

If you know of anyone looking to hunt elk, take a look. Remember too that you can also try a scouting trip this year or next year. My hunters usually plan a trip in late August or btw archery and rifle season around the last week of September through around the 10th of October.

We do not charge any additional fees. The license is not included and is paid to the state of Colorado. There is no meal service but you could opt to hire a local a chef (Charlie Epp – 970.757.2393) and you could pay a local outfitter to pack out an animal and you could rent horses or pay an outfitter down the road to do some day guiding if you wanted (cost is between \$250-350 for pack out). None of those services are included in your fee as detailed below. We do have a landline for telephone service and satellite Internet.

2018 available hunts:

Rifle 3b Nov 7-12 (1 hunter booked, room for up to 8 more and can have both a bull and cow license, but 5 total hunters closes the hunt meaning once I get 5 booked I don't add anyone else, but you can have up to 8 if your group is that large and I am adding your group to another group under 5 people).

2019 available hunts:

Archery Week 1: 8/30-9/6 (9am check-out)

Archery Week 2: 9/7-14 (9am check-out)

Archery Week 3: Sold

Archery Week 4: Sold

Rifle 1: SOLD

Rifle 2: 2nd Combined Deer & Elk 10/19-10/27

Rifle 2a: 10/18-23 (9am check-out)

Rifle 2b: 10/23-28

Rifle 3a: Sold

Rifle 3b: 11/6-11

Rifle 4: 4th Combined Limited Deer & Elk 11/13-11/17

We are about 1 hour SE of Craig, CO on the northern end of the Flat Tops. The 7 day stay/6 day archery hunts and 4-5 day rifle elk hunts go for \$2400 per hunter. We require a minimum of 5 hunters to book the place exclusively for your group; however, we take smaller group sizes as long as you understand I can mix in another group into your dates. We do require a 50% deposit to reserve the dates for 2019.

Please do have anyone you know that is interested in our place visit our website www.flattopshunting.com for photos of the area, animals taken and views of what our cabin looks like or have them give me a call at 970.926.0216. Here is the link to where we have the google earth map and our GPS coordinates (scroll down the page on this link to see it): <http://wildskies.com/maps-and-directions/> .

Because we have the largest elk herd in the world, the opportunity to harvest is greater than anywhere else you could hunt (high fence excluded as we are 100% fair chase and we cannot compete with high fence on stats). Most of our terrain is between 8,400-11,500 feet.

Here are the basics you'll need to know:

1. We have a secluded 4 bed/3.5 bath cabin in the Flat Tops (easily can sleep 11 individuals in comfort or more if couple as we have 5 queen beds and 3 sets of twin bunkbeds). It is surrounded on three sides by the nat'l forest and just 2 miles from where the Flat Tops Wilderness starts. So, essentially you go right out the door to hunt on a million acres of federal land that surround three sides of the property.
2. For the rifle hunt and GMU 12 draw archery, game trails galore can be found on our property which is located in the heart of that E6/White River Elk herd. So one could stay on the deck of our cabin and potentially get an elk shot from there.
3. E6/White River Elk Herd numbers approx. 40,000 elk with a cow to bull ratio of 4:1
4. Our unit is one of the few where you can get A and B tags so you can buy both a cow and a bull elk license either for the same season or two different ones (i.e. but not limited to these combinations many more options: over the counter bull elk during rifle 3 and an OTC cow elk during archery).
5. Our cabin is the only lodging available to the general public to stay for a DIY hunt within a 12-45 mile radius of our location. Surrounded by private land to the north and only camping available in the other directions for miles.
6. For the rifle hunts and all GMU 12 archery hunts, due to the topography (we are on the NW corner at the end of a chain of mountains and have a river that cuts through our property below the first ridge along that last mountain), it makes the areas accessible through our property more difficult for the general public to access giving you access to more limited access federal land to hunt.

Our 2016 Archery hunter had this to say:

"This was my 4th time hunting with Wild Skies, but my first time heading out on a hunt with my son. All of my hunts with Wild Skies have been memorable and enjoyable but this one ranks at the very top. I have been on over 40 elk hunts in various states and the hunt this year ranks in the top 3 of all my hunts. It was textbook perfect. I patiently waited for a mature 6x6 bull elk to respond to my call and took my shot and got it done on my second day of elk hunting. I can hardly wait to come back again next year!"

-Mike Brower, Monroe, Louisiana

Cheers,

Lisa and Chip Bennett

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