



# BRAZOS RIVER OUTFITTER & GUIDES

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## TOP TEN: GET TO KNOW YOUR NEXT OUTFITTER

### I. How many years of experience does your outfitter have?

A. It's very common a "cocky" guide thinks he's an outfitter " Buyer Beware"; each outfitter has to be registered with the NM Dept. of Game & Fish and meet certain qualifications.

### II. Is your outfitter a Land Owner, Booking Agent or Leases Agent?

A. Land Owner, Booking Agents or Leasing agents are not require to be registered with the NM Dept. of Game and Fish.

### III. Does your outfitter hire the same guides year after year or is there a high turnover rate?

A. This demonstrates a higher degree of experience from both your guide and outfitter; the guide qualification does not require experience as not part of the qualifications process.

### IV. On average, how many years of guiding experience not hunting experience does the guide have, that is employed though your outfitter?

A. Hunting experience is completely different then guiding experience



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## **V. Does your outfitter only show you the biggest animals he or she has taken?**

**A.** Showing you their biggest animals is kind of like a bait and switch...all animals are trophies to the hunter that took them. Most outfitters have had clients take B&C trophies and we all should be proud of them but, its not as common as one might think. Ask you outfitter for a realistic, no B.S expectation on the animals

## **VI. When asking for references, does your outfitter only give you successful hunters?**

**A.** It's important to know why a hunter wasn't successful

## **VII. Is your outfitter registered with the New Mexico Game & Fish?**

- 1.** The outfitter qualifications are as follows:
  - B.** Pass G/O examination w/a 70% or better
  - C.** No felony convictions
  - D.** No Game and Fish violations of 20 points or more in the pervious 3 years
  - E.** 21 years old or older
  - F.** Registered with New Mexico Taxation and Revenue \*Minimum \$500,000 commercial liability insurance policy
  - G.** Passed a Hunter Education Course and provide a copy of a HE card
  - H.** Complete an application and send it in with appropriate registration fee
  - I.** Provide proof of three years of outfitting experience

## **VIII. Do you have a signed contract with your outfitter and does it spell out what is expected of each other?**

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- A.** This protects both the hunter and outfitter; New Mexico Statutes require that outfitters provide a written contract for outfitting services to each resident and nonresident who seeks to use the services of a registered outfitter. State Game Commission rules require that the contract be signed and executed with each client before the hunt begins. In addition, if a nonresident applies for a license granted from a special drawing for a hunt on public lands, and the application is to be placed in the 12% pool of applicants, the contract must be executed before the nonresident applies for the license. It is always recommended that you get a detailed written contract so there is no question as to what services you are going to receive.
- IX. If your outfitter is using National Forest lands to conduct your hunt, do they have the proper permits for operation on National Forest Lands?**
- A.** It is required to maintain a current permit when conducting business on National Forest Lands
- X. Is the outfitter going to accompany you on your hunt?**
- 1.** The outfitter does not have to physically accompany you on your hunt but he/she is required by State Statute and Game Commission Regulation to fulfill all requirements outlined in the signed written contract, as well as providing at least one guide for every four hunters or less.