

## **Cow ELK -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!

Call or text Chris on his cell at 505-860-3197 or call our office at 505-801-7500 anytime you have a question. Our email address is [info@compasswestoutfitters.com](mailto:info@compasswestoutfitters.com) if you prefer to email us. Our home and mailing address is:

Compass West Outfitters, LLC  
33 Road 25531  
Aztec, NM 87410

\*Please note, this is our office, **not** necessarily the location closest to your hunt when looking at driving directions/airports. **Driving directions to your meeting place will be located on our website at [www.compasswestoutfitters.com](http://www.compasswestoutfitters.com) under the forms tab. Your guide will be in contact with you within 24 hours of your hunt to finalize meeting times.**

Please **always leave a name and 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. **Please call the office in hunting season first!**

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

**Deposits:** Your deposit is due and price is valid within 14 days of booking. We accept checks, cashier's check or money order. **Checks can be made payable to "Compass West Outfitters, LLC".**

**Cancelation policy:** **Your deposit is refunded (less a handling fee of 15% of the total cost) only if you or we 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>

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. If you have a balance due when you arrive in New Mexico, the final payment **MUST BE PAID IN CASH BEFORE YOU HUNT.** **Checks will not be accepted in camp.**

Included in Package Price: Private land authorization (this is not a license, license must still be purchased from NMG&F).

Not Included in Package Price: Lodging and meals. Travel to/from hunt camp. New Mexico license fee, habitat and HMAV stamps and NM sales tax. Tips for guide, camp-helper, meat processing, meat storage or shipping of meat.

We will help you handle your elk in the field and can help you get in touch with local meat processors.

Lodging recommendation (Unit 34 hunts): we recommend you make reservation in Mayhill NM at the Mayhill Café. They can be reached at (575)687-3066. Ask for Josh or Paige. Tell them you are hunting with Compass West Outfitters for the discounted rate. Otherwise any Airbnb or VRBO in Cloudcroft, Mayhill, or Weed will work. They are all very close to where you will be hunting (10-20min).

Air Travel:

For **our unit 34 hunts (NOT unit 2)** you will want to fly into El Paso, TX (3.5 hours) or possibly Albuquerque (5 hours, but a greater selection of flight times).

Gratuity:

It is customary to tip your guide based on your overall experience. \$200-300 is customary.

**Our Wounded Animal Policy**

A wounded animal is an animal that has been hit and blood is drawn this ends hunting.

**Should you wound an animal, you and your guide will cease hunting, and will spend the remainder of your hunt looking for that wounded animal. You will not be allowed to harvest any other animal other than your wounded one.**

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.

Accidental discharge of a weapon AT ANY TIME will result in the immediately end of your hunt. No questions asked. Your hunt is over. No refunds will be given.

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

Weather – remember take a peek at the weather forecast before you head out so that you can pack accordingly. Your hunt will be fairly near Mayhill, NM if in unit 34, so you can use this when looking up the weather forecast.

### Cell Phones:

There is some spotty CELL PHONE reception in our cow elk units. If you need to make a call please ask your guide where to closest cell phone reception is.

Drinking Water: You will want to pack drinking bottles to re-fill and bring with you to the field.

### After Hours Emergencies:

For emergencies, our best number to call is the office number **505-801-7500**. Karin mans the office during the hunting season while Chris is 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 Chris, your guide, or the camp manager.

Cow Elk Meeting Locations: **Driving directions to your meeting place will be located on our website at [www.compasswestoutfitters](http://www.compasswestoutfitters.com) under the forms tab.** You will not need a 4x4 to access any of our hunt locations. **Your guide will be in contact with you within 24 hours of your hunt to finalize meeting times.**

Hunting License – \*Closer to your hunt date we will email detailed step-by-step directions to walk you through the following process.\*

**\*\*Mandatory Harvest Report after your hunt\*\*** – the state of NM requires ALL hunters to fill out their mandatory harvest report whether you were successful or not. You will want to log on to your NM Game and Fish account after the hunt to complete this step. If you don't complete this step you will not be eligible for the NM draw next year. You can also call NM Game and Fish at (888) 248-6866 to complete your harvest report over the phone.

If you have any questions, please **do not hesitate** to call us any time: **505-801-7500 (office) or 505-860-3197 (Chris' cell phone)**

E-mail us at: [info@compasswestoutfitters.com](mailto: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 6800'-8500 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.

Rifle Hunters: PLEASE learn to shoot standing on sticks. You are going to be standing 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 whenever 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 Death Grip from bog pod is great to. **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!

Zero your rifle at 200, most shots for cow elk will be under 200.

## Cow Hunt- New Mexico Packing List

- **Hunting License (make sure you have all the required stamps)**
- **GAME BAGS**
- **Rifle w/ 2-3 full boxes of Ammo, scope, scope cover**
- **Day pack 2000-3000 Or plastic tote to hold all your personal gear.**
- Large black garbage bags 2 in your day pack
- Binoculars
- Water Bottle (Lightweight Nalgene)
- Light-weight flashlight (extra batteries), be sure to place one battery backwards!!
- Head-lamp flashlight

### Clothing

- Temperatures could be 10s to 90s. 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 smart wool of any kind
- Mid weight merino top
- Light Weight Rain Gear (top and bottom)
- KUIU Guide Jacket or outer layer that is windproof
- Mid layer style vest
- **Puffy down jacket and pants cold seasons**
- Pants (fast dry, loose fit), I like the KUIU guide pants or Tiburon on hot hunts
- Long underwear merino or smart wool of any kind
- Beanie hat
- Baseball cap or sun protective hat
- Gloves/mittens (heavy pair for cold weather) waterproof and warm is a must
- Light weight sweater or mid-weight fleece

#### Personal Items

- Sunscreen (unscented, mineral based spf50+ recommended)
- SPF Lip Protection
- Sunglasses (high quality UV protection)
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss
- Mole skin for blisters, antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, *ibuprofen*
- Medications
- Pre-moistened facial towelettes
- Zip-lock bags (for personal items and trash) gallon and quart size
- Gold Bond Powder or Baby powder in a small Ziploc
- 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

- All food and snacks you might like.