

I am beyond grateful for the opportunity Wyoming Disabled Hunters afforded me this fall. I was able to hunt in the beautiful state of Wyoming and harvest my first antelope. The kindness and professionalism of everyone involved was exceptional! From the day I got the call from Terry telling me I was going to be hunting antelope until the day my family left to go back to Iowa I felt like I was truly being cared for. The process was easy, the volunteers are extremely efficient, and the guides know their stuff. My son and I stayed in comfortable accommodations, ate way too much and had a hunt we will never forget! I would recommend anyone to apply for this hunt and plan to stay in touch with the good men and women I met throughout this trip. Thank you WDH, you made 2021 an exceptional year! Luke Hahn (IA)





I can't say enough great things about my hunt and experience with WDH! Absolutely a hunt of lifetime. Being able to hunt Elk with my father was a dream come true. From top to bottom my expectations were exceeded. My guide Ryan was a blast to hunt with, he did everything possible to make my hunt successful. The accommodations were awesome. Again I can't say enough how fortunate I am for this opportunity thru such a great organization. Thank you WHD!! Joe Tetzlaff (WI) I can't say enough good things about WDH and my experience with them. I was picked as an alternate, so I had less time to plan than other hunters. Terry stepped up and helped me every step of the way, answering all my questions and understanding what I would need for my hunt to be successful. Terry was able to ensure I had a female guide with me so that I could hunt and not worry about outside forces triggering my PTSD. I can't tell you how much that small gesture meant to me. WDH also made time for me to practice shooting both the bow I brought and the gun they provided. During the hunt, I had both weapons, which allowed me to choose the proper weapon to make the kill. It made my hunt a success! I was able to kill a white tail deer, harvest it and bring the meat home. WDH went above and beyond to ensure my sleeping quarters were women only so that again, I would not suffer from any PTSD triggers. WDH took care of all my needs as well as all the others hunters there. The food was fabulous and in great abundance thanks to Bonnie. Coming in from the cold, she always had something warm for us to eat. Because of WDH, I have the best memories that will last a lifetime. I met some wonderful people and made some beautiful friends. I want to thank WDH for everything they did for me in fulfilling a life-long dream.



## **Evelyn Lowery (FL)**



First I wanted to say thank you Craig and Marge for allowing me to stay on their property in their accommodated area that they built and have set up for people coming on hunts with Wyoming Disabled Hunters. I had a blast and would do it over again every year if I could. I have yet to make a stalk in my wheelchair and I did while I was there... showed me I can still get it done... thank you to everybody at Wyoming Disabled Hunters for all the help and kindness. Everybody is so generous and wants to do anything they can to help and accommodate. Last but not least thank you to the companion hunters. You all were solid and awesome people, willing to do whatever it takes. **THANK YOU! Jacob Torey (WA)** 

My WDH experience from the antelope hunt was amazing! It's hard for me to put into words how much of a good time it was. I'm from Louisiana so Wyoming was incredibly different from home but it was beautiful country and even better antelope hunting. I cannot thank Terry Skinner and my companion hunters, Rod and Pat Burke, enough. From the time I found out during the summer I got drawn, to the actual hunt, I was informed the entire time. Rod and Pat Burke were great; they helped me decide which antelope to pass on and eventually the one to make the stalk on. Rod was great because I'm also a very nervous person and he helped me settle right down so I could make the perfect shot on a gorgeous Wyoming antelope. I also cannot thank everyone who helped with the accommodations and food enough. The whole experience was just wonderful. Overall this Wyoming trip was amazing from start to end and I was blessed to be able to participate. Analiese Gaffey (LA)





Wyoming Disabled Hunters, what a great organization! I would like to thank everyone involved with WDH as I only meet a few, also a huge thanks to the ones who generously donate tags and the landowners who open up their land to allow disabled hunters a greater chance at filling their tag. I was one of six able to go on an elk hunt this year and it was a great experience. I would go back in a heartbeat!! Beautiful country out west. With the great work done by WDH prior to me arriving to Wyoming, such as scouting, setting ground blinds, volunteering their time to get everything ready I was able to fill my cow elk tag. Charlie and Walt helped (did) with the field dressing and took the meat to the locker the next morning so we could get the elk processed. Without the help of WDH, a hunt like this for a wheelchair bound person may not have been experienced. There is a lot of work that goes into a hunt like this. Thanks to all the volunteers, landowners, tag donors, and all other donors. It is greatly appreciated. Adam Skog (IA)

I can't thank the Wyoming Disabled Hunters organization enough for my mule deer hunting experience. Just being chosen this year was such an honor. There are so many people involved that it's hard to imagine the organizational skills that it takes to put it all together. From the people that help with the meals and housing; to the companion hunters that take time out of their own hunting seasons to help; the people that donate the tags; and the landowners that generously provide a place to go; all are passionate about what they do and it shows. The accommodations at the Bull Moose Retreat in Cody were great. A nice big living room/kitchen was a great place to get to know the hunters and volunteers. We were not able to have the appreciation dinner as they have in the past, and I do hope that they bring that back in the future. It would be great thank all of those involved in person and have everyone stick around for an extra day or two to get to know one another. Scott, my companion hunter was so much fun to hang out with. We had a great time scouting and hunting together. It was fun learning more about the area and getting to know him better. The pop up blinds we used were easy to get in and out of and worked great. We were fortunate to be able to watch a ton of deer for hours, from the fawns bouncing around playing, to the bucks dogging the does. In the end a great buck meandered close enough that I was able to get a 20 yard shot with my bow. All of the volunteers were a great help with getting it caped, skinned and quartered for the trip home. All in all, a great experience that I hope others enjoy as much as I did. Thanks again to everyone at WDH! Daniel Jordan (ID)



I would like to thank the Wyoming Disabled Hunters organization for the chance to shoot a deer with a cross bow, and Merlyn Ballinger for letting me hunt on his property. Because of work schedule and Covid sickness, I was only able to hunt one day. Unfortunately I wasn't able to shoot a deer but the experience was awesome. I really hope I am able to hunt with Wyoming Disabled Hunters in the future. **Donald Meschke (WY)**  I am writing today to thank you for the fantastic trip I had with your organization. I have to admit I was a little skeptical when I first saw WDH on Facebook. I thought here's another organization making themselves feel good by offering a well-intended but subpar hunt for disabled individuals. I thought, what can it hurt to apply. When I was notified that I wasn't drawn for this year as a hunter but that I was drawn as an alternate. I thought just as I expected, and I never expected to hear from you again. Next thing I know a month or so later, Terry Skinner called me and said someone dropped out, and if I could make arrangements I would be able to come. I decided to call your bluff, and made arrangements to come! I have to say, making that decision turned out to be a great choice. I was never so wrong about a first impression than I was about your organization. I have nothing but good things to say about my adventure. The communication, food, lodging, hunting experience, and overall welcoming by everyone was fantastic. I am a c6-c7 spinal cord injured person confined to a wheelchair and I have been on a few other disabled hunts where they drove us around in trucks and we shot from the window, but this trip was different. The track chair you had me in, and the hunting companions you paired me with were fantastic. We actually were out stalking antelope just like someone would do who wasn't disabled. After the second stalk bouncing across the plains in the track chair without getting a shot, I told my hunting companions that at that point it really wouldn't matter if I shot an antelope or not. The thrill of the stalk and being out there was what it was really all about! I was having more fun than I could have imagined. As you know, I did end up taking a beautiful antelope, but that was definitely not the ultimate prize, the experience was the real trophy! In closing, I would like to say that your group showed me an overall willingness and genuine desire to make sure everyone had an experience of a lifetime. Please keep up the good work, and I hope you continue this for others for many years to come. Thank you all! Brooke Frech (PA)





Wyoming Disabled Hunters is a top notch program, from the leadership to the boots on the ground, they all really care that your hunt is a success. Thanks to Terry for making the license and tag application process go smoothly and for acquiring a fine hotel for me to stay at. The staff were friendly and were excited for my hunt as well. When the 1st day of my hunt arrived I was a little apprehensive about the unknown, but Shawn, Marvin and Blackie made me feel at ease. Between the 3, I bet they had over 100 years hunting experience and I really enjoyed all the stories during down times. The day of our hunt was a hot sunny day and with bugling bulls nearby. We ate a quick lunch and got back out there. I think we all got a sunburn after that day. My actual hunt couldn't have went better for me. I wanted to see some beautiful country (where we hunted overlooked the Greybull River with trees changing color and mountains in the background). I wanted to hear bulls bugling (we had 6-8 bugling all day near us). I wanted to see elk in the wild (we had a herd of 30+ animals that were in the trees below us). I wanted to harvest a big bull elk (at 6:30 pm on the 1st day of my hunt the herd bull gave a clear shot). After losing my legs I never thought an elk hunt would be something I could ever do, Wyoming Disabled Hunters has the experience to get anyone out in the field and on an animal. The hard work that all the volunteers put in shows in how smoothly everything goes. It was a real pleasure to meet everyone and I hope all your hunters have the experience and success I did. Thank you Wyoming Disabled Hunters for a dream come true. **Rodney Batesol (MO)** 

While I was excited leading up to the hunt, I didn't realize the broad scope of this opportunity until I landed in Wyoming and met all the amazing people involved. Wyoming Disabled Hunters gave me a rare opportunity to hunt mule deer in Wyoming; but it also connected me with new friends and gave me opportunities to challenge myself and grow. I will remember this experience forever. Thank you, Terry, Adam, Bryce, Bonnie, Myles, and everyone else involved with the Wyoming Disabled Hunters. **Matthew Collins (SC)** 





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I would like to thank you for the successful elk hunt in Cody. I appreciate the opportunity to hunt and the comradery that comes along with hunting. Hunting trips like this are possible for me because of all of you. Hunting is a deep passion of mine and I am elated that I can continue to do the things I loved before my injury. Keep up the good work! I highly recommend WDH to other disabled hunters. It is beautiful country and wonderful people to work with. **Conner Hartman (OR)** 

I am Conner's Mom and feel compelled to thank you too. This hunting trip allowed us to take a family trip, slow down and spend time together. Even though Conner is in a wheelchair he lives a full life and we are often four people going in four different directions. To get in the pickup and trek on a seven day trip, all four of us, has never happened. We laughed, we bickered, we created memories to last a life time. For that I am thankful. The fabulous people we meet along the way are blessings. People living to help others, truly inspirational!! Thank you WDH. Much Love, Kristine Hartman **Conner's mother Kristine** 





First, I would like to thank everyone from Wyoming Disabled Hunters. When I first applied for a hunt, I did not think I would have a chance to be picked because I live so far away. Well, I was completely wrong. I was beyond excited to be picked. It was like a dream come true. Being from NY, we don't exactly see elk every day. When I arrived in Wyoming, it felt like I was in a different country. It was absolutely beautiful and so quiet. Meeting the folks from WDH the first day was great. All of them are wonderful and loving people. After meeting everyone that first day, I knew I was going to have a great time. The day we met our "guides" I was actually a bit nervous. I was paired up with a wonderful man named Rod. He is a great and caring person. After the first few minutes of knowing Rod, I knew we were going to get along great and have a good time. That's exactly what happened. Every day we went out to hunt felt like a dream. The area we hunted looked like something out of a movie. It was just so beautiful. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get an elk. Sure, it would have been great but honestly, I didn't really care. Spending time with the new people I had just met made the trip fantastic. The views I saw every day were absolutely breathtaking. One of the most beautiful places in the world. I want to say THANK YOU to everyone from WDH, my guide Rod and all the volunteers that helped out. From making tasty dinners to great conversations, I thank all of you. I really hope to get the opportunity again in the future to return and hopefully fill a tag. I will miss all of you, my new friends and family. David Peters (NY)

Just wanted to thank you for the great opportunity to be able to get to travel that far west and be able to take a nice mule deer. I never felt any anxiety after arriving. I felt as though it was a family gathering and everything was properly prepared and just waiting. The accommodations were beyond comfortable and clean. The lodge owners were very nice and very approachable. Every guide was like I had known them for years and I made several new friends among them and the hunters. We had great food and snacks as well. If you'll have me, I would love to come back to this very organized organization and hunt again. Thank you! **Brad Shaffer (IN)** 



I would like to thank Wyoming Disabled Hunters for one of the most Amazing experiences of life! They go above and beyond to make everyone have a wonderful experience. The people that came to help guide the hunters were so nice and supportive of everyone's different disabilities. We had a really nice lady come and prepare us dinner and breakfast during the week. She even made us packed lunches. The place we stayed at was amazing. It had some of the most beautiful views my brother and I have ever seen right off the back deck. They even had a wheelchair van to pick us up at the airport and take us to the lodge. Some of the hunters got to use track chairs that went anywhere. It was really cool to see the other guys driving those around. My guide Shawn was so cool! While we were hunting we talked like we knew each other already. It made my brother and I feel very comfortable and at ease while with him. We were nervous about how everything would go but everything ran really smoothly. I definitely want to come back some day!! If you want to go out on a wonderful hunt and have one of the most Amazing times of your life, I would definitely apply to come here!! The people will take care of you like you're family and they even had a smile on their faces the whole time! It was nice meeting other hunters and their companions in my group. We all couldn't believe how awesome everything was!! I will have these memories for the rest of my life! It's something that will definitely stay with you. Thank you again Wyoming Disabled Hunters for everything you did for us and some of the most cherished memories I will always cherish! Terry Burke (PA)





I would like to say Thank You to the Wyoming Disabled Hunters organization for this amazing opportunity. I was able to harvest a great mule deer, spend a week with my dad, travel new country as well as meet many great new people from all over the US. Being in a wheelchair traveling to an unknown area for a stay is always overwhelming, once we arrived, met the staff and got into the lodge I was at ease. The lodge was easy to get around in and very accessible! If there was anything in need one just had to ask. Being from Iowa this was an awesome all-around new experience. We were able to drive around the night before the hunt to see some of the hunting areas and check things out. I was blown away by all the wildlife in the area and landscape in which we were hunting. Our companion hunters were great to hunt with, a bank of knowledge, and got some good laughs out of us. I highly recommend anyone qualifying for this to apply. WDH does a great job start to finish making this an unforgettable event. The volunteers, food, lodging and making new friends made it an experience second to none. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity and experience of a lifetime! Thank you to all who make this possible! Aaron Heying (IA)

The hunt provided by Wyoming Disabled Hunters really was a dream come true. I had never experienced an elk hunt and they truly made it special. Terry, Matt, and Jake all did such a wonderful job and made the experience unforgettable. They were accommodating, extremely kind, and they might've even wanted me to get an elk more than I did! I had never been to Wyoming and these guys really showed the best of the state not only in the natural beauty but in their kindness as well. This hunt gave me stories and an experience that I will cherish for a lifetime! **Hudson Haws (OK)** 





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The Wyoming Disabled Hunters organization has exceeded my expectations for helping make memories for those of us who are challenged with our disabilities. From the application process to the entire hunt experience I cannot thank everyone enough for this opportunity. The 2021 Wyoming antelope hunt started with introductions of staff, companion and fellow hunters and ended with new friends, new memories and a beautiful Wyoming antelope. Thanks again for all you do. **Jim Pfaff (MN)** 

