







Hunt ID: 5053-S-C-1395-ElkMDEER-CO-021-J1G-S1RC-A1RKM-Cabin Private & Public Land

The ultimate for the DIY Hunter, great lodging surrounds by private property that is surrounded by BLM that is difficult to access in this area except from this property. Bring your **horses or 4 wheelers** with you. The area behind the lodge gets very little pressure which is the way you want it. Although it is BLM it is so difficult to access any other way you will seldom if ever see another hunter. If you do he walked a long, long way to get there but most likely you had breakfast with him that morning. The lodge is tucked back in a canyon surrounded by a mature thick forest and broken mixture s of brush and short trees, along with open pasture areas. As far as the lodge details as you can see it is a modern house except it uses a solar for the 110 electricity and a generator if needed on a cloudy day. Some of the pictures show the quality lodging it provides. The well is connected to the power in the house as well as the gas range so the water is constant and always available, it is also winterized in case you get some cold nights. There is plenty of wood, chopped and stacked for the fireplace to use as you need. For those that like

trout for dinner the ponds and the creek both have trout. We would like to have it catch and release except for the ones that you will be eating during your stay.

There are trails to ride your ATV to where you want to hunt or you can even hunt on horses and use the deluxe corral system for keeping them when you are not hunting with them, no hobbles required.

You will be hunting elk and mule deer. If you have licenses in your pocket for both then you can shoot both and a cow elk as well. Regarding combo hunting it is available and there is no charge for the extra animals but you do need to purchase the additional licenses from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The combo hunt could provide you with a Bull Elk, a Cow elk, and a Buck Mule Deer. You will be hunting in **GMU021** north of Grand Junction on Highway 139. This is a semi-guided hunt where the caretaker provides you with a map of the area that provides the location of key areas to hunt and areas to stay out of which are 2 other properties that are fenced and miles away. She has a long-time experience in the area, of hunting and guiding the area but she will not hunt with you just point out the areas on the map and explain some of the Lodge details like electricity and water shutoffs and such. The standard for hunting is the traditional spot and stalk, for the best results cover as much ground as possible you have thousands of acres available to you. Horses and ATV are permitted. To be on the BLM with the 4 wheelers you do need a \$ 15 permit from the park service that you can get on line prior to your hunt on line or the day before you hunt in Grand Junction.

The group size is a Maximum of 4 which even allows 2 more non-hunting guests preferably wives. The minimum is 2.

Pricing for the 5 day hunt is \$ 2500 each but has been discounted down to only \$ 1395 for archery and Muzzleloader and \$ 1495 for rifle hunting.

The hunt can be a minimal impact or a high impact hunt depending on your transportation vehicle, legs, horse legs or ATV's.

The best hunting season for elk since the elk stay there during the summer, and migrate down to lower ground when the snow gets deep with the bigger bulls being the last to leave is September, October and through the 4th season, as long a heavy snow doesn't push them out before 4th season. Refunds are available for the 4th season if the owner deems the snow is too deep to hunt.

As for deer, hunting them anytime in September and October and the 3rd season in November is good. Because of the point restriction on drawing the licenses they are very easy to get close enough for a shot. Also the 4x4 without brow tines and 5x5 if they do have brow tines is a chance of what you end up taking home because of the high number of mature bucks in the area.

Since it is a point draw area for Mule deer the 150-200 class if you are willing to work for it. In September and October the bucks tend to be in bachelor herds while in November during the 3rd season the rut is starting and if you find does they usually have a buck with them.

Elk are there but not in extremely high concentrations, the best plan is to cover a lot of country to locate them, then spot and stalk them. There is a 4 point restriction, detailed in the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Proclamation or hunting guide book. Please have a copy of it with you at the Lodge so that you know all of the rules.

This is 80 acres of private land but back access to thousands of BLM that can be difficult to access any other way. There are only two other property owners in the area and they have their private property fenced off. The map provided by the caretaker will outline the private areas and some other notable areas. It is highly recommended that you carry a GPS or at least a compass on the property. There is a lot of ground that no one else ever gets to, so you always want to know where you are. Because of the lack of hunting pressure the deer are very trusting, the elk as well but not as much as the deer.

The property has 2 ponds for year around water sources and there are a number of creeks in the area.



**Archery Season Go in on Sunday and come out on a Saturday (Break between 2 groups)
5 day hunt with 1 day (Saturday) in and 1 day (Sunday) out (season start 8/26)
Season Dates are as follows:**

Sunday	Saturday
1st week 08/26-09/02	Archery*
2st Week 09/03-09/09	Archery
3nd week 09/10-09/16	Muzzleloader/Archery
4th week 09/17-09/24	Archery*

- **Note: Because season dates and the days of the week don't align perfectly so the First week has a 1 day earlier and the last week has 1 extra day on the end.**

1st Season 10/14--18
2nd Season 10/21-29
3rd Season 11/04-12
4th Season 11/15-19

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Preference Points required drawing a license

Elk Archery licenses as well as 2nd and 3rd season bull license are available over the counter and unlimited if purchased before opening day of the specific season. Muzzleloader, 1st and 4th rifle are a draw but with the exception of muzzleloader is a 100% draw.

Season **Non-Resident** points required/ **Resident** points required

ELK

All Seasons	0	0
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Deer licenses require points and the number can change each year.

Season **Non-Resident** points required/ **Resident** points required

2 nd Season	8	3
3 rd season	19	10
Muzzleloader	8	3
Archery	7	2

Hunter Success rate for **GMU021**

Animal	Archery	Muzzleloader	Rifle seasons Combined
Buck Deer	33%	63%	84%
Bull Elk	14%	15%	17%

Hunter success is the old story. For the hunters that get out and spend the time on the mountain instead of sitting in the lodge do well. Then again for the hunter that spends their days in the lodge, not so well.

The lodge is so comfortable it is easy to stay in all day and forget what you are up there for anyway.

Vouchers available and cost are negotiable requesting \$5000 for a public land and a private land only voucher. Private Land Only and one any land. The vouchers are always negotiable but are held by the caretaker so the negotiations for those vouchers are out of our control.

For supplies Rangeley is the closest town and has grocery stores, a sporting goods store. Then the Grand Junction direction it has everything including a Walmart and a gunsmith.

Items of Mention.

There are a total of 2 neighbors with fenced property, one neighbor with 240 acres of fenced property to the South East do not go on his property. Be aware of the neighbors fenced in property. If you leave the 80 acres you will be on BLM unless you cross over a fence. If you do cross over the neighbors and the game wardens will have full authority over you. If you shoot something and it goes over the fence into 1 of the two neighbor's property, go to the front entrance and as permission to go get your elk. If they deny you access call the Colorado Parks and wildlife and as for an office to assist you in retrieving your animal that was shot on BLM and jumped the fence into their private. Don't go in until you have made the correct contacts first.

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