

# ENJOY SUMMER OUTSIDE

FROM THE EDITOR



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**Summers should be spent outdoors, and I can't think of a better place to spend outside time than on our public lands. With 640 million acres of federal public land owned by all Americans, there's bound to be a spot that you can call your own to get away from it all. If you plan on getting out there this summer, I hope you take this issue with you because we dedicate much of it to celebrating our public lands.**

When the Boone and Crockett Club was in its infancy around the turn of the 20th century, the Club's founders recognized the benefits of setting aside special places to protect unique resources like geysers, timber, and wildlife. The places eventually became national parks, forests, monuments, wildlife refuges, wilderness areas—the list goes on. It's tough to imagine our country today without Yellowstone National Park or Gettysburg National Military Park.

Over the past couple of years, we've chronicled the battles fought by early Club members to protect public places for future generations. This series, aptly named the Impact Series, is a testament to their dedication. You can read about the creation of the National Forest Service on page 36 of this issue.

If you haven't visited the website in a while, you

might notice quite a few changes. For one, we've added several new research tools to Big Game Records LIVE. Have you ever wondered if the moon phase affects trophy entries? There's a new filter for that and more. And how good are you at identifying black bears and grizzlies? Take the online test to find out. Ever wonder how big the biggest doe in the records is? We've got a story for that, too.

This isn't to suggest that you stop reading this issue because we have some great stuff for you here, too. On page 42, you'll find an incredibly unique hunt for Rocky Mountain goats inside Grand Teton National Park. No, that's not a typo. You'll also read about a hunt on public land that holds record-book bighorns, but there's a catch. Our writer is hunting ewes!

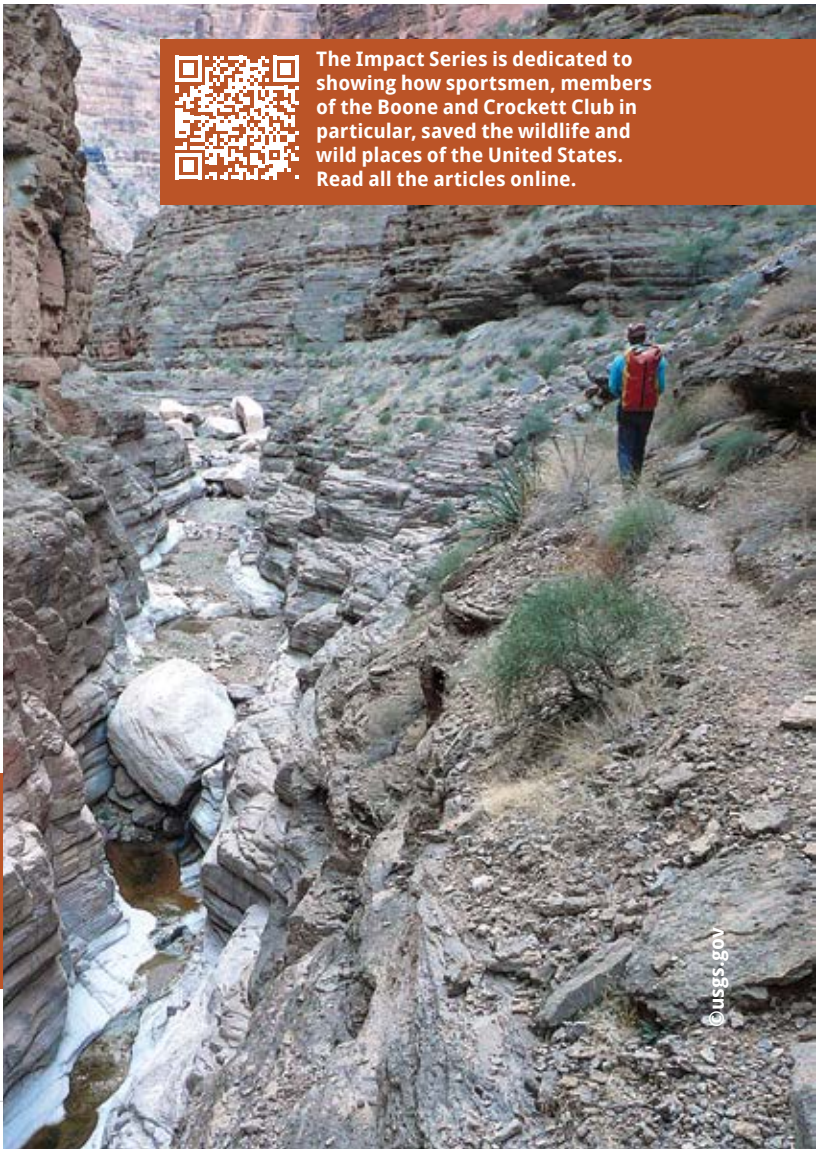
There's also an update on the potential new World's Record Roosevelt's elk, along with installments from our columnists Wayne van Zwoll and Craig Boddington.

In sum, we have a pretty good issue for you. Hopefully, you can read it while sitting around a campfire on a small slice of our vast expanse of public lands. ■



**NEW! Hunter's Moon™**

A new tool featured in Big Game Records LIVE analyzes over 50,000 record-book entries and combines the kill dates with the lunar cycle days. Scan the QR code to learn more.



The Impact Series is dedicated to showing how sportsmen, members of the Boone and Crockett Club in particular, saved the wildlife and wild places of the United States. Read all the articles online.

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