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(see pages 2, 20 and 21)



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

2018–2019 NEW MEXICO HUNTING

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Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations



A Message from the Director

Here at the Department of Game and Fish, we constantly are reminded of the many ways our license-buyers contribute to wildlife conservation through the purchase of licenses, habitat fees and federal taxes paid on sporting equipment. And we like to brag about the programs and projects that we couldn't have accomplished without the support of hunters and anglers.

Each year, more than 87,000 hunters and 160,000 anglers spend approximately \$613 million pursuing their activities in New Mexico. Their license fees helped pay for ongoing projects such as the desert bighorn sheep restoration program, which saw sheep populations grow from 69 in 1980 to approximately 1,150 today. It also paid for the restoration of nearly 132 miles of streams, 10 lakes and one reservoir for our state fish, the Rio Grande cutthroat trout. With your support, the department modernized its radio communications for game wardens across the state to provide enhanced connectivity for those that protect your wildlife.

New Mexico's diverse landscape has also benefited through large, landscape-scaled wildlife habitat and watershed improvement efforts throughout the state. By matching hunter and angler contributions with federal Pittman-Robertson funds, thousands of acres of forests and countless miles of rivers have been restored to prime fish and wildlife habitat, reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire and protecting our valuable riparian areas.

Big-game hunting in New Mexico is regarded as some of the best in the nation. Our elk herds are robust, our bighorns are plentiful and huge, and our deer populations are on the rebound.

Here at the Department of Game and Fish, we plan to keep it that way – with your continuing and deeply appreciated support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexandra Sandoval". The script is fluid and cursive.

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

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Mission of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

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

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Online Licenses, Applications and Harvest Reporting

License Sales, Applications and Harvest Reporting . . <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us>

Important Telephone Numbers

General Information, License Sales and Harvest Reporting 1-888-248-6866
 Bear and Cougar Zone Closure and Harvest Hotline 1-877-950-5466
 Hunter Education Program Information (505) 222-4731
 Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Information (505) 222-4712
Operation Game Thief (OGT) **1-800-432-4263**
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What's New

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Carcass and Antler/Horn Tags Required



A separate carcass tag and antler/horn tag (if applicable) now is required for all big-game and turkey hunts.

- A tag is required for all big-game and turkey hunts, **in addition to the printed license. DO NOT HUNT WITHOUT A VALID TAG!**
- Tags will be mailed to all successful draw hunt applicants and are available at all license vendors and NMDGF offices for over-the-counter (OTC) licenses. A tag will be provided at the time an over-the-counter license is purchased.
- Telephone or online purchases for javelina and private-land deer, elk, antelope and oryx licenses **must be made at least 14 days prior** to the start of the hunt to allow time to mail the tag(s). Tag(s) will be mailed to the address provided by the customer. Customers may obtain a duplicate tag in person at any license vendor or NMDGF office. If a duplicate tag is obtained, the original tag number will be invalidated, and the license must be reprinted. It is illegal to use an invalidated tag.
- See pages 20–21 for more information about and instructions for tagging.

Private-land Elk and Antelope Licenses at Vendors

Private-land elk and pronghorn antelope licenses and tags are now available at license vendors in addition to NMDGF offices (pages 66 and 88).

Early Purchase Available for 2018–19 Licenses

Licenses for the 2018–19 license year that begins April 1, will be available online, by telephone and at license vendors and NMDGF offices beginning March 22.

Donate an Unused License

A license may be donated to NMDGF for transfer to a youth (17 years of age or younger), a resident veteran or a resident first responder who has been qualified through a nonprofit organization that promotes hunting (page 14).

New Criminal Penalty for Felony Waste of Game

Upon conviction, a person may be sentenced to \$5,000 and 18 months in prison. Convicted felons cannot possess a firearm, may not vote and are ineligible to become outfitters or guides (page 19).

Outfitters and Guides: New Rule Effective January 1, 2018

Outfitters and guides can review the new rule at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement/guide-and-outfitter-info. For general information about outfitters, guides and outfitted hunts see page 41.

Free Mobile App Available

A free mobile app is available from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Powered by Pocket Ranger®, the mobile app offers easy access to maps, fishing reports, license purchases, rules and regulations, Operation Game Thief and "New Mexico Wildlife" magazine (page 143).

Important Reminders

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Purchase Licenses, Apply for Draws and Report Harvests

Apply for draw hunts, submit harvest reports and purchase licenses online, by telephone or at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) offices (page 1).

Game-hunting licenses and stamps for the 2018–2019 season are unavailable through license sales and only may be purchased through the draw application process before March 22.

Licenses and permits can be printed on standard paper, but all big-game and turkey hunters must obtain a tag(s) from the department or a license vendor prior to hunting.

Mandatory Harvest Reporting. Don't Forget!

Whether or not a hunt or harvest occurred, harvest reporting is mandatory for all Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn antelope, turkey and trapper license holders. Deadlines for species are listed on pages 4–5 and 22.

Information Center Extended Hours

The NMDGF Information Center is open year-round, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (except holidays) to answer your questions and assist with license issues and harvest reporting.

Extended hours are March 10–March 20, Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturdays from noon–5 p.m. The Information Center will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 21.

On March 31 and April 1 the Information Center will be open from 8 a.m.–1 p.m. for 2018–19 season licenses.

Premium Statewide Deer and Elk Draw Hunts

Statewide memorial hunts now available by draw for deer and elk (pages 44, 49 and 72).

Mexican Gray Wolf: Encounters and Identification

Know where wolf encounters may occur and how to distinguish the Mexican Gray Wolf from coyotes (pages 129 and 130).

50% Discounts for Resident Military and Veterans

Residents of New Mexico who are active duty military or veterans can receive 50% discounts on licenses, permits and stamps. See pages 13, 137 and 140 for eligibility requirements and details.

Online Hunter Education Course (Residents only)

New Mexico residents 11 years of age or older can earn a New Mexico hunter education number online (page 26).

Important Dates

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

Big-game and Turkey Application Deadlines

Feb. 7, 2018

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

March 21, 2018

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

Upland-game Application Deadline

Aug. 22, 2018

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

Important Dates to Remember for All Game

Feb. 7 Deadline to apply for bear and turkey draw permits.

Feb. 15 Deadline to submit 2017–18 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey license holders. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. Late fees apply after this date.

Feb. 21 Results for bear and turkey draw permits are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, and permits can be printed on standard paper. Permits are not valid unless accompanied by the appropriate license(s). Bear licenses must be purchased at least two days prior to hunting. Carcass tag required.

Mar. 21 Deadline to apply for Draw Licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn antelope and oryx, and to apply for Private-land Only Deer License in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Deadline to submit late 2017–18 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey (\$8 late fee applies). Reporting is required for all 2017–18 license holders to be eligible for 2018–19 draw licenses.

Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **www.wildlife.state.nm.us**

- Mar. 22** All 2018–19 over-the-counter (OTC) license types, including Game-hunting Licenses and Game-hunting & Fishing Licenses, are available online, by telephone and at NMDGF offices and license vendors.
- April 1** 2018–19 License Year begins. 2017-18 licenses no longer valid.
- April 6** Spring youth-only turkey season begins.
- April 7** Deadline to submit 2017–18 harvest reports for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders to be eligible for big-game licenses. Results can be reported online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all applications.**
- April 15** Spring turkey season begins.
- April 25** Big-game Draw License results are available online, by telephone or at NMDGF offices.
- Aug. 22** Deadline to apply for pheasant draw hunts.
- Sept. 1** Dusky (blue) grouse and squirrel seasons begin.
Fall bow-only turkey season begins.
- Nov. 1** Fall turkey season (any legal sporting arms) begins.
- Nov. 15** Quail season begins.
- Dec. 6** Pheasant season begins statewide, excluding Valencia County (see page 133).

License Requirements

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

New: Tag Requirement

A separate carcass tag now is required in conjunction with all big-game and turkey licenses (pages 20–21). **DO NOT HUNT WITHOUT A VALID TAG!**

General Information

1. All big-game, upland-game or turkey hunters must possess a Game-hunting License or Game Hunting & Fishing License while hunting.
2. All big-game, upland-game or turkey hunters also must possess a valid license, and permit if applicable, for the species and hunt type in which she/he will participate.
3. All big-game and turkey hunters must possess a carcass tag(s) for each species hunted.
4. All hunters, trappers or anglers 18 years and older must possess a Habitat Management & Access Validation. See exceptions on page 10.
5. All hunters, trappers or anglers on any Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands must possess a Habitat Stamp. See exceptions on page 10.

Individual Account Required

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

Purchasing Licenses, Stamps and Validations

Licenses, tags, stamps and validations are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: 1-888-248-6866, at NMDGF offices and over-the-counter (OTC) from local vendors (A one-dollar vendor fee may apply). Information and requirements for the Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management & Access Validation are described on page 10. **Please note**, before March 22, game-hunting licenses and stamps for the 2018–19 season may be purchased only through the draw application process. Restrictions may apply for online big-game license purchases.

Mandatory Harvest Reporting. Don't Forget!

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

Harvest Reporting Deadlines

Feb. 15, 2018 Deadline to report 2017–18 harvest results for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey. The late-fee harvest reporting deadline is March 21, 2018. **Failure to report by March 21 will result in rejection of all applications.**

April 7, 2018 Deadline to report 2017–18 harvest results for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders. **Failure to report by April 7 will result in rejection of all draw applications.** Harvest reporting after this deadline will be subject to an \$8 late fee.

OTC License Fees

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
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Private-land Elk and Pronghorn Antelope Licenses, see species sections.

A 50% discount on licenses, permits and stamps is available to New Mexico residents who are active duty military or veterans. See pages 13, 137 and 140 for eligibility requirements and details.

Game-hunting License ¹	\$15	\$65
Game-hunting & Fishing License ²	\$30	Not Issued
Junior Game-hunting License ¹	\$10	\$15
Junior Game-hunting & Fishing License ²	\$15	Not Issued
Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting License ¹	\$15	Not Issued
Senior or Handicapped Game-hunting & Fishing License ²	\$20	Not Issued
Disabled Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing License ^{2,3}	\$10	Not Issued
Private-land Deer License - Standard	\$34	\$270
Private-land Deer License - Quality	\$34	\$355
Private-land Deer License - Junior/Senior	\$22	Not Issued
Turkey License (Spring or Fall Season)	\$25	\$100
Bear License.	\$47	\$260
Cougar License	\$43	\$290
Oryx License (Private-land only)	\$153	\$1,610
Barbary Sheep License	\$103	\$360
Ibex License.	\$103	\$1,610
Javelina License	\$58	\$165
Temporary Game-hunting License (4 days) ¹	Not Issued	\$33
Does not enable the purchaser to purchase big-game or turkey licenses.		
Trapper License	\$20	\$345
Also required for nonresident trapping of coyotes and skunks (page 124).		
Junior Trapper License (Residents Ages 12–17)	\$9	Not Issued
Nongame Hunting License	Not Issued	\$65
Does not include trapping (pages 14 <i>Nongame</i> , 124 <i>Trapping License</i>).		
Habitat Stamp	\$5	\$5
Mandatory for hunting, angling or trapping on all Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management properties. For age requirements and exceptions, see page 10.		
Habitat Management & Access Validation	\$4	\$4
Mandatory for hunting, angling or trapping. This validation does not replace the Habitat Stamp. For age requirements and exceptions, see page 10.		
Duplicate tag	\$0	\$0
One dollar (\$1) vendor fee will apply.		

¹ Squirrel and game birds (other than turkey). ² Squirrel, game birds (other than turkey) and fishing.

³ 50% N.M. Resident Military/Veteran Discount does not apply.

Before March 22, game hunting licenses and stamps for the 2018–2019 season are unavailable through license sales and only may be purchased through the draw application process.

Draw Hunt Licenses

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

Application Requirements

When applying for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn antelope, hunters must purchase a 2018–19 Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. Licenses are available online or by telephone during the draw application process (Jan. 10, 2018–March 21, 2018). Before March 22, game-hunting licenses and stamps for the 2018–2019 season may be purchased only through the draw application process. Successful applicants for draw licenses will be mailed a tag.

Application and full license fees are charged at the time the application is submitted. Unsuccessful draw applicants will receive a full refund for the draw license, minus the application fee.

Unsuccessful draw applicants also may receive a full refund of the Game-hunting License fee, if requested at the time of application.

To apply for all draw permits, including bear, turkey and upland game, prior purchase of a bear, turkey or game-hunting license is not required. If the applicant is successful in the draw, purchase of a license with tag will be required after March 22.

Draw Hunt System

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

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

Drawing Quotas

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

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

Hunts subject to quota:

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

Hunts not subject to quota:

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

Draw License Fees

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

All prices listed include a nonrefundable application fee (residents: \$7; nonresidents: \$13).

50% Discounts for resident military and veterans apply to all draw license fees but not application fees.

For Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management & Access Validation requirements, see page 10.

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

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

Quality or High Demand Elk License (pages 138, 140)

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

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

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

Deer License

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

Pronghorn Antelope License

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

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

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

Oryx License

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

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

All types	\$110 . .	\$373
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Bear Draw Permit (draw application fee only ¹)	\$7	\$13
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Turkey Draw Permit (draw application fee only ¹)	\$7	\$13
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Upland-game Draw Permit (draw application fee only ¹).	\$7	\$13
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¹ Successful applicants must purchase a 2018-19 Game-hunting License or a Game-hunting & Fishing License, plus the applicable over-the-counter license, tag(s) and stamp(s) beginning March 22.

License Information

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

Habitat Management & Access Validation

Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased and possessed by all hunters, trappers or anglers, except hunters, trappers and anglers younger than 18 years of age, resident anglers 70 years and older (free fishing license) and 100% disabled resident veterans in conjunction with privileges covered by the Disabled-Veteran card. This once-per-license-year fee is used to: lease access to private lands for public use; provide public access to landlocked public land; and provide improvement, maintenance, development and operation of State Game Commission property for fish and wildlife habitat management.

Habitat Stamp

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

Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Number Required

Before purchasing a license for any legal sporting arm, bow or muzzleloader hunts, individuals 17 years of age or younger must possess a Hunter Education number from New Mexico or another state. Individuals who do not have a Hunter Education number, but are at least 10 years of age but younger than 18 years may use a New Mexico Mentored-Youth Hunter number, but only for deer, turkey, javelina and small-game hunts. Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter numbers must be carried at all times while hunting (pages 26, 27).

Youth-only Hunts

To qualify for youth-only hunts, applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education number or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 26, 27). The Mentored-Youth Hunter number is valid only for deer, turkey, javelina and upland-game hunts.

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

New Mexico Residency Requirements

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

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

Reduced-fee Resident Handicapped Licenses

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

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

Resident Handicapped License holders must purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management & Access Validation (page 10) as applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed. For further information telephone: 1-888-248-6866 or email: specialhunts@state.nm.us.

License Information

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

Mobility-impaired Certification (MI)

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

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

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

Reduced-fee Junior Licenses

Reduced-fee licenses for resident Junior Game-hunting & Fishing, Junior Deer and Junior Elk and Junior Game-hunting (resident and nonresident) are available to individuals younger than 18 years of age at the time of purchase. Junior hunters wishing to take advantage of any reduced-fee license to hunt deer or elk on public land must apply for a Deer Draw or Elk Draw License by March 21 (application deadline). Junior licenses for hunting deer on private land may be purchased at license vendors, NMDGF offices, by telephone or online. It is recommended the hunter not purchase the Private-land Only Deer License until certain that she/he has been unsuccessful in the draw.

Reduced-fee Senior Licenses

Reduced-fee licenses for Senior Game-hunting and Fishing, Senior Elk or Senior Deer are available to residents 65 years or older at the time of purchase. Senior hunters wishing to take advantage of any reduced-fee license to hunt deer or elk on public land must apply for a Deer Draw or Elk Draw License by March 21 (application deadline). Senior licenses for hunting deer on private land can be purchased at NMDGF offices and license vendors, by telephone or online. It is recommended the hunter not purchase a Private-land Only Deer License until certain that she/he has been unsuccessful in the draw.

Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities

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

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

50% Discount for Resident Active Military and Veterans

50% discounts on all licenses, permits and stamps are available to New Mexico residents who are active duty military or veterans. The discount may be claimed by applying for or purchasing any license, permit or stamp online, by telephone or at any license vendor. Residents claiming this discount must be able to provide proof of active duty military (page 137) or veteran status (page 140) upon request. **Discount does not apply to:** application fees, license vendor fees, administrative fees (i.e. Landowner authorization certificate fee) or the Resident Disabled Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing license.

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

Each license year, applicants must provide proof of full-time active duty status. Veterans are not eligible for these hunts. Documented proof must be provided to NMDGF before the application deadline (page 4). Proof may be submitted by email: specialhunts@state.nm.us, fax: (505) 476-8180 or U.S. Mail: NMDGF Special Hunts, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

100% Disabled Resident Veterans

New Mexico residents who are 100% disabled as a result of having served in the armed services are eligible for a free lifetime Game-hunting & Fishing License. The disabled veteran must apply for a Disabled Veteran card. This card is issued by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and allows the cardholder to fish, hunt small game and obtain a Deer Hunting License free of charge. The Deer Hunting License will be issued only if the cardholder has applied and been successful in a public-land deer draw or if the cardholder can obtain written permission from a landowner for a private-land deer hunt. The free Deer Hunting License must be applied for each license year, and no preference is given for public-land deer draws. Stamps are required for any privilege not covered by the Disabled Veteran card.

Disabled Veteran Game-hunting & Fishing License

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

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

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

License Information

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

Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities—continued.

Oryx Hunts for Iraq-Afghanistan Returnees

New Mexico residents deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan are eligible to apply for Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx Hunts, available by drawing each license year. New Mexico resident fees apply. Each year, the applicant must submit a copy of his/her orders or DD-214 before the application deadline (page 4). Copies may be submitted by email: specialhunts@state.nm.us, fax: (505) 476-8180 or U.S. Mail: NMDGF Special Hunts, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Fort Bliss Opportunities

Active-duty military personnel stationed at Fort Bliss are eligible for resident pricing on draw hunt licenses for activities that occur on portions of the Fort Bliss military reservation in New Mexico. Each year, proof of assignment must be submitted by email: specialhunts@state.nm.us, fax: 505-476-8180 or mail before the application deadline (page 4).

Nonresident Disabled Active Duty and Veteran Licenses for Rehabilitation Enrollees

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

Nongame Hunting License

Residents do not need a license to take nongame species. Nonresidents must purchase a Nonresident Nongame License or any New Mexico nonresident hunting license. Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine and rabbits (coyotes and skunks are unprotected furbearers, page 124). Nongame hunting is not permitted on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) unless otherwise posted, except Water Canyon WMA, where hunting nongame species, including Himalayan tahr, is permitted January 1–March 31, 2019.

Donation of a Hunting License

A hunting license may be donated to NMDGF for transfer to a youth 17 years of age or younger, a resident veteran or a resident first responder who has been qualified through a nonprofit organization that promotes hunting. Refunds are not offered for donated licenses. Qualifying nonprofit organizations must be approved by the New Mexico State Game Commission.

Requests to donate licenses must be in writing and submitted to the NMDGF Office, Santa Fe. For further information telephone 1-888-248-6866. If transfer of a donated license is not completed at least 14 days prior to hunt start date, the recipient will be required to obtain a carcass tag at a license vendor or NMDGF office.

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **www.wildlife.state.nm.us**

License Refunds and Transfers

New Mexico hunting licenses are nonrefundable and nontransferable, except as defined following. The director of NMDGF may grant refund of a hunting license fee, if the licensee: 1, is deceased; 2, has sustained a severe injury or suffered a life-threatening illness which prevents participation; 3, is deployed by the U.S. military prior to the start of the hunt which prohibits participation; or 4, a natural disaster has occurred which prevents the hunt. Refund or transfer requests must be in writing and submitted to the NMDGF Office, Santa Fe. For further information telephone 1-888-248-6866. If a license transfer is not completed at least 14 days prior to hunt start date, the recipient will be required to obtain a carcass tag at a license vendor or NMDGF office.

Penalties for Hunting Small Game without a License

Hunters cited for hunting small game without a license may pay a penalty assessment instead of appearing in court. The penalty assessment is \$100, plus the purchase of a hunting license and permits, stamps and fees (page 7) related to the citation. A license will be mailed upon payment of the assessment. A hunter cited will be assessed 7 points against a potential 20 points which may result in license revocation.

License Revocation

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

Parental Responsibility Act

The Parental Responsibility Act requires the New Mexico State Game Commission to suspend 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 and a \$25 reinstatement fee has been paid. For more information, please contact NMDGF Field Operations: (505) 476-8065.

License Information Is Public Record

Pursuant to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act, Sections 14-2-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, all information provided when applying for licenses and permits is public record and must be disclosed to anyone when properly requested except as provided by law.

General Rules

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

New Mexico state laws make it illegal to leave a fire unattended or to improperly handle fire; to litter; to pollute streams, lakes and other water; damage property; to recklessly or carelessly handle a firearms; and to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants.

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt protected species without a valid New Mexico Game-hunting License and all applicable licenses, permits, tags, stamps or validations; or fail to tag any big game or turkey.
- Hunt protected species using licenses, tags, permits, stamps or validations belonging to another individual or take or attempt to take a protected species for another person, except as permitted when assisting a licensed mobility-impaired or handicapped hunter (pages 11, 12).
- Kill more than one of the following: elk, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx, bear or deer during any license year, except as permitted by rule.
- Apply for, buy or use more than one license or tag for any species per license year.
- Shine spotlights or other artificial lights into areas where big-game species or livestock may be present, while in possession of any sporting arm, except as permitted by rule for raccoon (page 127).
- Take or attempt to take game species by the aid of baiting or scenting. Knowingly take or attempt to take game species in a baited or scented area, except quail on private land. Hunters should be aware a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait. Individuals may use scent-masking agents on their person, but these agents may not be used to attract game species.
- Use live animals as blinds or decoys to take or attempt to take game species.
- Use electronically or mechanically recorded calling devices, except as permitted for protected furbearers, cougars and nongame species.
- Use tracer ammunition, full-metal jacketed bullets or fully automatic weapons.
- Park any motor vehicle or camp within 300 yards of any man-made water hole, water well or watering tank used by wildlife or domestic stock, without the prior consent of the private landowner, private-land lessee, public-land lessee or public-land management agency.
- Take or attempt to take game on, from or across any graded and maintained public road or within the fenced right-of-way of any paved road or highway or within 40 feet of the pavement or maintained surface if no right-of-way fence exists.
- Shoot at, pursue, harass, harry, drive or rally any protected species by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, aircraft or drone.
- Use motor-driven vehicles on roads closed under the Habitat Protection Act or other federal regulation.
- Hunt from, signal locations of protected species to hunters from or harass game with aircraft; hunt protected species observed from aircraft within 48 hours of observation; or hunt protected species the same day of air travel, except by commercial airline or direct flight to a landing strip.

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

For further information, complete hunting and fishing rules for the state of New Mexico are available online at: http://164.64.110.239/nmac/_title19/title19.htm.

Firearm Eligibility

Any applicant that is a felon according to New Mexico Law, if successful in drawing an any legal sporting arm or muzzleloader type license, shall be restricted to the use of archery equipment only.

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

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

Harassment of Legal Hunters Is Unlawful

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

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

General Rules

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Harassment of Legal Hunters Is Unlawful—continued.

Interference means:

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

License Privileges Can Be Revoked

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

Defendants may request to be heard by an outside hearing officer. Recommendations for revocation are made to the New Mexico State Game Commission, which has final authority to revoke privileges.

New Mexico is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and will recognize the suspension or revocation of license privileges of any person listed as a wildlife violator by another participating state. Contact NMDGF Field Operations for specific information at: (505) 476-8065.

Forfeitures

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

Substantial Civil Assessments for Poaching

To recover the loss of the state's wildlife, the New Mexico State Game Commission has adopted substantial civil assessments for the illegal taking of trophy game animals. The assessments are:

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

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

Criminal Penalties

In addition to civil assessments, poachers may incur criminal penalties, including:

- First offense: Up to \$1,000 in fines and one year in jail.
- Second offense: Up to \$4,000 in fines and one year in jail.
- Third offense: Up to \$6,000 in fines, mandatory 90 days in jail and up to one year in jail.
- Felony waste of game: Up to \$5,000 in fines and 18 months in prison. Convicted felons cannot possess a firearm, may not vote and are ineligible to become outfitters or guides.

Federal Laws

Transporting illegally taken game across state lines is a violation of the federal Lacey Act, and may be classified as a felony.

Feral Hogs Are an Unprotected Species

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

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

For information about where to hunt feral hogs contact the USDA at: 866-487-3297.

Big Game Rules

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

1. A Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License (page 7).
2. A big-game or turkey license, carcass tag and permit (if required) for the species hunted (pages 7, 9). Successful draw-license applicants will be mailed a tag. Restrictions may apply for online big-game license purchases.
3. A Habitat Management & Access Validation (Applicable for all hunters 18 years of age or older, except 100% disabled resident veterans in conjunction with their free licenses, page 10).
4. A Habitat Stamp if hunting on BLM or Forest Service lands (page 10).
5. Written permission from the landowner if hunting on private land.

Legal Sporting Arms for Big-game Hunting

Legal sporting arms for hunting big-game species (page 137) are: centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrows; crossbow and bolts; and muzzleloading rifle. **Sporting arm exceptions and caliber restrictions are noted in each species section.**

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

Sights on bows may not project light (lighted pins are acceptable). 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 only during bow seasons. Crossbow use is legal by all hunters during "Any Legal Sporting Arm" and "Muzzleloader" hunts. Sights on crossbows may not project light. 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 except during "Restricted Muzzleloader" (page 140) deer hunts.

All Big-game and Turkey Harvests Must Be Tagged

1. Immediately after harvesting any big game or turkey, the carcass tag must be notched. Carcass tag must be attached to the kill before leaving the kill site. Instructions for notching and attaching are listed on page 21 and are provided on the reverse side of the tag.
2. Antlered or horned big game require an antler/horn tag be attached in addition to a carcass tag. Instructions for attaching are listed below and provided on the reverse side of the tag.
3. Any big-game or turkey kill left unattended in the field, in a vehicle or in camp must have a properly notched carcass tag and antler/horn tag (if applicable) attached.

It is unlawful to possess any big-game species or turkey in the field without a properly notched carcass tag.

4. Bear and cougar must be both carcass tagged and pelt tagged. Bear or cougar must be presented for pelt tagging within five (5) days after harvest (pages 115, 121).

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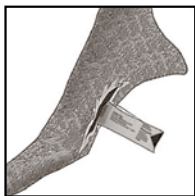
Tagging Instructions

The carcass tag authorizes possession of the big-game animal or turkey for one (1) year from date of kill. Bear and cougar carcass tags authorize possession of the animal for five days or until pelt tagged, whichever occurs first. Keep your tags!

1. Do not remove backing on the carcass tag until you are ready to tag.
2. Upon killing your big-game animal or turkey, immediately and completely notch the month and day of kill on the carcass tag and then attach to the hock tendon of the animal or above the leg spur of the turkey (see illustrations below) prior to moving the big-game animal or turkey from the kill site. For bear and cougar the carcass tag may be wrapped around a hind leg above the foot if skinned.
3. Do not leave any backing material on the tag. Wrap the tag on carcass as shown, matching the ends together and pressing adhesive sides together evenly and tightly. **Leave entire face of tag visible and readable. Do not overlap tag ends or cover any of the print.**
4. Tags must remain attached until the big-game animal or turkey arrives at a taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final storage (e.g. your home), or if required, until it is inspected, documented or pelt tagged by a NMDGF official.
5. If a big-game animal is boned out or when a javelina is killed and nothing is removed or only the skull is taken, fold and adhere the carcass tag to itself leaving the entire face of the carcass tag visible. The adhered carcass tag must remain physically with parts of the animal that are removed and possessed.

Antlered and Horned Game Tag Instructions

When ready to tag, detach antler tag from backing. Attach the antler/horn tag to the main beam of the antler or horn where it will not slide off. **Leave entire face of tag visible and readable.**



Left to right:
Carcass tag, turkey
tag and antler tag.

Seal Required for Bighorn Sheep Ram Head

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 (see page 95). Bighorn sheep heads found in the field in New Mexico remain the property of the State (see page 136).

Big Game Rules

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Mandatory Harvest Reporting

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

Harvest Reporting Deadlines

Feb. 15, 2018: Deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey license holders. Failure to report by March 21 will result in rejection of all applications.

April 7, 2018: Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapping license holders.

Harvest reporting after these deadlines will be subject to an \$8 late fee. Failure to report will result in rejection of all big-game applications (page 4–5). If reporting online, license holders must select the correct year (2017) in the drop-down menu.

Waste of Game

Anyone who takes a Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx, pronghorn antelope or turkey must transport from the field the edible portions for human consumption. The edible portions of game animals include all four quarters, backstraps, tenderloins and the neck meat. Hunters are not required to remove the rib cage or organs of game mammals from the field. The edible portions of turkey include the breast, legs and thigh meat. Anyone who wounds or may have wounded any big-game species must go to the place where the animal sustained the wound or may have sustained the wound and make a reasonable attempt to track and kill the animal. This requirement does not authorize trespass.

Proof of Sex

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

Possession, Donation or Sale of Game

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

Any person giving items to another person must supply the recipient with a written description which states: the parts (skin, head, antlers, horns, claws, feathers, etc.) and/or the kind and number of game; the date when and county where game was taken; the conveyor's name, address and hunting license number used to take the game; and the date and place of the transaction or donation.

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Possession, Donation or Sale of Game—continued.

A sample certificate is provided on page 136 and downloadable at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

It is unlawful to possess the head, horns or antlers of any big-game species found in the field without a receipt from NMDGF (except for shed antlers).

Storage

A properly notched carcass tag must remain with the meat. The carcass tag authorizes possession and storage for one (1) year from the date of kill. To store or possess meat after this date, individuals must have a storage permit from NMDGF. Bear and cougar carcass tags authorize possession of the animal for five days or until pelt tagged, whichever occurs first.

Trophies taken to a taxidermist or carcasses taken to a meat processor must be accompanied by a properly notched carcass tag and antler/horn tag (if applicable) or a donation certificate.

Keep your tags!

Transportation of Game

Properly tagged game may be transported within and outside the state. Bighorn sheep ram heads also must have a seal. Bear, cougar and bobcat hides must have a pelt tag. See page 48 for details on transporting harvested deer or elk from units where CWD has been confirmed.

Use of Dogs

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

Blaze Orange

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

Transportation of Horses

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

Fair Chase

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Since its beginning, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has promoted the practice of "fair chase," a philosophy shared by hunters that encourages respect for wildlife, the land and the law. The department realizes "fair chase" is a personal and ethical preference among sportsmen and sportswomen — and that in some cases, what sometimes is legal may not be considered ethical or moral.

Today's many technological advances in equipment can make hunters' choices about "fair chase" difficult. Is it "fair chase" to attempt to shoot game beyond your personal effective range? Is it acceptable to monitor game on real-time trail cameras, wait for a trophy and then move in and harvest the animal? Is it "fair chase" to use high-tech devices such as rifle scopes that digitally track distant animals and even pull the trigger at the precise moment?

Traditionally, "fair chase" has been defined as the ethical and lawful pursuit and taking of a free-ranging game species in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper advantage over the animal. Hunter–conservationists always have embraced this concept and taught the ethics of hunting to new hunters for decades. It is a fairness code of mostly unwritten rules that is defined and practiced by each individual hunter.

Today, as technology continues to test the limits of fairness, the New Mexico State Game Commission counts on hunters, rather than the establishment of new regulations, to decide conduct in the field and whether use of advanced equipment represents "fair chase," even if it is legal.

The department, as it evaluates future hunting rules, plans to continue public discussion about evolving technologies, "fair chase" and hunting practices. Sportsmen, sportswomen and everyone concerned with wildlife conservation are encouraged to engage in those conversations.



Operation Game Thief

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Poaching Harms Everyone

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

Turn Tips into Cash!

Funded by donations from individuals and organizations and not from tax and license fees, rewards include: \$750 for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep; \$500 for cases involving deer or oryx; \$350 for cases involving pronghorn antelope; \$250 for cases involving turkey, bear, cougar, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, endangered species, small game, fish, raptors and furbearers; and \$50 for cases where a warning citation is issued.

OGT's toll-free hotline: 1-800-432-4263 is available 24–7–365 or telephone your local New Mexico State Police office. Wildlife violations also can be reported online at: <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us/public/ogt>.

Operation Game Thief Needs Your Support

If you are an individual or organization concerned about poaching and its impact on New Mexico's wildlife, please contact OGT at (505) 476-8064 or send your tax-deductible donation to: Operation Game Thief, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. All donations received are used solely to pay rewards and promote the program.

Additional Rewards Are Offered to Help Protect Turkeys

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

Rewards Offered for Reporting Off-Road Vehicle Abuse

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

Hunter Education

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

Hunter Education Program

Before purchasing a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License, all hunters younger than 18 years of age must obtain a Hunter Education number issued by New Mexico or another state or possess a New Mexico Mentored-Youth Hunter number. The Hunter Education number is valid for hunting all game species. The Mentored-Youth Hunter number is valid only for deer, turkey, javelina and small-game hunting licenses (page 27). While hunting in New Mexico, youth hunters must carry proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education course or a current Mentor-Youth number.

Online Hunter Education Certification Course: Youth hunters 11 years or older can obtain a Hunter Education number by completing an Online Hunter Education Certification Course. This full online course is limited to New Mexico residents. A service fee may apply.

Standard New Mexico Hunter Education Course: Hunter Education numbers also can be obtained at no cost by completing a traditional certified Hunter Education Course. There are no age requirements for enrollment in a Standard New Mexico Hunter Education Course, however, students younger than 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The minimum age requirement to enroll in an instructor-led field day course is 11 years of age. Before the first class session, students are required to complete a set of homework. Homework may be completed online through a downloadable PDF file or with a hardcopy manual. Manuals are available at local NMDGF locations, after registration. Students must attend all class sessions and pass both a written exam and a firearm proficiency evaluation to be issued a Hunter Education number. Courses are offered year-round and statewide. Early registration is encouraged to avoid missing a 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.

Registration for Hunter/Bowhunter Education Courses

All students wishing to register for a Hunter/Bowhunter Education Course must have a Customer Identification Number (CIN). The CIN is provided to each individual when she/he establishes a personal NMDGF account (page 6). If you require assistance obtaining class information or a Hunter Education number please contact the New Mexico Hunter Education Program at: (505) 222-4731 or online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education.

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

Become A Volunteer Instructor

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

Fort Bliss

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

Mentored-Youth Hunter

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Mentored-Youth Hunter Program

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

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

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

How to Become a Mentored-Youth Hunter

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



Shooting Hours

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

Sunrise and Sunset (MST) at Albuquerque, NM

Add one minute for each 12 miles west of Albuquerque. Subtract one minute for each 12 miles east of Albuquerque. Mountain Standard Time (MST) changes to Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) beginning Sunday, March 12, 2018 at 2 a.m. and ending Sunday, Nov. 5, 2018 at 2 a.m.

Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set
Jan. 1	- 7:14	- 5:05	May 1	- 6:15	- 7:52	Sept. 1	- 6:39	- 7:33
5	- 7:15	- 5:09	5	- 6:11	- 7:55	5	- 6:42	- 7:27
10	- 7:15	- 5:14	10	- 6:06	- 7:59	10	- 6:45	- 7:20
15	- 7:14	- 5:18	15	- 6:02	- 8:03	15	- 6:49	- 7:13
20	- 7:12	- 5:23	20	- 5:59	- 8:07	20	- 6:53	- 7:06
25	- 7:10	- 5:28	25	- 5:56	- 8:11	25	- 6:56	- 6:58
Feb. 1	- 7:05	- 5:35	Jun. 1	- 5:53	- 8:15	Oct. 1	- 7:01	- 6:50
5	- 7:02	- 5:39	5	- 5:52	- 8:17	5	- 7:04	- 6:44
10	- 6:57	- 5:44	10	- 5:51	- 8:20	10	- 7:08	- 6:37
15	- 6:52	- 5:49	15	- 5:51	- 8:22	15	- 7:12	- 6:31
20	- 6:46	- 5:54	20	- 5:52	- 8:23	20	- 7:16	- 6:25
25	- 6:40	- 5:58	25	- 5:53	- 8:24	25	- 7:21	- 6:19
Mar. 1	- 6:35	- 6:02	Jul. 1	- 5:56	- 8:24	Nov. 1	- 7:27	- 6:12
5	- 6:30	- 6:05	5	- 5:58	- 8:24	Mountain Daylight Time Ends		
10	- 6:24	- 6:10	10	- 6:00	- 8:22	5	- 6:31	- 5:08
Mountain Daylight Time Begins			15	- 6:03	- 8:21	10	- 6:36	- 5:04
15	- 7:17	- 7:14	20	- 6:07	- 8:18	15	- 6:41	- 5:00
20	- 7:10	- 7:18	25	- 6:10	- 8:15	20	- 6:46	- 4:58
25	- 7:03	- 7:22	Aug. 1	- 6:15	- 8:09	25	- 6:50	- 4:56
Apr. 1	- 6:53	- 7:28	5	- 6:18	- 8:05	Dec. 1	- 6:56	- 4:54
5	- 6:47	- 7:31	10	- 6:22	- 8:00	5	- 6:59	- 4:54
10	- 6:41	- 7:35	15	- 6:26	- 7:54	10	- 7:03	- 4:54
15	- 6:34	- 7:39	20	- 6:30	- 7:48	15	- 7:07	- 4:56
20	- 6:28	- 7:43	25	- 6:34	- 7:42	20	- 7:10	- 4:58
25	- 6:22	- 7:47				25	- 7:12	- 5:00

Source: www.timeanddate.com/

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Legal Shooting Hours

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

Wildlife Management Areas

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

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

Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. for the following areas, unless otherwise noted (pages 134):

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

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



Open Gate

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Open Gate Program

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

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

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

Be a Respectful and Courteous Guest

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

Landowners Can Earn Extra Cash for a Hunting Lease

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is interested in leasing more lands with good habitat for hunting, fishing, and trapping. Landowners can sign an agreement with NMDGF and receive a per-acre payment.

Under some circumstances, NMDGF will pay for right-of-way across the property of a landowner, so hunters and anglers can access large tracts of State Trust and federal lands. The State of New Mexico provides liability protection to landowners who participate in Open Gate. Funding for the program is provided from a portion of annual Habitat Management & Access Validation sales. To learn more about the Open Gate program, please visit: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or telephone: (505) 476-8043.



Federal Lands

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Access to Public Lands

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

National Parks and Monuments

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

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

Prehistoric Trackways National Monument and . . . (575) 525-4300

Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks National Monument

Valles Caldera National Preserve

All of Unit 6B is closed to hunting and trapping, except elk and turkey draw hunts. All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on the Valles Caldera National Preserve, with the exception of hunters using a shotgun during the turkey hunt, must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. A special-use permit fee (\$35) and 7-day entrance fee (\$20) or a NPS Senior/All America Pass are required. A hunter orientation also is required before hunting on VCNP. Hunters should review all information regarding VCNP hunting rules and regulations at: www.nps.gov/vall. For more information: (575) 829-4100.

National Wildlife Refuges (NWR)

NWRs are closed to hunting unless specified open by federal refuge regulations for the hunting of particular species. If specified open, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service approved nontoxic shot (listed on page 132) is required for hunting on all national wildlife refuges.

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

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

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

Sevilla National Wildlife Refuge: (505) 864-4021

Forest Service Lands

Most national forests in New Mexico are open to public hunting. Outfitters and guides providing services on national forest lands must possess a permit issued by that forest. Vehicle-use restrictions may apply on many Forest Service properties. Specific roads are closed in some national forests to protect natural resources. It is unlawful to use vehicles in areas closed under the Habitat Protection Act. Prescribed burns also may be encountered in national forests. Prescribed fires maintain a diverse and healthy forest ecosystem and improve wildlife habitat. **Late Season Road Closures:** If intending to utilize roads through Forest Service or BLM property, it is advisable to contact the appropriate land management field office (page 32) beforehand for late season or winter closures and other access restrictions.

Federal Lands

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

Sandia Ranger District: Cibola National Forest

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

Valle Vidal (including Greenwood Area): Carson National Forest

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

Stay Informed about Controlled Burns

The U.S. Forest Service and other public land-management agencies routinely conduct controlled burns in forested areas during the fall months. Hunters are encouraged to be aware before their hunt and check nmfireinfo.com for burn advisories.

For More Information about Forest Service Lands

For information visit www.fs.fed.us or contact the national forest of interest.

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

Bureau of Land Management Lands

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

Kashe Katuwe–Tent Rocks National Monument: Closed to hunting.

Rio Bonito Acquired Lands: Contact Roswell BLM office (575) 627-0272.

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

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

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **www.wildlife.state.nm.us**

For More Information about BLM Lands

For more information visit: www.blm.gov/nm/st/en.html or contact:

Albuquerque: (505) 761-8700; Carlsbad: (575) 887-6544; Farmington: (505) 599-8900;
Las Cruces: (575) 525-4300; Roswell: (575) 627-0272; Socorro: (575) 835-0412,
Taos: (575) 758-8851, or Santa Fe: (505) 954-2000.

Military Reservations

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

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

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

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

McGregor Range in Unit 28: Open for big-game hunting by draw (see specific species and season listings). For access information, contact the Fort Bliss Security Office: (915) 741-5251.

GMU 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone): Subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. This area in GMU 34 is accessible with military permission only, contact the Fort Bliss security office at (915)-741-5251.

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

Military Closures

In the interest of public safety, the Forest Service and U.S. military may delay or cancel hunts in portions of GMUs 10, 13, 18, 19, 20, 28 and 34. Closures usually occur between 3 p.m.–8 a.m., during which time roadblocks leading into closed areas will be placed and evacuation required of all persons in these areas. The area subject to closure in Unit 34 is located in Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) and is subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. Closures of these areas can occur throughout the year and may effect a number of hunts listed in this booklet. 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, N.M. Authority for the closures is 36 CFR 261.53 (E) and 36 CFR 261.54 (e).

Native American Lands

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

Before entering to hunt or fish on Native American land(s), permission must be obtained from the tribal official(s) of the pueblo, tribe or nation where that land is located.

A New Mexico license is not required, however, game and/or fish taken on/or from a native lands must be accompanied by an official document, such as a license or receipt, which demonstrates lawful possession.

Pueblos, tribes and nations may have firearm, ammunition and travel restrictions. It is advisable to separate completely any firearm from its ammunition when traveling across these lands. Specific information about hunting and fishing, season dates, transporting firearms, permits and travel restrictions is available from each pueblo, tribe or nation.

A list with contact information for New Mexico pueblos, tribes and nations is available at the New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs' website, <http://www.iad.state.nm.us/> or by telephone: (505) 476-1600.

Title VI Funding: Certain programs of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior. These programs are therefore subject to requirements of the New Mexico Human Rights Act and Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibit discrimination because of ancestry, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age or physical or mental handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility, please send a detailed description of the incident by certified mail to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. If you desire further information on Title VI, write: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, ADA Coordinator, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20240. The Department of Game and Fish will schedule public meetings and operate facilities that are accessible to physically impaired persons. Reasonable accommodations will be made for other impairments, including hearing and sight. If special aids are required, call (505) 476-8027 or write to P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 at least three working days prior to the meeting date. To initiate a complaint, write to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Diversity and Inclusive Workforce Management, Public Civil Rights Accessibility & Disability Coordinator, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; (703) 358-1724.

Fondos de Título VI: Ciertos programas del New Mexico Department of Game and Fish reciben fondos federales del U.S. Department of the Interior. Estos programas son subyugados a requisitos de la ley de New Mexico Human Rights Act and Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, que prohíben la discriminación por razones de ascendencia, sexo, raza, color, religión origen nacional, edad o impedimento físico o mental. Si usted cree que ha sufrido discriminación en cualquier programa, actividad o comodidades, por favor envíe por correo certificado una descripción detallada al Department of Game and Fish. Si desea mas 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, Office of Diversity and Inclusive Workforce Management, Public Civil Rights Accessibility & Disability Coordinator, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; (703) 358-1724.

New Mexico State Lands

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New Mexico State Trust Land

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

To ensure access and create larger and better defined hunting areas, hunting and trapping privileges for some State Trust Land have been exchanged for similar privileges on private lands. These private-land areas have signs posted with notices that the land has been unitized (page 38). Observe these signs and contact NMDGF if you have questions about the location of land open for public use. Though not required, trappers are encouraged to notify the appropriate lessee when trapping on State Trust Lands.

If Denied Access

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

If Allowed Access

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

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

However you must:

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

And you must not:

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

New Mexico State Lands

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New Mexico State Trust Land: Commercial or Other Uses

A Message from the State Trust Land Office

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

New Mexico State Game Commission Lands

The State Game Commission owns and manages lands across New Mexico for the benefit of fish, wildlife and their habitats. These lands include New Mexico's Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). Select WMAs are open to provide additional public hunting opportunities. See below for special WMA rules.

Big-game Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

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

- WMAs open for big-game hunting are listed in this booklet for each big-game species by GMU. All other WMAs are closed to big-game hunting.
- Only New Mexico residents may apply for big-game hunts held exclusively on WMAs. Non-residents only may apply for hunts open concurrently on both a WMA and other public lands.
- Legal big-game shooting hours are listed on page 29. USFWS-approved nontoxic shot is required for turkey hunting on WMAs.
- Scouting is allowed by each properly-licensed, big-game hunter with up to three guests during a seven-day period prior to the published start date of his/her hunt.

Upland-game Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

- WMAs open for upland-game hunting are listed in this booklet on pages 134–135. All other WMAs are closed to upland-game hunting.
- Legal upland-game shooting hours are listed on page 29. USFWS-approved non-toxic shot is required for upland game on all WMAs (page 132).

General Rules for Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

- WMA access is allowed by each properly-licensed hunter with up to three guests, concurrent with his/her published hunt period (and scouting period for big-game hunters only).
- Individuals may not enter closed areas as posted on site.
- Vehicles may not be operated off established roads or on closed roads.
- Camping is restricted to designated areas. Individuals may not camp more than 14 consecutive days, unless concurrent with their published hunt period (and scouting period for big-game hunters only).
- Campfires must be safely contained.
- Dogs must remain on leash, except when being used for hunting purposes as allowed by rule.
- Domestic livestock feed, other than pelleted, grain feed or hay certified as weed free, is prohibited.
- Individuals may not deface or remove rocks, minerals, plants (including fruits, nuts, and berries), animals, firewood, or man-made features (including artifacts).

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- Individuals may not violate access rules for specific WMAs posted on site or otherwise published by NMDGF.

Hunting and trapping on WMAs are not allowed for nongame animals (page 139), protected furbearers, unprotected furbearers (coyotes and skunks) or unprotected species (feral hogs), except Water Canyon WMA where nongame hunting is allowed January 1–March 31, 2019.

For further rules and specific information about each WMA, visit Conservation/State Game Commission Lands at **www.wildlife.state.nm.us**.

New Mexico State Parks

All New Mexico State Parks are closed to hunting, unless specified open in a designated area. For information contact the New Mexico State Parks Division at: 1-888-667-2757 or nmparks.com.

Other State Lands

Chihuahuan Desert Research Center: The Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (College Ranch) is closed to unescorted public access. For information, telephone: (575) 646-2554 or visit: <http://chihuahuansc.nmsu.edu/index.html>.

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

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

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

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

Bringing firewood from one state to another has become the principal method by which damaging insect pests and diseases are introduced to forests. Emerald ash borer, Sirex Woodwasps, gypsy moth, Asian longhorn beetle, and oak wilt disease can be transported in firewood and are the cause of significant damage to forests in other states. These pests are almost always fatal to trees and will decimate forested areas as well as riparian areas if allowed to get established. **If you inadvertently bring firewood from another state, please burn all of it immediately.**

Purchase or collect firewood within New Mexico.

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



Private Lands

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

Hunting on Private Land

Hunters must possess written permission before entering private lands, including streambeds (see *Criminal Trespass*, page 39). It is unlawful to knowingly enter any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take or kill any protected species on posted private property without written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land. It also is unlawful to remain on private property if consent has been denied or withdrawn. Any game taken in violation of the above, shall be subject to seizure.

Unitization Agreements Provide Access

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

How Hunters Can Use Unitization

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

For maps and information on ranches that have entered into unitization agreements visit:

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/unitized-ranch/>.

Also, to assist and inform hunters in the field, signs will be posted on public and private property where unitization agreements are in effect.

Hunters may hunt on private lands that have been opened through a unitization agreement).

Hunters must have permission from the lessee to hunt on BLM/State lands that have been closed through a unitization agreement. Game animals taken in violation of the above may be seized.



Criminal Trespass

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Knowing Makes All the Difference

It is trespassing if:

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

It is not trespassing if:

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

Penalties:

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

Unlawful Taking of Game on Private Property

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

Hunting on Private Property without Permission

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.

Vehicle Use

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Off-road Travel

During the seasons established for any protected species, it shall be unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, fisherman or trapper. Exception: 1, Snowmobiles; 2, To retrieve lawfully taken game not in an area closed to vehicular traffic. 3, All landowners, lessees or their employees, while on their owned or leased lands in connection with legitimate agricultural activities. For the NMDGF definition of an established road, see page 137.

During the seasons established for any protected species, it shall be unlawful to knowingly occupy, drive, or cause to be driven any motor vehicle on a closed road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.

It is illegal to drive motor vehicles on roads or areas that are closed to vehicular traffic under the Habitat Protection Act or other state or federal regulations. Obey all posted rules and know the regulations that apply for the land management agency(s) where you will be driving.

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

You may drive vehicles off established roads on certain public lands (excluding State Trust Land) and private land (with written permission) to retrieve legally taken big-game carcasses — provided that state or federal regulations do not prohibit it. For further information about off-highway vehicle laws and requirements, see page 141.

Vehicle Confiscation for Illegal Spotlighters

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



Outfitted Hunts

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Outfitters, Guides and Outfitted Hunts

An outfitter is any person who advertises or holds themselves out to the public for hire or is employed or accepts compensation for providing, within the unit where a hunt occurs, facilities, equipment or services for hunting activities. A "New Mexico Outfitter" is a person who has met very specific qualifications as set forth in law to participate in the 10% special drawing pool. A guide is any person contracted, employed or accepting compensation for providing, within the unit where a hunt occurs, equipment or services for hunting activities. An "outfitter" or "guide" does not include a person who only cooks, cuts wood or performs other comparable or incidental duties not directly related to hunting activities. Outfitters and guides shall carry and provide proof of registration in the field upon request by law enforcement.

Any person who purchases landowner permits or private land licenses for a hunter-client or pays for access to a landowner's deeded property for a hunter-client in any way, shall be considered an outfitter. A landowner or their agent who is guiding or outfitting on the landowner's deeded property or pursuant to a landowner permit is exempt from the department's registration process but may register if they choose. Agent is a person who is legally authorized by employment or written contract to act on behalf of a private landowner to oversee the landowner's hunting operation on their deeded property. Agents may not act independently from the landowner. A landowner or their agent must be in compliance with the registration requirements of any pertinent government land management agency when involved with commercial activities on lands controlled or administered by a government land management agency for each hunt code.

New Mexico's special drawing pool allocates up to 10% of all available big-game licenses for each hunt code. To apply in the 10% special drawing pool, a "New Mexico Outfitter" shall execute a written contract with each special drawing pool applicant, and the contract must be signed and dated by all parties **prior to application**. It is unlawful for an outfitter or guide to contract with themselves or to guide themselves using a special drawing pool license. A "New Mexico Outfitter" may release a contracted hunter-client to another "New Mexico Outfitter" provided that the original contract was valid, in place prior to the application deadline and only if it is mutually agreed upon and signed by all parties.

All outfitters shall execute a written contract with each hunter-client, signed and dated by all parties before the hunt begins, it shall designate the terms, guide to hunter-client ratio, hunt dates, compensation charged and services to be provided. **All outfitters shall have a copy of the contract available for inspection in the field during the hunt, or they must submit an electronic copy of the contract to the guide and outfitter registrar at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hunt.**

A "New Mexico Outfitter" shall ensure that each hunter-client who obtains a license through the 10% special drawing pool is **accompanied by the outfitter or their registered guide for at least two days** during the contracted dates of the hunt in the area where the hunter-client's license is valid. **Accompanied shall mean that the outfitter or their registered guide physically escorts the hunter-client in the field during the hunter-client's license hunt dates.** A hunter-client who obtains a license through the special drawing pool and chooses to hunt beyond their contracted hunt dates must carry a copy of the contract while hunting if it had not been submitted electronically to the registrar at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hunt. It is unlawful to hunt with a license obtained through the special drawing pool without being accompanied by, and contracted with, a New Mexico outfitter or their guide for at least two days during the hunt.

Before hiring an outfitter, hunters should research the preferred outfitter(s) and obtain references. Hunter-clients are encouraged to contact the department to check the status of an outfitter prior to booking a hunt. If any person claiming to be a registered outfitter is not on the registered list, do not do business with them. Guides are not outfitters, and it is illegal to book a hunt with a guide. A list of registered outfitters is provided online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement/guide-and-outfitter-info.

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

Management Hunts

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Population Management Hunts

Residents and nonresidents wishing to be considered for Population Management Hunts for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx or pronghorn antelope **must select the 5th-choice option on the draw application for the appropriate species**. Applications must be completed online or by telephone by March 21.

If selecting the 5th-choice option for oryx, applicants will have an option to enter a White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) security authorization code (see page 107) for themselves or their escort to be eligible for oryx hunts on the WSMR. This applies only to population management oryx hunts that occur on WSMR. 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 hunters must file a harvest report.

Population Management Hunt Fees

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

If a hunter is contacted and accepts a 5th-choice hunt, she/he will be required to purchase the appropriate license(s) with tag for the species that she/he will hunt (page 9, *License Fees*). Hunters 18 years or older also will be required to purchase a Habitat Management & Access Validation and may be required to purchase a Habitat Stamp, if she/he will be hunting on Forest Service or BLM land.

White Sands Missile Range and Jornada Experimental Range each charge a \$150 access fee to all oryx hunters. Other federal agencies may charge access fees. Choosing the Oryx Population Management Hunt implies acceptance of additional fees should a hunter be called for one of these hunts. Population management hunters must file a harvest report, and may be required to obtain a carcass tag in person at a license vendor or NMDGF office.

Harvest Reporting for Late-season Management Hunts

Population Management license holders for hunts that occur late in the license year or after the reporting deadlines must submit a harvest report on or before April 7 to maintain draw eligibility.

Enhancement Hunts

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

All proceeds are used solely for habitat enhancement, conservation and management projects in New Mexico for the species auctioned or raffled. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. These hunts do not count as Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. Additional information will be provided online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Big-game Enhancement Packages

Two big-game authorization packages will be auctioned by NMDGF — one through the Mule Deer Foundation at the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo on February 8–11, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah — and one through the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at their Hunters' Rendezvous Auction on January 27, 2018 in Tucson, Ariz. Each package will consist of five authorizations, one for each of the following: deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn antelope. The season dates are Sept. 1, 2018–Jan. 31, 2019 for deer and elk; April 1, 2018–March 31, 2019 for ibex and oryx (for oryx hunts WSMR access must be prearranged); and Aug. 1–Nov. 1, 2018 for pronghorn antelope.

Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Authorizations

Two authorizations will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Wild Sheep Foundation — one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep — during their convention on January 18–20, 2018 in Reno, Nev. The successful bidder for desert bighorn sheep will choose one desert bighorn hunt from the list on pages 97–98, and the successful bidder for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep will choose one Rocky Mountain bighorn hunt from the list on page 94 (excluding Unit 58 Dry Cimarron). Each successful bidder must select his/her hunt by June 1, 2018.

Two authorizations will be raffled by NMDGF with the assistance of the New Mexico Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation — one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. **Raffle tickets can be ordered** by contacting NMWSF President Bryan Bartlett: (575) 635-3499 or bartlebc@yahoo.com. However, **tickets cannot be paid by telephone or email**. Tickets are \$20 each. No "volume" discounts apply. Tickets can be paid using Visa, MasterCard, check, cash or money order (U.S. funds only). Full payment must be received via mail by midnight on Wednesday, June 21, 2018.

The raffle winner for desert bighorn sheep will choose one hunt from the desert bighorn hunts remaining after the auction winner has chosen his/her hunt. The raffle winner for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep will choose one hunt from the Rocky Mountain bighorn hunts remaining after the auction winner has chosen his/her hunt. Hunt dates are Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2018, except in GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak), where the dates are Aug. 1–10, 2018 and Sept. 1–Dec. 31, 2018.

Deer Enhancement Authorizations

One deer authorization will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Mule Deer Foundation at the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo on February 8–11, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah. One deer authorization also will be raffled with the assistance of the Mule Deer Foundation. Tickets must be purchased by June 14, 2018 to be considered for the June 15, 2018 drawing. The bag limit for these hunts is one buck deer.

Enhancement Hunts

Elk Enhancement Authorizations

One bull-elk authorization will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at the RMEF Hunters' Rendezvous Auction on January 27, 2018 in Tucson, Ariz. One bull-elk authorization will be raffled with the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at the NMDGF Santa Fe office in June, 2018. For more information please visit the RMEF website: www.rmef.org.

Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits

One Gould's turkey enhancement permit will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) at the NWTF Convention and Sport Show on February 14–18, 2018 in Nashville, Tenn. Additional information will be available on the NWTF website: www.nwtf.org/convention. A second permit will be raffled by NMDGF with the assistance of the New Mexico Chapter of NWTF. Winners of the auction and raffle for Gould's turkey authorizations also will receive a regular New Mexico Spring Turkey license with tag(s). Only 300 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 each. The winner will be drawn on Wednesday, March 16, 2018. For more information email: nmturkeyhunt@bajabb.com.

Premium Statewide Deer and Elk Hunts

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish's premium deer and elk hunts are in honor of two department employees, Austin Roberts and Ocie Gray, who were killed in a January 1960 plane crash while delivering hay to starving pronghorn antelope on the snow-covered plains outside of Las Vegas.

Pilot Austin Roberts, 40, of Roswell, was a 14-year veteran of the department at the time of his death. A cause of the accident was never determined. Before joining the department Roberts served as a bomber pilot during World War II and survived 62 bombing runs and being shot down six times. Lake Roberts in the Gila National Forest is named after him.

Ocie Gray, 25, was a department biologist and a 1959 graduate of New Mexico State University in Las Cruces where a scholarship in his name is available to biology students.

The two premium hunts were authorized by the State Game Commission to provide the public an affordable chance at a high quality hunting experience. The hunt codes are DER-1-700 and ELK-1-700 and allow hunting with any legal sporting arm in any unit statewide, including the department's Wildlife Management Areas and private land with written permission, anytime between Sept. 1, 2018 and Jan. 31, 2019. The hunts are available through the draw and quotas apply.



Right (top–bottom): Austin Roberts and Ocie Gray. NMDGF photo taken the day of the crash.

Deer Licenses

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

General License Information



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Deer Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

It is illegal to apply for, buy or use more than one license for any big-game species during any license year—except when permitted by rule. It is the hunter's responsibility to know which license she/he is purchasing from a license vendor. **Nonresidents are ineligible** for hunts held solely on State Game Commission-owned Wildlife Management Areas (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 are posted online April 25, 2018) may an applicant purchase a Private-land Only Deer License.

License Fees (Listed on pages 7, 9)

Legal Sporting Arms for Deer Hunting

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

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

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

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

Bag Limit (Glossary of Terms, page 137)

The bag limit for most hunts is a fork-antlered deer (FAD), fork-antlered mule deer (FAMD) or fork-antlered white-tailed deer (FAWTD). Exceptions are Youth-only Hunts on the Huey WMA and those hunts in portions of Unit 32 that are antlerless (A), and Youth-only Hunts in Units 41, 58 and 59 that are either-sex white-tailed deer (ESWTD). Proof of sex must remain with a harvested deer until it has reached the location where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage (page 22).

Deer Licenses

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Deer Draw Licenses



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Deer Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Deadline to apply for the Deer Draw License is March 21, 2018. 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. License fee will be refunded if unsuccessful in the draw.

Successful applicants will be issued a Public-land Deer Draw License and mailed a tag. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting arms type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions about how to properly tag harvests.

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

Types of Deer Draw Licenses (see glossary, pages 137–140)

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

Fourth Choice Hunts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth-only Hunts: Youth-only Hunts are open to persons 17 years of age and younger on the opening day of the hunt. A Hunter Education number or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 26, 27) is required to apply for Youth-only Hunts.

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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 and tag—available online, by telephone, from license vendors or at NMDGF offices. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags (see page 20). When obtaining a Private-land Only Deer License, the hunter must select a hunt code which corresponds with a Deer-Draw Hunt Code for the unit, bag limit, sporting arm type and season date. If the hunter is a nonresident and selects a corresponding Deer-Draw Hunt Code designated as Quality (Q), she/he must purchase a Quality Deer License.

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

1. Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License.
2. Private-land Only Deer License with tag.
3. Written permission from the landowner or person controlling the land or trespass rights pursuant to regulation 19.31.10.18 NMAC.
4. Habitat Management & Access Validation (see page 10).
5. A Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth number if younger than 18 years of age.

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 (Freeman Davis unit)

Hunters wishing to hunt on private land in these units must obtain an authorization code and a hunt code from the landowner. With this information, hunters may apply through the regular draw. When applying for Private-land Hunts in Unit 5A, only one person per application may apply. The application must be completed by March 21, 2018. Private-land Only Licenses are not issued by license vendors for hunts 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) 222-4710.

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

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

Unit	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Any Legal Sporting Arm				
8	Oct. 13–17	DER–1–450	Unlimited	FAD
46	Oct. 20–24	DER–1–453	Unlimited	FAD
46	Oct. 27–31	DER–1–454	Unlimited	FAD
54	Oct. 20–24	DER–1–457	Unlimited	FAD
54	Oct. 27–31	DER–1–458	Unlimited	FAD
54	Nov. 21–25	DER–1–459	Unlimited	FAWTD
54 - Youth only	Nov. 21–25	DER–1–460	Unlimited	FAD

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

55	Oct. 20–24	DER-1-463	Unlimited	FAD
Unit	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
55	Oct. 27–31	DER-1-464	Unlimited	FAD
55 - Youth only	Nov. 21–25	DER-1-465	Unlimited	FAD
55B.	Nov. 21–25	DER-1-468	Unlimited	FAWTD

Bow Only

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

Muzzleloader

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

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

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

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

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

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Draw Licenses: Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and must possess either a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 26, 27). Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. **Units 10, 13, 18, 20, 28 and 34:** Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. Unit 28 McGregor Range /Fort Bliss: Hunters are required to possess proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course, are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest and will be subject to security searches. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only. **Closed Areas:** Military reservations, national parks and monuments, state parks and monuments, recreation areas, national wildlife refuges, state wildlife management areas, and other locations may be closed or restrict hunting. **The following other areas are closed to deer hunting:** The Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area of Unit 55A are closed to all deer hunting; All state wildlife management areas are closed unless officially designated open to hunting. **Restricted Areas:** Units 1, 3, 11, 35 and other tribal reservations are not included under state rules. Contact tribal officials directly.

Private-land Only License may not be issued by license vendors for hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A. Hunt codes must be obtained from a landowner.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Premium Statewide Deer Hunt (page 44)					
(Public land and WMAs open to hunting and private land with written permission)					
Statewide	Sept. 1-Jan. 31 '19	DER-1-700	. . . Q	1 . . .	FAD
Unit 2 (Public-land Only)					
2A	Oct. 27-31 . . .	DER-1-100	. . . S	150 . .	FAD
2A - Youth Only.	Oct. 20-24 . . .	DER-1-101	. . . S	40 . .	FAD
2B - Youth Only.	Oct. 13-17 . . .	DER-1-112	. . . S	150 . .	FAD
2B	Oct. 20-24 . . .	DER-1-109	. . . S	275 . .	FAD
2B	Oct. 27-31 . . .	DER-1-110	. . . S	375 . .	FAD
2B	Nov. 3-7	DER-1-111	. . . Q	450 . .	FAD
2C	Nov. 10-14 . . .	DER-1-125	. . . Q/HD . . .	20 . .	FAD
Unit 4 (Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs / N.M. Resident Only)					
4 - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24 . . .	DER-1-131	. . . Q	20 . .	FAD
4 - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31 . . .	DER-1-132	. . . Q	20 . .	FAD
4 - Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24 . . .	DER-1-133	. . . Q	10 . .	FAD
4 - Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 21-25 . . .	DER-1-134	. . . Q5 . .	FAD

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Draw Licenses: Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 5					
5A Public-land Only.	Nov. 6–12. . .	DER-1-139. . .	S.	30. . .	FAD
5B	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-143. . .	Q	15. . .	FAD
5B - Youth Only.	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-144. . .	Q/HD . . .	10. . .	FAD
Unit 6					
6A and 6C - Mobility Impaired Only . . .	Oct. 13–17 . .	DER-1-146. . .	S.	20. . .	FAD
6A and 6C.	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-145. . .	S.	100. . .	FAD
Unit 7					
7	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-149. . .	S.	25. . .	FAD
Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs)					
9	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-154. . .	S.	10. . .	FAD
9 - Youth Only	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-155. . .	S.	10. . .	FAD
Unit 10					
10 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-162. . .	S.	20. . .	FAD
10	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-158. . .	S.	70. . .	FAD
10	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-159. . .	S.	65. . .	FAD
10	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-160. . .	S.	90. . .	FAD
10 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-161. . .	S.	25. . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				
	Dec. 8–9				
Unit 12					
12	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-165. . .	S.	90. . .	FAD
Unit 13					
13	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-168. . .	S.	150. . .	FAD
13	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-169. . .	S.	150. . .	FAD
13 - Youth Only.	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-170. . .	S.	50. . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				
	Dec. 8–9				
Unit 14 (Sandia Ranger District is open to archery only)					
14	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-173. . .	S.	30. . .	FAD
Unit 16					
16 - Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-182. . .	S.	25. . .	FAD
16	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-179. . .	S.	300. . .	FAD
16	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-180. . .	S.	300. . .	FAD
16 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-181. . .	S.	100. . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				
	Dec. 8–9				

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 17					
17	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-185 . . .	Q	80 . .	FAD
17	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-186 . . .	Q	80 . .	FAD
17 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-187 . . .	Q	80 . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				
	Dec. 8–9				
Unit 18					
18	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-191 . . .	S	70 . .	FAD
18	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-192 . . .	S	70 . .	FAD
Unit 20					
20	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-197 . . .	S	90 . .	FAD
20	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-198 . . .	S	90 . .	FAD
Unit 21					
21	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-201 . . .	S . . . .	.425 . .	FAD
21	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-202 . . .	S . . . .	.425 . .	FAD
21 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-203 . . .	S . . . .	.100 . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				
	Dec. 8–9				
Unit 22					
22	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-206 . . .	S	70 . .	FAD
22	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-207 . . .	S	70 . .	FAD
22 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-208 . . .	S	20 . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				
	Dec. 8–9				
Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountain Hunt Area)					
23	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-211 . . .	S	500 . .	FAMD
23	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-212 . . .	S	500 . .	FAMD
23	Nov. 17–21 . .	DER-1-213 . . .	S . . . .	.100 . .	FAWTD
23	Dec. 1–9 . . .	DER-1-214 . . .	HD . . .	50 . .	FAWTD
23 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-215 . . .	S	95 . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				
	Dec. 8–9				
Unit 23 (Burro Mountain Hunt Area Only)					
23	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-216 . . .	Q	25 . .	FAMD
23	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-217 . . .	Q	25 . .	FAMD
23	Nov. 17–21 . .	DER-1-218 . . .	Q	25 . .	FAWTD
23	Dec. 1–9 . . .	DER-1-219 . . .	Q/HD . .	25 . .	FAWTD
23 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-220 . . .	Q	25 . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				
	Dec. 8–9				

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Unit 24 (Including Fort Bayard Management Area)					
24 - Youth Only	Sept. 29–Oct. 7	DER-1-233 . . . S	50 . .	FAD	
24 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 Dec. 1–2 Dec. 8–9	DER-1-234 . . . S	50 . .	FAD	
Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)					
24	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-229 . . . S	400 . .	FAMD	
24	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-230 . . . S	400 . .	FAMD	
24	Nov. 17–21 . .	DER-1-231 . . . S	100 . .	FAWTD	
24	Dec. 1–9 . . .	DER-1-232 . . . S	50 . .	FAWTD	
Unit 25					
25	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-239 . . . S	100 . .	FAD	
25	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-240 . . . S	100 . .	FAD	
Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area)					
26	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-243 . . . S	100 . .	FAD	
26	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-244 . . . S	100 . .	FAD	
Unit 27					
27	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-247 . . . Q	50 . .	FAMD	
27	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-248 . . . Q	50 . .	FAMD	
27	Nov. 17–21 . .	DER-1-249 . . . Q/HD . .	50 . .	FAWTD	
27	Dec. 1–9 . . .	DER-1-250 . . . Q/HD . .	25 . .	FAWTD	
27 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 Dec. 1–2 Dec. 8–9	DER-1-251 . . . Q	25 . .	FAD	
Unit 28 (CWD detected in this area. See page 48.)					
28 McGregor Range.	Nov. 17–18 . .	DER-1-256 . . . S	20 . .	FAD	
28 McGregor Range, Military Only . .	Nov. 17–18 . .	DER-1-257 . . . HD	20 . .	FAD	
Unit 29					
29	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-258 . . . S	170 . .	FAD	
29	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-259 . . . S	170 . .	FAD	
Unit 30					
30	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-262 . . . S	640 . .	FAD	
30 - Youth Only	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-264 . . . S	125 . .	FAD	
30	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-263 . . . S	960 . .	FAD	
30 - Youth Only	Nov. 10–14 . .	DER-1-265 . . . S	125 . .	FAD	
Unit 31 (Including Prairie Chicken WMAs)					
31	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-268 . . . S	450 . .	FAD	
31	Nov. 17–21 . .	DER-1-269 . . . S	450 . .	FAD	

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 32 (Including Prairie Chicken WMAs)					
32	Oct. 27–31 . . .	DER-1-272. . .	S. . . . .	.625 . .	FAD
32	Nov. 10–14 . . .	DER-1-273. . .	S. . . . .	.625 . .	FAD
32 (portions of) ¹ - Youth Only	Dec. 16–31 . . .	DER-1-274. . .	S.	15 . .	A
32 (portions of) ¹	Jan. 16–31, '19 .	DER-1-275. . .	S.	15 . .	A
¹ Roswell and Fort Sumner hunt areas of Unit 32.					
Unit 33 (Including Prairie Chicken WMAs)					
33	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-278. . .	Q . . . . .	.150 . .	FAD
33	Nov. 17–21 . . .	DER-1-279. . .	Q . . . . .	.150 . .	FAD
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 48.)					
34 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–24 . . .	DER-1-286. . .	S. . . . .	.45 . .	FAD
34 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 20–24 . . .	DER-1-287. . .	S. . . . .	.50 . .	FAD
34	Oct. 27–31 . . .	DER-1-284. . .	S. . . . .	.735 . .	FAD
34	Nov. 10–14 . . .	DER-1-285. . .	S. . . . .	.735 . .	FAD
Unit 36					
36 excluding Fort Stanton BLM-NCA ² .	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-290. . .	S.	300 . .	FAD
36 excluding Fort Stanton BLM-NCA ² .	Nov. 10–14 . . .	DER-1-291. . .	S.	300 . .	FAD
36 including Fort Stanton - Youth Only .	Nov. 21–25 . . .	DER-1-292. . .	S.	25 . .	FAD
	Dec. 8–9				
	Dec. 15–16				
² Bureau of Land Management National Conservation Area					
Unit 37					
37	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-296. . .	S. . . . .	.375 . .	FAD
37	Nov. 17–21 . . .	DER-1-297. . .	S. . . . .	.375 . .	FAD
Unit 38					
38	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-300. . .	S. . . . .	.175 . .	FAD
38	Nov. 17–21 . . .	DER-1-301. . .	S. . . . .	.175 . .	FAD
Unit 39					
39	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-304. . .	S. . . . .	.40 . .	FAD
39	Nov. 17–21 . . .	DER-1-305. . .	S. . . . .	.40 . .	FAD
Unit 40					
40	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-308. . .	S.50 . .	FAD
40	Nov. 17–21 . . .	DER-1-309. . .	S.50 . .	FAD
Unit 41					
41	Oct. 20–24 . . .	DER-1-312. . .	Q35 . .	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
41	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-313 . . .	Q	35 . .	FAD
41 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-315 . . .	Q	5 . .	FAD
41 - Youth Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	DER-1-316 . . .	Q	15 . .	ESWTD
41	Dec. 8–12 . .	DER-1-314 . . .	Q	10 . .	FAWTD

Unit 42

42	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-319 . . .	S	30 . .	FAD
42	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-320 . . .	S	30 . .	FAD
42	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-321 . . .	S	10 . .	FAWTD

Unit 43

43	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-324 . . .	S	35 . .	FAD
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Unit 45

45	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-328 . . .	S	250 . .	FAD
45	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-327 . . .	S	250 . .	FAD
45 - Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-330 . . .	S	25 . .	FAD
45 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-329 . . .	S	25 . .	FAD
	Dec. 1–2				

Unit 47

47	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-333 . . .	S	18 . .	FAD
47	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-334 . . .	S	18 . .	FAD

Unit 48

48	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-337 . . .	S	30 . .	FAD
48	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-338 . . .	S	50 . .	FAD

Unit 49

49	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-341 . . .	S	90 . .	FAD
49	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-342 . . .	S	90 . .	FAD

Unit 50

50	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-344 . . .	S	48 . .	FAD
50	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-345 . . .	S	48 . .	FAD

Unit 51

51B	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-349 . . .	S	15 . .	FAD
51A	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-347 . . .	S	145 . .	FAD
51B	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-350 . . .	S	15 . .	FAD

Unit 52

52	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-352 . . .	S	90 . .	FAD
52	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-353 . . .	S	90 . .	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 53					
53	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-356. . .	S.	85 . .	FAD
53	Nov. 3–7 . . .	DER-1-357. . .	S.	85 . .	FAD
Unit 54 and 55 (N.M. Residents Only)					
54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA . . .	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-359. . .	S.	15 . .	FAD
54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA . . .	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-360. . .	S.	15 . .	FAD
Unit 55 (N.M. Residents Only)					
55 ES Barker WMA	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-361. . .	S.	5 . .	FAD
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-363. . .	S.	10 . .	FAD
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-364. . .	S.	10 . .	FAD
55 ES Barker WMA - Youth Only . .	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-362. . .	S.	5 . .	FAD
Unit 56					
56	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-365. . .	S.	15 . .	FAD
56	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-366. . .	S.	15 . .	FAD
56 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-367. . .	S.	10 . .	FAD
Unit 57 (Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park)					
57	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-370. . .	S.	25 . .	FAD
57	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-371. . .	S.	25 . .	FAD
57	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-372. . .	S.	10 . .	FAWTD
57 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-373. . .	S.	10 . .	FAD
Unit 58					
58	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-377. . .	S.	30 . .	FAD
58	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-378. . .	S.	30 . .	FAD
58 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-380. . .	S.	10 . .	FAD
58 - Youth Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	DER-1-381. . .	S.	15 . .	ESWTD
58	Dec. 8–12. . .	DER-1-379. . .	S.	10 . .	FAWTD
Unit 59					
59	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-1-384. . .	S.	35 . .	FAD
59	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-1-385. . .	S.	35 . .	FAD
59 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-1-387. . .	S.	5 . .	FAD
59 - Youth Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	DER-1-388. . .	S.	15 . .	ESWTD
59	Dec. 8–12. . .	DER-1-386. . .	S.	10 . .	FAWTD

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What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 26, 27). **Units 10, 13, 18, 19, 20, 28 and 34:** Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Unit 28 McGregor Range /Fort Bliss: Hunters are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest and will be subject to security searches. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only. **Closed Areas:** Military reservations, national parks and monuments, state parks and monuments, recreation areas, national and state wildlife refuges and areas, and the Valle Vidal may be closed or have restrictions on hunting. In addition, all state Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are closed to deer hunting, unless officially designated open. **Restricted Areas:** Units 1, 3, 11, 35 and other tribal reservations. Contact tribal officials directly for information.

Private-land Only Licenses are not issued by license vendors for hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A. Hunt codes must be obtained from a landowner.

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

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Unit 13					
13	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–171 . . .	S.	200 . .	FAD
Unit 14					
14	Sept. 1–24. . .	DER–2–174. . .	S.	30 . .	FAD
Unit 15					
15	Sept. 1–24. . .	DER–2–176. . .	S.	100 . .	FAD
Unit 16					
16	Sept. 1–24 . . .	DER–2–183. . .	S.	400 . .	FAD
Unit 17					
17	Sept. 1–24. . .	DER–2–188. . .	Q	73 . .	FAD
17	Jan. 1–15, '19 .	DER–2–189. . .	Q	73 . .	FAD
Unit 18					
18	Sept. 1–24. . .	DER–2–193. . .	S.	85 . .	FAD
Unit 19 (CWD detected in this area. See page 48.)					
(Excluding White Sands Missile Range. Mandatory check-in and check-out.)					
19	Jan. 1–15, '19 .	DER–2–195. . .	S.	10 . .	FAD
Unit 20					
20	Sept. 1–24. . .	DER–2–199. . .	S.	50 . .	FAD
Unit 21					
21	Sept. 1–24. . .	DER–2–204. . .	S.	500 . .	FAD
Unit 22					
22	Sept. 1–24. . .	DER–2–209. . .	S.	50 . .	FAD
Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountains Hunt Area. Additional info. page 58.)					
23	Sept. 1–24. . .	DER–2–221. . .	S.	255 . .	FAMD
If unsuccessful for the above hunt: Jan. 16–Feb. 5, '19 (see page 58) A					
23	Sept. 1–24 . . .	DER–2–222. . .	S.	150 . .	FAWTD
If unsuccessful for the above hunt: Jan. 16–Feb. 5, '19 (see page 58). A					
Unit 23 (Burro Mountain Hunt Area Only)					
23	Jan. 1–15, '19 .	DER–2–223. . .	Q	50 . .	FAMD
23	Jan. 1–15, '19 .	DER–2–224. . .	Q	50 . .	FAWTD

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Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area. Additional info. page 58.) _____					
24	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–235.	. . . S. . . .	200 . .	FAMD
If unsuccessful for the above hunt: Jan. 16–Feb. 5, '19 (see below) A					
24	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–236.	. . . S. . . .	100 . .	FAWTD
If unsuccessful for the above hunt: Jan. 16–Feb. 5, '19 (see below) A					
Units: 23, 24 Silver City Deer Management Area Hunt: Hunters holding a valid bow Deer License for Units 23 (excluding Burro Mountain Hunt Area) and 24, who did not harvest a deer during their hunt, will be allowed to hunt for antlerless deer within the Silver City Deer Management Area (as determined by NMDGF) from Jan. 16–Feb. 5, 2019. Qualifying hunters should contact 1-888-248-6866.					
Unit 25 _____					
25	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–241.	. . . S. . . .	70 . .	FAD
Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area) _____					
26	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–245.	. . . S. . . .	35 . .	FAD
Unit 27 _____					
27	Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–252.	. . . Q	50 . .	FAMD
27	Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–253.	. . . Q	40 . .	FAWTD
Unit 29 _____					
29	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–260.	. . . S. . . .	150 . .	FAD
Unit 30 _____					
30	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–266.	. . . S. . . .	250 . .	FAD
Unit 31 (Including Prairie-Chicken WMAs) _____					
31	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–270.	. . . S. . . .	250 . .	FAD
Unit 32 (Including Prairie-Chicken WMAs) _____					
32	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–276.	. . . S. . . .	200 . .	FAD
Unit 33 (Including Prairie-Chicken WMAs) _____					
33	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–280.	. . . Q	100 . .	FAD
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 48.) _____					
34	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–288.	. . . S. . . .	780 . .	FAD
Unit 36 (Including Fort Stanton, BLM National Conservation Area) _____					
36	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–293.	. . . S. . . .	300 . .	FAD
Unit 37 _____					
37	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–298.	. . . S. . . .	150 . .	FAD

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Unit 38					
38	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–302.	. . . S.100 . .	FAD
Unit 39					
39	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–306.	. . . S.40 . .	FAD
Unit 40					
40	Sept. 1–24. Jan. 1–15, '19	DER–2–310.	. . . S. . . .	.25 . .	FAD
Unit 41					
41	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–317.	. . . Q . . . .	.10 . .	FAD
Unit 42					
42	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–322.	. . . S. . . .	.10 . .	FAD
Unit 43					
43	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–325.	. . . S. . . .	.10 . .	FAD
Unit 45					
45	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–331.	. . . S. . . .	.150 . .	FAD
Unit 47					
47	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–335.	. . . S. . . .	.10 . .	FAD
Unit 48					
48	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–339.	. . . S. . . .	.45 . .	FAD
Unit 49					
49	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–343.	. . . S. . . .	.100 . .	FAD
Unit 50					
50	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–346.	. . . S. . . .	.5 . .	FAD
Unit 51					
51A	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–348.	. . . S. . . .	.65 . .	FAD
51B	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–351.	. . . S. . . .	.10 . .	FAD
Unit 52					
52	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–354.	. . . S. . . .	.80 . .	FAD
Unit 53					
53	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–358.	. . . S. . . .	.90 . .	FAD
Unit 56					
56	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–368.	. . . S. . . .	.10 . .	FAD
Unit 57					
57 Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park.	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–374.	. . . S. . . .	.15 . .	FAD
57 Sugarite Canyon State Park	Nov. 1–30	DER–2–375.	. . . Q . . . .	.20 . .	FAD
Unit 58					
58	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–382.	. . . S. . . .	.10 . .	FAD
Unit 59					
59	Sept. 1–24.	DER–2–389.	. . . S. . . .	.10 . .	FAD

Deer Licenses

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

Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 26, 27). **Units 10, 13, 18, 19, 20, 28 and 34:** Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Unit 28 McGregor Range/Fort Bliss: Hunters are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest and will be subject to security searches. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only. **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. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only.

Private-land Only Deer Licenses are not issued by license vendors for hunts in units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A (Freeman Lee Davis Memorial Unit). Hunt codes must be obtained from a landowner.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 2 (Public-land Only)					
2A	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–107. . . S.	. . . . .	50 . .	FAD
2B	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–122. . . S.	. . . . .	175 . .	FAD
2B - Youth Only.	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–123. . . S.	. . . . .	20 . .	FAD
2C	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–129. . . Q	. . . . .	20 . .	FAD
Unit 6					
6A and 6C.	Sept. 29–Oct. 3	DER-3–148. . . S.	. . . . .	100 . .	FAD
Unit 7					
7	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–151. . . S.	. . . . .	10 . .	FAD
Unit 10					
10	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–164. . . S.	. . . . .	90 . .	FAD
Unit 12					
12	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–167. . . S.	. . . . .	45 . .	FAD
Unit 13					
13	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3–172. . . S.	. . . . .	200 . .	FAD
Unit 14 (Sandia Ranger District is open to archery only)					
14	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–175. . . S.	. . . . .	50 . .	FAD
Unit 15					
15	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3–177. . . S.	. . . . .	165 . .	FAD
15 - Youth Only	Nov. 21–25 . . Dec. 1–2 Dec. 8–9	DER-3–178. . . S.	100 . .	FAD
Unit 16					
16	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3–184. . . S.	300 . .	FAD

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Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 17 _____					
17	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-190. . .	Q	80 . .	FAD
Unit 18 _____					
18	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-194. . .	S	75 . .	FAD
Unit 19 (CWD detected in this area. See page 48.) _____					
(Excluding White Sands Missile Range. Mandatory check-in and check-out.)					
19	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-196. . .	S	10 . .	FAD
Unit 20 _____					
20	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-200. . .	S	85 . .	FAD
Unit 21 _____					
21	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-205. . .	S . . . .	.350 . .	FAD
Unit 22 _____					
22	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-210. . .	S	65 . .	FAD
Unit 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountains Hunt Area) _____					
23	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-225. . .	S . . . .	.325 . .	FAMD
23	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-226. . .	S	75 . .	FAWTD
Unit 23 (Burro Mountains Hunt Area Only) _____					
23	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-227. . .	Q	50 . .	FAMD
23	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-228. . .	Q	50 . .	FAWTD
Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area) _____					
24	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-237. . .	S	400 . .	FAMD
24	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-238. . .	S . . . .	.100 . .	FAWTD
Unit 25 _____					
25	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-242. . .	S	45 . .	FAD
Unit 26 (Excluding Big Hatchets Management Area) _____					
26	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-246. . .	S	80 . .	FAD
Unit 27 _____					
27	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-254. . .	Q	45 . .	FAMD
27	Oct. 27–31 . .	DER-3-255. . .	Q	50 . .	FAWTD
Unit 29 _____					
29	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-261. . .	S	70 . .	FAD
Unit 30 _____					
30	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-267. . .	S	300 . .	FAD
Unit 31 (Including Prairie-Chicken WMAs) _____					
31	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-271. . .	S150 . .	FAD

Deer Licenses

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Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 32 (Including Prairie-Chicken WMAs)					
32	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-277. . .	S.	150 . .	FAD
Unit 33 (W.S. Huey WMA and Bureau of Reclamation portions of Brantley and Seven Rivers. N.M. Residents / Youth Only.)					
33	Nov. 21–25 . .	DER-3-282. . .	S.	20 . .	ES
33	Dec. 26–Jan. 1, '19	DER-3-283. . .	S.	20 . .	A
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 48.)					
34	Sept. 29–Oct. 3	DER-3-289. . .	S.	340 . .	FAD
Unit 36					
36 (excluding Fort Stanton BLM-NCA ¹)	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-294. . .	S.	100 . .	FAD
36 (including Fort Stanton BLM-NCA ¹) Youth Only	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-295. . .	S.	25 . .	FAD
¹ Bureau of Land Management National Conservation Area					
Unit 37					
37	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-299. . .	S.	125 . .	FAD
Unit 38					
38	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-303. . .	S.	100 . .	FAD
Unit 39					
39	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-307. . .	S.	40 . .	FAD
Unit 40					
40	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER-3-311. . .	S.	25 . .	FAD
Unit 41					
41	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-318. . .	Q	25 . .	FAD
Unit 42					
42	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-323. . .	S.	7 . .	FAD
Unit 43					
43	Oct. 20–26 . .	DER-3-326. . .	S.	8 . .	FAD
Unit 45					
45	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-332. . .	S.	150 . .	FAD
Unit 47					
47	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-336. . .	S.	15 . .	FAD
Unit 48					
48	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-340. . .	S.	20 . .	FAD
Unit 56					
56	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-369. . .	S.	10 . .	FAD
Unit 57 (Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park)					
57	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3-376. . .	S.	15 . .	FAD

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Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.

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

Draw Licenses: Seasons for Restricted Muzzleloader Only

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	No. Licenses	Bag
Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs)					
9	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–157.	. . . S.	. . . . . 10 . .	FAD
Unit 33 (Including Prairie-Chicken WMAs)					
33	Oct. 20–24 . .	DER–3–281.	. . . Q 140 . .	FAD
Unit 52					
52	Sept. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–355.	. . . S. 25 . .	FAD

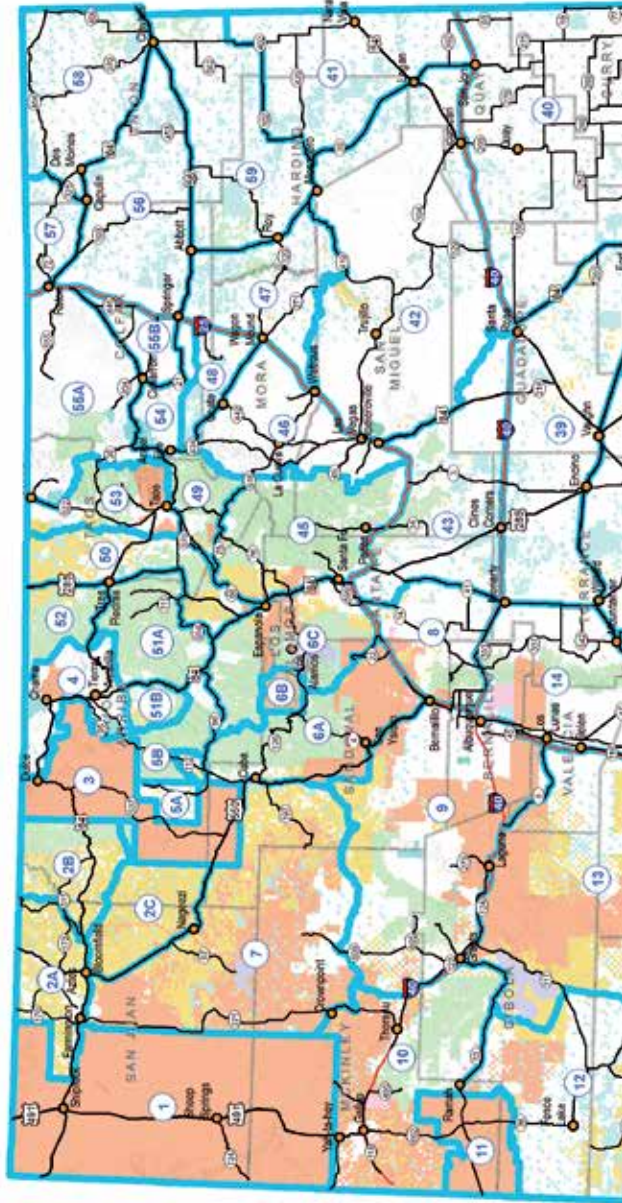


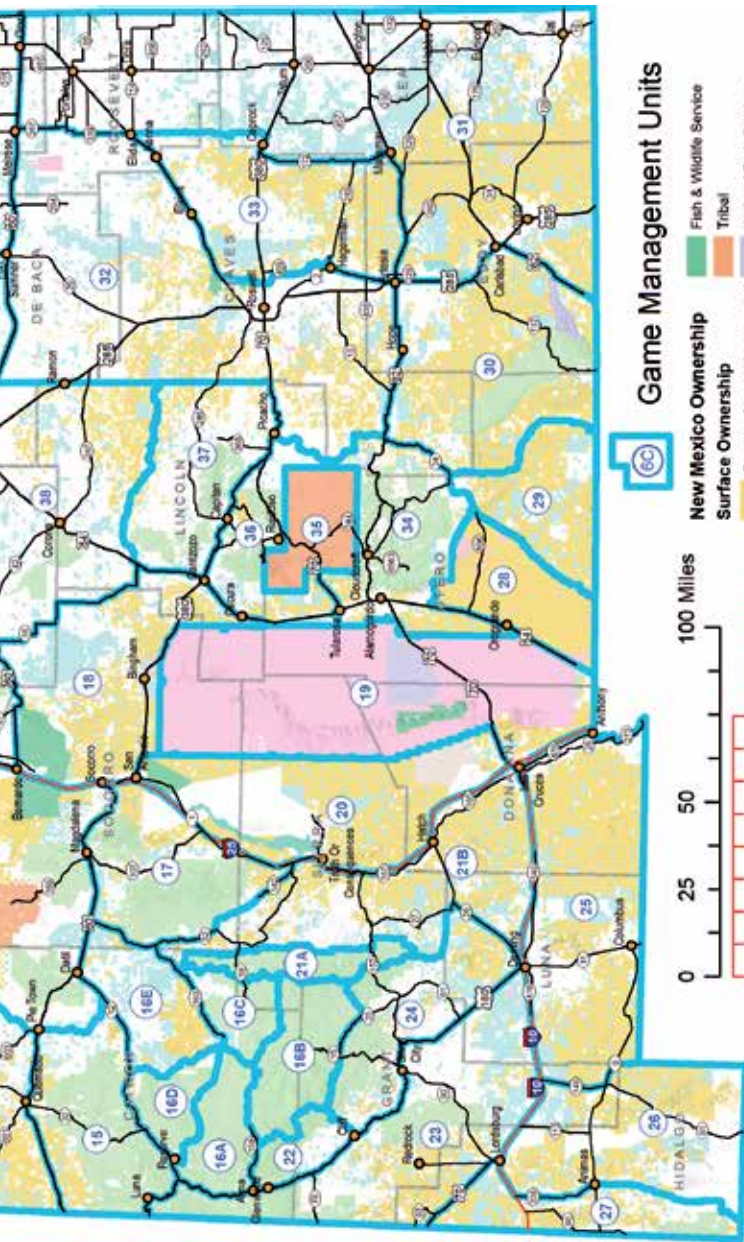
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Game Management Unit Map

Individual unit maps can be downloaded at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

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





Game Management Units

New Mexico Ownership		Fish & Wildlife Service	
Surface Ownership		Tribal	
Bureau of Land Management	Bureau of Reclamation	National Park Service	Private
Dept. of Agriculture	Dept. of Defense	State	State Game & Fish
Dept. of Energy	Forest Service	State Park	Valles Caldera National Preserve

100 Miles

120 Kilometers



Elk Licenses

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Elk Draw Licenses



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Elk Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Up to four persons per application may apply. Deadline to apply is March 21, 2018. **Nonresidents are ineligible** for any hunts held exclusively on State Game Commission-owned WMAs or Antlerless (A) Elk Draw Licenses.

Four types of Elk Draw Licenses are available to hunters using rifle, bow or muzzleloader, including: standard hunts (S); quality hunts (Q); high-demand hunts (HD); and combination quality and high-demand hunts (Q/HD). See glossary, pages 137–140.

Each Elk Draw License is only valid for a specific hunt in a specific area and for the dates designated on the license issued. **Draw licenses may not be: traded for a Private-land License; returned for refund; or transferred, sold or bartered, excepted as defined on pages 14-15.** It is illegal to apply for, buy or use more than one license or tag for any big-game species during any license year—except as permitted by rule.

Application and License Fees (pages 7, 9)

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

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

Legal Sporting Arms

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

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

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

Bag Limit (Glossary of Terms, page 137)

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

A One antlerless elk.

ES Any one elk.

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

Mobility-impaired Hunts

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

Youth-only Hunts

Youth-only Hunts are open to persons 17 years of age or younger on the opening day of the hunt. A Hunter Education number (page 26) is required to apply for Youth-only Hunts.

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Fourth-Choice Elk Hunts

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

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

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

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

Fourth-Choice Elk Hunt Quadrants

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

Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area

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

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

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

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

Once-as-a-Youth Mature Bull: Only persons 17 years of age or younger who have never drawn this Youth-only Hunt and who possess a Hunter Education number (page 26) are eligible to apply.

Once-as-a-Youth Antlerless: Only New Mexico residents 17 years of age or younger who have never drawn this Youth-only Hunt and who possess a Hunter Education number (page 26) are eligible to apply.

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

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

Hunting elk outside the rut can be difficult and chance of a successful harvest very low. Harvest is restricted to an APRE/6 (page 137). See page 84 for open units, hunt dates and hunt codes.

Elk Licenses

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Private-land Hunts

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

To purchase a Private-land Elk License, a hunter negotiates directly with a participating landowner who will provide a ranch number, authorization number, hunt code(s), season dates and fee type. The license may then be purchased at NMDGF offices, license vendors, online or by telephone. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags (page 20). For assistance with this process please telephone: 1-888-248-6866.

Ranch Only or Unit Wide

Before negotiating, hunters should check online (www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or inquire of landowner to determine if authorizations are Ranch Only or Unit Wide. **Unit Wide:** Unit-wide landowners must allow 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 public-land elk hunt in that unit. This authorization does not constitute permission to hunt any other species or during any other time period. Access restrictions by landowners should be reported to a NMDGF conservation officer. Legally accessible public land in the same unit also may be hunted.

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

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

License Fees

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

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

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Ranch-only Quality Elk Hunt Fees

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

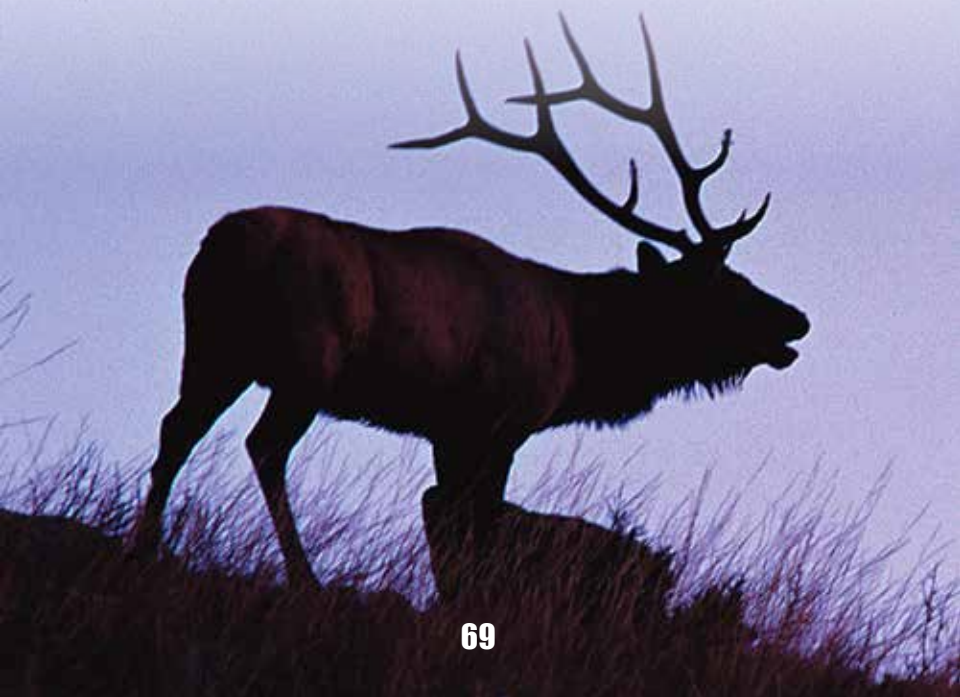
Unit-wide Quality Elk Hunt Fees

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

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

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

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



Elk Licenses

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Private-land Hunts: Ranch Only

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

Dates

Units

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts _____

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Oct. 1–Dec. 31 4

Oct. 6–Dec. 31 5A, 5B, 49, 50 and 51

Oct. 13–Dec. 31. 2, 10, 6A, 6C, 7, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 21A, 21B, 36, 45, 48, 52 and 53

Oct. 20–Dec. 31. 16E, 23, 24 and 34

Jan. 1–31, '19. 36 and 48 (Antlerless elk only; With approvals of the NMDGF Director or her designee and the Chairman of the New Mexico State Game Commission.)

Bow-only Hunts _____

License valid for the entire hunt period

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

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

Muzzleloader, Crossbow and Bow Hunts _____

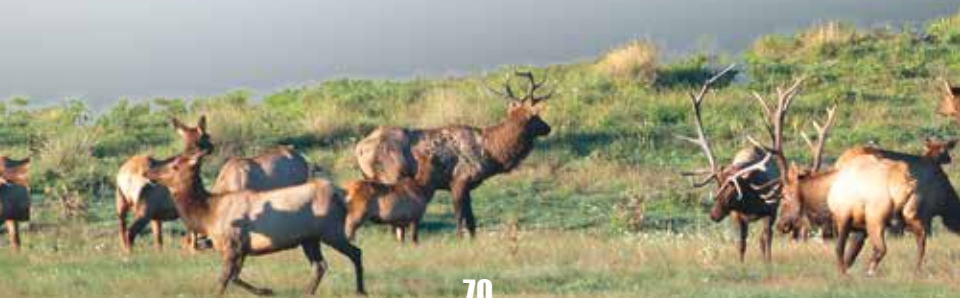
License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

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

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

Nov. 3– Dec. 31 9 (Antlerless Elk Only)

Jan. 1–31, '19. 13 (Antlerless elk only; Muzzle-loading rifles only with approvals of the NMDGF director or her designee and the chairman of the New Mexico State Game Commission)



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Youth-only Hunts (Limited to the dates listed)

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts _____

Oct. 6–10 16C, 16E, 23, 24 and 34

Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts _____

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Oct. 6–Dec. 31 13, 15 and 17

Mobility-impaired Hunts (Limited to the dates listed)

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts _____

Oct. 6–10 16A, 16D and 34

Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts _____

Oct. 6–10 9



Elk Licenses

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

Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 26) to apply. Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. **Units 10, 13, 28 and 34:** Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Unit 28: Hunters are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest and will be subject to security searches. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
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Premium Statewide Elk Hunt (see page 44)

(Public land and WMAs open to hunting and private land with written permission)

Statewide	Sept. 1-Jan. 31 '19	ELK-1-700 . . . Q	1 . .	MB
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Unit 2

2	Oct. 13-17 . .	ELK-1-103 . . . S	75 . .	MB
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2 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12 . .	ELK-1-104 . . . S	100 . .	A
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2 - Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12 . .	ELK-1-105 . . . S	50 . .	A
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Unit 4 (N.M. Residents Only)

4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 6-10 . .	ELK-1-141 . . . Q	10 . .	MB
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4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 13-17 . .	ELK-1-142 . . . Q	10 . .	MB
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4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 20-24 . .	ELK-1-143 . . . Q	10 . .	MB
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4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 27-31 . .	ELK-1-144 . . . S	10 . .	MB
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4 Sargent WMA	Nov. 3-7 . .	ELK-1-145 . . . S	10 . .	A
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4 Sargent WMA - Youth Only	Nov. 3-7 . .	ELK-1-146 . . . S	10 . .	A
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4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Oct. 6-10 . .	ELK-1-149 . . . S	15 . .	MB
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4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Oct. 13-17 . .	ELK-1-150 . . . S	15 . .	MB
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4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Nov. 3-7 . .	ELK-1-151 . . . S	10 . .	A
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4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Nov. 3-7 . .	ELK-1-152 . . . S	15 . .	A
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Unit 5A – Freeman Lee Davis Memorial Unit (Public-land Only)

5A	Oct. 6-10 . .	ELK-1-108 . . . S	10 . .	MB
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5A - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10 . .	ELK-1-109 . . . S	10 . .	A
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5A	Oct. 13-17 . .	ELK-1-110 . . . S	10 . .	MB
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5A - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17 . .	ELK-1-111 . . . S	10 . .	A
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5A	Oct. 20-24 . .	ELK-1-112 . . . S	10 . .	MB
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5A - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24 . .	ELK-1-113 . . . S	10 . .	A
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5A	Oct. 27-31 . .	ELK-1-114 . . . S	10 . .	MB
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5A - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31 . .	ELK-1-115 . . . S	10 . .	A
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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 5B					
5B	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–1–155 . . .	S.	86 . .	MB
5B - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–1–156 . . .	S.	59 . .	A
5B	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–1–157 . . .	S.	86 . .	MB
5B - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27–31 . . .	ELK–1–158 . . .	S.	59 . .	A
5B	Nov. 3–7 . . .	ELK–1–159 . . .	S.	86 . .	MB
5B - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10–14 . . .	ELK–1–160 . . .	S.	59 . .	A
5B	Dec. 15–19 . . .	ELK–1–161 . . .	S.	87 . .	MB
Unit 6					
6A	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–1–191 . . .	S.	100 . .	MB
6A	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–1–192 . . .	S.	100 . .	MB
6A - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27–31 . . .	ELK–1–193 . . .	S.	99 . .	A
6B ¹	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–1–197 . . .	Q	15 . .	MB
6B ¹	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–1–198 . . .	Q	20 . .	MB
6B ¹ - Mobility Impaired Only / N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27–31 . . .	ELK–1–199 . . .	S.	15 . .	A
6B ¹ - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3–7 . . .	ELK–1–200 . . .	S.	35 . .	A
6B ¹ - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK–1–201 . . .	S.	35 . .	A
6B ¹ - Youth Only / N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24–28 . . .	ELK–1–202 . . .	S.	35 . .	A
6B ¹ - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK–1–203 . . .	S.	35 . .	A
¹ All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on Unit 6B, Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Hunter orientation required (page 31).					
6C	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–1–212 . . .	S.	109 . .	MB
6C	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–1–213 . . .	S.	109 . .	MB
6C - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27–31 . . .	ELK–1–214 . . .	S.	110 . .	A
6C - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24–28 . . .	ELK–1–215 . . .	S.	115 . .	A
Unit 7					
7	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–1–219 . . .	S.	30 . .	MB
7 - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–1–220 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 10					
10	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–1–136 . . .	S.	70 . .	MB
10 - Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only .	Nov. 10–14 . . .	ELK–1–137 . . .	S.	120 . .	A
10 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 15–19 . . .	ELK–1–138 . . .	S.	100 . .	A
Unit 12					
12	Oct. 1–5 . . .	ELK–1–349 . . .	HD . . .	20 . .	MB
12	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–1–350 . . .	HD . . .	20 . .	MB

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12	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK-1-351 . . .	HD . . .	20 . .	MB
12 - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK-1-352 . . .	S.	20 . .	A
12 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3–7	ELK-1-353 . . .	S.	20 . .	A
12 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10–14 . . .	ELK-1-354 . . .	S.	20 . .	A
Unit 16					
16A - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-239 . . .	Q/HD . . .	25 . .	MB
16A	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK-1-240 . . .	Q/HD . . .	75 . .	MB
16A	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK-1-241 . . .	HD . . .	125 . .	MB
16A - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-242 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
16A - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-243 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
16B and 22	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK-1-246 . . .	Q/HD . . .	160 . .	MB
16B and 22	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK-1-247 . . .	HD . . .	160 . .	MB
16C - Youth Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-250 . . .	S.	25 . .	ES
16C	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK-1-251 . . .	Q	50 . .	MB
16C	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK-1-252 . . .	S.	95 . .	MB
16C - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-253 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
16C - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-254 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
16D - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-257 . . .	Q/HD . . .	25 . .	MB
16D	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK-1-258 . . .	Q/HD . . .	55 . .	MB
16D	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK-1-259 . . .	HD . . .	50 . .	MB
16D - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-260 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
16D - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-261 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
16E - Youth Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-264 . . .	S.	25 . .	ES
16E	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK-1-266 . . .	Q	70 . .	MB
16E - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-267 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
16E - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-268 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 21					
21A	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK-1-280 . . .	HD . . .	50 . .	MB
21A	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK-1-281 . . .	HD . . .	50 . .	MB
21A - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-282 . . .	S.	30 . .	A
21B	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK-1-285 . . .	S.	25 . .	MB
21B	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK-1-286 . . .	S.	25 . .	MB
21B - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK-1-287 . . .	S.	15 . .	A
21B - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 15–19 . . .	ELK-1-288 . . .	S.	20 . .	A
21B - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-289 . . .	S.	15 . .	A
21B - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-290 . . .	S.	15 . .	A

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 23					
23 - Youth Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-293	S	25	ES
23	Oct. 20–24	ELK-1-295	S	75	MB
23 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-296	S	20	A
Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)					
24	Oct. 20–24	ELK-1-300	S	15	MB
Unit 24 (Including Fort Bayard Management Area)					
24 - Youth Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-301	S . . . . .	.5	ES
24 - Youth Only N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20–24	ELK-1-302	S . . . . .	.5	A
Unit 28 (CWD detected in this area. See page 85.)					
28 - McGregor Range, Military Only	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-357	HD	10	ES
28 - McGregor Range	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-358	S	10	ES
Unit 30					
30	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-359	S	20	ES
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 85.)					
34 - Youth Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-305	S	75	ES
34 - Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-306	S . . . . .	.120	A
34 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-307	S	50	ES
34	Oct. 20–24	ELK-1-309	S . . . . .	.150	MB
34 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24–28	ELK-1-310	S	300	A
34 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-311	S	300	A
34 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-312	S	300	A
Unit 36					
36	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-316	HD . . . . .	.123	MB
36	Oct. 27–31	ELK-1-317	HD . . . . .	.124	MB
36 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24–28	ELK-1-318	S . . . . .	.105	A
36 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5	ELK-1-319	S . . . . .	.105	A
Unit 37					
37	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-365	S	30	MB
37 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24–28	ELK-1-366	S	45	A
Unit 38					
38	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-367	S	15	ES
Unit 43					
43	Sept. 27–Oct. 4	ELK-1-368	S	30	ES
Unit 45					
45	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-323	S140	MB

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
45	Oct. 20–24 . .	ELK-1-324 . . .	S.140 . .	MB
Unit 48					
48	Oct. 13–17 . .	ELK-1-329 . . .	S. . . . .	.60 . .	MB
48 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3–7 . . .	ELK-1-330 . . .	S. . . . .	.50 . .	A
48	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK-1-331 . . .	S. . . . .	.33 . .	MB
48 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK-1-332 . . .	S. . . . .	.53 . .	A
Unit 49					
49	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK-1-335 . . .	S. . . . .	.80 . .	MB
49	Oct. 13–17 . .	ELK-1-336 . . .	S. . . . .	.76 . .	MB
49 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3–7 . . .	ELK-1-337 . . .	S. . . . .	.80 . .	A
49 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10–14 . .	ELK-1-338 . . .	S. . . . .	.77 . .	A
Unit 50					
50	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK-1-164 . . .	S. . . . .	.120 . .	MB
50 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3–7 . . .	ELK-1-165 . . .	S. . . . .	.41 . .	A
50	Oct. 13–17 . .	ELK-1-166 . . .	S. . . . .	.123 . .	MB
50 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17–21 . .	ELK-1-167 . . .	S. . . . .	.45 . .	A
Unit 51					
51	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK-1-170 . . .	S. . . . .	.220 . .	MB
51	Oct. 13–17 . .	ELK-1-171 . . .	S. . . . .	.220 . .	MB
51	Oct. 20–24 . .	ELK-1-172 . . .	S. . . . .	.220 . .	MB
51 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3–7 . . .	ELK-1-173 . . .	S. . . . .	.251 . .	A
51 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10–14 . .	ELK-1-174 . . .	S. . . . .	.251 . .	A
51 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17–21 . .	ELK-1-175 . . .	S. . . . .	.252 . .	A
Unit 52					
52	Oct. 13–17 . .	ELK-1-182 . . .	S. . . . .	.230 . .	MB
52	Oct. 20–24 . .	ELK-1-183 . . .	S. . . . .	.230 . .	MB
52 - Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10–14 . .	ELK-1-184 . . .	S. . . . .	.80 . .	A
52 - Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 17–21 . .	ELK-1-185 . . .	S. . . . .	.56 . .	A
N.M. Residents Only					
52 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17–21 . .	ELK-1-186 . . .	S. . . . .	.70 . .	A
52 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK-1-187 . . .	S. . . . .	.115 . .	A
Unit 53 (Excluding the Cerro portion)					
53	Oct. 13–17 . .	ELK-1-342 . . .	S.75 . .	MB
53	Oct. 20–24 . .	ELK-1-343 . . .	S.125 . .	MB

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53 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17–21	ELK-1-344	S	90	A
53 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10–14	ELK-1-345	S	90	A
53 - (north of Sunshine Valley Rd.)	Jan. 5–20 '19	ELK-1-346	S	40	A
N.M. Residents Only					

Unit 54 (N.M. Residents Only)

54 - Colin Neblett WMA-south	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-370	S	20	MB
54 - Colin Neblett WMA-south	Oct. 20–24	ELK-1-371	S	20	MB
54 - Colin Neblett WMA-south	Nov. 3–7	ELK-1-374	S	20	A

Unit 55 (N.M. Residents Only)

55 - Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-376	S	20	MB
55 - Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 20–24	ELK-1-377	S	20	MB
55 - Colin Neblett WMA north	Nov. 3–7	ELK-1-380	S	20	A
55 - E.S. Barker WMA	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-383	S	10	MB
55 - Urraca WMA	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-387	S	10	MB
55 - Urraca WMA	Nov. 3–7	ELK-1-388	S	10	MB
55 - Urraca WMA	Nov. 10–14	ELK-1-389	S	15	A
55 - Urraca WMA	Nov. 24–28	ELK-1-390	S	15	A
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Nov. 3–7	ELK-1-397	Q	35	A
Youth Only					
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Nov. 3–7	ELK-1-398	Q	15	A
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Nov. 10–14	ELK-1-399	Q	70	A

Unit 55 (N.M. Residents and Nonresidents included)

55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-394	Q	20	MB
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-395	Q/HD	20	MB
Youth Only					
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Oct. 20–24	ELK-1-396	Q	35	MB

Unit 56

56	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-402	S	10	MB
56 - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13–17	ELK-1-403	S	10	A

Unit 57, 58 (Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park)

57, 58	Oct. 6–10	ELK-1-406	S	10	MB
57, 58 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12	ELK-1-407	S	10	A

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Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 26) to apply. Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. **Units 10, 13, 18 and 34:** Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 2					
2	Sept. 1–14.	ELK–2–100 . . .	S. . . . .	.120 . .	ES
2	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–101 . . .	S. . . . .	.120 . .	ES
Unit 4 (N.M. Residents Only)					
4 - Sargent WMA only	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–139 . . .	Q	10 . .	ES
4 - Sargent WMA only	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–140 . . .	Q	10 . .	ES
4 - Humphries WMA only.	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–147 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
4 - Humphries WMA only.	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–148 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
Unit 5					
5A - Public-land Only	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–106 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
5A - Public-land Only	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–107 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
5B	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–153 . . .	S.	75 . .	ES
5B	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–154 . . .	S.	75 . .	ES
Unit 6					
6A	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–188 . . .	S. . . . .	.150 . .	ES
6A	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–189 . . .	HD . . . .	.100 . .	ES
6B ¹	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–194 . . .	Q	20 . .	ES
6B ¹	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–195 . . .	Q/HD . . .	20 . .	ES
6C	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–209 . . .	HD . . . .	.150 . .	ES
6C	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–210 . . .	S. . . . .	.108 . .	ES
¹ A hunter orientation is required for Unit 6B (page 31).					
Unit 7					
7	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–216 . . .	S.	15 . .	ES
7	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–217 . . .	S.	15 . .	ES
Unit 9 (Marquez WMA / N.M. Resident Only)					
9	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–116 . . .	S.5 . .	ES
9	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–117 . . .	S.5 . .	ES

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Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon WMA, but excluding Marquez WMA)					
9	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–124 . . .	S.160 . .	ES
9	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–125 . . .	S. . . . .	.160 . .	ES
Unit 10					
10	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–133 . . .	S. . . . .	.125 . .	ES
10	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–134 . . .	S. . . . .	.125 . .	ES
Unit 12					
12	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–347 . . .	HD . . .	15 . .	ES
12	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–348 . . .	HD . . .	15 . .	ES
Unit 13					
13	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–221 . . .	HD . . .	.175 . .	ES
13	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–222 . . .	Q/HD . .	.125 . .	ES
Unit 15					
15	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–229 . . .	HD . . .	.350 . .	ES
15	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–230 . . .	Q/HD . .	.250 . .	ES
Unit 16					
16A	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–237 . . .	HD . . .	.250 . .	ES
16A	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–238 . . .	Q/HD . .	.150 . .	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–244 . . .	HD . . .	.225 . .	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–245 . . .	Q/HD . .	.165 . .	ES
16C	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–248 . . .	HD . . .	.150 . .	ES
16C	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–249 . . .	Q/HD . .	.100 . .	ES
16D	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–255 . . .	HD . . .	90 . .	ES
16D	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–256 . . .	Q/HD . .	60 . .	ES
16E	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–262 . . .	S.	90 . .	ES
16E	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–263 . . .	Q/HD . .	60 . .	ES
Unit 17					
17	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–269 . . .	HD . . .	.125 . .	ES
17	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–270 . . .	Q/HD . .	75 . .	ES
Unit 18					
18	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–355 . . .	S.	25 . .	ES
18	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–356 . . .	S.	25 . .	ES
Unit 21					
21A	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–278 . . .	HD . . .	50 . .	ES
21A	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–279 . . .	HD . . .	50 . .	ES
21B	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–283 . . .	S.	25 . .	ES
21B	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–284 . . .	S.	25 . .	ES

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Unit 23					
23	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–291 . . .	S.	125 . .	ES
23	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–292 . . .	S.	75 . .	ES
Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)					
24	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–297 . . .	S.	15 . .	ES
24	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–298 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
Unit 30					
30	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–360 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
30	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–361 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 85.)					
34	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–303 . . .	HD . . .	200 . .	ES
34	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–304 . . .	HD . . .	200 . .	ES
Unit 36					
36	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–313 . . .	HD . . .	130 . .	ES
36	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–314 . . .	HD . . .	111 . .	ES
Unit 37					
37	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–362 . . .	S.	40 . .	ES
37	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–363 . . .	S.	30 . .	ES
Unit 45					
45	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–320 . . .	S.	75 . .	ES
45	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–321 . . .	HD . . .	75 . .	ES
Unit 48					
48	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–326 . . .	S.	92 . .	ES
48	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–327 . . .	S.	92 . .	ES
Unit 49					
49	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–333 . . .	S.	61 . .	ES
49	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–334 . . .	HD . . .	60 . .	ES
Unit 50					
50	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–162 . . .	S.	60 . .	ES
50	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–163 . . .	S.	55 . .	ES
Unit 51					
51	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–168 . . .	S.	180 . .	ES
51	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–169 . . .	HD . . .	180 . .	ES
Unit 52					
52	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–177 . . .	HD . . .	230 . .	ES
52	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–178 . . .	HD . . .	230 . .	ES
Unit 53					
53	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–339 . . .	S.	60 . .	ES
53	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–340 . . .	HD . . .	60 . .	ES

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Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Bow Only—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 54 Colin Neblett WMA south (N.M. Residents Only)					
54 - Colin Neblett WMA south, . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–372 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
54 - Colin Neblett WMA south, . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–373 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
Unit 55 (N.M. Residents Only)					
55 - Colin Neblett WMA north . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–378 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
55 - Colin Neblett WMA north . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–379 . . .	S.	10 . .	ES
55 - ES Barker WMA,	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–381 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
55 - ES Barker WMA,	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–382 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
55 - Urraca WMA	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–384 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
55 - Urraca WMA	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–385 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
Unit 55 (N.M. Residents and Nonresidents)					
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–391 . . .	Q/HD . .	25 . .	ES
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–392 . . .	Q/HD . .	25 . .	ES
Unit 56					
56	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–400 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
56	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–401 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	ES
Unit 57 Sugarite Canyon State Park					
57 - Sugarite Canyon State Park . . .	Sept. 1–14. . .	ELK–2–404 . . .	S.3 . .	ES
57 - Sugarite Canyon State Park . . .	Sept. 15–24 . .	ELK–2–405 . . .	HD2 . .	ES



Elk Licenses

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Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 26) to apply. Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. **Units 10, 13 and 34:** Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 2					
2	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–102 . . .	S. . . . .	.125 . .	MB
Unit 6					
6A	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–190 . . .	HD . . .	.104 . .	MB
6B ¹	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–196 . . .	Q/HD . . .	.15 . .	MB
6C	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–211 . . .	HD . . .	.155 . .	MB
¹ All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on Unit 6B, Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Hunter orientation required (page 31).					
Unit 7					
7	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–218 . . .	S. . . . .	.25 . .	MB
Unit 9 (N.M. Residents Only)					
9 - Marquez WMA	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–118 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	MB
9 - Marquez WMA	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–119 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	MB
9 - Marquez WMA	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–3–120 . . .	S. . . . .	.5 . .	MB
9 - Marquez WMA	Oct. 27–31 . . .	ELK–3–121 . . .	S. . . . .	.3 . .	A
9 - Marquez WMA	Nov. 3–7 . . .	ELK–3–122 . . .	S. . . . .	.3 . .	A
9 - Marquez WMA	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK–3–123 . . .	S. . . . .	.3 . .	A
Unit 9 (Including Water Canyon, but excluding Marquez WMA)					
9 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–126 . . .	S. . . . .	.40 . .	ES
9	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–127 . . .	S. . . . .	.70 . .	MB
9	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–3–128 . . .	S. . . . .	.70 . .	MB
9	Oct. 27–31 . . .	ELK–3–129 . . .	S. . . . .	.40 . .	MB
9 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3–7 . . .	ELK–3–130 . . .	S. . . . .	.27 . .	A
9 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK–3–131 . . .	S.27 . .	A
9 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–132 . . .	S.27 . .	A
Unit 10					
10	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–135 . . .	S.70 . .	MB

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Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 13					
13 - Youth Only	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–223 . . .	S	25 . .	ES
13	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–224 . . .	Q/HD . . .	75 . .	MB
13	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–3–225 . . .	S	115 . .	MB
13	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK–3–226 . . .	S	100 . .	MB
13 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK–3–227 . . .	S	100 . .	A
13 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–228 . . .	S	100 . .	A
Unit 15					
15 - Youth Only	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–231 . . .	HD . . .	25 . .	ES
15	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–232 . . .	Q/HD . . .	200 . .	MB
15	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–3–233 . . .	S	245 . .	MB
15	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK–3–234 . . .	HD . . .	250 . .	MB
15 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK–3–235 . . .	S	250 . .	A
15 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–236 . . .	S	250 . .	A
Unit 16					
16E	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–265 . . .	Q/HD . . .	70 . .	MB
Unit 17					
17 - Youth Only	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–271 . . .	HD . . .	25 . .	ES
17	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–272 . . .	Q/HD . . .	100 . .	MB
17	Oct. 20–24 . . .	ELK–3–273 . . .	S	100 . .	MB
17	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK–3–274 . . .	HD . . .	25 . .	MB
17 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK–3–275 . . .	S	25 . .	A
17 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK–3–276 . . .	S	100 . .	A
17 - N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8–12 . . .	ELK–3–277 . . .	S	100 . .	A
Unit 23					
23	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–294 . . .	S	75 . .	MB
Unit 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area)					
24	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–299 . . .	S	15 . .	MB
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 85.)					
34	Oct. 13–17 . . .	ELK–3–308 . . .	HD . . .	250 . .	MB
Unit 36					
36	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–315 . . .	HD . . .	135 . .	MB
Unit 37					
37	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–364 . . .	S	30 . .	MB

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Elk Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 45					
45	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–322 . . .	S.	140 . .	MB
45 - N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10–14 . . .	ELK–3–325 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 48					
48	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–328 . . .	S.	80 . .	MB
Unit 51					
51	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK–3–176 . . .	S.	145 . .	ES
Unit 52					
52 - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–179 . . .	S.	50 . .	MB
52	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–180 . . .	HD . . .	120 . .	MB
52 - N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–181 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 53 (Excluding Cerro portion)					
53	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–341 . . .	S.	50 . .	ES
Unit 54 (N.M. Residents Only)					
54 - Colin Neblett WMA–south	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–369 . . .	S.	20 . .	MB
Unit 55					
55 - Colin Neblett WMA–north	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–375 . . .	S.	20 . .	MB
N.M. Residents Only					
55 - Urraca WMA	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–386 . . .	S.	10 . .	MB
N.M. Residents Only					
55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area	Oct. 6–10 . . .	ELK–3–393 . . .	Q/HD . . .	40 . .	MB

Late Season Bow: Online Sale Only

These hunts are not available during the regular draw. Whether late-season bow hunts are offered depends on harvest rates during the regular season. If a late-season bow hunt is offered, only residents may apply during the first 24 hours of the online sale. After 24 hours, nonresidents may apply. For information about these licenses, visit online after Oct. 15, 2018.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 12					
Unit 12.	Nov. 17–21 . . .	ELK–2–533 . . .	S.	25 . .	APRE/6
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 85.)					
Unit 34.	Dec. 15–19 . . .	ELK–2–534 . . .	S.	200 . .	APRE/6
Unit 37					
Unit 37.	Dec. 1–5 . . .	ELK–2–535 . . .	S.	50 . .	APRE/6

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

It is unlawful to transport outside the GMU any 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.

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

To participate, bring your freshly harvested deer or elk head to any NMDGF office or field collection station, where tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. In Units 19, 28 and 34 hunters must present the head for testing within the unit where the animal was harvested. Hunters must deliver the unfrozen head within 48 hours of killing the animal to be eligible. Participating hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. Incentive Authorizations can be used by the recipient or by any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.



Youth Encouragement

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Youth Encouragement Elk Hunts: Online Purchase Only

Only New Mexico resident youth hunters are eligible during the first 14 days when these hunts become available on the NMDGF website. In the current license year, the resident youth hunter must have successfully applied for at least one draw hunt for bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx or pronghorn antelope but must not have drawn any hunt. Resident youth hunters must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and must have a valid Hunter Education number (page 26). Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. **Unit 34:** Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only.

After 14 days, remaining licenses will be available to any youth hunter who is 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, online only. Hunts will be available online until 14 days before each hunt. For information about how to obtain one of these licenses telephone the NMDGF Information Center: 1-888-248-6866.

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 5B	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK–1–501 . . .	S.	20 . .	A
Unit 6A	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK–1–502 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 6A	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–503 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 6C	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK–1–504 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 6C	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–505 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 10	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK–1–508 . . .	S.	35 . .	A
Unit 16A	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK–1–513 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 16A	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–514 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 16C	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK–1–515 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 16C	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–516 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 16D	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK–1–517 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 16D	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–518 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 16E	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK–1–519 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 16E	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–520 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 34	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK–1–523 . . .	S.	80 . .	A

(CWD detected in this area. See page 85.)

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Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts—continued.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 36	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK-1-524 . . .	S.	60 . .	A
Unit 36	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-1-525 . . .	S.	60 . .	A
Unit 49	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK-1-526 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 50	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-1-527 . . .	S.	60 . .	A
Unit 51	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK-1-528 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 51	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-1-529 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 52	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK-1-530 . . .	S.	50 . .	A
Unit 53	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK-1-531 . . .	S.	60 . .	A
Unit 53	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-1-532 . . .	S.	60 . .	A

Muzzleloader Hunts

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

Unit 13	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK-3-509 . . .	S.	60 . .	A
Unit 13	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-3-510 . . .	S.	60 . .	A
Unit 15	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK-3-511 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 15	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-3-512 . . .	S.	75 . .	A
Unit 17	Nov. 23–27 . .	ELK-3-521 . . .	S.	60 . .	A
Unit 17	Dec. 26–30 . .	ELK-3-522 . . .	S.	60 . .	A



Pronghorn Antelope

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Draw Hunts



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Pronghorn Antelope Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Application and Licenses

Up to four persons per application may apply. The deadline for application is March 21, 2018.

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

Draw License Fees

All license and application fees must be paid at the time of application (pages 7, 9). Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License and Habitat Management & Access Validation required (page 20). Habitat Stamp required if hunting on Forest Service and/or BLM lands (page 10).

Private-land Hunts

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

Private-land License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

Pronghorn Antelope \$69 \$292

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

Obtaining a Private-land License

Individuals interested in hunting pronghorn antelope on private lands must first contact a participating landowner to obtain an authorization, and if successful receive from the landowner the Ranch Number and Authorization Number necessary to purchase a hunting license. Licenses can be purchased online, by telephone and at NMDGF offices and license vendors. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt date to allow mailing of tags (page 20). Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts will be for any three-consecutive days during the published hunt period.

Participating ranches with pronghorn antelope authorizations will be posted online in late May at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

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Licenses for Draw Hunts and Private-land Hunts

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

A hunter **may not** hold both a Private-land and a Draw Pronghorn Antelope License in the same license year. Licenses may not be refunded or transferred to another person, except as defined on pages 14–15.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No Off-road Vehicle Travel

Whether on private or public land, it is unlawful for a legally licensed pronghorn antelope hunter to drive or ride in or on any motor vehicle off established roads. Hunters **may not** drive off established roads to retrieve game, unless specifically allowed (page 40, 'Off-road Travel').

Hunting on Military Properties: Check Stations, Blaze Orange

Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. **Units 10, 13, 19 and 28** (McGregor Range /Fort Bliss - WSMR): Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Hunters are required to possess proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course; are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest and will be subject to security searches. Unit 19 White Sands Missile Range: Access fee of \$50 will be charged. Successful WSMR youth-only applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for fee payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the specified deadline.

Mobility-impaired Hunters

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

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

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

Pronghorn Antelope

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Private-land Hunts

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

Units	Dates	Bag Limit
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts (any three-consecutive days) _____		
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59	Aug. 25–Dec. 31	F–IM
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59	Aug. 25–Sept. 9	MB
Units 8, 14, 18, 31–33, 36–40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	Oct. 6–21	MB
Units 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15–17, 20, 21, 23–27	Oct. 6–21	MB
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts: Mobility Impaired _____		
Units 41, 42, 43, 46–48, 54–59	Aug. 4–6	MB
Units 8, 12–14, 16–18, 23, 31–33, 36–40	Aug. 11–13	MB
Archery Only Hunts _____		
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59	Aug. 11–19	MB
Units 7–9, 12–18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 31–33, 36–40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	Aug. 18–26	MB
Muzzleloader, Crossbows and Bows _____		
Units 50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	Aug. 18–21	MB
Unit 29	Oct. 20–23	MB
Note: Units 29, 50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52 are unit-wide. All licenses issued for these units are valid on participating ranches with signed NMDGF hunting agreements and on any legally accessible public lands within the unit(s) for which the license is issued.		



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Pronghorn Antelope Draw Licenses: Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

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

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 26) to apply. Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. Unit 19 White Sands Missile Range: Access fee of \$50 will be charged.

Units 13, 18, 20 and 28 (McGregor Range /Fort Bliss): Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Hunters are required to possess proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course, are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest and will be subject to security searches.

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 2					
2	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-100*	. . S. . . . .	.2 . .	MB
2 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-130.	. . S. . . . .	.1 . .	ES
Units 7, 9, 12, 13					
7, 9, 12, 13.	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-101*	. . S. . . . .	.35 . .	MB
7, 9, 12, 13 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-131.	. . S. . . . .	.8 . .	ES
Units 8, 14, 43 (West of Hwy. 3)					
8, 14, 43	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-102*	. . S. . . . .	.15 . .	MB
8, 14, 43 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-132.	. . S. . . . .	.3 . .	ES
Unit 12					
12 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-156.	. . S. . . . .	.10 . .	MB
Unit 13					
13 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-157.	. . S. . . . .	.10 . .	MB
Units 8, 14, 43 (West of Hwy. 3)					
8, 14, 43 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-158.	. . S. . . . .	.5 . .	MB
Unit 15, 16, 17, 21 (North of Hwy. 152)					
15, 16, 17, 21 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-159.	. . S. . . . .	.10 . .	MB
15, 16, 17, 21	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-103*	. . S. . . . .	.140 . .	MB
15, 16, 17, 21 - Youth Only.	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-133.	. . S. . . . .	.18 . .	ES

* Successful applicants will be assigned to hunt on a specific ranch.

Pronghorn Antelope

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

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 19 White Sands Missile Range					
19 - Youth Only	Oct. 12–14 . .	ANT-1-134. . .	S.	5 . .	ES
Unit 20					
20 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-135. . .	S.	5 . .	ES
Unit 21 (south of Hwy. 152), 23, 24					
21, 23, 24	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-106*. . .	S.	30 . .	MB
21, 23, 24 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-136. . .	S.	5 . .	ES
21, 23, 24 - Mobility Impaired Only.	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-161. . .	S.	10 . .	MB
Unit 25, 26, 27					
25, 26, 27	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-109*. . .	S.	30 . .	MB
25, 26, 27 - Youth Only.	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-139. . .	S.	3 . .	ES
Unit 31					
31 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-162. . .	S.	10 . .	MB
31	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-112*. . .	S.	75 . .	MB
31 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-142. . .	S.	9 . .	ES
Units 32, 33					
32, 33 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-163. . .	S.	15 . .	MB
32, 33	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-114*. . .	S.	200 . .	MB
32, 33 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-143. . .	S.	20 . .	ES
32 (Roswell portions of) - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-144. . .	S.	5 . .	ES
32 (Roswell portions of)	Dec. 1–15 . .	ANT-1-116. . .	S.	15 . .	F-IM
Units 18, 36–38					
18, 36–38 - Mobility Impaired Only.	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-164. . .	S.	10 . .	MB
18, 36–38	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-117*. . .	S.	120 . .	MB
18, 36–38 - Youth Only.	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-145. . .	S.	10 . .	ES
Units 39, 40					
39, 40 - Mobility Impaired Only	Aug. 11–13 . .	ANT-1-165. . .	S.	10 . .	MB
39, 40	Oct. 6–8 . . .	ANT-1-119*. . .	S.	60 . .	MB
39, 40 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-146. . .	S.	5 . .	ES
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48,	Aug. 4–6 . . .	ANT-1-166. . .	S.	25 . .	MB
54–59 - Mobility Impaired Only					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48,	Aug. 25–27 . .	ANT-1-121*. . .	S.	500 . .	MB
54–59					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48,	Aug. 25–27 . .	ANT-1-122*. . .	S.	50 . .	ES
54–59 - Youth Only					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48,	Sept. 22–24 . .	ANT-1-123*. . .	S.	100 . .	F-IM
54–59 - Youth Only					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48,	Oct. 20–22 . .	ANT-1-147. . .	S.	50 . .	ES
54–59 - Youth Only					

* Successful applicants will be assigned to hunt on a specific ranch.

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Pronghorn Antelope Draw Licenses: Seasons for Bow Only

What You Must Know Before You Hunt listed on page 91

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bags
Units 7, 9, 12, 13					
7, 9, 12, 13	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-170	S	25	MB
Units 8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)					
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-171	S	5	MB
Unit 15, 16, 17, 21 (north of Hwy. 152)					
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of Hwy. 152)	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-172	S	70	MB
Unit 20					
20	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-175	S	10	MB
Units 21 (south of Hwy. 152), 23, 24					
21 (south of Hwy. 152), 23, 24	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-176	S	10	MB
Unit 25, 26, 27					
25, 26, 27	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-177	S	20	MB
Unit 30					
30	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-179	S	25	MB
Unit 31					
31	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-180	S	75	MB
Units 32, 33					
32, 33	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-181	S	75	MB
Units 18, 36–38					
18, 36–38	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-182	S	25	MB
Units 39, 40					
39, 40	Aug. 18–26	ANT-2-183	S	10	MB
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46–48, 54–59	Aug. 11–19	ANT-2-184	S	100	MB



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Pronghorn Antelope Draw Licenses: Seasons for Muzzleloader

What You Must Know Before You Hunt listed on page 91

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag
Unit 28					
28 McGregor Range - Military Only	Sept. 1–2	ANT–3–188	S.	10	MB
28 McGregor Range	Sept. 1–2	ANT–3–189	S.	.5	MB
Unit 29					
29	Oct. 20–23	ANT–3–191	S.	35	MB
29 - Youth Only	Oct. 20–23	ANT–3–149	S.	.5	ES
Units 50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52					
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52 - Youth Only	Aug. 11–14	ANT–3–150	S.	40	ES
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	Aug. 18–21	ANT–3–193	S.	100	MB

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



Bighorn Sheep

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Draw Licenses for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Bighorn Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Application and Licenses

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

Youth hunters (17 years of age or younger on the first day of the hunt) are eligible to draw one Youth-only Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Ram License and one Youth-only Desert Bighorn Sheep Ram License.

A hunter may apply for up to three bighorn sheep (BHS) hunt codes in the same license year, but only on one application (page 96).

Individuals who have previously held a Bighorn Sheep Enhancement License (page 43) may apply for draw licenses.

Hunters must apply by March 21, 2018. Only one person may apply per application. Anyone applying for a Bighorn Sheep Draw License **must pay** all license and application fees at the time of application.

Youth-only Hunt

To apply, youth must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education number (page 26).

Legal Sporting Arms

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

Bighorn Sheep Ram Heads Must Have a Seal

All bighorn sheep rams taken in New Mexico must have a seal inserted in one horn by NMDGF. Sealing must occur within 10 days of harvest, or prior to transport outside New Mexico (whichever occurs first). Bighorn sheep heads found in the field must remain where found. Bighorn sheep heads may not be possessed without a receipt from NMDGF. Bighorn sheep heads brought into New Mexico must be sealed by NMDGF within 10 days of entry into the state (NMDGF will seal unsealed out-of-state heads only if origin can be verified). Bighorn sheep legally harvested and sealed by another jurisdiction (state, tribal entity or country) do not have to be resealed by NMDGF.

License Fees

Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License and Habitat Management & Access Validation required (page 20). Habitat Stamp required if hunting on Forest Service and/or BLM lands (page 10). All license and application fees must be paid at the time of application (pages 7, 9).

Bighorn Sheep

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

Application Procedure for Bighorn Sheep (BHS) Hunts

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

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

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

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

Any Legal Sporting Arm

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 16B, 22, 23, 24 (San Francisco River / Turkey Creek).	Jan. 1–31, '19	2	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos).	Aug. 10–19	5	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos).	Aug. 20–Sept. 2	4	Ram
GMU 45 - Youth Only Hunt (Pecos).	Aug. 20–Sept. 2	1	Ram
GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak)	Sept. 1–15	4	Ram
(GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522)			
GMUs 53 and 55 (Latir).	Aug. 3–12	1	Ram
(GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950)			
GMUs 53 and 55 (Latir).	Aug. 13–26	1	Ram
(GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950)			
GMUs 49, 50 and 53 (Rio Grande Gorge).	Aug. 15–Jan. 15, '19	4	Ram
(GMUs 49, 50 and 53 west of NM 522)			
GMU 58 ¹ (Dry Cimarron).	Aug. 15–Jan. 15, '19	2	Ram
GMU 55 (Culebras)	Aug. 15–Jan. 15, '19	1	Ram
(GMU 55 north on NM 196/ FS Rd. 1950)			

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

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

Any Legal Sporting Arm

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Sept. 3–23	27	Ewe
GMU 45 - Youth-only Hunt (Pecos)	Sept. 3–23	3	Ewe

Desert Bighorn Ram: Hunt Code BHS-1-204

Any Legal Sporting Arm

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 27 (Peloncillos)	Nov. 1–30	3	Ram
GMU 26 (Hatchets)	Oct. 1–15.	3	Ram
GMU 26 (Hatchets)	Oct. 16–31	3	Ram
GMU 19 (San Andres)	Dec. 14–21	3	Ram
(See below, <i>San Andres Mountains Bighorn Sheep Hunt</i> .)			
GMU 19 (San Andres)	Dec. 27–Jan. 3, '19	2	Ram
(See below, <i>San Andres Mountains Bighorn Sheep Hunt</i> .)			
GMU 20 South - First Hunt (Caballos).	Nov. 16–30	3	Ram
(GMU 20 south of NM 51.)			
GMU 20 South - Second Hunt (Caballos).	Dec. 1–15	2	Ram
(GMU 20 south of NM 51.)			
GMU 20 North (Fra Cristobal)	Aug. 17–26	1	Ram
(GMU 20 north of NM 51. See below, <i>Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts</i> .)			
GMU 20 North (Fra Cristobal)	Mar. 1–10 '19	2	Ram
(GMU 20 north of NM 51. See below, <i>Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts</i> .)			
GMU 20 North - Youth Only (Fra Cristobal)	Nov. 16–25	1	Ram
(GMU 20 north of NM 51. See below, <i>Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts</i> .)			
GMUs 13 and 17 (Ladrones)	Dec. 1–31	1	Ram

Bighorn Sheep

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GMU 19 (San Andres Mountains Bighorn Sheep Hunt)

License, Access Fees and Hunt Dates

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

Hunters should anticipate the most opportune times to hunt during the 8-day hunt period will be on weekends, non-duty days and holidays. Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if concern for public safety dictates.

WSMR Security

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

GMU 20 North of N.M. Highway 51 (Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts)

Hunts occur on private land only. Landowner may place restrictions on these hunts. For information contact the Armendaris Ranch at: armendarisranch@retranches.com or (575) 894-6782.



Over-the-Counter (OTC) and Draw Licenses



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Ibex Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Draw Licenses

Licenses for the IBX–1–525 any legal sporting arm hunt are once-in-a-lifetime. Hunters must apply by March 21, 2018 to be considered for this hunt on the Florida Mountains Hunt Area. Up to two persons may apply per application. A hunter may apply for this Once-in-a-Lifetime Ibex Draw License, if she/he has not previously held an IBX–1–525 license. Any valid ibex license can be used for the year-round IBX–1–528 hunt.

Draw License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Ibex.	\$110	\$1,623

Hunters must apply by March 21, 2018. Individuals applying for an Ibex Draw License, must pay all license and application fees at the time of application (pages 7, 9). A Habitat Management & Access Validation and Habitat Stamp are required (page 10).

Over-the-Counter License

The Over-the-Counter Ibex License for outside the Florida Mountains Hunt Area is IBX–1–528. Licenses can be purchased online, by telephone and at license vendors and NMDGF offices. There is no deadline or limit on the number of IBX–1–528 licenses. An IBX–1–528 license holder may take an unlimited number of animals. **Each kill must be tagged. Do not hunt without a valid tag.**

If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDGF office.

Over-the-Counter License Fees

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

A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation may be required for all hunters 18 years of age and older.

Bag Limit

F–IM: Any one female or immature ibex (page 137, 'Glossary of Terms').

ES: Any one ibex of either sex.

Legal Sporting Arms

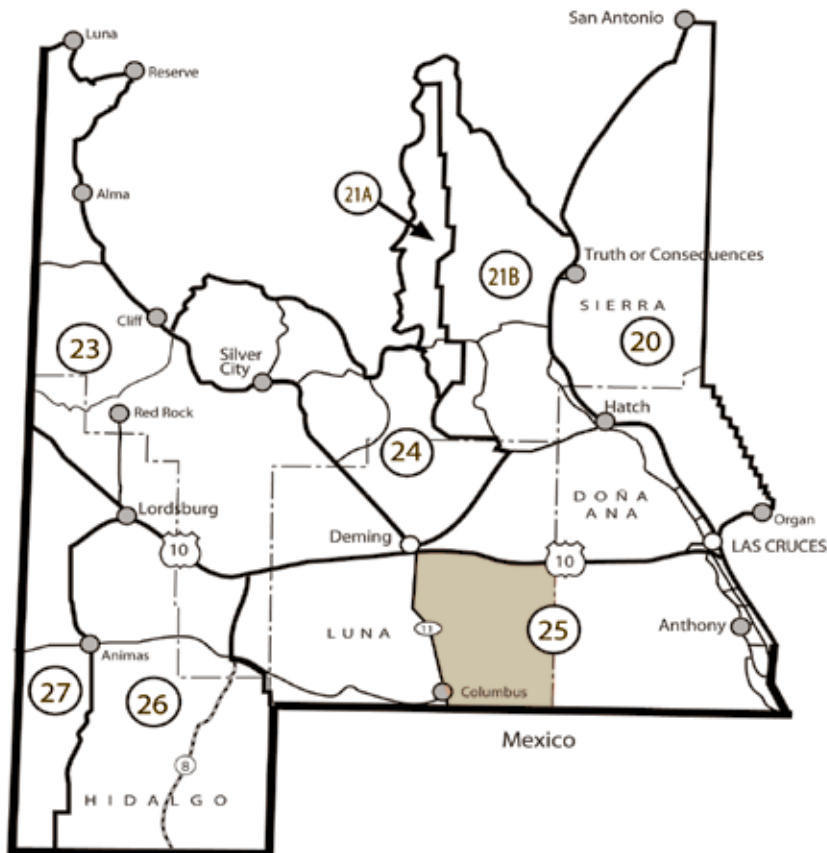
Any Legal Sporting Arm: Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrows; or crossbow and bolts.

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

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

Ibex Hunt Area

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



What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Youth-only Hunt: Applicants must be than 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 26) to apply. **Cougar Hunting in Unit 25, Florida Mountains Hunt Area:** Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida Mountains Hunt Area during any ibex season, except by licensed ibex hunters who must adhere to the allowed sporting arm type and season dates specified on their ibex license.

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Any Legal Sporting Arm _____				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Nov. 15–29	IBX–1–525	25	ES
This is a Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Dec. 27–Jan. 10, '19	IBX–1–500	15	ES
Youth Only				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Feb. 15–Mar. 1, '19	IBX–1–520	50	F-IM
Bow Only _____				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Oct. 1–15	IBX–2–535	100	ES
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Jan. 15–29, '19	IBX–2–536	100	ES
Muzzleloader _____				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25.	Dec. 6–20.	IBX–3–540	25	ES
Over-the-Counter: Any Legal Sporting Arm _____				
Statewide (off-Florida Mountains)	Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '19	IBX–1–528	Unlimited	ES

5th Choice Option Population Management Hunt

This is not a draw hunt. Residents and nonresidents must select the 5th-choice option on the application to be eligible (page 42). Should a Population Management Hunt become necessary, a hunt will be offered. Individuals will be selected from 5th-choice applicants. These hunts often are conducted late in the license year. Hunters may be required to obtain a tag in person at a NMDGF office prior to hunting. Ibex Population Management Hunt license holders must submit a mandatory harvest report on or before the April 7 deadline to maintain draw eligibility.

Ibex Incentive Drawing Eligibility

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



Barbary Sheep

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Barbary Sheep Licenses



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Barbary Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Draw, Private-land and Unlimited Area Licenses

Up to four persons may apply on each application for draw licenses. Application must be made by March 21, 2018. Private-land Licenses and Unlimited-Area Barbary Sheep Licenses are available over-the-counter from license vendors, at NMDGF offices, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866. If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDGF office.

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

Individuals applying for a Barbary Sheep Draw License must pay the license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. Hunters must apply by March 21, 2018. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required. A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and BLM lands. For further information see pages 7–9.

Bag Limit: One Barbary sheep.

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

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

Blaze Orange and Hunter Education Required for McGregor Range

Units 28 and 34: Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Unit 28 McGregor Range /Fort Bliss: Hunters are required to possess proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course, are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest and will be subject to security searches. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only. Hunters will be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts.



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Barbary Sheep Licenses: Any Legal Sporting Arm

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
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Draw Hunts

Units 32, 34 ⁽¹⁾ , 36, 37	Feb. 1–28, '19	BBY-1–100 ⁽²⁾ .	675 . . .	ES
Units 29, 30	Feb. 1–28, '19	BBY-1–101 ⁽²⁾ .	600 . . .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only . .	Dec. 29–30	BBY-1–102 . .	15 . . .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range	Dec. 29–30	BBY-1–103 . .	15 . . .	ES

Over-the-Counter Private-land Hunts

Units 32, 34, 36, 37 (Private-land Only)	Feb. 1–28, '19	BBY-1–200 .	Unlimited.	ES
Units 29, 30 (Private-land Only)	Feb. 1–28, '19	BBY-1–201 .	Unlimited.	ES

Over-the-Counter Area Hunts

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

⁽¹⁾ Unit 34

BBY-1-100 from Feb. 1–28, '19: Entire Unit 34 open.

BBY-1-100 from Apr. 1–Jan. 31 '19 and Mar. 1–31, '19: Western portion of Unit 34 only.

BBY-1-101 from Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '19: Western portion of Unit 34 only.

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

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

⁽²⁾ BBY-1–100 and BBY-1–101 from April 1–March 31, '19 valid for OTC hunt:

Units 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19 (portion outside WSMR and Fort Bliss), 21, 25, 31, 33, 34¹, 38–59



Oryx Draw Licenses



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Oryx Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Application and Licenses

The majority of these hunts occur on the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Applicants may designate up to three hunt-code choices. Application must be made by March 21, 2018. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR Population Management Hunts. Foreign nationals may apply for Premier Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts, however, if drawn they must be escorted at all times by an authorized WSMR official while on the WSMR.

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

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

License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

All hunts, except Private-land Hunts	\$160	\$1,623
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Individuals applying for an Oryx Draw License must pay the license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required.

Hunts on BLM or Forest Service lands outside WSMR require a Habitat Stamp.

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

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security

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

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

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

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Blaze-Orange Clothing: Hunters (guests included) must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property. **Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts:** All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. **Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt:** Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts **are not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts (page 137). Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License **may apply** for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt. **Bag Limit:** ES (any oryx of either sex); BHO (any broken-horn oryx).

Special Restrictions

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

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

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

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Rhodes Canyon - Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 7–9	ORX-1-101 . . . . .	.20 . . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range	Oct. 12–14	ORX-1-102 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 9–11	ORX-1-104 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 4–6, '19	ORX-1-106 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 18–20, '19	ORX-1-108 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 15–17, '19	ORX-1-110 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES

Oryx

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Youth-only Hunt (This is not a Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt.)

Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and have a valid Hunter Education number (page 26) to apply.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Rhodes Canyon - Youth Only	Sept. 7–9.	ORX-1–100.	30 . . .	ES

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

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range	Oct. 12–14	ORX-1–118	15 . . .	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 9–11	ORX-1–119	15 . . .	BHO
Stallion Range	Jan. 4–6, '19	ORX-1–120	15 . . .	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 18–20, '19	ORX-1–121	15 . . .	BHO
Stallion Range	Feb. 15–17, '19.	ORX-1–122.	15 . . .	BHO



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

Population Management Hunts

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

Oryx population management hunts may occur on or outside WSMR.

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

Standard-hunt areas (These hunts occur outside WSMR): Applicants should choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying.

Secure-hunt areas (These hunts occur on WSMR): To also be eligible for secure-hunt areas, applicants must have arranged with an approved WSMR 2018 Security Sponsor. An approved Security Sponsor will provide a hunt-authorization code that the applicant must enter in his/her oryx 5th-choice management hunt application. This sponsor must apply and be approved for a WSMR security-sponsor permit by February 15, 2018.

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

Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Hunts

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

The hunts listed below have been established for New Mexico resident veterans who have served on active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan (see 'Oryx Hunts for Iraq-Afghanistan Returnees,' page 14). All hunts are held on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 21, 2018. **Proof of**

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Oct. 12–14	ORX–1–103	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Nov. 9–11	ORX–1–105	.5	.ES
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Jan. 4–6, '19	ORX–1–107	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Jan. 18–20, '19	ORX–1–109	.5	.ES
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Feb. 15–17, '19	ORX–1–111	.5	.ES

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

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Statewide, off-range	June 1–30	ORX–1–204. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	June 1–30	ORX–1–205. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	July 1–31.	ORX–1–206. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	July 1–31.	ORX–1–207. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Aug. 1–31	ORX–1–208. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Aug. 1–31	ORX–1–209. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Sept. 1–30	ORX–1–210. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Sept. 1–30	ORX–1–211. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Oct. 1–31	ORX–1–212. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Oct. 1–31	ORX–1–213. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Nov. 1–30	ORX–1–214. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Nov. 1–30	ORX–1–215. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Dec. 1–31	ORX–1–216. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Dec. 1–31	ORX–1–217. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Jan. 1–31, '19	ORX–1–218. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Jan. 1–31, '19	ORX–1–219. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Feb. 1–28, '19	ORX–1–220. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Feb. 1–28, '19	ORX–1–221. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Mar. 1–31, '19.	ORX–1–222. . . . .	.60 . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Mar. 1–31, '19.	ORX–1–223. . . . .	.18 . . .	.ES

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

License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

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

Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must obtain and possess written permission from the landowner. Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid for a period of one month and must correspond to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements/restrictions, sporting arm type and bag limits listed in the above table, 'Off-WSMR Hunts'. In addition to the dates listed above statewide private-land, off-range licenses are available for April and May. Licenses are available at NMDGF offices and license vendors, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tag (page 20).

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

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

Hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss. All hunters may apply for the ORX-1-224 and the ORX-1-226 hunt. Applicants for military only hunts must submit proof of current active-duty status prior to the application deadline (page 13). Hunters are required to possess proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course, are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest, and will be subject to security searches. Hunters may be required to visit El Paso, Texas to obtain an access pass. For further information, contact Fort Bliss: brian.a.locke.civ@mail.mil.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
McGregor Range.	Dec. 1–2.	ORX-1-226. . . . .	.25 . . .	.ES
McGregor Range - Military Only.	Dec. 1–2.	ORX-1-227. . . . .	.25 . . .	.ES
McGregor Range.	Jan. 12–13, '19	ORX-1-224. . . . .	.25 . . .	.ES
McGregor Range - Military Only.	Jan. 12–13, '19	ORX-1-225. . . . .	.25 . . .	.ES



Turkey

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Over-the-Counter Licenses and Draw Permits



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Turkey Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Draw Permit Hunts

Application for these draw permits must be made by Feb. 7, 2018, including a nonrefundable application fee: \$7 per residents and \$13 per nonresidents. Up to two applicants may apply on each application. Successful applicants must purchase an Over-the-Counter Turkey License with tags, and a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDGF office. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunters and trappers on Forest Service or BLM lands. **Youth-only Hunts:** Applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 26, 27) to apply.

General License Information

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

Licenses and Tags

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

Note: If applying for big-game draw licenses 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, 2018. Your license will be available in your NMDGF account.

License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

Spring \$25 \$100

Fall \$25 \$100

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

Legal Sporting Arms

Any shotgun, including muzzleloading shotguns using shot only; Bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt. Crossbow use only by certified mobility-impaired hunters during the bow-only fall season. 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.

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **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, 20 and 34:** These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service or the military during operations. **Closed Areas:** The following are closed to turkey hunting (except as permitted by regulation): Orilla Verde, Sugarite Canyon State Park and portions of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area; Taos Valley Overlook; all WMAs; the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area; and the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area in Unit 2A.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Hunts

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

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

Youth-only Spring OTC License Hunt: April 6–8

An early Youth-only Turkey Hunt opportunity is scheduled for April 6–8 in all units listed open for spring hunting. Hunter Education and/or Mentored-Youth Program requirements are listed on page 10.

Bag Limit for Spring Season

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

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

Areas Open for Fall OTC License Hunts

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

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

Bag Limit for Fall Season

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

Turkey

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Open Areas and Bag Limits For Draw Permit Hunts – OTC Turkey License Required

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Permits	Bag Limit
Unit 2 (Excluding the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure Area) _____				
2	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–100	115	1 bearded turkey
2 - Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–101	50	1 bearded turkey
Unit 2A ¹ (Including the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure Area) _____				
2A - Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–102	5	1 bearded turkey
¹ License also valid in open GMUs during the spring turkey season.				
Unit 6B ² (Valles Caldera National Preserve) _____				
6B	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–113	20	1 bearded turkey
² Hunter orientation required (page 31).				
Unit 8 (Sandia Ranger District, Archery Only) _____				
8	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–103	10	1 bearded turkey
Unit 9 Marquez WMA (N.M. Resident Only) _____				
9	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–104	5	2 bearded turkeys
Unit 33 - W.S. Huey WMA (Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only) _____				
33	Apr. 14–15	TUR–1–105	2	1 bearded turkey
Unit 33 - W.S. Huey WMA (Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only) _____				
33	Apr. 21–22	TUR–1–106	2	1 bearded turkey
Unit 55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area _____				
55	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–112	20	1 bearded turkey

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Youth Spring Turkey Hunt

The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will conduct a Youth Spring Turkey Hunt for hunters 17 years of age and younger. Hunts will be held on weekends during April and May, 2018 in conjunction with seasons established by the New Mexico State Game Commission. The bag limit is one bearded turkey. Eligible hunters will be drawn from a pool of qualified applicants. An application fee of \$6 is required per application. Applications will be available beginning Feb. 2, 2018 at: www.bdanwrpermits.com. For more information about hunting opportunities at Bosque del Apache NWR telephone (575) 835-1828.



Javelina

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

Javelina Draw Licenses



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Javelina Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

Application and Licenses: Up to four persons may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 21, 2018.

License Fees (pages 7, 9): Hunters applying for a Javelina Draw License, must pay the license and nonrefundable application fee. A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required (page 10).

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

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

Extended Seasons for Javelina: (JAV-1-100, JAV-1-104 and JAV-2-103)

Properly licensed deer or elk hunters who possess a JAV-1-100, JAV-1-104 or JAV-2-103 license may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates, but only during the dates and in the unit or units of their deer or elk hunt, if open for javelina hunting (see below). Hunters must use the same weapon type listed on their deer or elk license. OTC licenses must be purchased at least two days prior to hunting.

Over-the-Counter Licenses (excluding GMUs 19, 23–28)

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23–28) . . .	Jan. 16–Mar. 31, '19 . . .	JAV-1-104 . . .	1000. .	ES
Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23–28) . . .	Jan. 1–31, '19.	JAV-2-103 . . .	300. .	ES

Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags.

What You Must Know: Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be 17 years or younger on opening day of the hunt and have a valid Hunter Education number (page 26) to apply. **Units 13, 20, 28 and 34:** Portions of these units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military. Unit 28 McGregor Range /Fort Bliss: Hunters are required to have a valid Hunter Education number, are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest, and will be subject to security searches. **WMAs open to javelina hunting:** Prairie-Chicken WMAs - 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. **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.

Any Legal Sporting Arm

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Statewide (excluding Unit 28) - Youth Only	Jan. 1–Mar. 31, '19 . . .	JAV-1-100 . . .	150. .	ES
Units 19, 23–27	Feb. 1–Mar. 1, '19. . .	JAV-1-102 . . .	1000. .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only .	Dec. 29–30	JAV-1-105	5. .	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range	Dec. 29–30	JAV-1-106	5. .	ES

Bow Only

Units 19, 23–27	Jan. 1–31, '19.	JAV-2-101	300. .	ES
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Bear Draw Permits and Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Bear Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

License Fees (pages 7, 9): Before purchasing an Over-the-Counter Bear License, hunters must purchase or possess a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting on Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required (page 10).

Harvest Limits for All Zones (map, page 118): New Mexico is divided into 14 Bear Management Zones, enabling NMDGF to better manage regional bear populations. Each zone has two harvest limits: 1, the total number of bears that may be harvested; and 2, the number of female bears that may be harvested. Harvest limits for each Bear Management Zone are listed in the table on pages 116–117. This table first lists the total limit of bears that may be harvested, followed by the number of female bears that may be harvested ('Total Limit / Female Limit'). Bear Management Zones close when harvests reach 90% of the total limit, 90% of the female sublimit, or when the season has ended—whichever occurs first. This is to maintain bear populations and distribution and to avoid exceeding sustainable harvest mortality.

Zone Closure for All Zones: Before hunting, hunters must verify the zone is open by checking online www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/bear/ or telephoning 1-877-950-5466.

Bear Draw Permits

Bear Draw Permits are available for the areas listed in the table on pages 116–117. Only New Mexico residents may apply for WMA Bear Draw Permits. Application must be made by Feb. 7, 2018. Only one hunter may apply on each application. Hunters who successfully draw a Bear Permit also must purchase an Over-the-Counter Bear License with tag and a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDGF office. Hunters may hunt during the over-the-counter season if they have not taken a bear during their draw hunt. **Bear Licenses must be purchased at least two calendar days before hunting.**

Over-the-Counter Licenses (OTC)

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

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Closed Areas: Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook; All Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs are open only to hunters with a valid Bear Draw Permit and Bear Hunting License during draw seasons for that area.); and Subunit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve). **Bow Only:** Sandia Ranger District: Zones 8 and 14, and Sugarite Canyon State Park.

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

What You Must Know Before You Hunt—continued.

Youth Hunters: Hunters 17 years of age or younger must possess a Hunter Education Certification number. **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 116). Grapevine Canyon and McGregor Range Buffer area in Unit 34 of Zone 12 are accessible by permit and military permission only. Unit 10 of Zone 9 and Units 13, 18 and 20 of Zone 10 are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Zones 8 and portions of 14:** Hunters must use bows only (crossbow may be used by certified mobility-impaired hunters) to hunt bears in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest. **No Electronic Calls:** Electronic calls are not allowed for bear hunting.

Legal Sporting Arms

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

Baiting and Trapping

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

Bag Limit

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

Pelt Tags Required

Harvested bears must be both carcass tagged and pelt tagged. The carcass tag must be properly notched and attached immediately after the animal is harvested. The hunter must present the carcass tag, skull, 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 occurs first. **Hunters who appoint a designee to transport the harvested bear for pelt tagging are required to contact a conservation officer prior to pelt tagging.** Hunters are required to present to any NMDGF office the **unfrozen skull of any bear killed with the 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 naturally attached to the hide and be visible to the NMDGF tagging official. NMDGF will only pelt tag a harvested bear if proof of sex is attached to the hide and readily visible to the tagging official. Bears presented to NMDGF for tagging without proof of sex attached will be seized.

Bear

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Use of Dogs

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

Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area

It is unlawful to hunt bears on the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area, except for hunters who successfully draw a Bear Draw Permit and purchase a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License and an Over-the-Counter Bear License. Dogs are allowed during the April 15–May 20 and the Aug. 1–31 hunts.

In addition to the above, elk hunters also may hunt bears in the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area provided they: 1, Possess a Valle Vidal rifle, muzzleloader or bow elk license; 2, Possess an OTC bear license and tag; 3, Use the sporting arm type specified for their elk hunt; 4, Hunt only during the dates of their elk hunt; and 5, The harvest limit in Bear Zone 5 has not been met and the season is still open.

Livestock Damage

Landowners, lessees or their regular employees do not need a license to kill a bear that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. Any person taking such action **must report the incident to NMDGF within 24 hours**. Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under this provision are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be delivered to NMDGF.

Seasons for Over-the-Counter Bear Hunts

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

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

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

Seasons for Bear Draw Permits—OTC Bear License Required

Area	Date	Hunt Code	Permits
Unit 55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood . . .	Apr. 15–May 20 . . .	BER–1–106 . . .	20
Unit 2 - Youth Only	Aug. 1–31 . . .	BER–1–100 . . .	5
Unit 4 Sargent WMA ⁽¹⁾	Aug. 1–31 . . .	BER–1–101 . . .	10
- N.M. Residents Only			
Unit 4 Humphries WMA ⁽¹⁾	Aug. 1–31 . . .	BER–1–102 . . .	5
- N.M. Residents Only			
Unit 9 Marquez WMA	Aug. 1–31 . . .	BER–1–103 . . .	5
- N.M. Residents Only			

Bear

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Seasons for Bear Draw Permits—continued.

Area Date Hunt Code Permits

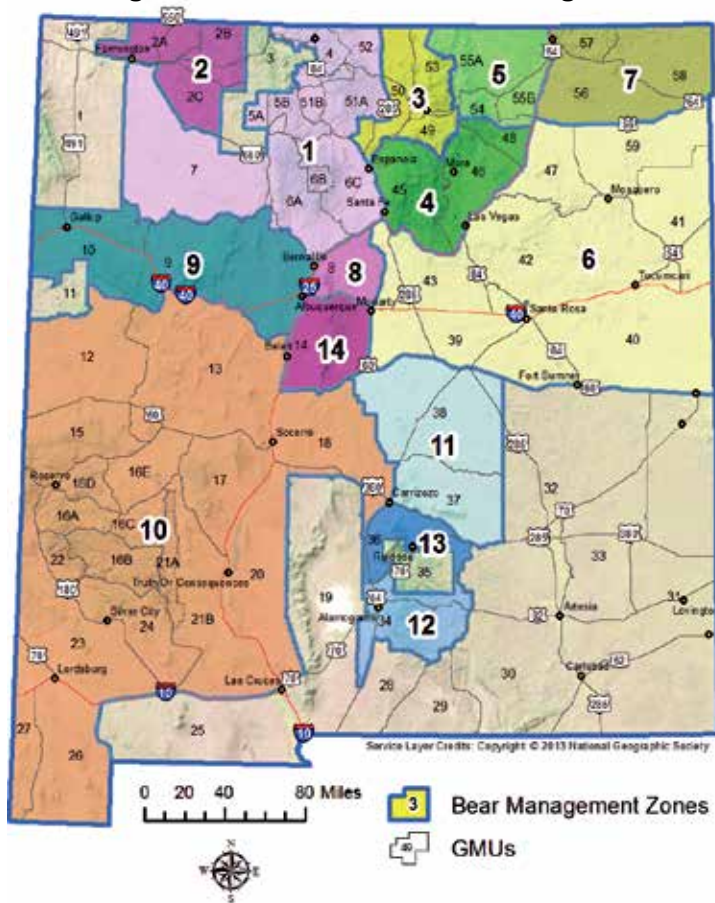
Units 54/55 Barker and Colin Neblett WMAs Aug. 1–31 BER–1–104 12
- N.M. Residents Only

Unit 55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood Aug. 1–31 BER–1–105 20

Unit 57 Sugarite Canyon State Park ⁽¹⁾ Aug. 1–31 BER–2–107 5

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

Bear Management Zones and Game Management Units



Cougar

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Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses



While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 20).

All Cougar Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 20–21).

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

Mandatory Cougar Identification Course

NMDGF requires all cougar hunters to successfully complete a cougar identification course. The Cougar ID number is issued upon successful completion of the course which is available online (<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/cougar/>).

License Fees

Resident

Nonresident

OTC Cougar License	\$43	\$290
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A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation also is required (page 10).

An OTC Cougar License with tags may be purchased at license vendors, NMDGF offices, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866. Purchases must be made at least two days before hunting. If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDGF office.

See page 120 for details about the cougar bag limit.

Cougar Seasons

Statewide Cougar Season: April 1, 2018–March 31, 2019.

Harvest Limits for All Zones

New Mexico is divided into 19 Cougar Management Zones, enabling NMDGF to better manage regional cougar populations. Each zone has two harvest limits: 1, the total number of cougars that may be harvested; and 2, the number of female cougars that may be harvested. Harvest limits for each Cougar Management Zone are listed in the table on page 121.

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

Zone Closures

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

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What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Grapevine Canyon, McGregor Range Buffer Zone: Unit 34 in this area is accessible with military permission only. Hunters on McGregor Range must be able to provide proof of Hunter Education.

Blaze-Orange Clothing: Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property. Fort Bliss/McGregor Range requires all hunters to wear a blaze-orange hat and blaze-orange hunting vest.

Youth Hunters: Hunters 17 years of age or younger must possess a Hunter Education Certification number. Mentored Youth Hunters may not apply. **Closed Areas:** Sugarite Canyon State Park; Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook; Subunit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve). **Wildlife Management Areas:** Cougar hunting by licensed deer and/or elk hunters who also possess a valid cougar license is allowed in the E.S. Barker, Colin Neblett, Humphries, Marquez, Sargent and Urraca WMAs, and the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area. All other Wildlife Management Areas are closed. Licensed deer and elk hunters may hunt cougar in open WMAs provided they: 1, Possess a valid deer or elk license for the WMA; 2, Possess a cougar license with tags; 3, Use the sporting arm type specified for their deer or elk hunt; 4, Hunt only during the dates of their deer or elk hunt; and 5, The harvest limit in the Cougar Zone has not been met. Dogs are not allowed. **Restricted Areas:** Only bows and crossbows may be used to hunt cougars in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest in Units 8 and 14. Zone E—Unit 10 and Zone G,H,I—Units 13, 18, 19, 20: These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or the military during operations. **Florida Mountains Hunt Area—Unit 25:** Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida Mountains Hunt Area during any ibex season, except by licensed ibex hunters (only for allowed sporting arm type and season dates as specified on the ibex license).

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

Baiting: Cougar baiting is illegal in New Mexico.

Use of Traps and Foot Snares: Hunters with a valid cougar license may use traps or foot snares to harvest cougars on state trust land or private deeded land with written permission from the landowner. A trapper license is required. Neck snares are not permitted. Restrictions for cougar take using traps or foot snares shall follow the regulations on methods, trap specification, trap inspection, and cougar removal as defined on pages 124–127. Legal trapping and snaring dates are Nov. 1–March 31. All other requirements and trap restrictions for furbearers (pages 124–127) apply to cougars.

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

Bag Limit: Valid cougar license holders who have successfully harvested two cougars may request authorization from NMDGF to take an additional 2 cougars in the same license year. Tags may be used in Cougar Management Zones that have not met the established harvest limits during at least two of the three previous seasons. Before requesting additional authorizations, licensed hunters must meet all reporting and tagging requirements for two cougars already taken.

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

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Tagging of Cougar Hides

Harvested cougars must be both carcass tagged and pelt tagged. The carcass tag must be properly notched and attached immediately after the animal is harvested. The hunter must present the carcass tag, skull, and hide for pelt tagging to any District Conservation Officer or NMDGF office within five days of killing the cougar or before transporting the hide outside New Mexico, whichever occurs first.

Hunters who appoint a designee to transport the harvested cougar for pelt tagging are required to contact a conservation officer prior to pelt tagging. Hunters are required to present to any NMDGF office the **unfrozen skull** of any cougar killed with the 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 will be seized by NMDGF.

Proof of Sex

The testicles, penis and/or baculum of a male, or the vulva of a female, must remain naturally 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 will be seized.

Livestock Damage

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

Use of Dogs

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

Cougar Management Zones

Cougar Management Zone locations in New Mexico are designated in the map on page 122.

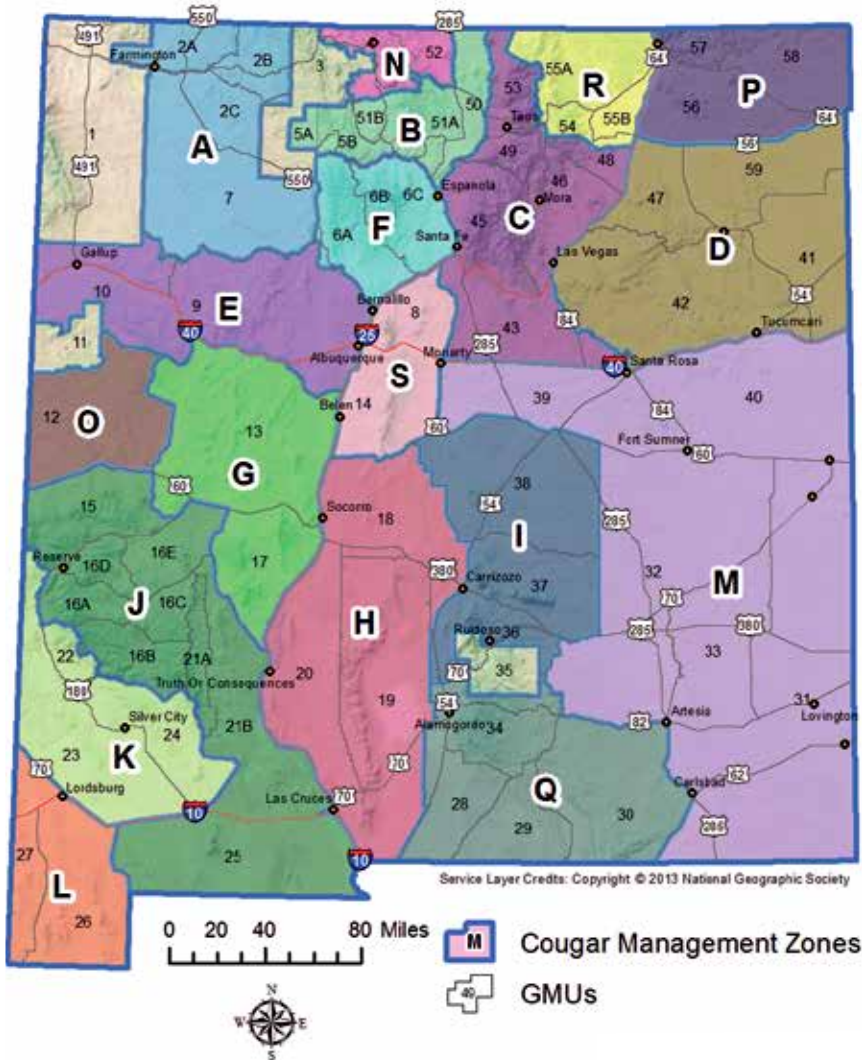
Zones and Season Limits

Zone	Open Unit(s)	Total Limit / Total Female
A	. 2, 7	42 / 13
B	. 5, 50, 51 . . . . .	.28 / 8
C	. 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53	85 / 43
D	. 41, 42, 47, 59	23 / 12
E	. 9, 10	50 / 15
F	. 6	46 / 23
G	. 13, 17	73 / 37
H	. 18–20	37 / 16
I	. 36–38 . . . . .	.24 / 7
J	. 15, 16, 21, 25	89 / 27
K	. 22–24	66 / 33
L	. 26, 27	19 / 10
M	. 31–33, 39, 4031 / 9
N	. 4, 5215 / 5
O	. 1221 / 6
P	. 56, 57, 5814 / 7
Q	. 28–30, 34	35 / 11
R	. 54, 5526 / 8
S	. 8, 14	25 / 13

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Cougar Management Zone and Game Management Unit Map



Beware of Rabies

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Rabies Information for Trappers

In recent years, rabies has been detected in some furbearers in New Mexico. All mammals are capable of contracting rabies. Wild animals infected more often include skunks, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats and bats.

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

Some recommended precautions for trappers include:

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

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

Furbearers

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Trapping Licenses

All trappers and furbearer hunters must purchase a Trapper License, available online, by telephone, at NMDGF offices and license vendors. Trapper-license holders who do not submit a mandatory harvest report by April 7, 2018 will be rejected from the draw. An \$8 late fee will be charged to report before a new Trapper License may be purchased.

New Mexico residents 11 years of age or younger do not require a license to trap protected and unprotected furbearers. New Mexico residents 12–17 years of age must purchase a Junior Trapper License to trap or hunt **protected furbearers**, however, a Hunter Education number is required to hunt (Mentored Youth number is not eligible.) No license is required for New Mexico residents to take **unprotected furbearers** (see 'Unprotected Furbearers' below).

Nonresidents who hunt protected furbearers or who trap protected 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 any legal sporting arm to hunt and possess coyote, prairie dog, rabbit or skunk, but may not set traps or snares unless they also have a Nonresident Trapper License. Nonresidents of states not allowing New Mexico residents to trap may not legally purchase a New Mexico Nonresident Trapper License.

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

License Fees:	Resident	Nonresident
Trapper License	\$20	\$345
Junior Trapper License	\$9	Not Issued

A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and/or BLM lands. A Habitat Management & Access Validation also is required for Trapper Licenses, but not for Junior Trapper Licenses (Must be 17 years or younger, page 10).

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

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

Unprotected Furbearers: Unprotected furbearers include coyote and skunk. There is no closed season or bag limit on unprotected furbearers.

Legal Means of Harvest: Furbearers may be taken with firearms, bow and arrows, crossbows, traps and snares. Calls (including mechanically or electronically recorded calling devices) are legal for hunting protected furbearers. Dogs may be used only during open trapping season for protected furbearers. There is no "pursuit or training season" other than the regular open season—except for raccoon (page 127).

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

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Trap Inspection—continued.

A release device or catch pole shall be carried to release domestic or nontarget animals.

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 or Customer Identification Number (CIN) and the general location or route of traps.

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

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

Land Sets: No foot-hold trap with an outside spread of more than 7 inches, if laminated above the jaw surfaces, shall be used in making a land set. No tooth-jawed traps are permitted. Any foot-hold trap with an inside jaw spread $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches or larger shall be offset, unless it has padded jaws.

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

No body-gripping trap with an inside jaw spread greater than 7 inches may be set on land. Body-gripping traps with inside jaw spreads of 6–7 inches set on land shall be used in conjunction with a cubby set, such that the trap trigger is recessed in the cubby at least 8 inches from an entrance.

Water Sets: No trap with an inside jaw spread larger than $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches or body-gripping trap with a jaw spread larger than 12 inches shall be used in making a water set.

Furbearers

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Visible Bait and Trap Flags: It is illegal to place, set or maintain any trap or snare within 25 feet (visible from any angle) of bait that consists of the flesh, hide, fur, viscera or feathers from any animal—unless the trap or snare is used in conjunction with a cubby set—where the bait cannot be seen, except from a height of 3 feet or less above ground level and at a maximum distance of 25 feet. The bait must be inside the cubby, but the trap or snare may be outside. Bones that are entirely free of flesh, hide, fur or feathers may be used as visible bait. The restriction on visible bait shall not apply to a trap flag that is suspended above the ground and that is made from materials other than animal parts.

Possession of Live Furbearers: It is illegal to import and/or possess live protected furbearers in New Mexico. The director of NMDGF may issue a permit for retention of raccoons or other activity permitted by rule. Individuals must obtain a permit prior to possessing a live raccoon.

No Trapping of Bear: There are no open trapping seasons for bear. Livestock owners or others suffering depredation should call the nearest NMDGF office for assistance (see page v).

Cougar Trapping and Snaring: Hunters with both a valid trapper license and a cougar license may use traps or foot snares to harvest cougars on state trust land or private deeded land with written permission from the landowner (pages 117–120). Neck snares are not a legal method of take. **Foot snares are prohibited in GMU 27 and those portions of GMU 26 (San Luis Mountains) designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as critical habitat for jaguars.** Jaguar critical habitat area in GMU 26 can be viewed at: <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/table/critical-habitat.html> by clicking the "online mapper" link and entering 'San Luis Mountains' in the "Find address or place" search menu..

Bobcat Pelt Tag Required: Anyone taking a bobcat in New Mexico must present the pelt for tagging by April 14 or prior to leaving the state, whichever occurs first. Although a carcass tag is not required, a current Trapper License (except N.M. residents 11 years of age or younger) is required when presenting a bobcat for tagging. Tags may be obtained from NMDGF offices (see page v, 'Regional Offices'). Pelts also may be tagged by New Mexico licensed furbearer dealers—following the policies established by NMDGF.

No person shall transport across state lines, sell, barter or otherwise dispose of any bobcat pelt taken in New Mexico unless it has been properly pelt tagged. It is unlawful to present for tagging any bobcat pelt taken outside the State of New Mexico. It also is unlawful for licensed fur dealers to tag any bobcat contrary to this rule.

Accidental Trapping of Protected Species: If at anytime you trap a river otter, lynx, coatimundi, mink, pine marten or black-footed ferret, a federally protected bird, or a protected furbearer during closed season—you must release it. If you accidentally trap a Mexican gray wolf—follow the instructions provided on page 129. Trappers must carry a device for releasing nontarget animals. However, if the animal is badly injured and/or releasing it would be dangerous, NMDGF must be contacted as soon as possible. **Trappers will not be held criminally liable if a protected species is accidentally captured, and the trapper voluntarily reports the event or releases the animal.**

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Mandatory Harvest Reporting: All 2017–18 trapper-license holders must submit harvest reports by April 7, 2018. Harvest reports can be submitted online and by telephone. Trappers who do not report by April 7, 2018 will be rejected from the draw. After April 7, 2018, an \$8 late fee will be charged to report before a new Trapper License may be purchased.

What You Must Know Before You Hunt or Trap

Closed Areas: Los Alamos County, except the northern quarter and a strip along the west bank of the Rio Grande (north of Water Canyon from the Rio Grande to a line 1,000 feet below the canyon rim); the Valles Caldera National Preserve; portions of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area; Orilla Verde and Santa Cruz Lake recreation areas; the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area; Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center; New Mexico state parks; national parks and monuments; national wildlife refuges and New Mexico State Game Commission-owned WMAs. Fort Bliss/McGregor Range only allows furbearer hunting and is closed to trapping. The Gila, Cibola, Lincoln and Apache Sitgreaves National Forests are all closed to beaver trapping.

Seasons (Statewide)

Badger, Weasel, Fox, Ringtail and Bobcat: Nov. 1, 2018–March 15, 2019.

Beaver, Muskrat and Nutria: April 1–30, 2018 and Nov. 1, 2018–March 31, 2019.

Raccoon Trapping and Hunting: April 1–May 15, 2018 and Sept. 1, 2018–March 31, 2019.

Raccoon Pursuit Only (statewide): April 1, 2018–March 31, 2019.

Raccoon Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light

Hunters possessing a valid Trapper License may hunt raccoons with the aid of artificial light only during raccoon trapping and hunting season. **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.

Furbearers

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Know the Difference between Bobcat and Lynx

Bobcat

- Underside of the tail is white to the tip.
- Ear tufts are less than 1 inch in length.
- Cheek tufts are not prominent.
- Brownish color with black spots (usually) on the belly.
- Total length from 25–37 inches.
- Feet appear small with no hair between pads.
- Track size is less than 2½ inches wide.
- Stride length is approximately 20 inches.



Lynx

- Tail has a black tip and is not white underneath.
- Ear tufts are at least 1½ inches in length.
- Cheek tufts are prominent.
- Grayish color with no spots on the belly.
- Total length is between 32–37 inches.
- Feet appear large with pads covered by hair.
- Track size is 3½–4½ inches wide.
- Stride length is approximately 28 inches.



Mexican Gray Wolf

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Trapping and the Mexican Gray Wolf

Trapping has been shown to cause no negative impact on Mexican gray wolf populations. However, for trapping in the USFWS Blue Range Wolf Reintroduction Area (BRWRA)—located in portions of Catron, Grant and Sierra counties—NMDGF strongly encourages the following to reduce potential injury to Mexican gray wolves inadvertently trapped.

Recommended techniques to reduce potential injury to Mexican gray wolves:

- To render a wolf unable to pull the trap free—double stake, cable stake (at least 18 inches deep), or otherwise securely fasten traps to immovable objects with aircraft cable or chain.
- To prevent lunging and/or rolling-induced injury—use short chains (12 inches or less), attached near the center of the trap base plate via a swivel and incorporate at least one additional swivel between the trap and anchoring point.
- To hasten recovery and safe release of animals—use drags of sufficient size and weight or steel grapples at least ½-inch in diameter or cross section that are attached to chains or cables at least 10 feet in length.
- Choose laminated, offset or padded jaws on foot-hold traps.
- Scout the area intended for trapping. If signs are evident that wolves are present, avoid the area if possible or use only No. 1.75 or smaller traps.

Trappers will not be held criminally liable if a Mexican gray wolf is accidentally captured.

Should a Mexican gray wolf be accidentally captured, immediately call the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Office at 1-888-459-9653 or telephone NMDGF's 24-hour dispatch at 1-800-432-4263 or telephone the local NMDGF Conservation Officer. The officer will respond to remove and secure the wolf until a member of the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team can arrive to process and radio-collar the wolf.

Wolves Are a Federally Protected Species

The Mexican Wolf Restoration Area includes portions of New Mexico. Wolves are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and by the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act. Federal penalties for shooting a wolf can include a year in jail and a \$50,000 fine with additional New Mexico state penalties for violating the Wildlife Conservation Act.

Rewards up to \$45,000 for information leading to arrest and prosecution of wolf poachers are offered by federal and state agencies and conservation organizations jointly.

It is illegal to:

- Kill or injure a wolf because it is near you or your property.
- Kill or injure a wolf if it attacks your pet.
- Kill or injure a wolf feeding on dead livestock.
- Enter posted closures around release pens, active dens and rendezvous sites.
- Shoot a wolf because of mistakenly identifying it as a coyote or anything else (page 130).

Mexican Gray Wolf

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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/.

Wolf Encounters and Identification

The Gila National Forest and surrounding areas are locations where wolf encounters may occur. Mexican wolves typically weigh between 50–80 pounds, stand 28–32 inches at the shoulder and measure 5-½ feet from snout to tail (approximately the size of a large German shepherd). Coat color varies, but solid black or white Mexican wolves do not occur. Though similar in appearance to coyotes, Mexican gray wolves weigh two to three times more, have larger blocky heads with more rounded ears, and feet larger in proportion to the body. At a distance or a quick glance, coyotes and wolves can be difficult to differentiate. Many wolves have radio collars.

Mexican Gray Wolf



Coyote



Upland Game

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

Upland Game

Upland game includes dusky (blue) grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, pheasant, quail and squirrel.

Pheasant Draw Permits

Permits (issued by drawing) are required for Pheasant Hunts on W.S. Huey WMA and for Youth-only Pheasant Hunts on Bernardo WMA. To receive a permit, hunters may apply online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 22 before 5 p.m. MDT. Licenses and stamps must be purchased separately. Hunt codes and further information are listed on page 132.

Valencia County Landowner Pheasant Permits

No public-land pheasant hunting is allowed in Valencia County. Private-land pheasant hunting is allowed, provided permission has been obtained from the landowner. Landowners are required to provide NMDGF's Northwest Office in Albuquerque proof of ownership and sufficient acreage to safely conduct the planned hunt(s). The landowner will be issued application forms to distribute to hunters. Hunters intending to hunt on private land in Valencia County must obtain an application from the landowner and submit it to NMDGF's Northwest Office in Albuquerque (page v). Hunters may possess a Valencia County Landowner Permit in addition to another special pheasant hunt permit.

Dog Call-Pen and Field Trial Permits

A \$15 permit is required for either a call-pen release or dog field trial. Contact NMDGF for information: (505) 476-8064.

Shooting Preserve Permits

A shooting preserve permit fee is \$200. Contact NMDGF's Santa Fe office for information: (505) 476-8064.

Possession of Live Birds

Crippled birds must be killed immediately. Possession of live birds is illegal.

Wanton Waste Is Illegal

Anyone taking game birds must transport the edible portions of the meat from the field for human consumption.

Federally Protected Bird Species

Unless otherwise designated, all birds are protected by federal law. Federally protected birds include eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, crows, ravens and all songbirds. Unprotected birds are starlings, rock doves (common pigeons) and house sparrows (English sparrows).

Upland Game

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Possession, Transportation and Storage

It is unlawful to possess game birds or squirrels without a proper license or other evidence demonstrating the game was taken legally.

The head or leg of each pheasant, the leg of each quail and one fully feathered wing of each Eurasian collared-dove taken must remain attached to the bird until transported to the hunter's home or storage facility.

Game meat may be given to another individual, however, it must be accompanied by a written statement. The statement must include the kind and number of game, the date and county where taken, the name and license number of the hunter and the date and place where the donation occurred (sample donation certificate, page 136).

Game transported by an appropriately licensed hunter or accompanied by a written statement (described above) may be transported within or outside New Mexico. Legally taken and possessed upland game may be stored for five days after the close of the season for that species. After this date, a storage permit must be obtained from NMDGF.

Legal Sporting Arms

Quail and pheasant may be taken with shotguns firing shot, muzzle-loading shotguns, bows and crossbows.

Eurasian collared-dove, grouse and squirrels may be taken with shotguns firing shot, muzzle-loading shotguns, rim-fire and muzzle-loading firearms, bows and crossbows and pellet guns that are .177 caliber and larger.

Nontoxic Shot Required on Game Commission Areas

Nontoxic shot is required for hunting any species with a shotgun on all open areas owned or managed by the New Mexico State Game Commission. Nontoxic shot includes: bismuth-tin, iron (steel), iron-tungsten, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten matrix, tungsten polymer, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel and tungsten-iron-polymer. **The New Mexico State Game Commission recommends hunters use nontoxic shot for all small-game hunting.**

Rabbits and Other Nongame Species

Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine and rabbits. Coyotes and skunks are unprotected furbearers (page 124). Feral hogs are an unprotected species (page 19). New Mexico residents are not required to have a license to take nongame species. Nonresidents must possess either a Nonresident Nongame License or any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license. Nongame species may be taken on State Trust Land which are opened by easement, provided the hunter holds a valid license and is hunting or trapping during the season(s) designated for that license. Nongame species also may be taken on Forest Service and BLM lands open to hunting. White-sided (antelope) jackrabbits, found primarily in Hidalgo county, are protected under the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act and may not be hunted. Wildlife Management Areas are closed to all nongame hunting, except Water Canyon WMA, where nongame hunting is allowed January 1–March 31, 2019.

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

Quail Season (Scaled, Gambel's, Bobwhite, Montezuma)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Nov. 15–Feb. 15, '19.	15 per day (no more than 5 Montezuma quail) / 30 in possession (no more than 10 Montezuma quail).

Grouse, Eurasian Collared-Dove and Squirrel Seasons

Dusky (Blue) Grouse Seasons

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Sept. 1–Nov. 30	3 per day / 6 in possession

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	April. 1–March. 31 '19.	Unlimited

Squirrel Seasons (Abert's, Red, Gray and Fox)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Sept. 1–Nov. 30	8 per day / 16 in possession

Pheasant Seasons

Over-the-Counter, Statewide (excluding Valencia County)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Dec. 6–9.	3 males per day / 6 in possession



Upland Game

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Private Land, Valencia County

Hunt Area Season Dates Bag / Possession

Valencia only . Dec. 8 3 males / NA

Landowners in Valencia County can receive from the NMDGF Northwest Office in Albuquerque an unlimited number of applications specially marked for hunting pheasants on their private land. Hunters wishing to hunt private land in Valencia County must obtain one of these applications and submit it to the NMDGF Northwest Area Office. Shooting hours for Valencia County Landowner Permits are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. No public-land pheasant hunting is allowed in Valencia County.

Draw Permit Hunts General Information (Resident Only)

To receive a permit, hunters may apply online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or 1-888-248-6866. Applications must be made no later than Wednesday, Aug. 22 before 5 p.m. MDT. Successful applicants must purchase or possess a Game-hunting license and applicable stamp(s).

Bernardo and W.S. Huey WMA Youth-only Pheasant Hunts

Two Youth-only Pheasant Hunts are available by drawing. Age requirements are listed on page 10. Hunter Education and/or Mentored-Youth Program requirements are listed on pages 26–27. Using the hunt codes listed below, apply online or by telephone. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Shooting hours on Bernardo are ½ hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. Shooting hours on W.S. Huey WMA are ½ hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag	Permits
Unit 18 Bernardo	PHE-0-001	Oct. 20	3 males	20
Unit 33 W.S. Huey WMA	PHE-0-002	Dec. 1	3 males	40

W.S. Huey WMA Pheasant Hunt

A draw-permit hunt will be held at W.S. Huey on Dec. 8. Using the hunt code listed below, apply online or by telephone. Shooting hours on W.S. Huey are ½ hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag	Permits
Unit 33 W.S. Huey	PHE-0-005	Dec. 8	3 males	40

Bitter Lake Youth-only Pheasant Hunt

A Youth-only Pheasant Hunt at Bitter Lake Refuge will be scheduled. Hunter Education and/or Mentored-Youth Program requirements are listed on pages 26–27. For details contact the Bitter Lake Refuge at (575) 622-6755 or steve_alvarez@fws.gov.

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

New Mexico State Game Commission Areas

State Game Commission areas open to hunting as allowed by regulation are listed below. Hunting is **not allowed** outside of open seasons or for species not listed. Eurasian collared-dove hunting is open only during established seasons for grouse, quail and squirrel (page 133) and mourning and white-winged dove (<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/home/publications/>). Vehicles are restricted to designated areas, and camping is allowed only in designated areas. Shooting hours are listed on page 29.

Nontoxic Shot

Hunters must use and possess only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot (page 132) while using a shotgun in all areas listed below (excluding Big Hatchet Special Management Area).

Days Open to Upland-game Hunting (• Days Open)

Wildlife Management Area	Species	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
W.S. Huey.	Quail		•		•			•
Big Hatchet Special Mgmt. Area . . .	Quail	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Prairie Chicken Areas	Quail	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Colin Neblett, E.S. Barker, . . .	All Upland Game	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Humphries, Marquez, Rio Chama, Sandhills Prairie Socorro-Escondida, Urraca and Water Canyon.	Conservation Area, Sargent,							
Forest Service Management Area								
Sandia Ranger District	All Upland Game (Archery only)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Bureau of Reclamation Managed Areas

Areas managed by the Bureau of Reclamation, unless otherwise posted, are open to all small-game hunting, trapping and angling during established seasons. All NMDGF rules and regulations apply in these areas.

Falconry Upland-game Seasons

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	April. 1–March. 31 '19.	Unlimited

Pheasant, Grouse and Quail

Area	Date	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Sept. 1–Feb. 28 '19 . . .	3 singly or in aggregate / Singly or aggregate for grouse and pheasant (6) and quail (30) in possession.

Squirrel (Abert's, Red, Gray and Fox)

Area	Date	Bag / Possession
Statewide . . .	Sept. 1–Feb. 28 '19 . . .	3 singly or in aggregate / 16 in possession.



2018–2019

Donation Certificate

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish *Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations*

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

I, _____ ,
(Full name of license holder. Please print.)

residing at: _____ ,
(Address of license holder. Please print.)

on this day: ____/____/____ at: _____ ,
(Date of transaction) (Place of transaction)

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

(Detailed description of the kind and number of animals donated or the kind, approximate weight and specific parts donated; Example: one elk hind quarter weighing approximately 75 lbs.)

taken in _____ under my valid license number: _____ and taken on: ____/____/____ .
(County)

Donor: _____ Recipient: _____
(Signature of license holder) (Signature of recipient)

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

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Skulls Are State Property

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

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

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

Glossary of Terms

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Active Duty Military (N.M. Resident): Current active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard for a minimum period of 90 days.

Members of the National Guard or Military Reserve Component and commissioned officers of the U.S. Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who have completed a minimum of six years of continuous honorable service.

Aggregate: The sum of upland game taken which may include more than one species.

Ammunition: Hunters of protected species may use only soft-nosed, hollow-point or plastic-tip bullets. Full metal-jacketed and tracer bullets are not legal. The use of sabots is legal in muzzleloading rifles, except restricted muzzleloader hunts (page 140, '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.

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

Big Game: Species include Barbary sheep, bear, bighorn sheep, cougar, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn antelope.

Bighorn Sheep Ram: Any male bighorn sheep.

Bighorn Sheep Ewe: Any female bighorn sheep.

Bow and Arrow: Includes compound, recurve and longbows. Sights on bows may magnify targets but cannot 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..

Broken-horn Oryx: An oryx of either sex that has one or more horns missing at least 25% of its normal length.

Crossbow and Bolt: Crossbow use is legal during Any Legal Sporting Arm hunts and Muzzleloader hunts. Crossbows may be used by a certified mobility-impaired hunter during bow season. Sights on crossbows may magnify targets but cannot project light. Bolts must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on bolts. Bolts cannot be driven by explosives.

Depredation Damage Fee: A fee required of all big-game hunters that has been included in the price of each big-game license. The fee is \$3 for each resident and \$10 for each nonresident big-game license. Money generated is being used to develop permanent solutions to chronic wildlife depredation problems throughout the state.

Either Sex (ES): Any male or female of a big-game species.

Either Sex Whitetail Deer (ESWTD): Any male or female whitetail deer.

Established Road: A road built and/or maintained by equipment and which shows no evidence of ever having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

Falconry: The hunting of game using raptors.

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.

Glossary of Terms

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

Foot Snare: Wire or cable with a single closing device set to capture a cougar or furbearer by the foot.

Foot Hold Trap: A spring actuated device designed to capture a cougar or furbearer by the foot.

Fork-Antlered Deer (FAD): Any deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fork-Antlered Mule Deer (FAMD): Any mule deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fork-Antlered White-tailed Deer (FAWTD): Any white-tailed deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fourth-Choice Deer or Elk Hunt: By selecting a fourth choice, applicants indicate they **will accept** a deer or elk license for **any hunt** in a specific quadrant of the state. Be aware success rates for some fourth-choice hunts may be low, due to small and localized populations of deer or elk. A hunter drawing a fourth-choice elk hunt could receive a license with an antlerless bag limit, even if all other hunt choices were for a mature bull. Refunds will not be made to successful applicants. The fourth-choice assignment will always be for the same sporting-arm type as the first choice on an application. Not all draw hunts are included in the fourth-choice pool.

Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License: An annual Game-hunting License is valid for hunting all small game including upland and migratory game birds. An annual Game-hunting & Fishing License is valid for fishing in addition to hunting small game. Both types of licenses may be purchased at license vendors statewide, including all NMDGF offices, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866** and online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us. All hunters must purchase one of these licenses in order to apply for any big-game license or before purchasing any over-the-counter big-game or turkey license.

Game Management Unit (GMU): A subdivision of the state used to manage big-game species and turkey.

Habitat Management & Access Validation: All hunters, trappers and anglers 18 years of age and older on any lands must purchase and possess a \$4 Habitat Management & Access Validation once during the year (April 1–March 31, 2019). This fee will not be charged to hunters, trappers and anglers younger than 18 years of age, resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% Disabled Resident Veterans in conjunction with their free licenses (page 10).

Habitat Stamp (Habitat Improvement Stamp): All hunters on any Forest Service or BLM lands must purchase and possess a \$5 Habitat Stamp once during the year (April 1–March 31, 2019). All trappers and anglers 12 years of age and older must purchase and possess this stamp, except resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% Disabled Resident Veterans in conjunction with their free licenses (page 10).

Handicapped Hunter: New Mexico resident with a severe physical or developmental disability. To qualify, applicants must have one or more disabilities that substantially limit one or more major life activities.

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

Junior Hunting License: Reduced-fee licenses are available to resident hunters 17 years of age or younger at the time of purchase.

License Year: Twelve month period, beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

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Landowner Permission: It is unlawful, unless otherwise allowed by rule, to hunt, fish or trap on private land without possessing valid written permission from the landowner of the property that the hunter or angler is hunting, fishing or trapping. The landowner's signature including date and telephone number on a valid license, landowner authorization or other paper shall constitute valid written permission.

Mature Buck (MB) Pronghorn Antelope: A pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ears.

Mature Bull (MB) Elk: A male elk with at least one brow tine extending six or more inches from the main beam or at least one forked antler with both branches six or more inches long. A spike bull (page 140) is not considered a legal mature bull elk.

Mentored-Youth Hunter Program: This program permits youth 10 to 17 years of age to hunt under the supervision of a licensed hunter before completing a hunter education course. After completing an online quiz, youths can obtain a Mentored-Youth Hunter number permitting them to apply and/or purchase deer, turkey, javelina and upland-game licenses. Supervising licensed hunters must possess a current hunting license, be 18 years or older and a parent, guardian or adult with parental consent. Mentored-Youth Hunter registration is available one time only and valid for two consecutive license years. For information see page 27.

Mobility-impaired Hunter (MI): An individual with permanent impairment(s) and/or disabilities with substantial functional limitations. For further information see page 12.

Military Only Hunt: Applicants must be on full-time active duty in the military and must provide proof of current military assignment to the Special Hunts Office in Santa Fe by the application deadline.

Muzzleloader: Includes rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder is illegal. Legal muzzleloading shotguns are those capable of being fired from the shoulder only. Muzzleloaders may use in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets and scopes. Also see page 140, 'Restricted Muzzleloader'.

NMDGF: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

Nongame Hunting: Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine and rabbits (Coyotes and skunks are unprotected furbearers, page 124, and feral hogs are an unprotected species, page 19). **Residents** are not required to have a license to take nongame species.

Nonresidents must purchase a Nonresident Nongame License or a New Mexico Nonresident Hunting License. Nongame hunting is not permitted on Wildlife Management Areas, unless specifically permitted by rule.

Once-in-a-Lifetime License: A draw license that can only be issued once in an applicant's lifetime. This license may not be applied for if an applicant has previously held one.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License: A license available from vendors, NMDGF offices and online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us. No drawing is required to purchase these licenses.

Pellet Gun: Handgun or rifle that propels a single .177 caliber or larger pellet by means of compressed air or gas.

Population Management Hunt: A hunt designed to manage the number of big game on public or private lands where they have damaged property or may interfere with military operations.

Private-land Authorization: Documentation obtained from a private landowner that allows a hunter to purchase a private-land elk or pronghorn antelope license.

Private-land Only Deer License: A license authorizing hunters to hunt deer only on private land with written permission. Hunters must enter a hunt code from a public-land hunt for the Game Management Unit (GMU) where the private land is located. Not available from license vendors for units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

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Protected Furbearers: Protected furbearers that maybe harvested during open season include raccoon, badger, weasel, fox, ringtail, bobcat, beaver, muskrat and nutria. A Trapper License is required for: all residents 12 years of age and older; all nonresidents who trap protected furbearers; and all nonresidents who trap and possess unprotected furbearers (coyotes or skunks). Residents ages 12–17 may purchase a Junior Trapper License. Protected furbearers include raccoon, badger, weasel, fox, ringtail, bobcat, beaver, muskrat and nutria.

Protected Species: Protected species include all big game, turkey, squirrels and game birds. A hunter must have a Game-hunting or Game-hunting & Fishing License. If hunting big game, hunters must have a specific big-game species license. Hunters also may need a Turkey or Bear Draw Permit. **Hunters must have in possession all appropriate licenses and/or permits in the field while hunting any of these species.**

Public Lands: Descriptions of federal and state public lands are listed on pages 31–37.

Quality (Q) Hunt: These hunts are designed to increase opportunities for a successful harvest, achieve harvests from wider selections of mature deer or elk, and/or provide a pleasurable experience based on timing of the hunt and hunter density. Quality hunts are determined by the New Mexico State Game Commission.

Restricted Muzzleloader (for specific deer hunts): Any muzzleloading rifle, including a smoothbore flintlock or musket, using open sights in which the charge and projectile are loaded via the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder, inline ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, multiple projectiles and scopes are illegal.

Senior Hunting Licenses: Reduced-fee deer, elk and Game-hunting and Fishing licenses are available to New Mexico resident hunters 65 years of age and older.

Small-game: Includes upland game and migratory game birds.

Spike Bull Elk: A spike bull elk is a male elk with antlers having a single beam without branches. **A spike elk may be legally harvested only with an either sex license.**

Standard (S) Hunt: Deer or elk hunts which are charged a regular license fee rather than a Quality or High-Demand fee.

State Trust Land: Lands administered by the Commissioner of Public Lands and granted to the State of New Mexico from the Federal Government for the economic support of public institutions such as public schools and universities.

Wildlife Management Area (WMA): Properties owned or managed by and under the control of the State Game Commission.

Upland Game: Species include dusky (blue) grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, quail (bobwhite, Gambel's, Montezuma, and scaled), pheasant and squirrel (Abert's, red, gray and fox).

U. S. Military (N.M. Resident): Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, or their Reserve Components, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and commissioned members of the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Veteran (N.M. Resident) New Mexico resident veteran with a minimum of 90 days active duty service in the U.S. Military, or six continuous years in the National Guard, Military Reserve Component, or U.S. Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Veterans must have been honorably discharged from military service.

Youth-only Hunt: To be eligible for a Youth-only Hunt, each applicant must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt.

Off-Highway Vehicles

Registration and information: **www.B4uRide.com**



Know the Laws, Operate Safely and Enjoy!

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

All youth operators and passengers younger than 18 years of age must wear a DOT approved helmet and goggles or safety glasses. Whether young or old, it's every rider's responsibility to know and observe the laws. Before riding on public land, visit **www.B4uRide.com**.

New Mexico OHV Code of Ethics

- Learn about the area in which you will ride. Contact public-land managers or owners of private property to understand area restrictions and receive permission before you ride. Get maps of the area(s) and stay on trails and/or areas designated for OHV use.
- Be courteous on the trail. Allow right-of-way to hikers and horseback riders, and when encountering horses—pull off of the trail on the low side, stop your engine, remove your helmet, and speak to the rider. Wait until all horses have passed and moved beyond 50 feet before restarting your engine.
- Minimize your impact on other hunters and anglers using the trail. Respect seasonal closures and avoid operating at peak-hunting hours. If retrieving game with an OHV, do it at midday to minimize disturbance to others. Cross streams where designated and at a 90-degree angle wherever possible.
- Leave gates and fences as you found them, and remember it's unlawful to travel or hunt on private property without the owner's permission.
- Leave areas cleaner than found. A plastic trash bag and bungee cords can be helpful tools to keep land clean.
- Obey trail markers and closure signs. If it's posted closed, stay out!
- Keep your OHV quiet. Excessive sound stresses wildlife and annoys property owners and other recreational users. It also contributes to your own riding fatigue. Less sound allows you to ride more comfortably and others to enjoy their outdoor experience.
- Approach livestock or wildlife on the trail slowly. Sometimes range cattle will pass the afternoon under shade trees along the trail. If you startle them, they may run directly into your path. Give them time to react and as wide a berth as possible, and remember, it is unlawful to pursue or harass livestock.
- Never mix riding with alcohol or drugs. It's not only illegal, it's dangerous.
- Familiarize yourself with all of New Mexico's laws and requirements for OHV use by visiting: **www.B4uRide.com** or telephoning: **(505) 222-4727**.

Make a Difference . . .

Become a Wildlife Conservation Volunteer!

Volunteers play an important role to help the department provide programs and services across the state. From wildlife conservation and hunter education to off-road vehicle safety and habitat restoration, volunteers share their time and talent to help the department provide programs and support initiatives that otherwise might not be possible. Plus, the time volunteers contribute is matched in-kind with federal assistance dollars that further our wildlife conservation and education efforts for the citizens of New Mexico.

If you enjoy New Mexico's great outdoors, value and support wildlife conservation and have a passion for outdoor sports and activities, consider giving back to your community by becoming a Wildlife Conservation Volunteer.

For information about the variety of volunteer opportunities available, visit us online.

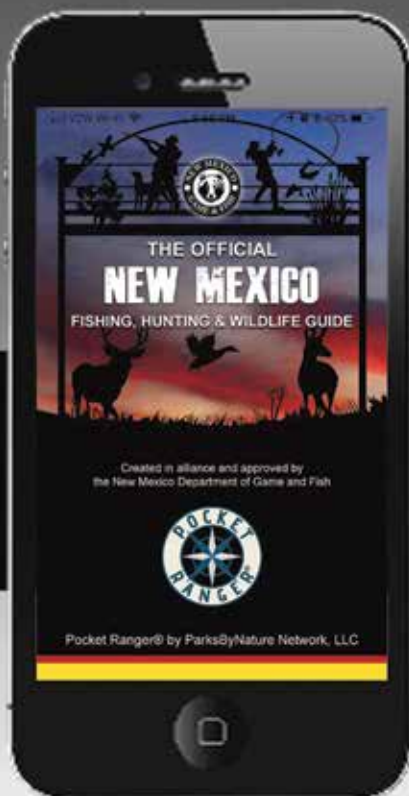


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Carcass and Antler Tags Required

See pages 2, 20 and 21 for details.

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Valid only for an antlered or horned animal.

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Keep this tag!
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Antlerless / Female Game, Turkey, Bear and Cougar: Leave the animal (see illustration) prior to moving animal or bird from the kill site. **Turkeys** attach carcass tag on leg above the spur. **BEAR / COUGAR:** Carcass tag may be wrapped around a hind leg above the foot if skinned. Tags must remain attached until the animal arrives at a taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final storage (e.g. your home), or if required, is inspected, documented or pelt tagged by a Game and Fish official. **Carcass tag** authorizes possession of the game animal for one (1) year from date of kill. **KEEP IT!**

Tag must be attached to game before leaving kill site.

Left to right: Turkey tag, antler tag and carcass tag.

