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# **PRIVATE LAND HUNTING INFORMATION PACKET 2017**



## **PRIVATE LAND HUNTING ON BIG TIMBER RANCHES**

Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters is lucky enough to headquarter in Big Timber, Montana with some unique ranches just minutes away. Local landowners of these properties have been gracious enough to allow us the opportunity to offer our hunters and anglers access to some very special hunting and fishing areas. One such ranch is 20,000 acres of rolling hills just twenty minutes north of Big Timber. With the Crazy Mountains as the backdrop the ranch flourishes with wildlife as Little Timber Creek and Swamp Creek meander through the hillsides. Though this is a special permit area for elk, if you are lucky enough to draw a permit, there are opportunities for trophy bulls. With a general deer license you can harvest a mighty fine mule deer or whitetail deer. Of the eight plus ranches we currently hunt this is the only one that requires a special permit for elk. The other ranches may be hunted with a general season combination license or individual elk and deer licenses. All antelope hunts require a special permit. Our ranch hunts are fully guided, spot and stalk hunts. We use 4x4 vehicles to access the ranches we hunt. Accommodations include a comfortable lodge in Big Timber with all meals provided. \*A plus for our private land hunters is our ability to move from ranch to ranch during the hunt in order to give them the best opportunity for harvesting an animal.

### **PRIVATE LAND ARCHERY HUNTS**

**ARCHERY COMBINATION ELK/DEER HUNT: \$5500 per hunter 2x1**

**1X1 HUNT: \$7000**

Lodging and meals included.

4-6 hunters, 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day).

#### **Hunt Dates:**

**Hunt #1 Sept 1-7**

**Hunt #2 Sept 7-13**

**Hunt #3 Sept 14-20**

**Hunt #4 Sept 22-28**

**Hunt #5 Sept 29-Oct 5**

**Hunt #6 Oct 6-12**

### **Archery Special Permit Areas for Elk and Antelope**

If you want to apply for one of our special permit areas please check the draw area with us before applying. Better non-resident draw success in 900-20.

Elk either-sex Archery Only Season: 900-20 Elk Cow Archery Season Only: 005-00

Antelope 900 Series Only: 900-20 Antelope Archery Only: 510-20, 570-20, 340-20

#### **Archery Season Dates:**

\*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2017 Hunting Information in early February.

Archery Only Season Dates for Elk/Deer: September 2 - October 15

Archery Only Season Dates for Antelope: September 2 - October 6 \*

900 Series Dates for Antelope: August 15 - November 12



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## **PRIVATE LAND RIFLE HUNTS**

**RIFLE COMBINATION ELK/DEER HUNT: \$5500 per hunter 2x1**

**1X1 HUNT: \$7000**

Includes lodging and meals

4-6 hunters, 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

### **HUNT DATES:**

**Hunt #1 Oct 20-26**

**Hunt # 2 Oct 27- Nov 2**

**Hunt # 3 Nov 3-9**

**Hunt #4 Nov 10-16**

**Hunt # 5 Nov 17-23**

**Rifle Special Permit Areas:** Elk either-sex Rifle: 570-20 & 580-22 Elk Cow: 005-00

Antelope Rifle: 510-20, 570-20, 340-20 \*Check the draw area with us before applying.

**Rifle Season Dates:** (\*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2017 Hunting Information in early February)

Rifle-Elk/Deer: October 21–November 26 Rifle-Antelope: October 7–November 12\*

### **Yellowstone Ranch Hunts – These unique hunting and fishing**

**opportunities** are conveniently located 5 minutes from Big Timber and offer 8 miles of Yellowstone River frontage. The Yellowstone ranches landscape of brush and cottonwood trees, plenty of water and many channels make for great water-fowl and turkey hunting. Both ranches have a healthy deer population. The fishing is phenomenal so bring your fly rod! Archery and rifle hunting are available for deer and turkey. These combo hunts are based on the season and what licenses you hold. Accommodations and meals are not included with these hunting options. We recommend the Grand Hotel in Big Timber for accommodations.

## **HUNTING AND FISHING OPTIONS FOR THE YELLOWSTONE RANCHES**

**Duck & Geese: \$250 a gun/per day (guided)**

**Fall Combination Hunt: \$500.00 a gun/per day (guided)  
(Duck/Geese/Turkey)**

**Deer: \$2,300 per hunter 3 day hunt**

**Fall Turkey: \$300 per person/per day (guided)**

**Spring Turkey: \$350 per person/per day (guided)**

**Walk & Wade Fishing: \$250 per person/per day**





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We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks  
Make Checks Payable to: Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

**All Hunt Prices include a \$50 fee for the MOGA Hunter/Angler Defense Fund**

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### WHAT'S INCLUDED

**The rates include:**

Comfortable sleeping accommodations in lodge with bedding and towels.  
All meals during your hunt  
Field care of trophies  
Experienced Guides

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

**The rates do not include:**

Transportation to Montana  
Personal toiletries  
Montana hunting licenses and permits  
Hunting equipment including guns and ammunition  
Fishing Licenses  
Fishing equipment including rods and flies  
Transportation of trophies to final destination  
Any additional transportation cost  
Gratuities for guides and cook

### Gratuities

Clients often ask how much to tip their guide and cook. Standard in the industry is 10-15% of the cost of the trip, divided between your guide and cook at your discretion. For example, a \$5000 hunt @ 10% = \$500 tip (\$400 guide/\$100 cook). Gratuities are 100% discretionary. Always appreciated, they provide validation that our clients have had a good time and that we have done a good job.



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## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS PRIVATE LAND HUNTING ON BIG TIMBER RANCHES

**Plan to arrive in Big Timber the afternoon before your hunt.** Please check in with ABO (406-579-3866) prior to arrival to let us know your planned arrival time in Big Timber. Leave your cell phone number so we can call and confirm whether to meet us at the lodge or at ABO Headquarters. If you plan to stay in Big Timber prior to or after your hunt we recommend the hotels below.

**The Grand Hotel** ([www.thegrand-hotel.com](http://www.thegrand-hotel.com)) (406-932-4459) is a charming and beautifully renovated historical hotel in downtown Big Timber. The hotel provides a wonderful full breakfast but not before 8:00 am. It has a well-stocked vintage bar which serves lunch and dinner. But for those with a "grander" palette it sports a fabulous restaurant that serves delicious gourmet dinners. The dining room is very popular so be sure to **make a reservation**.

**The Super 8 Motel** ([www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com)) (406-932-8888) has comfortable rooms with small refrigerators and serves a light breakfast. For a heartier breakfast, the Country Skillet is across the street and opens at 6:00 AM.

**Guests Driving:** Big Timber is located off Interstate 90 between Bozeman and Billings. Bozeman to Big Timber is 60 miles, driving time 1 hour. Billings to Big Timber is 90 miles, driving time 1½ hours.

**Guests Flying:** Plan to fly into the **Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport** (BZN) or the **Billings Logan International Airport** (BIL) the day before your trip begins. Most major rental car companies are available at either airport. If you are not renting a car we will provide you with shuttle service from the Bozeman Airport to the your hunting destination and return you to the airport in Bozeman at the end of your trip. The cost of this service is \$300 round trip per vehicle. (Example – If we are picking up 4 clients and their gear in one vehicle, the cost would be \$75 round trip per person. If we are picking up 1 client, the cost would be \$300 round trip for that one client.) The following airlines service Bozeman and Billings:

Delta 1-800-325-1999

Northwest 1-800-225-2525

United 1-800-864-8331

American 1-800-433-7300

Horizon Air 1-800-547-9308

Frontier 1-800-432-1359

The service is usually very good into Bozeman and Billings. However, Bozeman is a college town, home to Montana State University, so make your reservations early. Check out **Montana Travel** (1-800-247-3538) or ([info@mttravel.com](mailto:info@mttravel.com)) for some of the best air fares available. Remember, Montana is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.



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## **PRIVATE LAND HUNTING ON THE LAZY E-L RANCH**

The Lazy E-L Ranch is a working cattle ranch nestled at the foot of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness. With five miles of river frontage, wildlife abounds in this spectacular, unspoiled setting. The ranch offers a high quality hunt with the opportunity to see many animals and to pick a respectable size elk or deer. Hunting reservations are made through Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters but to view the Lazy E-L Ranch website go to [www.lazyel.com](http://www.lazyel.com).

When booking a hunt with Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters on the Lazy E-L Ranch, your accommodations will be a lovely vacation lodge on the West Rosebud River. This spacious, charming retreat offers comfortable beds and full bathrooms. It is located just outside the Lazy EL Ranch with a lovely view of the river. Clients staying at the retreat will enjoy eating across the street in the dining room at The Grizzly Bar & Grill. The Grizzly Bar & Grill, a favorite local spot and known for its' good food, is owned and operated by Patrick and Jennifer O'Shea. Patrick guides and Jennifer cooks for all ABO's Lazy EL Hunts. Hunters love Jenn's food!

**ARCHERY SEASON ELK/DEER COMBO HUNT: \$5500 per hunter/Lodge**

4 HUNTERS – 7 DAYS (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day) – 2X1 Hunt

**HUNT DATES:**

**Hunt #1 Sept 23-29    Hunt #2 Oct 1-7**

**RIFLE ELK/DEER COMBO HUNT: \$5500 per hunter/Lodge**

6 HUNTERS - 7 DAYS (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day) – 2X1 Hunt

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**Hunting Licenses/Permits are not included in the price of the hunt.**

(For more information on license & permit prices refer to the [General Hunting Information Packet](#) or go online to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov).)

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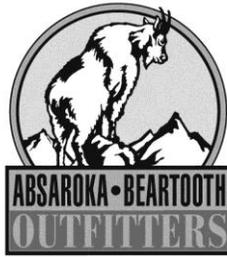
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**Special Note to Hunters:** I will not be guiding the Lazy EL Ranch hunts as I will be guiding ranch hunts in Big Timber during that time. However, I have carefully chosen Patrick O'Shea as your lead man. Patrick is an experienced guide who has hunted with me for many years. He knows every inch of the ranch! Patrick along with our other experienced guides Shawn Doss and Bob Lile will do everything within their power to give you the best hunt possible.



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## **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS PRIVATE LAND HUNTING LAZY E-L RANCH**

**Guests Driving:** The ranch is located in Roscoe, MT.

Directions from Billings: Go west on Interstate 90 to Columbus; at Columbus go south on 78 to Roscoe. Driving time from Billings to the ranch is approximately 1.5 hours.

Directions from Bozeman: go east on Interstate 90 to Columbus; at Columbus go south on 78 to Roscoe. Driving time from Bozeman to the ranch is approximately 3.5 hours.

**Plan to arrive by 3:00 pm the day before your hunt begins.** You will **meet** your guides at the **Grizzly Bar & Grill located just before you get to the ranch.** This gives the guides time to get you settled and you time to site in your rifles before dark.

**Please check in with Patrick or Shawn to confirm your arrival time.**

Patrick O'Shea – cell 406-425-4333

Shawn Doss – cell 406-698-4798

**Cell service is not very good at the ranch so two good emergency numbers are (406) 328-6789 (the Grizzly Bar & Grill) or 210-722-3817 (Sarah Mayo)**

The guides check in with Sarah daily.

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