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***Quality Trophy Big Game Hunts, Pack Trips with Majestic Views & Fantastic Fishing***  
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**Cameron and his record season late bull.**

# WELCOME

**B**oulder Basin Outfitters offers wilderness horseback adventures and fly-fishing trips throughout Northwest Wyoming, including Yellowstone National Park. Explore the beautiful Washakie Wilderness near

Cody, or the pristine Wind River Range out of DuBois. Travel through breathtaking beauty of the Bridger-Tetons and Jackson Hole. Adventure through Yellowstone National Park on horseback and take in everything this

amazing place has to offer. Let our professional, experienced staff and gentle horses and mules carry you and your family or friends to a piece of heaven on Earth. With over 30 years of back-country guiding and fly-fishing experience,

BBO owner, Carl Sauerwein will work with his crew to make sure you have one of the best vacations ever. We look forward to riding with you.  
~Happy Trails!  
*Carl Sauerwein*



# Pack Trips & MORE



We offer a wide variety of trips to fit your abilities and desires. The trips offered range from 2 to 10 days. You can do a base camp trip and explore the region around your camp or do a progressive trip and travel to several new campsites during your trip. Travel on horseback up mountain valleys and across vast mountain passes; the beauty will take your breath away. Then relax at camp next to some of the most pristine lakes and rivers in the lower 48 states. We ride an average of 4-5 hours per day and cover between 10-15 miles per day.

Our camps are clean and comfortable. Sleeping tents are made of waterproof canvas and cots are provided; just bring your personal gear, sleeping bag and sleeping pad. Latrines are available at every camp site as well as a solar shower. Canvas flies and tarps offer shade from the sun and shelter from the occasional rain shower. Sit around the campfire and enjoy the camaraderie of friends and family. Cooks prepare meals over the fire and on propane stoves and food is served buffet-style. Enjoy entrées like steaks, fajitas, spaghetti and pork tenderloin for dinner, along with sides and dessert. Breakfasts are hearty and include bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, casseroles and biscuits and gravy. Sack lunches and appetizers are also a part of the meal plan, so you'll never go hungry!

## FLY FISHING

We offer fly-fishing adventures on some of the most pristine backcountry waters in Northwest Wyoming. Fly or spin fish rivers, streams and lakes for Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Golden or Rainbow Trout. Our knowledgeable guides and staff will assist you in having one of the greatest fishing adventures of your life. Gentle horses will take you and your gear in to the backcountry where the camp will be set next to fabulous blue-ribbon trout streams and lakes. These trips are for the beginner and advanced fisherman alike. If you already know how to fish, we will get you to the water and let you fish! Of course, we are always nearby to take pictures of those big fish you catch! If you have never fly-fished before or need some instruction, our guides will teach you all you need to know in order to become a seasoned fly-fisherman! We highly recommend catch-and-release fishing. Warning-this sport will become addicting if it isn't already!



Summer camp.

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK TRIPS

We are excited to announce that we have acquired a special permit that gives us access to some of the most beautiful and unseen areas of Yellowstone National Park. We are now able to offer you one of our epic adventures inside one of the most fascinating and dynamic National Parks in the world. Explore Yellowstone off the beaten path, away from the crowds. Enjoy the same luxuries we offer on our regular trips but spend your vacation with us touring the unseen beauties and wonders of Yellowstone National Park.

## Horse Supported Backpacking

If you want to explore the wilderness on your own two feet, but need a little help with your gear, we have you covered! We will pack your gear and food in on horses, plus set up a nice camp for you. We offer the same great meals and services as our horseback trips. We can travel as little or as far as you would like to go! You will enjoy the quietness of the mountains and exploring the wilderness with friends or family. We will meet you at per-arranged destinations where camp will be waiting for you. These trips vary from 2 to 10 days. GPS required.



Big Yellowstone Cutthroat





Going over the Buffalo Plateau. (Photo by Kate Richardson)

# TOP QUALITY HUNTS

## BIGHORN SHEEP GOATS & MOOSE

Bighorn sheep are one of the most prestigious animals to hunt in Wyoming. Many hunters spend years gathering preference points. We understand that this is a once in a lifetime tag and do everything in our power to ensure the best possible hunt for you. Our guides are proven veteran sheep hunters who live and breathe the sport. We hunt Areas 1 thru 5 in Northwest Wyoming. These areas are likely to take 20+ points to draw. We access these areas with horses and mules to our spike camps. Hunts are 10 days long and you will be accompanied by your guide and a cook/wrangler. We only have a limited number of openings so call today to get your hunt scheduled.

We also offer Shiras moose and Rocky Mountain goat hunts. Our moose hunts are done in Area 11. There is a very limited number of tags available, and it will take 18+ points to draw. These hunts are done from horse-back. We will either day hunt or spike camp for moose in to areas where we commonly see bull moose.

Goat hunts are done in areas 1 and 3; both hunt areas have a high concentration of goats and success is high. Goat licenses are once in a life time. We hunt with horses and mules from a spike camp.

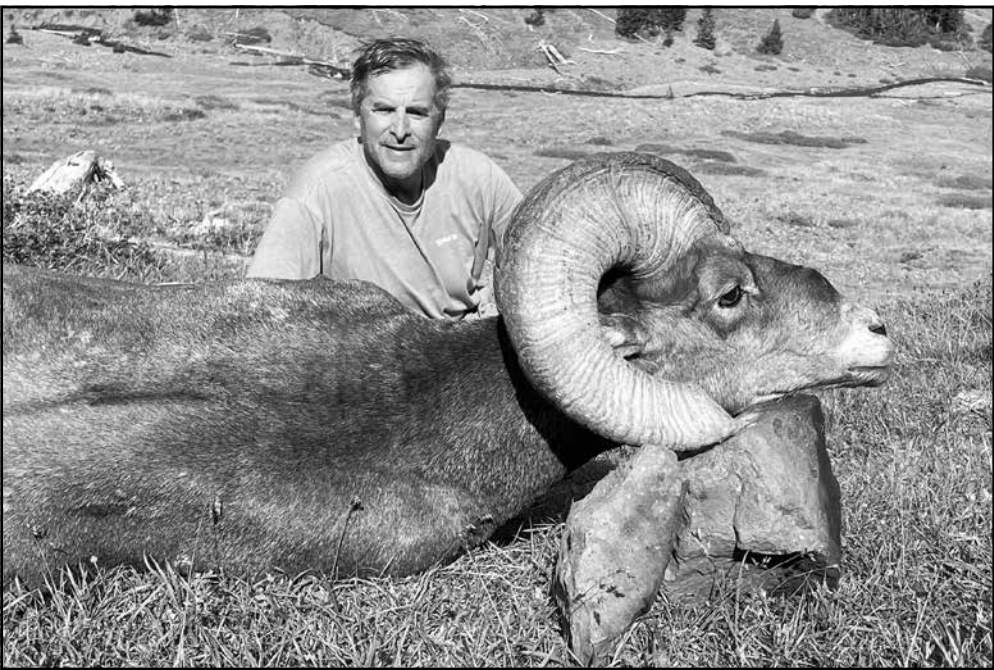
## COW ELK

We offer cow hunts from our wilderness camp and from our ranch house. These horse-back hunts are 3 or 4 days in length, depending on hunt location, and offer a great hunting opportunity as well as a chance to harvest some

of the leanest, healthiest meat around. If you are interested in a cow hunt, we can get you set up with some hunt dates. The season typically runs October through December. Groups are welcome, please contact us for more information.



Chris with his late season cow.



Paul and his beautiful Wyoming ram.



Chip and Riley with a nice archery bull.

## ARCHERY ELK

We offer three, 7-day archery elk hunts during the month of September. The dates are September 3rd-9th, September 12th- 18th and September 21st - 27th. These hunts are very productive with a lot of action. We average 90%+ opportunity, with a 33% kill rate across the board. (State average is 12- 15% kill rate). These are pack-in

hunts on horses to our wilderness tent camp. (Please see section, “Our Camps”, for the accommodations.) We take 4 archery hunters per week, so space is limited. If you think this is something you would like to try give us a call. Typically, these hunts are 1 on 1, but you may request 2 on 1 if you have a buddy you are hunting with.



# TOP QUALITY HUNTS

## LATE SEASON BULLS

If you are looking for a truly big bull, these are the hunts you want to get in on. Most of these areas will require max points to draw, and if successful, you will have a chance at a huge bull. We are hunting some of the largest bull-producing areas in the state and we pride ourselves on these hunts, using our 33+ years of knowledge to find the

best bulls possible. Over the past years, our clients have enjoyed the success of harvesting big bulls, some of which have been the top award-winning bulls taken in the state of Wyoming. If you have points in Wyoming, give us a call to see if we can get you entered in one of these great areas. The areas we hunt are 54, 56, 58, and 59.



Ben’s late season bull.



Vanessa with her late season bull.

## RIFLE HUNTS



Logan and his general season bull



Scott with a great bull.

We offer three, 7-day rifle elk hunts from our wilderness tent camp in Boulder Basin. These hunts provide the hunter with plenty of opportunities at 5 and 6-point bull elk that will score 280 and up. We have a large resident herd of elk as well as being on

the main migration trail out of the Thorofare and Yellowstone National Park. We take 18-20 rifle hunters per year. We have a comfortable 85% kill rate and an average score around 310”. These hunts are 2 on 1, but you may request 1 on 1 for an additional fee.



Jeremy and guide Clayton with a nice general season bull.



# PHOTO GALLERY



Jeremy and guides, Carl and Owen with a record book bull.



Mark's 2023 bull.



Nice mule deer buck.



Trailing horses back to camp.



Adam and an awesome general season bull.



# TOP QUALITY HUNTS

## MULE DEER AND ANTELOPE

We offer several 5-day deer hunts from our ranch house, starting October 23rd and running through November 6th. Wyoming Game and Fish has been adjusting dates, so this time frame could change. We also have a new, limited quota area that we hunt, and that season runs November 1st through November 20th. If you draw this license, we will suggest a hunt date for you, to give you the best chance to hunt top-quality bucks in our area, during the early rut. We access the wilderness and hunt areas on horses to hunt for the day, returning to the ranch at night. Most of the areas we hunt are general, but do offer some limited quota areas. We also offer a wilderness tent camp hunt from our Boulder Basin camp; this is a 7-day hunt. We offer two of these hunts, October 16th through October 22nd and October 29th through November 4th. On average, we harvest 4 and 5-point buck deer, that score 150 to 170 inches, and our success rates average 85-90%.

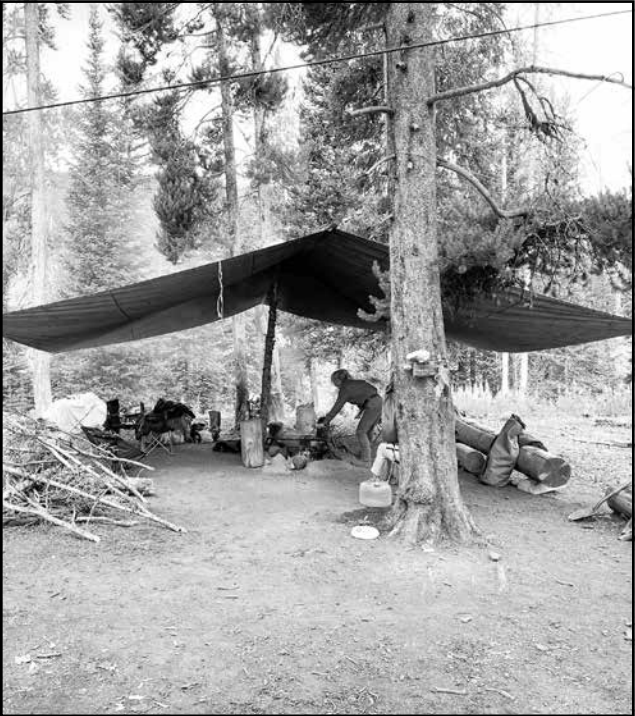
We have multiple antelope areas we hunt around the state of Wyoming. Some of these areas are very difficult to draw and others are easy. We will discuss with you to see what options work best for you. These hunts are 3 days in length and we hunt from 4-wheel drives and ATVs. Lodging options may vary depending on which area you draw. These are highly successful hunts for mature buck antelope.

## OUR CAMPS

Our summer camps consist of waterproof canvas tipi tents that have sidewalls and cots. We have a cook fly where the cook prepares wonderful meals. Our large BS fly is a great place for guests to visit next to the campfire or find shelter in the event of an occasional rain shower. We also have the comforts of a latrine and an available solar shower. Foldable camp chairs add to the comfort while sitting around the fire.

Our cook prepares buffet-style meals over both a fire and a gas stove. Afternoon appetizers are served daily, along with dessert to top off the evening meal.

Our hunting camp consists of a 16 x 40-foot tent where we eat and socialize. The sleeping tents are 10 x 12-foot canvas tents with cots and a wood stove. We also have a latrine and solar shower for your convenience and comfort. Our cook prepares and serves family-style meals with all the fixings. You will be hard-pressed to find a better meal at a five-star restaurant!



Camp kitchen.



Matt Kunkel late season deer.

## CARL'S CORNER

I would like to start by giving a sincere thank you to our BBO clients that have supported us over the years. Without you, we would not be who we are or where we are at. We appreciate the opportunity to share our love for the great Wyoming outdoors with you.

We were expecting another busy year in 2023, as our bookings were ahead of 2022 at the beginning of the year, and that's what we had! 2023 was packed full of trips exploring all Northwest Wyoming. Most of our employees returned and we even had a few come back after taking some time off. One thing I have noticed over the years is the relationships we build with our employees; they are lasting ones that I am extremely grateful for. I am so very blessed to have strong, competent, fun, and reliable employees.

The summer months were filled with two strings running pack trips and fishing trips. The weather was the wettest I can ever remember, with long periods of extremely heavy rain. I ran one string with Clayton, Jason, and Tamera. The second string was led by Etta, with Riley, Lucas, and Jack. We had many returning guests as well as new guests. We also had several outdoor organizations send us groups of outdoor enthusiasts. The Sisterhood of the Outdoors has been doing trips with us for 10 years and we had a great group of ladies this year. Blue Ribbon Fly Company out of West Yellowstone brought us some adventurous fly-fisherman and new to us this year was, Her Wilderness, also sent us some wonderful ladies. We are thankful for these relationships and appreciate their business.

We were expecting another strong and busy hunting season but unfortunately the draw results were not as good for us. We only drew half of our normal clients. The preference-point totals jumped one full point, making hunters need 5 points to have 100% draw odds in the special elk draw. Even with our hunter numbers down, we were busy and had great success. In September and

early October, we had beautiful weather, but mid-October hit and our first big snow came; it dumped a whopping 40 inches overnight! The employees did a great job keeping the snow shoveled off the tents; it was an exhausting, around-the-clock process. This was also a struggle for the horses as they had to work extra hard when turned out to travel and find forage. After the storm broke, the elk started moving and our local elk migrated. We were left waiting for more elk to move into the area. True to Wyoming weather, 5 days later we had bare ground again and the elk that migrated in decided to stay instead of moving through.

Deer season was solid, with most everyone having an opportunity. Our best deer of the season came in the late season. Late elk season was incredible again. We had three Area 59 hunters and harvested three big bulls, two of them making the record books. The migrating elk herds look strong for the future. Our last hunter of the year had a Commissioner's Tag in Area 56. She was only able to hunt for a few days, but we found a respectable bull for her and fulfilled a lifelong dream.

To add to our busy year, we had a couple of projects here at the ranch that we worked on. One was upgrading the electricity on our property and the other was upgrading both of our irrigations systems. These projects took most of my time and energy throughout the spring and early summer. We also decided to install a pivot for easier and more efficient irrigation. This will have many benefits for us going forward as we need to produce large quantities of hay to feed our 65-plus head of horses who work hard (and eat a lot) to keep our business operating!

All in all, 2023 was a great season with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. We are now early into 2024. This year looks like another busy adventure, as we are mostly booked and are super excited for what lies ahead. Hope to see you on the trails ahead.

Carl Sauerwein



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are booking our general season elk camp 3 to 4 years out. If you are interested in a spot, we highly recommend you contact us to discuss dates, put a \$500 deposit down on the hunt (check, money order, credit card), accompanied by a reservation form; this can be found on our website. Please read through and fill out this form carefully. This is the only way to secure a spot with us. If

you apply for, draw a license, and then call us to book a spot, we probably will not have an opening for you. We offer our hunts on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you book a spot with us for elk, deer or antelope, you MUST purchase preference points to ensure you will draw the year you have secured a spot for with your deposit. Please contact us if you have any questions or need help and we will instruct you on how

to do this. A minimum of 4 points for general season elk, 1 point for deer and 5 points for antelope. We also highly recommend travel insurance; this will protect you if you are unable to come on your hunt and must cancel after you’ve drawn your license. There are several choices available. If you are a member of S.C.I, they have a travel insurance option, A.I.G Travel Guard also has plans as well as Ripcord. One

thing I can not express enough is physical fitness. This is a horse-back hunt in the Rocky Mountains, so doing some physical fitness prior to your hunt will greatly increase your odds of harvesting an animal. We also recommend riding some before your hunt, so you are more comfortable on a horse. We have a rider weight restriction of 275 pounds for the safety of clients and horses.

## EMPLOYEES

As always, I would like to thank my hard-working crew for such an amazing season. Our summer trips and fall hunts would not be possible without the dedication and tireless effort of all my employees. My guides, wranglers, cooks and camp jacks work long and busy days to ensure guests are well taken care of and horses are healthy and ready to work. As with many seasonal businesses, we had some employee turnover as some of our crew decided to try other ventures. We wish them the best! In addition to a phenomenal veteran staff, we were extremely fortunate to have a few new employees join the BBO crew in 2023. Etta Nelson returned this year to guide her own string; she did a tremendous job! She also wrangled in hunting camp. Returning to guide as well were Jonathan Sheets, Ken Klemm, Clayton Bice (also a wrangler), Shawn Jones, Mike Melnar, Royce Shively, Owen Haers, and Riley Haers. Riley, our youngest guide, amazed us with his keen ability to navigate the mountains, both on the summer trips and in hunting season-he’s a natural! We are so fortunate to have this crew and their experience and great attitudes! Our guides made sure our clients had a great and successful trip. Helping with wrangling and packing were Jason Walker and Lucas Shapiro. They did a fantastic job ensuring our horses were taken care of and our camps were well maintained for our guests to enjoy. They worked tirelessly from

start to finish of our trips. Our cooks did a super job preparing and serving meals to our guests. Tamera Bardenwerper returned this year, working as hard as ever, cooking great food, and helping with our horses. Army Veteran, Jack Feemster joined us again and wowed our guests with his home-cooked meals, Dutch-oven specials, and campfire stories! Kate Richardson returned this year and cooked on some pack trips, a sheep hunt and the late season hunts at the ranch. It was good to have her back and as always, her food was fantastic. We also added a new cook to our crew, Doug Sprado. Doug joined us and filled in at the end of our pack trip season; he did a fantastic job. Jeanne Ballinger returned as our hunting camp cook and did an excellent job as usual, feeding our hunters hot, home-cooked meals after a cold day on the mountain. I would also like to thank my wife, Marisa Sauerwein, for her hard work and dedication back at the ranch. She handled food prep, transportation, and feeding, care, and maintenance of our livestock, which was a major undertaking in and of itself. I’d like to give thanks again to Marisa’s parents, Ron and Maureen Clary. They helped us navigate the logistics of transporting guests and vehicles to different trailheads. I appreciate their help more than I can express. Again, I’d like to extend my sincerest gratitude to every one of my employees for their hard work, and we look forward to a wonderful and exciting 2024!



Jarod and guide Riley with a nice buck deer.



Greg with a nice buck.

## APPLICATIONS

We will do your application for you via the Game & Fish portal on line. This assures us that the application is completed correctly and submitted by the deadline. We will contact you

to do your license application over the phone. Elk license applications are accepted the month of January only. Draw results will be available via website on May 21st. Preference

points only may be purchased via the website July 1st- October 31st. Wyoming Game & Fish website: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov>



## PREFERENCE POINTS

If you are planning to hunt with us in the future, you will need a minimum of 4-5 preference points. You will be able to purchase one preference point per year. If you do not do this, you will NOT have a chance to draw a license.

**Elk:** January 1 - January 31.  
**Deer:** January 1 - May 31.  
**Antelope:** January 1 - May 31.  
**Moose:** January 1 - February 28.  
**Big Horn Sheep:** January 1- February 28.  
**Mountain Goat:** January 1 - February 28.  
**Preference Points only:** may be purchased July 1 - October 31.

**2024 Nonresident Special License Fees**  
**Bull Elk:** \$1965\*  
**Cow Elk:** \$303\*

## OTHER APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Deer:** \$1215\*  
**Antelope:** \$1215\*  
**Moose:** \$2767\*  
**Big Horn Sheep:** \$3017\*  
**Mountain Goat:** \$2767  
(These prices do NOT include preference points.)

\* Some areas have reduced price licenses for female animals.





Joanne’s 2023 bull.



Joseph and a beautiful bull.

# 2024 PRICES & HUNT DATES

## ARCHERY ELK HUNTS (1 on 1)

September 3-9 .....	\$8000.00
September 12-18 .....	\$8000.00
September 21-27 .....	\$8000.00
2 on 1.....	\$7300.00

## GUN ELK HUNTS (2 ON 1)

September 30-October 6 (7-day hunt).....	\$8000.00
October 8-14 (7-day hunt).....	\$8000.00
October 16-22*(7-day hunt).....	\$8000.00
1 on 1 price for all hunts.....	\$9400.00
<i>*(combined with Deer or Antelope \$500 extra)</i>	

## LATE BULL ELK HUNTS

The Boulder Basin Hunt is 7 days (Area 59).....	\$8000.00
Area 54, 55, 56, 58, 66 are hunts from the Ranch	
3 Day Hunts .....	\$3500.00
5 Day Hunts .....	\$5700.00
7 Day Hunts .....	\$8000.00
<i>Requested 1 on 1 is an additional \$200 per day</i>	

## COW ELK HUNTS

<b>(Areas 54, 55, 56, 58, 59 &amp; 66)</b>	
November Hunts (2 on 1) Three Days .....	\$2400.00
4 Day Camp Cow hunt.....	\$3200.00

<b>Bighorn Sheep Hunt</b> .....	September & October.....	\$10500.00
<b>Moose Hunts</b> .....	September & October.....	\$10000.00
<b>Goat Hunts</b> .....	September & October.....	\$10000.00

## RANCH DEER HUNTS

<b>(2 on 1 Combined with Antelope \$500 extra)</b>	
October 24 – 28* .....	\$4500.00
Nov. 2 – Nov. 6* .....	\$4500.00
Nov. 1 – 20 (5-day late season) .....	\$4500.00
*One on One hunt .....	\$5500.00

## CAMP DEER HUNTS

<b>(7 Day, 2 on 1 hunt)</b>	
October 16 – 22.....	\$7000.00
October 29 – November 4 .....	\$7000.00

## ANTELOPE-3 DAY HUNTS

<b>Archery &amp; Rifle</b>	
<b>(Areas 20, 22, 23, 26, 72, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 102)</b>	
2 on 1.....	\$4000.00

*\$300 per day per person for all non-hunters in camp*

## HUNT PAYMENT OUTLINE

1. Pre-application..... \$500.00 deposit/reservation form to hold specific date
2. Upon receiving license .....Half of Balance
3. September 1st.....Remaining Balance Due

## SUMMER PACK TRIPS

**Pack trip rates:** \$325/day, per person/ \$275/day, youth under 15  
**Yellowstone Park Trips:** \$350/day per person (all ages)

## PACK TRIP PAYMENT OUTLINE

1. Deposit/reservation form at booking.....\$500 per person
2. Invoice Sent .....May
3. Balance due prior to start date of trip .... (Cash, Check, Credit Card)

*\* All trip prices are subject to a 3% public land use fee. (Yellowstone is 4% fee)*

*\* All trip prices are subject to state and local food and lodging taxes*

***Deposits are non-refundable but may be transferred to another year.***

*\*Prices Subject to change without notice.*

BOULDER BASIN

Gratuities

Tipping has been a tradition since the 1800’s. Tips are very much appreciated by the GUIDE, COOKS, and WRANGLERS for a job well done and is a significant part of wages. We expect the staff to work hard and take care of the client; however, we cannot say how individuals will get along. We believe that our job is not done until the meat is at the processor and you have been introduced to the taxidermist. At this time, you can decide how much you wish to tip your guide.

The average is somewhere above \$100- \$150 each for the Cook & Wrangler and

OUTFITTERS

Meat Processing

If you drive, we recommend that you bring coolers and take your meat back with you. We do understand that with CWD restrictions, some states make this difficult and you may have to bone your meat out. If you fly, we have a processor that we can take your meat to, but it is an hour from Cody, so you will have to call and speak with them to make arrangements for meat cutting and shipping instructions.

Taxidermy

There are many taxidermists around the

References

We do have references but due to privacy rights, will only give them out upon request. If you would like to check out some of our references, please feel free to contact us.

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country and you may have a preference. If not the only one we recommend is Nature’s Design Taxidermy in Cody, Wyoming. They do beautiful work and their turn-around time is usually 6 to 8 months. [www.naturesdesigntaxidermy.com](http://www.naturesdesigntaxidermy.com)