## 2023 GUIDE OF THE YEAR: KELLY GLAUSE

**I ARRIVED IN WYOMING** in the fall of 1976 and was immediately enthralled with the beauty and wealth of wildlife it possesses.

After attending Casper College on rodeo scholarship. I accepted a position with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service doing predator control. Later in this career I started guiding in the fall. First guiding for Mike and Bobbi Wade of Big Piney and Jackson Hole, then for Jay Lesser with Wyoming Professional Hunters of Glenrock. Bobbi, Mike, and Jay passed on a wealth of valuable knowledge to me about the Guiding and Outfitting business.

After working for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife/Department of Ag for 12 years I went to work for Jon Nicolaysen, owner of Cole Creek Sheep Company. I was hired to do private predator control. Shortly afterword Cole Creek Outfitters

was formed. Here my guiding career blossomed. I have been so fortunate in the many fine people it has allowed me to meet and become friends with.



Many of our clients have hunted over 20 seasons with us. I do my very best to show each hunter what Wyoming can offer in our area.

Every successful Guide or Outfitter has a team that has their back. Mine has been a couple of special friends, my family, and my wonderful wife Karma. From hauling groceries, cooking, answering client calls, feeding horses and dogs, and various rescue missions. Plus, anything else between, it cannot be done without them. Thanks guys!

It is truly humbling to receive this award, considering the many great Guides in Wyoming. Thank you to WYOGA for selecting me from the nominations and all you do for the hunters, Guides and Outfitters in Wyoming.

A special thanks to the Nicolaysen family for nominating me for this special award.

God Bless Wyoming, Kelly Glause

