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Under Armour
Ridge Reaper 23
Early Season Jacket

Core4Element
Element XT Jacket

Montana Decoy
Big Red

CarboMask

worthy with their 360' at 1,000 yards field of view, balanced weight, and light-gathering capabilities that have to be seen to be believed. The value of good glass in the West is impossible to overstate.

Of course, seeing game is only half the battle. Staying hidden is the other half, and good Western camouflage goes a long way towards that goal. One of the coolest new patterns on the market wears the **Under Armour** logo. New **Ridge Reaper** camo, found on the **23 Early Season Jacket** and the **23 Jacket** (\$250), and plenty of other products, is designed to completely break up your form and trick game animals' eyesight. As with all UA products, the Ridge Reaper line is designed for performance and serious hunting endeavors.

Core4Element has plenty to offer Western bowhunters as well, with the new **Element XT Jacket** (\$230) a personal favorite. The XT is wind-resistant, breathable, water-repellant, and fits like a glove due to the two-way stretch material and tapered sleeves. This jacket is ideal for hunts later in the season, when temperatures fluctuate wildly from one hour to the next — a common occurrence in the mountains.

While trying to shoot a buck a few years ago, I had a minor panic attack that was brought on by the sudden realization I couldn't hit my anchor point due to a facemask. Since then, I've used greasy facepaints for nearly all of my hunts. That is until this spring when I tried out **CarboMask** (\$7), which uses activated charcoal and natural clays instead of oils. The end result? Nongreasy facepaint that dries quickly, comes off easily, and is the hands-down best product in the category.

Antelope, mule deer, and elk spend a lot of time mixing with cattle. In fact, aside from non-target game animals, herds of half-wild cows sprinting down draws and coulees probably screw up more stalks than anything else. For a chance to flip the scenario and creep in closer, consider a cow decoy like the **Big Red** (\$100) from **Montana Decoy**. This faux bovine is perfect for covering open areas that would be otherwise unstalkable and occasionally creeping into range of game — especially antelope. <<<

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