



# WYOMING DISABLED HUNTERS

## 2015 Newsletter

***“Our Goal is to Provide an Affordable Hunt for Disabled Hunters”***

## 2015

was a banner year for Wyoming Disabled Hunters. With the help and support of the local community, we were able to bring 36 hunters on 8 hunts, 33 of which filled their tags. One new hunt was our first black bear hunt in collaboration with the Yellowstone County Bear Hunters Association.

Also new in 2015, we embarked on an elk hunt on the Brubaker Ranch near Ten Sleep, WY, in which all 5 hunters were lucky and skilled enough to fill their tags, 4 of these were on the Brubaker Ranch and the other was on the adjacent Ten Sleep Nature Conservancy Land.

We've also added a new elk hunt on the Heart Mountain Nature Conservancy land that we manage. As we look forward to 2016, we will continue to add new hunts to expand our reach to allow more disabled hunters to participate in our programs.

Our board members are dedicated to expanding our outreach and actively involved in activities with the hunters. Board member Matt Elliott, for example, led hunts on private ranches near Thermopolis in 2015, in which 4 antelope and 2 deer were taken.

Our growth and the happiness our hunts bring to disabled hunters would not be possible without the land owners who partner with us. Among others The Hyatt Ranch, The Ballinger Ranch and Grizzly Ranch are all key hunting grounds for our disabled hunters, and were gracious enough to allow hunts again in 2015. Though the elk didn't always cooperate with our efforts, the hunters were able to come together on the land and have a great time bonding over shared interests.



“It has been an absolute pleasure to participate in the veterans hunt on the Hyatt Ranch. The Wyoming Disabled Sportsmen is an amazing organization. Larry, Anita, Matt and all the volunteers are some of the kindest most generous people I have every had the privilege to meet. They provided the Track Chair to allow me to access places I would never be able to go in a regular wheelchair. It was the hunt of a lifetime.”

- Hunter Edward Mays

But it isn't just the board members and the ranches who make this possible. We would like to thank all who helped make 2015 such a big success. From the cooks and house mothers and fathers at the various hunt locations who made our hunters feel at home, to the companion hunters who were up at o'dark thirty every morning to take our hunters. And local food vendors, meat processors, private donors, AmericInn and Bull Moose Retreat in Cody, WY, who all donated goods and services free of charge, or at a considerable discount, so our hunters would be well-fed and housed. And to all the many volunteers working behind the scenes, we couldn't do this every year without you. Thank you.

We continued our partnership with The Nature Conservancy and this year we had a work day which involved volunteers from the Game and Fish, Nature Conservancy, Wyoming Disabled Hunters, Northwest College and LEAF. LEAF stands for Leaders in Environmental Action for the Future. It's a Nature Conservancy intern program for High School Junior and Senior girls. This year's LEAF kids were from Tacoma, Washington and Los Angeles, California. The crew worked on a project to stabilize 4 bends in the creek using cables and Douglas fir trees that were harvested from elsewhere on Heart Mountain.

As WDH grows and we provide more hunts, more equipment is needed for our hunters. Just take a look at our Facebook page and you'll see our Track Chair were well used by our hunters this year. Also with the addition of the Ten Sleep hunt a trailer of equipment was needed at both Ten Sleep and Hyattville at the same time. Fortunately through support of numerous generous donors we were able to purchase a second trailer and a third Track Chair. Both are serving the needs of our hunters well.



**To Contact the Wyoming Disabled Hunters**

**President Corey McGregor**

(307) 899-0790 email: corey.mcgregor@wysil.org

**Vice President Larry Frandson**

(307) 527-7446 email: lfrandson@gmail.com

Also be sure to visit our website at: [www.wyomingdisabledhunters.org](http://www.wyomingdisabledhunters.org)

Subscribe to our YouTube channel and "Like" us on Facebook!



**YES!** I'd like to support the Wyoming Disabled Hunters - please find enclosed my gift of:

\$25  \$50  \$100  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or,  Please contact me regarding a donation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Wyoming Disabled Hunters, PO Box 2232, Cody, WY 82414