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**For the Whitetail Trophy Hunters that want trophy deer but doesn't want to be greeted by low density deer Hunt. Even if you had 10,000 acres this would still be the best of the 10,000 acres for trophy whitetail.**

If you had to build a Trophy deer honey hole this is where you would build it, 1554 acres of private property, and start with a mountain ridge in the middle, with creeks on both sides to provide forbes, new lush growth all year long. Below them irrigated alfalfa, and corn with winter wheat to provide a mix of all of the different food that deer like. The area takes big whitetail and some mule deer. Many people that have hunted there have taken the biggest whitetails they have ever taken. The area is truly managed as a trophy area and has been 99.9% successful to every hunter except 1 in the last 15 years.

The ridge is the best hunting and it is very accessible on foot or by ATV. The deer walk the well-worn trails back to where they bed on the ridge every morning. Since the ridge is where they spend the daylight hours, that is where you want to hunt. It is covered with timber and brush so the deer feel very safe being there during the daylight hours and can show up anywhere. As with whitetail hunting it is considered semi-guided, the guide won't sit in the stand or ground blind with you but he will point out places to set up and show you the active trails and where he has seen the deer. If you need help when you get a deer down he is just a cell phone call away and reception is good.

There are trees for the tree stands and a ground blind works very well here so please feel free to bring them. There is 1554 acres which is equivalent to almost three 1-mile squares.

As a rule, the rifle season is split between two 4-day hunt groups. The first 4-day group have been there for 5 years and has first rights to it. There is an opening this year to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 days along with archery and muzzleloader.

Deer licenses are listed as the **Pine Ridge** area for the rifle season, the archery or muzzleloader season uses the unlimited state-wide tag.

The Rifle season is \$3195 for either of the 4-day season.

The Archery and the muzzleloader seasons are only \$ 2795.

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*CHADRON, Neb. – Nebraska's deer seasons wrapped up in mid-January and preliminary numbers show the harvest was up in the Panhandle. Through all seasons, hunters checked in 8,072 deer in the region compared to 7,815 the previous year — a 3.3 percent increase.*

*The Panhandle's overall number of harvested deer consists of 4,717 mule deer and 3,355 whitetails. Three of the four westernmost units in the state – Pine Ridge, Plains and Sandhills — reported more deer harvested this fall and winter than over the same period last year. Only the Upper Platte Unit experienced a decrease in harvested deer.*

*Micah Ellstrom of Alliance, a wildlife manager in the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's northwest district, said the increased harvest is not surprising since Commission staff have gradually been observing more deer in the region.*

*"Deer numbers are improving from levels where they have been," Ellstrom said. "It is the result of slight increases over time district-wide."*

*The populations have improved from 2012 when drought and disease took a toll.*

*The most significant increase of harvest was in the Plains Unit, which lies between the Niobrara River and U.S. Highway 26 from the Wyoming line eastward to Hyannis and Arthur. Hunters there harvested 2,106 deer for a 9.7 percent increase over 2016.*

*The Pine Ridge Unit, which consists of all land north of the Niobrara River from the Wyoming line to Gordon, reported the most deer checked in of any Panhandle Unit with 2,343, a 3.3 percent increase over the previous year.*

*Hunters in the Sandhills Unit, which encompasses the expanse between Valentine, Gordon, Arthur and Stapleton, checked in 2,052 deer for a 4.6 percent increase.*

*The Upper Platte Unit in the Panhandle's southwest corner had 1,571 deer for a 5.6 percent decrease.*

*Most of Nebraska's deer harvest occurs during the nine-day November firearm season. The state's deer hunting begins in September with the archery season and runs through the muzzleloader season in December and the late-antlerless-only period in early January.*

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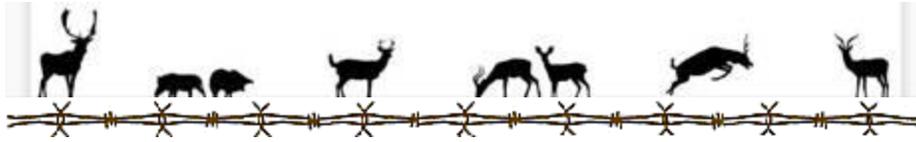
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