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Dear Outfitter:

Please find the application materials for a 2016 Hunt Outfitter Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) at <http://www.nps.gov/grte/parkmgmt/cua.htm>. A CUA is required to outfit and guide hunters and/or perform retrieval service in Grand Teton National Park and/or the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway.

If you would like to apply for a 2016 Hunt Outfitter CUA, the following application materials must be returned by Friday, September 23, 2016.

- Signed conditions of the Hunt Outfitter CUA
- A Pre-Authorized Debt (PAD) form and Annual Permit Fee form or a \$300 check made out to Grand Teton National Park.
- List of all guides including CPR and First Aid expiration date information.
- List of all licensed vehicles to be used in the park with plate numbers.
- A copy of your current insurance certificate with the required general liability and automobile insurance limits as stated in the Conditions of the CUA, naming Grand Teton National Park as additional insured.
- A copy of your "Acknowledgment of Risk" form, if you use one. Use of such form is optional. Please indicate in writing if you **do not** use one.
- A statement identifying the services you plan to offer.
- A copy of your advertising.

Email – grte_business_resources@nps.gov

Mail – Grand Teton National Park, Business Resources Office

Attn: Tracey Heilbrun, P.O. Box 170, Moose, WY 83012

After we have received your payment and have **all** the required documents on file, we will process your application. A 2016 Hunt Outfitter CUA will not be issued if any documents are missing. If you have any questions about the authorization process or the conditions of the Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) CUA Hunt Outfitter permit please contact Tracey Heilbrun in the Business Resources office at grte_business_resources@nps.gov or (307) 739-3417.

PLEASE NOTE: Any outfitter or guide who holds a valid license from the Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides is eligible to apply for a Hunt Outfitter CUA for the areas listed below. Only elk hunting is allowed in Grand Teton National Park under the authority of the Elk Reduction Program.

2016 State of Wyoming Game and Fish Department Hunting Regulations

Elk Hunting Regulations pertinent to Grand Teton National Park. Bear and Deer Hunting Regulations pertinent to the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway only.

AREA AND TYPE	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	SPECIAL INFORMATION
75 TYPE 4	October 22, 2016	November 30, 2016	Antlerless elk; the Snake River Bottom portion of Area 75 shall be closed, also valid in that portion of Area 81 west of the Shadow Mountain Loop Road (USFS Road 30340
75 TYPE 4*	October 22, 2016	October 31, 2016	Antlerless elk also valid in Area 79
75 TYPE 4	December 1, 2016	December 11, 2016	Antlerless elk; the Snake River Bottom and Antelope Flats portion of Area 75 shall be closed
75 TYPE 6	October 22, 2016	November 30, 2016	Cow or calf; the Snake River Bottom portion of Area 75 shall be closed
75 TYPE 6	December 1, 2016	December 11, 2016	Cow or calf; the Snake River Bottom and Antelope Flats portion of Area 75 shall be closed
79 TYPE 4*	October 22, 2016	October 31, 2016	Antlerless elk; Area 75 Type 4 licenses valid in Area 79
72	CLOSED	CLOSED	Elk
21	September 1, 2016	October 31, 2016	Black Bear
148	September 15, 2016	October 25, 2016	Antlered deer

*The portion of Area 79 designated open, will only be open during the period of October 22 to October 31, 2016 to hunters possessing an **unused** Area 75 Type 4 license for antlerless elk.

- The area designated as Antelope Flats portion of Area 75 and the area designated as the Snake River Bottom from Deadmans Bar access road to Ditch Creek west of US Highway 26/89/191 will be closed to all hunting.
- The only designated hunt camp in Grand Teton National Park is located off of Pacific Creek Road and is only open to Area 75 Type 4 and Area 75 Type 6 license holders. The hunt camp will open two (2) days prior to the season opening and will close two (2) days after the season closes.
- If you are staying in the hunt camp and you or your client harvest an elk, you **MUST** immediately hang the elk on the meat racks provided. It is your responsibility to read and comply with the food storage regulations posted with the Grand Teton National Park Hunt Outfitter CUA application materials at <http://www.nps.gov/grte/parkmgmt/cua.htm>.
- No hunter may harvest more than one elk in Grand Teton National Park.
- These areas are closed to archery hunting.
- Hunter Safety certificates and Park permits are required for all hunters.

It is your responsibility to know and understand all applicable Wyoming Game and Fish and National Park Service hunting regulations and laws. Participants in the Elk Reduction Program must carry appropriate state license, conservation stamp and permits, use non-lead ammunition, and are limited in the number of cartridges they are able to carry each day. The use of archery, hand guns, or other non-center fire ammunition rifles is not permitted, nor is the use of artificial elk calls. In addition, participants, regardless of age, are required to carry a certified hunter safety card, wear fluorescent orange and carry and have immediately accessible bear spray as a non-lethal deterrent for use during potential bear encounters. Information packets accompanying each permit warn participants of the risk of bear encounters and offer tips on how to minimize the probability of human-bear conflicts. If you have any questions about hunting regulations or law contact a Park Ranger (307-739-3301) or a Wyoming Game and Fish Warden (307-733-2321).

Wildlife managers and GTNP officials are seeking information on how to increase safety for both hunters and grizzly bears. In an effort to gather this information, researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey, National Park Service, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) are continuing to collaborate on a study focusing on the GTNP Elk Reduction Program (WGFD Elk Hunt Areas 75 & 79). The multi-year study, which started in June of 2014, is designed to look at hunter-grizzly bear interactions from multiple perspectives. Researchers will seek assistance from elk hunters to map when and where elk kills are made, which will provide important information to determine how Global Positioning System (GPS)-collared grizzly bears locate and use elk remains. To assist with this effort, the park is requiring all Hunt Outfitters to collect GPS coordinates of all successful kills made by their clients. ***No personal information will be used in the study, nor will any location data of successful harvest be made available to the public.*** Topographic maps will be provided in the GTNP hunter information packets and at GTNP park permit drop-off locations allowing successful hunters to easily mark approximate kill locations on their GTNP hunt permits. GPS units with instructions will be available to commercial outfitters at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center at Moose beginning **October 8th** (two weeks prior to the hunt), and data sheets for recording kill locations will be provided with your fully executed Hunt Outfitter CUA.

Sincerely,



Donna Sisson
Branch Chief of Business Resources
Grand Teton National Park
John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway