

First Hunt 1st Foundation

2022 Annual Report



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Spring Turkey Camp - Washington

Overview of Programs

MISSION STATEMENT: *The First Hunt Foundation is dedicated to ensure that hunting remains a vital part of the American culture. We believe that by providing a mentor-based hunting experience to youth and other interested individuals, the hunting heritage will be passed on to future generations. Wildlife conservation and habitat management will be better served and supported by having citizens who are educated on the value of hunting as a management tool.*

First Hunt Mentoring Programs



Women & Girls' Program



This program provides supportive, encouraging, and inspiring female mentors/coaches who understand how to overcome the unique barriers women may face when embarking on their first hunt. The mentors/coaches will also grow themselves as they assist new hunters on their journey.

The First Hunt Foundation's main emphasis is mentoring new hunters. Mentor based experiences can develop lifelong skills and a passion for hunting. This support for hunting can be passed on to future generations of new hunters.

Veterans & First Responders Program



First Hunt Foundation has tremendous respect for our national and local heroes. All veterans and first responders understand mission, teamwork and the desire to serve. We want to connect these heroes to a new mission of recruiting new hunters and helping those in their own ranks learn about conservation and hunting.

Our 2022 Accomplishments

2022 marked First Hunt Foundation's eighth year of operations. With COVID restrictions behind us, all activities were able to renew in earnest, allowing staff to attend several sporting industry events and our volunteers to host numerous training and hunting events across the country. We continue to grow and expand across the nation, with volunteers operating in 40 states. Some of our major accomplishments for the year were:

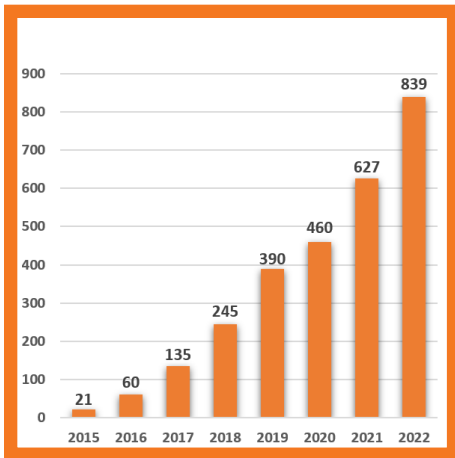
- **Recruited an additional 212 background checked mentors/coaches**
- **Partnered with multiple organizations and businesses**
- **Recruited new State Directors for Montana**
- **Opened new chapters in Washington and Montana**
- **Established our new "Share The HERitage" program which is focused entirely on introducing new female hunters of all ages to the sport**
- **Set the framework in place for a new program focused on increasing diversity and recruiting new hunters from historically underserved communities in 2023**
- **Secured hunting access on over 200,000 acres of private land**
- **Attended numerous industry trade shows including:**
 - World Deer Expo in Birmingham, AL**
 - Hunt Expo in Salt Lake City, UT**
 - SCI National Convention in Las Vegas, NV**
 - Sheep Show in Reno, NV**
 - Central Oregon Sportsman's Show in Redmond, OR**
- **Expanded our operational footprint to include 40 states**
- **Successfully completed 11861 mentored days***
 - Estimated economic impact of mentoring/coaching activities: ~\$1.18M**

*Mentored Days include 5257 Hunting Days and 6604 Training Days. Total New Hunter count for the year was 2251 which includes 959 Adults and 1292 Youth, of the total, there were 1285 Female and 966 Male. Economic impacts based on 2016 USFWS estimates of ~\$50/hunter/day. Statistical averages (95% confidence interval) were assigned to volunteers who were unable to respond to our annual data survey.

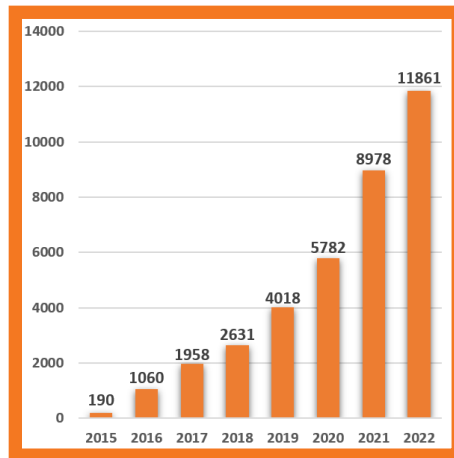
2022 Mentoring Data

We Keep Growing!

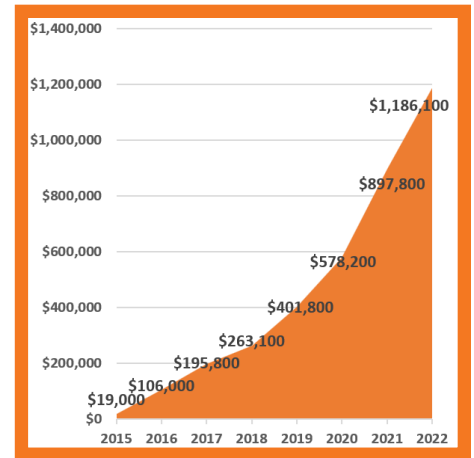
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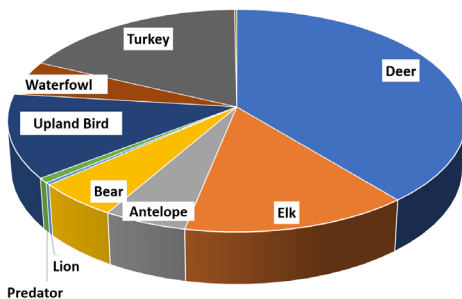
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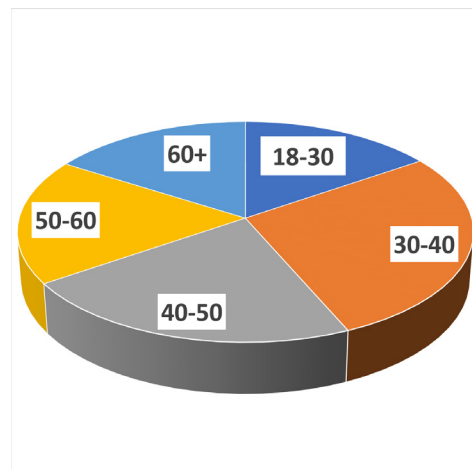
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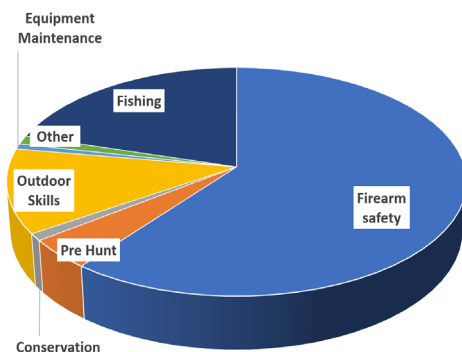
MENTORED HUNTING DAYS BY SPECIES



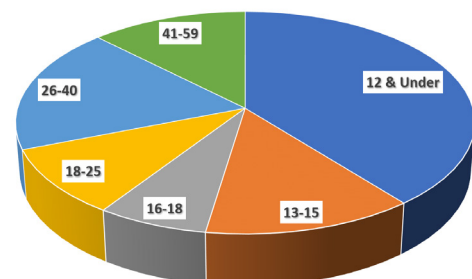
MENTORS BY AGE GROUP



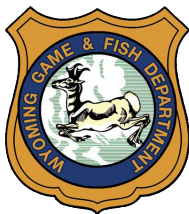
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MENTEES BY AGE GROUP



Partners Sharing the Passion



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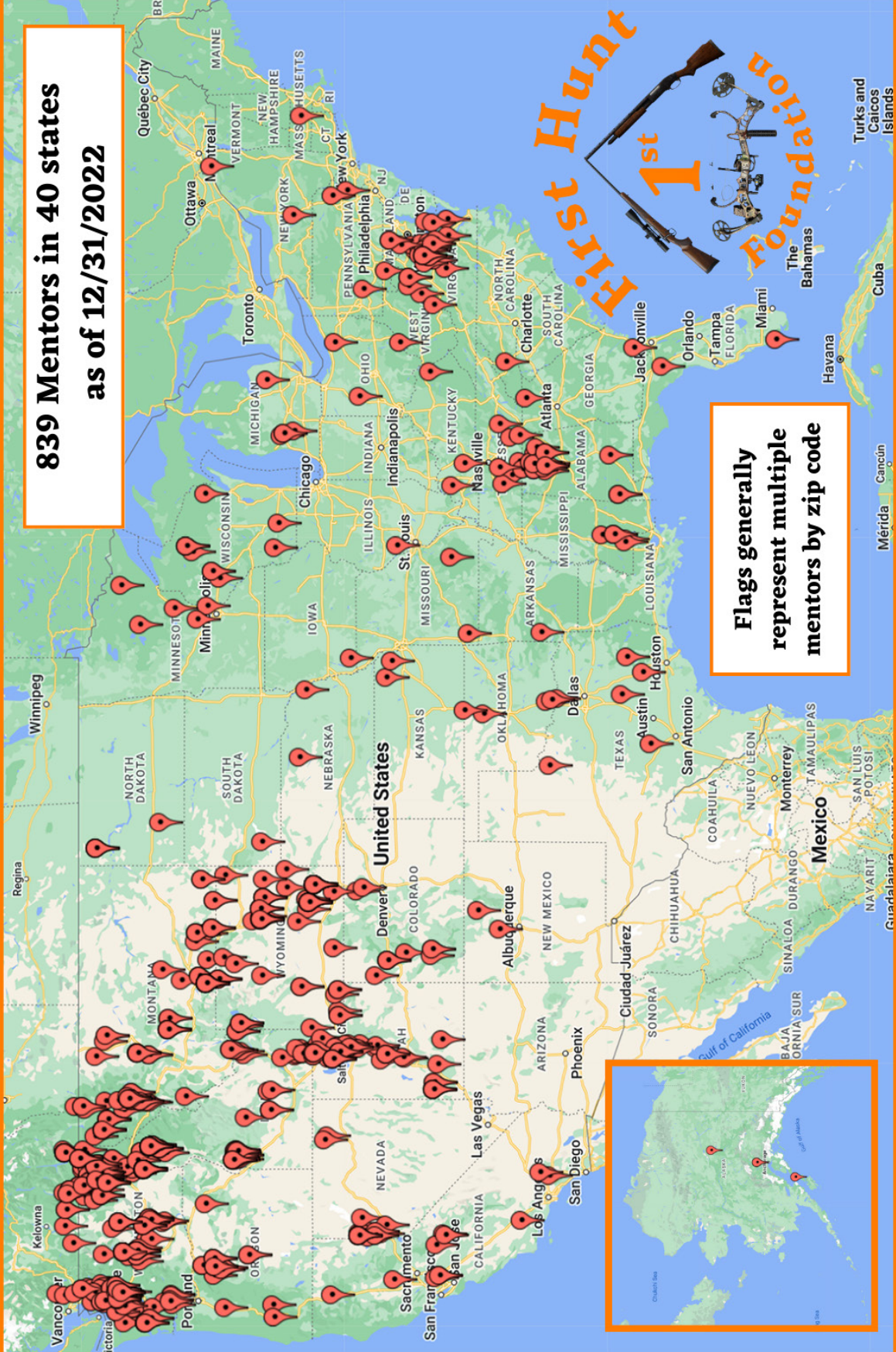
Dale & Jill's Cashway

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Mentor Map

**839 Mentors in 40 states
as of 12/31/2022**

**Flags generally
represent multiple
mentors by zip code**



2022 Special Events

#WYHUNTFISH Wood River Deer Hunt - Wyoming



Chris Christensen Memorial Hunt - Washington



First Hunt on the Front - Montana



Outdoor University - Wyoming



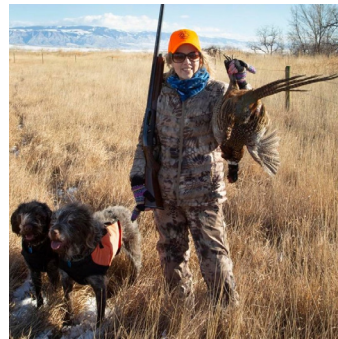
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Mentoring in Action



Successful Mentored Hunts



More Successful Hunts





The First Hunt Foundation Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to keeping the hunting heritage alive in America. The Foundation works with new hunters of all ages who desire to have a hunting experience, but do not have the experienced support structure in their home or extended family to help them. The Foundation is organizing a cadre of experienced hunters who will serve as mentors for these individuals. Our vision is to create thousands of first hunts each year that will create future hunters, community leaders, voters and elected officials that support hunting as a valid part of the American culture.

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