In the middle of November 2014, I went on a bison hunt with 4-U Outfitters with Jesse Rodenbough as my guide. I had received my once in a lifetime bison hunt. (This was definitely on my bucket list.) I am 63 years old and this was probably going to be my last big hunt.

Jesse picked me up early on the first morning and it was 17 degrees. We rode horseback for a little over 1 and ½ days, (bones were creaking every so often) in about two feet of snow. At about 1:00 p.m. on the second day, we spotted three nice bulls under some trees. I got off my horse, knelt behind a tree and was about to shoot when Jesse shouted that the biggest bull was in the very back. I shot him at 51 yards with my 300 Win mag and rolled him, but he got up and ran. I couldn’t get a second shot off because he was between Jesse and the horses and me. (Also, a grizzly bear habitat was going to be in the way.)

We tracked him for about an hour and found him dead with the other two bison guarding him where he fell. Jesse was very excited and told me he was a monster!! This really made my day and hunt! Jesse called in another outfitter to help get him packed out, which was now well after dark. FANTASTIC HUNT—FANTASTIC GUIDE

We had him scored by Safari the next day and he scored 68 3/8. The man who scored him said it was the biggest bison he had seen.

This was quite an accomplishment for me, and I greatly appreciated Jesse and the way he helped me with all aspects of the hunt. My only regret is not bringing my son with me to share in this spectacular hunting trip. 🎃