



# New Mexico Hunting Rules and Information

License Year 2013 - 2014

**Deer**

**Elk**

**Pronghorn Antelope**

**Ibex**

**Oryx**

**Javelina**

**Bighorn Sheep**

**Barbary Sheep**

**Bear**

**Cougar**

**Turkey**

**Furbearers**

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## A Message from Colonel Robert Griego



Law enforcement is an integral part of wildlife management in New Mexico. Without it, we could lose the populations of bighorn sheep, deer and pronghorn antelope this agency has worked so hard to restore since 1903.

As the citizens of New Mexico, you should realize that the wildlife that I am sworn to protect belong to you. You are also an essential part of my law enforcement plan. My Officers and I depend on you to be our eyes and ears and to contact us when you hear about a poacher stealing your wildlife.

Every year, our game wardens encounter people in the field who are intoxicated, who shoot from maintained roads, who use licenses issued to others, and who kill wildlife for which they are not licensed.

I am a hunter and trapper myself. I take pride and respect in game I take, while also following the rules. I am raising my sons to do the same, to not just be hunters, but to be True Hunters. I expect the same out of them that I expect out of you.

True Hunters:

- Follow the rules, even if it means they go home empty handed.
- Only hunt private land when they have written permission and are licensed to do so.
- Pick up trash at their camps, as well as the trash left behind by others.
- Use ATVs to legally get to their hunting areas, where they hunt on foot not on the machines.
- Own it when they make a mistake.

I challenge you to be a True Hunter, to show respect for the land and wildlife, and to be the type of hunter that will make a child proud.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Griego'.

Colonel Robert Griego  
Field Operations Division, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

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# What's New in 2013-14

Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Apply and Purchase Licenses by Telephone

License information and purchases are available by toll-free telephone: 1-888-248-6866. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Information Center is open year-round Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. **Extended hours** Feb. 15–Mar. 19 are Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from noon–5:00 p.m. **Last day to apply** for draw licenses (see page 3), Wednesday, Mar. 20, hours are 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

## Online Shopping Cart

License and fee purchases made online have been streamlined. Now you can avoid entering the same information repeatedly. Enter your individual information once, select your hunts and prepare your applications, then purchase all at the same time with the new Online Shopping Cart.

## Print Your Own Licenses and Permits

Beginning April 1, all types of licenses are available online and may be printed on standard paper at home or wherever you prefer. Licenses and permits **will no longer be mailed**, unless requested by toll-free telephone: 1-888-248-6866. Printed licenses and permits also may be requested at NMDGF offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Roswell and Las Cruces. See page 3, *Important Dates* for draw licenses and permits.

## Simplified Tagging

We've simplified the process. The license and carcass tag have been combined. Now hunters will print their license on standard printer paper. For full description and requirements, see pages 24–25.

## Customer ID Number (CIN) Is Required

Each hunter applying for a draw hunt, every student registering for a hunter/bowhunter education class, or any hunter or trapper reporting his/her harvest must obtain a personal Customer Identification Number (CIN). CINs are free of charge and available online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). Before applying, registering or reporting, all hunters must verify their CIN account information is current and correct.

## Application Deadlines

**February 6** is the deadline to apply for Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Valle Vidal/Greenwood bear permits and turkey draw permits. Applications must be made before 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).

**March 20** is the deadline to apply for oryx, deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, Barbary sheep, javelina and bighorn sheep draw licenses. Applications must be completed before 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

## New Mentored-Youth Hunter Program

Upon completion of this program, youth hunters, regardless of age, can purchase any firearm license, including Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License, as well as apply for draw hunts. For more information, see page 6.

# General Information

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# Important Dates

Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Our Mission

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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## 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  
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## Important Dates to Remember

- Jan. 9** First day to apply online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.
- Feb. 6** Deadline to apply for Bear Draw Permit and Turkey Draw Permit.
- Feb. 15** Deadline to report harvest results for deer and elk in order to be eligible for all Big-game Licenses. Report results at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866. After this date late fees apply.
- Feb. 28** Results for the Bear Draw Permit and Turkey Draw Permit are available online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) and may be printed on standard paper at home. Permits also are available in person at any NMDGF office.
- Mar. 20** Deadline to apply for Public-land Deer Draw License; Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A Private-land Only Deer License; and Draw Licenses for elk, oryx, pronghorn antelope, ibex, Barbary sheep, javelina and bighorn sheep.  
  
Final date to late-report harvest results for all big game and turkey in order to be eligible for all Big-game Licenses. Late fees apply.
- Apr. 1** All license types, including Game-hunting Licenses and Game-hunting & Fishing Licenses, available online and may be printed at home.
- Apr. 7** Deadline for all furbearer trappers / hunters to report trapping and hunting results online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866 to be eligible for all Big-game Licenses. After this date, late fees apply.  
  
Hunters and trappers who do not report harvest results will be ineligible for all 2013–14 Big-game Draw Licenses (see page 5, 2. *Mandatory Harvest Reporting for All Big-game Species, Turkey and Furbearers*).
- April 24** Results for Big-game License Draws available online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or in person at any NMDGF office.
- May 8** Results for Big-game License Draws available by telephone: 1-888-248-6866.



## A Message from Director Jim Lane

### *Wildlife Are Held in Trust for the Public*

Wildlife in North America belong to no individual but are held in trust for the public by state and federal governments. This concept was established in law by the Supreme Court in 1842 and is one of the major tenets of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

The other major tenets of the North American Model are:

- The elimination of market hunting for game.
- Wildlife should be allocated through law.
- The killing of wildlife requires a legitimate purpose.
- Wildlife are international resources.
- Science is the proper tool to determine and discharge wildlife policy.
- Hunting and fishing rules and regulations should be developed through public processes that create systems of wildlife conservation and use.

Together, these seven principles have helped restore wildlife across North America during the 20th Century. They have helped end an era of wanton slaughter, when millions of bison, birds, elk and other wildlife were killed without seasons or bag limits.

Today, these principles continue to guide wildlife management, and the success of the North American Model is evident every time a New Mexico resident hears the bugle of a bull elk or sees the wonder of sandhill cranes along the Rio Grande.

None of this could be possible without people like you, those who hunt. Hunters provide the means from associated fees and licenses to fund wildlife management across America. This is why wildlife agencies throughout the nation are working to encourage, recruit and retain hunters like you. You make possible for all to enjoy this wonderful legacy of wildlife restoration and conservation.

With the North American Model as a template, the New Mexico State Game Commission and the Department of Game and Fish will continue to provide wildlife to citizens and visitors alike. Wildlife belongs to us, the people of this nation, and we intend that it remain a source of pride for all of us in the decades to come. Thanks for all you do for conservation.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Lane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## 1. Simplified Tagging

We've simplified the process. The license and carcass tag have been combined. Hunters successful in the draw for any big-game species or turkey, as well as hunters purchasing a license online, now print their license at home (no printer—no worries, call: 1-888-248-6866 for assistance). On this year's license is an area where the species must be completely blacked out or punched at the time of kill. Immediately upon arriving at a vehicle, camp or place of storage, the date and time of kill must be permanently written on the appropriate line. Carcass tags will **no longer be issued**. For further information see pages 24–25.

## 2. Don't Forget to Report Harvest Results

To be eligible for 2013–14 license and permit draws, every person licensed to hunt deer or elk for the previous year must report harvest results by February 15, 2013 whether or not a hunt or harvest occurred. Person licensed to take furbearers the previous year must report results by April 7, 2013 whether or not a hunt, trap or harvest occurred. Harvest reports filed after these deadlines will be subject to an \$8.00 late fee. Hunters and trappers must report results online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

## 3. Mandatory Harvest Reporting for All Big-game Species, Turkey and Furbearers

For the 2013–14 license year, mandatory harvest reporting becomes effective for all deer, elk pronghorn antelope, javalina, Barbary sheep, oryx, ibex, turkey and furbearer licenses holders choosing to remain eligible the following year for draw hunts, population management hunts, private-land authorizations or trapper licenses.

### Harvest Report Deadlines

Feb. 15, 2014: Deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey hunters.

Apr. 7, 2014: Javelina, Barbary sheep, oryx, ibex hunters and furbearer hunters and trappers.

## 4. Crossbow Use for Mobility-Impaired Hunts

Certified mobility-impaired hunters (see page 10) may now use crossbows during any season.

## 5. Mentored-Youth Hunter Program

After completing this new program, youth hunters under 18 years of age can purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License and apply for draw hunts. For more information see page 6.

## 6. Raccoon Hunting with Artificial Light

During open season, raccoon hunters possessing a valid Trapper License may hunt raccoons with the aid of artificial light (see page 121).

## 7. Attention Spring Turkey Hunters

If applying for a big-game species 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 applications will be issued a Game-hunting License by April 1, 2013. Your license will be emailed to you and available through your NMDGF account.

# Mentored-Youth Hunter

General information and License Sales toll-free: 1-888-248-6866

## New Mentored-Youth Hunter Program

The new Mentored-Youth Hunter Program offers first-time hunters under 18 years of age the opportunity to apply for and purchase a hunting license. After completion of a simplified online-training course, youth may obtain a temporary registration number to hunt under the supervision of an adult mentor. At all times while hunting, Mentored-Youth Hunters and their mentor must be in sight and unaided, audible distance from one another.

Mentors must be legally licensed adult hunters who are 18 years of age or older and either a parent or guardian or an adult with parental consent. Mentored-Youth Hunter registration is valid only once for two-consecutive license years.

At the end of the second license year, each Mentored-Youth Hunter under 18 years of age is required to complete the full Hunter Education Course in order to purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License and apply for draw hunts.

For information visit: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.



# Draw Hunts

General information and License Sales toll-free: 1-888-248-6866

## Introduction

Before applying for the draw for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep and oryx, hunters must purchase a 2013–14 Game-hunting License or a combination Game-hunting & Fishing License. Licenses are **available during the draw process** (Jan. 9–Mar. 20) online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866. To apply for bear and turkey draw permits, prior purchase of a license is not required but will be required if successful in the draw.

## Draw Hunt System

All draw applications are entered into a 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, he/she will be placed in a second pool from which additional hunts may be awarded from available hunts. If an applicant is awarded a fourth-choice hunt, he/she will be charged the corresponding hunt fee.

Successful draw applicants will be notified by email. Licenses can be printed at home. Licenses now include a space where the species must be properly blacked out or punched and a line for the date and time of kill to be permanently written (see pages 24–25). For more information about the Draw Hunt System, visit online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/documents/draw.html](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/documents/draw.html).

## Drawing Quotas

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

- 84% of Draw Hunt Licenses are awarded to New Mexico residents.
- 10% of Draw Hunt Licenses are awarded to residents and nonresidents contracting with a New Mexico registered outfitter.
- 6% of Draw Hunt Licenses are awarded to nonresidents who choose not to use 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 deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep and javelina.
- Draw Permits for bear and turkey.

### Hunts not subject to quota:

- Over-the-Counter Licenses for elk, bear, turkey, cougar, Barbary sheep, private-land oryx and off-Florida Mountain hunt for ibex (IBX–1–528) and on-Florida Mountain hunt (IBX–1–521).
- Elk and pronghorn antelope licenses obtained via the Private-land Use System.
- Private-land OTC Deer Licenses; Draw Licenses for oryx, ibex and bighorn sheep.
- Population Management Hunts.

# Criminal Trespass

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Online License Applications: [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 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 the New Mexico Game and Fish 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 piece of property.
- A person with a valid license is lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping on state trust land that is included in an easement between 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 trespasses while involved in hunting, trapping or fishing activities he/she will have his/her hunting, trapping or fishing privileges revoked for at least three years.
- If a person damages any private property while trespassing he/she will be civilly responsible to the owner for the damages for twice the value of the damage.
- If a person removes, damages or tampers with a "No Trespass" sign he/she 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 where upon he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor which could result in a fine of \$1,000 and 364 days in the county jail.

## Unitization Agreements

A unitization agreement is a temporary, binding, cooperative agreement between a landowner and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the State Land Office and/or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Each agreement designates specific pieces of private land as open to public hunters for specific hunts, while also designating other specific pieces of State or BLM land as open to private hunters for these same hunts.

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?

Hunters can find ranches that have entered into unitization agreements online at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) by clicking on the *Hunting* tab, and then:

- From the hunting page go to *Private-land Hunting*, then to *Unitized Ranches* where you will find maps that show unitized properties. Location information with proximity to the nearest town is provided for each unitized ranch.
- The particular pieces of both public and private property included in each unitization agreement will be physically posted by NMDGF with signage to inform hunters in the field of the property designation.
- Unitization agreements apply only during hunting seasons for which an agreement has been signed.
- To be able to take advantage of the opportunities provided by unitized ranches, hunters must have a valid license for the particular season and species identified in each agreement.

## 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.

# Definition of Terms

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Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

**Archery:** 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.

**Ammunition:** Hunters 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 (see page 13, *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 (under 18 years of age on the opening day of the hunt).  
**Exception:** The Valles Caldera Adult-and-Youth Only Hunts allow only one youth and one adult per application.

**Bag Limit:** The maximum number of game animals permitted by law to be taken by one person in a given period.

**Big-game Species:** Include deer, elk, bear, cougar, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, javelina, oryx and ibex.

**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 growth.

**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 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 White-tailed Deer (ESWTD):** Any male or female white-tailed 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.

**Female or Immature Ibex (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.

**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 another hunt choice 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. See pages 43 and 64 for more information. 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 combination 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, toll-free: 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.

**Habitat Management and Access Validation:** All hunters, trappers and anglers between 18 and 69 years of age on any lands must purchase and possess a \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation once during the year (Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '14). For further information, see page 16.

**Habitat Improvement Stamp (Habitat Stamp):** All hunters, trappers and anglers between 18 and 69 years of age on any USDA Forest Service or BLM lands must purchase and possess a \$5 Habitat Stamp once during the year (Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '14). For further information and exceptions, see page 16.

**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. For further information, see page 17.

**High-Demand (HD) Hunt:** An elk or deer draw hunt with at least 22% nonresident applicants for the previous two license years.

**Junior Elk or Junior Deer Hunting License:** Reduced-fee elk or deer licenses are available to resident hunters under 18 years of age. See page 14–15 for fees.



# Definition of Terms

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Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

**License Year:** Twelve month period, beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014.

**Landowner Permission:** It is unlawful to hunt, fish or trap on private land **without possessing** valid written permission from the landowner whose property the hunter or angler is hunting, fishing or trapping, unless otherwise allowed by rule. 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 is not considered a legal mature bull elk.

**Mentored-Youth Hunter Program:** After completing a simplified online training course, youth may obtain a temporary registration number to hunt under the supervision of an adult mentor. Mentors must be legally licensed adult hunters who are either a parent or guardian or an adult with parental consent. Mentored-Youth Hunter registration is available only once for two consecutive license years. For further information, see page 6.

**Mobility-Impaired Hunter (MI):** An individual with permanent impairment(s) and/or disabilities with substantial functional limitations. For description and information, see page 18.

**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 *Restricted Muzzleloader*, page 13.

**NMDGF:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

**Nongame Hunting:** Nongame species include prairie dogs, rabbits, ground squirrels, coyotes, skunks and Himalayan tahr. **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.

**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 an elk or pronghorn antelope license.

**Private-land Only Deer License:** A license authorizing hunters to hunt deer only on private land with written permission for a specific Game Management Unit (GMU).

**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, such as 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 Permit (see pages 97–99 and/or 109–112). 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 29–33.

**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 through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder, in-line 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. See page 14–15 for fees.

**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.

**Youth Only Hunt:** To be eligible for a Youth Only Hunt, each applicant must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt. No person under 18 years of age may hunt with a firearm or purchase or apply for a firearm hunting license without first obtaining a certificate attesting that they have passed a New Mexico Hunter Education Course (or other state). Also see page 12 *Mentored-Youth Hunter Program* and *Adult-and-Youth Only Hunt*.

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## Licenses, Stamps and Validations: Online and Over-the-Counter (OTC)

Licenses, stamps and validations are available online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), toll-free: 1-888-248-6866, over-the-counter from local vendors or at any NMDGF office. For eligibility requirements for reduced-fee licenses for juniors, seniors, handicapped and veterans, see pages 18–19. For information about Habitat Stamps and Habitat Management and Access Validations, see page 16.

All hunters must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License before applying for any Big-game Draw License or before purchasing any OTC Big-game or Turkey License.

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
Game-hunting . . . . . (Squirrel and game birds, other than turkey)	\$15 . . . . .	\$65 . . . . .
Game-hunting and Fishing . . . . . (Squirrel and game birds, other than turkey, and fishing)	\$30 . . . . .	Not Issued
Junior Game-hunting . . . . .	\$10 . . . . .	\$15 . . . . .
Junior Game-hunting and Fishing . . . . .	\$15 . . . . .	Not Issued
Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting . . . . .	\$15 . . . . .	Not Issued
Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting and Fishing . . . . .	\$20 . . . . .	Not Issued
Military Game-hunting . . . . . (Available at NMDGF offices and online)	\$20 . . . . .	Not Issued
Disabled Veteran Game-hunting and Fishing . . . . . (Available at NMDGF offices and online)	\$10 . . . . .	Not Issued
Private-land Deer - Standard . . . . .	\$34 . . . . .	\$270 . . . . .
Private-land Deer - Quality . . . . .	\$34 . . . . .	\$355 . . . . .
Private-land Deer - Junior/Senior . . . . .	\$22 . . . . .	Not Issued
Turkey (Spring or Fall season) . . . . .	\$25 . . . . .	\$100 . . . . .
Bear . . . . .	\$47 . . . . .	\$260 . . . . .
Cougar . . . . .	\$43 . . . . .	\$290 . . . . .
Oryx (Private-land and off-WSMR only) . . . . .	\$153 . . . . .	\$1,610 . . . . .
Barbary Sheep . . . . .	\$103 . . . . .	\$360 . . . . .
Ibex . . . . .	\$103 . . . . .	\$1,610 . . . . .
Temporary Game-hunting (4 days) . . . . . (Squirrel and game birds, other than turkey. This temporary license <b>does not allow</b> the purchaser to apply for any Big-game Hunting License or Turkey License)	N/A . . . . .	\$33 . . . . .
Trapper . . . . . (Required for nonresident trapping of coyotes and skunks. See pages 12, 118)	\$20 . . . . .	\$345 . . . . .
Junior Trapper (Residents Ages 12–17) . . . . .	\$9 . . . . .	Not Issued
Nongame Hunting . . . . . (Does not include trapping. See pages 12, 118)	Not Required . . . . .	\$65 . . . . .

**Did you know?** The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish receives no General Fund tax dollars, but instead operates solely from the funds hunters, trappers and anglers provide through their licenses and associated fees.

## Licenses, Stamps and Validations—continued.

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
Habitat Stamp . . . . . (Mandatory on all USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management properties. For age requirements and exceptions, see page 16.)	\$5 . . . . .	\$5 . . . . .
Habitat Management and Access Validation . . . . . (This Validation does NOT replace the Habitat Stamp. For age requirements and exceptions, see page 16.)	\$4 . . . . .	\$4 . . . . .

## Draw Licenses/Permits

Fees below include the nonrefundable application fee (residents: \$8; nonresidents: \$20). For information about Habitat Stamps and Habitat Management and Access Validations, see page 16.

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
<b>Standard Elk Licenses</b> (Residents age 18 to 64 and all nonresidents)		
A (Antlerless) . . . . .	\$61 . . . . .	Not Issued
MB (Mature Bull) . . . . .	\$91 . . . . .	\$555 . . . . .
ES (Either Sex) . . . . .	\$91 . . . . .	\$555 . . . . .
<b>Quality and High Demand Elk Licenses</b> (Residents age 18 to 64 and all nonresidents)		
A . . . . .	\$61 . . . . .	Not Issued
MB . . . . .	\$91 . . . . .	\$780 . . . . .
ES . . . . .	\$91 . . . . .	\$780 . . . . .
<b>Junior/Senior Elk Licenses</b> (See pages 11 and 13 for eligibility requirements)		
A . . . . .	\$59 . . . . .	Not issued
MB . . . . .	\$59 . . . . .	Not issued
ES . . . . .	\$59 . . . . .	Not issued
<b>Deer License</b>		
Standard (S) . . . . .	\$42 . . . . .	\$290 . . . . .
Quality (Q) . . . . .	\$42 . . . . .	\$375 . . . . .
High Demand (HD) . . . . .	\$42 . . . . .	\$375 . . . . .
Junior/Senior . . . . .	\$30 . . . . .	Not issued
<b>Pronghorn Antelope License</b>		
All types . . . . .	\$61 . . . . .	\$290 . . . . .
<b>Javelina License</b>		
All types . . . . .	\$66 . . . . .	\$185 . . . . .
<b>Bighorn Sheep License</b>		
Ram . . . . .	\$161 . . . . .	\$3,180 . . . . .
Ewe . . . . .	\$86 . . . . .	\$3,180 . . . . .
<b>Oryx License</b>		
All types . . . . .	\$161 . . . . .	\$1,630 . . . . .

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## Draw Licenses/Permits—continued.

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
<b>Ibex License</b>		
All types . . . . .	\$111 . . . . .	\$1,630
<b>Barbary Sheep License</b>		
All types . . . . .	\$111 . . . . .	\$380
<b>Bear Draw Permit</b> (application fee only*) . . . . .	\$8 . . . . .	\$20
<b>Turkey Draw Permit</b> (application fee only*) . . . . .	\$8 . . . . .	\$20

\* Successful applicants must possess a Game-hunting License or a Game-hunting & Fishing License, plus the applicable over-the-counter license.

## Habitat Management and Access Validation

Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased and possessed by hunters, trappers and anglers. This once-per-license-year fee is used to: lease private lands for public use; provide public access to landlocked public land; and provide improvement, maintenance, development and operation of property for fish and wildlife habitat management. This fee **will not be charged** to hunters, trappers and anglers under 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 have a current Habitat Stamp to use USDA Forest Service (including the Valles Caldera) and BLM lands in New Mexico. Only one stamp is required each license year to hunt, trap or fish on these lands. The stamp is not required on other public property (such as state, county or municipal lands and parks), other federal lands (such as the 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 under 12 years of age, resident anglers 70 years and older or 100% Disabled Resident Veterans in conjunction with their free licenses. Funds from Habitat Stamps are used to improve wildlife habitat.

**Habitat Stamps** and **Habitat Management and Access Validations** may be purchased online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), at NMDGF offices, from license vendors or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866. Stamps and validations **are not transferable** and only valid for use by the signed hunter, trapper or angler.

Note: Purchase of a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation is unnecessary prior to applying for draw hunt licenses and permits. However, purchase will be required upon receipt of a license or permit for an area where the stamp is required to hunt.

## New Mexico Residency Requirements

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

1. A United States citizen who has been domiciled 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 term 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.

## Reduced-fee Resident Handicapped Licenses

A reduced-fee Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License is available to any New Mexico resident who has a severe physical or developmental disability. To qualify, an applicant must have one or more disabilities that substantially limit one or more major life activities. This license requires the holder to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation (see above). All other laws and rules must be followed.

Upon clearly wounding a legal game animal, a handicapped license holder may be assisted by another person to track, retrieve and/or kill the game. Reasonable accommodation to shoot from a stationary vehicle or receive other assistance may be granted on an individual basis. For further information telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866 or write the NMDGF Human Resources Division, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

## Mobility-Impaired Certification (MI)

To apply for MI designated pronghorn antelope, oryx, deer or elk hunts, an individual must be registered with the NMDGF prior to submitting an application.

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

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## *Mobility-Impaired Certification—continued.*

functional limitations. An MI certification form is available online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866. 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 the licensee to shoot from a stationary vehicle that is not on an established road or highway and to use a crossbow (see page 10) during Archery Only Season. Upon clearly wounding a legal game animal, an MI license holder may be assisted by another person to track, retrieve and/or kill the game. The MI card requires the holder to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation (see page 16). 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 only available to individuals under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt. 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 20 (application deadline). Junior licenses intended for hunting deer on private land may be purchased at local license vendors, any NMDGF office, or online at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). It is recommended the hunter not purchase the Private-land Deer Draw License until certain he/she has been successful in the draw.

## **Reduced-fee Senior Licenses**

Reduced-fee licenses for Senior Game-hunting, Senior Game-hunting and Fishing, Senior Elk or Senior Deer are available only to residents 65 years or older. 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 20 (application deadline). Senior licenses intended for hunting deer on private land can be purchased at local license vendors, any NMDGF office, or online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). It is recommended the hunter not purchase the Private-land Only Deer License until certain he/she has been unsuccessful in the draw.

## **Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities**

New Mexico residents who serve their country as members of the armed services are appreciated and respected by their state. 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 at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) and toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

## **Free Licenses for 100% Disabled Veterans**

New Mexico residents who are 100% disabled veterans of the armed services are eligible free of charge for a lifetime Game-hunting & Fishing License. Disabled veterans may apply to NMDGF for a Disabled American Veteran Card which allows the holder to fish, hunt small game and receive

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a deer hunting license. Card holders do not need to buy or possess a Habitat Stamp or Habitat Management and Access Validation when fishing or hunting small game or deer. 100%-disabled veteran hunters who apply for a Public-land Deer License will not be charged an application fee.

## **Disabled Veterans Small Game and Fishing Licenses**

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 (\$23 savings). Disabled veterans may apply for a license by presenting a Veterans Administration award letter or proof of a service-related disability at any NMDGF office or online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). A Habitat Management and Access Validation and Habitat Stamp (see page 16) are required with the Disabled Veterans Small Game and Fishing License.

## **Discounted Licenses for Active Duty Military**

New Mexico residents who are active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces or the National Guard and who are on leave for 30 days or less are eligible for reduced-fee temporary licenses. A Four-day temporary Game-hunting License is available for \$16. A Five-day Temporary Fishing License is available for \$12.

For all New Mexico residents who are active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces or the National Guard a Game-hunting & Fishing License is available for \$20.

These licenses are sold only at NMDGF offices or online. Applicants must provide a current and valid Military Identification Card and proof of New Mexico residency. A Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation are required (see page 16).

## **Resident Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing License**

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 at an NMDGF office. A Habitat Management and Access Validation and Habitat Stamp are not required in conjunction with this license. This is a once-in-a-lifetime benefit.

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

New Mexico residents deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan are eligible for a Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx Hunt, available by drawing. Applicants must submit a copy of their orders or DD-214 with their draw application by email: [specialhunts@state.nm.us](mailto:specialhunts@state.nm.us), fax: 505-476-8180 or mail (page 3) before the application deadline. For more information telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

## **Fort Bliss Opportunities**

Active-duty members who are stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso are eligible for resident pricing on hunting and fishing licenses for activities that occur on portions of the Fort Bliss military reservation in New Mexico. 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 (see page 3). For more information, please telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

## Military Rehabilitation Fishing License

Members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in rehabilitation programs which include the learning and practice of fishing skills are eligible for free fishing 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. The Habitat Management and Access Validation and the Habitat Stamp are not required. For more information, please telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

## 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, pronghorn antelope, javelina 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 at NMDGF offices. For more information, please telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

## License Refunds and Transfers

The Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish may grant the refund or transfer of a hunting license or permit if: the licensee has died, sustained a severe injury or suffered a life-threatening illness, preventing participation; the licensee has been deployed by the United States military prior to the start of the hunt, prohibiting participation; or a natural disaster has occurred, preventing the hunt. The director may grant the transfer of a license or permit to a person who has been qualified through a nonprofit wish-granting organization. For more information, telephone the NMDGF Information Center toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

## 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 Law Enforcement toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

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

Laws of the State of New Mexico make illegal: reckless and careless handling of firearms; improper handling of fire; property damage; polluting streams, lakes and other water; discarding refuse on public or private property without permission; damaging telephone wires by gunfire or otherwise interfering with communications; and hunting while intoxicated.

### Furthermore, it is illegal to:

- Kill more than one of the following: elk, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, 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 big-game species during any license year, except as permitted by rule.
- Take or attempt to take a protected species for another person or to use a license issued to another.
- Take or attempt to take game species over ground baited with any material or scent distributed there to entice the animals, except quail on private land. Scent-masking agents may be used on one's person, but not to attract big game.
- Use live animals as blinds or decoys to take or try to take game species.
- Use any electronically or mechanically recorded calling device to take or try to take protected species, except protected furbearers, cougars and nongame species.
- 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 prior consent of the private land-owner, private-land lessee or public-land management agency.
- Shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take or kill any protected species or artificial wildlife (decoy) on, from or across any graded and maintained public road or to shoot at protected species from within the fenced right-of-way of any paved road or highway or from within 40 feet of the pavement or maintained surface if no right-of-way fence exists.
- Shoot at, pursue, harass, harrass, drive or rally any protected species by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat or aircraft.
- 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.
- Shine spotlights or other artificial lights into areas where big game or livestock might be, if persons using the light have in possession any firearm or implement capable of killing big game or livestock. New exception for raccoon applies, see page 121.
- Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling or building, excluding abandoned or vacated buildings on public land, without permission of the owner or lessee thereof.
- 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.

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## License Privileges Can Be Revoked

A varying number of points are assessed based on the type of violation committed, including providing false information on a harvest report. Any person accumulating 20 points or more within a consecutive three-year period shall be considered for revocation and suspension of: 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 in turn, 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 Law Enforcement Division for specific revocation information at: 1-888-248-6866.

## Forfeitures

Sporting arms may be seized and forfeited if: used in the taking, attempting to take, illegal possession or transport of big game during a closed season; used while exceeding the bag limit for big game during an open season; or used in the taking or attempting to take of big game by use of spotlight or artificial light, except for raccoon (see page 121). 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 subject to forfeiture and sale upon conviction.

## Substantial Civil Assessments for Poaching

To recover 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 adopted for the following 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 offense, 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 and 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.

## Possession, Donation or Sale of Game

It is unlawful to possess game without a proper license or without other 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 from nonmigratory game birds may be sold or bartered and can be donated. Any person conveying items to another person must supply the recipient with a written description which states: the skin, head, antlers, horns, claws or feathers and/or the kind and number of game; the date and county where items or game were taken; the conveyor's name, address and hunting-license number with which the conveyor took the game; and the date and place of the transaction or donation (sample below and downloadable at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) under *Apps & Permits*). 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).

### *New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Donation Certificate*

Use this certificate if you give game meat, fish or parts of game animals 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 animal parts:  
(Person or organization receiving donation)

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
taken under my valid hunting license number: \_\_\_\_\_ and killed 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.

# General Rules

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## Waste of Game

Anyone who takes a deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, Barbary sheep, ibex or oryx, must transport from the field the edible portions of the meat for human consumption. "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. Hunters are not required to remove the rib cage or organs from the field.

Anyone who takes a turkey, must remove the breast, legs and thigh meat from the field. Anyone who wounds or may have wounded any big-game species must make a reasonable attempt to track the animal and kill it. 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 placed in final storage. The antlers or horns (or the scalp and both ears of female or immature animals) of any deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, Barbary sheep, ibex or oryx must remain attached to the skull or skull plate. 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.

## 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 or javelina. When dogs will be used, hunters **must register before hunting** at the local NMDGF area office.

## 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.

## Simplified Carcass Tagging

We've simplified the process. The license and carcass tag have been combined. All big game and turkeys must be accompanied by a properly prepared license (described below) or specific, permanently written licensee information (defined below).

1. Immediately after killing any big game or turkey, the space designated on the license to record the species must be properly blacked out or punched.
2. Licensee must permanently write the date and time of the kill(s) on the license immediately upon arrival at a vehicle, camp or place of storage.
3. All kills left unattended in the field, in a vehicle or in camp must be accompanied with a properly recorded license (see above, *I., 2.*) or with specific, permanently written licensee

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, *I., 2.*) or without the required written licensee information.

4. Bear, cougar and bobcats also must be tagged with a pelt tag (see pages 112, 115) and must be accompanied by a properly recorded license (see above, *I., 2.*).
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 92).

## Storage

Either a properly blacked-out or punched big-game and/or turkey license or licensee information (including the hunter's full name, license number and date of the 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 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, Albuquerque, NM, (505) 841-6161.

## Blaze Orange

Though no state law requires hunters to wear blaze orange, it is highly recommended.

All hunters on military properties and hunters participating in firearm hunts (excluding muzzleloaders, bows and crossbows) on the Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange, approximately the size of a hunting vest. See specific requirements for each military reservation.

## Transportation of Game

Game properly licensed/tagged or accompanied 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 pages 45).

# Hunting Information

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## Legal Sporting Arms

Legal sporting arms for hunting big-game species are listed on each species page. Exceptions to the following descriptions are noted where applicable.

Hunters may use only soft-nosed, hollow-pointed or plastic-tip bullets. Full metal-jacketed or tracer bullets are illegal. No fully automatic arms 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 (see page 13 for definition).

## Military Closures

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

Closures usually occur between 3–8 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.

## Law Prohibits Harassing Legal Hunters

New Mexico Law (Chapter 17-2-7.1, NMSA 1978) prohibits “hunter harassment” or interfering with another person 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 who commits 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.

## Interference means:

1. Intentionally placing yourself in a location where a human presence may affect the behavior of a game animal, bird or fish or may affect the feasibility of killing or taking a game animal, bird or fish, with the intent of interfering with or harassing another person who is lawfully hunting, trapping or fishing.
2. Intentionally creating a visual, aural, olfactory or physical stimulus for the purpose of affecting the behavior of a game animal, bird or fish, with the intent of interfering with or harassing another person who is lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping.
3. Intentionally affecting the condition or altering the placement of or removing personal property used for the purpose of killing or taking a game animal, bird or fish.



## The Hunters' Code of Ethics

*I will consider myself an invited guest of landowners—seeking their permission—and so conduct myself that I may be welcome in the future. I shall leave their land as I found it.*

*I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will insist that others who hunt with me do the same.*

*I will obey all game laws and regulations and insist that my companions do likewise.*

*I will acquire the marksmanship and hunting skills which ensure clean, sportsmanlike kills.*

*I will promote fair chase and ethical hunting standards and abide by the rules of fair chase. I will make every attempt to locate a wounded animal and assist a fellow hunter to do the same.*

*I will give due respect to any animals taken and transport them in a fashion that is least likely to offend others.*

*I will support conservation efforts to ensure good hunting for future generations.*

*I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to be a True Hunter.*



# Hunter Education

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## Hunter Education Required for 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.

## Hunter Education Program

Before purchase of a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License, all youth hunters under 18 years of age must obtain a Hunter Education number issued by New Mexico or another state or provide a New Mexico Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6). A hunter-education or mentored-youth number is required for any type of firearm hunting license and for Archery Draw Hunt Licenses.

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.

Hunter-education numbers can be obtained by completing a certified Hunter Education Course. There are no age requirements for enrollment in a New Mexico Hunter Education Course, however, students under 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Before the first class session, students are required to complete a set of homework. Homework may be completed online 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 certified and 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/hunter\\_ed/index.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter_ed/index.htm).

## Registration for Hunter/Bowhunter Education Courses

All students wishing to register for a Hunter/Bowhunter Education Course must obtain and use a Customer Identification Number (CIN), available online on the NMDGF website.

If you require assistance obtaining class information or a Hunter Education Certification 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 highly 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 call the Hunter Education Office in Albuquerque at (505) 222-4731 or visit online at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education).

# Federal and Tribal Lands

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## Federal Lands

New Mexico has nine-million acres of National Forest lands and about 13-million acres of BLM lands. Much of New Mexico's public land is mixed 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 otherwise restrict lawful use of public land.

### National Wildlife Refuges (NWR)

The majority of National Wildlife Refuges are closed to hunting. Some NWRs allow hunting in limited areas. Contact individual refuges for more information about hunting restrictions.

### National Park Service: Parks and Monuments

New Mexico has 17 national parks, monuments, trails, historical parks and heritage parks. Hunting is not allowed within any national park or monument, unless expressly allowed. Visitors must obey all federal, state, and local laws appropriate to the parks and monuments visited.

## USDA Forest Service Lands

New Mexico has nine-million acres of National Forest lands, the majority of which are open to public hunting. Vehicle-use restrictions apply on some USDA Forest Service property. The USDA Forest Service has closed particular roads to vehicular traffic in some National Forests to protect natural resources. It is unlawful to use vehicles in areas closed by agreements executed under the Habitat Protection Act. Outfitters and guides providing services in the National Forests must have a permit issued by the USDA Forest Service which authorizes them to provide such services on forest lands. Hunters may encounter prescribed burns while hunting in national forests. These fires are intended to keep forest fuels at safe levels, provide a diverse and healthy forest ecosystem, and improve wildlife habitat.

### Sandia Ranger District: Cibola National Forest

No firearm hunting is allowed.

### Valle Vidal: Carson National Forest

The Valle Vidal is seasonally closed to public access. Off-road travel is strictly prohibited and camping is restricted. Seasonal closure dates for the West Side are May 1–Jun. 30 and for the East Side are Jan. 1–Mar. 31. Other restrictions may apply. For more information, contact the USDA Forest Service Office in Questa at: (575) 586-0520.

### Valles Caldera National Preserve

All of Unit 6B is closed to hunting and trapping, except elk and turkey (see pages 61, 99).

## For More Information About USDA Forest Service Lands

For more information visit [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us) or contact one of the following: Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest (928) 333-4301; Carson National Forest (575) 785-6200; 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.

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## Bureau of Land Management Lands

Most lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management are open to public hunting but hunters should check with local BLM offices for any regulatory changes that may occur in Special Management Units. Off-road vehicle travel may be restricted or prohibited on BLM lands depending on location. Check with the local BLM office. Obey all posted rules. It is your responsibility to know the restrictions and where they apply.

**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.

**Wild Rivers Recreation Area, Taos Overlook and Orilla Verde:** Restrictions on hunting and trapping may apply. For information about restrictions, please contact the Taos BLM Office at (575) 758-8851.

For more information about BLM lands, visit: [www.blm.gov/nm/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en.html) or contact the office nearest you.

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 which 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.

## Native American Lands

Permission to hunt or fish must be obtained from tribal officials before entering any tribal lands. A New Mexico license is not required to hunt or fish on Reservation Trust Lands. Game and/or fish taken on/or from a tribal reservation must be accompanied by an official tribal document, such as a license or receipt, which demonstrates lawful possession. Tribal reservations and pueblos may have firearm, ammunition and travel restrictions. It is advisable to completely separate 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 reservation.

Acoma: (505) 552-9866; Jicarilla Apache: (575) 759-3255; Mescalero Apache: (575) 464-7448 or (575)-464-9770; Navajo: (928) 871-6450; Taos: (575) 758-3883; Zuni: (505) 782-5851.

# New Mexico State Lands

Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## State Trust Lands

The New Mexico State Game Commission has an easement lease for **hunting, fishing and trapping only** on New Mexico State Trust Lands. Certain State Trust Lands may be under business lease and withdrawn by the Commissioner of Public Lands and unavailable for hunting, fishing or trapping. For specific locations, contact NMDGF at: 1-888-248-6866.

To ensure access and create larger and better defined hunting areas, hunting and trapping privileges for some State Trust Lands have been exchanged for similar privileges on private lands. These private-land areas have signs posted with notices that the land has been unitized (see page 9). Watch for these signs and contact landowners if you have questions about the location of land open for public use.

### If Allowed Access

**If you have been allowed access to State Trust Lands, you may:**

- Scout for big game seven days prior to the open season.
- Hunt big game or take protected furbearers, during open hours and seasons.
- Hunt unprotected species on State Trust Lands, 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.
- 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.

### If Denied Access

Right of entry to 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 NMDGF at: 1-888-248-6866 to provide complete details, location, date, time and name(s) of person(s) denying access.

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## State Game Commission-Owned Lands

All Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) are closed, unless specifically open. If specifically 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 will not be provided.
- Vehicle traffic is restricted on some WMAs. Closed roads are clearly and conspicuously posted. Hunting and retrieving kills must be by foot or horseback on all WMAs.
- Hunting is **not allowed** for rabbits, coyotes, prairie dogs and other nongame animals on WMAs, unless specifically designated otherwise.

For information about each WMA, visit the NMDGF website at:

[www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/wildlife\\_management\\_areas/index.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/wildlife_management_areas/index.htm).

## State Parks

All New Mexico State Parks are closed unless otherwise specified. For information contact the New Mexico State Parks Division at: (505) 476-3355.

## Other State Areas

Jornada Experimental Station in Doña Ana County is closed to all unescorted public access. Also closed to public access in Doña Ana County is College Ranch, the Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (CDRRC) which is operated by New Mexico State University.

For more information, visit: <http://chihuahuansc.nm.su.edu/index.htm>.

## Vehicle Travel on Public or Private Lands

It is illegal 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 10.

It is also illegal to drive motor vehicles on any roads or areas closed to vehicular traffic that are under the Habitat Protection Act or other state or federal regulations or within the boundaries of a designated USDA Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management wilderness area or national monument, including Tent Rocks National Monument. Obey all postings and know the regulations of the appropriate land management agency.

USDA 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 nor in portions of other national forests. It is illegal to take vehicles more than

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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 land) and private land to retrieve legally taken and licensed/tagged 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 123.

## 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 do this, NMDGF leases lands and waters for a variety of hunting, fishing, and trapping seasons. Hunting and fishing is only allowed 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, [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). 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 sportsman/woman 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.
- And 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 a 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 and Access Validation sales. To learn more about the Open Gate program, please visit NMDGF online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), or telephone: (505) 476-8043.

# Enhancement Hunts

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Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Big-game Enhancement Packages

Two big-game authorization packages will be auctioned by an incorporated nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation of wildlife. All proceeds will be used for big-game habitat enhancement, conservation and protection projects in New Mexico. Each package will consist of five authorizations, one for each of the following: deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn antelope. Additional information will be provided online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) during August, 2013.

## Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Licenses

With the assistance of a nonprofit organization (defined above), the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) will auction two authorizations—one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. NMDGF will also raffle two additional authorizations—one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. Proceeds from the auction and raffle will be used for bighorn sheep research, management and propagation in New Mexico.

Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is any one ram. These hunts **do not count** as Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.

### Bighorn Auctions

The successful bidder for desert bighorn auction will choose one desert bighorn sheep hunt from the list on page 93, and the successful bidder for Rocky Mountain bighorn auction will choose one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunt from the list on page 91. The license and stamp fees for these hunts are included in the winning bids. The auction date and location will be announced online at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

### Bighorn Raffles

For the two additional raffled authorizations—the winner for desert bighorn raffle will choose one hunt from the desert bighorn hunts remaining after the auction winner has chosen his/her hunt, and the winner for Rocky Mountain bighorn raffle will choose one hunt from the Rocky Mountain bighorn hunts remaining after the auction winner has chosen his/her hunt. The license and stamp fees for these hunts are included in the raffled prizes. Raffle ticket price, drawing date and location will be announced online at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). Raffle winners need not be present at the drawing to win.

## Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits

By lottery and auction, up to two Gould's turkey-enhancement permits may be made available through the National Wild Turkey Federation. For more information on these permits, email: [nmturkeyhunt@bajabb.com](mailto:nmturkeyhunt@bajabb.com).

## Deer Enhancement Authorizations

With the assistance of a nonprofit organization, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will auction one deer authorization and raffle one deer authorization. Authorization will be valid from Sept. 1, 2014–Jan. 31, 2015 for use with any legal sporting arm. These authorizations will be valid statewide on public land where hunting is allowed (including State Game Commission-owned WMAs) and private land with prior written landowner permission. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is one buck deer. Proceeds from the auction and raffle will be used for deer habitat enhancement and management in New Mexico. Additional information will be provided online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) during August, 2013.

## Elk Enhancement Authorizations

With the assistance of a nonprofit organization, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will auction one bull elk authorization and raffle one bull elk authorization. Authorizations will be valid for use from Sept. 1, 2014–Jan. 31, 2015 with any legal sporting arm. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is one bull elk. These hunts **do not count** as a Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt. Proceeds from the auction and raffle are used for elk habitat enhancement and management in New Mexico. Additional information will be provided online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) during August, 2013.

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

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

# Outfitted Hunts

General information and License Sales toll-free: 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 (see *New Mexico Outfitters* criteria defined below).

New Mexico's draw quota is used to allocate big-game licenses and permits for residents and nonresidents. Residents and nonresidents who choose to use a New Mexico Outfitter and apply for a hunt 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 at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement) or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866. Prior to hiring an outfitter, hunters should fully research prospective candidates 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 is also 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 non-corporate 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 non-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.) 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, visit: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement) or telephone toll-free 1-888-248-6866.

# Shooting Hours

Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Legal Shooting Hours

Legal shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for all big game and turkey, unless otherwise prohibited. **WARNING:** It is illegal to cast the rays from an artificial light (except raccoon hunters, see page 121) on areas where big game or livestock can be found, while in possession of a sporting arm capable of taking such animals. If you are using a flashlight to walk back to camp from the field, you should store ammunition separate from firearms or place your arrows in a quiver or holder.

## 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 Mar. 10, 2013 at 2:00 a.m. and ends Nov. 4, 2013 at 2:00 a.m.

Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set
Jan. 1	7:15	5:06	May 1	6:15	7:53	Sept. 1	6:39	7:33
5	7:16	5:09	5	6:11	7:56	5	6:42	7:27
10	7:15	5:14	10	6:06	8:00	10	6:46	7:20
15	7:15	5:15	15	6:03	8:04	15	6:50	7:13
20	7:13	5:23	20	5:59	8:08	20	6:53	7:06
25	7:10	5:28	25	5:56	8:11	25	6:57	6:59
Feb. 1	7:05	5:36	Jun. 1	5:54	8:16	Oct. 1	7:02	6:50
5	7:02	5:40	5	5:52	8:18	5	7:05	6:45
10	6:58	5:45	10	5:52	8:21	10	7:09	6:38
15	6:52	5:50	15	5:52	8:23	15	7:13	6:31
20	6:47	5:54	20	5:53	8:24	20	7:17	6:25
25	6:41	5:59	25	5:54	8:25	25	7:22	6:19
Mar. 1	6:36	6:03	Jul. 1	5:56	8:25	Nov. 1	7:28	6:12
5	6:31	6:06	5	5:58	8:24	5	6:32	5:08
Mountain Daylight Time Begins			10	6:01	8:23	Mountain Daylight Time Ends		
10	7:24	7:10	15	6:04	8:21	10	6:37	5:04
15	7:17	7:15	20	6:07	8:19	15	6:42	5:01
20	7:10	7:19	25	6:11	8:15	20	6:47	4:58
25	7:03	7:23	Aug. 1	6:16	8:09	25	6:51	4:56
Apr. 1	6:53	7:28	5	6:19	8:06	Dec. 1	6:57	4:55
5	6:48	7:31	10	6:23	8:00	5	7:00	4:54
10	6:40	7:36	15	6:27	7:55	10	7:04	4:55
15	6:34	7:40	20	6:31	7:49	15	7:08	4:56
20	6:28	7:44	25	6:34	7:42	20	7:11	4:58
25	6:22	7:48				25	7:13	5:01

Source: [www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/astronomy](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/astronomy)

# Management Hunts

Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Population Management Hunt

Residents and nonresidents wishing to be placed on a list and considered for a Population Management Hunt for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep and oryx **must select the 5th-choice option** on the application. Applications must be completed by March 20, either online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or by telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

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 a hunter is asked and accepts a hunt, he/she will be required to purchase the appropriate licenses for the species that he/she will hunt (see pages 14–16 for license fees). In addition to licenses, hunters 18 years or older will be required to purchase a Habitat Management and Access Validation and may be required to purchase a Habitat Stamp, if he/she will be hunting on USDA Forest Service or BLM land.

White Sands Missile Range and Jornada Experimental Station 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.



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# Deer Licenses

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## General License Information

Before purchasing a Private-land Only Deer License or applying for a Deer Draw License, residents and nonresidents must first purchase a Game-hunting License or a Game-hunting & Fishing License to hunt deer in New Mexico. **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 Apr. 24) 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, as well as a 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), and written permission from the landowner if hunting on private land.
2. A Habitat Stamp if hunting on BLM or USDA Forest Service lands.
3. A Habitat Management and Access Validation when hunting **on any lands** (Applicable for all hunters 18 years of age or older, except 100% disabled hunters).

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 when permitted by rule. It is the hunter's responsibility to know which license he/she is purchasing from a local vendor.

## License Fees (See pages 14–17 for all license fees)

### Types of Legal Sporting Arms

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

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

**Muzzleloader, Bows and Crossbow:** Any muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrows; and crossbow and bolts.

**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

The bag limit for most hunts is a fork-antlered deer (FAD), fork-antlered mule deer (FAMD) or fork-antlered white-tailed deer (FAWTD). See pages 12–15, *Definition of Terms*. Exceptions are Youth Only Hunts on the Brantley, Seven Rivers and Huey WMAs 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.

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**Private-land Deer Conservation Incentive Program:** Private landowners who are engaged in significant improvements of deer habitat on their lands may be eligible for various incentives. For more information telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

## Deer Draw Licenses

To hunt deer in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License, before applying for an Deer Draw License. Deadline to apply for the drawing is Mar. 20, 2013. 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.

Successful applicants will be issued a Public-land Deer Draw License. This license will indicate a hunt code and identify the Unit, sporting arms type, season dates and bag limit. No additional deer-license purchase is required. For simplified tagging requirements, see page 5.

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 for Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A), provided written permission has been obtained from the landowner of the property to be hunted.

### Types of Deer Draw Licenses

There are several types of public-land deer hunts, including standard (S), quality (Q) and high-demand (HD) hunts for rifle, bow, crossbow 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 he/she 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 **may not receive a refund** nor 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, 46, 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 (see page 18, *Mobility Impaired Certification*).

**Youth-Only Hunts:** Youth-only hunts are open to persons under 18 years of age on the opening day of the hunt. A Hunter Education Certification number or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) 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, from any license vendor or at NMDGF offices. Each license issued includes a space where the species must be properly blacked out or punched and the date and time of kill permanently written. 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, sporting arm type and season date. If the hunter is a nonresident and selects a corresponding public-land hunt code designated as Quality (Q), he/she 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 the 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 and Access Validation (see page 16).

The Private-land Only Deer License will indicate a hunt code and identify the 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.**

### Private-land Deer Hunting in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A

Landowners must obtain an **Authorization Code** from the NMDGF Northwest Area Office located in Albuquerque or telephone: (505) 222-4700.

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

- 1.) Authorization Code; and 2.) List of special deer-hunt codes. With this information, hunters may apply through the regular draw. When applying for private-land hunts in GMU 5A, only one person per application may apply. The application must be submitted to NMDGF by Mar. 20, 2013.

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

Units 8 (firearm hunts), 46, 54 and 55 do not have public-land hunts, therefore the selected hunt code must be one of those listed below. The fee type is standard (S).

Unit	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm</b>				
8	Oct. 12–16	DER-1-450	Unlimited	FAD
46	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-452	Unlimited	FAD
46	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-453	Unlimited	FAD
54	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-456	Unlimited	FAD
54	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-457	Unlimited	FAD
54	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-458	Unlimited	FAWTD
55	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-461	Unlimited	FAD
55	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-462	Unlimited	FAD
55B	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-465	Unlimited	FAWTD

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## Archery Only

Unit	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
46	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–454	Unlimited	FAD
54	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–459	Unlimited	FAD
55	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–463	Unlimited	FAD

## Muzzleloader

8	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–451	Unlimited	FAD
46	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–455	Unlimited	FAD
54	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–460	Unlimited	FAD
55	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–464	Unlimited	FAD

## Revalidating Your Private-land Only Deer License

Private-land Only Licenses obtained from vendors may be changed. Only NMDGF personnel may revalidate Private-land Only Deer Licenses. The deadline to revalidate your Private-land Only Deer license is before the first date of the season validated.

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

It is unlawful to transport dead deer, dead 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 with 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.

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

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

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth Only Hunts:** Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) to apply and carry a certification number (required) 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 a blaze-orange 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 areas 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 USDA 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.

## 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. 26–30	DER–1–100	S	200	FAD
2A - Youth Only	Oct. 19–23	DER–1–101	S	50	FAD
2B - Youth Only	Oct. 12–16	DER–1–112	S	150	FAD
2B	Oct. 19–23	DER–1–109	S	275	FAD
2B	Oct. 26–30	DER–1–110	S	375	FAD
2B	Nov. 2–6	DER–1–111	Q	450	FAD
2C	Nov. 9–13	DER–1–125	Q/HD	20	FAD
<b>Unit 4 (Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs)</b>					
4 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 19–23	DER–1–131	Q	20	FAD
4 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 26–30	DER–1–132	Q	20	FAD
4 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only	Oct. 19–23	DER–1–133	Q	10	FAD
4 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only	Nov. 27–Dec. 1	DER–1–134	Q	5	FAD
<b>Unit 5</b>					
5A Public-land Only	Nov. 5–11	DER–1–139	S	30	FAD
5B	Nov. 2–6	DER–1–143	Q	15	FAD
5B - Youth Only	Nov. 27–Dec. 1	DER–1–144	Q	10	FAD



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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A and 6C . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-145 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
6A and 6C - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	DER-1-146 . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-149 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs)</b>					
9 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-154 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	FAD
9 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-155 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	DER-1-162 . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	FAD
10 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	DER-1-158 . . . . .	S . . . . .	70 . . . . .	FAD
10 . . . . .	Oct. 26–30 . . . . .	DER-1-159 . . . . .	S . . . . .	65 . . . . .	FAD
10 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-160 . . . . .	S . . . . .	90 . . . . .	FAD
10 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-161 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12 . . . . .	Oct. 26–30 . . . . .	DER-1-165 . . . . .	S . . . . .	175 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-168 . . . . .	S . . . . .	300 . . . . .	FAD
13 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-169 . . . . .	S . . . . .	300 . . . . .	FAD
13 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-170 . . . . .	S . . . . .	80 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 14 (Sandia Ranger District is open to archery only)</b>					
14 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	DER-1-173 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-181 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
16 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-182 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	FAD
16 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-179 . . . . .	S . . . . .	300 . . . . .	FAD
16 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-180 . . . . .	S . . . . .	300 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-185 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	80 . . . . .	FAD
17 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-186 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	80 . . . . .	FAD
17 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-187 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	80 . . . . .	FAD

**Did you know?** By feeding and bedding in open areas, mule deer can see predators coming from as far away as 400 yards. They can reach running speeds of more than 30 miles an hour.

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-191 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
18 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-192 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-197 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
20 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-198 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-203 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
21 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-201 . . . . .	S . . . . .	500 . . . . .	FAD
21 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-202 . . . . .	S . . . . .	500 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-206 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
22 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-207 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
22 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-208 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountain Hunt Area)</b>					
23 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-211 . . . . .	S . . . . .	500 . . . . .	FAMD
23 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-213 . . . . .	S . . . . .	500 . . . . .	FAMD
23 . . . . .	Nov. 16–20 . . . . .	DER-1-212 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAWTD
23 . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 8	DER-1-214 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	FAWTD
23 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-215 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 23 (Burro Mountain Hunt Area)</b>					
23 . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	DER-1-216 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	25 . . . . .	FAMD
23 . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	DER-1-217 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	25 . . . . .	FAMD
23 . . . . .	Nov. 16–20 . . . . .	DER-1-218 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	25 . . . . .	FAWTD
23 . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 8	DER-1-219 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	25 . . . . .	FAWTD
23 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-220 . . . . .	Q . . . . .	25 . . . . .	FAD
<b>Unit 24 (Including Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24 - Youth Only . . . . .	Sept. 28–Oct. 6	DER-1-233 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	FAD
24 - Youth Only . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER-1-234 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-229	S	400	FAMD
24	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-231	S	400	FAMD
24	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-230	S	100	FAWTD
24	Nov. 30-Dec. 8	DER-1-232	S	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-239	S	100	FAD
25	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-240	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area)</b>					
26	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-243	S	100	FAD
26	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-244	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 27</b>					
27	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-247	Q	50	FAMD
27	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-249	Q	50	FAMD
27	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-248	Q	50	FAWTD
27	Nov. 30-Dec. 8	DER-1-250	Q/HD	25	FAWTD
27 - Youth Only	Nov. 28-Dec. 1 Dec. 7-8 Dec. 14-15	DER-1-251	Q	25	FAD
<b>Unit 28 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
28 McGregor Range	Oct. 5-6	DER-1-256	S	20	FAD
28 McGregor Range, Military Only	Oct. 5-6	DER-1-257	HD	20	FAD
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-258	S	175	FAD
29	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-259	S	175	FAD
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-262	S	870	FAD
30 - Youth Only	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-264	S	250	FAD
30	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-263	S	870	FAD
30 - Youth Only	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-265	S	250	FAD
<b>Unit 31 (Including Brantley WMA)</b>					
31	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-268	S	450	FAD
31	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-269	S	450	FAD
<b>Unit 32</b>					
32	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-272	S	625	FAD
32	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-273	S	625	FAD
32 (portions of) - Youth Only	Dec. 16-31	DER-1-274	S	25	A

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 32 (continued)</b>					
32 (portions of)	Jan. 16-31 '14	DER-1-275	S	25	A
<b>Unit 33</b>					
33	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-278	Q	150	FAD
33	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-279	Q	150	FAD
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
34 - Youth Only	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-286	S	50	FAD
34 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-287	S	50	FAD
34	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-284	S	835	FAD
34	Nov. 9-13	DER-1-285	S	835	FAD
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36 excluding Fort Stanton BLM Area	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-290	S	300	FAD
36 excluding Fort Stanton BLM Area	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-291	S	300	FAD
36 including Fort Stanton, - Youth Only	Nov. 28-Dec. 1 Dec. 7-8 Dec. 14-15	DER-1-292	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-296	S	450	FAD
37	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-297	S	450	FAD
<b>Unit 38</b>					
38	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-300	S	240	FAD
38	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-301	S	240	FAD
<b>Unit 39</b>					
39	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-304	S	50	FAD
39	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-305	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 40</b>					
40	Nov. 2-6	DER-1-308	S	50	FAD
40	Nov. 16-20	DER-1-309	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 41</b>					
41	Oct. 19-23	DER-1-312	Q	35	FAD
41	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-313	Q	35	FAD
41 - Youth Only	Nov. 28-Dec. 1	DER-1-315	Q	5	FAD
41 - Youth Only	Dec. 7-11	DER-1-316	Q	15	ESWTD
41	Dec. 7-11	DER-1-314	Q	10	FAWTD
<b>Unit 42</b>					
42	Oct. 19-23	DER-1-319	S	60	FAD
42	Oct. 26-30	DER-1-320	S	60	FAD

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<b>Unit 42 (continued)</b>					
42	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-321	. . . S	10	FAWTD
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-324	. . . S	35	FAD
43	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-325	. . . S	35	FAD
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-331	. . . S	25	FAD
45	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-328	. . . S	.250	FAD
45	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-329	. . . S	.250	FAD
45 - Youth Only	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8	DER-1-330	. . . S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 47</b>					
47	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-335	. . . S	20	FAD
47	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-336	. . . S	20	FAD
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-339	. . . S	50	FAD
48	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-340	. . . S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-342	. . . S	.100	FAD
49	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-343	. . . S	.100	FAD
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-345	. . . S	50	FAD
50	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-346	. . . S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51A	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-348	. . . S	85	FAD
51A	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-349	. . . S	85	FAD
51B	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-351	. . . S	15	FAD
51B	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-352	. . . S	15	FAD
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-354	. . . S	.100	FAD
52	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-355	. . . S	.100	FAD
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-358	. . . S	.100	FAD
53	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-359	. . . S	.100	FAD
<b>Unit 54 and 55 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-361	. . . S	15	FAD
54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-362	. . . S	15	FAD

**Did you know?** Research suggests a mule deer can detect human odor up to a half mile away, and they can detect water up to two feet below ground.

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 55 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
55 ES Barker WMA	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-363	. . . S	.5	FAD
55 ES Barker WMA - Youth Only	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-364	. . . S	.5	FAD
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-365	. . . S	10	FAD
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-366	. . . S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-367	. . . S	15	FAD
56	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-368	. . . S	15	FAD
56 - Youth Only	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-369	. . . S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-372	. . . S	25	FAD
57	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-373	. . . S	25	FAD
57 - Youth Only	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-375	. . . S	10	FAD
57	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-374	. . . S	10	FAWTD
<b>Unit 58</b>					
58	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-379	. . . S	30	FAD
58	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-380	. . . S	30	FAD
58 - Youth Only	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-382	. . . S	10	FAD
58 - Youth Only	Dec. 7–11	DER-1-383	. . . S	15	ESWTD
58	Dec. 7–11	DER-1-381	. . . S	10	FAWTD
<b>Unit 59</b>					
59	Oct. 19–23	DER-1-386	. . . S	35	FAD
59	Oct. 26–30	DER-1-387	. . . S	35	FAD
59 - Youth Only	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER-1-389	. . . S	.5	FAD
59 - Youth Only	Dec. 7–11	DER-1-390	. . . S	15	ESWTD
59	Dec. 7–11	DER-1-388	. . . S	10	FAWTD



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## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Archery Only

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth Only Hunts:** Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm. **Units 10, 18, 19 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the USDA 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.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee	Licenses	Bag
Private-land Only Licenses <b>may not</b> be issued by license vendors for hunts in units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.					

#### Unit 2 (Public-land Only)

2A	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–103	.S.	40	FAD
2A	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–104	.S.	80	FAD
2B	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–116	.S.	130	FAD
2B	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–117	.Q/HD	180	FAD
2B - Youth Only	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–118	.S.	20	FAD
2B - Youth Only	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–119	.Q	50	FAD
2C	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–127	.Q/HD	50	FAD

#### Unit 5 (Public-land Only)

5A	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–141	.S.	30	FAD
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#### Unit 6

6A and 6C	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–147	.S.	100	FAD
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#### Unit 7

7	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–150	.S.	10	FAD
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#### Unit 8

8 - Youth Only	Nov. 23–Dec. 1	DER–2–153	.S.	50	FAD
8	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–152	.S.	50	FAD

#### Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs)

9	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–156	.S.	10	FAD
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#### Unit 10

10	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–163	.S.	120	FAD
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#### Unit 12

12	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–166	.S.	50	FAD
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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–171	.S.	300	FAD
<b>Unit 14</b>					
14	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–174	.S.	30	FAD
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–176	.S.	200	FAD
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–183	.S.	400	FAD
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Sept. 1–24	DER–2–188	.Q	80	FAD
17	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–189	.Q	80	FAD
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–193	.S.	100	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, '14	DER–2–195	.S.	10	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–199	.S.	50	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–204	.S.	500	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–209	.S.	100	FAD
<b>Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountains hunt area)</b>					
23	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–221	.S.	400	FAMD
23	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–222	.S.	200	FAWTD
<b>Unit 23 (Burro Mountain hunt area)</b>					
23	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–223	.Q	50	FAMD
23	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–224	.Q	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–235	.S.	200	FAMD
24	Sept. 1–24 Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–236	.S.	100	FAWTD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee	Licenses	Bag
<b>Units: 23, 24 Silver City Deer Management Area Hunt</b> _____					
Hunters holding a valid Archery Deer License for GMUs 23 and 24 and 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, 2014. Qualifying hunters must contact: 1-888-248-6866.					
<b>Unit 25</b> _____					
25	Sept. 1–24 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–241	. . . S	. . . . 100	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area)</b> _____					
26	Sept. 1–24 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–245	. . . S	. . . . 50	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 27</b> _____					
27	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–252	. . . Q	. . . . 50	. . . FAMD
27	Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–253	. . . Q	. . . . 50	. . . FAWTD
<b>Unit 29</b> _____					
29	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–260	. . . S	. . . . 200	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 30</b> _____					
30	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–266	. . . S	. . . . 300	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 31 (Including Brantley WMA)</b> _____					
31	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–270	. . . S	. . . . 250	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 32</b> _____					
32	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–276	. . . S	. . . . 250	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 33</b> _____					
33	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–280	. . . Q	. . . . 100	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b> _____					
34	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–288	. . . S	. . . . 800	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 36 (Including Fort Stanton BLM Area)</b> _____					
36	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–293	. . . S	. . . . 300	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 37</b> _____					
37	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–298	. . . S	. . . . 200	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 38</b> _____					
38	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–302	. . . S	. . . . 200	. . . FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 39</b> _____					
39	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–306	. . . S	. . . . 50	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 40</b> _____					
40	Sept. 1–22 and Jan. 1–15, '14	DER–2–310	. . . S	. . . . 50	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 41</b> _____					
41	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–317	. . . Q	. . . . 10	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 42</b> _____					
42	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–322	. . . S	. . . . 10	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 43</b> _____					
43	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–326	. . . S	. . . . 15	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 45</b> _____					
45	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–332	. . . S	. . . . 150	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 47</b> _____					
47	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–337	. . . S	. . . . 10	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 48</b> _____					
48	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–341	. . . S	. . . . 50	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 49</b> _____					
49	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–344	. . . S	. . . . 100	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 50</b> _____					
50	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–347	. . . S	. . . . 10	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 51</b> _____					
51A	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–350	. . . S	. . . . 70	. . . FAD
51B	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–353	. . . S	. . . . 10	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 52</b> _____					
52	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–356	. . . S	. . . . 100	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 53</b> _____					
53	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–360	. . . S	. . . . 90	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 56</b> _____					
56	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–370	. . . S	. . . . 10	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 57</b> _____					
57 Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–376	. . . S	. . . . 15	. . . FAD
57 Sugarite Canyon State Park	Nov. 1–30	DER–2–377	. . . Q	. . . . 40	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 58</b> _____					
58	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–384	. . . S	. . . . 15	. . . FAD
<b>Unit 59</b> _____					
59	Sept. 1–22	DER–2–391	. . . S	. . . . 10	. . . FAD

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## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Muzzleloader

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth Only Hunts:** Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm. **Units 10, 18, 19 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by USDA 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. 24–30	DER–3–107	. . . S	60	FAD
2B	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–122	. . . S	175	FAD
2B - Youth Only	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–123	. . . S	20	FAD
2C	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–129	. . . Q	20	FAD
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A and 6C	Sept. 28–Oct. 2	DER–3–148	. . . S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–151	. . . S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–164	. . . S	90	FAD
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–167	. . . S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–172	. . . S	300	FAD
<b>Unit 14 (Sandia Ranger District is open to archery only)</b>					
14	Sept. 24–30	DER–3–175	. . . S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–177	. . . S	250	FAD
15 - Youth Only	Nov. 28–Dec. 1 Dec. 7–8 Dec. 14–15	DER–3–178	. . . S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16	Oct. 26–30	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. 26–30	DER–3–190	. . . Q	80	FAD
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–194	. . . S	100	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	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–196	. . . S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–200	. . . S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–205	. . . S	500	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–210	. . . S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountains hunt area)</b>					
23	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–225	. . . S	500	FAMD
23	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–226	. . . S	100	FAWTD
<b>Unit 23 (Burro Mountains hunt area)</b>					
23	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–227	. . . Q	50	FAMD
23	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–228	. . . Q	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–237	. . . S	400	FAMD
24	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–238	. . . S	100	FAWTD
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–242	. . . S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area)</b>					
26	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–246	. . . S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 27</b>					
27	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–254	. . . Q	50	FAMD
27	Oct. 26–30	DER–3–255	. . . Q	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29	Oct. 19–23	DER–3–261	. . . S	75	FAD
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30	Oct. 19–23	DER–3–267	. . . S	500	FAD
<b>Unit 31 (Including Brantley WMA)</b>					
31	Oct. 19–23	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 Brantley WMA and Huey Waterfowl Management Areas. NM Residents/Youth Only.)					
31/33 . . . . .	Nov. 28–Dec. 1	DER–3–282. . . Q	. . . . .	20 . . . A	
31/33 . . . . .	Dec. 26–Jan. 1, '14	DER–3–283. . . Q	. . . . .	20 . . . A	
<b>Unit 32</b> _____					
32 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	DER–3–277. . . S	. . . . .	.150 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD.)</b> _____					
34 . . . . .	Sept. 28–Oct. 2	DER–3–289. . . S	. . . . .	.350 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 36</b> _____					
36 (excluding Fort Stanton BLM area) . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	DER–3–294. . . S	. . . . .	.100 . . . FAD	
36 (including Fort Stanton) - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	DER–3–295. . . S	. . . . .	25 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 37</b> _____					
37 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	DER–3–299. . . S	. . . . .	200 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 38</b> _____					
38 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	DER–3–303. . . S	. . . . .	200 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 39</b> _____					
39 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	DER–3–307. . . S	. . . . .	50 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 40</b> _____					
40 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	DER–3–311. . . S	. . . . .	25 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 41</b> _____					
41 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–318. . . Q	. . . . .	25 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 42</b> _____					
42 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–323. . . S	. . . . .	10 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 43</b> _____					
43 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–327. . . S	. . . . .	10 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 45</b> _____					
45 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–333. . . S	. . . . .	.110 . . . FAD	
45 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . .	DER–3–334. . . S	. . . . .	40 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 47</b> _____					
47 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–338. . . S	. . . . .	20 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 56</b> _____					
56 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–371. . . S	. . . . .	10 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 57</b> _____					
57 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–378. . . S	. . . . .	15 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 58</b> _____					
58 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–385. . . S	. . . . .	15 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 59</b> _____					
59 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–392. . . S	. . . . .	25 . . . FAD	

**Did you know?** Female mule deer are more territorial than males at all times of the year. They will defend home range against other does that might want to forage and breed.

## 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 are illegal. Youth hunters must provide a Hunter Education Certification or Monitored-Youth Hunter number on their applications.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 9 (including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs)</b> _____					
9 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–157. . . S	. . . . .	10 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 33</b> _____					
33 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	DER–3–281. . . Q	. . . . .	.150 . . . FAD	
<b>Unit 52</b> _____					
52 . . . . .	Sept. 24–30 . . .	DER–3–357. . . S	. . . . .	30 . . . FAD	

## Mandatory Harvest Reporting for All Big-game Species, Turkey and Furbearers

For the 2013–14 license year, mandatory harvest reporting becomes effective for all big-game, turkey and furbearer license holders. Big-game and turkey hunters and trappers who do not report will be ineligible the following year for all draw hunts, population management authorizations, private-land authorizations and trapper licenses.

### Harvest Report Deadlines

- Feb. 15, 2014: Deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey hunters.
- Apr. 7, 2014: Javelina, Barbary sheep, oryx, ibex hunters and furbearer hunters and trappers.

Harvest reports filed after these deadlines will be subject to an \$8.00 late fee.

Hunters and trappers can report results online:

[www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free:

1-888-248-6866.



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**Thanks to hunters** and their support of wildlife management through licenses and associated fees, there are now 12 times more Rocky Mountain elk in the continental United States than there were in 1907.

## Valles Caldera National Preserve (Unit 6B) Elk Hunt

### A Unique Experience

Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP), Unit 6B, is one of New Mexico's premier elk hunting locations, and possibly the best place in the U.S. to harvest a trophy bull on public land. An abundant elk herd occupies the VCNP much of the year for breeding, calving and foraging.

### Solitude by Design

Successful hunters will attend a mandatory orientation, where they will draw a specific area of the VCNP for their hunt. There will be time for each hunter to scout his/her area before the hunt begins. Prime locations are abundant, affording a unique and enhanced hunting experience. You'll share your 3,000–6,000 acre area with a limited number of hunters.

### Two Chances to Hunt

You may enter both the NMDGF Public Elk Draw and the VCNP Lottery at the same time. The VCNP Lottery is conducted first, and applicants selected to hunt the VCNP will be removed from the NMDGF Public Elk Drawing. Applicants for the Valles Caldera Lottery **need not purchase before applying** a Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License.

### Direct Entries

Once you receive a NMDGF Customer ID Number, there are three ways to apply for the lottery.

- Online at [www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk](http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk)
- Toll-free telephone at 1-866-382-5537
- Mail a VCNP Lottery Ticket Form (form available at: [www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk](http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk)) to VCNP, 6501 Fourth St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

### State Quotas Will Be Used

Quotas used for this lottery, as defined by New Mexico State Law, are listed below. Please note that for Antlerless (A) hunts, only New Mexico residents may apply.

**New Mexico State Law requires:** A.) 84% of Draw Hunt Licenses are awarded to New Mexico residents; B.) 10% of Draw Hunt Licenses are awarded to residents and nonresidents who contract with a New Mexico registered outfitter; C.) 6% of Draw Hunt Licenses are awarded to nonresidents who choose not to use a New Mexico registered outfitter.

### Increase Your Chances

You may purchase up to 20 tickets per hunt code and enter as many hunt codes as desired.

### Lottery Winners

The Valles Caldera Trust will send you an access authorization that enables you to purchase from NMDGF an Elk Hunting License for Unit 6B. Authorizations are not transferable. VCNP Hunts **are not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.

### Affordable Fees

You must purchase at least one lottery ticket. Ticket are \$30 each for mature-bull/either-sex hunts and \$20 each for antlerless hunts. Discount packages are available for purchases of multiple tickets. No other VCNP fees apply.

### Rules and Regulations

All state and federal laws and NMDGF rules apply on the VCNP. For a description of the VCNP rules and regulations please visit online: [www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk](http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk).

### Blaze-Orange Clothing Required

Hunters participating in firearm hunts (excludes muzzleloader, bow and crossbow) on the VCNP must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange, approximately the size of a hunting vest.

### Lottery Deadline to Apply

The deadline for the VCNP lottery is midnight MST, March 20, 2013. To apply visit [www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk](http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk) or telephone toll-free: 1-866-382-5537.

### VCNP Unit 6B Elk Hunt

Sporting Arm Type	Hunt Date	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Archery Only . . . . .	Sept. 3–9. . . . .	.Q . . . . .	15 . . . . .	ES
Archery Only . . . . .	Sept. 13–17 . . . . .	.Q . . . . .	15 . . . . .	ES
Muzzleloader Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9. . . . .	.Q . . . . .	15 . . . . .	MB
Muzzleloader Only/NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9. . . . .	.S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm . . . . .	Oct. 12–16. . . . .	.Q . . . . .	15 . . . . .	MB
Any Legal Sporting Arm/NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 12–16. . . . .	.S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm . . . . .	Oct. 19–23. . . . .	.Q . . . . .	15 . . . . .	MB
Any Legal Sporting Arm/NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 19–23. . . . .	.S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm/. . . . .	Oct. 26–28. . . . .	.S. . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
Mobility Impaired Only/NM Residents Only				
Any Legal Sporting Arm/. . . . .	Nov. 2–4. . . . .	.S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	A
Adult-and-Youth Only*/ NM Residents Only				
Any Legal Sporting Arm/. . . . .	Nov. 9–11 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	A
Veterans Only***/NM Residents Only				
Any Legal Sporting Arm, NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 16–18. . . . .	.S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm, NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–25 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	20 . . . . .	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm/. . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 2 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	26 . . . . .	A
2 Person*/ NM Residents Only				

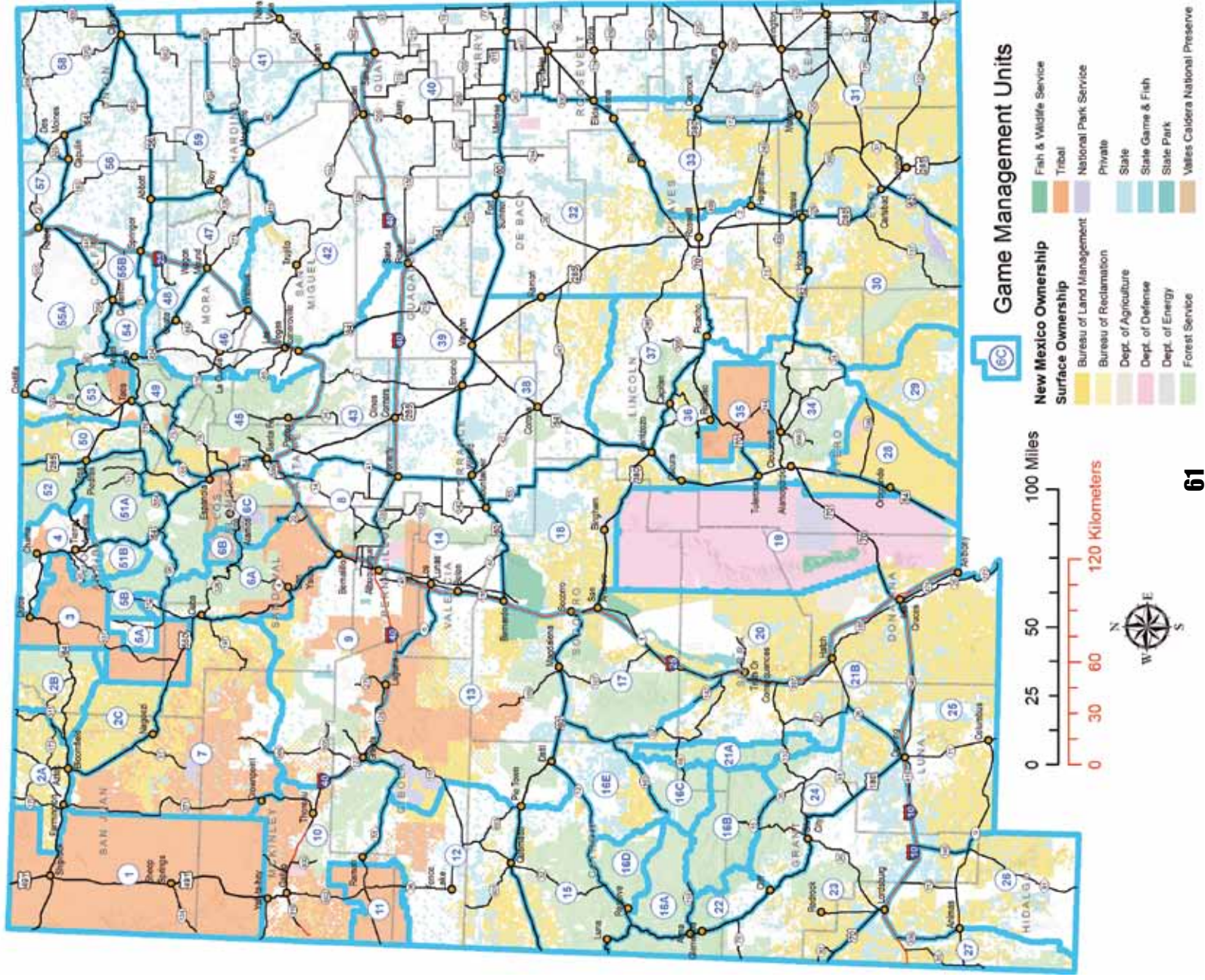
- \* Two persons are required to apply for each of these hunts. Both are able to hunt.
- \*\* Active Duty or Honorably Discharged U.S. Military Veterans only.



# 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.



## Elk Draw Licenses

To hunt elk in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License, before applying for an Elk Draw License. Deadline to apply for the drawing is Mar. 20, 2013.

New Mexico residents only may apply for Antlerless (A) Elk Draw Licenses. **Nonresidents may not apply** 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).

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; nor transferred, sold or bartered** (see page 8 for exceptions). 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 (See page 15 for Elk License fees)

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 five-dollar Habitat Stamp must be purchased separately and is required for hunting on USDA Forest Service and/or BLM lands. A four-dollar Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately and possessed in the field (see page 16).

To apply for an elk hunt, all residents and nonresidents must first purchase a Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License. Up to four persons may apply per application for an Elk Draw License. It is unlawful to submit more than one application per species, per year. Application deadline for the drawing is Mar. 20, 2013.

If the license allotted in the draw is lower than the license fee submitted, the difference will be refunded. **The application fee is nonrefundable.**

### Mobility-Impaired Hunts

Applicants for Mobility Impaired Licenses must be registered with NMDGF prior to applying (see page 18, *Mobility Impaired Certification* or telephone: 1-888-248-6866).

### Youth-Only Hunts

Youth-only hunts are open to persons under 18 years of age on the opening day of the hunt. A Hunter Education Certification number or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) is required to apply for youth-only hunts.

## Late Season Online Licenses for Archery Only

An opportunity to bow hunt elk continues 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. See page 80 for open units, hunt dates and hunt codes. See page 15 for license fees.

### 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 arrows.

**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 (See Definitions and Terms on pages 10–13)

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.

### Valle Vidal

Four types of hunts are available on the Valle Vidal and Greenwood of the Carson National Forest (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/Either Sex:** Only persons under 18 years of age who have never drawn this youth-only hunt and who can provide proof of a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) are eligible to apply.

**Once-as-a-Youth Antlerless:** Only New Mexico residents under 18 years of age who have never drawn this youth-only hunt and can provide proof of a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) are eligible to apply.

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

### Fourth-Choice Elk Hunts

By selecting 4th-choice an applicant is indicating that he/she **will accept** an Elk 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 the application.

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## Fourth-Choice Elk Hunts—continued.

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 bull licenses or vice versa.

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, 8, 9, 10, 12 or 14
- NE Northeast may include Units 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 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.

## Private-land Hunts

Residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License, before purchasing a Private-land Only Elk License. Hunters **may not hold both** Private-land License and Public Elk License in the same license year and **may not exchange** a Draw License for a Private-land License.

To purchase a Private-land Only Elk License, a hunter negotiates directly with a registered 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 toll-free: **1-888-248-6866**.

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.

## Ranch Only or Unit Wide

Before negotiating, hunters should inquire of landowners whether 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 may also be hunted. **Ranch Only:** The ranch-only private-land hunter is restricted to the property's deeded acreage. For units 4, 5A, 46, 54, 55A, 56, 57 and 58, the hunter also may obtain valid written permission from the landowner to hunt other private lands within that unit. No public or state land can be hunted using a Ranch-only Elk License.

**Did you know?** Elk can run up to 45 miles an hour and jump up to 8 feet high. During winter, elk grow hollow guard hairs over their thick undercoats, keeping dry and warm like a raincoat over a cozy down jacket.

## Private-land Elk License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Antlerless Elk . . . . .	\$70 . . . . .	\$354
Mature-Bull or Either-Sex Elk . . . . .	\$100 . . . . .	\$564
Quality Antlerless Elk . . . . .	\$70 . . . . .	\$789
Quality Mature-Bull or Either-Sex Elk . . . . .	\$100 . . . . .	\$789
Junior/Senior Elk License . . . . .	\$68 . . . . .	Not Available

In addition to the above fees, a hunter must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands, unless hunting only on private land. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) is also required. 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 COER areas. 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-1-238, ELK-1-245, ELK-1-251, ELK-1-259, ELK-1-237 (MI) and ELK-1-258 (MI).
- Archery Only Hunts: . . . . . ELK-2-218, ELK-2-227, ELK-2-236, ELK-2-244, ELK-2-249, ELK-2-257, ELK-2-265 and ELK-2-273.
- Muzzleloader and Bow Hunts: . . . . . ELK-3-220, ELK-3-229, ELK-3-267 and ELK-3-275.



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Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## 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
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts</b> _____	
License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period	
Oct. 1–Dec. 31 . . . . .	4
Nov. 2–Dec. 31 . . . . .	9 (antlerless elk only)
Oct. 5–Dec. 31 . . . . .	5A, 5B, 49, 50, 51
Oct. 12–Dec. 31. . . . .	2, 6A, 6C, 7, 10, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 21A, 21B, 36, 45, 52 and 53
Oct. 17–Dec. 31. . . . .	34
Oct. 19–Dec. 31. . . . .	16E, 23, 24 and 48
Jan. 1–31, '14	36 and 48 (Any legal sporting arm; antlerless elk only; restricted to specific ranches with prior written approval from NMDGF)

<b>Archery-Only Hunts</b> _____	
License valid for the entire hunt period	
Sept. 1–10 . . . . .	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 23, 34 and 36
Sept. 1–15 . . . . .	2, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 21A, 21B, 48, 51 and 52
Sept. 1–22 . . . . .	4, 5A, 10, 24, 45, 49, 50 and 53
Sept. 11–18 . . . . .	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 23
Sept. 13–22 . . . . .	34 and 36
Sept. 16–22 . . . . .	2, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 48, 51 and 52
Sept. 16–24 . . . . .	21A and 21B
Sept. 19–24 . . . . .	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17 and 23

<b>Muzzleloader, Crossbow and Archery Hunts</b> _____	
License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period	
Oct. 5–Dec. 31 . . . . .	2, 6A, 6C, 7, 10, 36, 45, 48, 52 and 53
Oct. 12–Dec. 31. . . . .	9, 13, 15, 16E, 17, 23, 24 and 34
Jan. 1–31, '14 . . . . .	13 (Muzzleloader only, antlerless elk only, restricted to specific ranches with prior written approval from NMDGF)

## Private-land Hunts: Ranch Only—continued.

Dates	Units
<b>Youth-only Hunts License</b> (Limited to the dates listed)	
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts</b> _____	
Oct. 5–9. . . . .	16C, 16E, 23, 24 and 34
<b>Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts</b> _____	
Oct. 5–Dec. 31 . . . . .	13, 15 and 17
<b>Mobility-impaired Hunts License</b> (Limited to the dates listed)	
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts</b> _____	
Oct. 5–9. . . . .	16A, 16D, 34 and 52
<b>Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts</b> _____	
Oct. 5–9. . . . .	9



## Operation Game Thief

### Poaching Harms Everyone. Turn Tips into Cash!

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. 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 is 1-800-432-4263 and available 24/7 and 365 days a year. Wildlife violations can also 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 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, contact NWTf online: [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org) or toll-free telephone: 1-800-843-6983.

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

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2 All Hunters	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-103	S	75	MB
2 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 7-11	ELK-1-104	S	100	A
2 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only	Dec. 7-11	ELK-1-105	S	50	A
<b>Unit 4 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 5-9	ELK-1-140	Q	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-141	Q	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-142	Q	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 26-30	ELK-1-143	S	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA	Nov. 2-6	ELK-1-144	S	10	A
4 Sargent WMA - Youth Only	Nov. 2-6	ELK-1-145	S	10	A
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Oct. 5-9	ELK-1-148	S	15	MB
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-149	S	15	MB
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Nov. 2-6	ELK-1-150	S	10	A
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs Youth Only	Nov. 2-6	ELK-1-151	S	15	A
<b>Unit 5A – Freeman Lee Davis Memorial Unit (Public-land Only)</b>					
5A	Oct. 5-9	ELK-1-107	S	10	MB
5A - NM Residents Only	Oct. 5-9	ELK-1-108	S	10	A
5A	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-109	S	10	MB
5A - NM Residents Only	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-110	S	10	A
5A	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-111	S	10	MB
5A - NM Residents Only	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-112	S	10	A
5A	Oct. 26-30	ELK-1-113	S	10	MB
5A - NM Residents Only	Oct. 26-30	ELK-1-114	S	10	A
<b>Unit 5B</b>					
5B	Oct. 5-9	ELK-1-154	S	165	MB
5B - NM Residents Only	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-155	S	100	A
5B	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-156	S	165	MB

**Did you know?** Elk antlers are one of the fastest-growing bones known to science. Because antler are flexible and very sensitive, while in velvet elk are careful not to hit or bump them on tree branches which would hurt and could cause a deformity.

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 5B continued</b>					
5B - NM Residents Only	Oct. 26-30	ELK-1-157	S	100	A
5B	Dec. 14-18	ELK-1-158	S	15	MB
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-187	S	100	MB
6A	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-188	S	100	MB
6A - NM Residents Only	Oct. 26-30	ELK-1-189	S	100	A
6C	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-207	S	105	MB
6C	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-208	S	105	MB
6C - NM Residents Only	Oct. 26-30	ELK-1-209	S	130	A
6C - NM Residents Only	Nov. 23-27	ELK-1-210	S	130	A
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-214	S	30	MB
7 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-215	S	50	A
<b>Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon, but not Marquez WMA)</b>					
9 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 2-6	ELK-1-130	S	200	A
9 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 16-20	ELK-1-131	S	200	A
9 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 7-11	ELK-1-132	S	200	A
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-135	S	70	MB
10 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only	Nov. 9-13	ELK-1-136	S	120	A
10 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 7-11	ELK-1-137	S	100	A
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Oct. 5-9	ELK-1-345	HD	30	MB
12 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-346	S	30	A
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16A - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 5-9	ELK-1-237	Q/HD	25	MB
16A	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-238	Q/HD	75	MB
16A	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-239	HD	125	MB
16A - NM Residents Only	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-240	S	75	A
16A - NM Residents Only	Dec. 7-11	ELK-1-241	S	75	A
16B and 22	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-245	Q/HD	160	MB
16B and 22	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-246	S	160	MB
16C - Youth Only	Oct. 5-9	ELK-1-250	S	25	ES
16C	Oct. 12-16	ELK-1-251	Q	50	MB
16C	Oct. 19-23	ELK-1-252	S	95	MB

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 16 continued</b>					
16C - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-253 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
16C - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 7–11 . . . . .	ELK-1-254 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
16D - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-258 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
16D . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK-1-259 . . . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	55 . . . . .	MB
16D . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-260 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	50 . . . . .	MB
16D - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-261 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
16D - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 7–11 . . . . .	ELK-1-262 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
16E - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-266 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	ES
16E . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-268 . . . . .	S . . . . .	70 . . . . .	MB
16E - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-269 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	A
16E - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 7–11 . . . . .	ELK-1-270 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21A . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK-1-283 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	50 . . . . .	MB
21A . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-284 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	50 . . . . .	MB
21B . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK-1-287 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
21B . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-288 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
21B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	ELK-1-289 . . . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
21B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 16–20 . . . . .	ELK-1-290 . . . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
21B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-291 . . . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
21B - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 7–11 . . . . .	ELK-1-292 . . . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-296 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	ES
23 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-298 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-301 . . . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 24 (Including Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-302 . . . . .	S . . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 28 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
28 McGregor Range, Military Only . . . . .	Dec. 7–11 . . . . .	ELK-1-348 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	10 . . . . .	ES
28 McGregor Range . . . . .	Dec. 7–11 . . . . .	ELK-1-349 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-350 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	ES

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
34 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-305 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	ES
34 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-306 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	A
34 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK-1-307 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	ES
34 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-309 . . . . .	S . . . . .	150 . . . . .	MB
34 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . . . .	ELK-1-310 . . . . .	S . . . . .	250 . . . . .	A
34 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-311 . . . . .	S . . . . .	250 . . . . .	A
34 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 7–11 . . . . .	ELK-1-312 . . . . .	S . . . . .	150 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK-1-316 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	100 . . . . .	MB
36 . . . . .	Oct. 26–30 . . . . .	ELK-1-317 . . . . .	HD . . . . .	100 . . . . .	MB
36 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . . . .	ELK-1-318 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	A
36 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-319 . . . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK-1-353 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
37 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 23–27 . . . . .	ELK-1-354 . . . . .	S . . . . .	45 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 38</b>					
38 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-355 . . . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43 . . . . .	Sept. 21–25 . . . . .	ELK-1-356 . . . . .	S . . . . .	60 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK-1-322 . . . . .	S . . . . .	140 . . . . .	MB
45 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-323 . . . . .	S . . . . .	140 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-329 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
48 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . . . .	ELK-1-330 . . . . .	S . . . . .	45 . . . . .	A
48 . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-331 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
48 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-332 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-334 . . . . .	S . . . . .	80 . . . . .	MB
49 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	ELK-1-335 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
49 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 2–6 . . . . .	ELK-1-336 . . . . .	S . . . . .	80 . . . . .	A
49 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	ELK-1-337 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	A
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-160 . . . . .	S . . . . .	130 . . . . .	MB
50 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-1-161 . . . . .	S . . . . .	45 . . . . .	A

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<b>Unit 50 continued</b>					
50	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-162	S	125	MB
50 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-163	S	45	A
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51	Oct. 5–9	ELK-1-166	S	220	MB
51	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-167	S	220	MB
51	Oct. 19–23	ELK-1-168	S	220	MB
51 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 2–6	ELK-1-169	S	240	A
51 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 9–13	ELK-1-170	S	240	A
51 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 16–20	ELK-1-171	S	175	A
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-178	S	230	MB
52	Oct. 19–23	ELK-1-179	S	230	MB
52 - Youth Only, NM Residents Only	Nov. 9–13	ELK-1-180	S	100	A
52 - Mobility Impaired Only, NM Residents Only	Nov. 16–20	ELK-1-181	S	75	A
52 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 16–20	ELK-1-182	S	75	A
52 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-183	S	150	A
<b>Unit 53 (Excluding the Cerro portion)</b>					
53	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-340	S	75	MB
53	Oct. 19–23	ELK-1-341	S	125	MB
53 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 2–6	ELK-1-342	S	90	A
53 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 9–13	ELK-1-343	S	90	A
<b>Unit 54 (Colin Neblett WMA-south)</b>					
54 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-358	S	20	MB
54 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 19–23	ELK-1-359	S	20	MB
54 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 26–30	ELK-1-360	S	20	MB
54 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 2–6	ELK-1-361	S	20	A
<b>Unit 55 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-363	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 19–23	ELK-1-364	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 26–30	ELK-1-365	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Nov. 2–6	ELK-1-366	S	20	A
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 5–9	ELK-1-369	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-370	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 19–23	ELK-1-371	S	10	MB

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<b>Unit 55 (NM Residents Only) continued</b>					
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 26–30	ELK-1-372	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA	Nov. 2–6	ELK-1-373	S	15	A
55 Urraca WMA	Nov. 9–13	ELK-1-374	S	15	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas Youth Only	Nov. 2–6	ELK-1-381	Q	35	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Nov. 2–6	ELK-1-382	Q	35	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Nov. 16–20	ELK-1-383	Q	50	A
<b>Unit 55 (NM Residents and Nonresidents included)</b>					
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-378	Q	15	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas Youth Only	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-379	Q	20	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 19–23	ELK-1-380	Q	35	MB
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56	Oct. 5–9	ELK-1-384	S	10	MB
56 - NM Residents Only	Oct. 12–16	ELK-1-385	S	10	A
<b>Unit 57 and 58*</b>					
57 and 58*	Oct. 5–9	ELK-1-387	S	10	MB
57 and 58* - NM Residents Only	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK-1-388	S	10	A

\* Unit 58, excluding the northeast portion of Union County, located in T32N, R35E, R36E and R37E.

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<b>Unit 2</b>					
2	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-100	S	.120	ES
2	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-101	S	.120	ES
<b>Unit 4 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
4 Sargent WMA only	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-138	Q	10	ES
4 Sargent WMA only	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-139	Q	10	ES
4 Humphries WMA only	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-146	S	10	ES
4 Humphries WMA only	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-147	S	10	ES
<b>Unit 5</b>					
5A Public-land Only	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-106	S	10	ES
5B	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-152	S	75	ES
5B	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-153	S	75	ES
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-184	S	.150	ES
6A	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-185	S	.105	ES
6C	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-204	S	.150	ES
6C	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-205	S	.105	ES
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-211	S	15	ES
7	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-212	S	15	ES
<b>Unit 9 (Marquez WMA)</b>					
9 - NM Residents Only	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-115	S	.5	ES
9 - NM Residents Only	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-116	S	.5	ES
<b>Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon, but excluding Marquez WMA)</b>					
9	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-124	S	.160	ES
9	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-125	S	.160	ES
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-133	S	.250	ES

## Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Archery Only—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-344	HD	30	ES
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-216	S	.125	ES
13	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-217	S	.100	ES
13	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-218	Q/HD	.75	ES
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-225	HD	.250	ES
15	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-226	HD	200	ES
15	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-227	Q/HD	.150	ES
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16A	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-234	HD	.150	ES
16A	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-235	HD	.150	ES
16A	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-236	Q/HD	.100	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-242	HD	.130	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-243	HD	.130	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-244	Q/HD	.130	ES
16C	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-247	HD	.100	ES
16C	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-248	HD	.75	ES
16C	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-249	Q/HD	.75	ES
16D	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-255	HD	.60	ES
16D	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-256	HD	.50	ES
16D	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-257	Q/HD	.40	ES
16E	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-263	S	.50	ES
16E	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-264	S	.50	ES
16E	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-265	Q	.50	ES
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-271	HD	.75	ES
17	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-272	HD	.75	ES
17	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-273	Q/HD	.50	ES
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-347	S	.50	ES
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21A	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-281	HD	.50	ES
21A	Sept. 16-24	ELK-2-282	HD	.50	ES
21B	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-285	S	.25	ES
21B	Sept. 16-24	ELK-2-286	S	.25	ES



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## Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Archery Only—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23	Sept. 1–10.	ELK–2–293	S.	75	ES
23	Sept. 11–18	ELK–2–294	S.	75	ES
23	Sept. 19–24	ELK–2–295	S.	50	ES
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24	Sept. 1–22.	ELK–2–299	S.	25	ES
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
34	Sept. 1–10.	ELK–2–303	S.	200	ES
34	Sept. 13–22	ELK–2–304	HD	200	ES
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36	Sept. 1–10.	ELK–2–313	S.	100	ES
36	Sept. 13–22	ELK–2–314	HD	100	ES
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Sept. 1–22.	ELK–2–351	S.	75	ES
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45	Sept. 1–22.	ELK–2–320	S.	150	ES
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48	Sept. 1–15.	ELK–2–325	S.	85	ES
48	Sept. 16–22	ELK–2–326	S.	85	ES
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49	Sept. 1–22.	ELK–2–333	S.	120	ES
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50	Sept. 1–22.	ELK–2–159	S.	120	ES
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51	Sept. 1–15.	ELK–2–164	HD	180	ES
51	Sept. 16–22	ELK–2–165	S.	180	ES
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52	Sept. 1–15.	ELK–2–173	S.	230	ES
52	Sept. 16–22	ELK–2–174	HD	230	ES
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53	Sept. 1–22.	ELK–2–338	S.	120	ES
<b>Unit 55</b>					
55 ES Barker WMA, NM Residents Only	Sept. 1–22.	ELK–2–367	S.	10	ES
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Sept. 1–15.	ELK–2–375	Q/HD	20	ES
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Sept. 16–22	ELK–2–376	Q/HD	20	ES
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57 Sugarite Canyon State Park	Sept. 1–22.	ELK–2–386	S.	5	ES

**Did you know?** The upper canine teeth in an elk's mouth are made of ivory. Also called tusks, buglers or whistlers, the ivories are made from a smooth, whitish-colored substance called dentine that is much harder and lasts much longer than bone.

## Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–102	S.	125	MB
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–186	S.	110	MB
6C	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–206	S.	155	MB
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–213	S.	25	MB
<b>Unit 9 (NM Residents Only)</b>					
9 Marquez WMA	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–117	S.	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA	Oct. 12–16	ELK–3–118	S.	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA	Oct. 19–23	ELK–3–119	S.	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA	Oct. 26–30	ELK–3–120	S.	5	A
9 Marquez WMA	Nov. 2–6	ELK–3–121	S.	5	A
9 Marquez WMA	Nov. 16–20	ELK–3–123	S.	5	A
<b>Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon, but excluding Marquez WMA)</b>					
9 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–126	S.	40	ES
9	Oct. 12–16	ELK–3–127	S.	70	MB
9	Oct. 19–23	ELK–3–128	S.	70	MB
9	Oct. 26–30	ELK–3–129	S.	40	MB
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–134	S.	70	MB
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13 - Youth Only	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–219	S.	25	ES
13	Oct. 12–16	ELK–3–220	Q	75	MB
13	Oct. 19–23	ELK–3–221	S.	115	MB
13	Nov. 16–20	ELK–3–222	S.	100	MB
13 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 23–27	ELK–3–223	S.	100	A
13 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK–3–224	S.	100	A
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15 - Youth Only	Oct. 5–9	ELK–3–228	HD	25	ES
15	Oct. 12–16	ELK–3–229	Q/HD	200	MB
15	Oct. 19–23	ELK–3–230	HD	245	MB
15	Nov. 16–20	ELK–3–231	HD	250	MB
15 - NM Residents Only	Nov. 30–Dec. 4	ELK–3–232	S.	250	A
15 - NM Residents Only	Dec. 7–11	ELK–3–233	S.	250	A

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Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16E . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . .	ELK-3-267 . . .	Q . . . . .	70 . . .	MB
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-274 . . .	HD . . . . .	25 . . .	ES
17 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . .	ELK-3-275 . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	100 . . .	MB
17 . . . . .	Oct. 19–23 . . .	ELK-3-276 . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . .	MB
17 . . . . .	Nov. 16–20 . . .	ELK-3-277 . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . .	MB
17 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 16–20 . . .	ELK-3-278 . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . .	A
17 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4 . . .	ELK-3-279 . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . .	A
17 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Dec. 7–11 . . . . .	ELK-3-280 . . .	S . . . . .	100 . . .	A
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . .	ELK-3-297 . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . .	MB
<b>Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)</b>					
24 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . .	ELK-3-300 . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . .	MB
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
34 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . .	ELK-3-308 . . .	S . . . . .	250 . . .	MB
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-315 . . .	HD . . . . .	135 . . .	MB
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-352 . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . .	MB
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-321 . . .	S . . . . .	140 . . .	MB
45 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Nov. 9–13 . . . . .	ELK-3-324 . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . .	A
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-327 . . .	S . . . . .	35 . . .	MB
48 . . . . .	Oct. 12–16 . . .	ELK-3-328 . . .	S . . . . .	65 . . .	MB
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51 . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4 . . .	ELK-3-172 . . .	S . . . . .	145 . . .	ES
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-175 . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . .	MB
52 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-176 . . .	HD . . . . .	120 . . .	MB
52 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-177 . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . .	A
<b>Unit 53 (Excluding Cerro portion)</b>					
53 . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-339 . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . .	ES
<b>Unit 54 (Colin Neblett WMA—south)</b>					
54 - NM Residents Only . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-357 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . .	MB

## Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 55</b>					
55 Colin Neblett WMA—north . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-362 . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . .	MB
NM Residents Only					
55 ES Barker WMA . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-368 . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . .	MB
NM Residents Only					
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas . . . . .	Oct. 5–9 . . . . .	ELK-3-377 . . .	Q/HD . . . . .	35 . . .	MB

## Late Season Archery: Online Applicants Only

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

You cannot apply for these hunts during the regular draw. Whether late-season bow hunts are offered depends on harvest rates during the regular season. For information about applying for these licenses, visit [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) after Oct. 15, 2013.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 12</b>					
Unit 12 . . . . .	Nov. 16–20 . . .	ELK-2-433 . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . .	APRE/6
<b>Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)</b>					
Unit 34 . . . . .	Dec. 14–18 . . .	ELK-2-434 . . .	S . . . . .	200 . . .	APRE/6
<b>Unit 37</b>					
Unit 37 . . . . .	Nov. 30–Dec. 4 . . .	ELK-2-435 . . .	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 Applicants Only

New Mexico resident youth hunters—who in the current license year have successfully fulfilled all application requirements and responsibilities for draw hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, oryx or bighorn sheep and have not drawn a license or permit—are eligible to apply for these hunts during the first 14 days posted on the NMDGF website, [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

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. 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.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 5B	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-401	. . . S. . . . .	20	. . A
Unit 6A	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-402	. . . S. . . . .	50	. . A
Unit 6A	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-403	. . . S. . . . .	50	. . A
Unit 6C	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-404	. . . S. . . . .	50	. . A
Unit 6C	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-405	. . . S. . . . .	50	. . A
Unit 10	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-408	. . . S. . . . .	35	. . A
Unit 16A	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-413	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 16A	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-414	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 16C	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-415	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 16C	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-416	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 16D	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-417	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 16D	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-418	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 16E	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-419	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 16E	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-420	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 34	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-423	. . . S. . . . .	80	. . A
(Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)					
Unit 36	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-424	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A
Unit 36	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-425	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A
Unit 49	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-426	. . . S. . . . .	50	. . A

**Did you know?** The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish receives no General Fund tax dollars, but instead operates solely from the funds hunters, trappers and anglers provide through their licenses and associated fees.

## Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 50	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-427	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A
Unit 51	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-428	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 51	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-429	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 52	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-430	. . . S. . . . .	50	. . A
Unit 53 except Cerro portion	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-1-431	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A
Unit 53 except Cerro portion	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1-432	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A

## Muzzleloader Hunts

Unit 9	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-3-406	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 9	Dec. 26–30	ELK-3-407	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 13	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-3-409	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A
Unit 13	Dec. 26–30	ELK-3-410	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A
Unit 15	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-3-411	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 15	Dec. 26–30	ELK-3-412	. . . S. . . . .	75	. . A
Unit 17	Nov. 29–Dec. 3	ELK-3-421	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A
Unit 17	Dec. 26–30	ELK-3-422	. . . S. . . . .	60	. . A



# Pronghorn Antelope

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Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Licenses for Draw Hunts and Private-land Authorizations

To hunt pronghorn antelope in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents must first purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License.

### Licenses Required

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**. While in the field, the hunter must have in his/her possession: 1.) Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License; 2.) Pronghorn Antelope Draw or Private-land License; and 3.) Habitat Management and Access Validation. A Habitat Stamp is required for USDA Forest Service and BLM lands (see page 16).

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 GMU(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 NMAC 19.31.10.18.

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

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

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

**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. See *Vehicle Travel on Public or Private Lands*, pages 29–30.

### Hunting on Military Properties: Check Stations and Wearing 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 a blaze-orange hunting vest.

**GMUs 10, 13 and 28:** Parts of these GMUs are subject to closure by the USDA Forest Service and/or the military. **GMU 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 (see page 18, *Mobility Impaired Certification*). For more information, telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

### Bag Limit (See *Definitions and Terms*, page 10.)

*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.

## Draw Hunts

### Application and Licenses

Up to four persons per application may apply. The deadline for application is March 20, 2013

Hunters drawn for pronghorn antelope hunts which are **not assigned** (see pages 87–90) will be allowed to hunt: 1.) within the area or GMU(s) for which their license is issued; 2.) on any legally accessible public lands; or 3.) on private lands with written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights—pursuant to regulation 19.31.10.18 NMAC.

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 area offices. Hunters who have drawn together on the same application may be assigned to separate, but nearby ranches. NMDGF area office(s) 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.

### Draw License Fees (See page 16, *Pronghorn Antelope Licenses*.)

Before applying for a Pronghorn Antelope Draw License, hunters must first purchase a Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License. Both draw and game-hunting licenses must be carried while hunting. License and application fees **must be paid-in-full** at the time of application.

A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required if hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and/or BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) is also required (see page 16).

## 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.

# Pronghorn Antelope

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## Private-land License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Pronghorn Antelope . . . . .	\$70 . . . . .	\$299

Before purchasing a Private-land Pronghorn Antelope License, hunters must first purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required if hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and/or BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) also is required (see page 16–17).

## 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 code necessary to purchase a hunting license. Licenses can be purchased and printed online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or at any NMDGF Office.

Hunts on private land will coincide with draw hunts, unless otherwise specified. Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts will be for any three-consecutive days during the published hunt period. Pronghorn Antelope Authorizations are only available from qualified, participating landowners for the areas, bag limits and dates in the following table.

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

## Private-land Hunts

Game Management Units (Participating Ranches in GMU)	Dates	Bag Limit
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<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts (any three-consecutive days)</b>		
GMUs 41,42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59 . . . . .	Aug. 24–Sept. 8 . . . . .	MB
GMUs 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59 . . . . .	Aug. 24–Dec. 31 . . . . .	F–IM
GMUs 8, 14, 18, 31–33, 36–40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3) . . . . .	Oct. 5–20 . . . . .	MB
GMUs 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23–27 . . . . .	Oct. 5–20 . . . . .	MB
GMU 32 (portions of) . . . . .	Dec. 1–15 . . . . .	ES

<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts: Mobility Impaired</b>		
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GMUs 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59 . . . . .	Jul. 27–29 . . . . .	MB
GMUs 8, 12–14, 16–18, 23, 31–33, 36–40 . . . . .	Aug. 17–19 . . . . .	MB

<b>Archery Only Hunts</b>		
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GMUs 41, 42,43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59 . . . . .	Aug. 3–11 . . . . .	MB
GMUs 7–9, 12–18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 31–33, 36–40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3) . . . . .	Aug. 24–Sept. 1 . . . . .	MB

<b>Muzzleloader, Crossbows and Bows</b>		
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GMUs 50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52 . . . . .	Aug. 10–13 . . . . .	MB
GMU 29 . . . . .	Sept. 6–9 . . . . .	MB

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

**Thanks to hunters** and their support of wildlife management through licenses and associated fees, pronghorn antelope in the continental United States number over a million today. Only 12,000 remained 50 years ago.

## Antelope Draw Licenses for Any Legal Sporting Arm

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt: No Over-the-Counter Licenses

**Youth Only Hunts:** Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm.

**Adult-Youth Only Hunt:** A hunt consisting of at least one adult (18 years of age or older) and up to three youth (under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt). **Closures:** Parts of GMU 10, 13 and 28 are subject to closure by the USDA Forest Service and/or the military during operations. Hunters drawn for any Bow, Mobility Impaired or late-October Youth Only Either-Sex Hunts **will not be assigned** to a specific ranch (see pages 87–90). Hunters drawn for hunts marked below with an asterisk (\*) **will be assigned** to hunt on a specific ranch. **GMUs 29, 52 and 50 (north of Hwy. 64):** Draw licenses issued for these units are unit-wide and valid on any legally accessible public lands within the GMU(s) for which the license is issued and on participating ranches with signed NMDGF hunting agreements. **GMU 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. 5–7 . . . . .	ANT–1–100*	. . . . .	.5 . . . . .	MB
2 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26–28 . . . . .	ANT–1–130 . . . . .	. . . . .	.1 . . . . .	ES
<b>Units 7, 9, 12, 13</b>					
7, 9, 12, 13 . . . . .	Oct. 5–7 . . . . .	ANT–1–101*	. . . . .	.40 . . . . .	MB
7, 9, 12, 13 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26–28 . . . . .	ANT–1–131 . . . . .	. . . . .	.8 . . . . .	ES
<b>Units 8, 14, 43 (West of Hwy. 3)</b>					
8, 14, 43 . . . . .	Oct. 5–7 . . . . .	ANT–1–102*	. . . . .	.15 . . . . .	MB
8, 14, 43 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26–28 . . . . .	ANT–1–132 . . . . .	. . . . .	.3 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17–19 . . . . .	ANT–1–156 . . . . .	. . . . .	.10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17–19 . . . . .	ANT–1–157 . . . . .	. . . . .	.10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 14, 43 (West of Hwy. 3)</b>					
14, 43 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17–19 . . . . .	ANT–1–158 . . . . .	. . . . .	.5 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15 . . . . .	Oct. 5–7 . . . . .	ANT–1–167*	. . . . .	.20 . . . . .	MB
15 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26–28 . . . . .	ANT–1–148 . . . . .	. . . . .	.5 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17–19 . . . . .	ANT–1–159 . . . . .	. . . . .	.5 . . . . .	MB
16 . . . . .	Oct. 5–7 . . . . .	ANT–1–103*	. . . . .	.80 . . . . .	MB
16 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26–28 . . . . .	ANT–1–133 . . . . .	. . . . .	.8 . . . . .	ES

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17-19 . . . . .	ANT-1-160 . . . . .	S . . . . .	5 . . . . .	MB
17 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-104* . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
17 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-134 . . . . .	S . . . . .	4 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-105* . . . . .	S . . . . .	2 . . . . .	MB
20 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-135 . . . . .	S . . . . .	2 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-106* . . . . .	S . . . . .	5 . . . . .	MB
21 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-136 . . . . .	S . . . . .	2 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17-19 . . . . .	ANT-1-161 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
23 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-107* . . . . .	S . . . . .	20 . . . . .	MB
23 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-137 . . . . .	S . . . . .	3 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 24</b>					
24 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-108* . . . . .	S . . . . .	5 . . . . .	MB
24 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-138 . . . . .	S . . . . .	1 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-109* . . . . .	S . . . . .	5 . . . . .	MB
25 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-139 . . . . .	S . . . . .	1 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 26</b>					
26 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-110* . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
26 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-140 . . . . .	S . . . . .	1 . . . . .	ES
<b>Unit 31</b>					
31 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17-19 . . . . .	ANT-1-162 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
31 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-112* . . . . .	S . . . . .	90 . . . . .	MB
31 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-142 . . . . .	S . . . . .	9 . . . . .	ES
<b>Units 32, 33</b>					
32, 33 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17-19 . . . . .	ANT-1-163 . . . . .	S . . . . .	15 . . . . .	MB
32, 33 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-114* . . . . .	S . . . . .	130 . . . . .	MB
32, 33 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-143 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	ES
32 (Portions of) - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-144 . . . . .	S . . . . .	3 . . . . .	ES
32 (Portions of) . . . . .	Dec. 1-15 . . . . .	ANT-1-116 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	F-IM
<b>Units 18, 36-38</b>					
18, 36-38 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17-19 . . . . .	ANT-1-164 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
18, 36-38 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-117* . . . . .	S . . . . .	120 . . . . .	MB
18, 36, 37, 38 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-145 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	ES
<b>Units 39, 40</b>					
39, 40 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .	Aug. 17-19 . . . . .	ANT-1-165 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
39, 40 . . . . .	Oct. 5-7 . . . . .	ANT-1-119* . . . . .	S . . . . .	55 . . . . .	MB
39, 40 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-146 . . . . .	S . . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, 54-59</b>					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, . . . . .	Jul. 27-29 . . . . .	ANT-1-166 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
54-59 - Mobility Impaired Only . . . . .					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, . . . . .	Aug. 24-26 . . . . .	ANT-1-121* . . . . .	S . . . . .	.425 . . . . .	MB
54-59 . . . . .					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, . . . . .	Aug. 24-26 . . . . .	ANT-1-122* . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	ES
54-59 - Youth Only . . . . .					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, . . . . .	Aug. 31-Sept. 2 . . . . .	ANT-1-123* . . . . .	S . . . . .	60 . . . . .	F-IM
54-59 - Youth Only . . . . .					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46-48, . . . . .	Oct. 26-28 . . . . .	ANT-1-147 . . . . .	S . . . . .	50 . . . . .	ES
54-59 - Youth Only . . . . .					
<b>Draw Licenses for Archery Only</b>					
<b>Units 7, 9, 12, 13</b>					
7, 9, 12, 13 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-170 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)</b>					
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3) . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-171 . . . . .	S . . . . .	5 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-172 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-173 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-174 . . . . .	S . . . . .	30 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-175 . . . . .	S . . . . .	.3 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-176 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-177 . . . . .	S . . . . .	.2 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 26</b>					
26 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-178 . . . . .	S . . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-179 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 31</b>					
31 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-180 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 32, 33</b>					
32, 33 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-181 . . . . .	S . . . . .	75 . . . . .	MB
<b>Units 18, 36-38</b>					
18, 36-38 . . . . .	Aug. 24-Sept. 1 . . . . .	ANT-2-182 . . . . .	S . . . . .	25 . . . . .	MB

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## Draw Licenses for Archery Only—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
<b>Unit 39, 40</b>					
39, 40 . . . . .	Aug. 24–Sept. 1	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. 3–11 . . . . .	ANT–2–184.	. . . S. . . . .	.100 . . . . .	MB

## Draw Licenses For Muzzleloader, Crossbows and Bows

<b>Unit 28</b>					
28 McGregor Range - Military Only . . . . .	Aug. 31–Sept. 1	ANT–3–188.	. . . S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
28 McGregor Range. . . . .	Aug. 31–Sept. 1	ANT–3–189.	. . . S. . . . .	.5 . . . . .	MB
28 McGregor Range - Youth Only . . . . .	Aug. 31–Sept. 1	ANT–3–190.	. . . S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	MB
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29 . . . . .	Sept. 6–9 . . . . .	ANT–3–191.	. . . S. . . . .	35 . . . . .	MB
29 - Adult-Youth Only Hunt . . . . .	Sept. 6–9 . . . . .	ANT–3–192.	. . . S. . . . .	10 . . . . .	ES
Application requires at least one adult who is 18 years of age or older and may include up to three youth who must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt.					
29 - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 26–28 . . . . .	ANT–3–149.	. . . S. . . . .	.5 . . . . .	ES
<b>Units 50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52</b>					
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52 . . . . .	Aug. 10–13 . . . . .	ANT–3–193.	. . . S. . . . .	.150 . . . . .	MB
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52 - Youth Only. . . . .	Aug. 10–13 . . . . .	ANT–3–194.	. . . S. . . . .	.25 . . . . .	ES
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52 - Youth Only. . . . .	Oct. 26–28 . . . . .	ANT–3–150.	. . . S. . . . .	.15 . . . . .	ES



## Draw Licenses for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep

### Application and Licenses

Before applying for a Bighorn Sheep Draw License, residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License.

Hunters are eligible to draw one Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Ram License and one Desert Bighorn Sheep Ram License in a lifetime. Additionally, youth hunters (under 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. All bighorn sheep ram licenses are either once-in-a-lifetime or once-in-youth hunts.

Hunters may apply for one or both Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn sheep (rams and ewes) in the same license year, but only on one application.

Individuals who have previously held a Bighorn Sheep Enhancement License (see page 34, *Enhancement Hunts*) may apply for these licenses.

Hunters must apply by March 20, 2013. Only one person may apply per application. Anyone applying for a Bighorn Sheep Draw License **must pay-in-full** all license and application fees when making application.

**A person who has held a license to hunt a desert bighorn sheep ram may also apply for a draw license to hunt a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram and vice versa.**

### Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Ram

All hunters may apply for a draw license to hunt a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram, provided they have never before drawn this license.

### Desert Bighorn Sheep Ram

All hunters may apply for a draw license to hunt desert bighorn sheep rams, provided they have never before drawn this license.

### Youth Only Hunt

Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm.

### Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun of .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.

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## 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 be done within 10 days of harvest. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field in New Mexico must remain in the field and may not be legally possessed. Bighorn sheep rams must be sealed prior to being transported outside New Mexico. Persons bringing bighorn sheep heads into New Mexico must have the head sealed by NMDGF within 10 days of entry into the state. Bighorn sheep legally harvested and sealed in another jurisdiction (state, tribal entity or country), do not have to be sealed again in New Mexico.

## License Fees

Bighorn sheep license, validation and stamp fees are listed on page 16. A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) may be required.

## Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts (\*)

These hunts occur only on private land. Landowners have placed certain restrictions on these hunts. Please call NMDGF at 1-888-248-6866 for more information about these restrictions.

## White Sands Missile Range Bighorn Sheep Hunt (\*\*)

### License and Access Fees

Bighorn sheep license fees are listed on page 16. White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) charges a \$150 access fee per hunter for hunts taking place on WSMR. Successful applicants will receive an instruction letter from the WSMR detailing payment of the fee, including deadline dates.

### WSMR Security

All hunters who successfully draw a WSMR 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. Only outfitters registered with WSMR in advance of the hunt will be allowed access.

### Hunt Dates

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

## Seasons for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
<b>Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep</b>				
Unit 45 Pecos Mountains . . . . .	Aug. 17-23 . . . . .	BHS-1-101	2	Ram
Unit 45 Pecos Mountains . . . . .	Aug. 24-30 . . . . .	BHS-1-102	1	Ram
Unit 45 Pecos Mountains - Youth Only . . . . .	Aug. 24-30 . . . . .	BHS-1-103	1	Ram
Unit 53 Wheeler Peak (portion south of N.M. Hwy. 38) . . . . .	Sept. 7-13 . . . . .	BHS-1-106	4	Ram
Units 53 and 55 Latir Mountains . . . . .	Aug. 10-16 . . . . .	BHS-1-109	1	Ram
Units 53 and 55 Latir Mountains . . . . .	Aug. 31-Sept. 6 . . . . .	BHS-1-110	11	Ewe
Units 53 and 55 Latir Mountains - Youth Only . . . . .	Aug. 31-Sept. 6 . . . . .	BHS-1-111	1	Ewe
<b>Desert Bighorn sheep</b>				
Unit 27 Peloncillo Mountains . . . . .	Nov. 1-30 . . . . .	BHS-1-100	2	Ram
Unit 26 Hatchet Mountains . . . . .	Oct. 1-15 . . . . .	BHS-1-114	3	Ram
Unit 26 Hatchet Mountains . . . . .	Oct. 16-31 . . . . .	BHS-1-115	3	Ram
Unit 19 White Sands Missile Range** . . . . .	Dec. 14-Jan. 1, '14 . . . . .	BHS-1-116	2	Ram
Unit 20 Caballo Mountains . . . . .	Nov. 16-30 . . . . .	BHS-1-118	1	Ram
Unit 20 Caballo Mountains . . . . .	Dec. 1-15 . . . . .	BHS-1-119	1	Ram
Unit 20 Fra Cristobal Mountains* . . . . .	Oct. 16-30 . . . . .	BHS-1-120	2	Ram
Unit 20 Fra Cristobal Mountains* - Youth Only . . . . .	Oct. 31-Nov. 14 . . . . .	BHS-1-122	1	Ram
Unit 13 Ladron Mountains . . . . .	Dec. 1-31 . . . . .	BHS-1-123	1	Ram





## Over-the-Counter and Draw Licenses

### General License Information

Before purchasing an Over-the-Counter Ibex License or applying for an Ibex Draw License, residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License.

### 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: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), by toll-free telephone: 1-888-248-6866, or at NMDGF offices. There is no deadline nor limit on the number of IBX-1-528 licenses. An IBX-1-528 license has an unlimited number of tags available. Tags may be requested from any NMDGF office.

### Over-the-Counter License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Ibex . . . . .	\$103 . . . . .	\$1,610

A Depredation Damage Stamp fee is included in the Over-the-Counter License fee. A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) may be required for all hunters 18 years of age and older.

### Draw License

Licenses for the IBX-1-525 rifle hunt are once-in-a-lifetime. Hunters must apply by Mar. 20, 2013 to be considered for this hunt on the Florida Mountains Hunt Area. Only one person may apply per application. A hunter may apply for this Once-in-a-Lifetime Ibex Draw License, if he/she 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
Ibex . . . . .	\$111 . . . . .	\$1,630

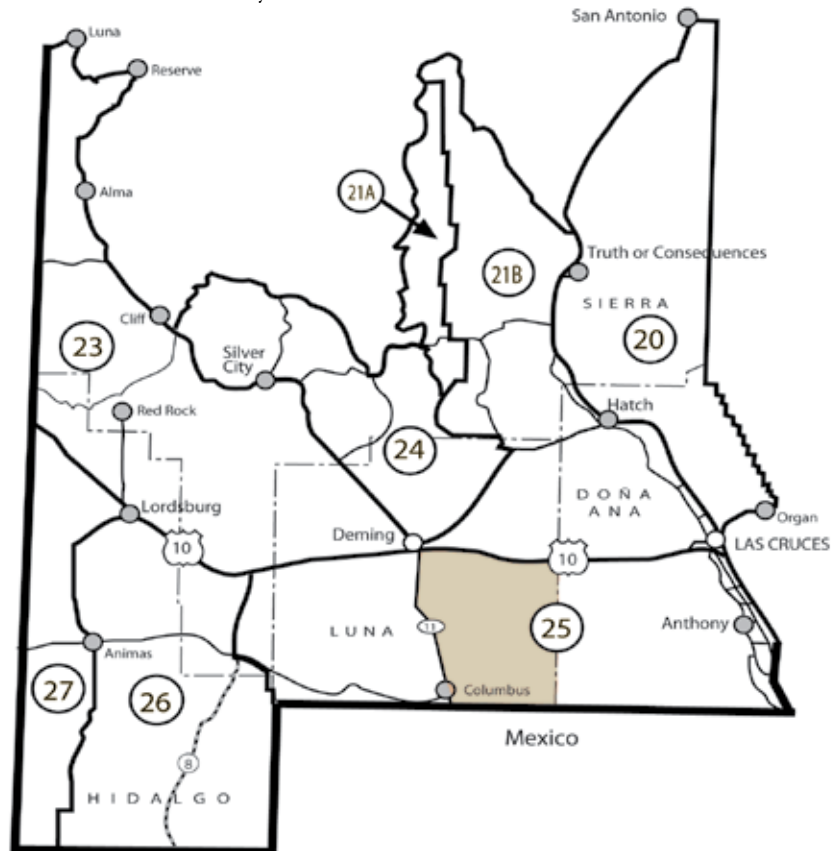
Hunters must apply by March 20, 2013. Individuals applying for an Ibex Draw License, **must pay-in-full** all license and application fees at the time of application. A nonrefundable application fee is included in the Draw License fee. A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) is also required.

### Bag Limit

- F-IM: Any one female or immature ibex (see page 10, *Definition of Terms*).
- ES: Any one ibex of either sex.

## Ibex Hunt Area

Florida Mountains Hunt Area: Portion of GMU 25 (shaded below): bounded by U.S. Hwy. 1-10 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.



### 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.

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth Only Hunt:** Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) 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.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm</b>				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25. Youth Only	Dec. 27–Jan. 9, '14	IBX-1-500	15	ES
Florida Mountains in Unit 25. This is a Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt	Nov. 15–28	IBX-1-525	25	ES
<b>Archery Only</b>				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Oct. 1–14	IBX-2-535	100	ES
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Jan. 17–30, '14	IBX-2-536	100	ES
<b>Muzzleloader</b>				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Dec. 6–19	IBX-3-540	25	ES
<b>Over-the-Counter: Any Legal Sporting Arm</b>				
Statewide (off-Florida Mountains)	Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '14	IBX-1-528	OTC	one ES per tag
Florida Mountains *	Feb. 21–Mar. 31, '14	IBX-1-521	Unlimited	2 F-IM (Any hunter who has successfully drawn another ibex hunt is ineligible for this hunt.)

- \* IBX-1-521 is a Harvest Limit Hunt. Hunters are required to telephone the NMDGF Information Center: 1-888-248-6866 prior to hunting in order to determine if the harvest limit has been met. The hunt will close when 125 female ibex have been harvested or Mar. 31, whichever occurs first. The bag limit for the hunt is two F-IM ibex. Hunters who have successfully harvested two F-IM ibex during the IBX-1-521 hunt and who have presented their ibex heads within five days of harvest to an NMDGF office or official for confirmation will be eligible to enter a drawing for one either-sex ibex. ES Ibex Drawing information will be provided when the hunter presents two heads for confirmation.

## Possession of Big-Game Species and Turkey

### Simplified Carcass Tagging

We've simplified the process. The license and carcass tag have been combined. Hunters successful in the draw for any big-game species or turkey, as well as hunters purchasing a license online, now print their license at home. On this year's license is an area where the species must be completely blacked out or punched at the time of kill. Immediately upon arriving at a vehicle, camp or place of storage, the date and time of kill must be permanently written on the appropriate line. Carcass tags will **no longer be issued**. For further information see pages 24–25, *Simplified Carcass Tagging*.

## Over-the-Counter Licenses and Draw Permits

### General Information

Before purchasing an Over-the-Counter Turkey License, residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. Turkey hunters may apply for a spring and/or fall hunting season. Nonresidents **may not apply** for any hunts held only on WMAs.

### 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), toll-free: 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, 2013. Your license will be emailed to you and available in your NMDGF account.

### License Fees

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

A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) also is required (see page 16).

### Legal Sporting Arms

Any shotgun, including muzzleloading shotguns using shot only. Bow and arrows or crossbow and bolts. 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.



# Turkey

General information and License Sales toll-free: 1-888-248-6866

## 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 USDA Forest Service or the military during operations. **Closed Areas:** The following are closed to turkey hunting (except as permitted by regulation): Sugarite Canyon State Park; Orilla Verde and portions of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area; Taos Valley Overlook; all WMAs except Humphries, Rio Chama and Edward Sargent; the Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas; and Rattlesnake Canyon in Unit 2A.

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

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

**Unit 2A** (except areas east of N.M. Hwy. 550 and north of N.M. Hwy. 173); **Unit 2C** (except areas east of Largo Canyon); **Unit 4** (including WMAs); **Units 5, 6A, 6C, 7, 9** (including Water Canyon WMA); **Units 10, 12–14** (bows only in Sandia Ranger District); **Units 15–18, 20–24, 29, 32, 34, 36–43, 45–49, 51–54** (including Colin Neblett WMA); **Unit 55** (including E.S. Barker and Colin Neblett WMAs, but not Uracca WMA, Valle Vidal and Greenwood area); **Units 56, 57** (archery only in Sugarite Canyon State Park); **Units 58, 59.**

### Youth Only Spring OTC License Hunt: April 13–14

An early Youth Only Turkey Hunt opportunity is scheduled for April 13–14 in all units listed open for spring hunting (see above *Areas Open for Spring OTC License Hunts*)

### Bag Limit for Spring Season

The bag limit is 2 bearded turkeys, except as restricted by permit or area. 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.

### Areas Open for Fall OTC License Hunts

**Sept. 1–30** (archery only) and **Nov. 1–30** (any legal sporting arm, except centerfire or rimfire rifle or handgun).

**Unit 2A** (except areas east of N.M. Hwy. 550 and north of N.M. Hwy. 173); **Unit 2C** (except areas east of Largo Canyon); **Units 6A, 6C, 7, 9** (except Water Canyon WMA); **Units 10, 12, 13, 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 not E.S. Barker and Uracca WMAs, Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas); **Units 56, 57** (archery only in 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, he/she may hunt again in November using any legal sporting arm for turkey.

**Because of reintroduction efforts, regulated hunting and habitat management,** wild turkeys in the United States have been restored from a low of 30,000 in the 1920s to more than 7 million today.

## Draw Permit Hunts

Application for these draw permits must be made by Feb. 6, 2013, including a nonrefundable application fee: \$8.00 per residents and \$20 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 Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunters and trappers on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) is also required. **Youth Only Hunts:** Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm.

## 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	April 15–May 10	TUR-1-100	100	1 bearded turkey
2 - Youth Only	April 15–May 10	TUR-1-101	50	1 bearded turkey
<b>Marquez WMA (NM Resident Only)</b>				
	April 15–May 10	TUR-1-104	5	2 bearded turkeys
<b>Huey WMA (Youth Only, NM Resident Only)</b>				
	April 13–14	TUR-1-105	2	1 bearded turkeys
<b>Huey WMA (Youth Only, NM Resident Only)</b>				
	April 20–21	TUR-1-106	2	1 bearded turkeys
<b>Huey WMA (Youth Only, NM Resident Only)</b>				
	Oct. 19–20	TUR-1-109	4	Any one turkey
<b>Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area</b>				
	April 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 under 18 years of age. Hunts will be held on weekends during April and May, 2013 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 \$6.00 is required per application. Applications will be available beginning February 6, 2013 and must be returned to the Refuge by March 15, 2013. Interested individuals may contact the Bosque del Apache NWR at (575) 835-1828 to request an application. Applications are also available at the Bosque del Apache NWR Visitor Center and online at: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/bosque/huntfish.html>

## Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) Apr. 15–May 10

Contact the VCNP directly at [www.vallescaldera.gov](http://www.vallescaldera.gov) for more information about this hunt. Bag limit is one bearded turkey.

## Javelina Draw Licenses

### Application and Licenses

Before applying for a Javelina Draw License, all residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. Up to four persons may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 20, 2013.

### License Fees (see page 16)

Hunters applying for a Javelina Draw License, **must pay-in-full** the license and nonrefundable application fee. A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) also 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 arrows; or crossbow and bolts.

**Bag Limit:** One javelina.

### What You Must Know

**No Over-the-Counter Licenses:** There are no OTC licenses for javelina. **Youth Only Hunts:** Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm. **Units 13 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the USDA 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:** All Wildlife Management Areas are closed to javelina hunting, except the following Prairie Chicken Areas: 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 - Youth Only . . . . .	Jan. 1–Mar. 31, '14 . . . . .	JAV-1-100 . . . . .	100 . . . . .	ES
Units 19, 23–27 . . . . .	Feb. 1–15, '14 . . . . .	JAV-1-102 . . . . .	1000 . . . . .	ES
Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23–28) . . . . .	Jan. 16–Mar. 31, '14 . . . . .	JAV-1-104 . . . . .	1000 . . . . .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only . . . . .	Dec. 28–29 . . . . .	JAV-1-105 . . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES

### Archery Only

Units 19, 23–27 . . . . .	Jan. 16–31, '14 . . . . .	JAV-2-101 . . . . .	300 . . . . .	ES
Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23–28) . . . . .	Jan. 1–15, '14 . . . . .	JAV-2-103 . . . . .	300 . . . . .	ES

## Barbary Sheep Licenses

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

Before purchasing an over-the-counter Barbary Sheep License or applying for a Barbary Sheep Draw License, residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. Up to four persons may apply on each application for draw licenses. Application must be made by March 20, 2013. Private-land Licenses and Unlimited-Area Barbary Sheep Licenses are available over-the-counter at NMDGF offices, online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or by toll-free telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

License Fees	Resident	Nonresident
Draw . . . . .	\$111 . . . . .	\$380 . . . . .
Private-land and Unlimited Areas . . . . .	\$103 . . . . .	\$360 . . . . .

Individuals applying for a Barbary Sheep Draw License **must pay-in-full** the license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. Hunters must apply by March 20, 2013. A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) also is required.

**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, 19, 20, 22–24, 26–32, 34, 36 and 37; 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 areas.

**Unlimited Areas:** Units 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17–18, 21, 25, 33, 38–59.

**Draw License Units:** Licenses for Units 28 (McGregor Range) and public land within 28–32, 34, 36 and 37 are issued by drawing only.

### Blaze Orange and Hunter Education Required

McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters to wear a blaze-orange hat and a blaze-orange hunting vest. Before hunting on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss **all hunters are required** to have proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course.

## Barbary Sheep Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm

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

Units 31, 32, 34, 36, 37	Feb. 1–28, '14	.BBY-1-100.	.600.	ES
Units 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17–18, 21, 25, 33, 38–59	Apr. 1–Mar. 31 '14			
Units 29, 30	Feb. 1–28, '14	.BBY-1-101.	.600.	ES
Units 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17–18, 21, 25, 33, 38–59	April 1–March 31, '14			
Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only.	Dec. 28–29, '13	.BBY-1-102.	.5.	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range	Dec. 28–29, '13	.BBY-1-103.	.5.	ES

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

Units 31, 32, 34, 36, 37 (Private-land Only)	Feb. 1–28, '14	.BBY-1-200	Unlimited.	ES
Units 29, 30 (Private-land Only)	Feb. 1–28, '14	.BBY-1-201.	Unlimited.	ES

### Over-the-Counter Unlimited Area Hunts

Units: 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17–18, 21, 25, 33, 38–59	April 1–March 31, '14.	.BBY-1-300	Unlimited.	ES
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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 a NMDGF conservation officer.

## Oryx Draw Licenses

### Application and Licenses

Before purchasing a Private-land Only Oryx License or applying for an Oryx Draw License, residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. 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 20, 2013. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR Security Badge 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	\$161	\$1,630
Private-land Hunts	\$153	\$1,610

Individuals applying for a Oryx Draw License **must pay-in-full** the license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) is also required. For all hunts taking place on the range, WSMR charges a \$150 per hunter access fee. Successful applicants will receive a letter from WSMR with instructions for fee payment and deadline dates. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the 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.

**From only 93 animals released** on White Sands Missile Range between 1969–1977, the oryx population has grown to more than 3,000.

## 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 (see page 12, *Definition of Terms*). Those who have held a 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 toll-free: **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.

**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	Oct. 4–6	ORX–1–104	.55	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 29–Dec. 1	ORX–1–108	.55	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 24–26, '14	ORX–1–112	.55	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 21–23, '14	ORX–1–116	.55	.ES
Stallion Range	Sept. 20–22	ORX–1–102	.45	.ES
Stallion Range	Nov. 15–17	ORX–1–106	.45	.ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 10–12, '14	ORX–1–110	.45	.ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 7–9, '14	ORX–1–114	.45	.ES
Rhodes Canyon (Mobility Impaired only)	Sept. 6–8	ORX–1–101	.20	.ES

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

Applicants must be under 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education Certification number or a Mentored-Youth Hunter number (see page 6) 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. 6–8	ORX–1–100	.30	.ES

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

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range	Sept. 20–22	ORX–1–127	.10	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 4–6	ORX–1–128	.10	.BHO
Stallion Range	Nov. 15–17	ORX–1–129	.10	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 29–Dec. 1	ORX–1–130	.10	.BHO
Stallion Range	Jan. 10–12, '14	ORX–1–131	.10	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 24–26, '14	ORX–1–132	.10	.BHO
Stallion Range	Feb. 7–9, '14	ORX–1–133	.10	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 21–23, '14	ORX–1–134	.10	.BHO

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

**Do not apply if:** 1.) you are not a U.S. citizen; 2.) do not have an appropriate WSMR security and hunt badge; or 3.) cannot be escorted by someone carrying a WSMR security and hunt badge. **Only badged sponsors with an approved 2013 WSMR Hunt Permit and their guests will be allowed to participate in these hunts.** Badged sponsors must have received a 2013 WSMR Hunt Permit by March 20, 2013. Hunters unaccompanied by a permitted sponsor will be denied access to the hunt. If uncertain about eligibility, please telephone toll-free: **1-888-248-6866**.

Oryx hunts ORX–1–118 through ORX–1–126 are **available only to U.S. citizens with appropriate WSMR security and hunt badges**—and to their guests in accordance with WSMR provisions. Access to WSMR is not guaranteed for these hunts. Hunts will be on remote areas of WSMR. Hunts will occur only on weekends, nonduty days and holidays.

These **are not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. No more than two persons may apply on each application. Application must be made through the NMDGF draw by March 20, 2013. Applicants may designate a maximum of three hunt code choices. For further information about access and badging requirements, contact WSMR at: (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

## WSMR Security Badge Hunts—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
WSMR TBA WSMR Military Only*	TBD	ORX-1-118	.18	.ES
WSMR TBA	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-120	.20	.ES
WSMR TBA	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-121	.20	.ES
WSMR TBA	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-122	.20	.ES
WSMR TBA	Jan. 1-31, '14	ORX-1-124	.20	.ES
WSMR TBA	Feb. 1-28, '14	ORX-1-125	.20	.ES

\*ORX-1-118 is only available to military personnel stationed at WSMR. Proof of assignment must be provided. Hunt dates will be determined based on stationing status of individual military personnel. Additional information will be mailed to licensed hunters prior to the hunt.

## 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 19). 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 20, 2013. **Proof of Military Service Required:** Applicants must provide proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan by 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
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 4-6	ORX-1-105	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 29-Dec. 1	ORX-1-109	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 24-26, '14	ORX-1-113	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 21-23, '14	ORX-1-117	.5	.ES
Stallion Range	Sept. 20-22	ORX-1-103	.5	.ES
Stallion Range	Nov. 15-17	ORX-1-107	.5	.ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 10-12, '14	ORX-1-111	.5	.ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 7-9, '14	ORX-1-115	.5	.ES

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

**Open Areas:** Lands administered by USDA Forest Service and BLM, State Trust Land, and private property with written permission. **Closed Areas:** Private lands without written permission, White Sands Missile Range, Jornada Experimental Station, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss 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, '14	ORX-1-218	.60	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Jan. 1-31, '14	ORX-1-219	.18	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Feb. 1-28, '14	ORX-1-220	.60	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Feb. 1-28, '14	ORX-1-221	.18	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Mar. 1-31, '14	ORX-1-222	.60	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Mar. 1-31, '14	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 valid written permission from the landowner. They are restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arm type and bag limit that correspond to the public land hunts listed above as **Off-Range WSMR Hunts (ORX-1-204 through ORX-1-223)**. The number of Private-land Only Licenses is unlimited. These licenses are available at NMDGF offices, online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), or by toll-free telephone: 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. Hunters must wear a blaze-orange hat and a blaze-orange hunting vest while hunting. For further information, contact Fort Bliss at (915) 568-3016.

## McGregor Range Hunts—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range . . . . .	Dec. 7–8. . . . .	ORX-1-226 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	.ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range Military Only . . . . .	Dec. 7–8. . . . .	ORX-1-227 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	.ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range . . . . .	Jan. 11–12, '14. . . . .	ORX-1-224 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	.ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range Military Only . . . . .	Jan. 11–12, '14. . . . .	ORX-1-225 . . . . .	.25 . . . . .	.ES

## 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. Outfitters and guides are not authorized for Population-Management Hunts nor Security-Badged Hunts. Only those outfitters and guides registered with WSMR **in advance of the hunt** will be allowed to operate on the Range. 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.

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## Fondos de Titulo 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.

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

### License Fees (See page 16)

To hunt bears, all residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License and an Over-the-Counter Bear License. A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) is also required.

### Harvest Limits for All Zones (Listed with map on pages 110–112)

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 page 110. 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*). Usually, Bear Management Zones close when harvests reach 90% of the sustainable total limit or 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 the NMDGF website: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or telephoning the Bear and Cougar Zone Closure and Harvest Hotline: 1-877-950-5466.

## Bear Draw Permits

Bear Draw Permits are available for the areas listed in the table on the page 108. Only New Mexico residents may apply for WMA Bear Draw Permits. Application must be made by Feb. 6, 2013. Only one hunter may apply on each application. Hunters who successfully draw a Bear Permit must also 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 possess an unused tag and have not taken a bear. **A hunter must be properly licensed at least two 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 toll-free telephone: 1-888-248-6866. Bear Licenses **must be purchased at least two days before hunting**, and hunters must possess a valid Bear License while hunting in the field.



**Did you know?** Black bear can run up to 30–40 miles per hour. They rarely walk on their hind legs, but sometimes stand upright—not to be aggressive, but to see and smell scents carried on the wind.

## Seasons for Bear Draw Permits

Area	Date	Hunt Code	Permits
Valle Vidal and Greenwood.	Apr. 15–May 20	BER–1–106	20
Unit 2 - Youth Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–100	5
Sargent WMA. NM Residents Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–101	10
Humphries WMA NM Residents Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–102	5
Marquez WMA NM Residents Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–103	5
Barker and Colin Neblett WMAs NM Residents Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–104	12
Valle Vidal and Greenwood	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–105	20

Above dates are subject to change. Verify dates at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) before hunting.

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Closed Areas:** Sugarite Canyon State Park; Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook; all Wildlife Management Areas, (Marquez WMA is open only to hunters with a valid Bear Draw Permit and Bear Hunting License); and Subunit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve). **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 page 112, *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 USDA Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Zones 8 and 14:** Hunters may 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. **Dog use is not allowed during any bow season.**

## Seasons for Over-the-Counter Bear Hunts

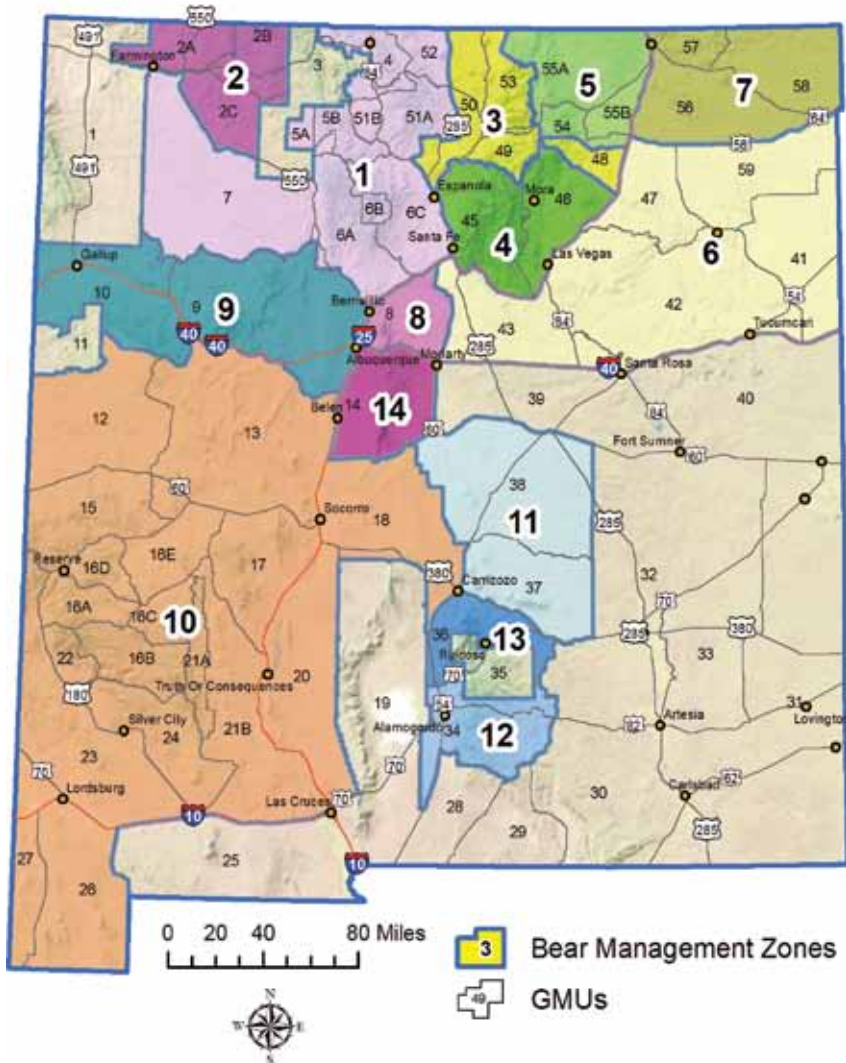
Zone: Open Units	Hunt Dates	Sporting Arm Type	Dog Use	Total Limit/Female Limit
<b>Zone 1</b> Units: 4–7, 51, 52	Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 15	Archery Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	124 / 50
<b>Zone 2</b> Unit 2	Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 15	Archery Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	15 / 6
<b>Zone 3</b> Units: 48–50, 53	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	44 / 17
<b>Zone 4</b> Units: 45, 46	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 30	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	110 / 55
<b>Zone 5</b> Units: 54, 55	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	95 / 48
<b>Zone 6</b> Units: 41–43, 47, 59	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Oct. 15–Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	18 / 7
<b>Zone 7</b> Units: 56–58	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Oct. 15–Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	23 / 9
<b>Zone 8</b> Unit 8	Sept. 1–22 Oct. 15–Nov. 15	Archery Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	5 / 2
<b>Zone 9</b> Units: 9, 10	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	25 / 10
<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	109 / 44
<b>Zone 11</b> Units: 37, 38	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 30	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	16 / 6
<b>Zone 12</b> Unit 34	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 30	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	31 / 12
<b>Zone 13</b> Unit 36	Aug. 16–31 Sept. 1–22 Sept. 23–Nov. 15	Any Legal Archery Only Any Legal	Allowed Not Allowed Allowed	25 / 13
<b>Zone 14</b> Unit 14	Sept. 1–22 Oct. 15–Nov. 15	Archery Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	12 / 5

# Bear

Online Information and License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

Bear Zone Closures and Harvest Hotline toll-free: 1-877-950-5466

## Bear Management Zone and Game Management Unit Map



**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. In the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest, only bows and crossbows may be used. Crossbows **may not be used** during the Sept. 1–22 Archery Only Season.

**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 nor 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:** 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. 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's 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** on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) nor to pursue bear during bow seasons. Dogs use is **allowed** to hunt bear during hunts for any legal sporting arm (see table on page 110). 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: It is unlawful to hunt bears on the Valle Vidal and Greenwood, 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 may hunt bears 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 quota in Bear Zone 5 has not been met and the bear season is still open. Dogs are allowed only during the Apr. 15–May 20 hunt.

**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 depredated animals taken under this provision are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be delivered to NMDGF.

## Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses

Before purchasing an Over-the-Counter (OTC) Cougar License, residents and nonresidents must purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License.

License Fees	Resident	Nonresident
OTC Cougar License . . . . .	\$43 . . . . .	\$290

A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) is also required.

An OTC Cougar License may be purchased with a valid Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License from license vendors, at NMDGF offices, online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us), or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866. Each license is valid for two cougars and includes a space where the species must be properly blacked out or punched and the date and time of kill permanently written. Carcass tags are no longer provided separately. **Cougar Licenses must be purchased at least two days before hunting.**

## Cougar Seasons

**Statewide Cougar Season: Apr. 1, 2013–Mar. 31, 2014.**

### 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 the number of female cougars that may be harvested. Harvest limits for each Cougar Management Zone are listed in the table on page 114.

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 within 10% of the sustainable total limit or 10% 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 the NMDGF website: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free telephone: 1-877-950-5466.

### Mandatory Cougar Identification Course

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

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Grapevine Canyon, McGregor Range Buffer Zone:** Unit 34 in this area is accessible with military permission only. **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. **Closed Areas:** Sugarite Canyon State Park; Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook; Subunit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve); and the Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas. **All Wildlife Management Areas are closed** to cougar hunting. **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 USDA 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 is not a legal method for taking cougars, except on private land as permitted by NMDGF. **Private landowners must contact NMDGF at (505) 476-8038**, before using traps or snares for cougar on their property. If accidentally trapped, the cougar must be released. Should assistance be needed to release a cougar, contact NMDGF.

### Bag Limit

Bag limit is two adult cougars. 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.

### Tagging of Cougar Hides

Cougars must be tagged with both a license and pelt tag. 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 any NMDGF office within five days of killing the cougar or before transporting the hide outside New Mexico—whichever comes first.

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.

# Cougar

Cougar Zone Closures and Harvest Hotline toll-free: 1-877-950-5466

## 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

Dogs may be used in hunting cougars. 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 (right).

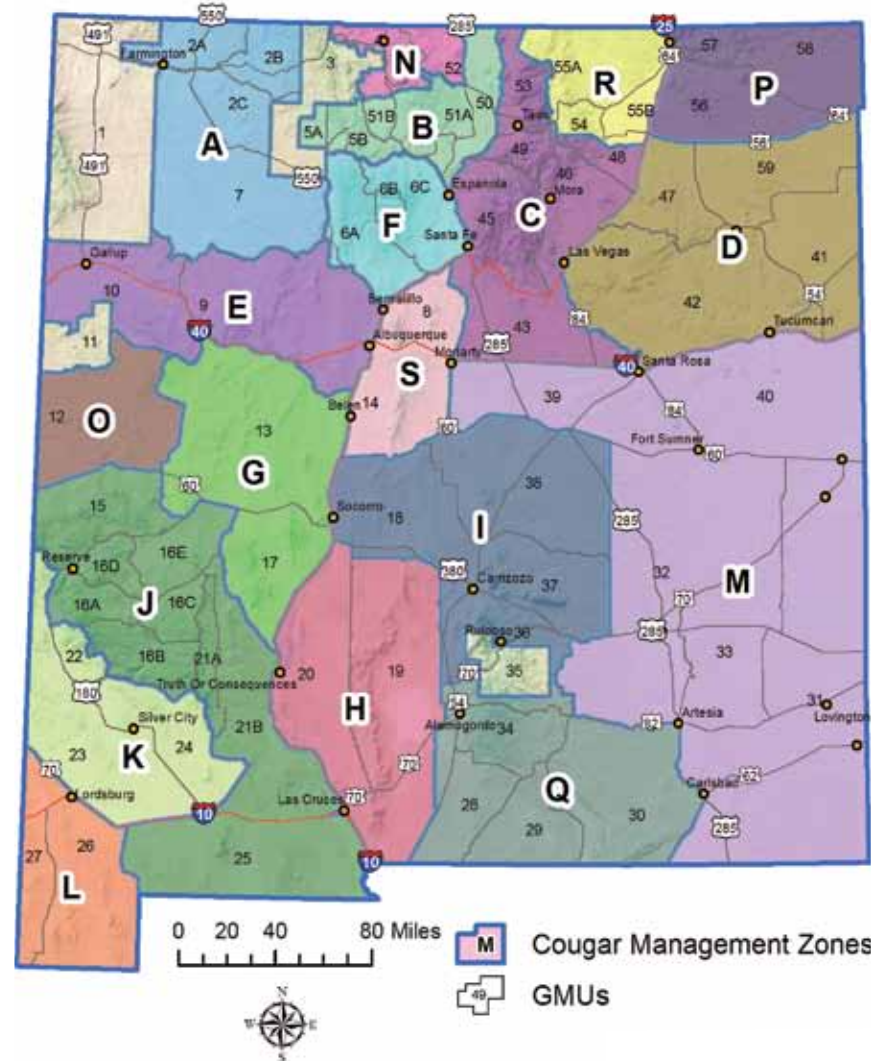
**All Wildlife Management Areas are closed to cougar hunting.**

## 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	. 19, 20	. 24 / 12
I	. 18, 36-38	. 37 / 11
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

**Did you know?** Cougars are found in many different habitats throughout New Mexico, from the Chihuahuan Desert to 10,000-foot elevations. Preferring canyons, escarpments and dense brush, they are generally most abundant in areas where deer are plentiful.

## Cougar Management Zone and Game Management Unit Map



# Mexican Gray Wolf

General information and License Sales toll-free: 1-888-248-6866

Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## 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 radiocollar the wolf.

## Wolves Are a 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 totaling \$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 (see page 117, *About Wolf Encounters and Identification*).

### 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/).

## About 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–three times more, have larger and 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



Coyote



# Furbearers

General information and License Sales toll-free: 1-888-248-6866

## Trapping Licenses

Resident and nonresident trappers and furbearer hunters must purchase a Trapper License at any NMDGF office, toll-free: 1-888-248-6866 or online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

Trappers who do not report trapping results by April 7, 2013 will be charged an \$8.00 fee to file late results before a new Trapper License may be purchased.

New Mexico residents 12–17 years of age who hunt or trap **protected furbearers** must purchase a Junior Trapper License. Residents 18 years and older who hunt or trap protected furbearers must purchase a Trapper License. No license is required for New Mexico residents to take **unprotected furbearers** (see *Unprotected Furbearers*). Nonresidents who **hunt** protected furbearers or Nonresidents who **trap** protected or 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 firearms or bows to hunt for and possess coyote, rabbit, prairie dog or skunk, but may not set traps or snares unless they also have a Nonresident Trapper License. For information and licenses, telephone NMDGF toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

**License Fees:** Resident Nonresident  
Trapper License . . \$20 . . \$345  
Junior Trapper License . \$9 . . Not Issued  
(residents only)

A Habitat Stamp (purchased separately) is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on USDA Forest Service and/or BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation (purchased separately) is also required.

**Nonresident** furbearer trappers and hunters must purchase a Nonresident Trapper License prior to hunting, trapping, killing or possessing any protected furbearer (fox, bobcat, badger, weasel, beaver, ringtail, muskrat, nutria and raccoon). A Nonresident Nongame License,

or any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license, allows the holder to hunt for and possess coyote, rabbit, prairie dog or skunk using firearms or bows, but not set traps or snares. Nonresidents whose home state does not allow New Mexico residents to trap are prohibited from purchasing a New Mexico Nonresident Trapper License.

**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, 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.

**Legal Means of Harvest:** Furbearers may be taken with dogs, firearms, bow and arrows, 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 to take protected furbearers. There is no “pursuit or training season” other than the regular open season—except for raccoon (see page 121, *Seasons*).

**Trap Inspection:** A licensed trapper or his/her representative (agent) must make a visual inspection of each trap every calendar day. All traps must be personally checked by the trapper every other calendar day and all wildlife must be removed.

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.

**Did you know?** The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish receives no General Fund tax dollars, but instead operates solely from the funds hunters, trappers and anglers provide through their licenses and associated fees.

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 Mar. 16–Nov. 1, 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 anytime.

**Trap Identification:** For any trap or snare that could be reasonably expected to catch a protected furbearer, the following restrictions apply. Each trap or snare must be permanently marked with either the trapper’s name and CIN number or Trapper ID number issued only by NMDGF. To obtain a free Trapper ID number, telephone: 1-888-248-6866. The identification number and/or name and address 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 larger than 7 inches, if laminated above the jaw surfaces or tooth-jawed traps, shall be used in making a land set. All foot-hold traps with an inside jaw spread equal to or greater than 5½ inches shall be offset, unless they have 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 between 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 greater 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 consist 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.

# Furbearers

Online License Applications: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Visible Bait and Trap Flags—cont.

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 or Cougar:

There are no open trapping seasons for bear or cougar. Livestock owners or others suffering depredation from bear or cougar should call the nearest NMDGF area office for assistance (see page 2, *Regional Offices*).

**Tagging of 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. Person 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 2, *Regional Offices*). Pelts may also 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 or have tagged with a New Mexico tag any bobcat pelt taken outside the State of New Mexico. It is also unlawful for licensed fur dealers to tag any bobcat contrary to this rule.

## Accidental Trapping of River Otters and Protected Species:

If you trap a legally protected mammal (including river otter, lynx, coatimundi, pine marten or black-footed ferret, but not Mexican gray wolf), if you trap a legally protected bird, or if you trap a protected furbearer during closed season—you must release it. 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. NMDGF will release the animal and/or treat its injuries if necessary.

**Trappers will not be held criminally liable if a river otter or other protected species is accidentally captured.** Any legally protected mammal accidentally trapped must be reported to NMDGF and released alive—or if dead—delivered to an NMDGF office or official.

## Mandatory Harvest Reporting:

Whether or not the season was successful, reporting is required. Every hunter licensed for all big game and turkey must report the results of his/her hunting season by Feb. 15. Anyone licensed to take furbearers must report the results of his/her hunting and trapping seasons by Apr. 7.

Season results can be easily reported online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or toll-free: 1-888-248-6866. Reports filed after the above deadlines will be charged an \$8.00 late fee. Big-game, turkey and furbearer hunters and trappers who do not report, will be ineligible for all Draw Hunts, Population Management Hunts, Private-land Authorizations and/or Trapper Licenses the following year.



## 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 areas; 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 (see page 26, *Military Closures*). 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, 2013–Mar. 15, 2014

**Beaver, Muskrat and Nutria:** Apr. 1–30, 2013 and Nov. 1, 2013–Mar. 31, 2014

**Raccoon Trapping and Hunting (statewide):** Apr. 1–May 15, 2014 and Sept. 1, 2013–Mar. 31, 2014

**Raccoon Pursuit Only (statewide):** April 1, 2013–March 31, 2014

There are no open seasons for pine marten, river otter, black-footed ferret or coatimundi.

## 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 tail is white to the tip
- Ear tufts are under 1 inch long
- Cheek tufts are not prominent
- Brownish in 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 under 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 long
- Cheek tufts are 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

## Hunting Feral Hogs Is Encouraged

Feral hogs damage habitat, contaminate water supplies and compete with native wildlife. Due to the growing impact of feral hogs throughout the state of New Mexico, NMDGF encourages eradication of this nongame intruder.

New Mexico residents and nonresidents may legally kill feral hogs year-round without a license. However, if feral hogs are on private land, hunters must receive permission from the landowner. Even though feral hogs are an unprotected species, certain acts while hunting are still unlawful, such as hunting with the aid of an artificial light or discharging a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied dwelling.

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

Javelina



Feral Hog



Photo: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

## Help Keep Game and Fish Habitat Healthy. Don't Bring Firewood into New Mexico from Another State!

Transporting firewood from other states is how most new damaging insect pests and diseases are introduced to New Mexico's forests and riparian habitat. Emerald ash borer, sirex woodwasps, gypsy moth, Asian longhorn beetle and oak wilt disease are a few of the pests and diseases that can be transported in firewood. These pests have caused significant damage in other states and can decimate forest and habitat if allowed to become established.

If unknowingly you transported firewood from another state, burn it immediately and completely. Purchase or collect firewood in New Mexico. For additional information, telephone NMDGF at: 1-888-248-6866, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture at: (505) 646-3207 or the USDA Plant Protection and Quarantine at: (505) 761-3189.



## Know the Laws, Operate Safely and Enjoy!

New Mexico laws for off-highway vehicles (OHV) are designed to protect all citizens, while ensuring responsible and safe OHV use. OHVs include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), motorcycles and snowmobiles. Hunters who use an OHV must ensure their vehicle is properly registered or permitted and equipped with a USDA-Forest-Service-approved spark arrester. Nonresidents may register an OHV in their home state or purchase a New Mexico nonresident permit at [www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com).

All youth operators and passengers under 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 private-property landowners 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.



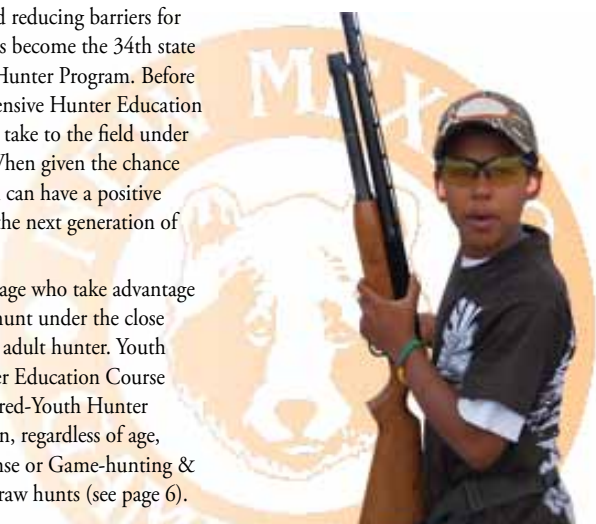


# New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

## New Mentored-Youth Hunter Program

Taking a progressive step toward reducing barriers for youth hunting, New Mexico has become the 34th state to institute a Mentored-Youth Hunter Program. Before completing the state's comprehensive Hunter Education Course, youth hunters can now take to the field under the watchful eye of a mentor. When given the chance to hunt with a mentor, children can have a positive experience, paving the way for the next generation of safe and responsible hunters.

New hunters under 18 years of age who take advantage of this program will be able to hunt under the close supervision of a legally-licensed adult hunter. Youth hunters must complete a Hunter Education Course upon expiration of their Mentored-Youth Hunter registration, after which they can, regardless of age, purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License and apply for draw hunts (see page 6).



For information visit: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or telephone toll-free: 1-888-248-6866.

## License and Carcass Tags No Longer Separate

Carcass tags and licenses are now combined and no longer issued separately. Hunters who successfully draw any big-game species or turkey, as well as hunters who purchase a license online, now can print their license. Licenses now include a space where the species must be properly blacked out or punched at the time of a kill and a line for the date and time of kill to be permanently written.

For more information see pages 24–25 or visit online at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

