In addition, these deer are pre-scouted in the bachelor herds to supply

# knowledge of their home age, so they can be taken on opening morning many times. For 1 on 1 guiding add \$ 500.

We have limited number of hunts for you to look at but don't wait to long for the stars to line up. Must book in pairs outfitter can try to book two individuals to make a pair but it is not guaranteed. Booking will be as a single until a 2<sup>nd</sup> person is obtained by the hunter or the outfitter.

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Hunts are priced by animal any weapon; Archery is semi-guided to reduce the human scent in the area.

We only hunt our land lightly to not bump the game of it and leave some for all season. We apologize for requiring a minimal number of hunters to hunt with us on the land every year. If we are booked when you book your hunt, we will put you on the top of the list for the following year.

Even though we note as semi-guided if possible, we work as 2 hunters on 1 guide if possible. For hunters with more experience this makes us able to give them the freedom to hunt to their skill level and not be tied to another hunter that has a lower skill level than they do. This can be a more physical hunt due to where the big bucks stay can be more remote than the other deer hunts require.

### Late Cow Season

### The licenses for these cow hunts almost draw out so they can be a second choice and draw a license.

These hunts are reduced to only the number below dictated by the number of hunters in the group. Licenses must be drawn or bought if there are leftovers, but they don't last long. These are late season hunts and extremely successful if you can shoot.

The Special Cow elk hunts in GMU003 are the last 3 days of November. They require a special 10/15-11/31 license.

The Special Cow elk hunts in GMU003 are 3 days of December in GMU003. The later in December the better the hunting gets.

Get your friend's together now on this one and make plans for a December cow hunt for this year. Every year I hear, "I don't need a late season cow hunt I have a bull tag and 1 bull will be more than my freezer can hold." The outcome from the bull hunt is now he eats crow and that is with no bull! If you are going to get an over the counter bull put your second choice in for a cow and your first choice a point.

The cow licenses are exceedingly rare these days and if you wait to look for one after October 1<sup>st</sup> you will see they are sold out. Many never make the leftover public draw anymore due to the lower number of cow licenses issued. Get with me when you put in for your license in March and I can help you be certain that your freezer is full.

<u>Unique Hunt offered for the skilled archer, a "Double Hitter</u>" hunt when the archery deer and the archery Antelope seasons overlap each other, and you can hunt both at the same time. The hunts can be in GMU013, GMU003 and GMU301. The issue here is to get an archery deer and an archery antelope license at the same time with the draw, leftovers or a voucher. This is a great hunt with deer in the morning and antelope during the heat of the day coming to a water hole. The outfitter has some natural blinds set up at water holes but as I always say bring your also. The more water holes you can set up on the better. It is all private land, so they will be there when you need them. It takes just 1 point in Antelope and 1 point in Deer to draw both licenses for this hunt.

This outfitter does it with ease and his 30 years in the business shows in his skill and knowledge in the business. He has thousands of acres in the Prime GMU301, GMU003 and GMU013. These units are well known for their quality animals and their high animal density. His guides are local, have hunted the area all their life, and know what they are doing in finding game and field judging trophy animals for size and quality.

If I had to say something bad about him is that he is so well known for what he does that he fills up to soon with clients, but of course his high return rate take a sizable percentage of his seats every year.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife's hunting statistics reveal the benefits of deer hunting. Last year 7,000 area deer hunters harvested 3,814 deer. Collectively, hunter success on the seven GMUs is about 54 percent, almost 11 percent higher than the statewide hunter-success average. We basically only hunt private property, so our success is in the high 90% for deer including those hunters that know the quality bucks that are available and pass many waiting for extremely large bucks. Sometimes it is worth the wait and sometimes it isn't. In the past with the 4<sup>th</sup> season 180 to 210 bucks have been taken. The deer numbers are lower due to the past 3 year drought and the 4<sup>th</sup> season license are almost non-existent but the first 2 days of the 2<sup>nd</sup> season finds these big bucks in lazy bachelor herds or singles and this is where they are during 2<sup>nd</sup> big game season.

Those harvest numbers include all manners of legal deer hunting, but most deer harvested were taken during the rifle season. The total deer kill among the GMUs is strong, but the number is low when considering the harvest numbers compiled over the past 10 years or so. Warm and mild winters always result in lower numbers of deer down, and the area has seen unusually mild winters the last several years.

The CPW estimated the post-hunting populations of deer to be extremely high in the area. While the area GMUs are not found in any one Data Analysis Unit (DUA), the DUAs that have the areas in question both hold tens of thousands of deer. The statistics supplied tell a very simple tale: If you hunt around here, you are likely to fill your freezer!

Determining that any hunting area features good land access and holds good numbers of deer is one thing. Making sure you can draw a deer tag for that area can be an entirely different story. Thee 100% draw days are past as the CPW tries to build the deer herd up.

Timing counts a lot with hunting, of course, and even more for hunting the area GMUs. Almost all the land across these hunting units is affected by deer migration during the late fall and early winter

months. Whitetail hunters may find this a foreign subject, but this is mule deer country and mule deer move.

Good numbers of mulies remain in and around the area during the entire year. Some hide along river vegetation, in farm fields and close to natural springs. But most of the mule deer present during the hunting seasons arrive as part of their annual migration from high elevations to the more temperate desert, sage and rolling hill country. A barren and dry hillside will show little signs of life in early August but will be covered with deer sign in November.

This is where timing (and weather) plays a critical role. Mild winters can mean lower harvest numbers for deer, as area deer hunters of recent seasons will attest. In most cases, the only thing that pushes deer and elk out of their summer range is the difficulty in getting to either summer range or food. High alpine fields get covered with snow and ice, and the effort required to maintain those vital calories increases. Consequently, animals move lower where less severe weather has left more accessible food. However, when winter is mild, and food is available, there is little reason for the deer to move to lower ground.

This outfitter has high ground and low ground, some next to preserve areas that always have high deer concentrations.

Your hunting area is pre-scouted, so your guide knows right where to begin opening morning. After that it is like a cue ball hitting the other billiard balls deer go everywhere looking for hidden pockets where they hide until dark.

Deer migration paths and daily travel routes are well proven and very easy to identify in the field. Position yourself at an elevated vantage point — say, on a bluff or at the top of a rolling hill — and glass the several hundred yards below you. You'll easily see a lot more deer in this way than if you were to simply just hike through the country.

All the deer I have killed in the area over the past five years were taken only after I decided to just simply sit and wait for the deer to come to me. I have had friends shoot deer after waking from a nap. Many times, deer have walked within 50 yards of me while I'm field dressing a deer shot just moments earlier.

Believe me, if you can hoof-it into the field early and park yourself, you will see deer. Don't forget the binoculars for glassing and the shooting sticks for support on long shots.

The elk on the other hand had grown so far out of the CPW Model and game damage resources that every year left over cow licenses were available. As that has come into check the numbers of leftover license has dropped greatly requiring some to put in for a cow license and buy a bull license over the counter. There is a reason that it is the elk capitol of the world. Not only do deer and even antelope winter there but the elk come in droves. Your outfitter with 30 years of outfitting and pursuing like deer and antelope know where to find them any time of the year. His statement sums it all up. Every Deer, Elk and Antelope must be somewhere 365 days a year 24 hour a day. If you know where that is, you will have a highly successful with the outcome.

Successful hunt because the largest time consumer in hunting, is looking, the rest take less than 5% of the time."

All his hunts have a cut down price to make them affordable to the working man. He does what he does beast and leave the motel and lodging to the hunter to work through. He will provide you with a list of motels in town closest to where you are going to hunt. His statement is, "I have guided and outfitter for 30 years, I have the private land and knowledge to get you on good and big animals and will do that. But as an inn keeper, motel manager or a restraint cook I haven't had 30 year of experience, so I classify myself as undertrained with little knowledge, go to someone that can handle meals and lodging and I will make you hunt a memorable one."

All hunts are priced as 2 on 1 hunt unless noted otherwise. The bulk of the hunt(s) will be on purchased or leased property. This outfitter is licensed to guide on the BLM public land also. This allows him to be able to continue a pursuit over the fence and onto public ground if needed. In addition, if game is spotter on or moving across public land he can pursue and guide during that time also.

For any of the hunts below if you do want a 1 on 1 hunt add an extra \$ 500 for the hunt and advice at reservation time.

Anticipated Leftovers License for 2014 for GMU003, GMU301 and GMU013 will most likely be:

# <u>Some of the samples Hunt Codes are listed below but the combinations could be Deer, Elk, and antelope, Archery, Muzzleloader, and as many as 4 Rifle Seasons.</u>

Antelope	Elk	Deer		
A-M-013-1A A-F-013-1R Buck	E-F-003-02R E-F-003-03R E-M-003-04R BULL	D-M-013-		
2R Buck Deer 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , or Muzzleloader				
A-M-003-1A A-F-013-1R Buck	E-F-013-02R E-F-013-03R E-F-013-04 R COW	D-M-003-		
2R Buck Deer 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , or Muzzleloader				
In the regulations on page 31 bottom right corner of the page is:				

This is referring to "OVER-THE-COUNTER LICENSES EITHER-SEX ELK-ARCHERY" in the bottom left corner of the page. We supply a **free service** to our hunting clients and handle getting their licenses application process then having the license mailed directly to their home from the Colorado Game Parks and Wildlife.

We also supply **lodging discounts** for those that require lodging in the areas that we have worked out arrangements for the discount.

All, Archery and Muzzleloader, primitive weapons Season Hunts are a duration of 5 days.

All second animal hunts the lower priced of the 2 animals is only \$995

**Mule Deer ARCHERY SEASON GMU003 GMU013 5 DAY HUNTS Either Sex** Maximum 2 archers per week in both units/ Preference Points 0-1 required to draw Archers must supply their own ground blinds or cover. Archery Hunts can be Semi-Guided at the Outfitters Discretion Mule Deer Buck \$ 3500 Discounted Down to only.......\$ 1695

### ANTELOPE ARCHERY SEASON FOR GMU003 GMU013 5 DAY HUNTS

# Elk ARCHERY SEASON FOR GMU003 GMU013 5 DAY HUNTS Preference Points

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### Antelope MUZZLELOADER SEASON GMU003 GMU013 5 DAY HUNTS

Maximum 2 Muzzleloaders per season in both units/ Hunt Code Points required to draw Private land.

This is a new opportunity for this ranch. GMU013 license for public land can be difficult to draw. This is Private land, so the Private land licenses are much easier to draw.

Muzzleloader Hunts can be Semi-Guided at the Outfitters Discretion

Buck or Doe Antelope \$2200 Discounted Down to only 8/31 and Prior ...... \$ 1295

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### Elk Muzzleloader 2 Points to Draw

### Mule Deer MUZZLELOADER SEASON GMU003 GMU013 5 DAY HUNTS 2 preference points

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Muzzleloader Hunts can be Semi-Guided at the Outfitters Discretion	
Mule Deer Buck \$ 3500 Discounted Down to only \$ 159	€5

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#### ANTELOPE RIFLE SEASON GMU003 GMU013 3 DAY HUNTS

### 1<sup>st</sup> RIFLE ELK ONLY No Hunts

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Cow Elk \$ 2100 Discounted Down to only	

Mule Deer Buck \$ 3500 Discounted Down to only...... \$ 1995

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# 3rd Season Deer and Elk GMU003 GMU013 (Only 7 Day season) 0 Preference Points on Cow and Bull. 1-2 on Deer

This is the only season that this opportunity exists, so take advantage of it. Since it is a 7 day season many hunters want to hunt all 7 days. The Outfitter has made it possible to do so above the normal 5 days hunting. His costs are \$350 per hunter per day for those last 2 days. He has offered a discount of only \$250 per day for the last 2 days if those two days are booked with the hunt. If added later the price per day will be \$350.

Either way it is 2 days where you will already know where the biggest animal live. In addition, you can hunt where earlier hunters hunted since they have left. This can mean 4 hunters on 30,000 acres on the best deer hunting dates and great elk hunting dates which last year was an "Elk Only" season. This puts big bulls there, and now you are in the Mule Deer Rut. What better odds can you get with any hunt to

take a wall hanger Bull or Buck. Also last year on these dates it required 12 points to hunt Buck Mule Deer during these dates. Traditionally the labeled 3<sup>rd</sup> season was 3 points.

It is a full week later than last year. Recommend Deer and Elk, Bulls and Cows. Maximum 10 Rifle hunters per 5 days in GMU003 7 day total season. GMU03 and GMU003 licenses for public land can be difficult to draw. This is Private land, so the Private land licenses are much easier to draw.

# Deer Vouchers will be available on a first come first serve deposit basis...... \$ 795

50% (\$400) Deposit for these. Then if you draw, your deposit is applied to your hunt costs. If you need it, you only pay the balance of the voucher price. Vouchers always run out before the requests do.

Bull Elk \$ 3295 Discounted Down to only	\$ 2695
Cow Elk \$ 2100 Discounted Down to only	\$ 1595
Mule Deer Buck \$ 3500 Discounted Down to only	\$ 1995

# 4th Season Elk Only GMU003 GMU013 (Only 5 Day season) 5-day Season

# 5th Cow Elk season, the last 3 days of November Cow Elk Only GMU003 PLO

GMU013 (Only 3 Day season) PLO November Cow Elk Only
It is a full week later than last year. Should be good and Cows, last time you can shoot cows in GMU003 without requiring a point. The ideal license for this hunt is the forgotten 10/15-11/31 cow license.
Maximum 6 Rifle hunters per 3 day season in GMU003.
Maximum 2 Rifle hunters per 3 day season in GMU013.
The ideal license for this hunt is the forgotten 10/19-11/31 cow license choice.
Cow licenses can be drawn and leftover.
This is a new opportunity for this Property. GMU013 license for public land can be difficult to draw. This is Private land, so the Private land licenses are much easier to draw.
Approximately Nov 28-30

Cow Elk \$ 2100 Discounted Down to only...... \$ 1595

For 2 Cows the second one is only \$995

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