



— 2021 Newsletter —

# WYOMING DISABLED HUNTERS

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

**YEAR 2021** our 13th annual hunting season, was a year in which we were able to put Covid behind us and get back to our full slate of hunts. We hosted 21 hunters on 6 hunts and we had 19 of those 21 hunters fill their tags. Hunts first started in mid-September with our antelope hunt which was so big this year we ended up renting the Bull Moose Retreat so most of our eight hunters could be housed together. Every last one of them filled their tags by the second day of the hunt! Elk hunts started late September and ran into mid-October where hunters went 3-for-3 including two nice bulls! It started with a cow on the North Fork and a nice bull near Meeteetse. These hunts were followed shortly by another successful bull hunt near Hyattville.

November started off with a bang too! All six Cody deer hunters bagged out on the very first day, led by a huntress from Florida making a nice shot on a whitetail buck to be the first kill of that hunt. The elk hunter with us that week had a challenging time and wasn't able to fill his tag despite a valiant effort. The final two hunters in the Cody area, both harvested their cow elk within their first two days.

For the fourth year in a row, we auctioned off a Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioner tag. This tag was donated to us by our former board member Ashlee Lundvall. We wish her well in a new endeavor as one of the seven Wyoming F&G commissioners! The proceeds from this tag auction went right back into our program, providing food and housing for our hunters as well as financial aid for those that require assistance making the trip to Wyoming.



Wyoming Outdoorsmen made a generous donation towards our recently-purchased handicap-accessible 4x4 van and was added to similarly-







generous grants from Paul Stock Foundation and Park County Parks & Recreation for out van purchase. The van performed great from simple airport runs to scouring the hills during the hunts and equipment/hunter transport.

We were again able to rely on local support starting with the Bull Moose Retreat which this year was home away from home for both the antelope and deer hunts. Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn provided discounted rooms for our elk hunters. Craig and Marge Hall provided lodging for two of our antelope hunters again at no charge. Wagler and Legerski meat processing cut and wrapped the meat with a short turn around needed for our hunters to get back on the road and headed home. The Irma, Our Place, and Granny's donated hearty soups to keep everyone warm after the chilly hunts. Pepsi and Coke provided plenty of drinks for the deer and antelope hunts. The many cash donations from private donors were also very much appreciated to fund other necessities to make this an incredible experience.



It takes an incredible commitment from all our volunteers working all year long to make these hunts run smoothly. Starting with the Bull Moose "House Mothers" who work from early in the morning steadily until well into the evening keeping our hunters well fed and comfortable to the guides who show up day after day long before dawn to take our hunters out for their hunt-of-a-lifetime. Let's not forget the landowners who provide exclusive access to their amazing property as well as individuals donating licenses that would be very difficult for our hunters to draw on their own.

We are sad to see long-time board member, Walt Molatch, step down. He has been with us for many years and has served as a guide for many hunts as well as being an excellent board member. We're glad to hear he will remain involved on a volunteer basis.

As we look forward to next year, we are encouraged that these hunts will continue to provide incredible opportunities for our hunters. We can't do it without the contributions of our community and donors. Thank you to everyone for your continued support!



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