

2021 success rates

Winter lion hunts

In the front range we had 3 hunters and killed 3 cats.

In the wilderness we had 3 hunters, killed 1 cat, 1 wolf and missed a wolf.

Bighorn sheep

We killed a 5.5-year-old ram with 15.5" bases and 34" on the long horn.

Cast and Blast

The first two hunters and a non-hunter missed a wolf and saw sows and cubs.

The second hunter missed three bears and killed two bears. The largest was over six feet squared.

The third hunter missed two bears and killed a small bear. All cast and blast hunters shot some grouse as well.

Unit 36 Early season deer hunt

Killed an average buck. Hunter saw several bucks including a 190+ but shot the fourth largest out of the group of five. He was ready to book back immediately but the hunt is already booked for next year. He could not ride horses so we were limited on what we could do.

Unit 36-B late deer hunt

Killed a 187 non-typical buck. We had another hunter who drew a tag. He killed a 30" buck but it did not score well because of shallow forks.

Archery hunts

First hunt: The first hunter shot a small buck

Second hunt: We had three hunters. One hunter missed a bull and shot a 5-point bull. The other two hunters were a father/son. They each shot at a bull and missed. The dad missed the same bull three times. The dad also missed a deer, and the son shot a small buck.

Third hunt: We had three hunters. The first hunter shot a raghorn. The second hunter missed a 5 point at 32 yards. The third hunter hit a buck couldn't find it. He also saw a nice bull and tried for it most of the hunt.

Fourth hunt: We had two hunters. The first hunter shot a raghorn the first day. The second hunter never fired an arrow but saw lots of elk.

Wilderness rifle elk/deer hunts

The first hunt we had 5 hunters. It was very hot, but we shot 5 bulls, two of them scored around 320, one was 4x5 and two spikes.

The second hunt we had 4 hunters. Two hunters saw a 5-point bull in the distance but did not want to go after it. They saw two spikes and chased one away. The other two hunters did not see any elk, saw two small bucks and a glimpse of a large bear. It was very hot.

The third hunt had 6 hunters and shot one righthorn bull and a small buck. We saw a few more small bulls, but it was warm, and they went into the timber early and never came back out.

The fourth hunt had a husband and wife. They shot a spike bull.

The fifth hunt had two hunters and they shot two small bulls.

The sixth hunt had a father/daughter. They killed a three-point buck and missed a buck. They had to resight in one of the rifles because the ammo they brought had a different grain of bullet than what they had sighted it in for.

The seventh hunt had 5 hunters. The first hunter shot a righthorn bull and a 202" buck. He was in good shape and left two days early. The other four hunters shot four average 4-point bucks and missed a 180 plus buck.

The eighth hunt had 11 hunters. A father and two sons hunted out of one camp. They shot two bucks and missed two bucks. A single hunter and guide hunted in one of the spike camps. He shot an elk and deer. A father and son hunted 2x1 out of another spike camp. They shot two smaller bucks. They told me they would get in shape, and they did not. Mobility was tough. A group of 5 friends hunted in the main camp. They shot three bucks, missed a buck, shot a wolf, and missed a wolf. The hunter who shot the wolf received \$2000 from Foundation For Wildlife Management. We had a complaint from one of our hunters because he weighed 275 pounds and we have a weight limit of 250 pounds. Obese hunters continue to be one of our biggest problems.

The last hunt had 9 hunters. A husband, wife and family friend hunted out of one camp and because the weather was nice, we spiked out under a tarp. They shot two good bucks. A single hunter and guide went to a spike camp. They shot a spike bull and a wolf. This hunter also received \$2000 from Foundation for Wildlife Management. Another single hunter went to spike camp with a guide and shot a 5-point bull and a buck. Two friends and a father and son hunted out of the main camp. They shot 3 bucks and wounded a buck. He spent the rest of his hunt looking for the wounded animal but could not find it.

Front range hunts

The first deer hunt we had six hunters, missed two bucks, and shot two bucks. We saw deer every day, but a snowstorm hit, and everything was moving fast. My son took the hunt off and killed a 197 buck.

The next hunt was a combination rifle hunt. We had seven guided hunters and four drop campers. The guided hunters shot 6 bulls and 4 bucks. The largest bull scored 321. Five of the six bulls were 6 points. One hunter left upset with our accommodations. He did not read the gear list. It was definitely a lack of communication. I can print the material; I just don't know how to get people to read it. The drop campers killed two bucks.

The second combination hunt we had seven guided hunters and five drop campers. The guided hunters killed a 5-point bull, a spike bull, missed a spike bull and missed a 5-point bull. They killed two small bucks. The drop campers killed a small buck and saw some big bucks.

The last hunt had four guided hunters and two drop campers. The guided hunters killed a six-point bull, a raghorn bull and left a day early. They said they had a great time but were not prepared for how rugged the country was. The drop campers killed a raghorn bull. There were two bulls hanging above camp when we pulled the camp at the end of their hunt.

Overall, the season went well. The weather was warmer and dryer than average. Even though it made hunting a little tougher, it was enjoyable. The mistakes made this year seem to parallel previous years. The number one problem is hunters being overweight, not being honest with us about it and not being honest with themselves. If you lie to us on the contracts and tell us you are lighter than you are, it does not help us get you around in this steep country. For all those hunters who worked hard to stay in shape, thank you. We can't wait to hunt with you again. Trav