

IN THE FIELD

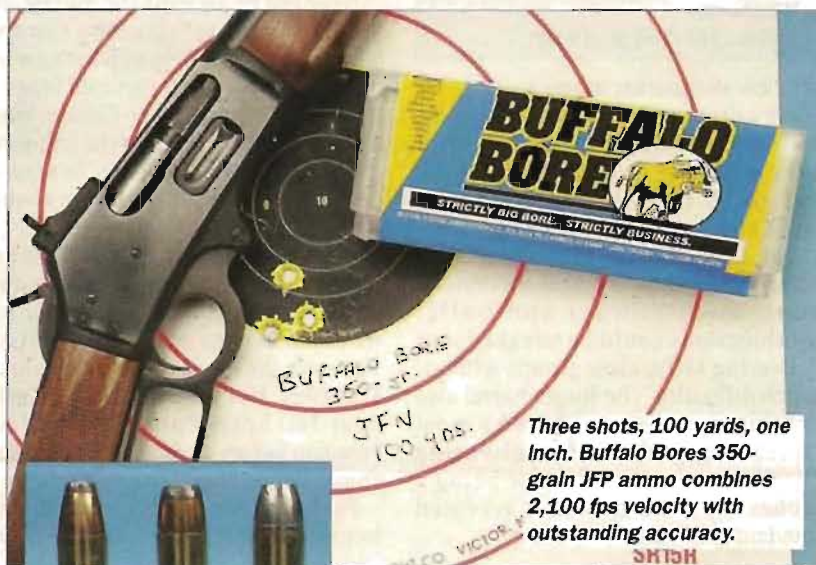
What's New



PMC ADDS SPEED, PUTS ON BRAKES

■ PMC now features Sierra BlitzKing acetal resin-tipped bullets in the company's .223 Remington and .22-250 Remington loads. Varmints beware: the .223 launches its 50-grain BlitzKing at 3,300 fps, and muzzle velocity of the .22-250 round is a sizzling 3,725 fps. PMC still offers the firm's original varmint loads topped with the 55-grain Sierra hollow-point boattail bullet in .223 and .22-250 as well. In addition, after an absence of several years, PMC now brings back the .22 Long Rifle Moderator Subsonic round. With its subsonic velocity below 1,000 fps, the Moderator round eliminates the sharp crack made by its supersonic cousins. The deep hollowpoint bullet design aids in reliable expansion in small game. Contact Eldorado Cartridge Corp., Dept. GA, P.O. Box 62508, Boulder City, NV 89006.

Gun Gear



Three shots, 100 yards, one inch. Buffalo Bore's 350-grain JFP ammo combines 2,100 fps velocity with outstanding accuracy.

BUFFALO BUSTERS FROM BUFFALO BORE

The .45-70 Government is undergoing a real renaissance in this country and no cartridge deserves one more. While Cowboy Action shooters are happily firing away duplicates of the original 405-grain, 1,300 fps load, hunters are pushing the outer limits of the performance envelope. Some custom ammo-makers have loads that are in the ballpark powerwise with the .458 Winchester. These hyper-thyroid offerings are limited to Ruger, Dakota, Browning and Shiloh Sharps single-shots and, happily, new Marlin Model 1895 and Winchester 1886 lever-action repeaters.

Three tremendous additions to the lineup of available custom .45-70 loads are being offered courtesy of Idaho's Buffalo Bore Ammunition. They include a 420-grain hard-cast lead flat-nose bullet at 2,000 fps, a 400-grain jacketed flat-nose bullet at 1,800 fps and a sizzling 350-grain jacketed flat-nose bullet at 2,100 fps.

We recently had the opportunity to shoot all three in a Marlin Guide Gun that had been fitted with an excellent ghost ring aperture rear sight and blade front from Ashley Outdoors (2401 Ludelle, Fort Worth, TX 76105). We were extremely impressed with the accuracy, power and (yes) recoil of this combo. To be blunt, this is *not* your great-grandfather's .45-70. For sheer, bone-crunching power, these loads are in the class of many African "stopping rifles." At 100 yards from a sandbagged rest, the 400 and 420-grain punched three-shot groups measuring 2 and 2½ inches respectively—excellent performances from a hard-kicking, iron-sighted lever gun. The 350-grain ammo, however, was truly spectacular. Our best effort was rewarded with a group slightly under one inch, center to center, and right on the money. If you're a fan of the .45-70 and have a rifle capable of handling these big boys, contact Buffalo Bore Ammunition Co., P.O. Box 78, Dept. GA, Carmen, ID 83462, (208) 756-8085.

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