

Survival Rifles: Why a Big-Bore Lever Gun is the Ultimate Bush Gun



When it comes to surviving in the backcountry—or just living life off the grid—you need gear that works as hard as you do. That includes your rifle. Whether you're a seasoned survivalist, a deep-woods hunter, or a self-reliant homesteader, your firearm isn't just a tool—it's your lifeline. And when things get tough, nothing beats the raw reliability and stopping power of a big-bore lever-action rifle.

Simplicity Meets Power

In survival situations, complexity is the enemy. Bolt guns may be precise, and semi-autos may be fast, but a well-made lever gun hits the sweet spot of simplicity, speed, and power. Lever-actions are inherently dependable, easy to maintain in the field, and don't rely on finicky parts or delicate systems to get the job done. Combine that with the bone-crushing force of a big-bore cartridge, and

you've got a firearm that doesn't just survive the wilderness—it thrives in it.

Big-Bore Advantage

From dangerous game to defensive scenarios, big-bore rounds get it done with fewer shots. Calibers like .500 S&W Magnum and .460 S&W Magnum offer the kind of terminal performance that puts threats down fast. In remote or wild areas, you don't always get a second chance. A big-bore lever gun gives you peace of mind and the power to take on anything nature throws your way.

Compact, Fast, and Field-Ready



A good survival rifle must be quick to deploy, easy to carry, and rugged enough to handle tough environments. Our [Big Horn Armory Model 89 in .500 S&W Magnum](#) packs a massive punch into a compact, fast-handling package. Its 17-4 stainless-steel construction, one-inch recoil taming

pad, and aperture rear and post front sights make it a formidable companion whether you're patrolling the homestead or tracking game through thick brush.



Need something even more portable? The [Model 89 Take Down](#) offers the same hard-hitting performance in a travel-friendly, packable design. This rugged lever gun quickly breaks down into two components for easy storage in a backpack, ATV compartment, or bush plane, making it the ideal choice for anyone venturing deep into the backcountry or preparing a go-bag for uncertain times. When reassembled, it delivers the same accuracy, reliability, and knockdown power as the original Model 89, proving that you don't have to sacrifice performance for portability.



Prefer something a little different? The Model 89A, chambered in .500 Linebaugh, delivers massive stopping power in a slightly more compact cartridge—perfect for those who want big-bore performance with reduced recoil and excellent terminal ballistics in dense cover. The Model 89B, in .475 Linebaugh, offers a balance of deep penetration and powerful expansion, making it ideal for large game or defensive scenarios where reliability and one-shot stopping power matter most. Both are excellent options for seasoned hunters or survivalists looking to tailor their loadout to specific threats or terrain.



And for those who favor a more versatile cartridge, the [Model 90 in .460 S&W Magnum](#) gives you the flexibility to run .454 Casull and .45 Colt—perfect for those who like options.

Ideal for Off-Grid Living

Homesteaders and off-grid dwellers know that every tool must earn its keep. A big-bore lever-action rifle is more than just a hunting firearm—it's a deterrent, a last line of defense, and a meat-maker all in one. Its manual operation ensures it functions no matter the weather or conditions, and with the right handloads, you can take small game, large game, or predators—all with a single rifle.

Built in America. Built to Last.

At [Big Horn Armory](#), we believe in building firearms that stand the test of time, and whatever else the world throws your way. All our rifles are designed and manufactured right here in the USA, using premium materials and time-tested craftsmanship. When you carry a BHA lever gun, you're not just carrying a rifle. You're carrying the best damn bush gun money can buy.

Ready to gear up?

Explore our lineup of big-bore lever guns and find your ultimate survival rifle: www.bighornarmory.com.



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