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BIG DROUGHT BUCKS

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On October 6th, 2020 I traveled to Colorado with good friends to hunt antelope with Sandy Hills Hunting Co. This would be our first trip to hunt with them and we were excited. When we arrived in Colorado we met our guides at the hotel. When we pulled into the parking lot three members of our party had already arrived and were standing there discussing the next days hunt. We joined the crowd, met our guide Tanner and got updated on the morning plans.

The next morning Cole and I got in with Tanner and started to head out to our hunting grounds. For anyone that has not hunted Antelope, it's a lot of snacks and driving trying to locate groups of antelope. We later found out that Cole forgot his snacks and would need some of mine lol. About an hour into the hunt Tanner got a call from one of the other guides. Tanner told us, "one down"

then another call, "two down", and then a third. We were hunting in a different unit so we were unable to celebrate with them and needed to stay focused anyway. Later that morning one of the other guides called so Cole could get in with him to split up and cover more ground. I stayed with Tanner and our plan was to continue covering ground on our way to the "honey hole". It took us a bit, but we arrived and began glassing. We weren't turning up anything! We jumped back into the truck and drove up and over a hill. All of the sudden Tanner yells at me, "there he is!", I jumped out of the pickup, extended my bi-pod and got steady. It took a bit for the buck to present an ethical shot, but after about five mins he stood broadside. I steadied for the shot and sent it from about 300 yards. We heard a thud and the big buck took off. I began to get a little nervous but he didn't go far and piled up. I had made a good shot.



We didn't know the size until later while we were skinning the head out, but Tanner kept telling me he was BIG! To date, he is the biggest goat I have ever taken. He scores 82 ½ gross and is absolutely massive looking.

Our hunt was supposed to be a three-day hunt but all five goats were taken on the first day with Cole being the last to connect. I wanna thank Nick with Bayer and a big thank you to Sandy Hills Hunting Co. for making this a great hunting experience even with all the Covid regulations and restrictions! A lot of good friendships were made on this hunt. Some people just don't realize it is not just about the kill, it's about the camaraderie and the friends you make along the way.

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