Hunt of a Lifetime: Mark Gilbertson's Terminus Stone Sheep Adventure

Mark Gilbertson was the lucky winner of a Terminus Stone Sheep hunt, drawn live at the 2025 Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Convention in Casper. He recently returned from the field with an unforgettable story to tell — and a beautiful ram to show for it. Here, in his own words, is his report.

A Change of Plans

The morning I was set to fly into the lodge, the outfitter let me know he wanted to put me into a low-density area they hadn't hunted in a couple of years — on foot. I'd been expecting a horseback-supported hunt, so this was a bit of a curveball! I re-arranged my packs and made it work. My legs and back felt great heading in, though it was a heavy couple of days getting into the area — and even heavier coming back out, as you can imagine.

The Terminus Crew and Lodge

The Terminus crew and lodge made for a great experience from start to finish. The lodge itself was comfortable and accommodating, with great staff and hot food waiting at the end of long days in the mountains.

In the field, my guide Justin was all in. He brought a genuine passion for sheep and the country they live in, paired with a no-quit attitude that kept us moving. His skill — and the care he took with the animal after the kill — was exceptional.

Getting It Done

We saw five rams total over the course of the hunt, two of which were solid shooters, including the ram I ultimately took. He had bedded down in a stalkable location, and we found him right where we left him the next morning, at 145 yards. Pretty incredible.

We got it done on the 15th — day 7 of the hunt. He turned out to be 10 years old with great mass: 14.5" bases and a little over 37" long, with beautiful coloring.

Home Again

I got back into town this last Saturday, after some flight rearranging along the way (and missing a couple of flights — haha). All in all, it was an amazing experience, and I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity and the trip.

— Mark Gilbertson