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# HUNTING

## RULES & INFO

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*Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations*



## Your Purchase Benefits Wildlife and Habitat Across the State

Your purchase today of a hunting license not only offers you the chance for a great hunting experience in New Mexico, but also benefits wildlife and the different habitats across the state that are so critical to maintaining and fostering wildlife populations.

When you buy a hunting license and habitat stamp, purchase sporting equipment or support efforts such as our Share with Wildlife Program, a portion of that money funds collaborative wildlife habitat restoration efforts. Over the next five years, the department has earmarked over \$25 million in support of those efforts.

Working with partners including the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Forestry, the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, sporting groups, livestock permittees, private landowners, and many others, the department backs large-scale wildlife habitat restoration projects all around the state, including State Trust Lands.

Native grasslands are restored by thinning invading junipers, removing encroaching shrubs, and eliminating weeds. Natural low intensity prescribed fire is returned to forests to lessen the threat of catastrophic wildfire and foster the growth of grasses, flowers and shrubs important to deer, elk, wild turkey, quail, and other wildlife. Stream edges are planted with native willows and cottonwoods. Water availability to wildlife is improved through the construction of supplemental water sources and the restoration of wetlands and springs. There is a new urgency and commitment to improve habitat over large acreages in order to have a truly meaningful impact on wildlife and watershed health.

In the southwestern part of the state, the department is working with the Wild Turkey Federation, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other partners to restore tens of thousands of acres of forest and grassland critical to elk, mule deer, pronghorns and wild turkeys.

In Game Management Unit 51, near the villages of Canjilon, Tierra Amarilla and Tres Piedras, the department is spending millions of dollars in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts and New Mexico State Forestry to thin forests, restore grasslands and improve water availability.

In Game Management Unit 34 in the Sacramento Mountains, the department is working with the Lincoln National Forest, City of Alamogordo, livestock producers and others to thin forests, restore grasslands, and improve water availability for the benefit of wildlife, sportsmen and women, livestock, and municipal water supplies.

Your purchase of a hunting license does much more than provide you an opportunity to harvest game, it helps ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy our treasured natural resources. Thank you for supporting one of New Mexico's great cultural traditions.

*Alexandra Sandoval*

Alexandra Sandoval, Director — New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

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## Mission of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

To conserve, regulate, propagate and protect the wildlife and fish within the State of New Mexico, using a flexible management system that ensures sustainable use for public food supply, recreation and safety—and to provide for off-highway motor vehicle recreation that recognizes cultural, historic and resource values while ensuring public safety.

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## Online Licenses, Applications and Harvest Reporting

- License Sales and Applications . . . . . <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us>
- Harvest Reporting . . . . . [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Important Telephone Numbers

- General Information, License Sales and Harvest Reporting . . . . . 1-888-248-6866
- Bear and Cougar Zone Closure and Harvest Hotline . . . . . 1-877-950-5466
- Hunter Education Program Information . . . . .(505) 222-4731
- Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Information . . . . .(505) 222-4712
- Operation Game Thief . . . . . 1-800-432-4263
- 24-hour Depredation Hotline . . . . . 1-888-727-4883
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## Unique Opportunities

From Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep on the highest alpine peaks in the north to javelina in the desert habitats of the south, New Mexico offers sportsmen and sportswomen some of the most unique hunting opportunities found in North America.

New Mexico is one of only two states in the United States where a hunter has an opportunity to harvest a Coues whitetail deer — commonly referred to as the 'Gray Ghost' for its ability to seemingly disappear into the surrounding landscape. Additionally, New Mexico is the only state where a hunter on public land has opportunities to harvest species such as Persian ibex, oryx and Barbary sheep. With our state's vast and ever-changing landscapes and the wildlife species that rely upon them, New Mexico is truly a sportsman's and sportswoman's paradise.

Because the state has such diverse ecosystems, New Mexico's wildlife species are unique. From the Rocky Mountains to the Great Plains and from the Chihuahuan Desert to the beginning of the Sierra Madre into Mexico, approximately 150 different mammal, 500 bird and 120 reptile and amphibian species inhabit New Mexico. Unique species such as the white-nosed coati, also called coatimundi, roam the rocky canyons and riparian areas of southwestern corner of the state in troops of up to 20 members. The Gila monster, the largest lizard native to the United States, is found in the foothills and arroyos of the desert mountains of the southwest. And if lucky, you may catch a glimpse of a migratory blackhawk, perched atop a tree alongside a stream in the southern portion of the state, waiting for its next meal to show itself in the waters below.

It is this diversity and uniqueness that the department's many dedicated biologists work to conserve, enhance and manage for the enjoyment of sportsmen, sportswomen and wildlife enthusiasts. We hope this year you can take time to explore the unique habitats and wildlife that New Mexico has to offer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Liley'.

Stewart Liley, Chief — Wildlife Management Division  
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

# Important Reminders

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## **Purchase Licenses, Apply for Draws and Submit Harvests**

Apply for draw hunts, submit harvest reports and purchase licenses online, by telephone or at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) offices (page v).

Before April 1, game hunting licenses and stamps for the 2016–2017 season are unavailable through license sales and only may be purchased through the draw application process.

## **Information Center Extended Hours**

The NMDGF Information Center is open year-round, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (except holidays) to answer your questions and assist with license issues and harvest reporting. Extended hours are March 12–March 22, Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturdays from noon–5 p.m. The Information Center will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 23.

## **Print Your Licenses and Permits**

All licenses and permits are available online and can be printed on standard paper. If a computer and printer are unavailable, licenses and permits may be requested by telephone and are available at NMDGF offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Roswell and Las Cruces.

## **New 50% Discounts for Resident Military and Veterans**

Residents of New Mexico who are active duty military or veterans now can receive 50% discounts on licenses, permits and stamps. See pages 13, 133 and 136 for eligibility requirements and details.

## **New: (Unit 6B) Valles Caldera Elk and Turkey Draw Hunts**

Hunts on the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) now are included in the draw application process (pages 29, 69, 74, 78 and 109). All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on the Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. A 7-day Vehicle Pass (\$20) or an NPS Senior/All America Pass is required. A hunter orientation also is required before scouting areas of VCNP (page 29). For information: [www.nps.gov/vall](http://www.nps.gov/vall).

## **New: Oryx Hunts on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR)**

Security badge hunts on WSMR are now available through the Population Management (5th-Choice) option only (pages 23, 101).

## **Mandatory Harvest Reporting. Don't Forget!**

Whether or not a hunt or harvest occurred, harvest reporting is mandatory for all Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn antelope, turkey and trapper license holders.

## **Cougar Trapping on Private and State Trust Lands**

Cougars now may be trapped or foot-snared on private land and State Trust land (pages 116–119).

# Important Dates

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Big Game Application Deadlines

**Feb. 10, 2016**

Deadline to apply for turkey and bear draw permits. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).

**March 23, 2016**

Deadline to apply for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn antelope draw licenses. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

## Upland Game Application Deadline

**Aug. 24, 2016**

Deadline to apply for special-permit pheasant hunts. Applications must be made before 5 p.m. MDT.

## Important Dates to Remember for All Game

**Feb. 10** Deadline to apply for bear and turkey draw permits.

**Feb. 15** Deadline to submit 2015–16 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey license holders. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. Late fees apply after this date.

**Feb. 24** Results for the bear and turkey draw permits are available online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), and permits can be printed on standard paper.

**Mar. 23** Deadline to apply for Draw Licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn antelope and oryx, and to apply for Private-land Only Deer License for Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Deadline to submit late 2015–16 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey (\$8 late fee applies). Reporting is required for all 2015–16 license holders to be eligible for 2016–17 draw licenses.

**Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** Additional species hunting and trapping harvest-result reporting deadlines are listed on page 3, 'April 7'.



*Important Dates to Remember for All Game—continued.*

- April 1** 2016–17 License Year begins. All Over-The-Counter (OTC) license types, including Game-hunting Licenses and Game-hunting & Fishing Licenses, are available online, by telephone, at NMDGF offices and license vendors.
- April 7** Deadline to submit 2015–16 harvest reports for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders to be eligible for big-game licenses. Results can be reported online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all applications.**
- April 8** Spring youth-only turkey season begins.
- April 15** Spring turkey season begins.
- April 27** Big Game Draw License results are available online, by telephone or at NMDGF offices.
- Sept. 1** Dusky (blue) grouse and squirrel seasons begin.  
Fall archery-only turkey season begins.
- Nov. 1** Fall turkey season (any legal sporting arms) begins.
- Nov. 15** Quail season begins.
- Dec. 8** Pheasant season begins statewide, excluding Valencia County (see page 131).

# License Requirements

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## General Information

1. All big-game, small-game or turkey hunters must possess a Game Hunting License or Game Hunting & Fishing License.
2. All big-game, small-game or turkey hunters also must possess a license, and permit if applicable, for the species and hunt type in which she/he will participate.
3. All hunters, trappers or anglers must possess a Habitat Management & Access Validation, except as defined on page 10.
4. All hunters, trappers or anglers on any Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands must possess a Habitat Stamp, except as defined on page 10.

## Individual Account Required

Each individual purchasing a license or applying for a draw hunt, every student registering for a hunter/bowhunter education class, or any hunter or trapper reporting his/her harvest must have a personal account with a registered Customer Identification Number (CIN). Establishing a personal NMDGF account is free of charge. Accounts can be set up online or by telephone at: <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us> or 1-888-248-6866.

## Purchasing Licenses, Stamps and Validations

Licenses, stamps and validations are available online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), by telephone: 1-888-248-6866, at NMDGF offices and over-the-counter (OTC) from local vendors. Information and requirements for the Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management & Access Validation are described on page 10. Please note: Before April 1, game hunting licenses and stamps for the 2016–2017 season may be purchased only through the draw application process.

## Record Harvest on License

Instructions how to record a harvest in the field are listed on pages 20–21. Licenses can be printed at home on standard paper. If a printer is unavailable, telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

## Mandatory Harvest Reporting. Don't Forget!

Whether or not a hunt or harvest occurred, harvest reporting is mandatory for all Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn antelope, turkey and trapper license holders.

### Free-of-Charge Harvest Reporting Deadlines

#### Feb. 15, 2016

Deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey license holders. The late-fee harvest reporting deadline is March 23, 2016. **Failure to report by March 23 will result in rejection of all applications.**

#### April 7, 2016

Deadline to report 2015–16 harvest results for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders. **Failure to report harvest results for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** Harvest reporting after this deadline will be subject to an \$8 late fee. Results can be reported online or by telephone.

# License Fees

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
New 50% discounts on licenses, permits and stamps are available to New Mexico residents who are active duty military or veterans. See pages 13, 133 and 136 for eligibility requirements and details.		
Game-hunting License <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	\$15	\$65
Game-hunting & Fishing License <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	\$30	Not Issued
Junior Game-hunting License <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	\$10	\$15
Junior Game-hunting & Fishing License <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	\$15	Not Issued
Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting License <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	\$15	Not Issued
Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting & Fishing License <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	\$20	Not Issued
Disabled Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing License <sup>2,3</sup> . . . . .	\$10	Not Issued
Private-land Deer License - Standard . . . . .	\$34	\$270
Private-land Deer License - Quality . . . . .	\$34	\$355
Private-land Deer License - Junior/Senior . . . . .	\$22	Not Issued
Turkey License (Spring or Fall Season) . . . . .	\$25	\$100
Bear License. . . . .	\$47	\$260
Cougar License . . . . .	\$43	\$290
Oryx License (Private-land only) . . . . .	\$153	\$1,610
Barbary Sheep License . . . . .	\$103	\$360
Ibex License. . . . .	\$103	\$1,610
Temporary Game-hunting License (4 days) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	Not Issued	\$33
Does not enable the purchaser to purchase big-game or turkey licenses.		
Trapper License . . . . .	\$20	\$345
Required for nonresident trapping of coyotes and skunks (page 121).		
Junior Trapper License (Residents Ages 12–17) . . . . .	\$9	Not Issued
Nongame Hunting License . . . . .	Not Issued	\$65
Does not include trapping (pages 14 <i>Nongame</i> , 121 <i>Trapping License</i> ).		
Habitat Stamp . . . . .	\$5	\$5
Mandatory for hunting, angling or trapping on all Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management properties. For age requirements and exceptions, see page 10.		
Habitat Management & Access Validation . . . . .	\$4	\$4
This validation does not replace the Habitat Stamp. For age requirements and exceptions, see page 10.		

<sup>1</sup> Squirrel and game birds (other than turkey).

<sup>2</sup> Squirrel, game birds (other than turkey) and fishing.

<sup>3</sup> 50% NM Resident Military/Veteran Discount does not apply.

Licenses, stamps and validations may be purchased online, by telephone, at NMDGF offices or over-the-counter (OTC) at local vendors. A one-dollar processing fee may apply.

Before April 1, game hunting licenses and stamps for the 2016–2017 season are unavailable through license sales and only may be purchased through the draw application process.

# Draw Hunt Licenses

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Application Requirements

Before applying for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn antelope, hunters must purchase a 2016–17 Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. Licenses are available online or by telephone during the draw application process (Jan. 13, 2016 – March 23, 2016). Before April 1, game hunting licenses and stamps for the 2016–2017 season may be purchased only through the draw application process.

Application and full license fees are charged at the time the application is submitted. Unsuccessful draw applicants will receive a full refund for the draw license, minus the application fee. Unsuccessful draw applicants also may receive a full refund of the Game Hunting License fee, if requested at the time of application.

To apply for all draw permits, including bear, turkey and upland game, prior purchase of a bear, turkey or game hunting license is not required. If the applicant is successful in the draw, purchase of a license will be required after April 1.

## Draw Hunt System

All draw applications are entered into an automated system that randomly assigns each application a sequence number. Based on this number and the quotas listed below, the system matches the first, second, then third choices on the application with available licenses or permits. If all choices have already been awarded, the system advances to the next application. New Mexico does not grant preference to unsuccessful applicants.

If an applicant selects a fourth-choice hunt, she/he will be placed in a second pool from which licenses or permits may be awarded if a hunt has not met its full number. Only successful applicants will be notified by email. An unsuccessful applicant will not be notified, but may check their NMDGF account online. For more information about the Draw Hunt System, visit: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/).

## Drawing Quotas

**New Mexico state law has established the following quotas for draw hunts.**

- 84% of draw licenses are awarded to New Mexico residents.
- 10% of draw licenses are awarded to residents and nonresidents applying with a New Mexico registered outfitter.
- 6% of draw licenses are awarded to nonresidents applying without a New Mexico registered outfitter.

### Hunts subject to quota:

- Private-land Deer Draw Licenses in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.
- Draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn antelope.
- Draw permits for bear, turkey and upland game.

### Hunts not subject to quota:

- Over-the-Counter Licenses for Barbary sheep, bear, cougar, turkey, private-land oryx, deer, ibex.
- Elk and pronghorn antelope licenses obtained via the Private Lands Use System.
- Population Management Hunts.

# Draw License Fees

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

All prices listed include a nonrefundable application fee (residents: \$7; nonresidents: \$13).  
 50% Discounts for resident military and veterans apply to all draw license fees but not application fees.  
 For Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management & Access Validation requirements, see page 10.

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
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**Standard Elk License** (Residents 18–64 years of age and all nonresidents)

A (Antlerless) . . . . .	\$60 . .	.Not Issued
MB (Mature Bull) . . . . .	\$90 . .	\$548
ES (Either Sex) . . . . .	\$90 . .	\$548

**Quality or High Demand Elk License** (pages 134, 136)

A . . . . .	\$60 . .	.Not Issued
MB . . . . .	\$90 . .	\$773
ES . . . . .	\$90 . .	\$773

**Junior/Senior Elk License** (See page 12 for eligibility requirements)

A . . . . .	\$58 . .	.Not issued
MB . . . . .	\$58 . .	.Not issued
ES . . . . .	\$58 . .	.Not issued

**Deer License**

Standard (S) . . . . .	\$41 . .	\$283
Quality (Q) . . . . .	\$41 . .	\$368
High Demand (HD). . . . .	\$41 . .	\$368
Junior/Senior . . . . .	\$29 . .	.Not issued

**Pronghorn Antelope License**

All types . . . . .	\$60 . .	\$283
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**Javelina License**

All types . . . . .	\$65 . .	\$178
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**Bighorn Sheep License**

Ram . . . . .	\$160 . .	\$3,173
Ewe . . . . .	\$85 . .	\$3,173

**Oryx License**

All types . . . . .	\$160 . .	\$1,623
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**Ibex License**

All types . . . . .	\$110 . .	\$1,623
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**Barbary Sheep License**

All types . . . . .	\$110 . .	\$373
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**Bear Draw Permit** (draw application fee only<sup>1</sup>) . . . . . \$7 . . . \$13

**Turkey Draw Permit** (draw application fee only<sup>1</sup>) . . . . . \$7 . . . \$13

**Upland Game Draw Permit** (draw application fee only<sup>1</sup>) . . . \$7 . . . \$13

<sup>1</sup> Successful applicants must possess a Game-hunting License or a Game-hunting & Fishing License, plus the applicable over-the-counter license and stamp(s).

# Hunter Education

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Hunter Education Program

Before purchasing a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License, all hunters younger than 18 years of age must obtain a Hunter Education number issued by New Mexico or another state or possess a New Mexico Mentored-Youth Hunter number. The Hunter Education number is valid for all types of hunting license. The Mentored-Youth Hunter number is valid only for deer, turkey, javalina and small game hunting licenses (page 9). While hunting in New Mexico, youth hunters must carry a current Customer Identification Number (CIN) card with a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number or have in their possession proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education Course.

**New this year:** Youth hunters 11 years or older can obtain a Hunter Education number by completing an Online Hunter Education Certification Course. This full online course is limited to New Mexico residents and has a service fee of \$19.50.

Hunter-education numbers can also be obtained by completing a traditional certified Hunter Education Course. There are no age requirements for enrollment in a Standard New Mexico Hunter Education Course, however, students younger than 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. There is a minimum age limit of 11 for enrollment in an instructor-led field day course. Before the first class session, students are required to complete a set of homework. Homework may be completed online through a downloadable PDF file or with a hardcopy manual. Manuals are available at local NMDGF locations once registered. Students must attend all class sessions and pass both a written exam and a firearm proficiency evaluation to be issued a Hunter Education number. Courses are offered year-round and statewide. Early registration is encouraged to avoid missing the deadline to apply for a hunt. For complete information on course dates, locations and requirements, as well as course content and homework, visit NMDGF at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education).

## Registration for Hunter/Bowhunter Education Courses

All students wishing to register for a Hunter/Bowhunter Education Course must have a Customer Identification Number (CIN). The CIN is provided to each individual when she/he establishes a personal NMDGF account (page 4). If you require assistance obtaining class information or a Hunter Education number please contact the New Mexico Hunter Education Program at: (505) 222-4731 or online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education).

Bowhunter education is not mandatory for archers in New Mexico, however it is recommended by NMDGF. Other states may have different requirements which should be verified.

## Become A Volunteer Instructor

The Hunter Education Program is looking for volunteer instructors. If you are interested in contributing to and preserving our hunting heritage, please contact the New Mexico Hunter Education Program at: (505) 222-4731 or online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education).

## Fort Bliss

All hunters on Fort Bliss, including McGregor Range, are required to have proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education Course. Mentored-Youth Hunters are not eligible.

# Mentored-Youth Hunter

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Mentored-Youth Hunter Program

Becoming a Mentored-Youth Hunter is simple. First-time hunters at least 10 years of age—but younger than 18 years of age—can pass an online quiz and receive a Mentored-Youth Hunter number. This number enables a Mentored-Youth Hunter to hunt under the supervision of an adult mentor, purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License, and apply for or purchase hunting licenses **for the following species: deer, turkey, javelina and small game.**

Mentors can be either a parent, guardian or an adult with parental consent, must be 18 years of age or older and must possess a valid hunting license. The Mentored-Youth Hunter and mentor must be in unaided sight and audible distance from one another at all times while hunting.

Participation is a one-time opportunity and good for two consecutive license years, beginning when a Game Hunting License is purchased. When the Mentored-Youth Hunter has completed the program and successfully passed the New Mexico Hunter Education course, he or she can hunt any legal species independently with no age restriction.

## How to Become a Mentored-Youth Hunter

For more information about the Mentored-Youth Hunter Program visit: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education) or telephone: 1-888-248-6866.



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## Habitat Management & Access Validation

Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased and possessed by all hunters, trappers and anglers. This once-per-license-year fee is used to: lease access to private lands for public use; provide public access to landlocked public land; and provide improvement, maintenance, development and operation of State Game Commission property for fish and wildlife habitat management. This fee will not be charged to hunters, trappers and anglers younger than 18 years of age, resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% Disabled Resident Veterans in conjunction with their free licenses.

## Habitat Stamp

All hunters, trappers and anglers must purchase and possess a current Habitat Stamp to use U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands and in New Mexico. Only one stamp is required each license year for these lands. The stamp is not required on other public property (e.g. state, county or municipal lands and parks), other federal lands (e.g. Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers and military reservations), or on private property. The stamp is not required in Unit 28, a predominately Bureau of Land Management property under military withdrawal. This fee will not be charged to trappers or anglers 11 years of age and younger, resident anglers 70 years and older or 100% Disabled Resident Veterans in conjunction with their free licenses. Funds from the sale of Habitat Stamps are used to improve wildlife habitat.

## Purchase of Stamps and Validations

Habitat Stamps and Habitat Management & Access Validations may be purchased online, by telephone or at license vendors. Purchase of a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management & Access Validation is not necessary prior to applying for draw hunt licenses and permits. However, purchase will be required if applicable upon receipt of a license or permit and prior to hunting, fishing or trapping.

## Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Number Required

Before purchasing a legal sporting arm, archery or muzzleloader hunt license, individuals younger than 18 years of age must possess a Hunter Education number from New Mexico or another state. Individuals at least 10 years of age—but younger than 18 years of age—may use a New Mexico Mentored-Youth Hunter number, but only for deer, turkey, javelina and small-game hunts. Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter numbers must be carried at all times while hunting (pages 8, 9).

## Youth-Only Hunts

To qualify for youth-only or youth-adult hunts, applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education number or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 8, 9). The Hunter Education number is valid for all youth-only hunts. The Mentored-Youth Hunter number is valid only for deer, turkey, javelina and upland game youth-only hunts.



## New Mexico Residency Requirements

To qualify for New Mexico resident fees, an individual must meet one of the following criteria.

1. A United States citizen who has resided in New Mexico for a period of not less than 90 days immediately preceding the date of application for a license and who does not claim residency elsewhere for any purpose. **Temporary or seasonal residents**, who maintain a primary residence outside of New Mexico, **do not qualify** for resident licenses.
2. A citizen of another country who is legally in the United States and can verify residence in New Mexico for 90 days immediately preceding his/her license application.
3. A student who has attended an educational institution in New Mexico while residing in the state for at least one full semester preceding the application for a license. Students also must present a certificate or letter from the institution verifying their enrollment and attendance.
4. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is assigned permanently to a military installation located within New Mexico and who presents with his/her application a certificate or letter that verifies the military assignment and is signed by the commanding officer.
5. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is officially stationed at a military reservation located partially in New Mexico and an adjacent state and who presents with his/her application a certificate or letter that verifies the military assignment and is signed by the commanding officer. This applies only for a special license for hunting and fishing in New Mexico on the military reservation only. 50% resident military and veteran discount does not apply.

## Reduced-fee Resident Handicapped Licenses

A reduced-fee Game-hunting & Fishing License is available to New Mexico residents with a permanent disability in accord with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Applicants must have one or more disabilities that substantially limit major life activities.

A Resident Handicapped License allows a hunter to: 1, shoot from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway; 2, have assistance tracking, killing and retrieving big game that has been wounded by the MI hunter; 3, drive off established roads to hunt for small game or to retrieve downed big game. Permission of the landowner, lessee or land management agency required. Valid only if area is not closed by the landowner, lessee or management agency or closed under the Habitat Protection Act.

Resident Handicapped License holders must purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management & Access Validation (page 10) as applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed. For further information telephone: 1-888-248-6866 or write: NMDGF Licensing Operations, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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## Mobility-Impaired Certification (MI)

MI Certification by NMDGF is required prior to submitting an application for MI designated pronghorn antelope, oryx, elk or deer hunts. To qualify for MI Certification, an individual must have a permanent impairment that: 1, limits his/her mobility to a walker, wheelchair or two crutches; 2, severely restricts movement in both arms; and/or 3, has combination of permanent disabilities which cause comparable substantial functional limitations. MI Certification form is available online or may be requested by telephone. This form must be signed by the applicant's physician and attest that one or more of the above mobility-impaired conditions apply.

The MI card allows a handicapped licensed hunter with a proper and valid license to: 1, apply for Mobility Impaired Only public draw hunts; 2, shoot from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway; 3, have assistance tracking, killing and retrieving big game that has been wounded by the MI hunter; 4, use a crossbow during archery only season(s); 5, drive off established roads to hunt for small game or to retrieve downed big game. Permission of the landowner, lessee or land management agency required. Valid only if area is not closed by the landowner, lessee or management agency or closed under the Habitat Protection Act.

The MI card is valid for 48 months from the date approved/issued by NMDGF. The MI card requires the holder to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management & Access Validation (page 10) if applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed.

## Reduced-fee Junior Licenses

Reduced-fee licenses for Junior Game-hunting, Junior Game-hunting and Fishing, Junior Deer and Junior Elk are available to individuals younger than 18 years of age at the time of purchase. Junior hunters wishing to take advantage of any reduced-fee license to hunt deer or elk on public land must apply for a Deer Draw or Elk Draw License by March 23 (application deadline). Junior licenses for hunting deer on private land may be purchased at local license vendors, by telephone or online. It is recommended the hunter not purchase the Private-land Only Deer License until certain whether she/he has been unsuccessful in the draw.

## Reduced-fee Senior Licenses

Reduced-fee licenses for Senior Game-hunting and Fishing, Senior Elk or Senior Deer are available to residents 65 years or older at the time of purchase. Senior hunters wishing to take advantage of any reduced-fee license to hunt deer or elk on public land must apply for a Deer Draw or Elk Draw License by March 23 (application deadline). Senior licenses for hunting deer on private land can be purchased at local license vendors, by telephone or online. It is recommended the hunter not purchase a Private-land Only Deer License until certain whether she/he has been unsuccessful in the draw.

## Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish acknowledges the contribution and sacrifice of active military and disabled veterans with several discounted licenses and special hunting opportunities. Information about active military and veteran hunting and fishing opportunities and how to apply is available online and by telephone.

## **New 50% Discount for Resident Active Military and Veterans**

50% discounts on all licenses, permits and stamps are available to New Mexico residents who are active duty military or veterans. The discount may be claimed by applying for or purchasing any license, permit or stamp online, by telephone or at any license vendor. Residents claiming this discount must be able to provide proof of active duty military (page 133) or veteran status (page 136) upon request. **Discount does not apply to:** the application fee, license vendor fees, administrative fees (i.e. landowner authorization certificate fee) or the Resident Disabled Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing license.

## **Proof of Military Status Must Accompany Application(s) for All Military Only Hunts (Fort Bliss opportunities listed on page 14.)**

Each license year, applicants must provide proof of full-time active duty status. Documented proof must be provided to NMDGF by the application deadline date. Proof may be submitted by email: [specialhunts@state.nm.us](mailto:specialhunts@state.nm.us), fax: (505) 476-8180 or U.S. Mail: NMDGF Special Hunts, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

## **100% Disabled Resident Veterans**

New Mexico residents who are 100% disabled as a result of having served in the armed services are eligible for a free lifetime Game-hunting and Fishing License. The disabled veteran must apply for a Disabled American Veteran (DAV) card. This card is issued by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and allows the cardholder to fish, hunt small game and obtain a Deer Hunting License free of charge. The Deer Hunting License will be issued only if the cardholder has applied and been successful in a public-land deer draw or if the cardholder can obtain written permission from a landowner for a private-land deer hunt. The free Deer Hunting License must be applied for each license year, and no preference is given for public-land deer draws.

## **Disabled Veterans Game Hunting and Fishing License**

New Mexico residents who are disabled veterans of the armed services, but do not meet the 100% disabled qualification, are eligible for a \$10 combination Game-hunting & Fishing License. Disabled veterans may purchase a license online, by telephone or at license vendors. A Habitat Management & Access Validation and Habitat Stamp (page 10) are required if applicable with the Disabled Veterans Game-hunting & Fishing License.

## **Resident Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing License (one-time benefit)**

New Mexico residents who are members of the National Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces and were called to active duty on or after April 3, 2003, are eligible for a free Game-hunting & Fishing License for the year following their deactivation and return to New Mexico. Proof of service must be presented to NMDGF. A Habitat Management & Access Validation and Habitat Stamp are not required in conjunction with this license. This is an once-in-a-lifetime benefit.

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*Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities—continued.*

## **Oryx Hunts for Iraq-Afghanistan Returnees**

New Mexico residents deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan are eligible for an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx Hunt, available by drawing each license year. New Mexico resident fees apply. Each year, the applicant must submit a copy of his/her orders or DD-214 before the application deadline (page 2). Copies may be submitted by email: [specialhunts@state.nm.us](mailto:specialhunts@state.nm.us), fax: (505) 476-8180 or U.S. Mail: NMDGF Special Hunts, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

## **Fort Bliss Opportunities**

Active-duty military personnel stationed at Fort Bliss are eligible for resident pricing on draw hunt licenses for activities that occur on portions of the Fort Bliss military reservation in New Mexico. Each year, proof of assignment must be submitted by email: [specialhunts@state.nm.us](mailto:specialhunts@state.nm.us), fax: 505-476-8180 or mail before the application deadline (page 2).

## **Nonresident Disabled Active Duty and Veteran Licenses for Rehabilitation Enrollees**

Nonresident active-duty members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who are undergoing a rehabilitation program that involves hunting activities are eligible for a resident fee on deer, elk, javelina, oryx, pronghorn antelope and turkey licenses. The rehabilitation program must be sponsored by the federal government, or a nonprofit organization authorized by the federal government and it must be under the direction of a military or federal Veteran's Administration rehabilitation center. **This benefit is not available through the draw.** Proof of eligibility must be provided. This benefit is available only at NMDGF offices.

## **Nongame Hunting License**

Residents do not need a license to take nongame species. Nonresidents must purchase a Nonresident Nongame License or any New Mexico nonresident hunting license. Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine and rabbits (Coyotes and skunks are unprotected furbearers, page 121, and feral hogs are an unprotected species, page 19). Nongame hunting is not permitted on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) unless otherwise posted, except Water Canyon WMA where hunting non-native Himalayan tahr is permitted.

## **License Refunds, Transfers and Donations**

New Mexico Game Hunting Licenses are nontransferable and nonrefundable, except as defined below.

The director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) may grant transfer of a big-game license or permit if the licensee: 1, is deceased; 2, has sustained a severe injury or suffered a life-threatening illness which prevents participation; 3, is deployed by the U.S. military prior to the start of the hunt which prohibits participation; or 4, a natural disaster has occurred which prevents the hunt. For more information visit online or telephone.

A license or permit may be donated to NMDGF for transfer to a youth (17 years or younger) who has been recommended by a nonprofit organization that promotes youth hunting. Recommending nonprofit organizations must be approved and recognized by the New Mexico State Game Commission. For more information visit online or telephone NMDGF.

## **Penalties for Hunting Small Game without a License**

Hunters cited for hunting small game without a license may pay a penalty assessment instead of appearing in court. The penalty assessment is \$100, plus the purchase of a hunting license and permits, stamps and fees (page 5) related to the citation. A license will be mailed upon payment of the assessment. A hunter cited will be assessed 10 points against a potential 20 points which may result in license revocation.

## **License Revocation**

Hunting and fishing privileges may be revoked for a definite period of time depending on the severity of the violation, if accumulated game law violations equal 20 points within a three-year period. For further information see page 18 or contact NMDGF Field Operations: (505) 476-8065.

## **License Information Is Public Record**

Pursuant to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act, Sections 14-2-1 et seq. NMSA 1978, all information provided when applying for licenses and permits is "public record" and must be disclosed to anyone when properly requested, with the following exceptions: 1, the last four digits of a taxpayer identification number, a financial account number or a driver's license number; 2, all but the year of a person's date of birth; and 3, a social security number.

## **Parental Responsibility Act**

The Parental Responsibility Act requires the New Mexico State Game Commission to revoke the recreational and professional licenses of anyone who does not comply with court-ordered child support obligations. The purpose is to discourage parental neglect of children by suspending hunting and fishing privileges until failure to pay court-ordered child support has been corrected. For more information, please contact NMDGF Field Operations: (505) 476-8065.

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## Be Aware of What's Legal and What Isn't

New Mexico state laws make illegal: leaving unattended or improperly handling fire; discarding refuse on public or private land without permission; polluting streams, lakes and other water; damaging property; damaging or otherwise interfering with telephone wires or communications; reckless handling of firearms; and hunting while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants.

### It is unlawful to:

- Hunt protected species without a valid New Mexico Game-hunting License and all applicable licenses, permits, stamps or validations.
- Hunt protected species using the licenses, permits, stamps or validations belonging to another individual.
- Kill more than one of the following: elk, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx, bear or deer during any license year, except as permitted by rule.
- Apply for, buy or use more than one license or tag for any species per license year.
- Take or attempt to take a protected species for another person, except as permitted when assisting a licensed mobility-impaired or handicapped hunter (pages 11, 12).
- Take or attempt to take game species by the aid of baiting or scenting. Knowingly take or attempt to take game species in a baited or scented area, except quail on private land. Individuals may use scent-masking agents on their person, but these agents may not be used to attract game species.
- Use live animals as blinds or decoys to take or attempt to take game species.
- Use electronically or mechanically recorded calling devices, except as permitted for protected furbearers, cougars and nongame species.
- Use tracer ammunition, full-metal jacketed bullets or fully automatic weapons.
- Park any motor vehicle or camp within 300 yards of any man-made water hole, water well or watering tank used by wildlife or domestic stock, without the prior consent of the private landowner, private-land lessee, public-land lessee or public-land management agency.
- Take or attempt to take game on, from or across any graded and maintained public road or within the fenced right-of-way of any paved road or highway or within 40 feet of the pavement or maintained surface if no right-of-way fence exists.
- Shoot at, pursue, harass, harry, drive or rally any protected species by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, aircraft or drone.
- Use motor-driven vehicles on roads closed under the Habitat Protection Act or other federal regulation.
- Hunt from, signal locations of protected species to hunters from or harass game with aircraft; hunt protected species observed from aircraft within 48 hours of observation; or hunt protected species the same day of air travel, except by commercial airline or direct flight to a landing strip.

## Furthermore, it is unlawful to:

- Shine spotlights or other artificial lights into areas where big-game species or livestock may be present, while in possession of any sporting arm, except as permitted by rule for raccoon (page 124).
- Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling or building (not including abandoned or vacated buildings on public land) without the permission of the owner or lessee.
- Take any animal that is protected by law but not listed as game species and/or any animal that is listed as an endangered or threatened species.
- Drive or ride in a motor vehicle off established or two-track roads located in a hunting, trapping or angling area, if that vehicle is transporting a person licensed to hunt, fish or trap for species which are in season in that area. Established road means:
  1. A road built and/or maintained by equipment and which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.
  2. A road which shows use prior to the hunting season for purposes such as recreation, mining, logging and ranching and which shows no evidence of ever having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closure.

For further information, complete hunting and fishing laws for the state of New Mexico are available online at: [http://www.nmcp.state.nm.us/nmac/\\_title19/title19.htm](http://www.nmcp.state.nm.us/nmac/_title19/title19.htm).

## Firearm Eligibility

Any applicant that is a felon according to New Mexico Law shall be restricted to the use of "ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY" if successful in drawing an "any legal sporting arm" or "muzzleloader" type license.

In addition, any person that is a felon according to New Mexico Law shall be restricted to the use of "ARCHERY EQUIPMENT ONLY" if purchasing an over-the-counter license that allows for the use of a "firearm".

Per New Mexico statute 30-7-16 NMSA 1978, 'firearm' includes any handgun, rifle, muzzleloader or shotgun.

## Harassment of Legal Hunters Is Unlawful

New Mexico Law (Chapter 17-2-7.1, NMSA 1978) prohibits "hunter harassment" or interfering with another who is lawfully hunting, trapping or fishing in an area where those activities are permitted. The first offense is a petty misdemeanor, the second a misdemeanor.

If a person committing interference possesses a license, certificate or permit issued to him/her by the New Mexico State Game Commission, the license, certificate or permit will be subject to revocation.

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## *Harassment of Legal Hunters Is Unlawful—continued.*

### Interference means:

1. Intentionally locating one's person where human presence may affect the behavior of a game animal, bird or fish, where human presence may interfere with the taking or killing of a game animal, bird or fish, and/or where human presence may interfere with another who is lawfully hunting, trapping or fishing.
2. Intentionally creating a visual, auditory, olfactory or physical stimulus to affect the behavior of a game animal, bird or fish and interfere with another who is lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping.
3. Intentionally altering, removing or affecting the placement or condition of personal property used for taking a game animal, bird or fish.

## License Privileges Can Be Revoked

A varying number of points are assessed based on the type of violation committed. This includes providing false information when harvest reporting. Any person accumulating 20 points or more within a consecutive three-year period shall be considered for revocation and suspension of the following: all hunting, fishing and trapping license privileges; any guiding and outfitting registration; and/or any permit or certificate issued under Chapter 17, NMSA 1978 and its implementing rules.

Defendants who disagree with a revocation and suspension decision may request to be heard by an outside hearing officer. Recommendations for point assessment are made to the New Mexico State Game Commission, which can revoke a person's license privileges.

As a state participating in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, New Mexico may recognize the suspension of license privileges of a person listed as a wildlife violator by another participating state. Contact NMDGF Field Operations for specific information at: (505) 476-8065.

## Forfeitures

Sporting arms may be seized and forfeited if used to take, attempt to take, illegally possess or transport big game during a closed season; if used while exceeding the bag limit for big game during an open season; or if used to take or attempt to take big game with the use of a spotlight or artificial light except for raccoon (see page 124). Vehicles and sporting arms used by anyone charged with spotlighting or hunting with the aid of artificial light may be confiscated at the scene and are subject to forfeiture and sale upon conviction.

## Substantial Civil Assessments for Poaching

To recover the loss to the public trust, the New Mexico State Game Commission has adopted substantial civil assessments for the illegal taking of trophy game animals. The maximum assessments are:

Elk . . . . .	\$10,000
Deer. . . . .	\$10,000



Bighorn sheep . . . . .	\$10,000
Ibex . . . . .	\$10,000
Oryx . . . . .	\$10,000
Pronghorn antelope . . . . .	\$8,000
Barbary sheep . . . . .	\$6,000
Turkey. . . . .	\$500
Trout . . . . .	\$150

## Criminal Fines for First Offenses

In addition to civil assessments, poachers may incur criminal fines for first offenses, including:

- Illegal taking or attempting to take elk, bighorn sheep, oryx, ibex or Barbary sheep and/or illegal selling of big-game meat . . . . . \$1,000
- Illegal taking or attempting to take deer, pronghorn antelope, javelina, bear or cougar; exceeding the big-game bag limit; and/or falsely purchasing a resident license . . . . . \$400
- Hunting with artificial light. . . . . \$300
- Attempting to exceed the big-game bag limit after having harvested an animal of the same species. . . . . \$200
- Hunting without a license or using another person's license. . . . . \$100
- Hunting without a Habitat Stamp or Habitat Management & Access Validation. . . \$50–500

For other offenses fines can range up to \$500 and/or six months of jail. For second, third and subsequent offenses fines increase substantially.

## Federal Laws

Transporting illegally taken game across state lines is in violation of the federal Lacey Act. Such transport, if done in connection with commercial activity, may be classified as a felony.

## Feral Hogs Are an Unprotected Species

Feral hogs damage habitat, contaminate water and compete with native wildlife. Because of the negative impact this non-native intruder causes, residents and nonresidents legally may hunt feral hogs year-round without a license. General hunting rules still apply—such as obtaining permission if hunting on private land, no hunting with the aid of an artificial light and no discharging of firearms within 150 yards of an occupied dwelling.

Feral hogs should not be confused with javelina, which look similar but are a protected game species. Javelina are smaller than feral hogs and do not have a tail. Javelina also have a white stripe of hair near the shoulders and neck, giving them the common name *collared peccary*.

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## While in the field, you must have all of the following:

1. A Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License (page 5).
2. A license and/or permit if required for the species hunted (pages 5, 7).
3. A Habitat Management & Access Validation (Applicable for all hunters 18 years of age or older, except 100% disabled resident veterans in conjunction with their free licenses, page 10).
4. A Habitat Stamp if hunting on BLM or Forest Service lands (page 10).
5. Written permission from the landowner if hunting on private land.
6. A Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Program number if younger than 18 years of age.

## Legal Sporting Arms for Big-Game Hunting

Legal sporting arms for hunting big-game species (page 133) include: centerfire rifle or handgun (see individual species for caliber restrictions); shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrows; crossbow and bolts; and muzzleloading rifle. **Sporting arm exceptions are noted in each species section.**

Hunters may use only soft-nosed, hollow-pointed or plastic-tip bullets. Full metal jacket (FMJ) or tracer bullets are illegal. No fully automatic firearms may be used.

Sights on bows may not magnify targets or project light. Arrows must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on a hunting arrow and arrows cannot be driven by explosives.

Crossbow use is legal by certified mobility-impaired hunters during any seasons. Crossbows can be used during "Any Legal Sporting Arm" hunts and "Muzzleloader" hunts. Sights on crossbows may not magnify targets or project light if used by certified mobility-impaired hunter for an archery-only hunt. Bolts must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on bolts. Bolts cannot be driven by explosives.

Scopes, sabots, in-line ignition and belted bullets may be used with muzzleloaders but not Restricted Muzzleloaders (page 136, 'Glossary of Terms').

## All Harvests Must be Recorded on License

1. Immediately after killing any big game or turkey, the species must be recorded (properly blacked out or punched) in the space designated on the license.
2. Date and time of the kill(s) must be recorded on the license immediately upon arrival at a vehicle, camp or place of storage.
3. Any kill left unattended in the field, in a vehicle or in camp must be accompanied with a properly recorded license (see above, 1., 2.) or with specific, permanently written license information, including the hunters full name, license number and date of the kill. It is unlawful to possess any big-game species or turkey in the field, place of storage or residence without a properly recorded license (see above, 1., 2.) or without the required written licensee information.
4. Bear, cougar and bobcats also must be tagged with a pelt tag (see pages 112, 117, 123) and must be accompanied by a properly recorded license (see above, 1., 2.).

### *Harvested Game or Turkey Must be Recorded on License—continued.*

5. Every bighorn sheep ram head taken in or imported into New Mexico must have a seal inserted into one horn by NMDGF or another wildlife agency. The seal authorizes possession and transport of the head within New Mexico. Bighorn sheep heads found, in the field, in New Mexico remain the property of the State (see page 95).

## **Mandatory Harvest Reporting**

Harvest reporting is mandatory for all Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn antelope, turkey and trapping license holders. Big-game, turkey and trapper license holders who do not report will be ineligible the following year for all draw hunts, population management authorizations, private-land authorizations and trapper licenses. Results can be reported online or by telephone.

### **Free Harvest Reporting Deadlines**

**Feb. 15, 2016:** Deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey license holders.

**April 7, 2016:** Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapping license holders.

Harvest reporting after these deadlines will be subject to an \$8 late fee. Failure to report will result in rejection of all big-game applications (pages 4, 121).

## **Waste of Game**

Anyone who takes a Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx, pronghorn antelope or turkey must transport from the field the 'edible portions' for human consumption. The edible portions of game mammals include all four quarters with 90% of the meat taken. Backstraps, tenderloins and at least 75% of the neck meat must be included. Hunters are not required to remove the rib cage or organs of game mammals from the field. The edible portions of turkey include the breast, legs and thigh meat. Anyone who wounds or may have wounded any big-game species must make a reasonable attempt to track and kill the animal. This requirement does not authorize trespass.

## **Proof of Legal Game**

Hunters must keep proof of sex with all game species until the game has been transported where it will be consumed or stored. The antlers or horns must remain attached to the skull or skull plate of Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx or pronghorn antelope (except females or immature animals which must be accompanied by the detached, but intact, scalp and both ears). **The external genitalia of any bear or cougar must remain attached to the hide** and be readily visible until the hide has been inspected and pelt tagged by a NMDGF representative. The beard and a small patch of feathers surrounding the beard of a turkey must remain attached when the bag limit is a bearded turkey.

## **Possession, Donation or Sale of Game**

It is unlawful to possess game without a proper license or evidence the game has been taken legally. Carcasses, meat and internal organs of game mammals and game birds may not be sold or bartered, but can be donated. However, the skins, head, antlers, horns and claws of legally taken protected species and the feathers of nonmigratory game birds may be sold, bartered or donated.

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## *Possession, Donation or Sale of Game—continued.*

Any person conveying items to another person must supply the recipient with a written description which states: the parts (skin, head, antlers, horns, claws, feathers, etc.) and/or the kind and number of game; the date when and county where game was taken; the conveyor's name, address and hunting license number used to take the game; and the date and place of the transaction or donation. A sample certificate is provided on page 95 and downloadable at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). It is unlawful to possess the head, horns or antlers of any big-game species found in the field without a receipt from NMDGF (except for shed antlers).

## Storage

Either a properly recorded big-game and/or turkey license or licensee information (including the hunter's full name, license number and date of kill) must remain with the meat. Licenses authorize possession and storage for one year from the date of kill. To store or possess meat after this date, individuals must have a storage permit from NMDGF.

Trophies taken to a taxidermist or carcasses taken to a meat processor should be accompanied by a written statement of the species and number of game involved, the date of delivery, and the name and license number of the hunter delivering the game to the taxidermist or processor.

## Transportation of Game

Game accompanied with a properly recorded license or by a written statement may be transported within and outside the state. However, bighorn sheep ram heads must have a seal. Bear, cougar and bobcat hides must have a pelt tag. It is unlawful to transport portions of deer or elk taken in areas where chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been confirmed (see page 44).

## Use of Dogs

Dogs may not be used to hunt big game, except bear and cougar. Furbearers may be hunted with dogs. Certain exceptions apply (see specific species sections). When dogs are used to hunt bear or cougar, the licensed hunter must be present continuously once any dog is released. Leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead pronghorn antelope, elk, deer and javelina, but may not be used to locate Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, ibex and oryx. If dogs will be used to locate wounded or dead game, hunters **must register** at the local NMDGF area office before hunting.

## Blaze Orange

Though not required by law, NMDGF strongly encourages hunters to wear blaze orange. Hunters on military properties must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Hunters participating in any firearm hunt on the Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. See specific requirements for each military reservation.

## Transportation of Horses

All horses being transported must be inspected by a local livestock inspector. Nonresidents with horses must have proof of ownership. For further information contact the New Mexico Livestock Board: (505) 841-6161.

# Management Hunts

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Population Management Hunts

Residents and nonresidents wishing to be considered for Population Management Hunts for Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx or pronghorn antelope **must select the 5th-choice option on the application**. Applications must be completed online or by telephone by March 23.

If selecting the 5th-choice option for oryx, applicants will have an option to enter a WSMR security authorization code (see page 104) for themselves or their escort to be eligible for oryx hunts on the White Sands Missile Range.

Applicants must apply for at least one regular draw hunt choice to be eligible for the Population Management Hunt of the same species. By choosing this option hunters are indicating their willingness, if unsuccessful in drawing their 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th choice, to be placed on a list of eligible hunters for that species.

Should a Population Management Hunt become necessary, a NMDGF official will contact hunters to notify them of the hunt areas, dates, bag limit, allowable sporting arm and any other special restrictions. The hunter will be asked to accept or decline a hunt. If a hunter declines, another hunter will be contacted. Bag limits for Population Management Hunts will be primarily female animals, since these hunts are intended to reduce populations in specific areas.

Choosing a Population Management Hunt option is not a guarantee the applicant will be contacted for a hunt.

## Population Management Hunt Fees

If unsuccessful for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th choice, applicants will be refunded the license fee.

If a hunter is contacted and accepts a 5th-choice hunt, she/he will be required to purchase the appropriate licenses for the species that she/he will hunt (page 7, *License Fees*). In addition to licenses, hunters 18 years or older will be required to purchase a Habitat Management & Access Validation and may be required to purchase a Habitat Stamp, if she/he will be hunting on Forest Service or BLM land.

White Sands Missile Range and Jornada Experimental Range each charge a \$150 access fee to all oryx hunters. Other federal agencies may charge access fees. Choosing the Oryx Population Management Hunt implies acceptance of additional fees should a hunter be called for one of these hunts.

# Operation Game Thief

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Poaching Harms Everyone.

Poachers are thieves stealing New Mexico's wildlife which is harmful to hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Operation Game Thief (OGT) is a silent witness program to help stop illegal poaching and trafficking by offering rewards for information leading to the arrest of poachers.



## Turn Tips into Cash!

Funded by donations from individuals and organizations and not from tax and license fees, rewards include:

\$750 for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep; \$500 for cases involving deer or oryx; \$350 for cases involving pronghorn antelope; \$250 for cases involving turkey, bear, cougar, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, endangered species, small game, fish, raptors and furbearers; and \$50 for cases where a warning citation is issued.

OGT's toll-free hotline: 1-800-432-4263 is available 24-7-365. Wildlife violations also can be reported online at: <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us/public/ogt>.

## Operation Game Thief Needs Your Support.

If you are an individual or organization concerned about poaching and its impact on New Mexico's wildlife, please contact OGT at 1-800-432-4263 or send your tax-deductible donation to: Operation Game Thief, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. All donations received are used solely to pay rewards and promote the program.

## Additional Rewards Are Offered to Help Protect Turkeys.

The New Mexico Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) offers additional rewards up to \$200 for information leading to the arrest of violators of New Mexico turkey hunting rules or rules protecting the state's endangered Gould's turkey. For more information telephone: (575) 434 2936.

## Rewards Offered for Reporting Off-Road Vehicle Abuse.

The illegal use of off-highway vehicles (OHV) can degrade big-game habitat and negatively impact quality hunting and angling opportunities. The New Mexico chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) offers rewards up to \$250 for information leading to the arrest of violators. For information about how to report abuse, visit online: [www.backcountryhunters.org](http://www.backcountryhunters.org) or contact your local NMDGF officer.

# Shooting Hours

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Legal Shooting Hours for Big Game

Legal shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset for all big game and turkey, unless otherwise noted.

## Legal Shooting Hours for Upland Game

### Wildlife Management Areas

Shooting hours for upland game are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset for the following areas, unless otherwise noted:

Colin Neblett, E.S. Barker, Humphries, Marquez, Rio Chama, Sargent, Socorro-Escondida, Water Canyon, Sandhills Prairie Conservation Area, Prairie Chicken Areas and Big Hatchet Special Management Area.

Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. for the following areas, unless otherwise noted (pages 131):

Bernardo (Youth Pheasant Only), Urraca and W.S. Huey.

**Exception:** Pheasant hunts on W.S. Huey are ½ hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.

### Legal Shooting Hours on Other Lands

Legal shooting hours for upland game are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.



# Shooting Hours

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## Sunrise and Sunset (MST) at Albuquerque, NM

Add one minute for each 12 miles west of Albuquerque. Subtract one minute for each 12 miles east of Albuquerque. Mountain Standard Time (MST) changes to Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) beginning Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2 a.m. and ends Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at 2 a.m.

Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set
Jan. 1	- 7:15	- 5:05	May 1	- 6:15	- 7:53	Sept. 1	- 6:40	- 7:33
5	- 7:15	- 5:09	5	- 6:11	- 7:56	5	- 6:43	- 7:27
10	- 7:15	- 5:13	10	- 6:06	- 8:00	10	- 6:46	- 7:20
15	- 7:14	- 5:18	15	- 6:02	- 8:04	15	- 6:50	- 7:13
20	- 7:13	- 5:23	20	- 5:59	- 8:08	20	- 6:54	- 7:05
25	- 7:10	- 5:28	25	- 5:56	- 8:11	25	- 6:57	- 6:58
Feb. 1	- 7:06	- 5:35	Jun. 1	- 5:53	- 8:16	Oct. 1	- 7:02	- 6:50
5	- 7:03	- 5:39	5	- 5:53	- 8:18	5	- 7:05	- 6:44
10	- 6:58	- 5:44	10	- 5:52	- 8:20	10	- 7:09	- 6:37
15	- 6:53	- 5:49	15	- 5:52	- 8:21	15	- 7:13	- 6:31
20	- 6:48	- 5:54	20	- 5:53	- 8:24	20	- 7:17	- 6:25
25	- 6:42	- 5:58	25	- 5:54	- 8:25	25	- 7:22	- 6:19
Mar. 1	- 6:35	- 6:03	Jul. 1	- 5:56	- 8:25	Nov. 1	- 7:28	- 6:12
5	- 6:30	- 6:06	5	- 5:58	- 8:24	5	- 7:32	- 6:09
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Mountain Daylight Time Begins			15	- 6:04	- 8:21	10	- 6:37	- 5:04
15	- 7:16	- 7:15	20	- 6:08	- 8:18	15	- 6:42	- 5:00
20	- 7:09	- 7:19	25	- 6:11	- 8:15	20	- 6:47	- 4:58
25	- 7:02	- 7:23	Aug. 1	- 6:16	- 8:09	25	- 6:51	- 4:56
Apr. 1	- 6:53	- 7:28	5	- 6:19	- 8:05	Dec. 1	- 6:57	- 4:55
5	- 6:47	- 7:32	10	- 6:23	- 8:00	5	- 7:00	- 4:55
10	- 6:40	- 7:36	15	- 6:27	- 7:54	10	- 7:04	- 4:55
15	- 6:34	- 7:40	20	- 6:31	- 7:48	15	- 7:08	- 4:56
20	- 6:28	- 7:44	25	- 6:34	- 7:42	20	- 7:11	- 4:58
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Source: [www.timeanddate.com/](http://www.timeanddate.com/)



# Open Gate

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Open Gate Program

Open Gate is a voluntary access program available to landowners statewide. Its primary purpose is to provide sportsmen and women with more places to hunt, fish, and trap. To accomplish this, NMDGF leases lands and waters for a variety of hunting, fishing, and trapping seasons. Hunting, trapping and fishing are allowed only during the seasons and dates that the landowner specifies in his/her lease agreement.

Information about current Open Gate leases may be found on the NMDGF website listed above. Hunters and anglers can use this information to locate and learn about properties that match their interests.

Some properties may have special rules for certain activities. These rules will be posted on the property. It is the responsibility of the individual using the property to know and obey posted rules. Citations can be issued for violation of any rules or regulations.

## Be a Respectful and Courteous Guest

- Leave all gates as you found them.
- Don't block gates or roads with parked vehicles.
- Don't shoot towards livestock, buildings or equipment.
- Pick up any trash along the way.
- If you see the landowner, don't forget to offer an appreciative *thank you!*

## Landowners Can Earn Extra Cash for a Hunting Lease

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is interested in leasing more lands with good habitat for hunting, fishing, and trapping. Landowners can sign an agreement with NMDGF and receive a per-acre payment. Under some circumstances, NMDGF will pay for right-of-way across the property of a landowner, so hunters and anglers can access large tracts of State Trust and federal lands. The State of New Mexico provides liability protection to landowners who participate in Open Gate.

Funding for the program is provided from a portion of annual Habitat Management & Access Validation sales. To learn more about the Open Gate program, please visit: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or telephone: (505) 476-8040.



# Vehicle Use

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Vehicle Travel on Public or Private Lands

It is unlawful to drive a motor vehicle off established roads or two-track roads in a hunting, trapping or fishing area, if the vehicle transports a person licensed to hunt, trap or fish for species which are in open season in that area. It is illegal for a person so licensed to ride in or upon such a vehicle.

For the NMDGF definition of an established road, see page 133.

It also is illegal to drive motor vehicles on roads or areas that are closed to vehicular traffic under the Habitat Protection Act or other state or federal regulations—or that are within the boundaries of a designated Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management wilderness area or national monument, including Tent Rocks National Monument. Obey all posted rules and know the regulations that apply for the land management agency(s) where you will be driving.

The Forest Service is considering new regulations to prohibit cross-country motorized-vehicle travel on many Forest Service lands. Contact NMDGF at: **1-888-248-6866** for referral to appropriate ranger districts for current information regarding hunting a specific Game Management Unit.

Off-road vehicle travel for any reason is currently not permitted in the Lincoln National Forest or in portions of other national forests. It is illegal to take vehicles more than 100 yards off established roads in areas protected under the Habitat Protection Act. This distance may vary in individual ranger districts.

You may drive vehicles off established roads on certain public lands (excluding State Trust Land) and private land to retrieve legally taken big-game carcasses — provided that state or federal regulations do not prohibit such use. These regulations do not restrict landowners, lessees or their employees from driving off-road on private or leased State Trust Land while in connection with legitimate agricultural activities. For further information about off-highway vehicle laws and requirements, see page 137.

## Vehicle Confiscation for Illegal Spotlighters

NMDGF officers may seize vehicles used to hunt at night with the aid of artificial light. Vehicles used by spotlighters may be confiscated and sold at auction.

# Federal Lands

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Access to Public Lands

New Mexico contains nine million acres of National Forest and approximately 13 million acres of BLM lands. Many of New Mexico's public lands are interspersed with privately owned property. A private landowner has the right to control the use of his/her private land. Where no public access exists, sportsmen/women must obtain written permission from the landowner or leaseholder to cross private land for access to public land. It is unlawful for persons to post or restrict lawful use of public land.

## National Parks and Monuments

National parks and national monuments are closed to hunting, except the following BLM managed national monuments that are open to hunting, trapping and fishing.

Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument . . . . . (575) 751-4899

Prehistoric Trackways National Monument . . . . . (575) 525-4300  
and Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks National Monument

## Valles Caldera National Preserve

All of Unit 6B is closed to hunting and trapping, except elk and turkey (see pages 69, 74, 78, 109).

All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on the Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. A 7-day Vehicle Pass (\$20) or an NPS Senior/All America Pass is required. A hunter orientation also is required before scouting areas of VCNP.

For information: [www.nps.gov/vall](http://www.nps.gov/vall) or (575) 829-4100.

## National Wildlife Refuges (NWR)

NWRs are closed to hunting unless specified open by federal refuge regulations for the hunting of particular species. If specified open, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service approved nontoxic shot (listed on page 129) is required for hunting on all national wildlife refuges.

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge: . . . (575) 835-1828

Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge: . . . . . (575) 622-6755

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge: . . . . . (505) 425-3581

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge: . . . . . (505) 864-4021

## Forest Service Lands

Most national forests in New Mexico are open to public hunting. Outfitters and guides providing services in national forests must possess a permit issued by the Forest Service that authorizes provision of such services on Forest Service lands. Vehicle-use restrictions may apply on many Forest Service properties. Specific roads are closed in some national forests to protect natural resources. It is unlawful to use vehicles in areas closed under the Habitat Protection Act. Prescribed burns also may be encountered in national forests. Prescribed fires maintain a diverse and healthy forest ecosystem and improve wildlife habitat. **Late Season Road Closures:** If intending to utilize roads through Forest Service or BLM property, it is advisable to contact the appropriate land management field office (page 30) beforehand for late season or winter closures and other access restrictions.

## Sandia Ranger District: Cibola National Forest

The Sandia Ranger District is open to all big-game hunting, but restricted to archery only during established seasons.

# Federal Lands

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## **Valle Vidal (including Greenwood Area): Carson National Forest**

The Valle Vidal in the Carson National Forest is closed seasonally to public access: West Side is closed May 1–June 30; and East Side is closed Jan. 1–March 31. The Valle Vidal Unit is open to big-game hunting by draw only and is closed to all small-game and nongame hunting and trapping. Off-road travel is prohibited, and camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds or beyond one-half mile from the road. Other restrictions may apply. For more information, contact the U.S. Forest Service office in Questa: (575) 586-0520.

## **For More Information about Forest Service Lands**

For information visit [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us) or contact the national forest of interest.

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest (928) 333-4301; Carson National Forest (575) 758-6200; Cibola National Forest (505) 346-3900; Coronado National Forest (520) 388-8300; Gila National Forest (575) 388-8201; Lincoln National Forest (575) 257-4095; or Santa Fe National Forest (505) 438-5300.

## **Bureau of Land Management Lands**

Most land under Bureau of Land Management jurisdiction, including Wilderness Study Areas, is open to public hunting. However, it is the responsibility of each hunter to know what restrictions apply and where. Off-road vehicle travel may be restricted or prohibited on BLM lands, depending on location. Obey all posted rules and check with local BLM offices for regulatory changes that may occur in Special Management Units.

**Kashe Katuwe–Tent Rocks National Monument:** Kashe Katuwe–Tent Rocks National Monument is closed to hunting.

**Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area:** Land extending one-quarter mile from the shoreline of Santa Cruz Lake and upstream on either side of the Rio Medio is closed to hunting and trapping.

**Rio Grande Recreation Area: Wild Rivers Zone** is open to hunting and trapping with the exception of the closed area: beginning from the fence at the pay station; east following the southern boundary of State Land Section 32 to its intersection with the power line; south following the Red River to its confluence with the Rio Grande; north following the Rio Grande to Sheep's Crossing; east to the right of way fence of the Backcountry Byway; and south following this right of way fence to the pay station. **Taos Valley Overlook Zone** and **Orilla Verde Zone** are closed to hunting and trapping.

For more information about BLM lands, visit: [www.blm.gov/nm/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en.html) or contact: Albuquerque: (505) 761-8700; Carlsbad: (575) 887-6544; Farmington: (505) 599-8900; Las Cruces: (575) 525-4300; Roswell: (575) 627-0272; Socorro: (575) 835-0412, Taos: (575) 758-8851, or Santa Fe: (505) 954-2000.

## **Military Reservations**

With the cooperation of the U.S. Department of Defense, hunting is allowed on some military reservations that control access to these areas. Hunters must obtain permission and conditions of access directly from the military reservation. Due to security concerns, the director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish may change or cancel all hunts on such lands.

**Kirtland Air Force Base:** No access is allowed within the fenced area.

**Lake Holloman Wildlife Refuge:** Closed to big and upland game hunting.

**Fort Bliss:** All hunters on Fort Bliss, including McGregor Range, are required to have proof of passing a state-certified hunter education course. Mentored-Youth Hunters are not eligible.

**McGregor Range in Unit 28:** Open for big-game hunting by draw (see specific species and season listings). For access information, contact the Fort Bliss U.S. Army Office: (915) 741-5241.

**White Sands Missile Range:** Open for bighorn sheep and oryx hunting by draw (see specific species and season listings). For access information, contact the White Sands Missile Range at: (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

## Military Closures

In the interest of public safety, the Forest Service and U.S. military may delay or cancel hunts in portions of GMUs 10, 13, 18, 19, 20, 28 and 34. Closures of these areas can occur throughout the year and may affect a number of hunts listed in this booklet.

Closures usually occur between 3 p.m.–8 a.m., during which time roadblocks leading into closed areas will be placed and evacuation required of all persons in these areas.

The area subject to closure in GMU 10 includes approximately 29 square miles of the Mount Taylor Ranger District, Cibola National Forest—located in the Zuni Mountains, directly south and east of the Fort Wingate Launch Complex and south of U.S. Hwy. I-40.

The area subject to closure in GMU 13 includes approximately 200 square miles of the western portion of the Magdalena Ranger District, Cibola National Forest—located in the Datil Mountains, north of U.S. Hwy. 60 and northeast of Datil, NM. Authority for the closures is 36 CFR 261.53 (E) and 36 CFR 261.54 (E) New Mexico.

**Title VI Funding:** Certain programs of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior. These programs are therefore subject to requirements of the New Mexico Human Rights Act and Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibit discrimination because of ancestry, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age or physical or mental handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility, please send a detailed description of the incident by certified mail to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. If you desire further information on Title VI, write: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, ADA Coordinator, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20240. The Department of Game and Fish will schedule public meetings and operate facilities that are accessible to physically impaired persons. Reasonable accommodations will be made for other impairments, including hearing and sight. If special aids are required, call (505) 476-8027 or write to P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 at least three working days prior to the meeting date. To initiate a complaint, write to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**Fondos de Título VI:** Ciertos programas del New Mexico Department of Game and Fish reciben fondos federales del U.S. Department of the Interior. Estos programas son subyugados a requisitos de la ley de New Mexico Human Rights Act and Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, que prohíben la discriminación por razones de ascendencia, sexo, raza, color, religión origen nacional, edad o impedimento físico o mental. Si usted cree que ha sufrido discriminación en cualquier programa, actividad o comodidades, por favor envíe por correo certificado una descripción detallada al Department of Game and Fish. Si desea más información sobre Título VI, por favor escriba a: Department of Game and Fish, ADA Coordinator, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20240. Al programar sus reuniones públicas, el Department of Game and Fish operará en facilidades que proveen acceso para personas con incapacidades físicas. Las personas con otras incapacidades, inclusive del oído y de la vista, recibirán acceso razonable a las reuniones. Si usted necesita algún auxiliar o ayuda especial, por favor llame al número (505) 476-8027 o escriba a P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504, por lo menos tres días antes de la reunión. Para iniciar una queja, escriba a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

# Native American Lands

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Before entering to hunt or fish on Native American land(s), permission must be obtained from the tribal official(s) of the pueblo, tribe or nation where that land is located. A New Mexico license is not required, however, game and/or fish taken on/or from a native lands must be accompanied by an official document, such as a license or receipt, which demonstrates lawful possession. Pueblos, tribes and nations may have firearm, ammunition and travel restrictions. It is advisable to separate completely any firearm from its ammunition when traveling across these lands. Specific information about hunting and fishing, season dates, transporting firearms, permits and travel restrictions is available from each pueblo, tribe or nation. A list with contact information for New Mexico pueblos, tribes and nations is available at the New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs' website, <http://www.iad.state.nm.us> or by telephone: (505) 476-1600.



# New Mexico State Lands

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## New Mexico State Trust Land

The New Mexico State Game Commission has purchased a lease for **hunting, fishing and trapping of protected species** on State Trust Land. Certain State Trust Land may be under business lease and withdrawn by the Commissioner of Public Lands and unavailable for hunting, fishing or trapping. For specific locations, contact the New Mexico State Land Office: (505) 827-5842 or [www.nmstatelands.org/Recreational\\_Access.aspx#SportsmanAccess](http://www.nmstatelands.org/Recreational_Access.aspx#SportsmanAccess).

To ensure access and create larger and better defined hunting areas, hunting and trapping privileges for some State Trust Land have been exchanged for similar privileges on private lands. These private-land areas have signs posted with notices that the land has been unitized (page 36). Observe these signs and contact landowners if you have questions about the location of land open for public use. Though not required, trappers are encouraged to notify the appropriate lessee when trapping on State Trust Lands.

### If Denied Access

The right to enter State Trust Land is assured if access is available by public road (defined in Section 67-2-1, NMSA 1978) or across other public lands or trails. If denied access, contact the New Mexico State Land Office (above) to provide complete details, including the location, date, time and name(s) of person(s) denying access.

### If Allowed Access

#### If you have been allowed access to State Trust Land, you may:

- Scout for big game seven days prior to the open season.
- Hunt big game and upland game or take protected furbearers during open hours and seasons.
- Hunt or trap unprotected species on State Trust Land, but only during the period in which your license is valid for protected species on those lands.
- Camp with the permission of the agricultural lessee, unless otherwise authorized by the Commissioner of Public Lands.
- Take up to three guests per license holder on your hunt.

#### However you must:

- Have in your possession all required and valid hunting, fishing or trapping licenses which must be available on demand by employees of either the State Land Office or NMDGF.
- Respect other land uses, such as surface or mineral leases.
- Drive **only** on established roads and close gates.
- Pack out trash.

#### And you must not:

- Attach blinds to private property, such as windmills, tanks, etc.
- Drive off-road for any reason.
- Enter during seasons for which you are not licensed or before the hours and allowed scouting periods for which you are licensed.
- Use private roads or cross private lands without prior written permission from the landowner.
- Remove wood, sand or gravel or conduct commercial or unrelated personal activities.
- Harass or injure livestock or wildlife or damage private property, such as dwellings or range improvements.
- Use a Private-land Only Deer License to hunt on state land, even if the state land is leased by a landowner whose property you have permission to hunt.

# New Mexico State Lands

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## New Mexico State Trust Land: Commercial Uses

### A Message from the State Trust Land Office

The New Mexico State Game Commission easement providing licensed sportsmen the use of State Trust Land is subject to the rules and regulations of the New Mexico State Land Office. Persons seeking to use State Trust Land for uses other than the taking of protected species must secure the specific approval of the State Land Office. For more information, contact the State Land Office: (505) 827-5842; or <http://www.nmstatelands.org>.

## Areas Owned or Managed by the State Game Commission

### Big Game Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

All WMAs are closed, unless specifically open. If designated open:

- Only New Mexico residents may apply for hunts held exclusively on WMAs. Nonresidents may only apply for hunts open concurrently on both WMA and other public lands.
- Camping, parking, travel, fire, horse, burro and pet restrictions apply on NMDGF lands. Check each WMA for rules and restrictions which may be posted. Trash barrels are not provided.
- Vehicle use is restricted to designated areas. Closed roads are clearly and conspicuously posted. Hunting and retrieving kills must be by foot or horseback on all WMAs.
- While hunting on a WMA a hunter may be accompanied by up to two guests.
- Hunting and trapping are **not allowed** for nongame animals (page 135), unprotected furbearers (coyotes and skunks) and unprotected species (feral hogs) on WMAs, unless specifically designated otherwise.

For further information about each WMA, visit *Conservation / Wildlife Management Areas* at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

### Upland Game Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

USFWS-approved nontoxic shot is required for upland game and turkey hunting on all New Mexico Game Commission owned or managed areas. Legal shooting hours are listed on pages 25–26. Established seasons are listed on pages 130–132 and 107–109.

1. The W.S. Huey Management Area is open for pheasant and quail during established seasons.
2. Socorro-Escondida Wildlife Management Area is open for upland game during established seasons.
3. Prairie Chicken Conservation Areas are open for quail and deer during established seasons.
4. Wildlife Management Areas open for upland game hunting include: Colin Neblett, E.S. Barker, Humphries, Marquez, Rio Chama, Sandhills Prairie Conservation Area, Sargent, Urraca and Water Canyon.

Other New Mexico State Game Commission owned or managed **areas not specifically listed as open above are closed to upland game hunting.**



## New Mexico State Parks

All New Mexico State Parks are closed to hunting, unless specified open in a designated area. For information contact the New Mexico State Parks Division at: (575) 646-2554. Contact state park superintendents for designated hunting areas and directions, or telephone: (505) 827-7173.

## Other State Lands

**Chihuahuan Desert Research Center:** The Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (College Ranch) is closed to unescorted public access. For information, telephone: (575) 646-2807 or visit: <http://chihuahuansc.nmsu.edu/index.html>.

**Jornada Experimental Range:** Jornada Experimental Range in Doña Ana County is closed to unescorted public access.

**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District:** For information or to obtain access, telephone: (505) 864-7466.

**Portions of the Rio Grande in Valencia County:** In the interest of public safety, areas posted along the Rio Grande in Valencia County may be closed to hunting. For further information regarding closures contact the NMDGF Northwest Office: (505) 222-4700, extension 0.

## Don't Bring Firewood into New Mexico from Other States!

Firewood from other states is how damaging insect pests and diseases are most often introduced to New Mexico's forests and riparian habitats. Emerald ash borer, Sirex woodwasps, gypsy moth, Asian longhorn beetle and oak wilt disease can be transported in firewood and have caused significant damage to forests in other states. If allowed to become established, these pests and diseases are usually fatal to trees and will decimate forests and riparian areas.

**If you inadvertently transport firewood from another state, please burn it immediately and completely and purchase or collect firewood in New Mexico.**

For more information, contact the New Mexico Department of Agriculture: (505) 646-3207 or the U.S. Department of Agriculture–Plant Protection and Quarantine: (575) 527-6985.



# Private Lands

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Hunting on Private Land

Hunters must obtain written permission before entering private lands, including streambeds (see *Criminal Trespass*, page 37). It is unlawful to knowingly enter any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take or kill any protected species on posted private property without written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land. It also is unlawful to remain on property if consent has been denied or withdrawn. Any game taken in violation of the above, shall be subject to seizure.

## Unitization Agreements Provide Access

Unitization agreements are cooperative temporary agreements between landowners and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, the State Land Office and/or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). These agreements consolidate areas to benefit sportsmen and landowners alike by increasing public hunting access during the hunting season to previously inaccessible areas, while at the same time diminishing trespass issues for landowners and enabling them to better manage ranching operations. Each agreement is reviewed annually, and the public is welcome to provide comments.

## How Hunters Can Use Unitization

To take advantage of the hunting opportunities unitized ranches provide, hunters must have a valid license for the season and species identified in each agreement. Each agreement specifies the hunting season(s) and species which apply.

To locate ranches that have entered into unitization agreements visit: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). Under *Hunting* is listed *Maps & Land Access* with a link to *Unitized Ranches* where maps and information for each unitized ranch can be found.

Also, to assist and inform hunters in the field, signs will be posted on public and private property where unitization agreements are in effect. Game animals taken on private land without landowner permission or taken on public land without a private-land license will be seized.



# Criminal Trespass

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Knowing Makes All the Difference

### It is trespassing if:

- A person enters private property that is legally posted and they don't have written permission to be there.
- A person enters private property even though they know that permission to be there has been denied or withdrawn. This applies whether the property is posted or not.
- A person remains on private property after they have been asked to leave by the landowner or person in control of the property.
- A person enters or stays on property owned or controlled by the State of New Mexico knowing that permission to do so has been denied.

### It is not trespassing if:

- A person with a valid license enters private property whose owner has entered into an agreement with NMDGF to allow the public to lawfully hunt, trap or fish.
- A person with a valid license is hunting on private property with a private land license that was issued for that particular property.
- A person with a valid license is lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping on State Trust Land that is included in an easement between the New Mexico State Game Commission and the Commissioner of Public Lands.

### Penalties:

- Criminal trespass under Chapter 30-14-1, NMSA 1978 is a misdemeanor.
- Fines up to \$1,000 and up to 364 days in jail.
- If a person is convicted of trespassing while involved in hunting, trapping or fishing activities she/he will have his/her hunting, trapping or fishing privileges revoked.
- If a person damages any private property while trespassing she/he will be civilly responsible to the owner for twice the value of the damage.
- If a person removes, damages or tampers with a "No Trespassing" sign she/he is guilty of a petty misdemeanor which could result in a fine of \$500 and six months in jail, unless the damage to the signs is more than \$1,000 whereupon she/he will be guilty of a misdemeanor which could result in a fine of \$1,000 and 364 days in jail.

## Unlawful Taking of Game on Private Property

It is unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take or kill any game animal or furbearer on posted private property without written permission of the landowner or person in control of the land or if consent to remain on the property has been denied or withdrawn.

## Unlawful Taking of Game on Unposted Private Property

It is unlawful to knowingly enter upon any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take or kill any game animal or furbearer without written permission of the landowner or person in control of the land. Any game animals or furbearers taken in violation of the above shall be subject to seizure.

# Outfitted Hunts

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Outfitted Hunts

NMDGF regulates registered outfitters. An outfitter is any person who offers him/herself for hire and accepts compensation for providing equipment and/or services for hunting activities. A New Mexico outfitter is a person who has met very specific qualifications as set forth in law.

New Mexico's draw quota system allocates big-game licenses and permits for residents and nonresidents who contract with a New Mexico outfitter and apply for a hunt. Allocations will be drawn from a pool of up to 10% of all available licenses or permits.

Landowners and their agents are exempt from registration requirements when guiding a hunter on the landowner's deeded property or pursuant to a landowner permit.

A list of registered outfitters is provided online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) under Enforcement / *Guides & Outfitters* and by telephone: (505) 476-8066. Before hiring an outfitter, hunters should research the preferred contractor(s) and obtain references.

## Hunters

To apply for the 10% applicant pool, all applicants **must have a contract** with a New Mexico Outfitter **prior to applying** for the hunt. The contract must be signed and dated by all parties and designate the terms, compensation and services to be provided by the outfitter.

It is unlawful to use a New Mexico outfitter number to apply in the special drawing pool, if a valid contract with that New Mexico outfitter has not been signed. It also is unlawful to hunt with a license obtained by applying for the special drawing pool designated for New Mexico outfitters, without having already signed a valid contract with that New Mexico outfitter.

Any applicant, who receives a valid license by applying with a New Mexico Outfitter's number,

must be accompanied in the field by that outfitter or their registered guide for at least two days. Those who apply using an outfitter's number and choose to hunt on their own may be prosecuted for hunting without a valid license.

## New Mexico Outfitters

The requirements for becoming a New Mexico Outfitter vary, depending on whether the applicant is doing business as a corporate entity (i.e. a corporation, limited liability company, etc.) or as a noncorporate entity (an individual or unincorporated sole proprietor).

In order for a corporate entity to become a New Mexico Outfitter, the applicant must:

1. have a valid New Mexico state, county or municipal business registration;
2. be authorized to do and must do outfitting business under the laws of this state;
3. have paid property taxes or rent on real property in New Mexico, paid gross receipts taxes and paid at least one other tax administered by the taxation and revenue department in each of the three years immediately preceding the submission of its application;
4. have majority ownership by a person who has resided in New Mexico during the three-year period immediately preceding the submission of its application;
5. employ New Mexico residents as at least eighty percent of its total personnel; and
6. have either leased property for ten years or purchased property greater than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in value in New Mexico;
7. be identical in every way to the previously certified business that meets all criteria, if it has changed its name from that of a previously certified business;
8. possess all required federal or state land use permits for the hunt; and
9. operate as a hunting guide service that accompanies each client for at least two days in the area where the license is valid.

In order for a noncorporate entity to become a New Mexico Outfitter, the applicant must:

1. have a valid New Mexico state, county or municipal business registration;
2. be authorized to do and must do outfitting business under the laws of this state;
3. be identical in every way to the previously certified business that meets all criteria, if it has changed its name from that of a previously certified business;
4. possess all required federal or state land use permits for the hunt; and
5. operate as a hunting guide service that accompanies each client for at least two days in the area where the license is valid.

To apply or obtain more information, email: [DFG-Guide-Outfitter@state.nm.us](mailto:DFG-Guide-Outfitter@state.nm.us) or telephone: (505) 476-8066.

# Enhancement Hunts

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

All proceeds are used solely for habitat enhancement, conservation and management projects in New Mexico for the species auctioned or raffled.

Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. These hunts do not count as Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. Additional information will be provided online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

## Big-game Enhancement Packages

Two big-game authorization packages will be auctioned by NMDGF — one through the Mule Deer Foundation at the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo on Feb. 11–14, 2016 in Salt Lake City, UT — and one through the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at their Banquet on March 26, 2016 in Tucson, Ariz. Each package will consist of five authorizations, one for each of the following: deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn antelope. The season dates are Sept. 1, 2016–Jan. 31, 2017 for deer and elk; April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017 for ibex and oryx; and Aug. 1–Nov. 1, 2016 for pronghorn antelope.

## Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Authorizations

Two authorizations will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Wild Sheep Foundation — one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep — during their convention on Jan. 21–23, 2016 in Reno, Nev. The successful bidder for desert bighorn sheep will choose one desert bighorn hunt from the list on pages 93–94, and the successful bidder for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep will choose one Rocky Mountain bighorn hunt from the list on pages 92–93. Each successful bidder must select his/her hunt by June 1, 2016.

Two authorizations will be raffled by NMDGF with the assistance of the New Mexico Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation — one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. Raffle tickets must be purchased by midnight June 22, 2016. To purchase tickets contact Lanny Rominger: [lanny.rominger@yahoo.com](mailto:lanny.rominger@yahoo.com) or (505) 821-5064.

The raffle winner for desert bighorn sheep will choose one hunt from the desert bighorn hunts remaining after the auction winner has chosen his/her hunt. The raffle winner for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep will choose one hunt from the Rocky Mountain bighorn hunts remaining after the auction winner has chosen his/her hunt. Hunt dates are Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2016, except in GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak), where the dates are Aug. 1–10, 2016 and Sept. 1–Dec. 31, 2016.

## Deer Enhancement Authorizations

One deer authorization will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Mule Deer Foundation at the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo on Feb. 11–14, 2016 in Salt Lake City, UT. One deer authorization also will be raffled with the assistance of the Mule Deer Foundation by June 30, 2016. The bag limit for these hunts is one buck deer.

# Enhancement Hunts

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Elk Enhancement Authorizations

One bull-elk authorization will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at the RMEF Banquet on March 26, 2016 in Tucson, Ariz. One bull-elk authorization will be raffled with the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at the NMDGF Santa Fe office in June, 2016.

## Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits

One Gould's turkey enhancement permit will be auctioned and one Gould's turkey enhancement permit will be raffled by NMDGF with the assistance of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) at the NWTF Convention and Sport Show. For information email: [nmturkeyhunt@bajabb.com](mailto:nmturkeyhunt@bajabb.com).

## Win an Elk or Oryx Incentive Authorization by Helping Test for Chronic Wasting Disease!

To participate, bring your freshly harvested deer or elk head to any NMDGF office or field collection station, where tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. Hunters must deliver the head within 48 hours of killing the animal to be eligible. Participating hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. Incentive Authorizations can be used by the recipient or by any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.



# Deer Licenses

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## General License Information

It is illegal to apply for, buy or use more than one license for any big-game species during any license year—except when permitted by rule. It is the hunter's responsibility to know which license she/he is purchasing from a local vendor. **Nonresidents are ineligible** for hunts held solely on State Game Commission-owned WMAs.

If applying for a Public Deer Draw License, **do not purchase** an over-the-counter deer license. Only if unsuccessful in the draw (results posted online April 27, 2016) may an applicant purchase a Private-land Only Deer License.

While in the field, hunters must have in their possession all of the following:

1. A Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License.
2. Public-land Deer Draw License (issued only through the draw) or a Private-land only Deer License (available at any license vendor, except for Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A).
3. Written permission from the landowner if hunting on private land.
4. A Habitat Stamp if hunting on BLM or Forest Service lands (page 10).
5. A Habitat Management & Access Validation while hunting on any lands (Applicable for all hunters 18 years of age or older, except 100% disabled resident veterans in conjunction with their free licenses, page 10).
6. A Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth number if younger than 18 years of age.

**License Fees** (Listed on pages 5, 7)

## Legal Sporting Arms for Deer Hunting

**Any Legal Sporting Arm:** Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrow; crossbow and bolt; or muzzleloading rifle.

**Archery Only:** Any bow and arrow. Crossbow use only by certified mobility-impaired hunters.

**Muzzleloader, Bow and Crossbow:** Any muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrow; and crossbow and bolt.

**Restricted Muzzleloader Only:** Any muzzleloading rifle (including a smoothbore flintlock or musket) using open sights in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Use of in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, multiple projectiles and scopes are illegal.

**Bag Limit** (Glossary of Terms, page 133)

The bag limit for most hunts is a fork-antlered deer (FAD), fork-antlered mule deer (FAMD) or fork-antlered white-tailed deer (FAWTD). Exceptions are Youth-Only Hunts on the Brantley and Seven Rivers and Huey WMA and those hunts in portions of Unit 32 that are antlerless (A), and Youth-Only Hunts in Units 41, 58 and 59 that are either-sex white-tailed deer (ESWTD). The antlers and attached segment of the skull must remain with a harvested deer until it has reached the location where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage.



# Deer Licenses

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## Deer Draw Licenses

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

Deadline to apply for the Deer Draw License is March 23, 2016. Up to four hunters may apply per application for a Public-land Deer Draw License. Anyone applying for a license, must pay the full license and application fee when making application. Fee will be refunded if unsuccessful in the draw.

Successful applicants will be issued a Public-land Deer Draw License. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting arms type, season dates and bag limit. No additional deer-license purchase is required. This license includes a space to permanently record the date and time of kill (page 20).

The Public-land Deer License authorizes the hunter to hunt on any open public land within the specified unit or hunt area and on any private land in that unit (except Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A), provided that written permission has been obtained from the landowner of the property.

## Types of Deer Draw Licenses (see glossary, pages 133–136)

There are several types of public-land deer hunts, including standard (S), quality (Q) and high-demand (HD) hunts for rifle, bow and muzzleloader. Some hunts are both quality and high demand (Q/HD). High-demand hunts are those hunts for which at least 22% of the applicant pool were nonresidents for each of the two previous license years.

## Fourth Choice Hunts

By selecting 4th-choice, an applicant is indicating she/he will accept a deer hunting license for **any hunt** in a specific quadrant of the state. The 4th-choice assignment will always be for the same sporting arm type as the 1st-choice on an application.

Hunters should understand that success rates for 4th-choice hunts may be low, due to small and localized populations of deer. **Hunters who apply for and receive a 4th-choice hunt will not receive a refund and may not obtain a Private-land Only License if dissatisfied with the hunt drawn.**

If applying for a 4th-choice hunt, applicants must select one of the four quadrants listed below.

NW: Northwest may include Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 or 14.

NE: Northeast may include Units 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59.

SW: Southwest may include Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 or 27.

SE: Southeast may include Units 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39 or 40.

**Deer Draw License Cannot Be Changed:** A Public-land Deer Draw License **cannot be changed or revalidated** once issued through the drawing.

**Mobility-Impaired Hunts:** Applicants for Mobility Impaired Licenses must be registered with NMDGF prior to applying (page 12).

**Youth-Only Hunts:** Youth-Only Hunts are open to persons younger than 18 years of age on the opening day of the hunt. A Hunter Education number or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 8, 9) is required to apply for Youth-Only Hunts.



## Private-land Only Deer Licenses

To hunt on private land only (except in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A listed below), hunters must obtain a Private-land Only Deer License—available online, by telephone, from license vendors or at NMDGF offices. This license includes a space to permanently record the date and time of kill (page 20). When obtaining a Private-land Only Deer License, the hunter must select a hunt code which corresponds with a Deer-Draw Hunt Code for the unit, bag limit, sporting arm type and season date. If the hunter is a nonresident and selects a corresponding Public-Land Hunt Code designated as Quality (Q), she/he must purchase a Quality Deer License.

While in the field, the hunter must have in their possession all of the following:

1. Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License.
2. Properly validated Private-land Only Deer License indicating an appropriate hunt code.
3. Written permission from the landowner or person controlling the land or trespass rights pursuant to regulation 19.31.10.18 NMAC.
4. Habitat Management & Access Validation (see page 10).

The Private-land Only Deer License will include the hunt code and unit, sporting arm types, season dates and bag limit. **It is unlawful for any person to hunt on public land with a Private-land Only Deer License.**

5. A Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth number if younger than 18 years of age.

### Private-land Deer Hunting in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A (Freeman Davis unit)

Landowners must obtain an **Authorization Code** from the NMDGF Northwest Area Office located in Albuquerque or telephone: (505) 222-4710.

Hunters wishing to hunt on private land in these units must obtain from the landowner:

1. Authorization Code; and 2. Hunt Codes. With this information, hunters may apply through the regular draw. When applying for Private-land Hunts in Unit 5A, only one person per application may apply. The application must be completed by March 23, 2016. Private-land Only Licenses may not be issued by license vendors for hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

### Private-land Deer Hunting in Units 8, 46, 54 and 55

Units 8 (any-legal-sporting-arm hunts), 46, 54 and 55 have limited public-land hunting opportunities. Private-land hunters in these units must select one of the hunt codes listed below. The fee type is standard (S).

Unit	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm</b>				
8 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	DER-1-450 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	FAD
46 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	DER-1-453 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	FAD
46 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2 . . . . .	DER-1-454 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	FAD
54 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	DER-1-457 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	FAD
54 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2 . . . . .	DER-1-458 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	FAD
54 . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . . . .	DER-1-459 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	FAWTD
54 - Youth only	Nov. 23–27 . . . . .	DER-1-460 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	FAD
55 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	DER-1-463 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	FAD

# Deer Licenses

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## *Private-land Deer Hunting in Units 8, 46, 54 and 55—continued.*

Unit	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
55 . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2 . . . .	DER-1-464 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD
55 - Youth only	Nov. 23–27 . . . .	DER-1-465 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD
55B. . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . . .	DER-1-468 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAWTD

### Archery Only

8 . . . .	Sept. 1–24 . . . .	DER-2-451 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD
46 . . . .	Sept. 1–24 . . . .	DER-2-455 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD
54 . . . .	Sept. 1–24 . . . .	DER-2-461 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD
55 . . . .	Sept. 1–24 . . . .	DER-2-466 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD

### Muzzleloader or Archery

8 . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3 . . . .	DER-3-452 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD
46 . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3 . . . .	DER-3-456 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD
54 . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3 . . . .	DER-3-462 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD
55 . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3 . . . .	DER-3-467 . . . .	Unlimited . . . .	FAD

## **Chronic Wasting Disease Rules Apply to Units 19, 28 and 34**

It is unlawful to transport dead deer, elk or their parts taken from any chronic wasting disease (CWD) control area designated by the Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The exceptions are:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either privately or commercially within the control area.
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the head or spinal column attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean skull plates with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Finished heads mounted by a taxidermist within the control area.

You may not remove the whole head and spinal column. You must keep proof of sex with all game species until transported where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage.

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and must possess either a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 8, 9). This number must be carried while hunting with a firearm. **Blaze-Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property. McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters to wear a blaze-orange hat and hunting vest. **Closed Areas:** Military reservations, national parks and monuments, state parks and monuments, recreation areas, national wildlife refuges, state wildlife management areas, and other locations may be closed or restrict hunting. **The following other areas are closed to deer hunting:** The Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area of Unit 55A are closed to all deer hunting; all state wildlife management areas are closed unless officially designated open to hunting. **Units 10, 13, 18 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or military during missile firings. **Restricted Areas:** Units 1, 3, 11, 35 and other tribal reservations are not included under state rules. Contact tribal officials directly. Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) in Unit 34 is accessible only by military permission. All hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course before they hunt. Private-land Only Licenses may not be issued by license vendors for hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

## Draw Licenses: Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm

Private-land Only Licenses may not be issued by license vendors for hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2 (Public-land Only)</b>					
2A . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-100 . . . . .	S . . . . .	150 . . . . .	FAD
2A - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	DER-1-101 . . . . .	S . . . . .	40 . . . . .	FAD
2B - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	DER-1-112 . . . . .	S . . . . .	150 . . . . .	FAD
2B . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	DER-1-109 . . . . .	S . . . . .	275 . . . . .	FAD
2B . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2 . . . . .	DER-1-110 . . . . .	S . . . . .	375 . . . . .	FAD
2B . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . . . .	DER-1-111 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	450 . . . . .	FAD
2C . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . . . . .	DER-1-125 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	20 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 4 (Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs / NM Resident Only)</b>					
4 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	DER-1-131 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	20 . . . . .	FAD
4 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2 . . . . .	DER-1-132 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	20 . . . . .	FAD
4 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	DER-1-133 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	10 . . . . .	FAD
4 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . . . .	DER-1-134 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	5 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 5</b>					
5A Public-land Only . . . . .	Nov. 8–14 . . . . .	DER-1-139 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	FAD
5B . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . . . .	DER-1-143 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	15 . . . . .	FAD
5B - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . . . .	DER-1-144 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	10 . . . . .	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A and 6C - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 15-19	DER-1-146	S	20	FAD
6A and 6C	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-145	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-149	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs)</b>					
9	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-154	S	10	FAD
9 - Youth Only	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-155	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 22-26	DER-1-162	S	20	FAD
10	Oct. 22-26	DER-1-158	S	70	FAD
10	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	DER-1-159	S	65	FAD
10	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-160	S	90	FAD
10 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-161	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	DER-1-165	S	90	FAD
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-168	S	150	FAD
13	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-169	S	150	FAD
13 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-170	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 14 (Sandia Ranger District is open to archery only)</b>					
14	Oct. 22-26	DER-1-173	S	30	FAD
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16 - Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-182	S	25	FAD
16	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-179	S	300	FAD
16	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-180	S	300	FAD
16 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-181	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-185	Q	80	FAD
17	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-186	Q	80	FAD
17 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-187	Q	80	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-191	S.	70	FAD
18	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-192	S.	70	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-197	S.	90	FAD
20	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-198	S.	90	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-201	S.	.425	FAD
21	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-202	S.	.425	FAD
21 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-203	S.	.100	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-206	S.	70	FAD
22	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-207	S.	70	FAD
22 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-208	S.	20	FAD
<b>Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountain Hunt Area)</b>					
23	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-211	S.	500	FAMD
23	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-212	S.	500	FAMD
23	Nov. 19-23	DER-1-213	S.	.100	FAWTD
23	Dec. 3-11	DER-1-214	HD	50	FAWTD
23 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-215	S.	95	FAD
<b>Unit 23 (Burro Mountain Hunt Area)</b>					
23	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-216	Q	25	FAMD
23	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-217	Q	25	FAMD
23	Nov. 19-23	DER-1-218	Q/HD	25	FAWTD
23	Dec. 3-11	DER-1-219	Q/HD	25	FAWTD
23 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-220	Q	25	FAD
<b>Unit 24 (Including Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24 - Youth Only	Oct. 1-9	DER-1-233	S.	50	FAD
24 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-234	S.	50	FAD

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<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-229	S	400	FAMD
24	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-230	S	400	FAMD
24	Nov. 19-23	DER-1-231	S	100	FAWTD
24	Dec. 3-11	DER-1-232	S	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-239	S	100	FAD
25	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-240	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area)</b>					
26	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-243	S	100	FAD
26	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-244	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 27</b>					
27	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-247	Q	50	FAMD
27	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-248	Q	50	FAMD
27	Nov. 19-23	DER-1-249	Q/HD	50	FAWTD
27	Dec. 3-11	DER-1-250	Q/HD	25	FAWTD
27 - Youth Only	Nov. 23-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11	DER-1-251	Q	25	FAD
<b>Unit 28 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
28 McGregor Range	Nov. 19-20	DER-1-256	S	20	FAD
28 McGregor Range, Military Only	Nov. 19-20	DER-1-257	HD	20	FAD
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	DER-1-258	S	170	FAD
29	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-259	S	170	FAD
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	DER-1-262	S	640	FAD
30 - Youth Only	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	DER-1-264	S	125	FAD
30	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-263	S	960	FAD
30 - Youth Only	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-265	S	125	FAD
<b>Unit 31 (Including Brantley)</b>					
31	Nov. 5-9	DER-1-268	S	450	FAD
31	Nov. 19-23	DER-1-269	S	450	FAD
<b>Unit 32</b>					
32	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	DER-1-272	S	.625	FAD
32	Nov. 12-16	DER-1-273	S	.625	FAD
32 (portions of) <sup>1</sup> - Youth Only	Dec. 16-31	DER-1-274	S	15	A

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 32 (continued)</b>					
32 (portions of) <sup>1</sup>	Jan. 16–31, '17	DER-1-275	S	15	A
<sup>1</sup> Roswell and Fort Sumner hunt areas of Unit 32.					
<b>Unit 33</b>					
33	Nov. 5–9	DER-1-278	Q	150	FAD
33	Nov. 19–23	DER-1-279	Q	150	FAD
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
34 - Youth Only	Oct. 22–26	DER-1-286	S	45	FAD
34 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 22–26	DER-1-287	S	50	FAD
34	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-284	S	.735	FAD
34	Nov. 12–16	DER-1-285	S	.735	FAD
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36 excluding Fort Stanton BLM-NCA <sup>2</sup>	Nov. 5–9	DER-1-290	S	300	FAD
36 excluding Fort Stanton BLM-NCA <sup>2</sup>	Nov. 12–16	DER-1-291	S	300	FAD
36 including Fort Stanton - Youth Only	Nov. 23–27 Dec. 10–11 Dec. 17–18	DER-1-292	S	25	FAD
<sup>2</sup> Bureau of Land Management National Conservation Area					
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Nov. 5–9	DER-1-296	S	.375	FAD
37	Nov. 19–23	DER-1-297	S	.375	FAD
<b>Unit 38</b>					
38	Nov. 5–9	DER-1-300	S	.175	FAD
38	Nov. 19–23	DER-1-301	S	.175	FAD
<b>Unit 39</b>					
39	Nov. 5–9	DER-1-304	S	40	FAD
39	Nov. 19–23	DER-1-305	S	40	FAD
<b>Unit 40</b>					
40	Nov. 5–9	DER-1-308	S	50	FAD
40	Nov. 19–23	DER-1-309	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 41</b>					
41	Oct. 22–26	DER-1-312	Q	35	FAD
41	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-313	Q	35	FAD
41 - Youth Only	Nov. 23–27	DER-1-315	Q	5	FAD
41 - Youth Only	Dec. 3–7	DER-1-316	Q	15	ESWTD
41	Dec. 10–14	DER-1-314	Q	10	FAWTD

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<b>Unit 42</b>					
42 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-1-319 . . . S.		30 . .	FAD
42 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-320 . . . S.		30 . .	FAD
42 . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . .	DER-1-321 . . . S.		10 . .	FAWTD
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-324 . . . S.		35 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-328 . . . S.		.250 . .	FAD
45 . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . .	DER-1-327 . . . S.		.250 . .	FAD
45 - Mobility impaired Only . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . .	DER-1-330 . . . S.		25 . .	FAD
45 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . .	DER-1-329 . . . S.		25 . .	FAD
	Dec. 3–4				
<b>Unit 47</b>					
47 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-1-333 . . . S.		18 . .	FAD
47 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-334 . . . S.		18 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-1-337 . . . S.		30 . .	FAD
48 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-338 . . . S.		50 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-1-341 . . . S.		90 . .	FAD
49 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-342 . . . S.		90 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-1-344 . . . S.		48 . .	FAD
50 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-345 . . . S.		48 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51B . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-1-349 . . . S.		15 . .	FAD
51A . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-347 . . . S.		.145 . .	FAD
51B . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-350 . . . S.		15 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-352 . . . S.		90 . .	FAD
52 . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . .	DER-1-353 . . . S.		90 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-356 . . . S.		85 . .	FAD
53 . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . .	DER-1-357 . . . S.		85 . .	FAD



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<b>Unit 54 and 55 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . .	DER-1-359 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	FAD
54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-360 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 55 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
55 ES Barker WMA . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . .	DER-1-361 . . .	S . . . . .	5 . .	FAD
55 Urraca WMA . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . .	DER-1-363 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	FAD
55 Urraca WMA . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-364 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	FAD
55 ES Barker WMA - Youth Only . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . .	DER-1-362 . . .	S . . . . .	5 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . .	DER-1-365 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	FAD
56 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-366 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	FAD
56 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . .	DER-1-367 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . .	DER-1-370 . . .	S . . . . .	25 . .	FAD
57 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-371 . . .	S . . . . .	25 . .	FAD
57 . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . .	DER-1-372 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	FAWTD
57 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . .	DER-1-373 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 58</b>					
58 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . .	DER-1-377 . . .	S . . . . .	30 . .	FAD
58 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-378 . . .	S . . . . .	30 . .	FAD
58 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . .	DER-1-380 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	FAD
58 - Youth Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-381 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	ESWTD
58 . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . . .	DER-1-379 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	FAWTD
<b>Unit 59</b>					
59 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . .	DER-1-384 . . .	S . . . . .	35 . .	FAD
59 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-1-385 . . .	S . . . . .	35 . .	FAD
59 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . .	DER-1-387 . . .	S . . . . .	5 . .	FAD
59 - Youth Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-388 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	ESWTD
59 . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . . .	DER-1-386 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	FAWTD

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### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 8, 9). **Units 10, 18, 19 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or military during missile firings. **Closed Areas:** Military reservations, national parks and monuments, state parks and monuments, recreation areas, national and state wildlife refuges and areas, and the Valle Vidal may be closed or have restrictions on hunting. In addition, all state Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are closed to deer hunting, unless officially designated open. **Restricted Areas:** Units 1, 3, 11, 35 and other tribal reservations. Contact tribal officials directly for information.

Private-land Only Licenses may not be issued by license vendors for hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2 (Public-land Only)</b>					
2A	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-103.	S.	40	FAD
2B	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-116.	S.	130	FAD
2B - Youth Only.	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-118.	S.	20	FAD
2A	Jan. 1-15, '17	DER-2-104.	S.	80	FAD
2B	Jan. 1-15, '17	DER-2-117.	Q	180	FAD
2B - Youth Only.	Jan. 1-15, '17	DER-2-119.	Q	50	FAD
2C	Jan. 1-15, '17	DER-2-127.	Q/HD	50	FAD
<b>Unit 5 (Public-land Only)</b>					
5A	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-141.	S.	30	FAD
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A and 6C.	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-147.	S.	100	FAD
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-150.	S.	10	FAD
<b>Unit 8</b>					
8 - Youth Only	Nov. 19-27	DER-2-153.	S.	50	FAD
8	Jan. 1-15, '17	DER-2-152.	S.	50	FAD
<b>Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs)</b>					
9	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-156.	S.	10	FAD
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-163.	S.	120	FAD
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Sept. 1-24.	DER-2-166.	S.	25	FAD
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13	Sept. 1-24. Jan. 1-15, '17	DER-2-171.	S.	200	FAD

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<b>Unit 14</b>					
14	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–174.	S.	30	FAD
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–176.	S.	100	FAD
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–183.	S.	400	FAD
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–188.	Q	73	FAD
17	Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–189.	Q	73	FAD
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–193.	S.	85	FAD
<b>Unit 19 (Animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD) (Excluding White Sands Missile Range. Mandatory check-in and check-out.)</b>					
19	Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–195.	S.	10	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–199.	S.	50	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–204.	S.	500	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–209.	S.	50	FAD
<b>Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountains hunt area; Additional info. page 54.)</b>					
23	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–221.	S.	255	FAMD
23	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–222.	S.	150	FAWTD
<b>Unit 23 (Burro Mountain hunt area)</b>					
23	Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–223.	Q	50	FAMD
23	Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–224.	Q	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area; Additional info. page 54.)</b>					
24	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–235.	S.	200	FAMD
24	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–236.	S.	100	FAWTD

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<b>Units: 23, 24 Silver City Deer Management Area Hunt</b> _____					
Hunters holding a valid Archery Deer License for Units 23 (excluding Burro Mountain Hunt Area) and 24, who did not harvest a deer during their hunt, will be allowed to hunt for antlerless deer within the Silver City Deer Management Area (as determined by NMDGF) from Jan. 16–Feb. 5, 2017. Qualifying hunters should contact 1-888-248-6866.					
<b>Unit 25</b> _____					
25	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–241.	S.	70	FAD
<b>Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area)</b> _____					
26	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–245.	S.	35	FAD
<b>Unit 27</b> _____					
27	Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–252.	Q	50	FAMD
27	Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–253.	Q	40	FAWTD
<b>Unit 29</b> _____					
29	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–260.	S.	150	FAD
<b>Unit 30</b> _____					
30	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–266.	S.	.250	FAD
<b>Unit 31 (Including Brantley and Seven Rivers)</b> _____					
31	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–270.	S.	.250	FAD
<b>Unit 32</b> _____					
32	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–276.	S.	200	FAD
<b>Unit 33</b> _____					
33	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–280.	Q	100	FAD
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b> _____					
34	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–288.	S.	.780	FAD
<b>Unit 36 (Including Fort Stanton, BLM National Conservation Area)</b> _____					
36	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–293.	S.	300	FAD
<b>Unit 37</b> _____					
37	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–298.	S.	150	FAD
<b>Unit 38</b> _____					
38	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER-2–302.	S.	100	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 39</b>					
39 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–306.	. . . S.	. . . . . 40 .	FAD
<b>Unit 40</b>					
40 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '17	DER–2–310.	. . . S.	. . . . . 25 .	FAD
<b>Unit 41</b>					
41 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–317.	. . . Q	. . . . . 10 .	FAD
<b>Unit 42</b>					
42 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–322.	. . . S.	. . . . . 10 .	FAD
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–325.	. . . S.	. . . . . 10 .	FAD
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–331.	. . . S.	. . . . . 150 .	FAD
<b>Unit 47</b>					
47 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–335.	. . . S.	. . . . . 10 .	FAD
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–339.	. . . S.	. . . . . 45 .	FAD
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–343.	. . . S.	. . . . . 100 .	FAD
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–346.	. . . S.	. . . . . 5 .	FAD
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51A . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–348.	. . . S.	. . . . . 65 .	FAD
51B . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–351.	. . . S.	. . . . . 10 .	FAD
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–354.	. . . S.	. . . . . 80 .	FAD
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–358.	. . . S.	. . . . . 90 .	FAD
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–368.	. . . S.	. . . . . 10 .	FAD
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57 Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park	Sept. 1–24 . . .	DER–2–374.	. . . S.	. . . . . 15 .	FAD
57 Sugarite Canyon State Park . . . . .	Nov. 1–30 . . .	DER–2–375.	. . . Q	. . . . . 20 .	FAD
<b>Unit 58</b>					
58 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–382.	. . . S.	. . . . . 10 .	FAD
<b>Unit 59</b>					
59 . . . . .	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–389.	. . . S.	. . . . . 10 .	FAD

# Deer Licenses

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 8, 9). This number must be carried while hunting with a firearm. **Units 10, 18, 19 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by Forest Service and/or military during missile firings. **Closed Areas:** Military reservations, national parks and monuments, state parks and monuments, recreation areas, national and state wildlife refuges and other areas and locations may be closed or restrict hunting. In addition, all state Wildlife Management Areas are closed to deer hunting, unless officially designated open. **Restricted Areas:** Units 1, 3, 11, 35 and other tribal reservations. Contact tribal officials directly.

Private-land Only Licenses may not be issued by license vendors for hunts in units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A (Freeman Lee Davis Memorial Unit).

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2 (Public-land Only)</b>					
2A . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-107. . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . . . . .	FAD
2B . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-122. . . . .	S. . . . .	175 . . . . .	FAD
2B - Youth Only . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-123. . . . .	S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	FAD
2C . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-129. . . . .	Q . . . . .	20 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A and 6C. . . . .	Oct. 1–5 . . . . .	DER-3-148. . . . .	S. . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-151. . . . .	S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-164. . . . .	S. . . . .	90 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-167. . . . .	S. . . . .	45 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-172. . . . .	S. . . . .	200 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 14 (Sandia Ranger District is open to archery only)</b>					
14 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-175. . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-177. . . . .	S. . . . .	165 . . . . .	FAD
15 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . . . .	DER-3-178. . . . .	S. . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
	Dec. 3–4				
	Dec. 10–11				
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16 . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-184. . . . .	S. . . . .	300 . . . . .	FAD

*Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.*

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-190.	Q	80	FAD
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-194.	S	75	FAD
<b>Unit 19 (Animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD.)</b>					
(Excluding White Sands Missile Range. Mandatory check-in and check-out.)					
19	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-196.	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-200.	S	85	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-205.	S	.350	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-210.	S	65	FAD
<b>Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountains hunt area)</b>					
23	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-225.	S	.325	FAMD
23	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-226.	S	75	FAWTD
<b>Unit 23 (Burro Mountains hunt area)</b>					
23	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-227.	Q	50	FAMD
23	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-228.	Q	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-237.	S	400	FAMD
24	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-238.	S	.100	FAWTD
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-242.	S	45	FAD
<b>Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area)</b>					
26	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-246.	S	80	FAD
<b>Unit 27</b>					
27	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-254.	Q	45	FAMD
27	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	DER-3-255.	Q	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29	Oct. 22–26	DER-3-261.	S	70	FAD
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30	Oct. 22–26	DER-3-267.	S	300	FAD
<b>Unit 31 (Including Brantley land managed by the Bureau of Reclamation)</b>					
31	Oct. 22–26	DER-3-271.	S	.150	FAD

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## Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 31/33</b>					
(only Seven Rivers and Brantley lands managed by the Bureau of Reclamation and W.S. Huey WMA. NM Residents / Youth Only.)					
31/33 . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . .	DER-3-282. . .	S. . . . .	20 . .	ES
31/33 . . . . .	Dec. 26–Jan. 1, '17	DER-3-283. . .	S. . . . .	20 . .	A
<b>Unit 32</b>					
32 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-3-277. . .	S. . . . .	150 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD.)</b>					
34 . . . . .	Oct. 1–5 . . .	DER-3-289. . .	S. . . . .	340 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36 (excluding Fort Stanton BLM-NCA <sup>1</sup> )	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-3-294. . .	S. . . . .	100 . .	FAD
36 (including Fort Stanton BLM-NCA <sup>1</sup> ) Youth Only	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-3-295. . .	S. . . . .	25 . .	FAD
<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Land Management National Conservation Area					
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-3-299. . .	S. . . . .	125 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 38</b>					
38 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-3-303. . .	S. . . . .	100 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 39</b>					
39 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-3-307. . .	S. . . . .	40 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 40</b>					
40 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER-3-311. . .	S. . . . .	25 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 41</b>					
41 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-318. . .	Q . . . . .	25 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 42</b>					
42 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-323. . .	S. . . . .	7 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43 . . . . .	Oct. 22–28 . .	DER-3-326. . .	S. . . . .	8 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-332. . .	S. . . . .	150 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 47</b>					
47 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-336. . .	S. . . . .	15 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-340. . .	S. . . . .	20 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-369. . .	HD . . . . .	10 . .	FAD
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-376. . .	S. . . . .	15 . .	FAD



**Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.**

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 58					
58 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–383.	. . . S. . . . .	15 . .	FAD
Unit 59					
59 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–390.	. . . S. . . . .	25 . .	FAD

**Draw Licenses: Seasons for Restricted Muzzleloader Only**

**Restricted Muzzleloader Firearm:** Any muzzleloading rifle (including a smoothbore flintlock or musket) using open sights in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Use of in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, multiple projectiles and scopes is illegal. Youth hunters must provide a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number on their applications.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs)					
9 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–157.	. . . S. . . . .	10 . .	FAD
Unit 33					
33 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	DER–3–281.	. . . Q . . . .	.140 . .	FAD
Unit 52					
52 . . . . .	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–355.	. . . S. . . . .	25 . .	FAD

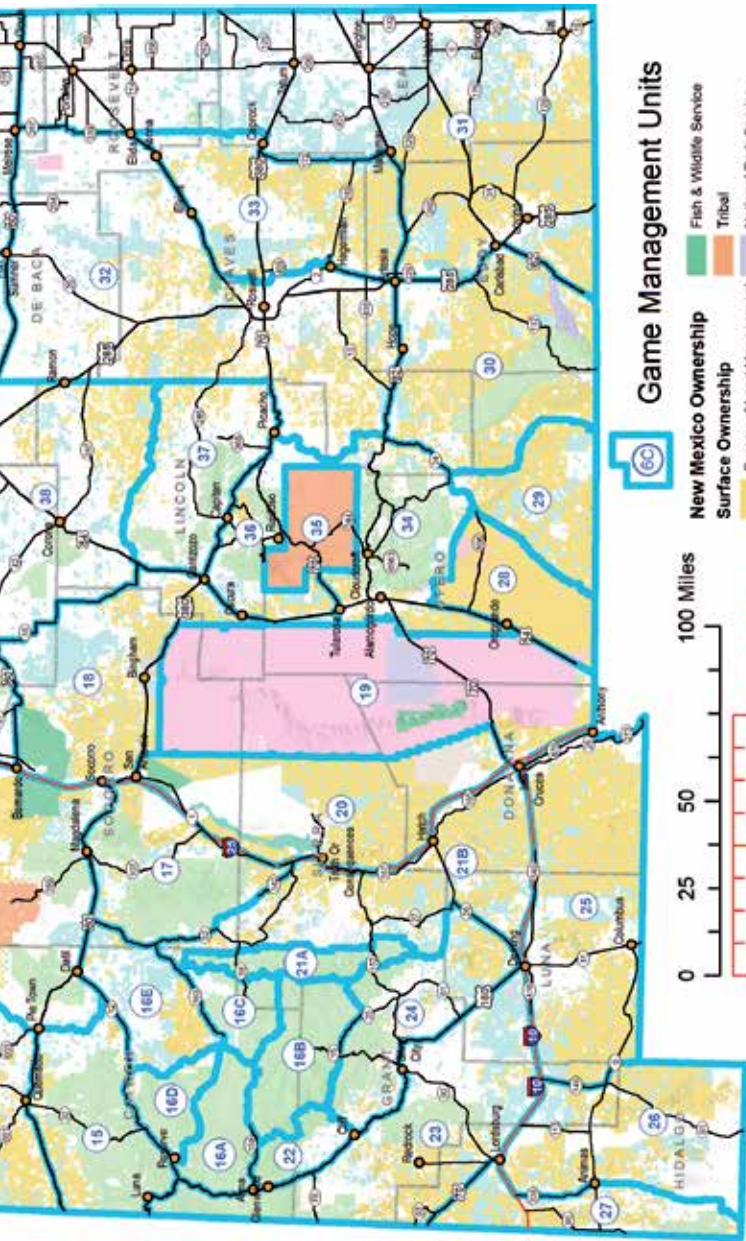


# Game Management Unit Map

Individual unit maps can be downloaded at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

This map is for locating Game Management Units (GMUs) and is not intended for determining precise boundaries. GMU maps are available at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) (Under *Hunting* is listed *Maps & Land Access* with a link to *Big Game Unit Maps*). Also an electronic GMU map application for mobile devices is available at the Bureau of Land Management website: [www.blm.gov/nm/huntingmaps](http://www.blm.gov/nm/huntingmaps).





## Game Management Units

6C

100 Miles

0 25 50

120 Kilometers

0 30 60



New Mexico Ownership	
	Fish & Wildlife Service
	Tribal
	National Park Service
	Private
	State
	State Game & Fish
	State Park
	Valles Caldera National Preserve

Surface Ownership	
	Bureau of Land Management
	Bureau of Reclamation
	Dept. of Agriculture
	Dept. of Defense
	Dept. of Energy
	Forest Service

# Elk Licenses

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## Elk Draw Licenses

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

Deadline to apply for the drawing is March 23, 2016. Only New Mexico residents may apply for Antlerless (A) Elk Draw Licenses. **Nonresidents are ineligible** for any hunts held exclusively on State Game Commission-owned WMAs.

Four types of Elk Draw Licenses are available to hunters using rifle, bow or muzzleloader, including: standard hunts (S); quality hunts (Q); high-demand hunts (HD); and combination quality and high-demand hunts (Q/HD). See glossary, pages 133–136.

Each Elk Draw License is only valid for a specific hunt in a specific area and for the dates designated on the license issued. **Draw licenses may not be: traded for a Private-land License; returned for refund; or transferred, sold or bartered.** It is illegal to apply for, buy or use more than one license or tag for any big-game species during any license year—except as permitted by rule.

## Application and License Fees (pages 5, 7)

Residents of New Mexico pay the same fee for standard, quality or high-demand hunts. However, nonresident pay higher fees for quality and high-demand hunts. Fees differ for mature bull (MB), either-sex (ES) and antlerless (A) elk. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required for all hunts. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting on Forest Service and/or BLM lands (page 10).

Up to four persons may apply per application for an Elk Draw License. If allotted a license in the draw that has a fee lower than that submitted when applying, the difference will be refunded.

## Legal Sporting Arms

**Any Legal Sporting Arm:** Centerfire rifle or handgun, .24 caliber or larger; shotgun, no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrow; crossbow and bolt; or muzzleloading rifle, no smaller than .45 caliber.

**Archery Only:** Bow and arrow. Crossbow use by certified mobility-impaired hunters only.

**Muzzleloader:** Muzzleloading rifle no smaller than .45 caliber, scopes and sabots are legal for all elk hunts. Bows and crossbows are legal sporting arms.

## Bag Limit (Glossary of Terms, page 133)

MB . . . . . One mature bull. A spike bull is not legal.

A . . . . . One antlerless elk.

ES . . . . . Any one elk.

APRE/6 . . . . . An elk with six or more points on at least one antler.

## Mobility-Impaired Hunts

Applicants for Mobility Impaired Hunts must be registered with NMDGF prior to applying (page 12).

## Youth-Only Hunts

Youth-Only Hunts are open to persons younger than 18 years of age on the opening day of the hunt. A Hunter Education number (page 8) is required to apply for Youth-Only Hunts.



## Fourth-Choice Elk Hunts

By selecting 4th-choice an applicant is indicating that she/he **will accept** an Elk License for **any hunt** in a specific quadrant of the state. The 4th-choice assignment will always be for the same sporting-arm type as the 1st-choice on the application.

Hunters should understand that success rates for 4th-choice hunts may be low, due to small and localized populations of elk. **Hunters who apply for and receive a 4th-choice hunt will not receive a refund if dissatisfied with the hunt drawn.** Not all hunts are available in the 4th-choice hunt pool.

A hunter drawing a 4th-choice could receive a license with an antlerless bag limit, even if his/her prior three choices were for mature bull licenses.

If applying for a 4th-choice hunt, applicants must select one of the four quadrants listed.

### Fourth-Choice Elk Hunt Quadrants

- NW Northwest may include Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 or 12
- NE Northeast may include Units 43, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 or 58
- SW Southwest may include Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 or 24
- SE Southeast may include Units 28, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37 or 38

## Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area

The Greenwood Area is a privately owned 11,790 acre property adjacent to the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest. The owner, Vermejo Park Ranch, has graciously allowed the Department to lease the Greenwood Area for hunting and fishing access for 10 years at no cost. The Department would like to thank Vermejo Park Ranch for this successful partnership and the benefit it provides to New Mexico's hunters and anglers.

Four types of hunts are available on the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area (Unit 55A):

**Once-in-a-Lifetime Mature Bull/Either Sex:** Only persons who have never drawn this hunt are eligible to apply.

**Once-in-a-Lifetime Antlerless:** Only New Mexico residents who have never drawn this hunt are eligible to apply.

**Once-as-a-Youth Mature Bull:** Only persons younger than 18 years of age who have never drawn this Youth-Only Hunt and who possess a Hunter Education number (page 8) are eligible to apply.

**Once-as-a-Youth Antlerless:** Only New Mexico residents younger than 18 years of age who have never drawn this Youth-Only Hunt and can provide proof of a Hunter Education number (pages 8, 9) are eligible to apply.

**Note: If a youth has drawn any Valle Vidal Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts, she/he will not be eligible as an adult for that hunt.**

### Late Season Online Licenses for Archery Only in Units 12, 34 and 37

Hunting elk outside the rut can be difficult and harvest success could be very low. Harvest is restricted to an APRE/6 (page 133). See page 80 for open units, hunt dates and hunt codes.

# Elk Licenses

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## Private-land Hunts

Hunters **may not hold both** a Private-land License and a Public-draw Elk License in the same license year and **may not exchange** a Public-draw License for a Private-land License.

To purchase a Private-land Elk License, a hunter negotiates directly with a participating landowner who will provide a ranch number, authorization number, hunt code(s), season dates and fee type. The license may then be purchased and printed online from the customer's account.

For assistance with this process please telephone: **1-888-248-6866**.

## Ranch Only or Unit Wide

Before negotiating, hunters should check online ([www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)) or inquire of landowner to determine if authorizations are Ranch Only or Unit Wide. **Unit Wide:** Unit-wide landowners must permit free, unrestricted and equal access, including vehicles, to their entire ranch for all legally licensed elk-draw or unit-wide private-land elk hunters during each published elk hunt in that unit. This authorization does not constitute permission to hunt any other species or during any other time period. Access restrictions by landowners should be reported to a NMDGF conservation officer. Legally accessible public land in the same unit also may be hunted.

**Ranch Only:** The ranch-only private-land hunter is restricted to the property's deeded acreage.

**Units 4, 5A, 46, 55A and 55B:** A hunter also may obtain written permission from the landowner(s) in his/her licensed hunt unit to hunt other private lands within that unit. No public (including state) land can be hunted using a Ranch-Only Elk License.

Landowners participate voluntarily in private-land programs, and the courtesy each hunter exercises can affect access for all hunters in years to come. Contacting landowners before accessing a unit-wide property is a courtesy the NMDGF strongly encourages.

## Private-land Elk License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Antlerless . . . . .	\$69 . . . . .	\$347
Mature-Bull or Either-Sex . . . . .	\$99 . . . . .	\$557
Quality Antlerless . . . . .	\$69 . . . . .	\$782
Quality Mature-Bull or Either-Sex . . . . .	\$99 . . . . .	\$782
Junior/Senior Elk License . . . . .	\$67 . . . . .	Not Issued

In addition to the above fees, a hunter must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required for hunters 18 years of age and older (see page 10 for exceptions). A Habitat Stamp is required for unit-wide private-land license holders if hunting on Forest Service or BLM lands. High-Demand (HD) fees do not apply to private-land hunts.

### **Ranch-only Quality Elk Hunt Fees**

For all hunt dates from Sept. 15–Oct. 15, Quality Elk License fees shall apply to any mature-bull (MB) or either-sex (ES) private-land authorization (except Youth Only) on private lands that lie within the Core Occupied Elk Range (COER) in Units 13, 15, 16 and 17—but shall not apply to private lands outside the COER. The COER is that portion of a Game Management Unit that contains the majority of routine and substantial elk use.

### **Unit-wide Quality Elk Hunt Fees**

Quality elk license fees shall apply to any mature-bull (MB) or either-sex (ES) private-land license (except Youth Only), for the following hunts:

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts: . . . . . ELK-1-240, ELK-1-246, ELK-1-251, ELK-1-258,  
ELK-1-266, ELK-1-239 (MI) and ELK-1-257 (MI).

Archery Only Hunts: . . . . . ELK-2-222, ELK-2-230, ELK-2-238, ELK-2-245,  
ELK-2-249, ELK-2-256, ELK-2-263 and ELK-2-270.

Muzzleloader and Bow Hunts: . . . . . ELK-3-224, ELK-3-232, ELK-3-265 and ELK-3-272.



# Elk Licenses

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## Private-land Hunts: Ranch Only

Elk hunting inside COER ranch-only properties is restricted to the following hunt dates and sporting arm types. For elk hunting outside COER properties, check directly with the landowner. Bag limits, season dates and sporting arm types vary for each ranch.

Dates

Units

### Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Oct. 1–Dec. 31 . . . . . 4

Oct. 8–Dec. 31 . . . . . 5A, 5B, 49, 50, and 51

Oct. 15–Dec. 31. . . . . 2, 10, 6A, 6C, 7, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 21A, 21B, 36, 45, 48, 52 and 53

Oct. 22–Dec. 31. . . . . 16E, 23, 24 and 34

Jan. 1–31, '17. . . . . 36 and 48 (Antlerless elk only; With approvals of the NMDGF Director or her designee and the Chairman of the New Mexico State Game Commission.)

### Archery-Only Hunts

License valid for the entire hunt period

Sept. 1–14 . . . . . 2, 4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24, 34, 36, 45, 48, 49 and 50–53

Sept. 15–24 . . . . . 2, 4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24, 34, 36, 45, 48, 49 and 50–53

### Muzzleloader, Crossbow and Archery Hunts

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Oct. 8–Dec. 31 . . . . . 2, 6A, 6C, 7, 10, 36, 45, 48, 52 and 53

Oct. 15–Dec. 31. . . . . 9, 13, 15, 16E, 17, 23, 24 and 34

Nov. 5–Dec. 31 . . . . . 9 (Antlerless Elk Only)

Jan. 1–31, '17. . . . . 13 (Antlerless elk only; Muzzle-loading rifles only with approvals of the NMDGF director or her designee and the chairman of the New Mexico State Game Commission)



**Youth-Only Hunts** (Limited to the dates listed)

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 8-12 . . . . . 16C, 16E, 23, 24 and 34

Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts \_\_\_\_\_

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Oct. 8-Dec. 31 . . . . . 13, 15 and 17

**Mobility-Impaired Hunts** (Limited to the dates listed)

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 8-12 . . . . . 16A, 16D and 34

Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 8-12 . . . . . 9



# Elk Licenses

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## Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education or number (page 8) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm. **Unit 10 and 13:** These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Unit 34:** Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible with military permission only.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2 - All Hunters . . . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-103 . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	MB
2 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10-14 . . .	ELK-1-104 . . .	S . . . . .	100 . .	A
2 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only. . . . .	Dec. 10-14 . . .	ELK-1-105 . . .	S . . . . .	50 . .	A
<b>Unit 4 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
4 Sargent WMA . . . . .	Oct. 8-12 . . .	ELK-1-141 . . .	Q . . . . .	10 . .	MB
4 Sargent WMA . . . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-142 . . .	Q . . . . .	10 . .	MB
4 Sargent WMA . . . . .	Oct. 22-26 . . .	ELK-1-143 . . .	Q . . . . .	10 . .	MB
4 Sargent WMA . . . . .	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	ELK-1-144 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
4 Sargent WMA . . . . .	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-145 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A
4 Sargent WMA - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-146 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs . . . . .	Oct. 8-12 . . .	ELK-1-149 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	MB
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs . . . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-150 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	MB
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs . . . . .	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-151 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-152 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	A
<b>Unit 5A – Freeman Lee Davis Memorial Unit (Public-land Only)</b>					
5A . . . . .	Oct. 8-12 . . .	ELK-1-108 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
5A - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 8-12 . . .	ELK-1-109 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A
5A . . . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-110 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
5A - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-111 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A
5A . . . . .	Oct. 22-26 . . .	ELK-1-112 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
5A - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 22-26 . . .	ELK-1-113 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A
5A . . . . .	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	ELK-1-114 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
5A - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	ELK-1-115 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A
<b>Unit 5B</b>					
5B . . . . .	Oct. 8-12 . . .	ELK-1-155 . . .	S . . . . .	86 . .	MB
5B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-156 . . .	S . . . . .	59 . .	A
5B . . . . .	Oct. 22-26 . . .	ELK-1-157 . . .	S . . . . .	86 . .	MB

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 5B (continued)</b>					
5B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	ELK–1–158 . . . . .	S . . . . .	59 . . . . .	A
5B . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK–1–159 . . . . .	S . . . . .	86 . . . . .	MB
5B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK–1–160 . . . . .	S . . . . .	59 . . . . .	A
5B . . . . .	Dec. 17–21 . . . . .	ELK–1–161 . . . . .	S . . . . .	87 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK–1–191 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	MB
6A . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK–1–192 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	MB
6A - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	ELK–1–193 . . . . .	S . . . . .	99 . . . . .	A
6B <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK–1–197 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	15 . . . . .	MB
6B <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK–1–198 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	20 . . . . .	MB
6B <sup>1</sup> - Mobility Impaired Only / NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	ELK–1–199 . . . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
6B <sup>1</sup> - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK–1–200 . . . . .	S . . . . .	35 . . . . .	A
6B <sup>1</sup> - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK–1–201 . . . . .	S . . . . .	35 . . . . .	A
6B <sup>1</sup> - Youth Only / NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 26–30 . . . . .	ELK–1–202 . . . . .	S . . . . .	35 . . . . .	A
6B <sup>1</sup> - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . . . .	ELK–1–203 . . . . .	S . . . . .	35 . . . . .	A
<sup>1</sup> All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on Unit 6B, Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Hunter orientation required (page 29).					
6C . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK–1–212 . . . . .	S . . . . .	109 . . . . .	MB
6C . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK–1–213 . . . . .	S . . . . .	109 . . . . .	MB
6C - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	ELK–1–214 . . . . .	S . . . . .	110 . . . . .	A
6C - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 26–30 . . . . .	ELK–1–215 . . . . .	S . . . . .	115 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK–1–219 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
7 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK–1–220 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK–1–136 . . . . .	S . . . . .	70 . . . . .	MB
10 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK–1–137 . . . . .	S . . . . .	120 . . . . .	A
10 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 17–21 . . . . .	ELK–1–138 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12 . . . . .	Oct. 1–5 . . . . .	ELK–1–349 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	20 . . . . .	MB
12 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . . . .	ELK–1–350 . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	MB
12 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK–1–351 . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	MB
12 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK–1–352 . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	A
12 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK–1–353 . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	A
12 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK–1–354 . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	A

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16A - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . . . .	ELK-1-239 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
16A . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK-1-240 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
16A . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK-1-241 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	125 . . . . .	MB
16A - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . . . .	ELK-1-242 . . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . . . . .	A
16A - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . . . . .	ELK-1-243 . . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . . . . .	A
16B and 22 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK-1-246 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	160 . . . . .	MB
16B and 22 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK-1-247 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	160 . . . . .	MB
16C - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . . . .	ELK-1-250 . . . . .	S. . . . .	25 . . . . .	ES
16C . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK-1-251 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	50 . . . . .	MB
16C . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK-1-252 . . . . .	S. . . . .	95 . . . . .	MB
16C - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . . . .	ELK-1-253 . . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
16C - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . . . . .	ELK-1-254 . . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
16D - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . . . .	ELK-1-257 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
16D . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK-1-258 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	55 . . . . .	MB
16D . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK-1-259 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	50 . . . . .	MB
16D - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . . . .	ELK-1-260 . . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
16D - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . . . . .	ELK-1-261 . . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
16E - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . . . .	ELK-1-264 . . . . .	S. . . . .	25 . . . . .	ES
16E . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK-1-266 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	70 . . . . .	MB
16E - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . . . .	ELK-1-267 . . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . . . . .	A
16E - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . . . . .	ELK-1-268 . . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21A . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK-1-280 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	50 . . . . .	MB
21A . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK-1-281 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	50 . . . . .	MB
21A - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . . . .	ELK-1-282 . . . . .	S. . . . .	30 . . . . .	A
21B . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . . . . .	ELK-1-285 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
21B . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK-1-286 . . . . .	S. . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
21B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-287 . . . . .	S. . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
21B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 17–21 . . . . .	ELK-1-288 . . . . .	S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	A
21B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . . . .	ELK-1-289 . . . . .	S. . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
21B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . . . . .	ELK-1-290 . . . . .	S. . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . . . .	ELK-1-293 . . . . .	S. . . . .	25 . . . . .	ES
23 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . . . . .	ELK-1-295 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
23 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . . . .	ELK-1-296 . . . . .	S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	A

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24	Oct. 22–26	ELK–1–300	S.	15	MB
<b>Unit 24 (Including Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24 - Youth Only	Oct. 8–12	ELK–1–301	S.	.5	ES
24 - Youth Only NM Residents Only	Oct. 22–26	ELK–1–302	S.	.5	A
<b>Unit 28 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
28 - McGregor Range, Military Only	Dec. 10–14	ELK–1–357	HD	10	ES
28 - McGregor Range	Dec. 10–14	ELK–1–358	S.	10	ES
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30	Oct. 8–12	ELK–1–359	S.	20	ES
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
34 - Youth Only	Oct. 8–12	ELK–1–305	S.	75	ES
34 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only	Oct. 8–12	ELK–1–306	S.	100	A
34 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 8–12	ELK–1–307	S.	50	ES
34	Oct. 22–26	ELK–1–309	S.	150	MB
34 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 26–30	ELK–1–310	S.	.250	A
34 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 3–7	ELK–1–311	S.	.250	A
34 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 10–14	ELK–1–312	S.	.250	A
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36	Oct. 15–19	ELK–1–316	HD	.123	MB
36	Oct. 29–Nov. 2	ELK–1–317	HD	.124	MB
36 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 26–30	ELK–1–318	S.	.105	A
36 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 3–7	ELK–1–319	S.	.105	A
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Oct. 15–19	ELK–1–365	S.	30	MB
37 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 26–30	ELK–1–366	S.	45	A
<b>Unit 38</b>					
38	Oct. 8–12	ELK–1–367	S.	15	ES
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43	Sept. 27–Oct. 4	ELK–1–368	S.	30	ES
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45	Oct. 15–19	ELK–1–323	S.	.140	MB
45	Oct. 22–26	ELK–1–324	S.	.140	MB
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48	Oct. 15–19	ELK–1–329	S.	60	MB
48 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 5–9	ELK–1–330	S.	50	A

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 48 (continued)</b>					
48 . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	ELK–1–331 . . .	S . . . . .	33 . .	MB
48 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	ELK–1–332 . . .	S . . . . .	53 . .	A
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–1–335 . . .	S . . . . .	80 . .	MB
49 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–1–336 . . .	S . . . . .	76 . .	MB
49 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . .	ELK–1–337 . . .	S . . . . .	80 . .	A
49 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . .	ELK–1–338 . . .	S . . . . .	77 . .	A
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–1–164 . . .	S . . . . .	120 . .	MB
50 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . .	ELK–1–165 . . .	S . . . . .	41 . .	A
<b>Unit 50 (continued)</b>					
50 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–1–166 . . .	S . . . . .	123 . .	MB
50 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . .	ELK–1–167 . . .	S . . . . .	45 . .	A
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–1–170 . . .	S . . . . .	220 . .	MB
51 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–1–171 . . .	S . . . . .	220 . .	MB
51 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	ELK–1–172 . . .	S . . . . .	220 . .	MB
51 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 5–9 . . .	ELK–1–173 . . .	S . . . . .	251 . .	A
51 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . .	ELK–1–174 . . .	S . . . . .	251 . .	A
51 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . .	ELK–1–175 . . .	S . . . . .	252 . .	A
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–1–182 . . .	S . . . . .	230 . .	MB
52 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	ELK–1–183 . . .	S . . . . .	230 . .	MB
52 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . .	ELK–1–184 . . .	S . . . . .	80 . .	A
52 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . .	ELK–1–185 . . .	S . . . . .	56 . .	A
NM Residents Only					
52 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . .	ELK–1–186 . . .	S . . . . .	70 . .	A
52 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	ELK–1–187 . . .	S . . . . .	115 . .	A
<b>Unit 53 (Excluding the Cerro portion)</b>					
53 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–1–342 . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	MB
53 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	ELK–1–343 . . .	S . . . . .	125 . .	MB
53 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . .	ELK–1–344 . . .	S . . . . .	90 . .	A
53 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . .	ELK–1–345 . . .	S . . . . .	90 . .	A
53 - (north of Sunshine Valley Rd.) . . . . .	Jan. 7–22 '17 .	ELK–1–346 . . .	S . . . . .	40 . .	A
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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 54 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
54 - Colin Neblett WMA-south . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-370 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . .	MB
54 - Colin Neblett WMA-south . . .	Oct. 22-26 . . .	ELK-1-371 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . .	MB
54 - Colin Neblett WMA-south . . .	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-374 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . .	A
<b>Unit 55 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
55 - Colin Neblett WMA-north . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-376 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . .	MB
55 - Colin Neblett WMA-north . . .	Oct. 22-26 . . .	ELK-1-377 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . .	MB
55 - Colin Neblett WMA north . . .	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-380 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . .	A
55 - E.S. Barker WMA . . . . .	Oct. 8-12 . . .	ELK-1-383 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
55 - Urraca WMA . . . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-387 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
55 - Urraca WMA . . . . .	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-388 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
55 - Urraca WMA . . . . .	Nov. 12-16 . . .	ELK-1-389 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	A
55 - Urraca WMA . . . . .	Nov. 26-30 . . .	ELK-1-390 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	A
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area Youth Only	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-397 . . .	Q . . . . .	35 . .	A
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Nov. 5-9 . . .	ELK-1-398 . . .	Q . . . . .	15 . .	A
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Nov. 12-16 . . .	ELK-1-399 . . .	Q . . . . .	70 . .	A
<b>Unit 55 (N.M. Residents and Nonresidents included)</b>					
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-394 . . .	Q . . . . .	20 . .	MB
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area Youth Only	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-395 . . .	Q . . . . .	20 . .	MB
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Oct. 22-26 . . .	ELK-1-396 . . .	Q . . . . .	35 . .	MB
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56 . . . . .	Oct. 8-12 . . .	ELK-1-402 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
56 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 15-19 . . .	ELK-1-403 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A
<b>Unit 57, 58</b>					
57, 58 . . . . .	Oct. 8-12 . . .	ELK-1-406 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	MB
57, 58 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10-14 . . .	ELK-1-407 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	A

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**Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 8) to apply. **Unit 10 and 13:** These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Unit 34:** Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible with military permission only.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2 . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-100 . . .	S . . . . .	.120 . .	ES
2 . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-101 . . .	S . . . . .	.120 . .	ES
<b>Unit 4 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
4 - Sargent WMA only . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-139 . . .	Q . . . . .	10 . .	ES
4 - Sargent WMA only . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-140 . . .	Q . . . . .	10 . .	ES
4 - Humphries WMA only . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-147 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	ES
4 - Humphries WMA only . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-148 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . .	ES
<b>Unit 5</b>					
5A - Public-land Only . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-106 . . .	S . . . . .	.5 . .	ES
5A - Public-land Only . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-107 . . .	S . . . . .	.5 . .	ES
5B . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-153 . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	ES
5B . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-154 . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	ES
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-188 . . .	S . . . . .	.150 . .	ES
6A . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-189 . . .	HD . . . . .	.100 . .	ES
6B <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-194 . . .	Q . . . . .	20 . .	ES
6B <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-195 . . .	Q . . . . .	20 . .	ES
6C . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-209 . . .	S . . . . .	.150 . .	ES
6C . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-210 . . .	S . . . . .	.108 . .	ES
<sup>1</sup> A hunter orientation is required for Unit 6B (page 29).					
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7 . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-216 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	ES
7 . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-217 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . .	ES
<b>Unit 9 (Marquez WMA / NM Resident Only)</b>					
9 . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-116 . . .	S . . . . .	.5 . .	ES
9 . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-117 . . .	S . . . . .	.5 . .	ES
<b>Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon, but excluding Marquez WMA)</b>					
9 . . . . .	Sept. 1-14 . . .	ELK-2-124 . . .	S . . . . .	.160 . .	ES
9 . . . . .	Sept. 15-24 . .	ELK-2-125 . . .	S . . . . .	.160 . .	ES



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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–133 . . .	S. . . . .	.125 . .	ES
10 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–134 . . .	S. . . . .	.125 . .	ES
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–347 . . .	HD . . . .	15 . .	ES
12 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–348 . . .	S. . . . .	15 . .	ES
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–221 . . .	HD . . . .	.175 . .	ES
13 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–222 . . .	Q/HD . . .	.125 . .	ES
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–229 . . .	HD . . . .	.350 . .	ES
15 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–230 . . .	Q/HD . . .	.250 . .	ES
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16A . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–237 . . .	HD . . . .	.250 . .	ES
16A . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–238 . . .	Q/HD . . .	.150 . .	ES
16B and 22 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–244 . . .	HD . . . .	.225 . .	ES
16B and 22 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–245 . . .	Q/HD . . .	.165 . .	ES
16C . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–248 . . .	HD . . . .	.150 . .	ES
16C . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–249 . . .	Q/HD . . .	.100 . .	ES
16D . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–255 . . .	HD . . . .	90 . .	ES
16D . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–256 . . .	Q/HD . . .	60 . .	ES
16E . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–262 . . .	S. . . . .	90 . .	ES
16E . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–263 . . .	Q/HD . . .	60 . .	ES
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–269 . . .	HD . . . .	.125 . .	ES
17 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–270 . . .	Q/HD . . .	75 . .	ES
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–355 . . .	S. . . . .	25 . .	ES
18 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–356 . . .	S. . . . .	25 . .	ES
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21A . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–278 . . .	HD . . . .	50 . .	ES
21A . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–279 . . .	HD . . . .	50 . .	ES
21B . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–283 . . .	S. . . . .	25 . .	ES
21B . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–284 . . .	S. . . . .	25 . .	ES

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–291 . . .	S . . . .	125 . .	ES
23 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–292 . . .	S . . . .	75 . .	ES
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–297 . . .	S . . . .	15 . .	ES
24 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–298 . . .	S . . . .	10 . .	ES
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–360 . . .	S . . . .	10 . .	ES
30 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–361 . . .	S . . . .	10 . .	ES
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
34 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–303 . . .	HD . . .	200 . .	ES
34 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–304 . . .	HD . . .	200 . .	ES
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–313 . . .	HD . . .	130 . .	ES
36 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–314 . . .	HD . . .	111 . .	ES
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–362 . . .	HD . . .	40 . .	ES
37 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–363 . . .	S . . . .	30 . .	ES
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–320 . . .	S . . . .	75 . .	ES
45 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–321 . . .	S . . . .	75 . .	ES
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–326 . . .	S . . . .	92 . .	ES
48 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–327 . . .	S . . . .	92 . .	ES
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–333 . . .	S . . . .	61 . .	ES
49 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–334 . . .	S . . . .	60 . .	ES
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–162 . . .	S . . . .	60 . .	ES
50 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–163 . . .	S . . . .	55 . .	ES
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–168 . . .	S . . . .	180 . .	ES
51 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–169 . . .	S . . . .	180 . .	ES
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–177 . . .	S . . . .	230 . .	ES
52 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–178 . . .	HD . . .	230 . .	ES
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14 . . .	ELK–2–339 . . .	S . . . .	60 . .	ES
53 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . . .	ELK–2–340 . . .	S . . . .	60 . .	ES

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 54 Colin Neblett WMA south (NM Residents Only)</b>					
54 - Colin Neblett WMA south, . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–372 . . .	S. . . . .	10 . .	ES
54 - Colin Neblett WMA south, . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–373 . . .	S. . . . .	10 . .	ES
<b>Unit 55 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
55 - Colin Neblett WMA north . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–378 . . .	S. . . . .	10 . .	ES
55 - Colin Neblett WMA north . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–379 . . .	S. . . . .	10 . .	ES
55 - ES Barker WMA, . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–381 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
55 - ES Barker WMA, . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–382 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
55 - Urraca WMA . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–384 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
55 - Urraca WMA . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–385 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
<b>Unit 55 (NM Residents and Nonresidents Included)</b>					
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–391 . . .	Q/HD . .	25 . .	ES
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–392 . . .	Q/HD . .	25 . .	ES
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56 . . . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–400 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
56 . . . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–401 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57 - Sugarite Canyon State Park . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–404 . . .	S. . . . .	.3 . .	ES
57 - Sugarite Canyon State Park . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–405 . . .	S. . . . .	.2 . .	ES



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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-102	S	.125	MB
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-190	HD	.104	MB
6B <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-196	Q	.15	MB
6C	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-211	S	.155	MB
<sup>1</sup> All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on Unit 6B, Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Hunter orientation required (page 29).					
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-218	S	.25	MB
<b>Unit 9 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
9 - Marquez WMA	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-118	S	.5	MB
9 - Marquez WMA	Oct. 15-19	ELK-3-119	S	.5	MB
9 - Marquez WMA	Oct. 22-26	ELK-3-120	S	.5	MB
9 - Marquez WMA	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	ELK-3-121	S	.5	A
9 - Marquez WMA	Nov. 5-9	ELK-3-122	S	.5	A
9 - Marquez WMA	Nov. 19-23	ELK-3-123	S	.5	A
<b>Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon, but excluding Marquez WMA)</b>					
9 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-126	S	.40	ES
9	Oct. 15-19	ELK-3-127	S	.70	MB
9	Oct. 22-26	ELK-3-128	S	.70	MB
9	Oct. 29-Nov. 2	ELK-3-129	S	.40	MB
9 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 5-9	ELK-3-130	S	.80	A
9 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 19-23	ELK-3-131	S	.80	A
9 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 10-14	ELK-3-132	S	.79	A
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-135	S	.70	MB
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13 - Youth Only	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-223	S	.25	ES
13	Oct. 15-19	ELK-3-224	Q/HD	.75	MB
13	Oct. 22-26	ELK-3-225	S	.115	MB
13	Nov. 19-23	ELK-3-226	S	.100	MB
13 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 3-7	ELK-3-227	S	.100	A
13 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 10-14	ELK-3-228	S	.100	A
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15 - Youth Only	Oct. 8-12	ELK-3-231	HD	.25	ES
15	Oct. 15-19	ELK-3-232	Q/HD	.200	MB

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
15 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	ELK–3–233 . . .	HD . . .	.245 . .	MB
<b>Unit 15 (continued)</b>					
15 . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . .	ELK–3–234 . . .	HD . . .	.250 . .	MB
15 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	ELK–3–235 . . .	S. . . . .	.250 . .	A
15 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . .	ELK–3–236 . . .	S. . . . .	.250 . .	A
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16E . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–3–265 . . .	Q/HD . . .	.70 . .	MB
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–271 . . .	HD . . . . .	.25 . .	ES
17 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–3–272 . . .	Q/HD . . .	.100 . .	MB
17 . . . . .	Oct. 22–26 . .	ELK–3–273 . . .	S. . . . .	.100 . .	MB
17 . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . .	ELK–3–274 . . .	HD . . . . .	.25 . .	MB
17 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . .	ELK–3–275 . . .	S. . . . .	.25 . .	A
17 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	ELK–3–276 . . .	S. . . . .	.100 . .	A
17 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 10–14 . .	ELK–3–277 . . .	S. . . . .	.100 . .	A
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–3–294 . . .	S. . . . .	.75 . .	MB
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–3–299 . . .	S. . . . .	.15 . .	MB
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
34 . . . . .	Oct. 15–19 . .	ELK–3–308 . . .	HD . . . . .	.250 . .	MB
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–315 . . .	HD . . . . .	.135 . .	MB
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–364 . . .	S. . . . .	.30 . .	MB
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–322 . . .	S. . . . .	.140 . .	MB
45 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 12–16 . .	ELK–3–325 . . .	S. . . . .	.50 . .	A
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–328 . . .	S. . . . .	.80 . .	MB
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51 . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	ELK–3–176 . . .	S. . . . .	.145 . .	ES
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–179 . . .	S. . . . .	.50 . .	MB
52 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–180 . . .	HD . . . . .	.120 . .	MB
52 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–181 . . .	S. . . . .	.50 . .	A

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<b>Unit 53 (Excluding Cerro portion)</b> _____					
53 . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–341 . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . .	ES
<b>Unit 54 (NM Residents Only)</b> _____					
54 - Colin Neblett WMA–south . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–369 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . .	MB
<b>Unit 55</b> _____					
55 - Colin Neblett WMA–north . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–375 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . .	MB
NM Residents Only					
55 - Urraca WMA . . . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–386 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . .	MB
NM Residents Only					
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area . . .	Oct. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–393 . . .	Q/HD . . .	40 . . .	MB

## **Late Season Archery: Online Sale Only**

**These hunts are not available during the regular draw.** Whether late-season bow hunts are offered depends on harvest rates during the regular season. If a late-season bow hunt is offered, residents only may apply during the first 24 hours of the online sale. After 24 hours, nonresidents also may apply. For information about these licenses, visit online after Oct. 15, 2016.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 12</b> _____					
Unit 12 . . . . .	Nov. 19–23 . . .	ELK–2–533 . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . .	APRE/6
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b> _____					
Unit 34 . . . . .	Dec. 17–21 . . .	ELK–2–534 . . .	S . . . . .	200 . . .	APRE/6
<b>Unit 37</b> _____					
Unit 37 . . . . .	Dec. 3–7 . . .	ELK–2–535 . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . .	APRE/6

## Chronic Wasting Disease Rules Apply to Units 19, 28 and 34

It is unlawful to transport dead deer or elk or their parts taken from any chronic wasting disease (CWD) control area designated by the director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

The exceptions are:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either privately or commercially.
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the head or spinal column attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean skull plates with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as *ivories*.
- Finished heads mounted by a taxidermist.

You may not remove the whole head and spinal column. You must keep proof of sex with all game species until you get the game to the place where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage.



# Youth Encouragement

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## Youth Encouragement Elk Hunts: Online Purchase Only

New Mexico resident youth hunters only are eligible during the first 14 days when these hunts are posted on the NMDGF website. In the current license year, the resident youth hunter must have successfully applied for at least one draw hunt for bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx or pronghorn antelope but must not have drawn any hunt. Resident youth hunters must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and must provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 8).

After 14 days, remaining licenses will be available to resident and nonresident youth hunters who are eligible to purchase an elk license. Youth hunters who hold any current elk license (either draw or private-land) are ineligible to purchase a Youth Encouragement Elk License.

Hunts will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis by online registration and web-sale process only. Hunt will be posted /available online until five (5) days before the each hunt. For information about how to obtain one of these licenses, visit NMDGF at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

## Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

The number of licenses available for these hunts may be adjusted based on changes in population levels and harvest rates. License fee: \$58 NM resident; \$338 nonresident.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 5B . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–501 . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . .	A
Unit 6A . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–502 . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . .	A
Unit 6A . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–503 . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . .	A
Unit 6C . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–504 . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . .	A
Unit 6C . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–505 . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . .	A
Unit 10 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–508 . . . .	S . . . . .	35 . .	A
Unit 16A . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–513 . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 16A . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–514 . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 16C . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–515 . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 16C . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–516 . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 16D . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–517 . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 16D . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–518 . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 16E . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–519 . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 16E . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–520 . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 34 . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–523 . . . .	S . . . . .	80 . .	A
(Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)					
Unit 36 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK–1–524 . . . .	S . . . . .	60 . .	A



*Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts—continued.*

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 36 . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-1-525 . . . .	S. . . . .	60 . .	A
Unit 49 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK-1-526 . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . .	A
Unit 50 . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-1-527 . . . .	S. . . . .	60 . .	A
Unit 51 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK-1-528 . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 51 . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-1-529 . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 52 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK-1-530 . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . .	A
Unit 53 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK-1-531 . . . .	S. . . . .	60 . .	A
Unit 53 . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-1-532 . . . .	S. . . . .	60 . .	A

**Muzzleloader Hunts**

The number of licenses available for these hunts may be adjusted based on changes in population levels and harvest rates. License fee: \$58 NM resident; \$338 nonresident.

Unit 9 . . . . . (including Water Canyon WMA)	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK-3-506 . . . .	S. . . . .	30 . .	A
Unit 9 . . . . . (including Water Canyon WMA)	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-3-507 . . . .	S. . . . .	30 . .	A
Unit 13 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK-3-509 . . . .	S. . . . .	60 . .	A
Unit 13 . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-3-510 . . . .	S. . . . .	60 . .	A
Unit 15 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK-3-511 . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 15 . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-3-512 . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . .	A
Unit 17 . . . . .	Nov. 25–29 . .	ELK-3-521 . . . .	S. . . . .	60 . .	A
Unit 17 . . . . .	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-3-522 . . . .	S. . . . .	60 . .	A

# Pronghorn Antelope

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Draw Hunts

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

### Application and Licenses

Up to four persons per application may apply. The deadline for application is March 23, 2016. **Hunters drawn for hunts marked with an asterisk (\*) will be assigned to hunt on a specific ranch.** Ranch assignments will be made after the draw by NMDGF. Hunters who have drawn together on the same application may be assigned to separate, but nearby ranches. NMDGF will mail each assigned hunter a letter and ranch map, notifying the hunter of his/her assigned ranch. Assigned hunters will have free, equal and unrestricted access to hunt the entire ranch they have been assigned, including all private-deeded land and public-leased land associated with the ranch. Hunters, their companions and/or their guide or outfitter are allowed access to scout the ranch during the two days immediately preceding the start of their assigned hunt. **All assigned hunts are Ranch Only, except as indicated by rule.**

### Draw License Fees (pages 5, 7)

Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License and Habitat Management & Access Validation required (page 20). Habitat Stamp required if hunting on Forest Service and/or BLM lands (page 10). All license and application fees must be paid at the time of application.

## Private-land Hunts

Authorizations for pronghorn antelope hunting on private lands are issued through the Antelope Private-lands Use System (A-PLUS) to qualified landowners with hunting agreements.

### Private-land License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Pronghorn Antelope . . . . .	\$69 . . . . .	\$292

Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License and Habitat Management & Access Validation required (see page 20). A Habitat Stamp also is required if hunting, fishing and trapping on Forest Service and/or BLM lands (page 10).

### Obtaining a Private-land License

Individuals interested in hunting pronghorn antelope on private lands must first contact a participating landowner to obtain an authorization, and if successful receive from the landowner the Ranch Number and Authorization Number necessary to purchase a hunting license. Licenses can be purchased online, by telephone or at NMDGF offices.

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts will be for any three-consecutive days during the published hunt period.

Participating ranches with pronghorn antelope authorizations will be posted online in late May at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

## Licenses for Draw Hunts and Private-land Hunts

Each Pronghorn Antelope Draw or Private-land License is **valid only on the land or ranch for which the license is issued and only for the hunt specified**.

A hunter **may not** hold both a Private-land and a Draw Pronghorn Antelope License in the same license year. Licenses may not be refunded or transferred to another person.

Hunters drawn for pronghorn antelope hunts which **are not** assigned may hunt:

1. Within the area or unit(s) for which their license was issued.
2. On any legally accessible public lands, and/or
3. On private lands with written permission from the landowner or person controlling the land or trespass rights pursuant to regulation 19.31.10.18 NMAC.

If pronghorn antelope population levels warrant, the NMDGF Director may cancel portions of any pronghorn antelope hunt or adjust the number of licenses, permits or authorizations available.

**Any Legal Sporting Arm:** Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrow; crossbow and bolt; or muzzleloading rifle.

**Archery Only:** Bow and arrow. Crossbow use by certified mobility-impaired hunters only.

**Muzzleloader:** Muzzleloading rifle; scopes and sabots are legal. Bow or crossbow is legal.

### No Off-road Vehicle Travel

Whether on private or public land, it is unlawful for a legally licensed pronghorn antelope hunter to drive or ride in or on any motor vehicle off established roads. Hunters **may not** drive off established roads, unless specifically allowed (page 28, *Vehicle Travel on Public or Private Lands*).

### Hunting on Military Properties: Check Stations and Blaze Orange

Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters to wear a blaze-orange hat and hunting vest. **Units 10, 13 and 28:** Parts of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. **Unit 28:** While hunting on McGregor Range /Fort Bliss, **all hunters** are required to possess proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course. Hunters entering McGregor Range/Fort Bliss will be subject to security searches.

### Mobility-Impaired Hunters

Before applying for a Mobility Impaired License, applicants are required to register with NMDGF (page 12). For more information, telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

### Bag Limit

The bag limit for all hunts will be specified on each license issued.

- MB      A pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ears.  
F-IM    A pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.  
ES      Any one male or female pronghorn antelope.

# Pronghorn Antelope

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## Private-land Hunts

Pronghorn Antelope Authorizations are available only from qualified, participating landowners for the areas, bag limits and dates in the following table.

Units	Dates	Bag Limit
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts (any three-consecutive days)</b> _____		
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, 54-59 . . . . .	Aug. 27-Dec. 31 . . . . .	F-IM
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, 54-59 . . . . .	Aug. 27-Sept. 11 . . . . .	MB
Units 8, 14, 18, 31-33, 36-40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3) . . . . .	Oct. 1-16 . . . . .	MB
Units 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15-17, 20, 21, 23-27. . . . .	Oct. 1-16 . . . . .	MB
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts: Mobility Impaired</b> _____		
Units 41, 42, 43, 46-48, 54-59 . . . . .	Aug. 6-8 . . . . .	MB
Units 8, 12-14, 16-18, 23, 31-33, 36-40 . . . . .	Aug. 13-15 . . . . .	MB
<b>Archery Only Hunts</b> _____		
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, 54-59 . . . . .	Aug. 13-21 . . . . .	MB
Units 7-9, 12-18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 31-33, 36-40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	Aug. 20-28. . . . .	MB
<b>Muzzleloader, Crossbows and Bows</b> _____		
Units 50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52 . . . . .	Aug. 20-23. . . . .	MB
Unit 29 . . . . .	Oct. 22-25 . . . . .	MB

**Note:** Units 29, 50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52 are unit-wide. All licenses issued for these units are valid on participating ranches with signed NMDGF hunting agreements and on any legally accessible public lands within the unit(s) for which the license is issued.



## Antelope Draw Licenses: Any Legal Sporting Arm

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Hunters drawn for any Archery, Mobility Impaired or late-October Youth-Only Either-Sex Hunts will not be assigned to a specific ranch. Hunters drawn for hunts marked with an asterisk (\*) in the tables following will be assigned to hunt on a specific ranch.

**Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (pages 8) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm. **Closures:** Parts of Units 10, 13 and 28 are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during operations. **Units 29, 50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52** are unit-wide. All licenses issued for these units are valid on any legally accessible public lands within the unit(s) for which the license is issued and on participating ranches with signed NMDGF hunting agreements.

**Unit 28:** Before hunting on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss, **all hunters are required** to possess proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course. **Blaze-Orange Clothing:** McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters to wear a blaze-orange hat and hunting vest.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2	Oct. 1-3	ANT-1-100*	S.	.5	MB
2 - Youth Only	Oct. 22-24	ANT-1-130.	S.	.1	ES
<b>Units 7, 9, 12, 13</b>					
7, 9, 12, 13.	Oct. 1-3	ANT-1-101*	S.	.40	MB
7, 9, 12, 13 - Youth Only	Oct. 22-24	ANT-1-131.	S.	.8	ES
<b>Units 8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)</b>					
8, 14, 43	Oct. 1-3	ANT-1-102*	S.	.15	MB
8, 14, 43 - Youth Only	Oct. 22-24	ANT-1-132.	S.	.3	ES
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 13-15	ANT-1-156.	S.	.10	MB
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 13-15	ANT-1-157.	S.	.10	MB
<b>Units 8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)</b>					
8, 14, 43 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 13-15	ANT-1-158.	S.	.5	MB
<b>Unit 15, 16, 17, 21 (north of Hwy. 152)</b>					
15, 16, 17, 21 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 13-15	ANT-1-159.	S.	.10	MB
15, 16, 17, 21	Oct. 1-3	ANT-1-103*	S.	.140	MB
15, 16, 17, 21 - Youth Only	Oct. 22-24	ANT-1-133.	S.	.18	ES

\* See above, *What You Must Know Before You Hunt*.

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## Antelope Draw Licenses: Any Legal Sporting Arm—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 19 White Sands Missile Range</b>					
19 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 14–16 . . . . .	ANT-1-134. . . . .	S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20 . . . . .	Oct. 1–3 . . . . .	ANT-1-105* . . . . .	S. . . . .	3 . . . . .	MB
20 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-135. . . . .	S. . . . .	2 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 21 (south of Hwy. 152), 23, 24</b>					
21, 23, 24 . . . . .	Oct. 1–3 . . . . .	ANT-1-106* . . . . .	S. . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
21, 23, 24 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-136. . . . .	S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
21, 23, 24 - Mobility Impaired Only. . . . .	Aug. 13–15 . . . . .	ANT-1-161 . . . . .	S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 25, 26, 27</b>					
25, 26, 27 . . . . .	Oct. 1–3 . . . . .	ANT-1-109* . . . . .	S. . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
25, 26, 27 - Youth Only. . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-139. . . . .	S. . . . .	2 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 31</b>					
31 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 13–15 . . . . .	ANT-1-162. . . . .	S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
31 . . . . .	Oct. 1–3 . . . . .	ANT-1-112* . . . . .	S. . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
31 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-142. . . . .	S. . . . .	9 . . . . .	ES
<b>Units 32, 33</b>					
32, 33 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 13–15 . . . . .	ANT-1-163. . . . .	S. . . . .	15 . . . . .	MB
32, 33 . . . . .	Oct. 1–3 . . . . .	ANT-1-114* . . . . .	S. . . . .	130 . . . . .	MB
32, 33 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-143. . . . .	S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	ES
32 (Roswell portions of) - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-144. . . . .	S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
32 (Roswell portions of) . . . . .	Dec. 1–15 . . . . .	ANT-1-116. . . . .	S. . . . .	15 . . . . .	F-IM
<b>Units 18, 36–38</b>					
18, 36–38 - Mobility Impaired Only. . . . .	Aug. 13–15 . . . . .	ANT-1-164. . . . .	S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
18, 36–38 . . . . .	Oct. 1–3 . . . . .	ANT-1-117* . . . . .	S. . . . .	120 . . . . .	MB
18, 36–38 - Youth Only. . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-145. . . . .	S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	ES
<b>Units 39, 40</b>					
39, 40 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 13–15 . . . . .	ANT-1-165. . . . .	S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
39, 40 . . . . .	Oct. 1–3 . . . . .	ANT-1-119* . . . . .	S. . . . .	55 . . . . .	MB
39, 40 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-146. . . . .	S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
<b>Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59</b>					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, . . . . .	Aug. 6–8 . . . . .	ANT-1-166. . . . .	S. . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
54–59 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 27–29 . . . . .	ANT-1-121* . . . . .	S. . . . .	500 . . . . .	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, . . . . .	Aug. 27–29 . . . . .	ANT-1-122* . . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . . . . .	ES
54–59 - Youth Only . . . . .	Sept. 24–26 . . . . .	ANT-1-123* . . . . .	S. . . . .	100 . . . . .	F-IM
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, . . . . .	Oct. 22–24 . . . . .	ANT-1-147. . . . .	S. . . . .	50 . . . . .	ES
54–59 - Youth Only . . . . .					

\* See page 87, *What You Must Know Before You Hunt*.

## Antelope Draw Licenses: Archery Only

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Units 7, 9, 12, 13</b>					
7, 9, 12, 13 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–170 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)</b>					
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3) . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–171 . . . . .	S . . . . .	5 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 15, 16, 17, 21 (north of Hwy. 152)</b>					
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of Hwy. 152) . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–172 . . . . .	S . . . . .	70 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–175 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 21 (south of Hwy. 152), 23, 24</b>					
21 (south of Hwy. 152), 23, 24 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–176 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 25, 26, 27</b>					
25, 26, 27 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–177 . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–179 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 31</b>					
31 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–180 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 32, 33</b>					
32, 33 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–181 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 18, 36–38</b>					
18, 36–38 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–182 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 39, 40</b>					
39, 40 . . . . .	Aug. 20–28 . . . . .	ANT–2–183 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59</b>					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, . . . . . 54–59	Aug. 13–21 . . . . .	ANT–2–184 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	MB

\* See page 87, *What You Must Know Before You Hunt*.

# Pronghorn Antelope

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## Antelope Draw Licenses: Muzzleloader, Crossbow and Bow

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 28</b>					
28 McGregor Range - Military Only	Sept. 3-4	ANT-3-188	S	10	MB
28 McGregor Range	Sept. 3-4	ANT-3-189	S	.5	MB
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29	Oct. 22-25	ANT-3-191	S	35	MB
29 - Youth Only	Oct. 22-25	ANT-3-149	S	.5	ES
<b>Units 50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52</b>					
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52 - Youth Only	Aug. 13-16	ANT-3-150	S	40	ES
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	Aug. 20-23	ANT-3-193	S	.150	MB

**Note:** Units 29, 50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52 are unit-wide. All licenses issued for these units are valid on participating ranches with signed NMDGF hunting agreements and on any legally accessible public lands within the unit(s) for which the license is issued.





# Bighorn Sheep

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Draw Licenses for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

### Application and Licenses

Hunters are eligible to draw one Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Ram License and one Desert Bighorn Sheep Ram License in a lifetime. A person who has held a license to hunt a desert bighorn sheep ram may apply for a draw license to hunt a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram and vice versa.

Youth hunters (younger than 18 years of age on the first day of the hunt) are eligible to draw one Youth-Only Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Ram License and one Youth-Only Desert Bighorn Sheep Ram License.

A hunter may apply for up to three bighorn sheep (BHS) hunt codes in the same license year, but only on one application (See page 92, *New Application Procedure for Bighorn Sheep Hunts*).

Individuals who have previously held a Bighorn Sheep Enhancement License (pages 39–40) may apply for draw licenses.

Hunters must apply by March 23, 2016. Only one person may apply per application. Anyone applying for a Bighorn Sheep Draw License **must pay** all license and application fees at the time of application.

### Youth-Only Hunt

To apply, youth must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education number (see page 8).

### Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun, .24 caliber or larger; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrows; crossbow and bolts or muzzleloading rifle no smaller than .45 caliber.

### Bighorn Sheep Ram Heads Must Have a Seal

All bighorn sheep rams taken in New Mexico must have a seal inserted in one horn by NMDGF. Sealing must occur within 10 days of harvest. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field must remain where found and may not be possessed. Bighorn sheep ram heads must be sealed prior to transport outside New Mexico. Bighorn sheep heads brought into New Mexico must be sealed by NMDGF within 10 days of entry into the state. Bighorn sheep legally harvested and sealed by another jurisdiction (state, tribal entity or country) do not have to be resealed by NMDGF.

### License Fees

Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License and Habitat Management & Access Validation required (page 20). Habitat Stamp required if hunting on Forest Service and/or BLM lands (page 10). All license and application fees must be paid at the time of application (pages 5, 7).

# Bighorn Sheep

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## New Application Procedure for Bighorn Sheep (BHS) Hunts

New application procedures have been instituted for bighorn sheep licenses. These new procedures only apply to bighorn sheep (BHS) hunts.

**BHS Hunt Codes:** Hunts are divided into four BHS hunt codes (BHS-1-201, BHS-1-202, BHS-2-203 and BHS-1-204). Applicants may choose, in the order preferred, up to three hunt codes.

**Hunt Areas and Hunt Dates:** Each BHS hunt code lists the available hunt areas and hunt dates for that hunt code. For each BHS hunt code chosen, applicants may select, in the order preferred, up to three hunt areas and hunt dates for that hunt code.

New Mexico resident hunters will be allocated 84 percent of total BHS licenses. Residents and nonresident applicants using a guide or outfitter are eligible for up to 10 percent of BHS licenses. Nonresident applicants are eligible for up to 6 percent of BHS licenses.

## Rocky Mountain Bighorn Ram: Hunt Code BHS-1-201

### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Applicants may select in order of preference three hunts listed in the table below. Hunt areas, eligibility requirements, GMUs, dates, number of licenses and bag for each selection are provided.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 16B, 22, 23, 24 (San Francisco River / Turkey Creek)	Jan. 1-31, '17	2	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Aug. 12-21	2	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Aug. 22-Sept. 4	2	Ram
GMU 45 - Youth Only Hunt (Pecos)	Aug. 22-Sept. 4	1	Ram
GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak) (GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522)	Sept. 1-15	4	Ram
GMUs 53 and 55 (Latir) (GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950)	Aug. 5-14	2	Ram
GMUs 53 and 55 (Latir) (GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950)	Aug. 15-28	2	Ram
GMUs 49, 50 and 53 (Rio Grande Gorge) (GMUs 49, 50 and 53 west of NM 522)	Aug. 15-Jan. 15, '17	4	Ram
GMU 58 <sup>1</sup> (Dry Cimarron) (GMU 58 see below.)	Aug. 15-Jan. 15, '17	1	Ram

<sup>1</sup> Herds in GMU 58 often are dispersed, and rams may not be present year-round. Hunters should be prepared to hunt when rams are present. The dates for this hunt is extended as a result. If considering this hunt, it is advised to contact the NMDGF Information Center: 1-888-248-6866 before applying.

## Rocky Mountain Bighorn Ewe: Hunt Code BHS-1-202

### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Applicants may select hunts for which they are eligible from the table below. Hunt areas, eligibility requirements, GMUs, dates, number of licenses and bag for each selection are provided.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 53 and 55 (Latir) . . . . .	Sept. 12–Feb. 25 . . . . .	3 . . . . .	Ewe
(GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950 )			
GMUs 53 and 55 - Youth Only Hunt (Latir) . . . . .	Sept. 12–Feb. 25 . . . . .	1 . . . . .	Ewe
(GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950 )			

## Rocky Mountain Bighorn Ewe: Hunt Code BHS-2-203

### Archery Only

Applicants may select hunts for which they are eligible from the table below. Hunt areas, eligibility requirements, GMUs, dates, number of licenses and bag for each selection are provided.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMUs 53 and 55 (Latir) . . . . .	Aug. 29–Sept. 11 . . . . .	3 . . . . .	Ewe
(GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950 )			
GMUs 53 and 55 - Youth Only (Latir) . . . . .	Aug. 29–Sept. 11 . . . . .	1 . . . . .	Ewe
(Unit 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; Unit 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950)			

## Desert Bighorn Ram: Hunt Code BHS-1-204

### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Applicants may select in order of preference three hunts listed in the table below. Hunt areas, eligibility requirements, GMUs, dates, number of licenses and bag for each selection are provided.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 27 (Peloncillos) . . . . .	Nov. 1–30 . . . . .	2 . . . . .	Ram
GMU 26 (Hatchets) . . . . .	Oct. 1–15 . . . . .	3 . . . . .	Ram
GMU 26 (Hatchets) . . . . .	Oct. 16–31 . . . . .	3 . . . . .	Ram
GMU 19 (San Andres) . . . . .	Dec. 14–Jan. 1, '17 . . . . .	4 . . . . .	Ram
(See page 94, <i>San Andres Mountains Bighorn Sheep Hunt</i> .)			
GMU 20 South - First Hunt (Caballos) . . . . .	Nov. 16–30 . . . . .	2 . . . . .	Ram
(GMU 20 south of NM 51.)			
GMU 20 South - Second Hunt (Caballos) . . . . .	Dec. 1–15 . . . . .	1 . . . . .	Ram
(GMU 20 south of NM 51.)			
GMU 20 North (Fra Cristobal) . . . . .	Aug. 19–28 . . . . .	2 . . . . .	Ram
(GMU 20 north of NM 51. See page 94, <i>Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts</i> .)			
GMU 20 North (Fra Cristobal) . . . . .	Mar. 3–12 '17 . . . . .	3 . . . . .	Ram
(GMU 20 north of NM 51. See page 94, <i>Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts</i> .)			

# Bighorn Sheep

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## *Desert Bighorn Ram: Hunt Code BHS-1-204—continued.*

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 20 North - Youth Only (Fra Cristobal. . . . .)	Nov. 18–27 . . . . .	1 . . . . .	Ram
(GMU 20 north of NM 51. See below, <i>Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts.</i> )			
GMUs 13 and 17 (Ladrones) . . . . .	Dec. 1–31 . . . . .	1 . . . . .	Ram

## **GMU 19 (San Andres Mountains Bighorn Sheep Hunt)**

### **License, Access Fees and Hunt Dates**

Access through the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) is required for this hunt. In addition to the Bighorn sheep license, validation and stamp fees, WSMR charges a \$150 per hunter access fee. Successful applicants will receive an instruction email from WSMR detailing payment of the fee, including deadline dates.

Hunters should anticipate the most opportune times to hunt during the 19-day hunt period will be on weekends, non-duty days and holidays. Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if concern for public safety dictates.

### **WSMR Security**

All hunters who successfully draw a San Andres Mountains Bighorn Sheep Hunt (and all guests) will be required by WSMR to complete a security-background check prior to being allowed access. All vehicles entering WSMR are subject to security searches by WSMR officers. Outfitters must be registered with WSMR in advance of the hunt to be allowed access.

## **GMU 20 North of NM Highway 51 (Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts)**

Hunts occur on private land only. Landowner may place restrictions on these hunts.

For information contact the Armendaris Ranch at: [armendarisranch@retranches.com](mailto:armendarisranch@retranches.com) or (575) 894-6782.



# New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Donation Certificate

Use this certificate if you give game animals or parts to a person or organization.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ on this day: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_,  
(Full name of license holder. Please print.) (Date of transaction)

located at: \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Place of transaction)

hereby convey to: \_\_\_\_\_ the following game animal(s) or parts:  
(Person or organization receiving donation)

\_\_\_\_\_

taken under my valid license number: \_\_\_\_\_ and taken on: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of license holder) (Signature of recipient)

By signing we understand and acknowledge to postdate, predate or otherwise falsify a Donation Certificate is unlawful.

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## Skulls Are State Property

Skulls are both fascinating and valuable. When found in the field, the skulls of all protected species remain the property of New Mexico—unless from an animal legally taken by a licensed hunter during an approved hunting season. This rule applies to all individuals, whether hunting or not.

To combat poaching of our valuable big-game resources, the New Mexico State Game Commission has adopted this rule. This important law enables conservation officers to better regulate the taking of big-game animals solely for the head or trophy.

Deer and elk shed antlers each year. Although possession of shed antlers is legal, possession of antlers attached to a skull found in the field is not. Antlered skulls may be available for purchase from NMDGF. If purchased, the receipt must be retained by the owner. Should probable cause suggest an animal was killed or is possessed unlawfully, conservation officers may confiscate such skulls. If you find the skull of a protected animal, leave it where it is found and contact an NMDGF conservation officer.

## Over-the-Counter (OTC) and Draw Licenses

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

### Draw Licenses

Licenses for the IBX-1-525 any legal sporting arm hunt are once-in-a-lifetime. Hunters must apply by March 23, 2016 to be considered for this hunt on the Florida Mountains Hunt Area. Up to two persons may apply per application. A hunter may apply for this Once-in-a-Lifetime Ibex Draw License, if she/he has not previously held an IBX-1-525 license. Any valid ibex license can be used for the year-round IBX-1-528 hunt.

#### Draw License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
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Ibex. . . . .	\$110 . . . . .	\$1,623
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Hunters must apply by March 23, 2016. Individuals applying for an Ibex Draw License, must pay all license and application fees at the time of application (pages 5, 7). A Habitat Management & Access Validation and Habitat Stamp are required (page 10).

### Over-the-Counter License

The Over-the-Counter Ibex License for outside the Florida Mountains Hunt Area is IBX-1-528. Licenses can be purchased only online, by telephone and at NMDGF offices. There is no deadline or limit on the number of IBX-1-528 licenses. An IBX-1-528 license holder may take an unlimited number of animals. Each kill must be accompanied by a properly recorded license or permanently written licensee information, including the hunters full name, license number and date of the kill. (see pages 20-21).

#### Over-the-Counter License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
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Ibex. . . . .	\$103 . . . . .	\$1,610
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A Depredation Damage Stamp fee is included in the Over-the-Counter License fee. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation may be required for all hunters 18 years of age and older.

### Bag Limit

F-IM: Any one female or immature ibex (page 133, *Glossary of Terms*).

ES: Any one ibex of either sex.

### Legal Sporting Arms

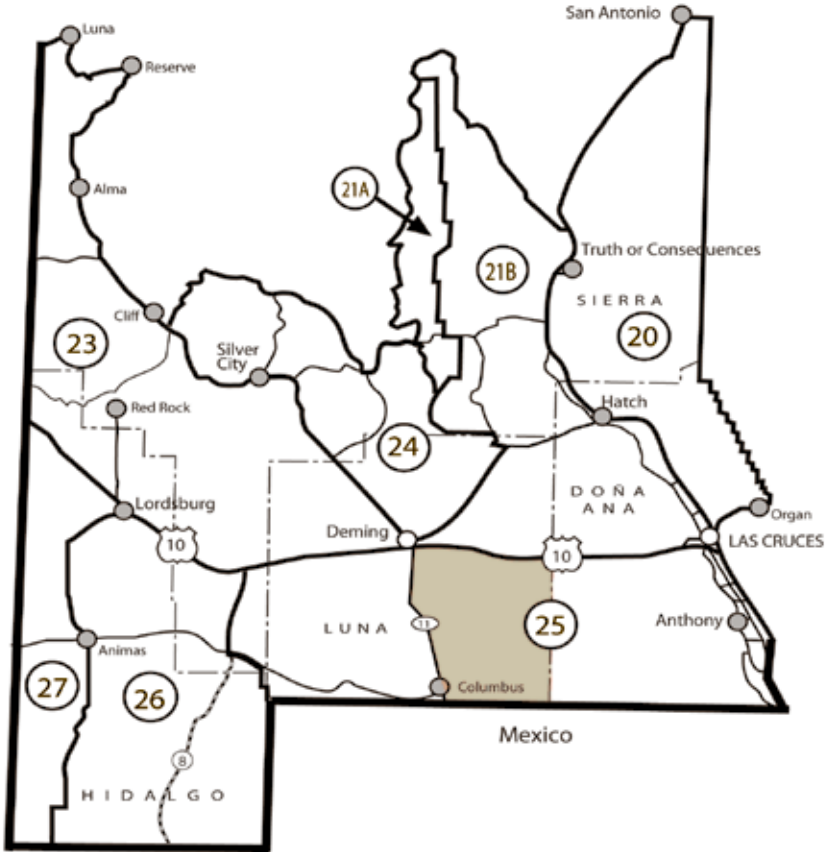
**Any Legal Sporting Arm:** Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrows; or crossbow and bolts.

**Muzzleloader and Bow:** Muzzleloading rifle, bow and arrows or crossbow and bolts.

**Archery:** Bow and arrows only. Crossbow use only by certified mobility-impaired hunters.

## Ibex Hunt Area

**Florida Mountains Hunt Area:** Portion of Unit 25 (shaded below): bounded by U.S. Hwy. I-10 on the north; the U.S./Mexico border on the south; N.M. Hwy. 11 on the west; and the Doña Ana/Luna County line on the east.



### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth-Only Hunt:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and must provide proof of a Hunter Education number (see page 8) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm. **Cougar Hunting in Unit 25, Florida Mountains Hunt Area:** Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida Mountains Hunt Area during any ibex season, except by licensed ibex hunters who must adhere to the allowed sporting arm type and season dates specified on their ibex license.



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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm</b>				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25. . . . .	Nov. 15–29 . . . . .	IBX–1–525 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	ES
This is a Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25. . . . .	Dec. 27–Jan. 10, '17 . . . . .	IBX–1–500 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	ES
Youth Only				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25. . . . .	Feb. 15–Mar. 1, '17 . . . . .	IBX–1–520 . . . . .	.50 . . . . .	F-IM
<b>Archery Only</b>				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25. . . . .	Oct. 1–15 . . . . .	IBX–2–535 . . . . .	100 . . . . .	ES
Florida Mountains in Unit 25. . . . .	Jan. 15–29, '17 . . . . .	IBX–2–536 . . . . .	100 . . . . .	ES
<b>Muzzleloader</b>				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25. . . . .	Dec. 6–20. . . . .	IBX–3–540 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	ES
<b>Over-the-Counter: Any Legal Sporting Arm</b>				
Statewide (off-Florida Mountains) . . . . .	Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '17 . . . . .	IBX–1–528 . . . . .	Unlimited . . . . .	ES

## 5th Choice Option Population Management Hunt

**This is not a draw hunt.** Residents and nonresidents must select the 5th-choice option on the application to be eligible (page 23). Should a Population Management Hunt become necessary, a hunt will be offered. Individuals will be selected from 5th-choice applicants.

## Ibex Incentive Drawing Eligibility

Individuals who successfully harvest one F–IM ibex during the IBX–1–520 hunt or a population management hunt will be eligible to enter a drawing for one Either-Sex (ES) Ibex. Successful hunters must present the head within five days of harvest to an NMDGF office or official. Information for the ES Ibex Drawing will be provided when the hunter presents the head for confirmation.



# Barbary Sheep

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Barbary Sheep Licenses

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

### Draw, Private-land and Unlimited Area Licenses

Up to four persons may apply on each application for draw licenses. Application must be made by March 23, 2016. Private-land Licenses and Unlimited-Area Barbary Sheep Licenses are available over-the-counter from license vendors, at NMDGF offices, online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

#### License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Draw . . . . .	\$110 . . . . .	\$373
Private-land and Unlimited Areas . . . . .	\$103 . . . . .	\$360

Individuals applying for a Barbary Sheep Draw License must pay the license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. Hunters must apply by March 23, 2016. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required. A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and BLM lands. For further information see pages 5–7.

**Bag Limit:** One Barbary sheep.

**Legal Sporting Arms:** Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrows; or crossbow and bolts.

**Closed Areas:** Units 8, 13, 14, 16, 20 and 22–27; WSMR and Fort Bliss portions of Unit 19; Sugarite Canyon State Park; Orilla Verde and portions of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area Recreation areas, including the Taos Valley Overlook; all WMAs (except Water Canyon); the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area.

### Blaze Orange and Hunter Education Required for McGregor Range

McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters to wear a blaze-orange hat and hunting vest. Before hunting on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss **all hunters are required** to have proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course. Mentored-Youth Hunter numbers are not accepted.

# Barbary Sheep

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Barbary Sheep Licenses: Any Legal Sporting Arm

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
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### Draw Hunts

Units 32, 34 <sup>(1)</sup> , 36, 37 . . . . .	Feb. 1–28, '17 . . . . .	.BBY-1-100 <sup>(2)</sup>	.675 . . .	ES
Units 29, 30 . . . . .	Feb. 1–28, '17 . . . . .	.BBY-1-101 <sup>(2)</sup>	.600 . . .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only . . . . .	Dec. 31–Jan. 1 '17 . . . . .	.BBY-1-102 . . . . .	.8 . . .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range . . . . .	Dec. 31–Jan. 1 '17 . . . . .	.BBY-1-103 . . . . .	.8 . . .	ES

### Over-the-Counter Private-land Hunts

Units 32, 34, 36, 37 (Private-land Only)	Feb. 1–28, '17 . . . . .	.BBY-1-200 . . . . .	Unlimited.	ES
Units 29, 30 (Private-land Only)	Feb. 1–28, '17 . . . . .	.BBY-1-201 . . . . .	Unlimited.	ES

### Over-the-Counter Area Hunts

Units: 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17–18, . . . . . 19 (portion outside WSMR and Fort Bliss), 21, 25, 31, 33, 34 <sup>1</sup> , 38–59	Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '17 . . . . .	.BBY-1-300 . . . . .	Unlimited.	ES
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#### <sup>(1)</sup> Unit 34

BBY-1-100 from Feb. 1–28, '17: Entire Unit 34 open.

BBY-1-100 from Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '17: Western portion of Unit 34 only.

BBY-1-300: Eastern portion of Unit 34 closed to valid BBY-1-300 license holders.

The boundary dividing the western and eastern portions of Unit 34 is the line beginning at the southwest corner of the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation and traveling due south to High Rolls, then south on Forest Service Road (FR) 90 to its junction with FR 570 and south on FR 570 to its junction with the southern boundary of Unit 34.

#### <sup>(2)</sup> BBY-1-100 and BBY-1-101 from April 1–March 31, '17 valid for OTC hunt:

Units 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17–18, 19 (portion outside WSMR and Fort Bliss), 21, 25, 31, 33, 34<sup>1</sup>, 38–59

## Oryx Draw Licenses

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

### Application and Licenses

The majority of these hunts occur on the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Applicants may designate up to three hunt-code choices. Application must be made by March 23, 2016. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR Population Management Hunts. Foreign nationals may apply for Premier Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts, however, if drawn they must be escorted at all times by an authorized WSMR official while on the WSMR.

All Premier, Broken Horn, Returning Veteran and Youth-Only Oryx Hunts are three-day hunts. Friday will be primarily for checking into WSMR. If no military missions are scheduled, hunting may be allowed on Friday afternoons after check-in. Additional information concerning Friday opportunities will be included with a letter which will be sent to each license holder.

Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if public safety is of concern. The number of licenses issued may be reduced below the maximum number listed, if population survey results warrant.

### License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

All hunts, except Private-land Hunts . . . . . \$160 . . . . . \$1,623

Individuals applying for an Oryx Draw License must pay the license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required.

Hunts taking place off the WSMR range require a Habitat Management Stamp.

Hunts on the WSMR range will be charged a \$150 per hunter access fee. Successful WSMR-range applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for fee payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the specified deadline.

### White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security

Hunters who successfully draw for a WSMR hunt (guests included) must first complete a security-background check to be allowed on WSMR. Security-background registration forms will be sent in advance to all successful license holders prior to the hunt. All hunters (guests included) must have completed forms approved prior to being allowed access to WSMR. Vehicles entering WSMR are subject to search by WSMR security officers.

WSMR bans all alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, camcorders, radar detectors and concealed weapons. Discovery of banned items and/or failure to comply with WSMR requirements or other laws and regulation can result in revocation of hunting privileges on WSMR. Violators will not be afforded opportunity to correct violations. If escorted off WSMR, license fees are nonrefundable.

# Oryx

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Blaze-Orange Clothing:** Hunters (guests included) must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property. **Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts:** All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. **Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt:** Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts are **not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts (page 135). Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License **may apply** for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt. **Bag Limit:** ES (any oryx of either sex); BHO (any broken-horn oryx).

### Special Restrictions

- All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts and **may not be applied for if previously held**. If another oryx license type (such as the Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt) has been previously held, applicants remain eligible and may still apply for Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunt.
- No more than three hunt choices may be designated on each application. For questions about eligibility for a license, contact any NMDGF area office or telephone: **1-888-248-6866**.
- Successful applicants will receive a letter from WSMR with instructions how to check-in and check-out of the WSMR, as well as a hunt-area map, identifying closed areas where no hunting will be allowed.
- No more than three guests may accompany each licensed hunter to assist in cleaning and loading a downed oryx. **Only U.S. citizens** may be guests of permitted hunters, unless guests of an approved foreign-national hunter with an official escort. No additional help for cleaning and loading will be available. Guests may not help the licensed hunter kill the oryx.

**Hunting Guides:** White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) only allows use of outfitters and guides for Oryx Once-in-a-Lifetime, Youth-Only and Mobility-Impaired Hunts. Only those outfitters and guides registered with WSMR **in advance of the hunt** will be allowed to operate on the range. **Outfitters and guides are not authorized for Population-Management Hunts.** It is the hunter's responsibility to verify that an outfitter or guide is in compliance with WSMR policies. For further information about registration requirements contact White Sands Missile Range at: (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

**Legal Sporting Arms:** Centerfire rifle or handgun, .24 caliber or larger; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrows; crossbow and bolts; or muzzleloading rifle no smaller than .45 caliber.

### Premier Hunts (These are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Rhodes Canyon - Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 2-4	ORX-1-101	.20	.ES
Stallion Range	Oct. 14-16	ORX-1-102	.45	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 11-13	ORX-1-104	.45	.ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 6-8, '17	ORX-1-106	.45	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 20-22, '17	ORX-1-108	.45	.ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 17-19, '17	ORX-1-110	.45	.ES

### Youth-Only Hunt (This is not an Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt.)

Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 8) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Rhodes Canyon - Youth Only . . . . .	Sept. 2-4 . . . . .	ORX-1-100. . . . .	.30 . . . . .	.ES

### Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License **may apply** for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range . . . . .	Oct. 14-16 . . . . .	ORX-1-118 . . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Nov. 11-13 . . . . .	ORX-1-119 . . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO
Stallion Range . . . . .	Jan. 6-8, '17 . . . . .	ORX-1-120. . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Jan. 20-22, '17 . . . . .	ORX-1-121 . . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO
Stallion Range . . . . .	Feb. 17-19, '17 . . . . .	ORX-1-122. . . . .	.5 . . . . .	.BHO



## White Sands Missile Range Population Management Hunts

(These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

### Oryx population management hunts may occur on WSMR.

Hunts may occur on two types of areas, standard-hunt areas and secure-hunt areas (formally Security Badged Hunt areas). United States citizenship is required.

**Standard-hunt areas:** Applicants should choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying.

**Secure-hunt areas:** To also be eligible for secure-hunt areas, applicants must have arranged with an approved WSMR 2016 Security Sponsor. An approved Security Sponsor will provide a hunt-authorization code that the applicant must enter in his/her oryx 5th-choice management hunt application. This sponsor must apply and be approved for a WSMR security-sponsor permit by February 15, 2016.

Do not apply if you do not have an approved Security Sponsor. Hunters unaccompanied by a sponsor will be denied access to the hunt. If uncertain about your eligibility, please telephone WSMR: **1-575-678-7909** or NMDGF: **1-888-248-6866**.

## Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Hunts

(These are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

The hunts listed below have been established for New Mexico resident veterans who have served on active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan (see 'Oryx Hunts for Iraq-Afghanistan Returnees,' page 14). All hunts are held on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 23, 2016. **Proof of**

**Military Service Required:** Each year, applicants must provide proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan before the application deadline. A **copy** of Orders or DD-214 can be emailed: [specialhunts@state.nm.us](mailto:specialhunts@state.nm.us), faxed: **(505) 476-8180**, or mailed to: NMDGF, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504. **Blaze-Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	. Oct. 14-16 . . . .	ORX-1-103 . . . .	.5 . . . .	.ES
Rhodes Canyon - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Nov. 11-13 . . . .	ORX-1-105 . . . .	.5 . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	. Jan. 6-8, '17 . . . .	ORX-1-107 . . . .	.5 . . . .	.ES
Rhodes Canyon - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Jan. 20-22, '17 . . . .	ORX-1-109 . . . .	.5 . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	. Feb. 17-19, '17 . . . .	ORX-1-111 . . . .	.5 . . . .	.ES

## Off-WSMR Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

**Open Areas:** Lands administered by the Forest Service and BLM, State Trust Land, and private property with written permission. **Closed Areas:** White Sands Missile Range, Jornada Experimental Range, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss / McGregor areas in units 19 and 28, and other lands closed to hunting.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	June 1-30 . . . . .	ORX-1-204. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	June 1-30 . . . . .	ORX-1-205. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	July 1-31. . . . .	ORX-1-206. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	July 1-31. . . . .	ORX-1-207. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	Aug. 1-31 . . . . .	ORX-1-208. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	Aug. 1-31 . . . . .	ORX-1-209. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	Sept. 1-30 . . . . .	ORX-1-210. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	Sept. 1-30 . . . . .	ORX-1-211. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	Oct. 1-31 . . . . .	ORX-1-212. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 1-31 . . . . .	ORX-1-213. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	Nov. 1-30 . . . . .	ORX-1-214. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 1-30 . . . . .	ORX-1-215. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	Dec. 1-31 . . . . .	ORX-1-216. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	Dec. 1-31 . . . . .	ORX-1-217. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	Jan. 1-31, '17 . . . . .	ORX-1-218. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	Jan. 1-31, '17 . . . . .	ORX-1-219. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	Feb. 1-28, '17 . . . . .	ORX-1-220. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	Feb. 1-28, '17 . . . . .	ORX-1-221. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range . . . . .	Mar. 1-31, '17. . . . .	ORX-1-222. . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only . . . . .	Mar. 1-31, '17. . . . .	ORX-1-223. . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES

## Private-land Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

### License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

Private-land License: . . . . . \$153 . . . . . \$1,610

Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must obtain and possess written permission from the landowner. Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid for a period of one month and must correspond to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements/restrictions, sporting arm type and bag limits listed in the above table, 'Off-WSMR Hunts'. In addition to the dates listed above statewide private-land, off-range licenses are available for April and May. Licenses are available at NMDGF offices, online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), or by telephone:

1-888-248-6866.

# Oryx

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## McGregor Range Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss. All hunters may apply for the ORX-1-224 and the ORX-1-226 hunt. Applicants for Fort Bliss/McGregor Range hunts must possess proof of successfully completing a certified Hunter Education Course before the hunt. Applicants for military only hunts must submit proof of service prior to the application deadline (page 13). All hunters must wear a blaze-orange hat and hunting vest while hunting. Hunters may be required to visit El Paso, Texas to obtain an access pass. For further information, contact Fort Bliss: [brian.a.locke.civ@mail.mil](mailto:brian.a.locke.civ@mail.mil).

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
McGregor Range. . . . .	Dec. 3-4. . . . .	ORX-1-226. . . . .	.25 . .	.ES
McGregor Range - Military Only. . . . .	Dec. 3-4. . . . .	ORX-1-227. . . . .	.25 . .	.ES
McGregor Range. . . . .	Jan. 14-15, '17. . . . .	ORX-1-224. . . . .	.25 . .	.ES
McGregor Range - Military Only. . . . .	Jan. 14-15, '17. . . . .	ORX-1-225. . . . .	.25 . .	.ES





# Turkey

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Over-the-Counter Licenses and Draw Permits

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

### Draw Permit Hunts

Application for these draw permits must be made by Feb. 10, 2016, including a nonrefundable application fee: \$7 per residents and \$13 per nonresidents. Up to two applicants may apply on each application. Successful applicants must purchase an Over-the-Counter Turkey License and a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunters and trappers on Forest Service or BLM lands. **Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 8, 9) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm.

### General License Information

Turkey hunters may purchase a license for the spring and/or fall hunting seasons.

### Licenses and Tags

Resident and nonresident spring or fall Over-the-Counter Turkey Licenses are available online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), by telephone: 1-888-248-6866 and at NMDGF offices and license vendors. Hunters may purchase both spring and fall licenses. Spring turkey licenses are valid for two bearded turkeys, except as restricted by permit or area.

Note: If applying for the draw and planning to participate in the Spring Turkey Hunt, **do not request a refund** of your Game-hunting License. All customers who **do not request a refund** on their application will be issued a Game-hunting License by April 1, 2016. Your license will be available in your NMDGF account.

License Fees	Resident	Nonresident
Spring . . . . .	\$25 . . . . .	\$100
Fall . . . . .	\$25 . . . . .	\$100

A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required (page 10). A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and BLM lands (page 10).

### Legal Sporting Arms

Any shotgun, including muzzleloading shotguns using shot only; Bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt. No centerfire or rimfire rifle or handgun use is allowed. Nontoxic shot is required on all WMAs. It is illegal to shoot a turkey roosting in a tree or on a structure.

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Unit 34:** Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only. **Units 10, 13, 18 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service or the military during operations. **Closed Areas:** The following are closed to turkey hunting (except as permitted by regulation): Orilla Verde and portions of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area; Taos Valley Overlook; all WMAs; the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area; and the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area in Unit 2A.

# Turkey

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Hunts

### Areas Open for Spring OTC License Hunts: April 15–May 10

Unit 2A (except areas east of NM Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173/Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area); Unit 2C (except areas east of Largo Canyon); Unit 4 (including WMAs); Units 5, 6A, 6C, 7; Unit 9 (including Water Canyon WMA); Units 10, 12–13; Unit 14 (archery only in Sandia Ranger District); Units 15–18, 20–24, 29, 32, 34, 36–39, 40–43, 45–49, 51–53; Unit 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA); Unit 55 (Colin Neblett and E.S. Barker WMAs, Valle Vidal area by permit only) Unit 56; Unit 57 (archery only in Sugarite Canyon State Park); Units 58, 59.

### Youth-Only Spring OTC License Hunt: April 8–10

An early Youth-Only Turkey Hunt opportunity is scheduled for April 8–10 in all units listed open for spring hunting. Hunter Education and/or Mentored-Youth Program requirements are listed on pages 8–9.

### Bag Limit for Spring Season

The bag limit is 2 bearded turkeys, except as restricted by permit or area.<sup>(1)</sup> The beard and a patch of feathers surrounding the beard must remain on the bird until it is delivered to the place where it will be eaten or placed in final storage.

(1) If successful in a draw hunt restricted by permit or area with a bag limit of one, one additional turkey may be hunted in the Areas Open for Spring OTC License Hunts listed above.

### Areas Open for Fall OTC License Hunts

**Sept. 1–30** (archery only) and **Nov. 1–30** (any legal sporting arm).

Unit 2A (except areas east of N.M. Hwy. 550 and north of N.M. Hwy. 173/Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area); Unit 2C (except areas east of Largo Canyon); Units 5B, 6A, 6C, 7; Unit 9 (including Water Canyon WMA); Units 10, 12–13; Units 15–17, 21–24, 29, 32, 34, 36–37, 40–42, 45–48, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA); Unit 55 (including Colin Neblett WMA, but excluding E.S. Barker and Urraca WMAs and Valle Vidal / Greenwood); Units 56, 57 (excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park); Units 58, 59.

### Bag Limit for Fall Season

The bag limit is any one turkey in the units listed (see above 'Areas Open for Fall OTC License Hunts'). If a hunter does not harvest a turkey during the September Archery Only Hunt, she/he may hunt again in November using any legal sporting arm for turkey.

## Open Areas and Bag Limits For Draw Permit Hunts

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Permits	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 2 (Excluding the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area)</b> _____				
2	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–100	115	1 bearded turkey
2 - Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–101	50	1 bearded turkey
<b>Unit 2A (Including the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area)</b> _____				
2A - Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–102	.5	1 bearded turkey
<b>Unit 6B<sup>1</sup> (Valles Caldera National Preserve)</b> _____				
	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–113	20	1 bearded turkey
<sup>1</sup> All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on Unit 6B Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Hunter orientation required (page 29).				
<b>Unit 8 (Sandia Ranger District, Archery Only)</b> _____				
8	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–103	10	1 bearded turkey
<b>Unit 9 Marquez WMA (NM Resident Only)</b> _____				
	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–104	5	2 bearded turkeys
<b>Unit 33 - W.S. Huey WMA (Youth Only, NM Resident Only)</b> _____				
	Apr. 9–10	TUR–1–105	2	1 bearded turkey
<b>Unit 33 - W.S. Huey WMA (Youth Only, NM Resident Only)</b> _____				
	Apr. 16–17	TUR–1–106	2	1 bearded turkey
<b>Unit 55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area</b> _____				
	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–112	20	1 bearded turkey

## Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Youth Spring Turkey Hunt

The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge will conduct a Youth Spring Turkey Hunt for hunters younger than 18 years of age. Hunts will be held on weekends during April and May, 2016 in conjunction with season frameworks established by the New Mexico State Game Commission. The bag limit is one bearded turkey. Eligible hunters will be drawn from a pool of qualified applicants. An application fee of \$6 is required per application. Applications will be available beginning Feb. 2, 2016 at: [www.bdanwrpermits.com](http://www.bdanwrpermits.com). For more information about hunting opportunities at Bosque del Apache NWR telephone (575) 835-1828.

# Javelina

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Javelina Draw Licenses

(See 'Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following', page 20.)

Application and Licenses: Up to four persons may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 23, 2016.

**License Fees** (pages 5, 7): Hunters applying for a Javelina Draw License, **must pay** the license and nonrefundable application fee. A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required.

**Legal Sporting Arms:** Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzleloading rifle or muzzleloading handgun; bow and arrow; or crossbow and bolt.

**Bag Limit:** One javelina (Removal of javelina meat from the field is not required).

## What You Must Know

**No Over-the-Counter Licenses:** There are no OTC licenses for javelina. **Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 8, 9) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm. **Transport of Game:** New Mexico law does not require javelina meat to be taken from the field. **Units 13 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings.

**JAV-1-100, JAV-1-104 and JAV-2-103 Hunts:** Javelina will be in small, isolated groups except in Units 23–27 (including the Big Hatchets). Before hunting on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss, all hunters are required to have proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course.

**Blaze-Orange Clothing:** McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze-orange hat and hunting vest. **WMA Hunting:** Wildlife Management Areas open to javelina hunting include: Black Hills (East and West), Claudell; Crossroads 1–5; Gallina Wells 1, 1A, 1B and 2–6; Liberty; Marshall; Milnesand; Bluit (North, South and East); Wayside; Antelope Flats; Bledsoe; Little Dipper; Pitchfork; Ranger Lake; and Sandhills Prairie Conservation Area.

## Any Legal Sporting Arm

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Statewide (excluding Unit 28) . . . . .	Jan. 1–Mar. 31, '17 . . . . .	JAV–1–100 . . . . .	100 . . . . .	ES
- Youth Only				
Units 19, 23–27 . . . . .	Feb. 1–Mar. 1, '17 . . . . .	JAV–1–102 . . . . .	1000 . . . . .	ES
Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23–28) . . . . .	Jan. 16–Mar. 31, '17 . . . . .	JAV–1–104 . . . . .	1000 . . . . .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only . . . . .	Dec. 31–Jan. 1 '17 . . . . .	JAV–1–105 . . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range . . . . .	Dec. 31–Jan. 1 '17 . . . . .	JAV–1–106 . . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES

## Archery Only

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Units 19, 23–27 . . . . .	Jan. 1–31, '17 . . . . .	JAV–2–101 . . . . .	300 . . . . .	ES
Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23–28) . . . . .	Jan. 1–31, '17 . . . . .	JAV–2–103 . . . . .	300 . . . . .	ES

# Bear

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Bear Draw Permits and Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses

(See 'Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following', page 20.)

**License Fees** (pages 5, 7): To apply for an Over-the-Counter Bear License, hunters must possess a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting on Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required (page 10).

**Harvest Limits for All Zones** (map, page 115): New Mexico is divided into 14 Bear Management Zones, enabling NMDGF to better manage regional bear populations. Each zone has two harvest limits: 1, the total number of bears that may be harvested; and 2, the number of female bears that may be harvested. Harvest limits for each Bear Management Zone are listed in the table on pages 113–114. This table first lists the total limit of bears that may be harvested, followed by the number of female bears that may be harvested ('Total Limit / Female Limit'). Bear Management Zones close when harvests reach 90% of the sustainable total limit, 90% of the sustainable female sublimit, or when the season has ended—whichever occurs first. This is to maintain healthy bear populations and avoid exceeding sustainable bear harvests.

**Zone Closure for All Zones:** Before hunting, hunters **must verify the zone is open** by checking online or telephoning:

- [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/bear/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/bear/)
- 1-877-950-5466

## Bear Draw Permits

Bear Draw Permits are available for the areas listed in the table on pages 114–115. Only New Mexico residents may apply for WMA Bear Draw Permits. Application must be made by Feb. 10, 2016. Only one hunter may apply on each application. Hunters who successfully draw a Bear Permit also must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License and an Over-the-Counter Bear License. Hunters may hunt during the over-the-counter season if they have not taken a bear during their draw hunt. **A hunter must be properly licensed at least two calendar days before hunting.**

## Over-the-Counter Licenses (OTC)

An OTC Bear License may be purchased at license vendors, NMDGF offices, online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866. **Bear Licenses must be purchased at least two calendar days before hunting.**

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Closed Areas:** Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook; All Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs are open only to hunters with a valid Bear Draw Permit and Bear Hunting License during draw seasons for that area.); and Subunit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve). **Archery Only:** Sugarite Canyon State Park.

# Bear

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## *What You Must Know Before You Hunt—continued.*

**Youth Hunters:** Hunters younger than 18 years of age must possess a Hunter Education Certification number. Mentored Youth Hunters may not apply. **Blaze-Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property. **Restricted Areas:** It is unlawful to hunt bears in the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area (except as noted on pages 113, 'Valle Vidal'). Grapevine Canyon and McGregor Range Buffer area in Unit 34 of Zone 12 are accessible by permit and military permission only. Unit 10 of Zone 9 and Units 13, 18 and 20 of Zone 10 are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Zones 8 and portions of 14:** Hunters must use bows only (crossbow may be used by certified mobility-impaired hunters) to hunt bears in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest. **No Electronic Calls:** Electronic calls are not allowed for bear hunting.

## **Legal Sporting Arms**

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt. In the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest, only bow and crossbow may be used. **Crossbow may not be used during the Sept. 1–24 Archery Only Season**, except by certified mobility-impaired hunters (page 12).

## **Baiting and Trapping**

Baiting and trapping are **not legal methods** for taking bear. If accidentally trapped, the bear must be released. Should assistance be needed to release a bear, contact NMDGF.

## **Bag Limit**

The bag limit is one bear. A hunter may not take any cub younger than one-year old or any female accompanied by a cub(s). New Mexico law does not require bear meat to be taken from the field.

## **Tagging of Bear Hides**

Harvested bears must be accompanied with both a license and a pelt tag. The license includes a space which must be properly blacked out or punched immediately after the animal is killed and a line for the date and time of kill to be permanently written. The hunter must then present the license and hide for pelt tagging to any District Conservation Officer or any NMDGF office **within five days** of killing the bear or before transporting the hide outside New Mexico—whichever comes first. **All hunters who appoint a designee to bring the harvested bear to get pelt tagged are required to contact a conservation officer prior to inspection and pelt tagging.** For any bear killed, **hunters are required** to present to any NMDGF office the unfrozen skull with mouth fixed open for removal of a premolar tooth. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Improperly tagged hides may be seized by NMDGF.

## **Proof of Sex**

The testicles, penis and/or baculum of a male, or the vulva of a female, must remain attached to the hide and be visible to the NMDGF tagging official. NMDGF will only pelt tag a harvested bear if proof of sex is attached to the hide and readily visible to the tagging official. Bears presented to NMDGF for tagging without proof of sex attached may be seized.

## Use of Dogs

**Dog use is not allowed during any archery season.** Dog use is **not allowed** on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) or to pursue bears during bow seasons. Dogs use is **allowed** to hunt bear elsewhere during hunts for any legal sporting arm (see table below). When dogs are used to hunt bears, the licensed hunter that harvests the bear must be present continuously from the time any dog is released. Dogs may only be released during legal hunting hours. There is no “pursuit” or “training” season outside the regular open season.

## Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area

The Greenwood Area is a privately owned 11,790 acre property adjacent to the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest. The owner, Vermejo Park Ranch, has graciously allowed the Department to lease the Greenwood Area for hunting and fishing access for ten years at no cost. The Department would like to thank Vermejo Park Ranch for this successful partnership and the benefit it provides to New Mexico’s hunters and anglers.

It is unlawful to hunt bear on the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area, except for hunters who successfully draw a Bear Draw Permit and purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License and an Over-the-Counter Bear License.

Elk hunters also may hunt bear in the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area provided they:

- 1, Possess a Valle Vidal rifle, muzzleloader or bow elk license; 2, Use the sporting arm type specified for their elk hunt; 3, Hunt only during the dates of their elk hunt; and 4, The harvest limit in Bear Zone 5 has not been met and the season is still open. Dogs are allowed during the April 15–May 20 and the Aug. 1–31 hunts.

## Livestock Damage

Landowners, lessees or their regular employees may without a license kill a bear that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. Any person taking such action **must report the incident** to NMDGF within 24 hours. Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under this provision are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be delivered to NMDGF.

## Seasons for Over-the-Counter Bear Hunts

Zone: Open Units	Hunt Dates	Sporting Arm Type	Dog Use	Total Limit/Female Limit
<b>Zone 1</b> Units: 4–7, 51, 52	Sept. 1–24 Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Archery Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	158 / 63
<b>Zone 2</b> Unit 2	Sept. 1–24 Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Archery Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	15 / 6
<b>Zone 3</b> Units: 49, 50, 53	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–24 Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	65/26
<b>Zone 4</b> Units: 45, 46, 48	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–24 Sept. 25–Nov. 30	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	109/43
<b>Zone 5</b> Units: 54, 55	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–24 Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	92/37

# Bear

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Seasons for Over-the-Counter Bear Hunts—continued.

Zone: Open Units	Hunt Dates	Sporting Arm Type	Dog Use	Total Limit/Female Limit
<b>Zone 6</b> Units: 39-43, 47, 59	Aug. 16-31 Sept. 1-24 Sept. 25-Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	33 / 13
<b>Zone 7</b> Units: 56-58	Aug. 16-31 Sept. 1-24 Sept. 25-Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	35 / 14
<b>Zone 8</b> Unit 8	Sept. 1-24 Oct. 15-Nov. 15	Archery Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	11 / 4
<b>Zone 9</b> Units: 9, 10	Aug. 16-31 Sept. 1-24 Sept. 25-Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	36 / 14
<b>Zone 10</b> Units: 12, 13, 15-18, 20-24 26, 27	Aug. 16-31 Sept. 1-24 Sept. 25-Nov. 30	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	146 / 58
<b>Zone 11</b> Units: 37, 38	Aug. 16-31 Sept. 1-24 Sept. 25-Nov. 30	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	36 / 14
<b>Zone 12</b> Unit 34	Aug. 16-31 Sept. 1-24 Sept. 25-Nov. 30	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	33 / 13
<b>Zone 13</b> Unit 36	Aug. 16-31 Sept. 1-24 Sept. 25-Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	16 / 6
<b>Zone 14</b> Unit 14	Sept. 1-24 Oct. 15-Nov. 15	Archery Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	19 / 7

## Seasons for Bear Draw Permits

Area	Date	Hunt Code	Permits
Unit 55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood . . .	Apr. 15-May 20 . . .	BER-1-106. . .	20
Unit 2 - Youth Only . . . . .	Aug. 1-31 . . . . .	BER-1-100. . . . .	5
Unit 4 Sargent WMA <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . . NM Residents Only	Aug. 1-31 . . . . .	BER-1-101. . . . .	10
Unit 4 Humphries WMA <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . . - NM Residents Only	Aug. 1-31 . . . . .	BER-1-102. . . . .	5
Unit 9 Marquez WMA . . . . . - NM Residents Only	Aug. 1-31 . . . . .	BER-1-103. . . . .	5
Unit 54 Barker and Colin Neblett WMAs . . . . . - NM Residents Only	Aug. 1-31 . . . . .	BER-1-104. . . . .	12

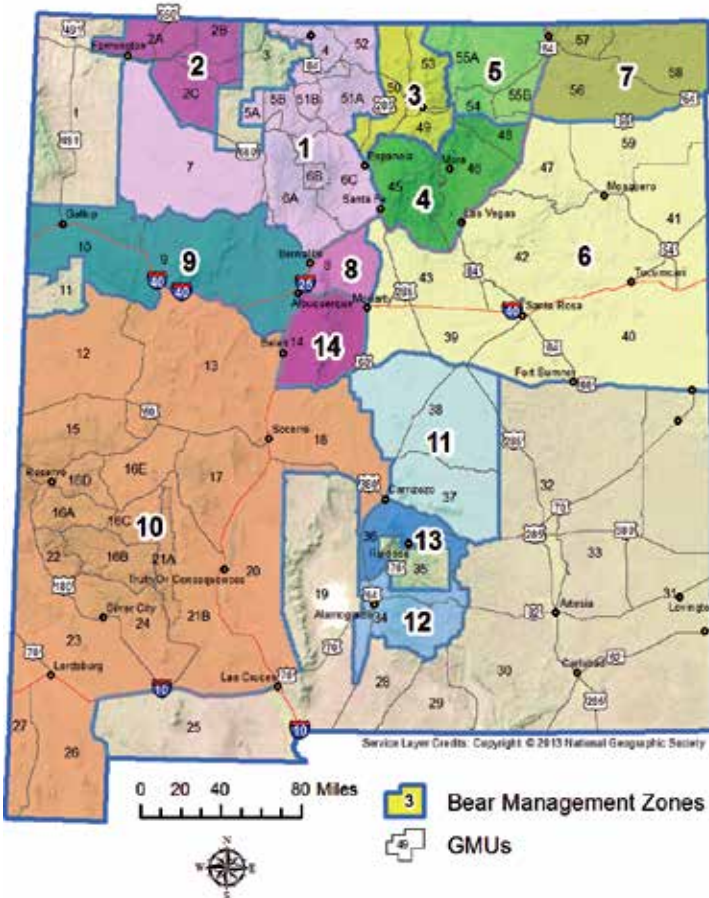


*Seasons for Bear Draw Permits—continued.*

Area	Date	Hunt Code	Permits
Unit 55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood . . .	Aug. 1–31 . . .	BER-1–105 . . .	20
Unit 57 Sugarite Canyon State Park <sup>(1)</sup> . . .	Aug. 1-31 . . .	BER-2-107 . . .	5

<sup>(1)</sup> Bear hunting in Sargent and Humphries WMAs and Sugarite Canyon State Park is open Aug. 1–31 only through Special Draw Hunts. These WMAs are closed Sept. 1–Nov. 15 during regular bear hunts in Bear Management Zones One and Seven.

**Bear Management Zones and Game Management Units**



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# Cougar

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses

(See 'Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following', page 20.)

Before purchasing an Over-the-Counter (OTC) Cougar License, residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. Hunters who set traps or foot snares on private or State Trust lands must also purchase a Trapper License (page 121).

### Mandatory Cougar Identification Course

NMDGF requires all cougar hunters to successfully complete a cougar identification course. OTC Cougar Licenses are valid in the field only with possession of a Cougar Identification Course number. This number is issued upon successful completion of the course which is available online (See *Cougar* under *Hunting* at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)).

<b>License Fees</b>	Resident	Nonresident
OTC Cougar License . . . . .	\$43 . . . . .	\$290

A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation also is required (page 10).

A Trapper License also is required to hunt cougars using set traps or foot snares on private or State Trust lands — available online, by telephone, at NMDGF offices and license vendors (page 121).

An OTC Cougar License may be purchased at license vendors, NMDGF offices, online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866. **Cougar Licenses must be purchased at least two days before hunting.** See page 117 for details about the cougar bag limit. Harvest(s) must be blacked out or punched on the license with the date(s) and time(s) of kill permanently written.

## Cougar Seasons

**Statewide Cougar Season: April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017.**

### Harvest Limits for All Zones

New Mexico is divided into 19 Cougar Management Zones, enabling NMDGF to better manage regional cougar populations. Each zone has two harvest limits: 1, the total number of cougars that may be harvested; and 2, the number of female cougars that may be harvested. Harvest limits for each Cougar Management Zone are listed in the table on page 118.

This table first lists the total limit of cougars that may be harvested, followed by the number of female cougars that may be harvested ('Total Limit / Female Limit'). Cougar Management Zones will close and hunting will cease when harvests reach 90% of the sustainable total limit or 90% of the sustainable female sublimit—whichever occurs first. This is to maintain healthy cougar populations and avoid exceeding sustainable cougar harvests.

### Zone Closures

Before hunting, hunters **must verify the zone is open** by checking online or by telephone: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/cougar](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/cougar) or 1-877-950-5466.

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Grapevine Canyon, McGregor Range Buffer Zone:** Unit 34 in this area is accessible with military permission only. Hunters on McGregor Range must be able to provide proof of Hunter Education. **Blaze-Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property. Fort Bliss/McGregor Range requires all hunters to wear a blaze-orange hat and blaze-orange hunting vest. **Youth Hunters:** Hunters younger than 18 years of age must possess a Hunter Education Certification number. Mentored Youth Hunters may not apply. **Closed Areas:** Sugarite Canyon State Park; Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook; Subunit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve). Wildlife Management Areas: Cougar hunting by licensed deer and/or elk hunters who also possess a valid cougar license is allowed in the E.S. Barker, Colin Neblett, Humphries, Marquez, Sargent and Urraca WMAs, and the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area. All other Wildlife Management Areas are closed. Under this provision deer and elk hunters only may hunt cougars in open cougar zones, and the hunter must adhere to the weapon type restriction and season dates as specified by his/her deer or elk licenses. Dogs are not allowed. Restricted Areas: Only bows and crossbows may be used to hunt cougar in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest in Units 8 and 14. Zone E–Unit 10 and Zone G,H,I–Units 13, 18, 19, 20: These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during operations. **Florida Mountains Hunt Area–Unit 25:** Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida Mountains Hunt Area during any ibex season, except by licensed ibex hunters (only for allowed sporting arm type and season dates as specified on the ibex license).

### Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrows; or crossbow and bolts. **Only bows and crossbows** may be used for Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest in Units 8 and 14. **Electronic calls** may be used throughout New Mexico.

### Baiting and Trapping

Cougar baiting is illegal in New Mexico. Trapping and foot snaring are legal only on private land with written permission from the landowner and on State Trust Land.

Foot snares are prohibited on GMU 27 and those portions of GMU 26 (San Luis Mountains) designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as critical habitat for jaguars. Jaguar critical habitat area in GMU 26 can be viewed at: <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/table/critical-habitat.html> by clicking the "online mapper" link.

Neck snares are not a legal method of take. Legal trapping and snaring dates are Nov. 1–March 31. All other requirements and trap restrictions for furbearers (pages 121-123) apply to cougars.

### Bag Limit

Valid cougar license holders who have successfully harvested two cougars may request two additional carcass tags. Tags may be used in Cougar Management Zones that have not met the established harvest limits during at least two of the three previous seasons. Before requesting additional carcass tags, licensed hunters must meet all reporting and tagging requirements for two cougars already taken.

No hunter may take any spotted kitten(s) or any female accompanied by a spotted kitten(s). New Mexico law does not require cougar meat to be taken from the field.

# Cougar

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## Tagging of Cougar Hides

Harvested cougars must be accompanied by a license and have a pelt tag attached. The license must be properly blacked out or punched immediately after the animal is killed by the hunter. The hunter must then present the license and hide for pelt tagging to any District Conservation Officer or NMDGF office within five days of killing the cougar or before transporting the hide outside New Mexico—whichever comes first. **All hunters who appoint a designee to bring the harvested cougar to get pelt tagged are required to contact a conservation officer prior to inspection and pelt tagging.**

For any cougar killed, **hunters are required** to present to any NMDGF office the unfrozen skull with mouth fixed open for removal of a premolar tooth. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Improperly tagged hides may be seized by NMDGF.

## Proof of Sex

The testicles, penis and/or baculum of a male, or the vulva of a female, must remain attached to the hide and be visible to the NMDGF's tagging official. NMDGF will only pelt tag a harvested cougar if proof of sex is attached to the hide and readily visible to the tagging official. Cougar hides presented to the NMDGF for tagging without proof of sex attached may be seized.

## Livestock Damage

Landowners, lessees and/or their regular employees may without a license kill any cougar that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. Any person taking such action **must report the incident** to NMDGF within 24 hours. Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under this provision are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be delivered to NMDGF.

## Use of Dogs

Dog use is **not allowed** during any September archery season. Dog use is **not allowed** on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) or to pursue cougars during archery seasons. Dogs use is **allowed** to hunt cougars elsewhere during hunts for any legal sporting arm. When dogs are used to hunt cougars, the licensed hunter that harvests the cougar must be present continuously from the time any dog is released. Dogs may only be released during legal hunting hours. There is no "pursuit" or "training" season outside the regular open season.

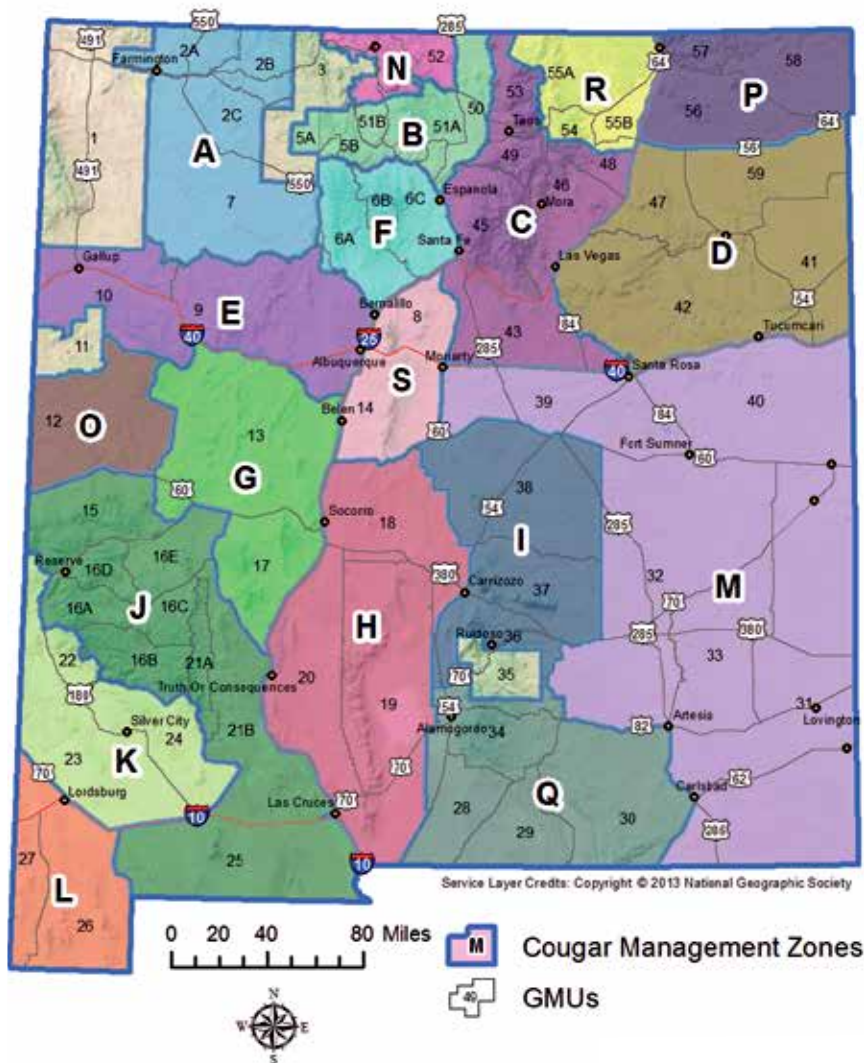
## Cougar Management Zones

Cougar Management Zone locations in New Mexico are designated in the map on page 119.

## Zones and Season Limits

Zone	Open Unit(s)	Total Limit / Total Female
A	. 2, 7	. 42 / 13
B	. 5, 50, 51	. 28 / 8
C	. 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53	. 85 / 43
D	. 41, 42, 47, 59	. 23 / 12
E	. 9, 10	. 50 / 15
F	. 6	. 46 / 23
G	. 13, 17	. 73 / 37
H	. 18–20	. 37 / 16
I	. 36–38	. 24 / 7
J	. 15, 16, 21, 25	. 89 / 27
K	. 22–24	. 66 / 33
L	. 26, 27	. 19 / 10
M	. 31–33, 39, 40	. 31 / 9
N	. 4, 52	. 15 / 5
O	. 12	. 21 / 6
P	. 56, 57, 58	. 14 / 7
Q	. 28–30, 34	. 35 / 11
R	. 54, 55	. 26 / 8
S	. 8, 14	. 25 / 13

## Cougar Management Zone and Game Management Unit Map



# Beware of Rabies

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## Rabies Information for Trappers

In recent years, rabies has been found in some furbearers in New Mexico. Wild animals more commonly infected with rabies include skunks, foxes, coyotes, and raccoons. Bobcats can contract rabies, and though not a furbearer, bats also can harbor rabies.

Trappers should be aware when taking an animal of the potential risk of contracting rabies. Rabies is caused by a virus which can be transmitted to humans from contact with the saliva, nervous tissue and/or brain tissue of a rabid animal. Rabies is transmitted only if the virus is introduced through a bite, contact with an open cut in the skin or more rarely when infectious material such as saliva from a rabid animal get into the eyes, nose or mouth.

Some recommended precautions for trappers include:

- Avoid attack or being bitten.
- Wear protective gloves when handling and skinning animals. An open wound or scratches increase the risk of infection when protective gloves are not used.
- Always err on the side of caution. Use goggles and a skinning apron if possible.
- Clean tools with a disinfectant such as a 10% bleach solution.
- Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and skinning animals.
- If bitten or otherwise possibly exposed to a rabid animal, thoroughly wash the area with soap and water and seek medical care as soon as reasonably possible.
- If attacked or bitten by a wild animal, you may need to be tested for rabies. To test for rabies, the entire head of the animal will be needed. The head should be kept on ice and double bagged. Report the incident as soon as reasonably possible to your local NMDGF officer. The officer will contact the New Mexico Department of Health to determine if testing is required.

Finally, the presence of rabies after skinning need not be a cause for concern, provided the skin(s) and tissues are dried completely. Drying renders the virus no longer viable or active.





# Furbearers

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Trapping Licenses

Resident and nonresident trappers and furbearer hunters must purchase a Trapper License, available online, by telephone, at NMDGF offices and license vendors. Trappers who do not report trapping results by April 7, 2016 will be rejected for the draw. An \$8 late fee will be charged to file results before a new Trapper License may be purchased.

New Mexico residents younger than 12 years of age do not require a license to trap protected and unprotected furbearers. New Mexico residents 12–17 years of age must purchase a Junior Trapper License to trap **protected furbearers**, however, to hunt a Hunter Education number is required (Mentored Youth number is not eligible.) No license is required for New Mexico residents to take **unprotected furbearers** (see 'Unprotected Furbearers' below).

Nonresidents who hunt protected furbearers or who trap protected and unprotected furbearers in New Mexico **must have a Nonresident Trapper License**. Nonresidents who hold a Nonresident Nongame License or any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license may use any legal sporting arm to hunt and possess coyote, prairie dog, rabbit or skunk, but may not set traps or snares unless they also have a Nonresident Trapper License. Nonresidents of states not allowing New Mexico residents to trap may not legally purchase a New Mexico Nonresident Trapper License.

For information and licenses, telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

<b>License Fees:</b>	Resident	Nonresident
Trapper License . . . . .	\$20 . . . . .	\$345
Junior Trapper License . . . . .	\$9 . . . . .	Not Issued

A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and/or BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation also is required for Trapper Licenses, but not for Junior Trapper Licenses (page 10).

**Bag Limit:** There is no bag limit on any protected furbearer.

**Protected Furbearers:** Protected furbearers that may be taken during open season are raccoon, badger, weasel, fox, ringtail, bobcat, muskrat, beaver and nutria. Taking of all other protected furbearers is prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, mink, pine marten, river otter, black-footed ferret and coatimundi.

**Unprotected Furbearers:** Unprotected furbearers include coyote and skunk. There is no closed season or bag limit on unprotected furbearers or unprotected species (feral hogs).

**Legal Means of Harvest:** Furbearers may be taken with firearms, bow and arrows, crossbows traps and snares. Calls (including mechanically or electronically recorded calling devices) are legal for hunting protected furbearers. Dogs may be used only during open trapping season for protected furbearers. There is no "pursuit or training season" other than the regular open season—except for raccoon (page 124).

**Trap Inspection:** A licensed trapper or his/her representative (agent) must personally visit and inspect each trap every calendar day. Every other calendar day all traps must be checked personally by the trapper, and all wildlife must be removed.

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## *Trap Inspection—continued.*

A release device or catch pole shall be carried to release domestic or nontarget animals. If wildlife is held captive in the trap, the trapper or agent(s) must remove the wildlife.

Each trapper will be allowed one or more agents, who must possess written permission from the trapper and a valid Trapper License. The permission must include the trapper's full name, address, Trapper License Number, Trapper Identification (ID) Number and general location or route of traps.

**Trap Tampering and Furbearer Removal:** It shall be illegal to destroy, disturb or remove any trap, snare or trapped wildlife belonging to a licensed trapper, without permission of the owner of the trap or snare—except from March 16–Oct. 31, when landowners may remove any trap or snare from their privately owned or leased land, provided such a trap or snare could endanger livestock. Domestic animals may be released from any trap at any time.

**Trap Identification:** For any trap or snare that reasonably could be expected to catch a protected furbearer, the following restrictions apply. Each trap or snare must be permanently marked with either the trapper's CIN (page 4), a Trapper ID number (previously issued by NMDGF) or the trapper's name and address. The trapper's identification information must be stamped on the bottom of the frame of the trap or on a metal tag which is riveted, welded or otherwise securely attached to the trap frame, chain or cable.

**Land Sets:** No foot-hold trap with an outside spread more than 7 inches, if laminated above the jaw surfaces, shall be used in making a land set. No tooth-jawed traps are permitted. Any foot-hold trap with an inside jaw spread 5½ inches or larger shall be offset, unless it has padded jaws.

No land set may be placed within one-quarter mile of a designated and signed roadside rest area, picnic area or an occupied dwelling, without the prior written permission of the occupant of the dwelling—except for land sets placed by the occupant/landowner on his/her own land. No land set shall be placed within one-half mile of an established and maintained public campground or boat-launching area. It is unlawful to make a land set within 25 yards of any public road or trail (including culverts or structures located beneath)—except on private land with written permission from the landowner. "Trail" shall mean: any path opened for public use and maintained annually with public funds or any path published on a map by a municipal, state or federal agency that is open for public travel. "Public road" shall mean: any thoroughfare constructed and annually maintained with public funds (regardless of whether it is currently open or closed to vehicular use) and any thoroughfare published on a map by a municipal, state or federal agency that is open for public travel. When a fence is present within 25 yards of the outside edge of a road, sets must be made on the side of the fence opposite the road.

No body-gripping trap with an inside jaw spread greater than 7 inches may be set on land. Body-gripping traps with inside jaw spreads of 6–7 inches set on land shall be used in conjunction with a cubby set, such that the trap trigger is recessed in the cubby at least 8 inches from an entrance.

**Water Sets:** No steel trap with an inside jaw spread larger than 7½ inches or body-gripping trap with a jaw spread larger than 12 inches shall be used in making a water set.



**Visible Bait and Trap Flags:** It is illegal to place, set or maintain any steel trap or snare within 25 feet (visible from any angle) of bait that consists of the flesh, hide, fur, viscera or feathers from any animal—unless the trap or snare is used in conjunction with a cubby set—where the bait cannot be seen, except from a height of 3 feet or less above ground level and at a maximum distance of 25 feet. The bait must be inside the cubby, but the steel trap or snare may be outside. Bones that are entirely free of flesh, hide, fur or feathers may be used as visible bait. The restriction on visible bait shall not apply to a trap flag that is suspended above the ground and that is made from materials other than animal parts.

**Possession of Live Furbearers:** It is illegal to import and/or possess live protected furbearers in New Mexico. The director of NMDGF may issue a permit for retention of raccoons or other activity permitted by rule. Individuals must obtain a permit prior to possessing a live raccoon.

**No Trapping of Bear:** There are no open trapping seasons for bear. Livestock owners or others suffering depredation should call the nearest NMDGF area office for assistance (see page v).

**Cougar Trapping and Snaring:** Cougars may be trapped or foot snared on private land with permission from the landowner and on State Trust Land (pages 116–119). Neck snares are not a legal method of take.

**Tagging Bobcat Pelts:** Any person taking a bobcat in New Mexico must present the pelt for tagging by April 14 or prior to leaving the state—whichever occurs first. Persons presenting a bobcat for tagging must display a current Trapper License (except residents 11 years of age or younger). Tags may be obtained from NMDGF regional offices (see page v, 'Regional Offices'). Pelts also may be tagged by New Mexico licensed furbearer dealers—following the policies established by NMDGF.

**No person shall transport across state lines, sell, barter or otherwise dispose of any bobcat pelt taken in New Mexico unless it has been properly tagged.** It is unlawful to present for tagging any bobcat pelt taken outside the State of New Mexico. It also is unlawful for licensed fur dealers to tag any bobcat contrary to this rule.

**Accidental Trapping of River Otters and Other Protected Species:** If you trap a river otter, lynx, coaimundi, mink, pine marten or black-footed ferret, a federally protected bird or a protected furbearer during closed season—you must release it. If you accidentally trap a Mexican gray wolf—follow the instruction provided on page 126. Trappers must carry a device for releasing nontarget animals. However, if the animal is badly injured and/or releasing it would be dangerous, NMDGF must be contacted as soon as possible. **Trappers will not be held criminally liable if a river otter or another protected species is accidentally captured.**

**Mandatory Harvest Reporting:** Whether or not the season was successful, reporting is required. Anyone licensed to take furbearers must report the results of his/her hunting and trapping seasons by April 7, 2016. Season results can be reported online and by telephone. Trappers who do not report trapping results by April 7, 2016 will be rejected for the draw. An \$8 late fee will be charged to file results before a new Trapper License may be purchased.

# Furbearers

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## What You Must Know Before You Hunt or Trap

**Closed Areas:** Los Alamos County, except the northern quarter and a strip along the west bank of the Rio Grande (north of Water Canyon from the Rio Grande to a line 1,000 feet below the canyon rim); the Valles Caldera National Preserve; portions of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area; Orilla Verde and Santa Cruz Lake recreation areas; the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area; Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center; New Mexico state parks; national parks and monuments; national wildlife refuges and New Mexico State Game Commission-owned WMAs. Fort Bliss/McGregor Range only allows furbearer hunting and is closed to trapping. The Gila, Cibola, Lincoln and Apache Sitgreaves National Forests are all closed to beaver trapping.

## Seasons (Statewide)

**Badger, Weasel, Fox, Ringtail and Bobcat:** Nov. 1, 2016–March 15, 2017.

**Beaver, Muskrat and Nutria:** April 1–30, 2016 and Nov. 1, 2016–March 31, 2017.

**Raccoon Trapping and Hunting:** April 1–May 15, 2016 and Sept. 1, 2016–March 31, 2017.

**Raccoon Pursuit Only** (statewide): April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017.

## Raccoon Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light

During open season, raccoon hunters possessing a valid Trapper License may hunt raccoons with the aid of artificial light. Artificial light must be a headlamp or handheld flashlight. Artificial light cannot be cast from a vehicle. Legal sporting arms are limited to a rimfire rifle or handgun no larger than .22 caliber, shotguns, bows and crossbows. Hunting any other furbearer with the aid of artificial light or after legal shooting hours is unlawful.



## Know the Difference between Bobcat and Lynx

### Bobcat

- Underside of the tail is white to the tip.
- Ear tufts are less than 1 inch in length.
- Cheek tufts are not prominent.
- Brownish color with black spots (usually) on the belly.
- Total length from 25–37 inches.
- Feet appear small with no hair between pads.
- Track size is less than 2½ inches wide.
- Stride length is 20 inches.



### Lynx

- Tail has a black tip and is not white underneath.
- Ear tufts are at least 1½ inches in length.
- Cheek tufts prominent.
- Grayish color with no spots on the belly.
- Total length from 32–37 inches.
- Feet appear large with pads covered by hair.
- Track size is 3½–4½ inches wide.
- Stride length is 28 inches.



# Mexican Gray Wolf

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## Trapping and the Mexican Gray Wolf

Trapping has been shown to cause no negative impact on Mexican gray wolf populations. However, for trapping in the USFWS Blue Range Wolf Reintroduction Area (BRWRA)—located in portions of Catron, Grant and Sierra counties—NMDGF strongly encourages the following to reduce potential injury to Mexican gray wolves inadvertently trapped.

### **Recommended techniques to reduce potential injury to Mexican gray wolves:**

- To render a wolf unable to pull the trap free—double stake, cable stake (at least 18 inches deep), or otherwise securely fasten traps to immovable objects with aircraft cable or chain.
- To prevent lunging and/or rolling-induced injury—use short chains (12 inches or less), attached near the center of the trap base plate via a swivel and incorporate at least one additional swivel between the trap and anchoring point.
- To hasten recovery and safe release of animals—use drags of sufficient size and weight or steel grapples at least ½-inch in diameter or cross section that are attached to chains or cables at least 10 feet in length.
- Choose laminated, offset or padded jaws on foot-hold traps.
- Scout the area intended for trapping. If signs are evident that wolves are present, avoid the area if possible or use only No. 1.75 or smaller traps.

### **Trappers will not be held criminally liable if a Mexican gray wolf is accidentally captured.**

Should a Mexican gray wolf be accidentally captured, immediately call the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Office at 1-888-459-9653 or telephone NMDGF's 24-hour dispatch at 1-800-432-4263 or telephone the local NMDGF Conservation Officer. The officer will respond to remove and secure the wolf until a member of the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team can arrive to process and radio-collar the wolf.

## Wolves Are a Federally Protected Species

The Mexican Wolf Restoration Area includes portions of New Mexico. Wolves are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and by the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act. Federal penalties for shooting a wolf can include a year in jail and a \$50,000 fine with additional New Mexico state penalties for violating the Wildlife Conservation Act.

**Rewards up to \$45,000 for information leading to arrest and prosecution of wolf poachers** are offered by federal and state agencies and conservation organizations jointly.

### **It is illegal to:**

- Kill or injure a wolf because it is near you or your property.
- Kill or injure a wolf if it attacks your pet.
- Kill or injure a wolf feeding on dead livestock.
- Enter posted closures around release pens, active dens and rendezvous sites.
- Shoot a wolf because of mistakenly identifying it as a coyote or anything else (page 127).

### However, it is legal to kill, injure or harass a wolf if:

- The wolf is in the act of killing, wounding or biting cattle, sheep, horses, mules or burros owned by you and which are on private or tribal land.
- Acting in defense of human life.

Any person taking such action **must report the incident within 24 hours** to the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Office: 1-888-459-9653 or the NMDGF 24-hour dispatch telephone: 1-800-432-4263. For more information about Mexican wolves and the USFWS Wolf Recovery Program, visit: [www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf/](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf/).

## Wolf Encounters and Identification

The Gila National Forest and surrounding areas are locations where wolf encounters may occur. Mexican wolves typically weigh between 50–80 pounds, stand 28–32 inches at the shoulder and measure 5-½ feet from snout to tail (approximately the size of a large German shepherd). Coat color varies, but solid black or white Mexican wolves do not occur. Though similar in appearance to coyotes, Mexican gray wolves weigh two to three times more, have larger blocky heads with more rounded ears, and feet larger in proportion to the body. At a distance or a quick glance, coyotes and wolves can be difficult to differentiate. Many wolves have radio collars.

### Mexican Gray Wolf



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### Coyote



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# Upland Game

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## Upland Game

Upland game includes dusky (blue) grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, pheasant, quail and squirrel.

## Valencia County Landowner Pheasant Permits

No public-land pheasant hunting is allowed in Valencia County. Private-land pheasant hunting is allowed, provided permission has been obtained from the landowner. Landowners are required to provide NMDGF's Northwest Office in Albuquerque proof of ownership and sufficient acreage to safely conduct the planned hunt(s). The landowner will be issued application forms to distribute to hunters. Hunters intending to hunt on private land in Valencia County must obtain an application from the landowner and submit it to NMDGF's Northwest Office in Albuquerque (page v). Hunters may possess a Valencia County Landowner Permit in addition to another special pheasant hunt permit.

## Special Pheasant Permits

Permits (issued by drawing) are required for Special Permit Pheasant Hunts on W.S. Huey WMA and for Youth-Only Pheasant Hunt on Bernardo WMA. To receive a permit, hunters may apply online:

[www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 24 before 5 p.m. MDT. Hunt codes and further information are listed on page 131.

## Dog Call-Pen and Field Trial Permits

A \$15 permit is required for either a call-pen release or dog field trial. Contact NMDGF for information: (505) 476-8064.

## Shooting Preserve Permits

A shooting preserve permit fee is \$200. Contact NMDGF's Santa Fe office for information: (505) 476-8064.

## Possession of Live Birds

Crippled birds must be killed immediately. Possession of live birds is illegal.

## Wanton Waste Is Illegal

Anyone taking game birds must transport the edible portions of the meat from the field for human consumption.

## Federally Protected Bird Species

Unless otherwise designated, all birds are protected by federal law. Federally protected birds include eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, crows, ravens and all songbirds. Unprotected birds are starlings, rock doves (common pigeons) and house sparrows (English sparrows).

## Possession, Transportation and Storage

It is unlawful to possess game birds or squirrels without a proper license or other evidence demonstrating the game was taken legally.

The head or leg of each pheasant, the leg of each quail and one fully feathered wing of each Eurasian collared-dove taken must remain attached to the bird until transported to the hunter's home or storage facility.

Game meat may be given to another individual, however, it must be accompanied by a written statement. The statement must include the kind and number of game, the date and county where taken, the name and license number of the hunter and the date and place where the donation occurred (sample donation certificate, page 95).

Game transported by an appropriately licensed hunter or accompanied by a written statement (described above) may be transported within or outside New Mexico. Legally taken and possessed upland game may be stored for five days after the close of the season for that species. After this date, a storage permit must be obtained from NMDGF.

## Legal Sporting Arms

Quail and pheasant may be taken with shotguns firing shot, muzzle-loading shotguns, bows and crossbows.

Eurasian collared-dove, grouse and squirrels may be taken with shotguns firing shot, muzzle-loading shotguns, rim-fire and muzzle-loading firearms, bows and crossbows and pellet guns that are .177 caliber and larger.

## Nontoxic Shot Required on Game Commission Areas

Nontoxic shot is required for hunting any species with a shotgun on all open areas owned or managed by the New Mexico State Game Commission. Nontoxic shot includes: bismuth-tin, iron (steel), iron-tungsten, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten matrix, tungsten polymer, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel and tungsten-iron-polymer. **The New Mexico State Game Commission recommends hunters use nontoxic shot for all small game hunting.**

## Rabbits and Other Nongame Species

Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine and rabbits. Coyotes and skunks are unprotected furbearers (page 121). Feral hogs are an unprotected species (page 19). New Mexico residents are not required to have a license to take nongame species. Nonresidents must possess either a Nonresident Nongame License or any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license. Nongame species may be taken on State Trust Land which are opened by easement, provided the hunter holds a valid license and is hunting or trapping during the season(s) designated for that license. Nongame species also may be taken on Forest Service and BLM lands open to hunting. White-sided (antelope) jackrabbits, found primarily in Hidalgo county, are protected under the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act and may not be hunted. Wildlife Management Areas are closed to all nongame hunting.



# Upland Game

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## Quail Season (Scaled, Gambel's, Bobwhite, Montezuma)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Nov. 15–Feb. 15, '17.	. 15 per day (no more than 5 Montezuma quail) / 30 in possession (no more than 10 Montezuma quail).

## Grouse, Eurasian Collared-Dove and Squirrel Seasons

### Dusky (Blue) Grouse Seasons

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Sept. 1–Nov. 30 . . . .	. 3 per day / 6 in possession

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	April. 1–March. 31 . . .	. Unlimited

### Squirrel Seasons (Abert's, Red, Gray and Fox)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Sept. 1–Nov. 30 . . . .	. 8 per day / 16 in possession





## Pheasant Seasons

### Over-the-Counter, Statewide (excluding Valencia County)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Dec. 8–11 . . . . .	3 males per day / 6 in possession

### Private Land, Valencia County

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Valencia only .	Dec. 10 . . . . .	3 males / 6 in possession

Landowners in Valencia County can receive from the NMDGF Northwest Office in Albuquerque an unlimited number of applications specially marked for hunting pheasants on their private land.

Hunters wishing to hunt private land in Valencia County must obtain one of these applications and submit it to the NMDGF Northwest Area Office. Shooting hours for Valencia County Landowner Permits are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No public-land pheasant hunting is allowed in Valencia County.

## Draw Permit Hunts General Information (Resident Only)

To receive a permit, hunters may apply online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or 1-888-248-6866. Applications must be made no later than Wednesday, Aug. 24 before 5 p.m. MDT.

### Bernardo and W.S. Huey WMA Youth-Only Pheasant Hunts

Two Youth-Only Pheasant Hunts are available by drawing. Age requirements are listed on page 10. Hunter Education and/or Mentored-Youth Program requirements are listed on pages 8–9. Using the hunt codes listed below, apply online or by telephone. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Shooting hours on Bernardo are ½ hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. Shooting hours on W.S. Huey WMA are ½ hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag	Permits
Unit 18 Bernardo . . . . .	.PHE-0-001 . . . . .	Oct. 22 . . . . .	3 males . . . . .	20
Unit 33 W.S. Huey WMA . . . . .	.PHE-0-002 . . . . .	Dec. 3 . . . . .	3 males . . . . .	40

### W.S. Huey WMA Pheasant Hunt

A draw-permit hunt will be held at W.S. Huey on Dec. 10. Using the hunt code listed below, apply online or by telephone. Shooting hours on W.S. Huey are ½ hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag	Permits
Unit 33 W.S. Huey . . . . .	.PHE-0-005 . . . . .	Dec. 10 . . . . .	3 males . . . . .	40

### Bitter Lake Youth-Only Pheasant Hunt

A Youth-Only Pheasant Hunt at Bitter Lake Refuge will be scheduled. Hunter Education and/or Mentored-Youth Program requirements are listed on pages 8–9. For details contact the Bitter Lake Refuge at (575) 622-6755 or [steve\\_alvarez@fws.gov](mailto:steve_alvarez@fws.gov).

# Upland Game

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## New Mexico State Game Commission Areas

State Game Commission areas open to hunting as allowed in the special regulations are listed below. Hunting is **not allowed** outside of open seasons<sup>1</sup> or for species not listed. Vehicles are restricted to designated areas and camping is not allowed. Shooting hours are listed on page 26.

### Nontoxic Shot

Hunters must use and possess only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot (page 129) while using a shotgun in all areas listed below (excluding Big Hatchet Special Management Area).

### Days Open to Upland Game Hunting (• = Days Open)

Wildlife Management Area	Species	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thr.	Fri.	Sat.
W.S. Huey . . . . .	Quail	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Big Hatchet Special Mgmt. Area .	Quail	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Prairie Chicken Areas . . . . .	Quail	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Colin Neblett, E.S. Barker, . . . .	All Upland Game	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Humphries, Marquez, Rio Chama, Sandhills Prairie Conservation Area, Sargent, Socorro-Escondida, Urraca and Water Canyon.		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Forest Service Management Area		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sandia Ranger District . . . . .	All Upland Game (Archery only)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

### Bureau of Reclamation Managed Areas

Areas managed by the Bureau of Reclamation in GMU 31 are open to small game hunting, trapping and angling. All NMDGF rules and regulations apply in these areas.

Seven Rivers: Quail hunting is allowed Monday, Wednesday and Saturday during open season.

Brantley (except Seven Rivers): Quail and pheasant hunting are allowed during open seasons.

## Falconry Upland Game Seasons

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

Hunt Area      Season Dates      Bag / Possession

Statewide . . . April. 1–March. 31 '17. Unlimited

### Pheasant, Grouse and Quail

Area      Date      Bag / Possession

Statewide . . . Sept. 1–Feb. 28 '17 . . . 3 singly or in aggregate / Singly or aggregate for grouse and pheasant (6) and quail (30) in possession.

### Squirrel (Abert's, Red, Gray and Fox)

Area      Date      Bag / Possession

Statewide . . . Sept. 1–Feb. 28 '17 . . . 3 singly or in aggregate / 16 in possession.

# Glossary of Terms

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**Active Duty Military (N.M. Resident):** Current active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard for a minimum period of 90 days; or six continuous years as a traditional member of the National Guard or Reserves, or as a commissioned officer of the U.S. Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, other than for training purposes only.

**Archery:** Bows includes compound, recurve and longbows. Sights on bows may not magnify targets or project light. Arrows must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on arrows. Arrows cannot be driven by explosives.

**Aggregate:** The sum of upland game taken which may include more than one species.

**Ammunition:** Hunters of protected species may use only soft-nosed, hollow-point or plastic-tip bullets. Full metal-jacketed and tracer bullets are not legal. The use of sabots is legal in muzzleloading rifles, except restricted muzzleloader hunts (page 136, 'Restricted Muzzleloaders').

**Antler Point Restricted Elk (APRE/6):** A legal APRE/6 elk must have six or more points of any length on at least one antler for an APRE/6 hunt. A brow tine or eye guard counts as one point. A burr at the base of the antler does not count as a point.

**Antlerless Deer or Elk (A):** Any male or female deer or elk without antlers.

**Adult-and-Youth-Only Hunt:** A draw hunt consisting of at least one adult (18 years of age or older) and up to three youth (younger than 18 years of age on the opening day of the hunt).

**Bag Limit:** The maximum number of game animals or birds permitted by law to be taken by one person in a given period.

**Big Game:** Species include Barbary sheep, bear, bighorn sheep, cougar, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn antelope.

**Bighorn Sheep Ram:** Any male bighorn sheep.

**Bighorn Sheep Ewe:** Any female bighorn sheep.

**Bow and Arrow:** See 'Archery' above.

**Broken-horn Oryx:** An oryx of either sex that has one or more horns missing at least 25% of its normal length.

**Crossbow and Bolt:** Crossbow use is legal during Any Legal Sporting Arm hunts and Muzzleloader hunts. Crossbows may be used by a certified mobility-impaired hunter during any season. Sights on crossbows may not magnify targets or project light if used by a certified Mobility-Impaired Hunter for an archery-only hunt. Bolts must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on bolts. Bolts cannot be driven by explosives.

**Depredation Damage Fee:** A fee required of all big-game hunters that has been included in the price of each big-game license. The fee is \$3 for each resident and \$10 for each nonresident big-game license. Money generated is being used to develop permanent solutions to chronic wildlife depredation problems throughout the state.

**Either Sex (ES):** Any male or female of a big-game species.

**Either Sex Whitetail Deer (ESWTD):** Any male or female whitetail deer.

**Established Road:** A road built and/or maintained by equipment and which shows no evidence of ever having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

**Falconry:** The hunting of game using raptors.

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**Female or Immature Ibx (F-IM):** An ibex with horns less than 15-inches long.

**Female or Immature Pronghorn Antelope (F-IM):** A pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

**Foot Snare:** Wire or cable with a single closing device set to capture a cougar or furbearer by the foot.

**Foot Hold Trap:** A spring actuated device designed to capture a cougar or furbearer by the foot.

**Fork-Antlered Deer (FAD):** Any deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

**Fork-Antlered Mule Deer (FAMD):** Any mule deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

**Fork-Antlered White-tailed Deer (FAWTD):** Any white-tailed deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

**Fourth-Choice Deer or Elk Hunt:** By selecting a fourth choice, applicants indicate they **will accept** a deer or elk license for **any hunt** in a specific quadrant of the state. Be aware success rates for some fourth-choice hunts may be low, due to small and localized populations of deer or elk. A hunter drawing a fourth-choice elk hunt could receive a license with an antlerless bag limit, even if all other hunt choices were for a mature bull. Refunds will not be made to successful applicants. The fourth-choice assignment will always be for the same sporting-arm type as the first choice on an application. Not all draw hunts are included in the fourth-choice pool.

**Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License:** An annual Game-hunting License is valid for hunting all small game and both upland and migratory game birds. An annual Game-hunting & Fishing License is valid for fishing in addition to hunting small game. Both types of licenses may be purchased at license vendors statewide, including all NMDGF offices, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866** and online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). All hunters must purchase one of these licenses in order to apply for any big-game license or before purchasing any over-the-counter big-game or turkey license.

**Game Management Unit (GMU):** A subdivision of the state used to manage big-game species.

**Habitat Management & Access Validation:** All hunters, trappers and anglers 18 years of age and older on any lands must purchase and possess a \$4 Habitat Management & Access Validation once during the year (April 1–March 31, 2017). This fee will not be charged to hunters, trappers and anglers younger than 18 years of age, resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% Disabled Resident Veterans in conjunction with their free licenses (page 10).

**Habitat Stamp (Habitat Improvement Stamp):** All hunters on any Forest Service or BLM lands must purchase and possess a \$5 Habitat Stamp once during the year (April 1–March 31, 2017). All trappers and anglers 12 years of age and older must purchase and possess this stamp, except resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% Disabled Resident Veterans in conjunction with their free licenses (page 10).

**Handicapped Hunter:** New Mexico resident with a severe physical or developmental disability. To qualify, applicants must have one or more disabilities that substantially limit one or more major life activities.

**High-Demand (HD) Hunt:** An elk or deer draw hunt with at least 22% nonresident applicants for the previous two license years.

**Junior Hunting License:** Reduced-fee licenses are available to resident hunters younger than 18 years of age.

**License Year:** Twelve month period, beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017.

**Landowner Permission:** It is unlawful, unless otherwise allowed by rule, to hunt, fish or trap on private land without possessing valid written permission from the landowner of the property that the hunter or angler is hunting, fishing or trapping. The landowner's signature including date and telephone number on a valid license, landowner authorization or other paper shall constitute valid written permission.

**Mature Buck (MB) Pronghorn Antelope:** A pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ears.

**Mature Bull (MB) Elk:** A male elk with at least one brow tine extending six or more inches from the main beam or at least one forked antler with both branches six or more inches long. A spike bull (page 136) is not considered a legal mature bull elk.

**Mentored-Youth Hunter Program:** After completing a simplified online quiz, first time hunters at least 10 years of age—but younger than 18 years of age—may obtain a Mentored-Youth Hunter number to apply for deer, turkey, javelina and upland game licenses and hunt under the supervision of an adult mentor. The mentor must possess a current hunting license, be 18 years or older and a parent, guardian or adult with parental consent. Mentored-Youth Hunter registration is available one time only and valid for two consecutive license years. For information see page 9.

**Mobility-Impaired Hunter (MI):** An individual with permanent impairment(s) and/or disabilities with substantial functional limitations. For further information see page 12.

**Military Only Hunt:** Applicants must be on full-time active duty in the military and must provide proof of current military assignment to the Special Hunts Office in Santa Fe by the application deadline.

**Muzzleloader:** Includes rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder is illegal. Legal muzzleloading shotguns are those capable of being fired from the shoulder only. Muzzleloaders may use in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets and scopes. Also see page 136, 'Restricted Muzzleloader'.

**NMDGF:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

**Nongame Hunting:** Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine and rabbits (Coyotes and skunks are unprotected furbearers, page 121, and feral hogs are an unprotected species, page 19). **Residents** are not required to have a license to take nongame species. **Nonresidents** must purchase a Nonresident Nongame License or a New Mexico Nonresident Hunting License. Nongame hunting is not permitted on Wildlife Management Areas, unless specifically permitted by rule.

**Once-in-a-Lifetime License:** A draw license that can only be issued once in an applicant's lifetime. This license may not be applied for if an applicant has previously held one.

**Over-the-Counter (OTC) License:** A license available from vendors, NMDGF offices and online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). No drawing is required to purchase these licenses.

**Pellet Gun:** Handgun or rifle that propels a single .177 caliber or larger pellet by means of compressed air or gas.

**Population Management Hunt:** A hunt designed to manage the number of big game on public or private lands where they have damaged property or may interfere with military operations.

**Private-land Authorization:** Documentation obtained from a private landowner that allows a hunter to purchase a private-land elk or pronghorn antelope license.

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Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

**Private-land Only Deer License:** A license authorizing hunters to hunt deer only on private land with written permission. Hunters must enter a hunt code from a public-land hunt for the Game Management Unit (GMU) where the private land is located.

**Protected Furbearers:** A Trapper License is required for: all residents 12 years of age and older; all nonresidents who trap protected furbearers; and all nonresidents who trap and possess unprotected furbearers (coyotes or skunks). Residents ages 12–17 may purchase a Junior Trapper License. Protected furbearers include raccoon, badger, weasel, fox, ringtail, bobcat, beaver, muskrat and nutria.

**Protected Species:** Protected species include all big game, turkey, squirrels and game birds. A hunter must have a Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License. If hunting big game, hunters must have a specific big-game species license. Hunters also may need a Turkey or Bear Draw Permit. **Hunters must have in possession all appropriate licenses and/or permits in the field while hunting any of these species.**

**Public Lands:** Descriptions of federal and state public lands are listed on pages 29–35.

**Quality (Q) Hunt:** These hunts are designed to increase opportunities for a successful harvest, achieve harvests from wider selections of mature deer or elk, and/or provide a pleasurable experience based on timing of the hunt and hunter density. Quality hunts are determined by the New Mexico State Game Commission.

**Restricted Muzzleloader (for specific deer hunts):** Any muzzleloading rifle, including a smoothbore flintlock or musket, using open sights in which the charge and projectile are loaded via the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder, inline ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, multiple projectiles and scopes are illegal.

**Senior Hunting Licenses:** Reduced-fee licenses are available to New Mexico resident hunters 65 years of age and older.

**Spike Bull Elk:** A spike bull elk is a male elk with antlers having a single beam without branches. **A spike elk may be legally harvested only with an either sex license.**

**Standard (S) Hunt:** Deer or elk hunts which are charged a regular license fee rather than a Quality or High-Demand fee.

**State Trust Land:** Lands administered by the Commissioner of Public Lands and granted to the State of New Mexico from the Federal Government for the economic support of public institutions such as public schools and universities.

**Wildlife Management Area (WMA):** Properties owned or managed by and under the control of the State Game Commission.

**Upland Game:** Species include dusky (blue) grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, quail (bobwhite, Gambel's, Montezuma, and scaled), pheasant and squirrel (Abert's, red, gray and fox).

**Veteran (N.M. Resident)** New Mexico resident veteran of active duty in the U.S. Military, National Guard or Military Reserve Component (National Guard and Reserves must have completed at least 6 years continuous honorable service), U.S. Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (PHS and NOAA must have been as part of a military operation).

**U. S. Military (N.M. Resident):** Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, or their Reserve Components, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and commissioned members of the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Youth-Only Hunt:** To be eligible for a Youth-Only Hunt, each applicant must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt.

# Off-Highway Vehicles

Registration and information: [www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com)



## Know the Laws, Operate Safely and Enjoy!

New Mexico laws for off-highway vehicles (OHV) are designed to protect all citizens through responsible and safe OHV use. OHVs include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), motorcycles and snowmobiles. Hunters who use OHVs must ensure their vehicles are registered and permitted properly and equipped with a Forest Service-approved spark arrester. Nonresidents may register OHVs in their home state or purchase a New Mexico nonresident permit at [www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com).

All youth operators and passengers younger than 18 years of age must wear a DOT approved helmet and goggles or safety glasses. Whether young or old, it's every rider's responsibility to know and observe the laws. Before riding on public land, visit [www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com).

## New Mexico OHV Code of Ethics

- Learn about the area in which you will ride. Contact public-land managers or owners of private property to understand area restrictions and receive permission before you ride. Get maps of the area(s) and stay on trails and/or areas designated for OHV use.
- Be courteous on the trail. Allow right-of-way to hikers and horseback riders, and when encountering horses—pull off of the trail on the low side, stop your engine, remove your helmet, and speak to the rider. Wait until all horses have passed and moved beyond 50 feet before restarting your engine.
- Minimize your impact on other hunters and anglers using the trail. Respect seasonal closures and avoid operating at peak-hunting hours. If retrieving game with an OHV, do it at midday to minimize disturbance to others. Cross streams where designated and at a 90-degree angle wherever possible.
- Leave gates and fences as you found them, and remember it's unlawful to travel or hunt on private property without the owner's permission.
- Leave areas cleaner than found. A plastic trash bag and bungee cords can be helpful tools to keep land clean.
- Obey trail markers and closure signs. If it's posted closed, stay out!
- Keep your OHV quiet. Excessive sound stresses wildlife and annoys property owners and other recreational users. It also contributes to your own riding fatigue. Less sound allows you to ride more comfortably and others to enjoy their outdoor experience.
- Approach livestock or wildlife on the trail slowly. Sometimes range cattle will pass the afternoon under shade trees along the trail. If you startle them, they may run directly into your path. Give them time to react and as wide a berth as possible, and remember, it is unlawful to pursue or harass livestock.
- Never mix riding with alcohol or drugs. It's not only illegal, it's dangerous.
- Familiarize yourself with all of New Mexico's laws and requirements for OHV use by visiting: [www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com) or telephoning: (505) 222-4727.

# New Mexico Outdoor Adventures



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or telephone: **1-888-248-6866**.



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