



## INFORMATION ABOUT HUNTING WITH MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY TOURS

- Excellent Elk Hunting Area - Great Success on Mature Bulls
- Large elk population - Hunter can harvest 2 elk (1 bull - 1 cow) in some hunting districts
- Licensed Montana Outfitter since 1979 - Operated in same area for the past 40 seasons
- The best, most experienced local guides with years of hunting and guiding experience in this area
- Low Client to Guide Ratio - 1 on 1 or 2 on 1 - other by special arrangements (parent - child)
- Montana's premier sportsman's Guest Lodge or comfortable backcountry camp for mountain goat
- A-1 Top Notch Equipment - Facility designed to accommodate hunters & their gear
- Strong Supporter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - 54 Donated Hunts & Trips
- RMEF Business Partners in Conservation - Gold Medallion Level - over \$150,000 net to RMEF
- 44 hunts & trips donated to Safari Club International, Mule Deer Foundation & Trout Unlimited
- Montana Outfitter and Guides Association Member - *President 2010-2011*
- Commercial Permits on National Forest, BLM and Montana State Lands
- Private Ranch Hunting - Both our ranch and neighboring ranches in Grasshopper Valley
- 6-Day Archery and Rifle elk/deer hunts & 3-Day late season rifle cow elk hunts
- Filmed hunts airing on TV with Stan Potts / Gore-Tex Outdoors, Cameron Hanes / Elk Chronicles, Chris Bracket / Arrow Affliction, Bill Goreman / LL Bean Guide to Adventure, Blake Shelton / RMEF Team Elk, Greg Stube / Coming Home With Greg Stube

## A LITTLE ABOUT OUR HUNTING OPERATION

Our ranch is located in the upper Grasshopper Valley between the East and West Pioneer Mountains of Southwest Montana. We have the exclusive outfitting permits to approximately 196,000 acres of National Forest, 15,000 acres of BLM and 2,500 acres of Montana State Lands in hunting districts 329, 331 and 332. This area consistently produces some of the heaviest horned bull elk taken in Montana each year; it also has good numbers of deer, antelope, black bear, moose and mountain goat. In addition to our public lands hunting, we also hunt a couple private ranches in the valley. We completed construction of our new guest lodge on our ranch in July of 2003. It is one of the finest facilities you will find anywhere at any price! Where ever the game is, we have the permits and experience to get you there. Our average success rate on elk for the past three seasons is; 75% archery and 70% rifle. We are nearly 100% on shot opportunity during both seasons. Wolves? The Federal Wildlife Service conducts aerial wolf eradication in our area. So we have little to no wolf issues unlike other areas of Montana; and our continued high success rate speaks to that.

Our families have been hunting this same area for 3 generations! We've been outfitting in this area for 40 years; that's over *2800 days of guiding big game hunters in the same area!* This gives you a real advantage in taking your trophy. Our guides have been guiding for us for an average of 21 years! **If you are serious about your hunting, then you have found the right outfitter!**

## HOW TO BOOK YOUR HUNT & GET YOUR LICENSE

Fill out our hunting reservation with MHC. Once we have received your reservation we will assist you through the licensing procedure which can be done by paper application or electronically online. We help our hunting clients with understanding and using preference points or bonus points, as well as making all license and special permit applications.

- **The deadline for applying for Elk - Deer is March 15<sup>th</sup>** (note...If you missed the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline call us to see if there are still licenses.)

- **Moose - Mountain Goat - Bighorn Sheep is May 1<sup>st</sup> and all other special permits are June 1<sup>st</sup>**

The price of the nonresident Big Game Combo (elk / deer) license is \$1061., the Elk Combo (elk only) license was \$905., the Deer Combo (deer only) license was \$639 and the Youth Combo (elk/deer) license was \$531. All of these are considered combination licenses as they include conservation, state lands, upland bird, season fishing, base hunting license and AISPP fee.



## **FYI - Additional Montana Licensing Information**

- **Preference Point System:** This is for nonresident elk and deer licenses ONLY. Through this licensing process, the state will recognize those with the highest points and licenses will be awarded to applicants from highest preference point to the lowest until the licenses are sold out. 75% of the licenses available will go to the pool of applicants with preference points and 25% of the licenses will be available to folks without. The law states that applicants can buy a preference point each year for \$50 when applying for their license. In the event an applicant fails to draw a license, a preference point will automatically be given. Party applications of up to 5 will be accepted and fractured points will be counted. We will manage all the record keeping for our clients from our office.
- **Bonus Point System:** This is for both resident and nonresident alike and for ALL special permits. A bonus point simply places your name in the drawing one additional time.
- **Squaring System:** This is for both resident and nonresident alike and for ALL preference points or bonus points. As you can see the combination of these two systems will help applicants achieve their licenses quickly.
- **Opt Out System:** **Important - This does not apply to our area as you do not have to draw a special permit to hunt elk here.** In Montana a hunter who plans on hunting a limited permit area for elk, must apply for a LICENSE and a special PERMIT. Hunters who are unsuccessful in drawing the PERMIT could then turn their LICENSE back into the state for a refund. Hunters could elect to keep the deer portion of a Big Game Combo license and return the elk portion for a \$405 refund or they could choose to have their entire license refunded. When a hunter elects to keep the deer portion of a big game combo license the elk portion is then sold to nonresident applicants on the alternate list. This creates additional opportunity for nonresidents to get an elk license in a second license sale.
- **Nonresident Youth Combination License:** Youth must be at least 12 and under 18 years of age with a sponsor who is a natural or adoptive parent, grandparent or adult brother, or sister who also holds a current resident or nonresident general deer or elk license. The youth must hunt with the license sponsor. There is no limit to these licenses which are sold at ½ the cost of the nonresident Big Game Combination license.
- **Nonresident - Montana Native Hunting License:** These licenses are available at substantially reduced prices for purchase only from an FWP office beginning March 1. They include: General Elk \$80, General Deer \$64 and Upland Bird \$30. To qualify you must: 1) provide a birth certificate verifying your birth in Montana, or you were born to parents who were residents of Montana; 2) proof of possessing a previous Montana resident hunting or fishing license, or proof of passage of Montana's hunter education course; and 3) proof that you are a nonresident relative of a Montana resident who is your natural or adoptive sibling, child or parent. To obtain a license, applications must be submitted in person to any FWP office.