

## **2016 Success Rates**

### **2015-2016 Winter Lion Hunts**

We had one lion hunter and he killed a small cat the first day that was 60 yards from the road.

### **Spring Bear**

We had 6 bear hunters and killed 4 boars. One hunter had an opportunity at a very large chocolate boar but he passed it up just before dark because we also had a large sow with cubs that was a similar color on the same bait. It was not until the next day that we checked the trail camera that we saw the mistake we made.

He left without saying goodbye. Everyone else had a great time.

We never did get that bear but he hit the bait several more times.

### **Sheep**

My son Charlie drew a sheep tag. He killed a 160+ ram.

My dad came in for the hunt. We had fun.

### **Archery Elk**

We had two archery hunters on the second week of Sept. The first three days was solid smoke from the forest fires and they did not see much.

The last three days received some rain, cleared the air and the elk were bugling. The guide bugled in two bulls in the 300-330 class but the hunters did not get a shot. They left disappointed.

The third week of Sept. we had 3 guided archery hunters. They wounded a 5pt bull, a 180 buck and killed a 280 bull.

We also had two drop campers. They were into elk every day and grazed a 330-350 bull. We saw the bull later and it was ok.

The last week of Sept. we had two guided hunters. They wounded a 5pt bull and saw lots of other game.

We also had 4 drop campers with one guide. They did not see much for elk but saw some deer but chose not to go after them.

## **Front Range Rifle Elk and Deer**

We had 6 guided hunters on the 6 day mule deer hunt. A father, mother and son shot three 150-170 inch bucks. Another hunter missed a 36 inch buck. Another hunter missed a 30 inch buck. Two other hunters, a father and son, had a tough time. They killed one small buck. Their guide did a less than spectacular job. I would have fired him but the guide was me. I guess sometimes it is not always best to hunt with the outfitter.

Opening elk and deer hunt. We had 6 guided hunters and they killed 6 bulls and 4 bucks. They all left early. They also booked back for next year.

We had two drop campers who shot two bucks.

The next hunt we had 6 hunters. 3 hunters did not show up. I was able to take my two sons elk and deer hunting instead. The boys shot a 6 point bull, a 4 point bull and missed a 26", 28" and a 30" bucks. My motto has always been to "hunt with your dad as much as you can". Now that my boys are old enough, my motto has changed a little. Hunting with your kids can be one of the most rewarding activities you can do. I had elk and deer tags in my pocket but it was much more fun watching the kids get buck fever.

Two of the guided hunters were older gentlemen. One of them shot a small bull and a small buck. The other hunter had his sights on two bulls but could not get a shot. He decided he was missing the golf course so they went home early. The last hunter had booked as an archery hunter earlier but he needed to reschedule so he came rifle hunting on this hunt. He missed a 30 " buck and did not see much for elk. He also left early after the deer season closed.

The last week we had 4 drop campers. They shot a 4 point bull and saw quite a few other elk and lots of big bucks. Of course it was the week after deer season closed.

### **Wilderness Hunts**

We took 4 hunters on the first hunt. They killed 4 average bulls and a large bear.

The second hunt we had 3 hunters. They killed 2 bulls and missed 5 bulls.

They had fun and saw lots of game.

We went back in November. We had 5 combo hunter and 2 elk hunters. The two elk hunters did not see much and the camp cook did a terrible job.

Needless to say, the cook will not be back. However, the hunters are coming back. Two of the other hunters are a husband and wife they shot a 170 buck,

missed a 215 buck and shot another 170 buck and shot a 5 point bull.

Two other hunters shot two bucks scoring between 170-180 and a 5 point bull.

Another hunter shot a 290 bull and a 160 buck.

The last wilderness hunt we had 4 hunters. They shot 4 nice bucks and 3 five point bulls and missed another five point bull.

Our hunter that bought our front range late deer hunt shot a nice buck. It was nontypical and over 30" wide. It was very heavy, especially up high, in fact, it was heavier up high than it was at the bases.

This tag is the second most coveted tag in Idaho. The only other tag that has lower drawing odds is the unit 11 sheep tag. There are only 5 lottery tags in our unit. There were almost 400 people put in for those 5 tags.

We have 1 guaranteed, allocated tag for our business. Some of the best antler growth for modern day mule deer are in this unit.