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## 2016 Hunting Schedule and Offerings (Fishing Schedule and Offerings Separate)

Welcome to the 2016 season with Horse Creek Outfitters (HcO). 2015 proved to be a successful season for all species with all different weapon types. At HcO we combine comfortable accommodations, top guides and access to some of the best and most diverse hunting grounds in the world. We offer access to over 400 square miles of public hunting grounds through special use permits with the USFS and BLM as well as over 5,000 acres of pristine private grounds dense with game. We are the only outfitter permitted in these areas. We utilize a variety of techniques and chase rocky mountain elk, mule deer, white tail deer, black bear, pronghorn antelope, wolf, and lion. We can organize predator hunts, waterfowl hunts and upland game hunts. We also hold permits for SA2 and SA3 of the Salmon river for floating, as well as fly fishing for trout, salmon and steelhead. We have access to remote wilderness lakes, rivers and streams that provide for amazing high country trout fishing and summer pack trips. We are permitted on another 500 acres of BLM in the Horse Management Area for scenic wild horse trail rides. Our diversity of offerings for the outdoor enthusiast are truly unique. We will form fit a trip that will fit your abilities and interests. HcO works with travel agents, processors and taxidermists and will make your trip as hassle free as it can possibly be.

At HcO we chase free range animals in an ethical manner. We do not road hunt, run minimal usage of ATV's and blinds, and do not condone long range hunting (note different from long range shooting). Hunting is defined by effort, mental toughness, skill and perseverance. Physical conditioning and the ability to travel, on foot, in elevation, rough terrain and diverse weather conditions does increase opportunity and success. It's that simple; however, the most important attribute of a hunter is mental toughness and perseverance. Stay focused, positive, and attentive and opportunity/success will come. Our mission is to provide an enjoyable hunt and harvest the best possible animal, for any hunt, for all hunters, under any circumstance. Harvesting an animal is good for us and good for the hunters. Everybody wins. We will do everything in our power to succeed, but hunting is hunting and outside of a high fence, success is not guaranteed. **We will put our guides and our country up against anybody. Period.**

**Elk (2-5). Deer (6-8). Pronghorn Antelope (8-10). Bear (11-12). IMPORTANT INFORMATION (13-17)**

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## 2016 Elk Hunts

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### Archery Hunts: Idaho Season Dates (8/30-9/30)

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2015 Archery Bull - Public

#### Description:

Much of the HcO staff are archery hunters personally. Lead guides Adam Beaupre and Tom Martiny have a combined 36 of archery hunting experience. HcO is your archery outfit.



2015 Archery Bull - Public

Public Land: Join HcO on a journey through the Idaho backcountry chasing Rocky Mountain Elk in their natural habitat. HcO operates on over 400 square miles of public land through special use permits issued by the USFS and BLM. We are the only outfitter allowed to operate in these areas. HcO prides itself in their approach to hunting. This is a true, backcountry experience. We utilize stock and clients will enjoy the comforts of a backcountry camp for the entirety of the hunt.

#### Dates & Rates:

- **8/29-9/5:** Pack in on Monday, the 29th of August and pack out on Monday, the 5th of September. Scheduled arrival at drive up base camp (meeting spot) is 11:00 am on the 29th. Scheduled departure is upon arrival back at base camp on the 5th. Hunt days - 6. 1x1 = \$5,000 per person. 2x1 = \$4,500 per person.
- **9/7-9/14:** Pack in on Wednesday, the 7th of September and pack out on Wednesday, the 14th of September. Scheduled arrival at drive up base camp (meeting spot) is 11:00 am on the 7th.

Scheduled departure is upon arrival back at base camp on the 14th. Hunt days - 6. 1x1 = \$5,000 per person. 2x1 = \$4,500 per person.

- 9/15-9/22: Pack in on Thursday, the 15th of September and pack out on Thursday, the 22nd of September. Scheduled arrival at drive up base camp (meeting spot) is 11:00 am on the 15th. Scheduled departure is upon arrival back at base camp on the 22nd. Hunt days - 6. 1x1 = \$5,500 per person. 2x1 = \$4,500 per person.
- 9/23-9/29: Pack in the *morning* of Friday, the 23rd of September and pack out on Thursday, the 29th of September. Scheduled arrival at drive up base camp (meeting spot) is 4:30 pm on the 22nd. Scheduled departure is upon arrival back at base camp on the 29th. Hunt days - 5.5. 1x1 = \$5,500 per person. 2x1 = \$4,500 per person.



2015 Archery Bull - Private

Private Land: HcO will lead you on elk adventure on private land in Idaho. We hunt in a high-game-density, free range area with an abundance of elk, deer (white tail and mule deer), pronghorn antelope, pheasants, ducks, geese, cranes, coyotes, bobcats and the occasional moose. We will not utilize stock on this hunt. The hunt will be off foot and via vehicle. Enjoy lodge and/or wall tent base camp accommodations for the entirety of the hunt.

#### Dates & Rates:

- 8/29-9/5: Scheduled arrival at drive up base camp (meeting spot) is 4:30 pm on the 29th. Scheduled departure is 10:00 am on the morning of the 5th. Hunt days - 6. 1x1 = \$6,000 per person. 2x1 = \$4,500 per person.
- 9/7-9/14: Scheduled arrival at drive up base camp (meeting spot) is 4:30 pm on the 7th. Scheduled departure is 10:00 am on the 14th. Hunt days - 6. 1x1 = \$6,000 per person. 2x1 = \$4,500 per person.
- 9/15-9/22: Scheduled arrival at drive up base camp (meeting spot) is 4:30 pm on the 15th. Scheduled departure is 10:00 am on the 22nd. Hunt days - 6. 1x1 = \$6,000 per person. 2x1 = \$4,500 per person.
- 9/23-9/29: Scheduled arrival at drive up base camp (meeting spot) is 4:30 pm on the 22nd. Scheduled departure is 10:00 am on the 29th. Hunt days - 6. 1x1 = \$6,000 per person. 2x1 = \$4,500 per person.

**Rifle Hunts: Idaho Season Dates (10/15-11/8 Salmon Zone & 10/1-10/31 Lemhi Zone).**

2015 Rifle Bull - Wilderness

**Description:**

2015 proved to be an exceptional year for our rifle hunters with multiple trophy class animals harvested.



2015 Rifle Bull - Wilderness

**Wilderness Hunts:**

HcO only runs between 4 and 8 wilderness hunters per year. Wolves and fire have proved detrimental to the elk density in the area over the previous decade; however, 100% opportunity rates over the last 2 years including 2 bulls in 2015 over 315 inches proves that great elk (and deer) hunting still remains. Hunters will stay in a backcountry camp located 10 miles deep in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. *Strong physical fitness is very important on this wilderness hunt.*

**Dates & Rates:**

- 10/18-10/24: Scheduled arrival at trailhead (meeting spot) is 10:30 am on the 18th. Scheduled departure is 10:00 am on the 24th. Hunt days - 5. 1x1 = \$6,500 per person. 2x1 = \$5,500 per person.



2015 Rifle Bull - Lemhi

### Lemhi Zone Trophy Hunts:

HcO has 4 allocated trophy tags for this hunt. This is our premier hunt offering in terms of size, opportunity and success. We will also assist in putting hunters in for the draw if our 4 tags allocated tags are booked. Join HcO on one of the top Idaho trophy tags available, chasing big bulls with our top guides. Access to private land is also available for these trophy hunts. *Strong physical fitness is very important on this trophy hunt.*

#### Dates & Rates:

- *10/1-10/31*: HcO will schedule an 8 day window within the designated season dates for the hunt. There will be an arrival and pack in day, 6 days of hunting and a departure day. Hunt days - 6. Recommended dates are 9/30-10/7 and 10/25-11/1. 1x1 = \$8,500.

Lemhi Zone Spike Elk Hunts: Join HcO on a spike elk hunt in the Lemhi Zone.

#### Dates & Rates:

- *11/1-11/7 (as available)*: HcO will schedule a 5 day window within the designated season dates for the hunt. Please plan on arriving at 3:30 pm on the arrival day, hunting 3 days and departing prior to 10:00 am on the morning of the 5th day. Hunt days - 3. 1x1 = \$2,500. 2x1 = \$2,000

Lemhi Zone Cow Hunts: Join HcO on a cow hunt in the Lemhi Zone.

#### Dates & Rates:

- *8/1-9/30 (as available)*: HcO will schedule a 5 day window within the designated season dates for the hunt. Please plan on arriving at 3:30 pm on the arrival day, hunting 3 days and departing prior to 10:00 am on the morning of the 5th day. Hunt days - 3. 1x1 = \$1,800. 2x1 = \$1,250
- *11/25-12/9 (as available)*: HcO will schedule a 5 day window within the designated season dates for the hunt. Please plan on arriving at 3:30 pm on the arrival day, hunting 3 days and departing prior to 10:00 am on the morning of the 5th day. Hunt days - 3. 1x1 = \$1,800. 2x1 = \$1,250
- *11/4-11/24 (as available)*: HcO will schedule a 5 day window within the designated season dates for the hunt. Please plan on arriving at 3:30 pm on the arrival day, hunting 3 days and departing prior to 10:00 am on the morning of the 5th day. Hunt days - 3. 1x1 = \$1,800. 2x1 = \$1,250

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## 2016 Deer Hunts

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### Archery Hunts: Idaho Season Dates (8/30-9/30)

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2015 Archery Buck - Private

#### **Description:**

Spot and stalk archery deer is a lost art. HcO guides love pursuing deer with archery equipment.

#### Wilderness, Non Wilderness and Private Land Hunts:

Subject to availability. Chase whitetail and mule deer on an archery hunt with Horse Creek Outfitters. Archery elk hunters can purchase incidental deer tags to bring with them on their deer hunt; however, these are not combination hunts. To make this a true combination hunt add \$2,000 to the elk hunt. We do not utilize tree stands, hunters will pursue bucks via spot and stalk, pop up blind and natural blinds. There are no incidental deer tags on private land.

**Rifle Hunts: Idaho Season Dates (10/10-10/24)**

2015 Rifle Deer - Public

**Description:**

HcO offers a wide array of rifle deer opportunities. From the Montana border to the scenic pastures near Challis, we pursue mature bucks with rifles.



2015 Rifle Buck - Wilderness

**Wilderness Hunts:**

HcO only runs between 4 and 8 wilderness hunters per year. Hunters will either stay in a backcountry camp located 10 miles deep in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness or at a remote drive-up base camp. *Strong physical fitness is very important on this wilderness hunt.*

**Dates & Rates:**

- **10/9-10/15:** Scheduled arrival date is Sunday, the 9th of October and scheduled departure date is Saturday, the 15th of October. Hunt days - 5. 1x1 = \$4,750, 2x1 = \$4,000.
- **10/16-10/22:** Scheduled arrival date is Sunday, the 16th of October and scheduled departure date is Saturday, the 22nd of October. Hunt days - 5. 1x1 = \$4,750, 2x1 = \$4,000.

**Non-Wilderness Hunts:**

Join HcO on either a high mountain mule deer hunt or a private land white tail hunt. Accommodations will be either a cabin at our Lemhi base camp for the private land hunters or a comfortable high mountain camp for our mule deer hunters. *Strong physical fitness is very important on hunts outside of private land.*

**Dates and Rates:**

- **10/9-10/14:** Scheduled arrival date is 11:00 am on the 9th. Scheduled departure date is 10:00 am on the 14. Hunt days - 4. 1x1 = \$4,500, 2x1 = \$4,000.
- **10/15-10/20:** Scheduled arrival date is 11:00 am on the 15th. Scheduled departure date is 10:00 am on the 20th. Hunt days - 4. 1x1 = \$4,500, 2x1 = \$4,000.
- **10/20-10/25:** Scheduled arrival date is 12:00 pm on the 20th. Scheduled departure date is 10:00 am on the 25th. Hunt days - 4. 1x1 = \$4,500, 2x1 = \$4,000.

### Short Range Whitetail Hunts: Idaho Season Dates (11/10-12/10)



2015 Short Range Whitetail

#### Private Land Hunts:

All of these hunts will be short range private land hunts. Schedule a 5 day window with HcO within the season. Accommodations will be at The Watermark Inn. Trophy quality is good during this rut hunt. Hunt days - 3.

#### Dates & Rates:

- **11/10-12/10:** Schedule a 5 day window with HcO. 1x1 = \$4,000

### Trophy Muzzleloader Mule Deer Hunt: Idaho Season Dates (11/25-12/09)



2015 Muzzleloader Buck



2015 Muzzleloader Buck

Non Wilderness Hunt: Join HcO on this late, trophy mule deer hunt with good density and quality mule deer bucks in the rut. This is a muzzleloader hunt and hunters must abide by the Idaho muzzleloader restrictions (<https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/hunt/rules/?getPage=299>). Hunters will stay at The Watermark Inn and utilize a variety of techniques for this hunt. Stock will play a role during this hunt. Hunters can expect daily access via foot and/or horseback. Good physical fitness is important for this hunt.

#### Dates & Rates:

- **11/25-12/09:** Schedule a 7 day window with HcO. There will be an arrival day, 5 days of hunting and a departure day. Hunt days - 5. 1x1 = \$4,950.

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## 2016 Pronghorn Antelope Hunts

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### Archery Hunts: Idaho Season Dates (8/15-9/15)

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2014 Archery Pronghorn



2014 Archery Pronghorn

**Non-Wilderness Hunt:** Tags for archery pronghorn antelope are issued via an unlimited draw system. Hunters must put in for the draw, but are guaranteed a tag. The application period runs 05/01-06/05. Successful applicants will be notified by 07/10. HcO will assist with the application process. HcO utilizes a variety of techniques for this hunt, including pop up blinds, natural blinds, calling, decoys, flagging and spot and stalk. We have access to thousands of acres of private land as well as BLM. Buck density is very good for this archery hunt. This is an exceptional hunt at a great prices. Accommodations will be a cabin at our Lemhi base camp.

#### Dates & Rates:

- 8/14-8/18: Scheduled arrival is 3:30 pm on the 14th and scheduled departure is 10:00 am on the 18th. Hunting days - 3. 1x1 = \$1,850, 2x1 = \$1,250.
- 8/19-8/23: Scheduled arrival is 3:30 pm on the 19th and scheduled departure is 10:00 am on the 23rd. Hunting days - 3. 1x1 = \$1,850, 2x1 = \$1,250.
- 8/24/8/28: Scheduled arrival is 3:30 pm on the 24th and scheduled departure is 10:00 am on the 28th. Hunting days - 3. 1x1 = \$1,850, 2x1 = \$1,250.

### Rifle Hunts: Idaho Season Dates (9/25-10/24)



2014 Rifle Pronghorn

Non-Wilderness Hunt: HcO has access to thousands of acres of private land as well as BLM. Buck density is very good for this hunt. This is a trophy hunt with no allocated tags. Hunters must apply for this hunt. The application period runs 05/01-06/05. Successful applicants will be notified by 07/10. HcO will assist with the application process. Accommodations will be a cabin at our Lemhi base camp or at The Watermark Inn (add \$500).

**Dates & Rates:**

- 9/25-10/24: Scheduled a 6 day window with HcO. Hunt days - 4. Add a rifle antelope tag onto your elk hunt for \$2,000. 1x1 = \$3,500.

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## 2016 Black Bear Hunts

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### Rifle & Archery Hunts: Idaho Season Dates (4/1-6/30 Salmon Zone, 4/1-6/15 Lemhi Zone)

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2015 Wilderness Bear



2015 Wilderness Bear

#### Wilderness Hunts:

Join HcO on a true spot and stalk backcountry wilderness black bear hunt. Bears come in all different color phases. We do not run baits in the wilderness. Hunters will pack into a remote backcountry camp on horseback and enjoy comfortable wall tent accommodations for the entirety of the hunt. Opportunity rates on this hunt range from 80%-100% for spot and stalk hunts. Physical fitness and the ability to hike in steep terrain are necessary for this hunt. Hunt days - 4.5.

#### Dates & Rates:

- 4/10-4/15: Scheduled arrival is 10:00 am on the 10th and scheduled departure is on the 15th. 6 days total, hunt days - 4.5. 1x1 = \$3,300, 2x1 = \$2,800.
- 4/17-4/22: Scheduled arrival is 10:00 am on the 17th and scheduled departure is on the 20th. 6 days total, hunt days - 4.5. 1x1 = \$3,300, 2x1 = \$2,800.
- 4/24-4/29: Scheduled arrival is 10:00 am on the 24th and scheduled departure is on the 29th. 6 total days, hunt days - 4.5. 1x1 = \$3,300, 2x1 = \$2,800.



2015 Non-Wilderness Bear

### Non Wilderness Hunts:

Join HcO in the Lemhi Zone for a bait hunt. Hunters will stay at a cabin at our Lemhi base camp for the entirety of the hunt. Access to baits will be on foot, ATV or via horse. About 90% of bears are killed between 4:00 pm and last light. Hunt days - 4.5.

### Dates & Rates:

- 5/8-5/13: Scheduled arrival is 2:00 pm on the 8th and scheduled departure is the 13th. 6 days total, hunt days - 4.5. 1x1 = \$2,750, 2x1 = \$2,250.
- 5/15-5/20: Scheduled arrival is 2:00 pm on the 15th and scheduled departure is the 20th. 6 days total, hunt days - 4.5. 1x1 = \$2,750, 2x1 = \$2,250.
- 5/22-5/27: Scheduled arrival is 2:00 pm on the 22nd and scheduled departure is the 27th. 6 total days, hunt days - 4.5. 1x1 = \$2,750, 2x1 = \$2,250.
- 5/29-6/3: Scheduled arrival is 2:00 pm on the 29th and scheduled departure is the 28th. 6 days total, hunt days - 4.5. 1x1 = \$2,750, 2x1 = \$2,250.
- 6/5-6/10: Scheduled arrival is 2:00 pm on the 5th and scheduled departure is the 10th. 6 days total, hunting days - 4.5. 1x1 = \$2,750, 2x1 = \$2,250.



2015 Non-Wilderness Bear



2015 Non-Wilderness Bear

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## IMPORTANT Details, Suggestions, Advice and Things to Remember:

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HcO will cover all food, accommodations, stock, tack, field dressing, storage of meat and non-personal gear once you arrive at base camp until the hunt is complete. HcO does not cover license, tags, processing, taxidermy, gratuities, long-term storage of capes or meat, shipping or personal gear. HcO does not rent or lease firearms, binoculars, or any tactical equipment. Special accommodations can be made *prior to the hunt* for use of specific hunt related gear. Please consider options for meat transport *prior to your hunt*. If you are driving, bring coolers large enough to fit all of the meat. If you are not driving, the processor can ship meat.

Shipping expenses typically exceed \$400 for an elk. HcO will assist with logistics and advice; however, all harvested animals will either be prepared for transport via vehicle or dropped at the processor at the hunters expense unless previous arrangements have been made.

As a licensed, bonded and insured outfitter in the State of Idaho, HcO has the ability to control certain measures of the hunt. Great food, tags, special access, top of the line guides and staff, comfortable accommodations, seasoned stock, good gear and tack, safe transportation, and security with personal information. We do not, however; have the ability to control animal movement, hunting pressure outside of our own, weather, fire, client fitness, client experience or seasonal mating activities. Every year offers something new and unique. We live in the area, operate in the area, and know the area as good as any man or woman. Our goal is to provide you with a successful hunt and an unforgettable experience. Hunting is hunting, it's as simple as that. Nothing is set in stone. We chase free range animals and do so in an ethical manner. We do not "road hunt," run minimal usage of blinds and ATV's and pride ourselves in our abilities as outdoor survivalists, hunters and conservationists. Booking a hunting trip is a commitment, a commitment of time, money and resources. We understand that, respect that, and will work tirelessly to make your trip the best it can be.

**Booking:** HcO requires a 25% deposit to book your spot over a year in advance. Within the year a 50% deposit is required. The remaining 50% is due 90 days prior to the hunt. As a licensed outfitter, HcO collects payments for license and tags and secures those on behalf of the hunter. It is important to secure tags well ahead of the hunting timeframe. HcO will collect money for license and tags following the initial deposit. HcO will also have all hunters complete a contract, acknowledgement of risk form and activity registration form. *All payments to HcO are non-refundable. Hunts are non-transferrable between seasons or species.* **Protect yourself and purchase trip insurance!** HcO employs numerous guides, wrangles and cooks, all of whom are experienced, professional and true backcountry adventurers. *We do not commit specific guides to specific clients at the time of booking.* HcO will place you with a top of the line guide prior to your hunt and you will have the chance to communicate with that guide prior to arrival. We take into account a wide arrange of factors when placing guides with clients and trust that your guide will exceed your expectations.

**Travel Agent:** HcO works hand in hand with Classic Travel. Classic Travel is a top of the line travel agency that has survived in a world on online booking. Make your trip easy and have Classic Travel book your flights and vehicle rentals. Call or email Debbie Prindle at (792) 494-2882 and/or [debbie@classtvl.com](mailto:debbie@classtvl.com). A 4WD vehicle is recommended for rental vehicles.

**Trip Insurance:** Buy trip insurance! Trip insurance is an additional expense, but can protect your investment into the trip. Payments to HcO are non-refundable. Trips are non-transferrable to

another year. Protect yourself in the event something happens that prevents you from coming on the trip. The insurance works and is affordable. Please speak to Debbie Prindle (792) 494-2882 and/or [debbie@classtvl.com](mailto:debbie@classtvl.com) to solidify your trip insurance. Our contact is not an insurance agent, but an individual that has utilized a variety of different insurance agencies to protect her top end travel clients and will have the best policy for you and your trip. Remember, *“you don’t need it until you need it.”*

Incidental tags: Prior to the hunt, most of our hunters will be provided the opportunity to purchase incidental tags for other species. Deer, wolf, bear, and mountain lion are considered incidental for an elk hunt. If the opportunity arises to harvest one of the aforementioned species, while the season is open, with the appropriate incidental tag, clients can choose to do so at no additional expense. An elk hunt with an incidental tag does not mean it is a “combination” hunt inclusive of that incidental tag. Once the target animal is harvested, the hunt does not turn into a “deer” hunt with an incidental deer tag in hand. If a deer is harvested during the course of pursuing elk, then that is a different scenario. HcO will book true combination hunts, including mixing different camps to try and harvest multiple species specifically for an additional cost at the time of booking or *prior to pursuing* the secondary species. Please inquire. There are no incidental tags on private land hunts. To harvest a deer on a private land hunt please add an additional \$2,000 or pay prior to pulling the trigger or releasing the arrow.

Arrival and departure times: Please plan on arriving and departing *at the applicable times as detailed in the schedule*. Please *do not* show up to base camp early. We take the time between hunts to pack coolers, tend to stock, work on gear, address any needs and prepare for your hunt. We require that time to provide the best hunts in the industry. Thank you.

Preparation for your hunt: Training, practice, patience and physical fitness will dramatically increase both a successful outcome for the hunt and the enjoyment of the hunt itself, especially for backcountry hunters. We cannot stress fitness enough. Big animals are big for a reason. They are smart and have evaded harvest for years. They will not be easy targets and typically do not reside in easily accessible areas. Killing one requires training, hard work, effort and mental toughness. Our hunts are conducted at elevations ranging from 3,200 feet to 10,000 feet. We have backcountry camps located at elevations therein. It is difficult to train for elevation, especially for those visiting us from low elevations; however, physical training at any elevation will help. Consumption of copious amounts of water once you arrive in Idaho and throughout the trip is very important. There is a difference between mountain shape and aerobic shape. The two are symbiotic; however, learning how to hike in the mountains, how to place your feet, travel efficiently and quietly, travel up inclines, down declines, across sidehills, and through rocks with weight on your back is paramount to a complete western, free range hunting excursion. Not every person has access to the geography nor time in their schedule to train in the mountains. That being said, the best thing you can do to prepare for your hunt with HcO is to hike in the hills, on trails (off trail is far better), canyons, mountains, whatever you have access to, with a backpack. Get out and hike! A treadmill is good, hiking is far superior. It will help with your instincts, spotting and help assimilate you to the outdoors. We work with plenty of people with minimal or no horse experience. Horse experience is not necessary for your backcountry hunt; however, reading up on horseback etiquette, proper positioning and the like will better prepare you for a backcountry hunt. If you have the opportunity prior to the hunt, and can spend some time horseback, that is even better. Horses will play a role in the backcountry.

Train with your bow or rifle. For our archery hunters, practice shooting on inclines, declines and sidehills. Pay attention to your level. Watch hunting video. Run through scenarios in your mind. Try to be as prepared as possible to capitalize on an opportunity. Very few people can say they have harvested a free range elk with a bow and arrow. It is elite. The more comfortable you are with your weapon, the better off you will be in the field. Try to get comfortable at the range shooting out to 50 yards or more in various scenarios. We have a 3D

range at base camp. Upon arrival and prior to the hunt, your guide will have you shoot your bow. It gives us an idea on range, ability and accuracy. We are an ethical outfit, we do not take unethical shots and try to keep wound loss at a minimum. If you are a rifle hunter, dial your gun in at the range. Get comfortable shooting prone out to 400 or 500 yards. That will make a 200 or 300 yard shot in the field feel comfortable. Once the gun is sighted, practice shooting off of shooting stix, from a sitting position, from a standing position with a rest, kneeling using a backpack as a rest, etc. Practice taking the gun off of your shoulder, getting set up, acquiring the target and shooting in an efficient manner. We will always do our best to get you comfortable for your shot. We do not take unethical shots; however, prone setups, bench rests, and inanimate targets are not the reality in the field. The more you practice prior to the hunt, the more comfortable you will be when the time comes to release the arrow or pull the trigger with HcO.

Gear: HcO will send you a complete gear list and is available anytime to assist with gear recommendations. Good gear is also crucial to an enjoyable hunt. Good gear is not necessarily the most expensive or trendy gear, so discuss various gear options with HcO and we can help outfit you appropriately and affordably for your hunt.

Trophy Hunts: At HcO we are blessed with the opportunity to hunt a huge amount of terrain with trophy quality animals. Hunters can be confident that true trophy class bulls and bucks reside within our hunting grounds. HcO does book specific "trophy" hunts wherein animals with a desired age, score or the like are the focal point of the hunt. Much of our offerings are not booked as "trophy" hunts. We offer the best product at a competitive price and want to keep it that way. Your HcO guide will do his/her very best to secure you the largest, most mature animal possible for any hunt we book; however, there is an additional \$2,000 expense to add the word "trophy" to your booking and target a specific trophy size animal. We spend additional time and manpower locating and patterning specific animals for trophy hunters. We respect our hunters decisions and expectations, but cannot educate multiple mature animals looking for superior animals without jeopardizing quality for other hunters.

Opportunity and success rates: The best way to judge an outfit is via reputation, quality booking agencies, references from hunters who succeeded and those that did not, accurate photographs, client and employee retention, acquaintances and research. We will provide you with answers to your questions and the information you need to do your due diligence on us. In a world where it seems 350" bulls and 100% success rates are the norm, the truth is that those numbers are a fallacy and totally abnormal. Outside of a high fence, advertised "100% success rate" claims should be met with skepticism. There are plenty of mechanisms available to stack the success rate, mechanisms that do not reflect a quality outfit but, in fact, reflect the opposite. Legitimate claims do exist, but do your due diligence. High fence ranches, trophy tags, dishonesty, lack of regulation and exaggeration has created an environment wherein very little trust should be put in "success rate" claims without further due diligence. At HcO we are good at what we do. We find and harvest mature animals with our clients in an area that supports good trophy density and exceptional diversity. We would put our guides and our area against anybody. Period.

Processors: HcO works with local processor Challis Custom Meats (CCM). Typical processing times for CCM are a week or more during the hunting season. CCM will also ship meat. Once the meat is dropped at CCM, the hunter will work the details as far as processing and shipping of meat. Please call CCM @ (208) 879-6845.

Taxidermist: HcO works with Daniel Stevenson of River of No Return Taxidermy in Salmon, Idaho. Daniel is an accomplished taxidermist and produces high quality work at affordable prices. Please check out his work @ [www.riverofnoreturntaxidermy.com](http://www.riverofnoreturntaxidermy.com). Transfer of trophies to Salmon, Idaho can be negotiated and arranged; however, once the trophy is at the taxidermist, the client and taxidermist will work out the details accordingly.

**Accommodations:** At HcO hunters will either stay at a cabin, comfortable base camp, complete backcountry camp, or, hunters who book private land hunts have the additional option of staying at The Watermark Inn ([www.thewatermarkinn.com](http://www.thewatermarkinn.com)). Please add \$550 to the hunt price for accommodations at The Watermark Inn and notify HcO as soon as you can to reserve your room.



Wilderness Camp



Base Camp Wall Tents



The Watermark Inn



Non Wilderness Camp



Wilderness Camp



Wilderness Bivy Camp

**Directions:** Directions to Challis and The Watermark Inn as well as travel related details can be found on both [www.thewatermarkinn.com](http://www.thewatermarkinn.com) and [www.horsecrkoutfitters.com](http://www.horsecrkoutfitters.com). Additional directions and maps will be provided individually depending on the hunt booked.

License and Tags: Please find a complete list of license and tags via the Idaho Fish and Game Website @ <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/licenses/fees/displayFees.cfm?resType=Nonresident&feeType=Tag>.

Adult Nonresident Hunting License:	\$154.75
Adult Nonresident Elk Tag:	\$416.75
Adult Nonresident Deer Tag:	\$301.75
Adult Nonresident Bear Tag:	\$186.00
Adult Nonresident Wolf Tag:	\$31.75
Adult Nonresident Antelope Tag:	\$311.75
Archery Permit:	\$20.00
Muzzleloader Permit:	\$20.00