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Located near Quemado, New Mexico this outfitter hunts units 12, 13, 15 and 16 for elk, mule deer and antelope. In addition he hunts oryx and ibex. They hunt public and private land. Landowner tags can be purchased through the outfitter for elk, mule deer and antelope. They have been outfitting for 21 years.

This outfitter runs fully guided hunts and the price includes trophy care, taxes, trespass fees, 2x1 guide services [1x1 optional for additional fee of \$300 per day] meals, lodging and transportation during the hunt. Not included are transportation to Quemado, taxidermy, meat process and any private landowner tags [unless otherwise specified]. They belong to the NM Council of Guides and Outfitters.

The main lodge is 2,500 square feet and can sleep 6 to 8. They have a 1,500 sq ft cabin that is used as overflow and has one BR, 2 baths with large sleeping loft, kitchen dining and living and running water.

The hunting is mostly spot and stalk with limited stand hunting and the favorite method is calling. Hunts take place between 7,000 and 9,500 ft elevation with less than 1,000 foot of change during a normal days hunt. Most hunting is then on public land and other hunters could be in the area. Most other hunters are road hunters or at camp and it is unusual to see additional hunters in the field. Unit 12 hunts are all private land hunts and trespassers are reported. Most private land leases have been in effect for 10 years plus. Elk hunting in unit 12 will be 7,000 to 8,000 ft of elevation with less than 200 foot of change during the day so no high or steep up and down activity is required and walks are less than two miles. Unit 13 hunts could require walks of up to 10 miles a day, not all at one time and elevation moves from 7,000 to 8,000 ft with about 500 foot change and unit 15 and 16 are between 7,000 and 9,000 ft elevation and walks of about 5 miles are the norm. Antelope hunting is gentle and at about 7,000 ft. Hunters are transported from camp to hunt area in 4 wheel drive trucks, some hunts are walk right out of the lodge and retrievals may include atv's. They are heavy into the elk hunts and usually run 100% opportunity for all species. Archery elk success runs about 50% on P&Y bulls. Muzzleloader elk runs about 50% most years and rifle elk hunts run near 100%. Oryx and Ibex hunts should run 100% opportunity and about 80% success. Antelope success is about 99%. They like to keep camp at 8 or less hunters per hunt season. You can expect bulls over 300 to be prevalent with bulls over 350 a great possibility. Rifle elk hunts begin Oct. 1st and run any 5 days until Dec 31st. Archery elk is best Sept 10 to 24. Muzzleloaders best opportunity is November in unit 15. It is a tougher hunt physically and weather can be a factor but you will usually see 10 to 15 bulls each day with 1 or 2 going over 350.

Oryx is best in December but is good any time you can get a tag. Ibex are the toughest animal they hunt and in the toughest terrain and tags are a tough draw and once in a lifetime.

SWNMTO has a wound/loss policy that says your hunt is over unless you opt to make a donation payable to the RMEF [\$1000 bull and \$500 cow]. The mule deer policy is the same with the fee going to the Mule Deer Foundation. They make every effort to retrieve all wounded game. They will also offer customized hunts. In addition, they offer coyote and varmint and prairie dog shoots. Airport pick up or delivery in Albuquerque is \$400. They have 8 guides that have been with them for a number of years. A long list of references is available.

For more information on this hunt please call Jim at 763-442-2741