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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE WYOMING GOVERNOR

MARK GORDAN

Dear Fellow Hunters and Outdoor Enthusiasts,

It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to write an introduction to the 2019 *Wyoming Outdoors* publication. This guide offers information on hunting, fishing, and a range of outdoor activities that can be pursued year-round in the Cowboy State. Whether this is your first trip to Wyoming or you return year after year, there's a wealth of information to be gleaned from these pages.

I grew up on a ranch in Kaycee, Wyoming where the hunting opportunities are world-class. I still vividly recall one of my first hunting experiences, when my father and I rode out of the Bighorn Mountains in a snowstorm, my hands buried under saddle blankets to keep them warm. With the right outfitter, you'll be

prepared to make lasting memories of your own.

Our state's natural beauty and variety of landscapes ensure that there's something for everyone somewhere in Wyoming. No matter what type of hunting experience you're seeking, with bountiful game and rivers teeming with fish, Wyoming has something to offer you. Solitude is easily accessible, and the friendly and knowledgeable outfitters and guides featured in this guide can help you find the spot you've been dreaming of.

The members of the Wyoming Outfitters & Guides Association know our state's wild lands as we well as anyone, and they are here to help you assemble the trip of a lifetime. I hope you will join us soon.

Sincerely,

Mark Gordan
Mark Gordan, Governor



FROM THE WYOGA PRESIDENT

SY GILLILAND

Dear fellow hunters and outdoor enthusiasts:

Welcome to the 2019 edition of the Wyoming Outdoors publication. In 2019, we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Wyoming Outfitters & Guides Association. I want to thank the Wyoming Outfitters that had the foresight to create and build such a strong statewide organization.

The members of WYOGA are hands down the finest outfitters in Wyoming. As you plan your next dream big game hunt or outdoor adventure, rest assured, the right outfitter to spend your hard earned dollars with is a WYOGA member. The Wyoming outfitting industry is healthy and a huge part of our tourism industry which happens to be our state's second largest industry.

WYOGA maintains a full-time office and our Administrator, Laurie Marcovitz runs a tight ship. The office requires full time attention with numerous duties including publication ad sales, fundraising, organizing our annual convention, attending the SCI & Shot Show and numerous board meetings.

WYOGA is made up of 12 Board of Directors and two Guide Representatives. WYOGA board members commit to attending multiple meetings and serving on state wildlife task forces at their own expense. Without the time and dedication by the board members, WYOGA would not be as successful as it is.

Our legislative presence is directed by our lobbyist Bill Novotny who maintains a year-round presence. The traveling sportsman's lone voice in Wyoming politics is WYOGA and we work very hard to ensure our incredible wildlife resources are shared with those who live out of our borders. The non-resident hunter receives approximately 20% of the total big game and trophy game licenses yet provides 80% of the license fee funding to the Wyoming Game & Fish. Our Wyoming Game & Fish department could not function at the level its dedicated wildlife professionals do if not for non-resident sportsmen and women.

Wyoming offers incredible hunting, fishing and outdoor experiences. The cowboy state's wildlife populations are unrivaled due in large part to a low human population, incredible and abundant habitat and responsible management by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

So visit our member's websites, stop in their booths at a sport show or give them a call. It's never been a better time to hunt, fish or recreate in our great state.

Sincerely,

Sy Gilliland

Sy Gilliland, President



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2018 STATISTICS

Total WY Outfitters: 316

Stats represent 2018 outfitted clients

Species	#of Clients	Successful	%
Deer	2,643	2,235	85%
Antelope	3,254	3,051	94%
Elk	3,195	2,050	64%
Black Bear	136	79	58%
Moose	39	37	95%
Sheep	95	78	82%
Mt. Goat	12	12	100%
Mt. Lion	84	51	61%
Wolf	30	0	0%
Total:	9,488	7,593	80%