

# Firearms Manufacturing



## Success Stories

### Weatherby

After announcing their plans to relocate at SHOT Show in 2018, **Weatherby** celebrated the grand opening of their new facility in Sheridan, Wyoming, in June 2019. They employ 74 people with plans to continue growing.

### Gunwerks

110 jobs have been retained or created following **Gunwerks'** new expansion project in Cody. The company will triple its footprint and double its workforce with the help of a \$6 million state grant and loan package.

### Magpul

Gen M3 is the exclusive ammunition magazine of the Marine Corps, manufactured by **Magpul** in Cheyenne. The Business Council provided an \$8.3-million grant for construction of the facility. Manufacturing-Works, a state consulting program, provided information and training that led directly to cost and labor savings for Magpul. The company employs more than 285 people.

# #1 IN GUN REGISTRATION

Registered guns per capita is **5x more** than the #2 ranking



Hunters contributed **\$303.6 million** to the state's economy



**119,000** annual hunters



**77 percent** success rate for guided hunters across all species



**13 percent** of Wyoming hunters in 2016 were new to the sport

## #1 BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE

- ▶ **NO** state income tax
- ▶ **NO** state corporate tax
- ▶ **LOW** sales and property tax
- ▶ **NO** manufacturing sales tax
- ▶ **NO** inventory, franchise, occupation or value-added tax

# FAVORABLE LEGISLATION

Wyoming is a shall carry state with reciprocity agreements between 35 states. Wyoming is one of four states to allow concealed carry without a permit.

In response to a spate of city and state lawsuits against gun manufacturers, Wyoming has authorized the state attorney general to intervene in court cases involving Wyoming firearms manufacturers and citizens as defendants.

**48 PERCENT**  
of Wyoming is federal land.  
That's more than  
**30 MILLION**  
ACRES

“Wyoming is like the incubator of great gun companies, and that's going to create a critical mass of talent here”

– Zak Smith, co-owner of Thunder Beast Arms Corporation

## Wyoming Invests in Workforce

Wyoming Department of Workforce Services offers a variety of training grants to fit the needs of local companies and those looking to move here. That, paired with high-quality, industry-led programs at any of our eight community colleges, makes Wyoming an ideal location to expand your business.

### Trade Access

#### Cross-continental interstates

Two cross-continental interstates – I-80 and I-90 – plus I-25, which stretches from near the northern border of the state to New Mexico.

**11,307,444**

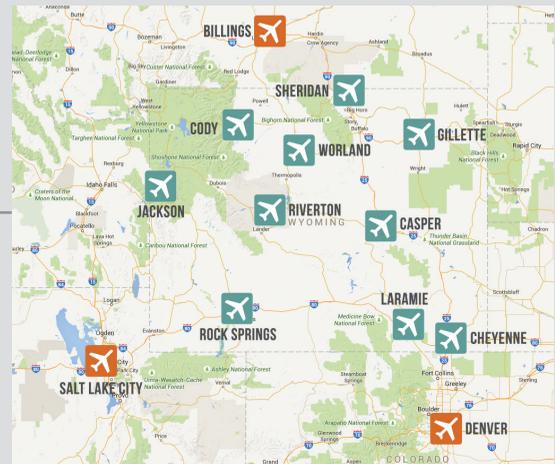
customers live within an 8-hour drive of Wyoming.

#### Class 1 railroads

Burlington Northern  
Santa Fe and Union Pacific

#### 10 commercial airports

and one international airport. Wyoming is also close to international airports in Salt Lake City, Denver and Billings.



Learn more about Wyoming's [whywyoming.org](http://whywyoming.org).



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