



# WYOMING DISABLED HUNTERS

— 2022 Newsletter —

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

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**YEAR 2022** was our 14th annual hunt and was one of our best yet! We hosted 19 hunters on 6 hunt slots with 100% success rate, matched only one other year besides our 2009 inaugural year. Hunts were kicked off in mid-September with our annual antelope hunt in which all 8 hunters filled the very first day. We ended September with a bull elk hunt near Meeteetse where the hunter took a monster 6-point bull, and another hunter filled his cow tag on the Nort Fork.

Late October brought another successful deer hunt in which all 6 hunters harvested with the only female hunter in the camp being the first to punch her tag with a nice whitetail buck. Concurrent with the deer hunt, we hosted a bull elk hunter on Heart Mountain; he harvested a massive 6-point bull. We finished strong with two more cow elk hunters scoring on the South Fork in November.

For the 5th year in a row, we were blessed with a commissioner's tag which was auctioned off as a very lucrative fundraiser. All proceeds went right back to funding future hunts in which we provide food and lodging for all hunters, meat processing for deer and elk, and travel assistance for qualifying hunters. This tag was issued to us again by our former board member, Ashlee Lundvall.

We are forever grateful to our local supporters. Starting with the Bull Moose Retreat which houses all of our deer and antelope hunters at a sizeable discount thus allowing them to all be together and make friendships lasting a lifetime. We also enjoy a great working relationship with Holiday Inn of Cody which housed all of our elk hunters. The Irma, Granny's and Our Place donated delicious soups to keep our hunters and guides warm and well fed. Coke and Pepsi donated drinks for our deer and antelope hunts. The cash donations from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation plus







private donors helped to fund the much-needed necessities and are truly appreciated. Alpine Medical provided lift equipment for some of our disabled hunters.

We could not provide the hunts without the continuous dedication of our many volunteers working all year round to make sure the hunts roll out smoothly. We are thankful for the house mothers who work from before dawn and well into the night keeping our hunters well fed and comfortable, to the guides/companions who show up day after day and do everything they can to make sure our hunters have their hunt-of-a-lifetime. We are forever grateful to the landowners who open up their property for us to have exclusive access during our hunts. Last but not least, our license donors who acquire licenses for our wheelchair users and veteran hunters so they don't have to worry about drawing difficult limited-quota tags.



Our founding board member, Merlyn Ballinger, has resigned from the board and is now an honorary board member. Merlyn was the catalyst behind this entire disabled hunting program starting way back in 2008. His family provided some early seed money to get it rolling. He has seen Wyoming Disabled Hunters grow from the small deer hunt with 4 hunters to the massive program that has seen over 310 hunters from many states across the country. Merlyn will continue to work with the board as our main PR person and by sharing his knowledge, wisdom and expertise to continue the hunts.

Looking ahead to next year we are encouraged that these hunts will continue to provide incredible opportunities for our disabled hunters. We cannot do it without continuing contributions and support from our community and donors, plus welcome donors across the country. Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

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