



## 2016 Hunt Report



Spring bear 2016 was dry, warm, and a pleasure to be out in. Bridge maintenance was low and it was again a full house! We only took three archery mule deer hunters in September and the whitetail rifle hunts went well once again. As I write this we are having another mild winter which is outstanding for the deer!



Our **spring bear hunts** were almost a huge success! An early spring and warm temps made for an easy spring set up. It was a pleasure to get around with the quads and the bears were out in full force. However we were only able to conduct our first hunt before the fires in Fort McMurray started. This fire did not affect the camp or hunting area but it did shut down our only HWY access. Unable to get fuel, groceries or hunters we had to evacuate shortly after our first hunt.

The first group however killed 5 bears all over 7' squared. Most of our awesome clients pushed there 2016 hunt to spring 2017 and there should be a surplus of big bears this coming spring! Hunts are booked solid for 2017 and we are now booking 2018. This area is truly a special place for bears so if you need a BIG BEAR, look no further. On another note, our Bison hunts were closed this summer to hunting and are therefore no longer an option on the bear hunts.

In September it was once again time for our **whitetail/mule deer archery season**. Mike Woodruff FL USA was back with us September 1st chasing mule deer. On day 1 we spotted a dream buck! After setting up a ground blind on a water hole the big non typical come on in to 18 yards on the second day! Mike made no mistakes and the giant buck he always dreamed about was laying 50 yards away dead. The bonus, full velvet and perfect! Frank Ferazzi and Renan Olivia TX USA were next for archery mule deer. Frank missed a giant 200" typical deer at 20 yards! A little buck fever claims another victim. Although Renan saw and stalked a couple of decent bucks he was never able to release an arrow. We will hopefully see these two again! Although we did not have any whitetail archery guys the cameras were still in the woods. A few of those pictures are below. They will be bigger in 2017!





The 2016 **whitetail rifle hunts** were again successful despite the November harvest moon. We were booked solid, taking 12 rifle deer hunters again this year. Winter 15/16 was mild and the deer had it easy and seem to be making a great comeback. Fawn populations were great and our intense coyote management program is obviously working. The trail cameras made it clear that we still have some fantastic bucks and some incredible up and comers! This winter is looking mild with not much snow, I expect 2017 to be right back to awesome! As you can see we had good success due to our outstanding guides, commitment in the field and just plain hard work. A couple of our regular clients had to leave

early due to a family emergency but the other 10 clients did very well. In total we shot 8 deer, missed 3 and wounded one. We will be seeing most of you again in 2017, and we are looking forward to it! We still have a few hunts open in 2017 if you need a quality fair chase whitetail! Thanks again to our dedicated crew and all you hunters that put in the ass time to harvest these great deer. Whether hunting the farmland or farm fringe we can customize a hunt that suits you, the client!





Season's greetings from Alberta, and we hope everyone has a happy and prosperous 2017!  
Shoot straight and often, and remember that when there is lead in the air there's hope!

*Happy Hunting,*

*Double Diamond Wilderness Hunts*

*Jeremy, Tonya, Brooke, and Cali*