

## **2010 Success Rates**

### **2009-2010 lion hunt success rates**

In December we had one hunter. We did not have much snow but we saw a tom kill a cow elk so I called the hunter. We hunted the following day. Some wolves had pushed the lion off the kill. The hunter wound up shooting a male wolf.

The second hunter hunted hard but we were having a tough time. On the last day of his hunt we shot a female lion.

The third and fourth hunters were mostly after lions. They shot a large tom and passed on a smaller cat. They left two days early to get home for the super bowl. We saw a lot of lion tracks on this hunt.

The fifth and sixth hunters shot a large tom and a female. They did not see any wolves.

The seventh hunter had shot a lion already so he was mostly after a wolf. We treed a lion but he passed on it. The last day of his hunt, we called in a black wolf and he missed it. It was a fun hunt.

The eighth and ninth hunters were mostly after lions. We turned loose on four lions but could not catch them. Weather conditions were tough with spring snows that melted fast. We did see lots of lions but just could not make it work. It was still a fun hunt.

### **Spring bear success rates**

The first hunt we had 4 hunters.

The first hunter missed a large bear over bait the first day and shot a smaller bear with the hounds on the second day. The second hunter missed a large red bear the second day and shot a large cinnamon bear the fourth day. The third hunter shot an average chocolate bear the third day. The fourth hunter missed two large bears and went home without one.

The second hunt we had two hunters. They shot an average chocolate bear the first day and an average black bear the second day.

The third hunt we had one hunter. He missed a large red colored bear the first day over bait and shot a smaller black bear the fifth day with the hounds.

Overall, we had 7 hunters, killed 6 bears and missed 5 bears. All of the bears were between 5 and 6 feet.

### **Fall cast and blast success rates**

The first hunt we had two hunters. They shot a 6 ½ foot black boar and several grouse.

The second hunt we had two hunters. They missed a large boar, caught some nice trout out of the lake and shot some grouse.

### **Fall combination elk and deer hunts**

The first hunt we had a hunter with a muzzle loader who did not get a shot at a large 7x7 bull at 50 feet on opening day and who missed the same bull at 90 yards 3 days later. He was frustrated with himself and left early. We also had a group of brothers and a family friend. The friend was a bird hunter and he shot several grouse. One brother was a fisherman and caught lots of fish in the lake. The other two brothers were traditional archers and Atlatl hunters. It was a real experience to hunt with them. We bugled in two five point bulls but could not get them close enough. One came into 170 yards and the other came within 90 yards. We chased lots of grouse and even some chukars with the bows and Atlatls.

The second hunt we had two hunters. The first hunter and I went after the 7x7 that the previous hunter had missed but we never saw him again. We did spot a large 6x7 at a different camp and shot it. The other hunter shot a 150 class deer and an average 6x6 bull and missed a 6x6 bull. The third hunt we had two sisters hunting together. The one sister shot a good 6x6 bull and the other sister missed a large 5 point bull. Another hunter shot a large 5 point bull in a different camp. We also shot a 6' chocolate boar.

The fourth hunt we had a husband and a wife hunting together. She shot a nice 5 point bull and her husband missed two cows and shot 24" buck.

The fifth hunt we had four hunters with elk tags and two hunters with deer and bear tags. We missed a 24" buck, a bear and a large 5 point bull. We killed a large 5 point bull, a 6' chocolate boar and passed up a larger boar and a smaller 5 point bull.

The sixth hunt we had three hunters and a non hunter. We killed a 5x6 bull, 5x3 buck and a cow. We passed up one 6 point bull and spooked a 5 point bull.

The seventh hunt we had 3 hunters. We killed three bucks and a six point bull. The other hunters passed up two five point bulls because they were in very rugged country.

The eighth hunt we had four hunters. We killed 3 bucks and no elk. Two of the hunters passed up the same two 5 points because they could not get there. One hunter did not pull the trigger but saw several bucks each day.

The last hunt we had four hunters. A husband and wife hunted together and we killed a 285 bull. We saw a few bucks but the weather was very marginal for visibility. Two of the hunters did not get there until two days later and left a day early so they only got two days of hunting. They saw some bucks but no elk or lion tracks.