

WYOMING OUTFITTERS & GUIDES ASSOCIATION

2021 GUIDE OF THE YEAR

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GROWING UP IN ALABAMA during the 1950's and 60's, there were very few deer, and even fewer deer hunters. I saw my first deer in the woods in 1964 and became obsessed with deer hunting. Over the next few years, I spent as much time as possible hunting them. Since so few people hunted them, and there was no one to teach me, it was a lot of trial and error. A lot of going to the woods trying to figure out how to find the deer, and then, how to successfully kill one.

I booked my first western hunt in October of 1972, but was unsuccessful. I hunted Wyoming in the fall of 1973. I killed a nice antelope with an outfitter from Sundance and fell in love with the state. Between 1972 and 1984, I hunted with several different outfitters in several western states, but Wyoming remained my favorite.

In 1984, I was a captain in the Montgomery Fire Department. I saw an ad in Fire Chief magazine for a firefighter-owned outfitting business-SNS Outfitters. I



booked a hunt with Sy Gilliland, and eventually we became best friends. Sy asked me to become a guide in 1989 and my first client was a police officer from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I don't think he ever knew he was my first client. He killed a very nice muley and I was as excited as he was. This year, I am 78 years old and 2021 is my 33rd year guiding. I plan to guide as long as I am physically able. I have had hundreds of clients and I still get just as excited.

I have had the opportunity to hunt most of the western states. I've hunted in Canada and Alaska. I've taken whitetails, mule deer, antelope, elk, bear, a Dall sheep and a caribou. With all these experiences, I have never found an outfitter that comes close to SNS. I still live in Alabama, but I love Wyoming. I can't wait to get there for the season every fall and I vacation there every summer. Wyoming is my second home. The Gilliland family and SNS are my second family. 🍖

