

## **2006 Success Rates**

### **Mountain Lion hunts**

We guided 8 hunters and killed 8 lions in our area and a neighboring outfitters' area in December of 05 through February of 06. Three of the lions were females and five of the cats were mature toms. One very old and heavy cat scored 14 15/16, missing the book by 1/16 of an inch.

### **Cast and blast hunts**

**First hunt Aug. 30- Sept 2-** We had 6 hunters. We killed 2 bears including a 6' sow, missed one bear, shot lots of grouse and caught lots of fish.

**Second hunt Sept.3-6-** We had 8 hunters. We killed 4 bears and missed 6 bears. We killed one bear that was 6.5 feet squared and missed a large boar that was the largest my guide Randy had ever seen. Justin and his hunters also saw a boar that would go over 7'. We shot lots of grouse and caught lots of fish.

**Third hunt Sept.7-10-** We had 7 hunters. One was only interested in fishing and bird hunting. He shot several grouse over the pointer and caught lots of fish in the streams and lake. The other hunters Shot one very large 6.5' boar that may make record book. They missed two or three other bears. They also shot lots of grouse and caught lots of fish.

### **Elk/Deer/Bear/Lion Combination hunts**

**First hunt Sept. 13-21-**We had 4 guided hunters and 5 drop campers. The four guided hunters shot 2 six point bulls, a rag horn bull, and a bear. They missed 2 six point bulls and two or three bears. The drop campers shot a rag horn bull and saw and heard some other bulls but did not get them.

**Second hunt Sept. 22-29-**We had 6 guided hunters. They shot 1 six point bull, 1 five point bull, one spike bull, one cow (oops) and 4 four point bucks. They missed or passed up several bulls and two bears.

**Third hunt Sept. 30-Oct. 7-**We had 5 hunters. One hunter shot a 306 bull and a 166 buck. A father and son shot a doe (oops) and missed a buck and one or two cows. Two brothers shot 2 five point bulls and two bucks.

**Fourth hunt Oct. 8-15-**We had four hunters. A father and son shot a five point bull and passed up two very large bucks because they did not have tags. Two other guys were friends. They passed up some bulls, shot 2 six point bulls and a good buck. We also took a sheep hunter during this time period. We killed a 162 ram that was 9 years old. This should also make some good footage in the video.

**Fifth hunt Oct. 16- 23-**We had four hunters. One only had a deer tag and could only hunt for two days. He did not pull the trigger. The other hunter passed on a five point bull, missed 2 five point bulls and 3 bucks. This will make for some good video on what not to do. One hunter killed a five point bull and a good buck and the last hunter saw several good bulls but could not close the deal. He shot a good buck but it was not the one that he and his guide were looking for. It scored in the 170's.

**Sixth hunt Oct. 24-31-**We had 6 hunters and two canceled out at the last minute. Of the four hunters, two were a husband and wife. The husband shot a cow on the last day after passing up several five point and smaller bulls and he shot a non-typical buck. The wife shot a 5 point bull and a nice buck. The other two hunters were friends. They shot a five point bull, a cow and a nice buck. They also missed a really nice buck and an average buck. My wife also shot a cow elk.

**Seventh hunt Oct. 31-Nov. 7-**We had 8 hunters plus my dad who is not real aggressive any more but loves to hang out in camp with our kids

and play cribbage with my wife. He shot a small four point buck with my two and four year old boys 400 yards above camp. Two hunters spiked out and never saw the main camp. They shot a rag horn bull and two good bucks. One hunter shot a small six point bull and a small four point buck. Two other hunters shot a 165 buck and a 183 buck and a five point bull. Another hunter shot a five point bull and a good buck that scored around 165. Another hunter shot a really tall and heavy buck that only scored about 158 but it was a beautiful deer. The last hunter missed a five point bull, helped shoot a six point bull and missed a 24" buck.

**Eighth hunt Nov. 7-14-**We had 8 hunters and one cancellation. A group of six hunters shot a spike bull and three average bucks. They also missed two or three animals. The weather had warmed up and they did not see as much as they had with us in the past and chose to hold off on killing small bucks and bulls. One hunter killed a seven point bull and passed on several average bucks and the last hunter killed a buck that would have scored over 200 points but he shot the front forks off. It was a beautiful buck anyway. He also passed on a few average bulls because they were smaller than what he has shot with us before.

**Ninth hunt Nov. 14- 19-**We had 8 hunters, all which have hunted with us several times before. They shot a 280 bull and three or four bucks. They missed two bucks. We also shot some chukars and grouse.

I tried to keep really good track of statistics this year but lost my notes someplace so I know I have missed a lot. I also tried to keep track of average distance of shots. With the burns of 2000, I have noticed that our shots have been longer. I believe mostly this is due to the country being more open and hunters are able to see further. I would guess our average shot is somewhere between 150 and 250 yards. This may not seem very far but unless hunters practice at these ranges, there can be a lot of misses or wounded animals. Of all of our hunters, only three did not pull the trigger and they had the opportunity to do so but chose not

to. If you are thinking of booking a hunt with us, I recommend that you buy our \$20 video. It may save you \$5000 or \$6000 on a hunt or it may make you want to book tomorrow. Good luck. Trav