

# DOUBLE DIAMOND WILDERNESS TRAILS



## GUIDING & OUTFITTING

### 2004 WHITETAIL HUNTING & MULE DEER HUNTING SUMMARY

#### ARCHERY HUNTS

Carl and Jeremy were back to try their luck again in early October. Jeremy had a very slow hunt and never had a chance at a good deer. However, his dad was done on day two with a respectable 135" class deer and missed a shot at a 180" class typical. Jon Roark also returned to hunt with us and though he did not see as many deer as last time, he missed a large non-typical deer that we had been watching and expected to score in the mid 190" class. Jon did however take a 51" bull moose late in the hunt.

Finally there was lucky himself, Mike Woodruff (Florida). Mike saw big deer nearly everyday but just could not get an arrow in one until late in the hunt an old brute of a deer passed under his stand. At 8 yards he made no mistakes and harvested a dream buck with 7 inch bases and scored over 150". This deer had a body weight of over 300 pounds and had a total of 21 points!

#### RIFLE HUNTS

Frank Gillespie (Oregon) started things off right, 10 minutes into his hunt he was done. Frank shot a large 9 point with 26" beams & 22" inside spread, scoring 159.3" B&C. Lary Burleigh (New Hampshire), saw some of the biggest deer he'd ever laid eyes on but was unsuccessful. He missed two deer late in the hunt. No snow and warm weather plagued the hunt but the rut was on and things were looking up.

James Ackerman was with us on the last hunt and had many opportunities but could not make the shot count. Finally a dandy deer bit the dust, thanks to the patience of guide Harold Grinde. Jeremy Ackerman also returned with his grandpa and passed on many 140 class bucks and finally settled for a 10 point with a 5 inch drop tine. Lastly our lucky hunter Geanne Cannon returned with her husband Henry and was out with a vengeance. She saw a lot of big deer and even missed a few once again, but finally anchored a 162" heavy horned deer. On the same day she also dropped a 180.3" B&C mule deer in his tracks. Congrats Geanne! Now we had Henry to deal with and he and his guide Harold hunted very hard. They sat long hours hunting a large non-typical that we missed in bow season to no avail. He did miss a tremendous deer with 13" eye guards and 22" spread but the deer ran to fast, even for dead eye dick.



Geanne Cannon with her 180.3" mule deer

Contact us for your next whitetail deer & mule deer hunt in Alberta.

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