

Hunting SHEEP with Compass West
Outfitters
Booking Packet

Thanks for booking with Compass West Outfitters. We are honored that you are trusting us with what we hope will be one of many great hunts with us! We hope you are as excited about this hunting season as we are!

505-801-7500 is our office number call anytime.

505-860-3197 Chris' personal cell if you have a questions. Feel free to text him as well anytime, it's often the best way to track him down. Our email address is info@compasswestoutfitters.com if you prefer to email us. Our office mailing address is:

Compass West Outfitters llc
33 Road 25531
Aztec, NM 87410

Please **always leave a phone number in your message** as we don't always have your personal information with us. We are very good about returning phone calls, but please remember that during hunting season we are in very remote areas and may only be able to retrieve our messages every couple of days as many of the areas we hunt still lack cell phone service.

The following is information we hope you find useful when preparing for your hunt:

Deposits: Your deposit is due within 14 days of receiving invoice the price offer also stands for that 14 days. We accept personal check, cashier's check or money order. Checks can be made payable to "Compass West Outfitters LLC".

Cancellation policy: Your deposit is refunded (less a handling fee of 15% of the total cost) only if you can fill your spot with a new hunter. No-shows will be charged the full amount. **We HIGHLY recommend our hunters carry trip insurance.** You can consult with your insurance agent to learn how to obtain trip insurance. You can also check out this link

<https://globalrescue.com/compasswestoutfitters/index.html> The cancel for anything policy will cover, "anything".

All disputes over billing will be handled by the San Juan County court in New Mexico between March 1st and August 15th.

Final Payments: Final payment is due no later than 60 days before your hunt date. If you are less than 60 days out please call us to arrange your payment.

Included in Package Price: Please use sheep hunt contract for the outline of what is and what is NOT included. Each hunt is customized to fit your dream hunt.

Not Included in Package Price: Travel to/from hunt area, Colorado or New Mexico license fee. Tips for guide and cooks. Meat processing, meat storage (area meat lockers charge \$20-30/day for storage) or shipping. Taxidermy or alcohol are also not included. Bedding and towels are not provided.

We will help you handle your trophy in the field and can help you get in touch with local meat processors/taxidermy shops as well as transport meat to closest butcher for you.

Air Travel:

Please talk with Chris about your specific hunt area and best choice.

Gratuity:

It is customary to tip your guides based on your overall experience. For the cooks, \$75 -100+ per week per person is common. On sheep hunts \$1000+ is in the common range, but please base your tip on your experience. The cost of scouting is increasing every year, this is where the guides can make back the money they spent looking for your dream ram. Gratuity should not reflect number of days in the field or harvest, but rather the experience you enjoyed.

Our Wounded Animal Policy on Public Land Hunts:

A wounded animal is an animal that has been hit by bullet or arrow and a single drop of blood has been found. You and your guide will spend the next **48 hours** looking for that animal. If you are unable to find this wounded animal in that time you may continue to hunt under special conditions. If 2nd animal is wounded, this will be the end of the hunt. You will spend the remainder of your hunt looking for both wounded animals until the end of your hunt or until you choose to depart camp.

Gun policy: Guns need to have a clear chamber at all times (including vehicle travel). Your guide will let you know when to chamber your weapon in the field.

Empty chamber applies to night as well. Should you have a gun chambered in camp you will be asked to leave at once, no refunds will be given. We prefer all guns to be left in the guide's truck or your vehicle in camp.

Accidental discharge of a weapon AT ANY TIME will result in you leaving camp immediately. No questions asked. Your hunt is over. No refunds will be given.

Drug/alcohol policy: It is unlawful in NM or Colorado to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, including medical marijuana.

Cell Phones:

There is NOT ALWAYS CELL PHONE reception in our camps, If you must have cell service during your hunt, talk with me about your location and I can give you a heads up to the service quality/location available. A Garmin in-reach is the best way to stay in touch, guides will have one on all sheep hunts.

Drinking Water: I will have bottled water in truck as a rule or pills or a filter. You will want to pack a Camel Back or other drinking bottles to re-fill in camp and bring with you to the field. Pills is the most common on our hunts, and yes they have a taste! I recommend you find a MIO or other water flavoring to pack with you.

After Hours Emergencies:

For emergencies, our best number to call is the office number 505-801-7500. My wife Karin mans the office during the hunting season while I am in the field. Should you find yourself lost on your way at night or your family need to get in touch with you, you can call this number and she will do her best to get in touch with me.

Should anyone need to reach you in camp, they may call/text my cell 505-860-3197 (however I do NOT always have service every day). Should they call this number after hours a voice messaging system is in place and we will give you the message when I hear it. Texting me is the very best way to reach me the fastest.

Global rescue is a good idea on these hunts:

<https://globalrescue.com/compasswestoutfitters/index.html>

Camp Locations and Meeting Locations: We will provide you detailed directions to camp closer to your hunt date. We spend the summer tracking animal movements, and use this information to determine our camp location. As a result, most years we will not have a set location until later in August or even later on some hunts. You may need a 4x4 to access any of our camps in Colorado.

Hunting License –

COLORADO HUNTERS:

Hunters Education Card- You MUST have your card on you at all times in Colorado. NOT having your card will result in termination of your hunt and no

refunds. BE SURE YOU BRING IT WITH YOU, or be sure your CIN# with the state of Colorado is verified!!

If you have any questions, please **do not hesitate** to call me any time: **505-801-7500 (office) or 505-860-3197 (Chris' cell phone)** E-mail us at: info@compasswestoutfitters.com

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR HUNT:

GET IN SHAPE AND PRACTICE WITH YOUR WEAPON! – You WILL get out of a hunt what you put in to it ahead of time!

You will be hunting at an elevation of at about 6000'-10,000' or higher. Many of you are coming from 500' or less and you're not used to the thin air like we are. Do what you can to help get your lungs ready! Even just walking for an hour a day will benefit you. Use a backpack with sand or other weight in it when you walk to get ready. If you can ride a bike or stair stepper you're going to be happy you did!

It's your hunt - guides will let you set the pace, but they will push you as they want to see you have a successful hunt. For what you are paying per day, spend some time getting ready! YOU are the one that will pay for it with a sub-par hunt, blistered feet and a crappy time overall if you don't shoot on sticks and get some exercise before you get here. Anything you can do to get ready is going to help you. There is nothing more depressing than seeing that big ram on day 3 and having to run as fast as you can up a steep hill and just not having the energy to do it.

Please be sure to talk with your guide about the quality of animal that you're looking for. In the field, your guide can help advise you as to the quality of animals you are seeing, but remember that ultimately you make the call as whether or not you shoot or don't shoot. We want you to harvest the largest animals possible, but every animal you let walk is a risk of not tagging out. Remember that opportunities are not unlimited on fair chase hunts.

We are aggressive hunters. That's why we have killed over 90% harvest and 100% shot for the last 10 years. We like to walk and hike and glass for animals along the way. We are not trying to kill you, we just really want you to harvest as badly as you do! This means if you need a break you're going to have to tell us when YOU need to sit on waterholes and feeding areas to take a break and recharge. It's your hunt, you need to set the pace!

Bow Hunters Information:

Please plan on shooting **fixed blade broad heads**. In the last 12 years we have recovered one elk shot with expandable blades, Yes one! I am however 10% willing to talk about their use on a sheep hunt. If you need help PLEASE call us anytime to talk more about ideas for fixed blades that shoot like expendables. Slicktrick 4 blade 100g standards, Exodus 125g and Whack'em 125g are some of the best shooting fixed blades you can buy. We have had BAD luck with the G5 montec - they are dull. Iron will broadheads 125g are great as well but very expensive. Please plan on use of lighted knocks.

We also request that hunters **DO NOT** use single pin or adjustable sights. They are very popular in the whitetail world now, however in the world of sheep hunting they **will** hurt your odds of harvest a great deal. You will NOT have the time to set the yardage on the sight when you are calling in elk since you never know where they are coming from. We like boss hog or black gold 7 pin sites 30-80 yard pins and you will have no reason not to get the shot you want! Just spend a little time shooting instinctively at ranges from 0-30 yds. Spend some time shooting from various positions. Shoot from knees, leaning over, around things, over things, under branches. A swing pin sight like "the option" is a good sheep choice as it gives you the best of both worlds.

A Primos bow sling will be your best friend on this hunt. I would be sure to pack one!!!

Call us anytime about bow or gear questions, we are ALL bow hunters in camp!

Rifle Hunters: PLEASE learn to shoot standing on sticks and sitting. You are going to be standing 50-75% of the time on shots here. It's not something you should do for the first time once here. Cross canyon or over brush is almost always the way you are going to get a shot. We try for sitting shots anytime we can, but prone will almost never happen because of the terrain we hunt.

Once you have your rifle ZERO AT 200 YDS start practicing shooting off sticks. Most of the guides like and will carry the BogPod tripod with the red foam grips. Primos also makes a nice trigger stick TRIPOD that is super easy to use and easy to find. **Or get some other cheap off brand to practice, as you don't have to bring them with you**, guides will carry their own. But please, for the good of your hunt, get ready to use sticks and shoot a bunch before the hunt starts. You'll be glad you did!

You will not need to travel with your sticks, guides will have some with them in the field at all times.

Zero your rifle at 200, and be ready for 100-450+ yard shots. Most shots will be 300-500, but

learn to shoot at 200-500+ and you'll be happy you did!

Take a shooting class, anything you can to get ready. Every year I hear that you can't shoot over 300 yards where you live, but just google long range shooting in your area and USE WHAT YOU FIND. You might have to join a club or travel 1-2-3-4 hours to do so. Well you are traveling 1000 plus miles and spending a great deal of money to visit us, it's a small investment to be READY.

When practicing 300+ shots we recommend never shoot paper, what we like to do when practicing long distances (300+ yards) is to shoot at balloons. It gives instant feedback, and if you're popping a balloon that is the same size as the kill zone on an sheep guess what - you're killing any sheep you are shooting at! It builds confidence at longer range! Don't discourage yourself shooting and evaluating paper..

Please bring the rifle you shoot best at 100-500 yards..

We also sell all the Huskamaw long range gear AND RIFLES! If you want a custom 300win (\$4500) let us know and I can get one to you before your hunt all dialed in for our elevation. I also sell all the Huskamaw ammo and long range shooting supplies.

Colorado/New Mexico Sheep Hunt Packing List

Think Light Weight, you are the one that will pay if its not!

Gear

- **Hunting License (make sure you have all the required stamps)**
- **Rifle w/ full box of Ammo, scope, scope cover (zeroed at 200 yards)**
- Hiking Poles Titanium or Black Diamond (They will also serve well as shooting sticks, please shoot sitting on walking sticks!!)
- Backpack Sleeping Bag (0 -15 deg or better)
- Sleeping Pad (Exped, Thermarest)
- Large black garbage bags 2
- Binoculars (Swarovski, Zeiss, Leica 10x42) with Bino Straps
- Range Finder
- Bivuoac gear (*SOL Emergency BIVY sack call me first*)
- Water Bottle (Lightweight Nalgene)
- Light weight cup with lid (oatmeal and coffee)
- Long handled spoon
- Light-weight flashlight (extra batteries), be sure to place one battery backwards!!
- Head-lamp flashlight (extra batteries), be sure to place one battery backwards!!
- Light weight camera, batteries if needed or phone with battery booster.

Clothing

- Temperatures could be 10s to 70s. wind, rain, snow
- Sturdy hard soled boots (High quality mountain with rubber around toes to protect from rock), waterproof treated and tested.
- Extra Socks (2-4 pair, "darn tough" are the best but any merino wool recommended)
- Extra Sock Liners (2 pair, silk or ?)
- 1 pair of wicking underwear merino is best 130 or 200 wt
- Long-sleeve shirt 1 (wicking layer) merino or smartwool of any kind
- Mid weight merino top
- Light Weight Rain Gear (top and bottom)
- Kuiu or UA ridge reaper Guide Jacket or outer layer that is windproof
- Mid layer style vest
- **Puffy down jacket and pants**
- Pants (non-cotton, fast dry, loose fit), I like the UA guide pants
- Long underwear merino or smartwool of any kind
- Beanie hat (for cold weather and sleeping, merino or fleece)
- Baseball cap or sun protective hat
- Gloves (light pair for hiking (important in the rocky terrain) and
- Gloves/mittens (heavy pair for cold weather) waterproof and warm is a must
- Light weight sweater or mid-weight fleece
- Crocks for around camp and water crossing
- Gaitors waterproof and quiet

Personal Items

- Insect Repellent/head net (ask me)
- Sunscreen (unscented, mineral based spf50+ recommended)
- SPF Lip Protection
- Sunglasses (high quality UV protection)
- Water treatment tablets 1 jar
- Toilet Paper/wet wipes needed for your hunt
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss
- Mole skin for blisters, antibiotic ointment, bandaids, **ibuprofen**
- Bic Lighter
- Fire starter
- Medications
- Pre-moistened facial towelettes
- Light –rapid dry towel
- Zip-lock bags (for personal items and trash) gallon and quart size
- Gold Bond Powder or Baby powder in a small ziplock
- Pillow case make your laundry into a pillow
- Parachute cord 50' any color

*Minimize personal toiletries to absolutely necessary items.

***Make sure your toenails are trimmed short 3-5 days before hunt.**

Food

- Feel free to bring your own favorite mountain snacks
- I highly recommend packing snacks you enjoy and want!
- Powdered drink mix of your choice to mix with water or MIO
- I have been turned into a fan of MTN opps and Wilderness athlete!
- **Please call to discuss any allergies, special food requirements.**
- **We will have main mountain house meals and snacks!**

Other Miscellaneous

- Waterproof compression stuff sacks/bags
- 1 small havolon 5-10 blades
- Reading material 1-2 book

Keep your total pack weight as low as possible!