



FROM THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

BRIAN NESVIK



Dear fellow hunters,

It is my sincere pleasure to write the introductory letter for this year's Wyoming Outdoors. As I write this letter, I am looking forward to several fall hunts I have planned in Wyoming's great outdoors. My excitement for fall hunts in the wild western wilderness and the diverse forests and sagebrush rangelands of my home state has never diminished. There is something truly special about spending time in Wyoming's untamed outdoors that breathes life into your soul. It inspired me to dedicate my life's work to a career in conservation and wildlife management.

As the former director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for choosing our state as one of your hunting destinations. Your decision to hunt in Wyoming contributes to maintaining our state's hunting heritage. Hunters like you provide the bulk of the funding to manage all of our state's diverse and abundant wildlife resources, and for that, I am truly grateful.

As many of you know or will soon experience, our state is home to an exceptional group of professional outfitters and guides. Whether you're chasing bighorn sheep, calling in a big dark-horned bull or belly crawling through the cactus after a pronghorn, you can count on finding the right professional to help you have a great hunt.

Thank you for supporting Wyoming and I wish you the best on your future Wyoming adventures.

*Yours in conservation,
Brian Nesvik*

FROM THE WYOGA PRESIDENT

LEE LIVINGSTON



Dear fellow hunters and outdoor enthusiasts:

Since its formation in 1959, WYOGA has seen many WGFD directors come and go. The relationship with each director has been unique, but the relationship between WYOGA and former director Brian Nesvik has been the strongest that many of us in the industry can recall. Early in his career, Brian recognized that many outfitters had their finger on the pulse of the game herds in their areas and were willing to work in cooperation with local wildlife managers to ensure sustainable wildlife populations. As he worked up through the ranks of the WGFD, Brian continued to engage with outfitters on many hot button issues, including grizzly bear, gray wolf and feed ground management. He also worked with the outfitting industry on many contentious license allocation decisions. As director, Brian was instrumental in helping establish the Wyoming Wildlife Task force, which tackled several critical issues, many of which were centric to the outfitting industry. WYOGA is sad to see Brian leave, but we wish him well in his next chapter.

Governor Gordon appointed Angi Bruce as the next director of WGFD, and she took over the reins in September of 2024. Over the past five years, Angi has worked side by side with Director Nesvik on some of our state's most pressing wildlife management challenges and opportunities. Her entire career has centered on wildlife and habitat management, and she has mastered an understanding of Wyoming's unique needs. For those of you who don't know her yet, take advantage of the opportunities to meet her at upcoming events around the state and congratulate her on her new position. WYOGA is looking forward to continuing the great relationship we have with WGFD, and to working in strong collaboration with Director Bruce and all of her dedicated and skilled staff.

We hope to see you on the trail someday soon!

Best,

Lee Livingston, WYOGA President

2023 STATISTICS

Total WY Outfitters: 304

Stats represent 2022 outfitted clients

Species	#of Clients	Successful	%
Deer	1903	1423	75%
Antelope	2088	1943	93%
Elk	3580	2579	72%
Black Bear	153	86	56%
Moose	32	30	94%
Sheep	84	71	85%
Mtn. Goat	16	10	63%
Mtn. Lion	98	61	62%
Wolf	20	2	10%
Total:	7974	6205	78%

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