

**Please no more than 4 hunters call I only have 4 vouchers for this hunt they are very difficult to get, and I was only able to get 4. Possibly I can get some for next year but I don't know for certain at this time.**













Hunt ID: UT-MDEERELK-E3NOGD-O1OC-FFJE-@8010

**Welcome to the best of the west, a western mule deer hunting** in a special conservation managed Prime deer location in the North West Corner of Utah. The hunt can be low impact, medium Impact or high Impact Hunters. This is why in the eastern states they say, "My lifelong dream is to hunt out west for mule deer or elk." Well this is 36,000 acres of prime private Mule deer country and you are on a 160 plus Trophy Mule deer hunt. If you wonder what the plus is it can be about anything in these two ranches.

The question is will I tag out, and the answer is yes if you can shoot. This area is specifically managed to produce Mule deer and it is a successful conservation effort that has been very successful and this project exceptional successful.

The other success we have is our hunters on tagging out every year.

We currently have a unique long time returning clientele. They have hunted and killed deer every year which is great. Now they know what id here and want to hold off for something bigger each year, even at the risk of not filling. These are the only ones that sometimes don't fill. It is not that they didn't see anything, or missed shots; it is just that they passed waiting for something much, much bigger.

### **Your Hunt Detailed**

Our guides are well trained and have year of experience on the mountain. The terrain is all prime deer habitat and with the migrations in the west they move from the highlands to the lowlands from September to November. The mountain top where wee hunt is about 9500 feet with cliffs and aspens with some spruce trees sprinkled like pepper on the north slopes. Working down ward you will be greeted by sage brush plains and rolling hills as the timber and aspen quakies thin out and the brush along with more open country pushes the high altitude vegetation away. Mountain mahoganies give way to Bitter brush and the whole picture of the land scape breaks way to a new word as you approach the bottom at about 4500 Feet. Now keep in mind that not all of the mule deer migrate so that is why we can find deer at any altitude most of the year.

This just looks like bushes, plants and trees but to the deer it is so much more. Many are born, live and die on this ranch so they must survive many years of summer and winters. In the spring the ones that migrate are at the 9000 foot level , enjoying the brisk mornings as the winter snows melt away,.; The spring growth is green, crisp and full of water from the snow melt. As the summer comes in many of these plants and bushes lose their soft tender qualities as they mature, the new growth forbes ten to be the point of attention for the bachelor herds of Mule Deer enjoying the easy life and the safety of each other's alertness.

Late summer turns into early fall and the bucks tend to stay in groups of the same age group if at all possible. The bucks still don't want anything to do with the does and the screaming babies that the does had that spring.

As September meets the calendar on the mountain as a rule if you spot a buck there are others close by as they have been all summer. Usually there are other bucks of similar size with him. This is a great time to take a big buck because 1 buck can hide from your guided and your scanning binoculars checking every dark spot and cranny. The guides spotting scope will sort the deer from the "Deer Bush" that looks so much like the prior.



**Remember this is your hunt not the guides hunt**

With a bachelor herd on the mountain all you have to do is spot one and with enough intense focus you will find his compadres as well. Of course your target is the biggest one but as a rule we let them pass if they are 160 or less, but the guide is at your disposal if you see something smaller you are free to say you want that buck and the hunt is on. As a rule it is a downwind stalk to a point that provides visibility that is within range for your rifle. Prior to this it is just glassing from a 4 wheel drive truck. Now here when you select a deer and go after it, is where the hunt becomes Low, medium or high impact. It has a lot to do with the terrain that you find the buck in at that time.

**Rifle Recommendation**

We always recommend your scope sighted rifle be sighted in at 200 yards before you leave home. Bring 2 boxes of ammunition with you so that if you drop your rifle during the hunt or if the baggage handlers play volley ball with your gun case you have enough ammo to re-sight it in before your hunt. Let the outfitter know of the possible problem so he can make arrangement back at the lodge because no additional shooting is allowed on the mountain unless a deer is the target.

We recommend using a 270 or larger rifle with a 3x9 or 4-12 power scope for the best combination to take the buck you pursue. These deer not only have big antlers but are big bodied as well. It takes a solid to put them down to where they will stay down and not slip away wounded. Most shots will be 150 yards ton 300 yards so practice at those distances at a paper pie plate. A buck’s chest is about 18” x 18”.

When approaching your deer touch his eye with the end of your rifle barrel. It will confirm if he is down for the count. If he blinks the hunt is not over, he is still alive. Consult with your guide where to shoot again if need be, depending if you will want the cape for mounting at a later date or not. Your guide will clean the buck and the two or three of you will work together to get your buck back to the truck you will be hunting in.

**Lodging**

The lodge consists of a lounge, eating area and such. There are rooms there but because of late night and early preparation the hunters are usually house in bunk houses with 1 bed to a room for better sleeping and privacy. There are separate showers, electricity and showers.

**Pricing**

This outfitter only takes a maximum of 6 hunters at a time with 3 guides.

- 1 on 1 guiding is available for \$ 5600 discounted down to only..... \$4295
- 2 on 1 guiding is available for \$ 5000 discounted down to only..... \$3495
- 1 Non-Hunting Guest ride along during the hunt \$ 1000 discounted down to only..... \$ 500

**Vouchers for Licenses**

Every hunt comes with a required Landowner Voucher that allows the hunter to get licenses for this high quality well managed private property. After the 50% deposit booking the outfitter will call you and answer any questions you may have. At that time he will mail you an open voucher

so that you can go online and get your license which is \$ 355 and it will be mailed to the outfitter so it is there when you arrive for your hunt automatically.

A combo Deer and Elk hunt is not available with this hunt at this time. The area that you will be hunting is premium Mule deer habitat, not premium Elk habitat to make this the best deer hunting possible.

Meat processing will be available near where you will be hunting basically north of Ogdon, Utah and south of the Idaho state line. Ogdon is a place on the map everyone can find. There will be meat processing as well as a taxidermist available in the area where you will be hunting.

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