



WYOMING DISABLED HUNTERS

— 2025 Newsletter —

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

YEAR 2025 was our 17th annual hunt and what a great time it was!

We hosted 20 hunters from all across the country on 6 hunts which started with the antelope hunt in mid-September when all 8 hunters harvested nice bucks on the first morning. September's elk hunts were tough this year and neither hunter filled their tag, but both had an awesome experience.

November kicked things up a notch with our annual deer hunt in which all 6 deer hunters took great bucks and were left with plenty of time to enjoy all that Cody has to offer. The Buffalo Bill Center of the West graciously provided free admission as did Heart Mountain Interpretive Center Museum. Sadly, neither of the early November elk hunters got a shot during their hunts but the two mid-November elk hunters met with success and took elk meat home to enjoy.

Funding is needed every year and WDH is grateful to have been gifted a commissioner tag in 2025 which

was auctioned off and provided the bulk of our funds. This tag was again given to our organization by commissioner Ashlee Lundvall. Generous grants were received from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and WyOutdoorsmen along with contributions from private donors. All proceeds go directly to the hunts to provide food, lodging and meat processing for all hunters, travel assistance for qualified hunters and provide for future hunts.

We are forever grateful to our many local supporters without whom our hunts could not happen. Bull Moose Retreat opens up their accessible lodge to us at a substantial discount so the antelope and deer hunters can be housed together. We also enjoy a great working relationship with the following: The Cody Hotel and The Cody Legacy Inn who discount rooms for our hunters; The Scout Inn who comped a room for one night for a hunter; The Irma and Granny's restaurants donated delicious soups to keep our hunters and volunteers warm and well fed; Coke and Pepsi donated

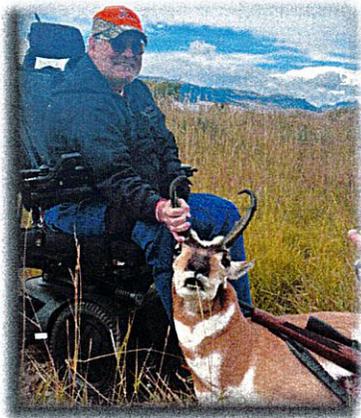




beverages and bottled water for our antelope and deer hunts; Keele Sanitation provided closed dumpsters at the Bull Moose at no cost; the Backwards 47 Ranch provided meat processing at a discount for

WDH hunters; Cody Firearms Experience donated shooting practice for a hunter at no cost.

None of this would be possible without the continuous work the WDH board members who put in countless hours all year long to make the hunts go off without a hitch. We appreciate the house mothers waking long before dawn and continuing long into the night to keep everyone well fed and comfortable. The contribution of ever important guides and companion hunters who show up day after day to take our hunters out for the experience of a lifetime - and do everything in their power to make the hunts a success - is a lifeline for WDH. We are forever grateful to the property owners who give us exclusive access for our hunters. . Also to Backward 47 Ranch processing all of our animals at a generous discount



and with a quick turn around so our hunters can bring their meat home. Last but not least are the license donors who draw tags to donate to our hunters in wheelchairs and disabled veterans so they don't have to worry about drawing these limited quota tags.

After five years as a board member plus over four years of incredible leadership, our president Terry Skinner, has resigned from the board.



His presidency saw some serious growth in hunting opportunities and equipment acquisitions most notably the fully accessible van with a wheelchair lift. Terry worked hard to find the van itself and also worked to find funding donors to cover a large portion of the cost. Terry's contributions of endless time, knowledge and organizing skills have been valuable for WDH and he will be missed!

In an exciting development, one of our previous hunters from 2019 has been inspired to start an affiliate with WDH in Pinedale, Wyoming. They had their first hunts this year and in



which the antelope hunter was successful, but the elk hunter was unable to fill his tag. We'll continue to support their efforts to grow and take even more disabled hunters on amazing big game hunts.

The future is bright for WDH. We have new opportunities in development to give even more hunters a life changing experience. We cannot do this without continuing contributions and support from our community plus donors from across the country. Thank you to everyone for supporting the WDH mission to provide affordable hunts for those with disabilities!

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