



This Hume argali was taken in Kyrgyzstan by Jerry Bush (CO), November 2012.

Jerry Bush (CO) was on the same trip, it will be just as well if we go ahead and present a portion of Jerry's report, which came in to GSCO just a couple of days after Jim's:

The day started with a clear sky and temperatures at 0°F. We finally spotted a small group of ewes late morning and I got a little excited just to see my first sheep here. At the end of the day, we finally spotted a group of rams at the top of a ridge. We stopped to

watch until dark. There were eight rams altogether, and two were mature rams, so the excitement mounted. We found a good place to camp about two miles away, ate a quick meal, and set up camp for the night.

We awakened early and left camp without eating, as we were all excited and anxious to make a stalk on the rams. The temperature was minus 3°F! We quickly rode up to the area where the rams were bedded the night before, but bumped the group by riding over a snowy ridge without checking carefully for the rams. They were off for the next mountainside, but finally stopped so I could get a shot at long range. Fortunately, my rifle is incredibly accurate and I made a clean shot on the biggest ram in the

group. We spent the next few minutes celebrating with hugs and "high fives." Just as we got back on the horses, the ram got up and started up the mountain. I jumped off the horse, got my bipod down and extended in the deep snow, then fired a shot at an even longer range. He was down for the count!

The physical size of this ram, the quality of the trophy, and the beauty of the surrounding mountains is difficult to describe, and the sense of accomplishment is hard to put into words. I feel blessed to be able to go on this hunt and am thankful for the good health to be able to climb another mountain in pursuit of these majestic mountain animals. I am especially grateful to my loving wife of 35 years for supporting my efforts to do this. I truly enjoyed this hunt with my friend, Jim, and was ecstatic that he was able to get the really "Big One" on this hunt.