



INFORMATION ABOUT HUNTING WITH MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY

- 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 Outfitters
- 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)
- A-1 Top Notch Equipment - Facility designed to accommodate hunters & their gear
- Montana Outfitter and Guides Association Member
- Commercial Permits on National Forest, BLM and Montana State Lands
- Private Ranch Hunting - Both our ranch and neighboring ranches in Grasshopper Valley

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. Our guest lodge 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 OUTFITTERS - BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

Aaron Smith - Licensed Montana Outfitter #44108

Roddy Reynolds - Licensed Montana Outfitter #44120

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 though 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 31

- Moose - Mountain Goat - Bighorn Sheep is May 1 and all other special permits are June 1

Out of state licenses and tags are included in our hunting prices. Hunting prices can be found at www.mhct.com.



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 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 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.