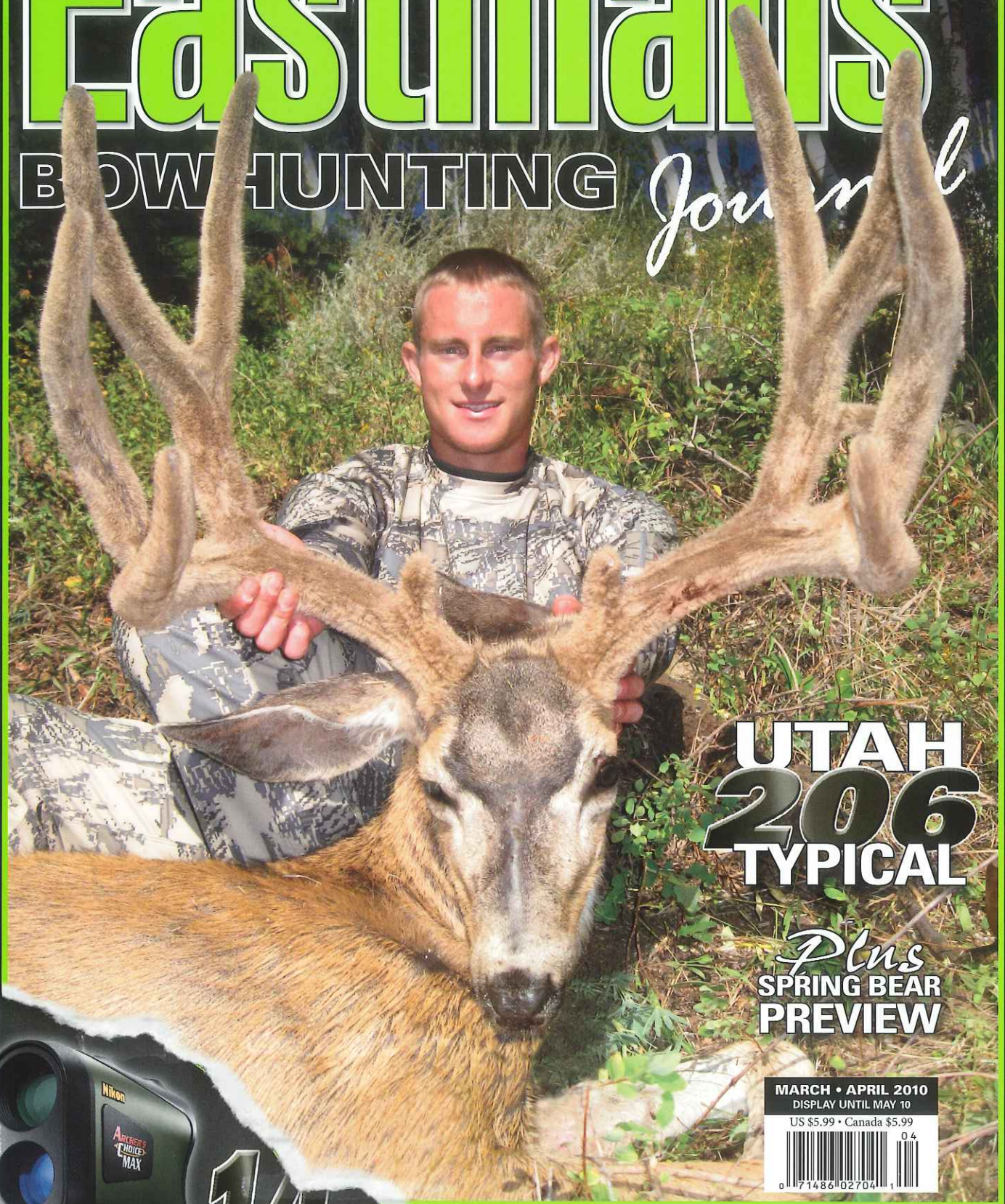


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Badlands Sacrifice

Are you in the market for an ultra-light bivouac pack? Does cutting four or more pounds off of the base weight of your pack sound appealing? You're going to want to check out the Badlands Sacrifice. A cursory review of the specs left me anxious to get my hands on one. The featherweight 8 oz. frame provides the strength to carry out triple digit loads while still providing a comfortable ride and excellent ventilation. I was surprised at how comfortable the suspension system was; they did a great job of stripping pack weight without compromising on comfort. The pack sports two main compartments and seven pockets that will keep all of your gear conveniently stowed away and organized for quick access. At 3,450 ci's, you'll be able to load up four or five days' worth of food and gear. Though it doesn't have zippered pockets for a spotting scope and tripod like its big brother (the 4,500), it does have mesh pockets at the bottom of the pack, that when used in conjunction with the side compression straps, will hold both your scope and tripod securely. The pack is constructed of durable rip-stop nylon - noisier than the material they use on the rest of their pack line, but if you'll pardon the pun, it is well worth the "sacrifice" from a weight standpoint. I'm looking forward to putting it through a 110-mile test hike in April on the Pacific Crest Trail. www.badlandspacks.com MSRP \$269.95



Spot Hogg Wiseguy

I always like to stop by and visit with the guys at the Spot Hogg booth to see what new products they've cooked up, and with hope that a little more of their archery tech savvy will rub off on me. Synonymous with quality, precision and durability, you can pretty well trust that you'll get your money's worth on any product of theirs you buy. Their new Wiseguy release is no exception. Built for hunters, the caliper release has a zero travel, adjustable weight trigger rivaling the finest target releases out there. The rod connection can be easily adjusted for length and is held securely to your wrist by a nylon strap and Velcro strap. A magnet in the strap acts as a third hand, keeping the strap in place while you fasten the Velcro. www.spot-hogg.com MSRP \$99.99



Hamskea 3rd Axis Leveling Tool

If you're like most bowhunters out there who are still struggling to understand the third axis concept, go to Hamskea's website, watch their video, and I'll guarantee you'll see the value in their tool. Don't take for granted that because your bow is sighted in on level ground and you've got an angle compensating rangefinder, you're good to go up in the mountains. I distinctly remember the first time I used a similar tool. As an afterthought, I threw it in my gear bag. The afternoon before the opener, when I got up to base camp in Nevada, I decided it would be a good idea to check my sight. I climbed up a steep hill, leaving my target sitting next to my base camp tent. At 60 yards, my arrow impacted about eight inches to the right. Sure that my sight had been bumped, I shot it again on level ground and hit the spot. After a few minutes of adjustment, my arrows were hitting the spot on the incline. I shudder to think of what might have happened had I left camp without that last-minute check. Since then, I have never gone hunting without setting my third axis, and neither should you. www.hamskeearchery.com MSRP \$49.95