

## RIFLE ELK AND DEER GEAR LIST

Our rifle elk and mule deer camps typically consist of one 16'x 20' and one 14'x16' wall tents equipped with wood burning stoves, roll-a-cots, thermarest pads, large dining table, propane stove, a lot of good humor, and excellent food. Normally, we utilize one guide per two guests and a cook. With a total of six hunters in camp. We often book clients as one on one (or one guide per hunter). These camps are in rugged terrain with little hunting pressure. Our camps are packed in via horse and mules as it is quite impossible for ATV's to access any of these areas. We run two fully guided camps per season.

### Rifles:

**Elk:** I recommend the following calibers and bullet weights; 7mm Mag 160 to 175gr., 30/06 180 to 220gr., 300 Mag 180 to 220gr., 338 210 to 225gr. There are obviously many cartridges in the class I have outlined that are perfectly suited. These are the most commonly carried today. I highly recommend that you carry a rifle that you can shoot comfortably and accurately. Do not over gun yourself. A properly placed 175gr. bullet from a 7mm Mag or a 180gr from a 30/06, is far more effective than a poorly placed bullet from a .338 or .375. A .270 with 150gr. bullets is the minimum cal.

**Mule Deer:** Most cartridges in the .270, 7mms, 308, 30/06 class are entirely adequate. Our mule deer are large so the minimum we recommend would be a 120gr. from a 25/06.

A good variable scope, with scope covers is recommended. Be sure your rifle is equipped with a sling and include three boxes of ammo as your particular brand of ammunition may not be available locally. We always stop by our local rifle range for every guest to recheck their rifles zero prior to packing into camp! I do not encourage the use of bipods. They are cumbersome and do not lend themselves to offhand shooting if the need arises.

**Personal Equipment List:** I will be happy to discuss the items listed. Colorado Law requires that a hunter wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange in an outer garment worn above the waist, part of which must be on the head and be visible from all directions. We wear orange hat covers on our cowboy hats and blaze orange vest. Both are available locally. Make sure it is the quiet type.

Wool or Gore-Tex coat	Down or fiber fill vest	Two pair of long underwear tops
Two pair of long underwear bottoms	Two pair of wool pants	Two wool shirts
Heavy socks	Two pair of gloves	Handkerchiefs
Camp shoes	Insulated gortex hiking boots	Insulated rubber bottom pack boots
Gaitors or leggings	Gortex rain gear	Camera and film
Knife and compass	Water bottle	Flashlight and batteries
Small first aid kit	Sunglasses	Binoculars
Space blanket	Day Pack	
Toilet articles including a towel and washcloth		
Jeans for the ride in and out of camp		
Sleeping bag rated to 0 degrees		

We provide gun scabbards and waterproof river dry bags for your gear in order to standardize our loads. When packed, your personal gear should include: one duffel bag of no more than 35lbs. one day pack, one extra pair of boots and one sleeping bag. Packing in this manner makes it much easier to pack the mules.

Please note that we have traditionally worn wool clothing as it is warm, even when wet, and is quiet. Today's Gore-Tex is also quiet good but make sure it has a quiet exterior! Everything worn in the field needs to be "whisper quiet".

Thank You,  
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