Industry Profile

Firearms Manufacturing

Success Stories

Weatherby
90 jobs will be created in five years as Weatherby relocates its headquarters and manufacturing operations from California to Sheridan. The move was announced at last year’s SHOT Show, and the 100,000-square-foot facility is now nearing completion.

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 160 people.

#1 in Gun Registration
Registered guns per capita is 5x more than the #2 ranking

#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

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
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.

53.6 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 Exports

57% of outdoor business owners surveyed are seeing increasing sales domestically and internationally and they plan to expand their operations in the next three years to meet demand.

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 manufacturing industry at whywyoming.org.

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