

October 18, 1991

Mr. Mont Lewis  
U.S. Forest Service  
Ruby Mtn. Ranger District  
Wells, Nevada 89835

Dear Mr. Lewis,

I was fortunate this year to draw a non-resident guided deer tag. Having been born and raised in California, with a family totally oriented to outdoor life and sporting activities, I have a keen appreciation for the outdoors and its natural inhabitants and can therefore relate to persons sharing these interests.

All too often, I believe we are hasty to criticize poor or inadequate service while not taking the time and effort to commend exemplary service. I feel compelled to express my impressions on the services we received during our Nevada hunt. We booked through Elko Guide Service. From my initial contact with Bill Gibson several months ago, I knew I had contacted an outfitter with whom there were shared values, and who was a real professional in his field. Bill has a passionate love of outdoors and the environment, and the fish and game resources that inhabit them.

While not conversant with all the background and detail of the current issues surrounding access to the area Bill has permits to hunt, I feel he took extraordinary precaution to ensure that our trip was safe and would exceed our expectations. He succeeded on all counts. While a bit unnerving to require a Sheriff's escort though a public access, we were only slightly inconvenienced, and the resulting trip overshadowed this minor event.

From our base camp, we found an abundance of game, beautiful scenery and a great bunch of guys enjoying the experience. The guides from Elko Guide Service are skilled outdoorsman and are managing their hunt area for quality hunting for years to come.

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It was a pleasure to hunt in such surroundings, and Bill Gibson and his employees are to be commended in knowing their job well and showing visitors another side to Nevada. We'll be back.

I trust that between the Forest Service, the Tribal Council and the outfitters, an amicable solution can this access issue can be found. Clearly it is a distraction to all involved, especially Bill. I just wanted to make clear my support and appreciation for his operation, as it is among one of the best I've used.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Rachford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "R".

David C. Rachford

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