

# March Newsletter

## Colorado Draw Deadline Approaching

Limited license big game applications will OPEN March 1, 2026. The Limited license big game application DEADLINE is April 7th, 2026. As long as we have all of your information, we will ensure your application is submitted on time. All resident and non-resident draw applications for all big game will only be accepted online; therefore, we will require a credit card authorization for each of you applying for a Limited license. All clients hunting with over-the-counter big game licenses will be able to purchase those licenses over the phone or online starting August 4, 2026.



## Our DEDICATION to YOU

At J&D Outfitters and Guide Service, Inc and Cross Mountain Outfitters, LLC, we require very high standards, loyalty, honesty, respect, and strong work ethics from our guides and staff. We are especially proud of the teamwork and support between our guides and staff for the past 28 years in providing quality hunting experiences for our clients. Teamwork is our backbone. We will continue to uphold our core values and strive to offer our clients the best service, quality and value they deserve.



## Eastern Plains and Mountain Camps Success



FIRST and FOREMOST, we would like to thank all of you who were able to make it into our camps in 2025, and a very special thank you to our staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment. We were very fortunate to harvest some great trophies throughout our various camps. After 28 years of operation, we continue to build friendships and provide high success rate hunts with the help and support of our excellent staff and their families. 2025 proved to be another great year on our eastern plains and mountain camps for elk, deer, pronghorn and turkeys. We continued to honor our wounded veterans through our annual Minnesota Outdoor Adventure Foundation wounded veteran hunt.



## Cross Mountain Giving Back

In 2024 and 2025, we were fortunate once again to host youth hunters in conjunction with The Outdoor Adventure Foundation. The foundation has been making outdoor dreams of young people and veterans come true year after year. The foundation and Cross Mountain Outfitters believe they deserve to have fun despite the health challenges they face. The Outdoor Adventure Foundation provides outdoor adventures to children and young adults with life-threatening illnesses, as well as combat wounded veterans. This is by far one of the most rewarding things we are able to do in this business. We look forward to many years of working together and providing memorable hunting experiences for these youth, veterans, and their families.



## FEATURED RECIPE

### Venison Chili Con Queso

#### Ingredients:

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| 1 lb Venison/Beef ground             | 1 cup Water         |
| 2 tbsp Chargrille seasoning          | 1 tsp Salt          |
| 3 tsp Cumin                          | 1 cup Pico de Gallo |
| 1/2 cup Onion, diced                 | 3/4 cup Sour Cream  |
| 3 tbsp Olive Oil                     |                     |
| 1 1/2 cup Four Blend Shredded Cheese |                     |

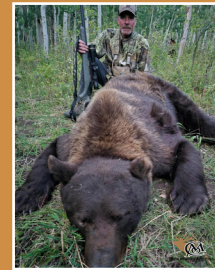
#### Preparation:

1. Prepare the meat with seasoning, mix well.
2. Dice onions.
3. Using a saucepan, over medium heat, add 1 tbsp olive oil. Add prepared venison, cook until light brown, separating it as it cooks, adding moisture with olive oil as needed.
4. Add onions, mix well, and continue browning together until a medium brown.
5. Lower the heat and add 1 cup of water, stirring often to tenderize; this could take up to 30 minutes.
6. Keep moist, adding a splash of water as needed. Stir in Pico or salsa and mix well.
7. At this stage, you can continue to complete the preparation or let it cool and refrigerate/freeze for later use.
8. To complete, assure the mixture is hot, then stir in the shredded cheese, melt and blend.
9. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream.
10. Taste for preferred heat; add more Chargrille seasoning if desired.
11. Serve hot with blue tortilla chips.

**Recipe provided by  
"Now that's Cooking with Spirit"**



## Cross Mountain Outfitters and Ranching for Wildlife



Cross Mountain Outfitters continues to provide quality hunts. Our 4 Mile Ranch, one of our Ranching for Wildlife properties which was greatly affected in the 2022-23 winter kill in NW Colorado, continues to recover in a positive direction as we were able to host some great deer, elk and pronghorn hunts this past year. 2026 is proving to be a great year after recent game counts and scouting reports. Our Moon Ranch, which is also Ranching for Wildlife, continues to be a highly successful camp. Our North Mountain Ranch, in SW Colorado GMU 70, is one of our most sought after locations due to beautiful lodging and hunting opportunities this ranch offers.



## One of a Kind Rich Pokorski

We have been blessed since 2020 to know a special man, friend, father, husband and grandfather that we grew to call "Pork". Pork was a remarkable friend and an extraordinary colleague. He brought kindness, humor, and compassion into everything he did. His presence made our work — and our lives — better. He, and his wife Cindy, were valued members of our team for over 20 years and always put our clients' interest first. Their dedication, generosity, and quiet strength left a lasting mark on all of us. We are grateful for the time we shared and will carry Pork's legacy forward. He will be deeply missed, and his impact will stay with us always.

## INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS Spain and Zimbabwe



We have been very fortunate over the years to meet some great friends and operators/outfitters throughout the world that run great operations. If you are ever considering hunting Spain or various countries in Africa, please reach out to us as we can help lead you in the right direction. The majority of these operations are very suitable for spouses, or significant others, to accompany and enjoy the various cultures these countries have to offer.