

## WYOMING DISABLED HUNTERS

– 2024 Newsletter –

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

**YEAR 2024** 

our sixteenth hunt, was an awesome season! We again

hosted 20 hunters from all across the nation and had 100% success rate which is a feat we've pulled off for a third time in a row and a fourth time in our history. We kicked things off with antelope in mid-September when we hosted seven hunters who all harvested on the very first day of the hunt, leaving them plenty of time to enjoy touring Cody. We ended September with two elk hunts in which our hunters harvested a cow and a bull. October brought our return to Ten Sleep elk hunts and it was a huge success! We enjoyed an excellent collaboration with the Lazy T Ranch and the Brubaker Ranch. We are very grateful to the Lazy T Ranch for providing meals and guides for this hunt in

which our hunter took a nice bull; we look forward to a future of collaboration with both ranches. November started with our deer and elk hunts in which we hosted six deer hunters and two cow elk hunters. All eight of these hunters filled their tags and had a blast at the Bull Moose Retreat. We finished off the season with two more cow elk harvested outside of Cody.

We were again blessed with a Game and Fish Commissioner Tag from Commissioner Ashlee Lundvall. This tag was auctioned off as a very beneficial fund raiser. Its proceeds go towards future hunts in which we provide food, lodging and often meat processing, as well as travel expenses for qualifying hunters. WDH's offerings and successes are made possible by generous support from local donors. The Bull Moose Retreat housed our deer and antelope hunters at a





substantial discount providing a beautiful Wyoming setting for these fifteen hunters and their caregivers. Great memories and long-lasting friendships are made there every year. Local restaurants, Granny 's and The Irma, donated hearty soups to keep everyone warm and well fed during the chilly hunts. Pepsi and Coca-Cola donated plentiful drinks during our antelope and deer hunts. We also greatly appreciate our working relationship with Cody Legacy Inn which housed our other elk hunters at a discount. Backwards 47 Ranch processed our deer and elk accommodating our tight turn around schedule and also gave a generous discount. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation again awarded a grant, and other cash donors helped fund necessities and are much appreciated! Alpine Medical provided lift equipment to assist some of our disabled hunters, Keele Sanitation provided a closed dumpster at the Bull

Moose for both the deer and antelope hunts at no charge and Buffalo Bill Center of the West provided free admission to our hunters after their harvest. Local Restaurant, Bubba's Barbecue, provided the opening night dinner for both the deer and antelope hunts at a discount.

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The hunts could not work nor continue without the efforts of board members working and planning all year to ensure these hunts go off without a hitch. Numerous other volunteers contribute to our program as well. Our house mothers at Bull Moose Retreat work from pre-dawn and are still going well into the night ensuring our hunters are well fed and comfortable. Plus, we have dedicated guides who take our hunters out day after day doing everything they can to give our hunters the experience of a lifetime and a





successful harvest. We are extremely grateful to our landowners who open their property to us year after year. Last but not least, a big thanks to those that donate licenses for our hunters who are wheelchair bound or disabled veterans enabling them to join us without the uncertainty of having to draw their own tags.



Looking into the future, we're encouraged that our hunts will continue to provide incredible opportunities and lifelong memories for disabled hunters. We cannot offer these disabled-hunter big-game hunts without support and contributions from our community and donors from across the country. Thank you to everyone for helping us provide affordable hunts for those with disabilities!

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