

## **2011 Success Rates**

### **2010-2011 Mountain Lion Success Rates**

We had 6 hunters and killed 6 lions.

The first hunter was an 89 year old guy that hunted in early December. This was his 4th time hunting with us and his 3rd cat he has taken. He took an old female that treed close to the road on the third day of his hunt.

The second hunter and I treed a large tom on the first day of his hunt just before Christmas. He shot it with a bow and I assume it made Pope and Young.

The third hunter and non hunter came the middle of January. We treed a large female on the second day and he shot it with his bow.

The fourth and fifth hunters were a father and son. They chose to hunt the wilderness with my brother and I. This was probably one of the best lion hunts I have been on since the last time I hunted with my brother. We treed 6 cats in 5 days. We killed a large tom and a really old female that did not have many teeth left. There were a lot of cats and conditions held out for us.

The last hunter was a fluke. I was not planning to take any more hunters but a potential hunter called and told me he wanted to come. I ran above the house and spotted one of the largest cat tracks I have ever seen. I contacted him within 3 hours and told him the good news. Bottom line is he could not make it and after a while he refused to even return my calls so I called another hunter who showed up about 4 days later. We did not get the big tom but cut another nice tom and we treed it.

Overall, it was a great season. We went 100% on cats and left two really big toms that should be there next year.

### **Spring Bear Hunts**

The first hunt we had 3 return clients. They shot a chocolate boar, a red colored boar and a black sow with a large white chevron on her chest. They also missed a nice cinnamon colored bear. They were done the 4th day of their hunt.

The second hunt we had the “Best of the West” TV show. A 12 year old shot a very old chocolate female with his dad on the second day. Her teeth were worn down to nothing. A 14 year old missed a cinnamon bear at over 400 yards with his uncle on the first day. He shot a black sow at 460 yards on the second day. These hunters only had three days to hunt so it worked out well.

The last hunt we had two hunters. They missed a black bear on the 5th day and shot a black sow the 7th day. We had a lot of bears hitting baits but we could not time it right.

Overall, we had 7 hunters, killed 6 bears and missed three others. All of the bears were average size and most of them were colored. We continue to have a large bear population.

### **Fall Cast and Blast Hunts**

In the wilderness we had two hunters who were overweight and had a hard time riding horses. They shot some grouse and caught some fish but did not travel very far from camp. In the front range we had a family of four. The father and one son were hunting. The bears were not hitting the baits and they did not have an opportunity to shoot any bears.

### **Fall Elk/Deer Combo Hunts**

The first hunt we had four hunters. One hunter left on the second day because his knees started hurting and he could not walk. It was his first time hunting with us. A lady hunter who has hunted with us since 1997 took a 5 point bull. The other two hunters were a husband and wife who hunted with us last year. They shot a 6 point bull and almost shot a 5 point bull.

The second hunt we had a hunter who shot at a very large 6 point bull and missed at about 40 yards. The guide bugled it in. He has hunted with us three times in the past and killed three bulls. We had a father and son who had not hunted with us before that shot a bear and missed a bull.

The last group was a brother and sister and their spouses. (Two men and two women) The women were hunting and the husbands were non hunters. They shot two bears and a 292 Boone and Crocket bull at 26

yards after we bugled it in. They have hunted with us since about 2005 and they told me that they have killed over 20 animals with us since they started with us.

The third hunt we had two hunters. One hunter shot a 5 point bull. He has been hunting with me since 1989 and has shot 10-12 bulls with us on previous hunts. The second hunter shot a 5 point bull, a large wolf and a 6' bear. It was his first time hunting with us.

The fourth hunt I guided a hunter who has been with us three times before and killed three bulls and a deer. He did not get anything and was a little disappointed. However, he did loan me his rifle and I was able to shoot a wolf. He did not buy a wolf tag. We also had four hunters. They shot a 5 point bull and a buck. They also missed two other bucks. They had never hunted with us before.

The fifth hunt we had four hunters in the wilderness. They shot a small buck and missed another buck and they shot a 6 point bull and missed a 6 point bull. They saw a bachelor group of bucks that the largest was in the 180's but could not get on them. They had never hunted with us before. I also had two hunters in the front range area who have hunted with me twice before. We shot two 5 point bulls and saw several large bucks but could not make it work to kill them. My brother also ran a camp for us that had five other hunters in it. They shot a 5 point bull, passed up two smaller bulls, missed two or three bucks and killed two small bucks. They also saw a very large buck and had some great bugling with elk. These five hunters had not hunted with us before. We saw a lot of game on this hunt.

The sixth hunt we had two hunters in the wilderness. It was their first time with us. They shot a buck and a coyote. They also missed one or two other bucks and a 6 point bull.

The seventh hunt we had five hunters in the wilderness. One hunter killed 5 point bull and 24" buck. The other group killed three bucks and the fourth hunter passed up three or four bucks looking for a large one. Three of these 5 hunters have hunted with us every year for the last 5 years. The other two hunters were friends of the return clients.

The eighth hunt we had five hunters. My hunter did not pull the trigger. We saw two very large bulls and went after them but the wind switched on us and we did not get a shot. This hunter has been hunting with me since I was about 18. Another hunter shot a 5 point bull and saw some smaller bucks. He has hunted with us twice in the past. Another hunter who had never hunted with us before shot a 5 point bull and a 24" buck. The other hunters were a father and son. They had not hunted with us before. They shot a 24" buck, missed three other good bucks and shot a very large white wolf. The guides called it in with their mouths by howling.

The ninth hunt we had four hunters. None of them had been with us before. Two of the hunters shot a 22" buck and missed one or two other bucks and passed up several bucks. The other two hunters shot two 24" bucks.