was our 11th annual hunt, and this year we welcomed 23 hunters from across the country for our elk, deer and antelope hunts. Twenty-one of those hunters filled their tags on seven hunts throughout the Big Horn Basin. The antelope hunts kicked things off for us, and all five of those hunters bagged their game in quick order. One of these hunters was on the Heart Mountain hunt, and the other four hunted in Meeteetse. All the hunters got nice bucks and then had time to enjoy the local sites for a day or two.

In Ten Sleep, we hosted two hunters as we continue to focus on providing a quality hunt for all involved. Both hunters filled their tags on the Ten Sleep Nature Conservancy. The Hyattville elk hunt welcomed one hunter on a new property. He wasn’t able to harvest, but he gave it a good effort and had a great time.

The Cody deer hunt, the cornerstone of our operation, welcomed eight deer hunters and two elk hunters. All of the deer hunters were successful in the pursuit of their quarry. One of the two elk hunters filled on the North Fork. Concurrent with the Cody elk and deer hunt was our Heart Mountain deer rifle hunt where all three hunters filled their tags despite a slow start. A week later on the South Fork elk hunt we went two for two, including one young lady who was tickled to death with her first cow ever.

For the second year in a row, we were blessed with a Game & Fish Commissioners’ tag. This was auctioned off for a generous fundraiser. All of those proceeds went right back toward funding future hunts and providing financial aid to hunters who otherwise couldn’t afford to join us. We purchased three youth lifetime fish, bird, small game and conservation stamps. Two of them were given away in a free raffle for kids during our annual banquet, and the other was used in another free raffle for kids at the Game & Fish Commissioners’ meeting in Powell.

We couldn’t pull off any of this without the generosity of our wonderful local supporters. The Heart Mountain Nature Conservancy and Craig and Margie Hall provided housing for our hunters at no cost. The Bull Moose Retreat was home for our Cody hunters and was provided at a discounted rate. AmericInn also comped nights for our hunters. Wagler Meats and Little Acres Meat Processing processed our Cody and Heart Mountain hunters’ meat at a discount. Blair’s in Worland donated food for our Ten Sleep elk
hunters. Pepsi donated drinks for the Cody and Heart Mountain hunts as well as the banquet. Albertson’s donated the food items for lunches for our hunters who spent entire days out hunting. Granny’s, Our Place and The Irma donated soups to keep the rest of us warm and satisfied back at the lodge. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation donated to our hunter assistance program to help hunters who couldn’t otherwise afford to come. And a big thanks to Yellowstone Beer Fest for the donation to our general fund. Tanager Beverage gave a financial donation and provided fliers to advertise our banquet. We can never forget the numerous individual donations from our supporters throughout the year.

We can’t do any of this without the large contingent of volunteers working all year to make the hunts run so smoothly. From the guides who faithfully turn up long before sunrise to take our hunters out on the excursion of a lifetime, to the house mothers and cooks who work long days from dark thirty to dark thirty to provide hot meals for our hunters. And we can’t forget our land owners who open their property for us. A big thank you to the license donors who transfer their tags over to our hunters in wheelchairs or wounded veterans. This not only saves money, but also ensures a tag will be available for non-resident hunters without having to worry if they’ll draw. Finally, kudos to our board of directors working all year long fund raising and making preparations for the hunts. We can’t wait to see what’s in store for 2020!

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