

WYOMING DISABLED HUNTERS

– 2023 Newsletter –

"Our Goal is to Provide an Affordable Hunt for Disabled Hunters"

YEAR 2023

was our fifteenth annual hunt in which we hosted a full

slate of 20 hunters on five hunting slots. We had 100% harvest success across the board for the third time in our history, and second year in a row. We got off to a strong start with our antelope hunts in which all 8 hunters harvested nice bucks. September ended with a bull elk hunt in which a young hunter took a very nice bull. Another lucky hunter filled his cow tag on the North Fork. In the last days of October, we hosted 6 deer hunters and 2 elk hunters at the same time. All 6 deer hunters also took nice bucks while both elk hunters filled their tags with cows. We wrapped up our year with two successful cow elk hunts near Cody in November.

We were fortunate to have a Game and Fish Commissioner's tag donated to us by Commissioner Ashlee Lundvall. This tag was auctioned off as a very lucrative fundraiser. Proceeds from this sale were poured right back into our program where we provide food, lodging, and meat processing plus travelexpense assistance for those qualifying hunters.

Our program's offerings and success are made possible by generous support from local donors. The Bull Moose Retreat houses our deer and antelope hunters at a substantial discount, which allows us to house together all 16 hunters and their caregivers for our two large hunts. The friendships and connections forged over these hunts is a wonderful thing to witness. The Irma and Granny's donate soups to help keep our deer hunters and guides warm and well fed at the Bull





Moose. We also appreciate our great working relationship with the Holiday Inn which houses our elk hunters at a discount. Coke and Pepsi donate drinks for our hunters. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wyoming Outdoorsmen, Yellowstone Beer Fest, Contango Resources and other cash sponsors helped fund much-needed necessities and are truly appreciated! Alpine Medical provided lift equipment to assist some of our disabled hunters and Buffalo Bill Center of the West once again offered free admission to our hunters. A young hunter, who happened to be from Cody, needed to practice shooting; the Cody Firearms Experience generously allowed this young man to practice twice at their facility at no cost, and even though Rock Springs isn't exactly local, Sportsman's Warehouse there donated lighted beanies for all our hunters.

The hunts would not be possible without the volunteer board members working year-around to ensure our hunters have their hunt-of-a-lifetime. Numerous other volunteers contribute to our program as well. We thank our Bull Moose house mothers who rise well before dawn and work well into the night to ensure that our hunters are well fed and comfortable, along with our guides who show up day after day and do everything in their power to help ensure our hunters' success. We are extremely grateful to the landowners

who open their land to us year after year, and last but not least, our license donors who turn over their licenses to our hunters who are either disabled veterans or wheelchair bound so they can join us without having to worry about drawing their own limited quota game licenses.

Looking into the future, we're encouraged that our hunts will continue to provide incredible opportunities and lifelong memories for disabled hunters. We cannot do it without continuing support and contributions from our community and donors from across the country. Thank you to everyone for your continued support!







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