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FROM THE OFFICE OF  
THE WYOMING GOVERNOR

## MATT MEAD

Dear Fellow Hunters and Outdoor Enthusiasts,

As I have in past years, I am pleased again this year to write an introduction to the 2018 *Wyoming Outdoors* publication. This is the go-to planning guide for an outing in Wyoming. It offers a wealth of information on hunting, fishing and all kinds of summer and winter pursuits in our great state. If you've been on

a Wyoming adventure before and used this guide, you know its value. If you are planning your first trip, with this publication in hand, you have all you need.

I was born and raised in Jackson, Wyoming. I have been an outdoor enthusiast from childhood on. I climbed the Grand in high school, am an avid snowmobiler and skier, and hunt and fish every chance I get. I enjoy participating in these activities, as well as others, in Wyoming because frankly the outdoor opportunities here are unparalleled.

Our rivers, mountain ranges, and national and state parks and forests provide many things – wildlife, scenic beauty, and something elusive in our busy world -solitude. Our 11,000 farms and ranches provide open spaces and distinctive character to the land. We have bountiful game both big and small. The fifth season in the year to us is hunting season.

The Wyoming Outfitters & Guides Association and its members bring this 2018 edition of *Wyoming Outdoors* to you. These are experienced professionals who know Wyoming inside and out. They can help you put together a great trip to the Cowboy State.

Hoping you will visit us soon and best regards,

Sincerely,

Matthew H. Mead, Governor



FROM THE WYOGA PRESIDENT

## JEFF SMITH

Welcome to the 2018 Edition of *Wyoming Outdoors*. As you page through this publication, you will find Wyoming's best professional Outfitters and Guides.

Whether you are looking for a premier hunting experience, a family pack trip vacation or a back country fishing excursion, these professionals can offer you a World Class, Memorable, Outdoor Experience.

The members of WYOGA spend countless hours, effort and dollars to stay on the forefront of issues that affect all sportsmen. They are committed to protecting our hunting, fishing and other outdoor interests throughout the state. Over the years, WYOGA has fought legislatively to ensure resident and non-resident sportsmen continue to have the proper allocation of licenses to pursue big game and trophy game animals. The members also spend countless hours and resources on the issues that concern sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts, such as delisting of the grizzly bear, wolf and predator control, and access to public lands.

WYOGA has a great working relationship with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The mutual understanding of proper management and issues that affect both the wildlife and their habitat ensures future generations will enjoy the opportunities that sportsmen experience today.

Wyoming's abundant wildlife, scenic beauty and friendly people make this great state one of the premier destinations in North America.

Come experience what the "Cowboy State" has to offer.

Sincerely,

Jeff Smith, President

## 2017 STATISTICS

Total WY Outfitters: 323

Stats represent 2017 outfitted clients

Species	#of Clients	Successful	%
Deer	2,410	2,030	84%
Antelope	2,758	2,586	94%
Elk	3,219	1,971	61%
Black Bear	130	60	46%
Moose	40	38	95%
Sheep	98	85	87%
Mt. Goat	13	11	85%
Mt. Lion	56	37	66%
Wolf	14	5	36%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8,738</b>	<b>6,823</b>	<b>78%</b>