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Mackin Outfitting Fall 2015-Winter 2016 Hunt Report

As I sit here finally getting a chance to write our season's newsletter the grass is already starting to green up, wow I think spring is almost here! I have always enjoyed spring but now that I can spend multiple weeks in the outdoors guiding our spot and stalk black bear hunters - I really look forward to it!

Last spring I was joined by good friends Chris Endres and his son Daniel from Indiana on an exciting black bear hunt. After numerous days of hard work Daniel was able to connect on a HUGE boar on a beautiful spring evening. The next hunt, repeat client and good friend Nick Jorae of Michigan came on his first spring hunt with us and I am pretty sure it's safe to say that he enjoyed it a lot! It's hard to beat watching the landscape come to life while searching for a trophy bear. On day four Nick harvested a real pretty cinnamon boar in the porcupine hills.

From then summer quickly passed and we were soon scouting for mule deer bucks for what turned out to be a banner season for Mackin Outfitting! The first mule deer bow hunters arrived for opening day September 1st. Loren Robinson of Virginia tagged a super 199" buck with guide Cody Symonds on day two, great work guys! That same day Houston Campbell of Iowa made a great 60 yard shot and harvested a huge framed 196" velvet buck. The next week we were joined by Charlie Gaines and Randy Martin of Texas for another mule deer bow hunt. Day one Randy did an excellent stalk in a wheat field and was rewarded with a great nontypical 174" buck. Charlie and I stuck with it, working hard for the remainder of the hunt but unfortunately no connection was made. Devin Caldwell from British Columbia was our last bow hunter of the season; he was in pursuit of a trophy Mule Deer on his first spot and stalk bow hunt. Throughout the hunt Devin was able to tune his stalking abilities and become more confident with every close encounter but unfortunately the big buck we were after was able to live for another season.

Rifle season began on October 25th and we were joined again by good friend Nick Jorae and for the first time in many hunts together we were able to tag out early. Nick made a great shot on an amazing 31" wide and heavy mature buck! The focus then switched to Shiras Moose for repeat client Ron Sigler of New Jersey. After looking over numerous bulls Ron and I decided we had found the one, and Ron quickly got behind the scope and anchored a very impressive bull on day four. For the second week in November guide Cody Symonds and I worked together helping Dirk Heuvel, Ed Bianchi and Matt Lund of California. They all tag great Mule Deer bucks on an extremely fun week of hunting. On the 15th of November I was excited to once again get the opportunity to hunt rutting mule deer with good friends JR Kellogg and Gary Robbins of New York State. After a tough hunt in 2013 Gary made up for it on day one when he anchored a huge 194" buck after a long hike and difficult stalk. Three days later JR and I made a long hike into an old honey hole and were rewarded to find an old wore out herd buck chasing does around. After a suspenseful day of sneaking through multiple coulees JR made a great long range shot and harvested this old monarch! The last hunt of the season created memories that will last a life time! Jim Kelly brought his 15 year old daughter Amanda from New Jersey for her first Mule Deer Hunt. Despite fluctuating weather conditions and a bit of bad luck this trooper worked hard and was rewarded with a classic mature mule deer buck after a great stalk!

Soon after the conclusion of the big game season we started on our winter hunts. Steve Dolce of Pennsylvania joined us in early December to hunt coyotes. There is nothing more exciting and rewarding than calling in these wily predators. After a fun week of hard hunting Steve managed to bring numerous quality pelts home with him and help save the life of a few deer! I was able to go after these smart old coyotes for a few more days when the Endres boys of Indiana arrived for their annual hunt. This year the weather was challenging but they still were able to get some good action. The first of January outfitter/guide good friends, Paul Pierunek and Bob Earl, came down so we could begin running our cougar hunt. Our hunter this year was archer Scott Dulin of Maryland, with fairly good snow conditions and lots of guide power we able to tag out Scott with a great mountain country tom on day 4.

Thanks to all for making this another great and memorable season! If you are interested in booking a hunt with Mackin Outfitting please contact myself Tyson, we are now taking bookings for the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

Myself & my wife, Angie are directly involved in all aspects of our mule deer hunts, elk hunts, cougar hunts, black bear and coyote hunts, making sure that every detail of your hunting experience is looked after. For more information on our hunts please go to our website at http://www.mackinoutfitting.com or call 403-625-0657.