



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

2023–2024 NEW MEXICO HUNTING

RULES & INFO

Rules and Information for Big Game and Turkey

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Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations



A Message from the Director

Hunting is a time-honored tradition in New Mexico that has brought our friends and families together to enjoy the great outdoors for generations. Thoughts of hunt camp bring memories of great times to our minds. Slow walks in the woods connect us on a deeper level with the diverse landscapes of this place we call home. In the end, we all hope for the chance to put a healthy, delicious meal on the table to share the experience and memories of our hunt with those closest to us.

But there are many other benefits that come from this annual tradition. By purchasing a hunting or fishing license, you're helping to ensure the future of outdoor recreation in the Land of Enchantment for years to come. Funds from license purchases, as well as from the sale of related stamps, allow the department to take on projects such as big game surveys, wildlife management area enhancement and maintenance, hatchery operations and fish stocking, and the conservation of species of greatest conservation need as listed in the State Wildlife Action Plan, to name a few. Education programs, habitat enhancement projects and conservation and law enforcement efforts also wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the sportsmen and sportswomen of New Mexico.

Nearly one-quarter of the department's funding to support wildlife conservation comes from the Game Protection Fund supported by your license purchase. Your purchase of validations like the Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV) and habitat stamp provide additional funding for special conservation projects. The remaining conservation efforts are largely supported by your purchase of firearms, ammunition and fishing equipment through the Wildlife Restoration Program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Your contributions allow the department to invest in conservation efforts that ensure the future of wildlife, hunting and outdoor recreation in New Mexico.

Thank you for your support of wildlife conservation and the department's efforts to preserve both game and non-game species and their habitats for generations to come. It is because of you that we are able to do what we do.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first few letters being large and prominent, followed by a series of loops and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Michael B. Sloane, Director — New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

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This booklet is only a summary of the laws and rules for hunting in New Mexico. For a complete list of the laws and rules that govern hunting, fishing, trapping and other outdoor activities, view the appropriate statutes in Chapter 17, Chapter 30 and Chapter 66 NMSA 1978 and rules in 19.30.1 through 19.36.3 NMAC.



Our Mission

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

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P.O. Box 1145, Raton, NM 87740

Southeast Office: 1615 West College Boulevard, **575-624-6135**
Roswell, NM 88201

Conservation Officer Contact Information

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement/law-enforcement-contact-information/>

Online Licenses, 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. **505-222-4728**

Operation Game Thief (OGT). **1-800-432-4263**

24-hour Depredation Hotline **1-888-727-4883**

TDD (number for hearing impaired). **505-476-8143**

What's New

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Open Sights ONLY for Muzzleloaders

Only iron sights are allowed on muzzle-loading rifles when used during a muzzleloader hunt (Hunt Codes: XXX-3-XXX). Scopes, red dots and all other optical sights are prohibited.

Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt for Gould's Turkey

A new, once-in-a-lifetime hunt has been established in GMUs 26 and 27. See page 105.

Once-in-a-Youth Hunts for Oryx and Ibex

Youth-only hunts on WSMR for oryx and the Florida Mountains Hunt Area for ibex are now once-in-a-youth hunts.

Youth Encouragement Elk Hunts

Seniors are no longer eligible for encouragement hunts, see details on page 81.

New Bighorn Sheep Hatchet Mountains Hunt Areas

The Hatchet Mountains hunt area for desert bighorn ram hunts has been divided into two hunt areas. See page 93.

Additional Access to Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

Additional WMAs and other properties are now open for hunting. See individual species sections for details.

Over-the-Counter Barbary Sheep

Additional areas are now open for BBY-1-300. See page 97.

Resident Veteran Oryx Hunt on White Sands Missile Range

All resident veterans are now eligible for a new, once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunt on White Sands Missile Range.

Female/Immature Definitions for Ibex and Barbary Sheep

A F-IM ibex must have horns less than 20 inches, and a F-IM Barbary sheep must have horns less than 18 inches long.

Population Management Option for Javelina and Barbary Sheep

There is now a 5th choice option on the javelina and Barbary sheep draw application.

Turkeys on a Roost

It is no longer legal to shoot a turkey on a roost.

Off-Range Oryx Hunt for Seniors 70 and Older

An off-range oryx hunt has been established for resident and nonresident seniors 70 and older.

Important Reminders

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Mandatory Harvest Reporting

All Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn, turkey and trapper license holders must submit a harvest report, whether they hunted or not. Deadlines for species are listed on page 6. Harvest reports may be submitted online, by telephone or in person at NMDGF offices. Remember to keep your confirmation number!

Electronic Tag (E-Tag) Option for Big Game and Turkey

Hunters may choose the E-Tag option when purchasing or applying for any big-game or turkey hunt. You will not receive a carcass tag if you choose this option. Hunters who choose the E-Tag option are required to download the NM E-Tag app on their smartphone, and **must be able to show the license on their phone while in the field**. A printed license and/or carcass tag are not required, but the animal must still be physically tagged. See pages 8–9 for details.

License/Tag Combo Available Online or by Phone

Hunters who choose to receive a physical carcass tag may not need to carry a separate license. If the license is applied for or purchased online or by telephone, the top section of the carcass tag will serve as a valid license. Hunters must carry the license/carcass tag with them in the field while hunting (details, page 9). If you do not purchase the habitat stamp through the draw, or prior to May 15, 2023, a printed copy may be required. The combined license/tag is not available for license purchases and/or duplicate tags at over-the-counter (OTC) license vendors.

Habitat Stamp

The habitat stamp must be purchased prior to hunting or fishing on BLM and Forest Service lands. To be included in a combined draw license/tag, the habitat stamp must be purchased before May 15, 2023. The habitat stamp must be carried while in the field.

Draw Carcass Tags will be Mailed

Successful draw applicants who did not choose the E-Tag option will receive the license/tag(s) via U.S. Postal Service in late-May or early-June.

Buy a 2023 Game Hunting License through Draw Application

Draw applicants purchasing 2023 game-hunting licenses to apply for draw hunts must click “Draw Hunt Applications” in the main menu and purchase the license as part of the application process. Do not click “License Sales.”

Early Purchase Available for 2023–24 Licenses

Licenses for the 2023–24 license year beginning April 1 will be available online, by telephone, and at license vendors and NMDGF offices beginning March 27.

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Duplicate License Fee

A \$6 duplicate license fee will be charged for all duplicate tags/licenses in accordance with New Mexico state law. This fee will be charged only when a duplicate tag is obtained requiring reprinting the license with a new tag number. Big-game and turkey hunters are advised not to purchase their licenses online if they plan to obtain the tag(s) at a license vendor.

Over the Counter (OTC) Licenses for Some Species Available July 1

OTC licenses for javelina, fall turkey, private-land deer, private-land pronghorn, private-land Barbary sheep, secondary management zone private-land elk, and federal duck stamps will be available beginning July 1.

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 13–17 from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. and March 20–21 from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. The Information Center will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 22.

Requirements for Military Documentation

Proof of service for all military-only hunts and veteran oryx hunts must be received by NMDGF prior to application.

Draw Refunds

Draw license fee refunds for unsuccessful applicants will be processed shortly after draw results are released in April. Applications paid by credit card will be refunded directly to the credit card used for the transaction within 10 business days. Applications paid by cash will be refunded by check by the end of May. Game-hunting license and stamp purchases will not be refunded.

Bear and Turkey Draw Permits

Bear and turkey draw permits must be validated by purchasing an OTC bear or turkey license.

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 20).

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50% Discount for Resident Military and Veterans

New Mexico residents who are active-duty military or honorably discharged veterans are eligible for a 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps. Proof of service may be requested to verify eligibility. See page 16 and *Glossary*, pages 122–127 for eligibility requirements and details.

Hunting Maps

A variety of maps, including big game management units, bighorn sheep and turkey ranges, the Silver City management area, elk private lands, pronghorn private lands, state lands, and unitization maps are available online:

www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/

Contact Land Management Agencies Before Hunting

Prescribed burns, wildfires, closures and other activities that could affect hunting may occur on public lands or be conducted by land management agencies during hunting seasons. NMDGF recommends contacting the appropriate management agency prior to your hunt for information on activities that may affect access or animal behavior in your hunting area. Visit: nmfireinfo.com. For agency contact information, please see pages 38–42.

Mexican Gray Wolf: Encounters and Identification

Know where wolf encounters may occur and how to distinguish the Mexican gray wolf from coyotes (pages 117 and 118).

Legal Shooting Hours

Legal shooting hours for big game and turkey are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, unless otherwise noted.

Marked Game Animals

It is legal to harvest a game animal with a radiocollar, eartag or other human-placed identifying mark. Please contact NMDGF at 505-476-8038 to return radiocollars, as they store data and can be used on another animal.

Important Dates

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Important Dates to Remember for All Game

- Feb. 15** Deadline to apply for bear and turkey draw permits. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).
- Feb. 15** Deadline to submit 2022–23 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey license holders. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. Late fees apply after this date.
- Feb. 22** Results for bear and turkey draw permits are available online, by telephone and at NMDGF offices. Permits will be available in the E-Tag app and can be printed on standard paper after the appropriate license(s) are purchased.
- Mar. 22** Deadline to apply for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn, oryx, and private-land only deer licenses in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).
- Mar. 22** Deadline to submit late 2022–23 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey. All 2022–23 license holders must report to be eligible for 2023–24 draw licenses. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** An \$8 late fee applies after Feb. 15, 2023. Remember to keep your confirmation number.
- Mar. 27** 2023–24 over-the-counter (OTC) license types, including game-hunting licenses and game-hunting and fishing licenses, are available online, by telephone, at NMDGF offices and at license vendors.
- April 1** 2023–24 license year begins. All 2022–23 licenses are no longer valid.
- April 7** Deadline to submit 2022–23 harvest reports for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders to be eligible for big-game licenses. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** An \$8 late fee applies after April 7, 2023. Remember to keep your confirmation number.
- April 26** Big-game draw results are available online, by telephone or at NMDGF offices.

License - Tag Combo

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

Carry a Single Document in the Field

Purchase the license-tag combo online, by telephone or in person at NMDGF offices. Please note: a separate license and tag must be carried if purchased in person at NMDGF-authorized license vendors. See page 9 for details.

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License 2023-24 04/01/2023 - 03/31/2024

Name: Buck Hunter
 Address: 123 Main Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505
 CIN: 05051970-HNT
 HE: _____
 Drivers: _____

Resident: Y
 Height: 5'11"
 Signature: _____

Military: N
 Weight: 187

SSN: 1234
 Hair Color: BRN

Hunt Description: Unit 2A

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NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND WILDLIFE

First Name
 Buck

Last Name
 Hunter

ANTLER

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND WILDLIFE

Buck Hunter
 123 Main Street
 Santa Fe, NM 87505

Keep this tag! Game storage authorized for one

License Requirements

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License, Stamp and Validation Requirements

You must have all of the following while in the field:

1. All hunters must possess a valid license, and permit if applicable, for the species and hunt type in which they will participate, and must be able to produce the license upon request by a conservation officer.
2. All big-game and turkey hunters must possess a game-hunting license.
3. All big-game and turkey hunters must possess a carcass tag for each species hunted, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. If E-Tag is chosen, hunters must be able to show their license on their smartphone.
4. All hunters and anglers on any Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands must possess a habitat stamp. See exceptions on page 10.
5. All hunters, trappers and anglers 18 years and older must possess a Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAC) on public and/or private lands. (See exceptions pages 9-10).
6. All hunters 17 years of age and younger must possess a hunter education or mentor-youth number.
7. All hunters on private lands must possess written permission from the landowner. (See definition and exceptions on page 26).

Hunter Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each hunter to know and comply with all applicable license, stamp, permit and/or tag requirements.

Purchasing Licenses, Stamps and Validations

Each individual purchasing a license or applying for a draw hunt must have a NMDGF account with a customer identification number (CIN). Accounts can be accessed and created online: <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us> or by telephone at **1-888-248-6866**. DO NOT create a duplicate account. Licenses, tags, stamps and validations are available online, by telephone, and in person at NMDGF offices and local vendors. Information and requirements for the habitat stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAC) are described on pages 9–10. **Please note**, before March 27, game-hunting licenses and stamps for the 2023–24 season can be purchased through the draw application process. Restrictions may apply for online big-game license purchases. Licenses and permits can be printed on standard paper in the customer's account if the physical tag is chosen, but all big-game and turkey hunters must also obtain a carcass tag(s) from NMDGF or a license vendor prior to hunting, unless the E-Tag option was chosen. **Draw permits for bear and turkey may not be printed until an OTC bear or turkey license is purchased.**

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

E-Tag Option for Big Game and Turkey

Hunters may choose the E-Tag option rather than receive and carry a physical license/carcass tag. Hunters must choose the E-Tag option or receive a physical tag when purchasing or applying for their license(s). **Hunters MUST be able to show their license on their phone. After any physical tag has been issued by NMDGF, the E-Tag option may not be used.**

How to E-Tag

Prior to hunting, hunters must download the NM E-Tag app to their mobile phone, login while in service, and remain logged in while hunting. Upon harvesting an animal, the hunter must immediately click the Tag My Animal link in the app. The hunter will receive their E-Tag number with the CIN and the date of kill, which must be handwritten on a durable material (e.g. duct tape or flagging ribbon) in permanent ink and attached to the animal (see *Tagging Instructions*, pages 29–30). **The app will work even while out of service as long as the license is verified prior to leaving cell service. Hunters choosing to E-Tag must still submit a harvest report.**

License/Carcass Tag Combo

A license/carcass tag combination will be issued when big-game or turkey licenses are purchased online, by phone and in person at NMDGF offices. This single document is the only one a hunter needs to carry in the field, provided that the habitat stamp (if applicable) has been purchased prior to May 15, 2023.

Obtaining License/Tag Combo

- A license/tag and permit are available immediately if purchased at an NMDGF office.
- A license/tag will be mailed to all successful big-game draw applicants, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.
- Telephone or online purchases for javelina and private-land Barbary sheep, deer, elk, oryx and pronghorn licenses must be made at least 14 days prior to the start of the hunt to allow time to mail the license/carcass tag. The license/tag will be mailed to the address provided by the customer for each species.
- Customers may obtain a \$6 duplicate license/tag combination in person at NMDGF offices only. If a duplicate tag is obtained, the original tag number will be invalidated. It is unlawful to use an invalidated license/tag.
- See pages 29–30 for more information and instructions for tagging.

Purchases at OTC License Vendors

The license/tag combination will not be available for big-game or turkey licenses and duplicate tags purchased at OTC license vendors. Both a tag and a printed license will be required.

Required Stamps

Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV)

A habitat management and access validation (HMAV) must be purchased and possessed by all hunters, trappers or anglers, except individuals 17 years of age and younger, resident anglers 70 years and older (free fishing license) and 100% disabled

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veteran card holders. Only one HMAV each license year is required. Fees are 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. The HMAV will automatically be added to the shopping cart with your first purchase of a hunting, fishing or trapping license if required.

Habitat Stamp

Hunters and anglers must purchase and possess a current habitat stamp for U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in New Mexico, except 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, or on private property. The stamp is not required in Unit 28, a predominately BLM property under military withdrawal. Funds from the sale of habitat stamps are used to improve wildlife habitat. All hunters, trappers and anglers are encouraged to purchase a habitat stamp.

New Mexico Residency Requirements

To qualify for New Mexico resident license(s), one of the criteria below must be met:

1. A United States citizen who has resided in N.M. for a period of not less than 90 days immediately preceding the date of application (or purchase) for the license, has been domiciled in N.M., and has not claimed residency elsewhere for any purpose. **Temporary or seasonal residents and homeowners**, who maintain a primary residence outside of N.M., **do not qualify** for resident licenses.
2. A citizen of another country who is legally in the United States and has lived in N.M. for at least 90 days immediately preceding his/her license application (or purchase).
3. A student, not otherwise entitled to claim residence, who is attending any educational institution in N.M., has attended and actually has lived in the state for at least one full semester immediately preceding the application (or purchase) for a license. Students must present a certificate or letter verifying their enrollment and attendance from the proper authorities of the educational institution.
4. A member of the U.S. military, not otherwise entitled to claim residence, who is permanently assigned to a military installation located within N.M. and who presents with his/her application a certificate or letter that verifies the military assignment and is signed by the commanding officer. The spouse or dependent of such person, living within the same household and similarly certified by the person's commanding officer may also purchase resident licenses.
5. A member of the U.S. military who is officially stationed at Fort Bliss and who presents a certificate or letter to NMDGF that verifies the military assignment and is signed by the commanding officer, prior to application. **This applies only for draw-hunt licenses on Fort Bliss. Fort Bliss personnel must pay nonresident license fees for all other hunts.** The 50% resident military and veteran discount does not apply.

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.

OTC License Fees

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

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Fees

See page 67 for private-land elk license fees.

Vendors, for instructions and forms, please visit

<https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/home/contact/license-vendors/>

License Type	Resident	Nonresident
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 Only Deer License – Standard	\$34	\$270
Private-land Only Deer License – Quality	\$34	\$355
Private-land Only Deer License – Junior/Senior	\$22	Not Issued
Private-land Only Pronghorn License	\$53	\$270
Turkey License (Spring or Fall Season)	\$25	\$100
Bear License	\$47	\$260
Cougar License	\$43	\$290
Private-land Only Oryx License	\$153	\$1,610
Private-land Only Barbary Sheep License	\$103	\$360
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.		
Nongame Hunting License	Not Issued	\$65
(page 32, 125).		
Habitat Stamp*	\$10	\$10
* Mandatory for hunting or angling on all Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management properties. For age requirements and exceptions, see pages 9-10.		
Habitat Management and 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 9.		
Duplicate license/tag	\$6	\$6

One dollar (\$1) vendor fee will apply for all purchases.

¹ Valid for small game. ² Valid for small game and fishing. ³ 50% N.M. resident military/veteran discount does not apply.

Before March 27, game hunting licenses, game hunting & fishing licenses and stamps for the 2023–2024 season are unavailable through license sales and must be purchased through the draw application process.

Draw License Fees

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

	Resident	Nonresident
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 124, 126)		
A	\$60	Not Issued
MB	\$90	\$773
ES	\$90	\$773
Junior/Senior Elk License (See page 14 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 License		
	\$60	\$283
Javelina License		
	\$65	\$178
Bighorn Sheep License		
Ram	\$160	\$3,173
Ewe	\$85	\$3,173
Oryx License		
	\$160	\$1,623
Ibex License		
	\$110	\$1,623
Barbary Sheep License		
	\$110	\$373
Bear Permit (application fee only ¹)		
	\$7	\$13
Turkey Permit (application fee only ¹)		
	\$7	\$13

¹ Successful applicants must purchase a 2023–24 game-hunting license or a game-hunting & fishing license, plus the applicable over-the-counter license and stamp(s) beginning March 27. Carcass tag required, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

Draw Hunt Licenses

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Application Requirements

When applying for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn, hunters must purchase a nonrefundable 2023–24 game-hunting license or game-hunting & fishing license and HMAV if applicable. Game-hunting licenses are available online or by telephone through the draw application process. Before March 27, game-hunting licenses and stamps for the 2023–2024 season may be purchased only through the draw application process. Successful applicants for draw licenses will be mailed a combination license/tag, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

Application and full license fees for each species are charged at the time the application is submitted. Unsuccessful draw applicants will be refunded the draw license fee, but not the application fee.

To apply for bear and turkey draw permits, 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 27. Permits will not be available until the appropriate license(s) are purchased.

How the Draw Hunt System Works

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 previously unsuccessful applicants. If a fourth-choice hunt is entered for deer or elk, the applicant may be awarded any hunt for the same sporting arm that 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 for all big-game and turkey licenses and permits:

- A minimum of 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. See page 33.
- 6% of draw licenses are awarded to nonresidents applying without a New Mexico registered outfitter.
- 100% of draw licenses for antlerless elk and hunts held exclusively on Wildlife Management Areas are awarded to New Mexico residents.
- Population management hunts are not subject to quota.

Nonresident and Outfitted Applicants Please Note: It is extremely unlikely for an outfitted applicant to draw a hunt code with six or fewer licenses or for a nonresident to draw a hunt code with twelve or fewer licenses. Residents planning to apply with one or more nonresidents should also be aware of this when applying.

Junior, Senior & Disabled

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

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Resident Juniors

Reduced-fee licenses for resident junior game hunting and fishing, junior deer, junior elk and junior game hunting (resident and nonresident) are available to individuals 17 years of age and younger at the time of purchase, on or after April 1, 2023. Resident junior licenses for hunting deer and/or elk on private land may be purchased at license vendors, NMDGF offices, by telephone or online.

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 mentor-youth number (pages 18–19). The mentor-youth number is valid only for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small-game hunts.

Off-Range Oryx Hunt for Seniors 70 Years and Older

To qualify for the off-range oryx for seniors hunt, applicants must be 70 years of age or older on the opening day of the hunt.

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Resident Seniors

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, on or before April 1, 2023. Senior licenses for hunting deer and/or elk on private land can be purchased at NMDGF offices and license vendors, by telephone or online.

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Handicapped Residents

A reduced-fee game-hunting & fishing license is available to New Mexico residents with a permanent disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Applicants must attest that they have one or more disabilities that substantially limit major life activities.

Resident handicapped license holders must purchase and possess a habitat stamp and HMAV (pages 9–10) as applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed.

Mobility-Impaired Certification (MI)

MI certification by NMDGF is required prior to submitting an application for MI-only pronghorn, oryx, elk or deer draw hunts. To qualify for MI certification, an individual must have a permanent impairment that limits his/her mobility to a walker, wheelchair or crutches and/or have one or more permanent disabilities or conditions that substantially limit his/her ability to walk. 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 is valid for 48 months from the date approved/issued by NMDGF. The MI card holder must purchase and possess a habitat stamp and HMAV (pages 9–10) if applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed.

For further information call: **1-888-248-6866** or email: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov**

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

Mobility-Impaired (MI) Hunters

A mobility-impaired card allows a hunter to: 1) shoot from a stationary motor-driven vehicle only when it has been parked completely off of the established road surface and there is no right-of-way fence; 2) have one assistant to help track and kill big game that has been clearly wounded by the MI hunter. **The assistant must have written authorization from the MI hunter and must use the same sporting-arm type as the MI hunter;** 3) use a crossbow during a bow hunt.

Reasonable Accommodation Permits

Hunters with injuries or conditions that don't qualify for the Mobility Impaired certification may request specific disability accommodations on a case-by-case basis. For more information, call **1-888-248-6866**.

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, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507 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 One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507 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.

Military & Veterans

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

Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities

NMDGF acknowledges the contribution and sacrifice of active military and 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.

50% Discount for Resident Active Military and Veterans

A 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps is available to New Mexico residents who are active duty military or honorably discharged 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 122) or honorably discharged veteran status (page 127) upon request. **Discount does not apply to:** application fees, license vendor fees, administrative fees, duplicate license fees, the federal duck stamp, or the resident disabled veteran game-hunting & fishing license.

Proof of Active Military Status Required Prior to Application for All Military-only Draw Hunts

Each license year, applicants must provide proof of full-time, active-duty status.

Veterans and reservists are not eligible for military-only hunts. Orders or other documentation (excluding military ID cards) of current active-duty service must be received by NMDGF prior to application. Proof may be submitted by email:

special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov fax: **505-476-8180** or U.S. Mail: **NMDGF Special Hunts, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507.**

100% Disabled Resident Veterans

New Mexico residents who are 100% disabled as a result of having served in the U.S. military 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 the draw for deer, or if the cardholder obtains 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. A habitat stamp, if applicable, is 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 U.S. military, 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 HMAV and a habitat stamp if applicable (pages 9–10) are required.

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

Oryx Hunts for Resident Veterans

New Mexico resident veterans are eligible to apply for once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunt, available by drawing each license year. New Mexico resident fees apply. Applicants must submit their DD-214 prior to application each year, unless their resident veteran status has already been verified by NMDGF, or they are registered as a 100% Disabled Veteran. Copies may be submitted by email: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** fax: **505-476-8180** or U.S. Mail: **NMDGF Special Hunts, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507.**

Fort Bliss Opportunities

Active-duty military personnel stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas are eligible for resident fees on draw hunts that occur on Fort Bliss Military Reservation in New Mexico. Each year, prior to application, proof of assignment must be submitted by email: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** by fax: **505-476-8180** or received by mail.

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 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 Veterans 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.

Special Oryx and Pronghorn Drawings for Injured Service Members

Injured active-duty and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces may qualify for special drawings for oryx on White Sands Missile Range and/or pronghorn on Melrose Airforce Base. License(s) must be purchased by successful applicants, but there is no fee to apply. For eligibility and application information, please call **888-248-6866** after June 1, 2023.

Hunter Education

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

Hunter Education Program

Before purchasing a game-hunting license, all hunters 17 years of age and younger must obtain a hunter education number issued by New Mexico or another state or possess a New Mexico mentor-youth number. The hunter education number is valid for hunting all game species. The mentor-youth number is valid only for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small-game hunting (page 19).

Online Hunter Education Course: Hunters 10 years or older can obtain a New Mexico hunter education number by completing an online hunter education course. Online course options can be found at: **www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/**. A service fee may apply.

Instructor-Led Hunter Education Courses: New Mexico hunter education numbers can also be obtained by completing a NMDGF instructor-led hunter education course. NMDGF offers two types of in-person courses, a traditional course for students of all ages or a field-day course for students 10 years of age and over. Please note that students 10 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult to attend an in-person course. Before the first class session for all instructor-led courses, students are required to complete a homework assignment. Homework may be completed online through a downloadable PDF file or a hardcopy manual. Hardcopy 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 New Mexico 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 types, dates, locations, and requirements, as well as course content and homework, visit NMDGF at: **www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education**.

Registration for Hunter and/or Bowhunter Education Courses

All students wishing to register for a hunter and/or bowhunter education course must have their own NMDGF account with a customer identification number (CIN). If you require assistance obtaining class information or a hunter education number please contact the New Mexico Hunter Education Program: **505-222-4731** or **dgf-he@dgf.nm.gov**. Bowhunter education is not mandatory for bowhunters in New Mexico, but is highly recommended.

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: **wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/hunter-education-instructor/**.

Fort Bliss

All hunters, regardless of age, on Fort Bliss – including all of Unit 28 and portions of Unit 19 and Unit 34 – are required to have proof of passing a state-certified hunter education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible.

Mentor-Youth Hunter

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Mentor-Youth Hunter Program

First-time hunters 8–17 years of age who do not have a hunter education number may pass an online quiz and receive a mentor-youth number. This number enables a youth to hunt under the supervision of an adult mentor, and allows purchase of a game-hunting or game-hunting & fishing license. Mentor-youth hunters 8–9 years of age may hunt small game only. Mentor-youth hunters 10–17 years of age may apply for or purchase hunting licenses for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina, and small game.

Youth participation in this program is a one-time opportunity and good for two consecutive license years, beginning when a game-hunting license is initially purchased. When the mentor-youth hunter has completed the program and successfully passed a hunter education course, he or she can hunt any legal species independently with no age restriction.

Mentors must: be either a parent, guardian or an adult with parental consent; be 18 years of age or older; possess a valid game hunting license; and possess an NMDGF-issued mentor certification number or an NMDGF-approved hunter education certification number. Courses are available on the NMDGF's website. The mentor-youth hunter and mentor must be in unaided sight and audible distance from one another at all times while hunting.

For more information about the mentor-youth hunter program visit:

www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/mentored-youth-hunter
or call: 505-222-4731.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play an important role helping NMDGF provide programs and services across the state. From hunter and angler education to off-road vehicle safety and wildlife conservation, volunteers share time and talent to support initiatives that otherwise would not be possible.

If you enjoy hunting, angling and New Mexico's great outdoors, consider giving back to your community by becoming a volunteer with the NMDGF. For information about the variety of volunteer opportunities available, call: 505 222-4704.



Hunter-education videos are available on the NMDGF's YouTube channel at:

www.youtube.com/user/NMGameandFish/videos

Transfers & Donations

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

License Refunds and Transfers

New Mexico hunting licenses are nonrefundable and nontransferable. The director of NMDGF may grant a refund or transfer a hunting license 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 hunt is cancelled due to a natural disaster. Refund or transfer requests must be submitted in writing to the NMDGF Santa Fe office or special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov prior to the hunt start date. Transfer requests received within three days of the hunt start date might not be processed. For further information call **1-888-248-6866**. If a license transfer is not completed at least 14 days prior to hunt start date, the recipient may be required to obtain a license and tag at a license vendor or NMDGF office, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. Written requests may not be withdrawn once received.

Donation of a Hunting License

If ineligible for refund or transfer, a hunting license may be donated to NMDGF to provide an opportunity for 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.

License donation request forms are available online at <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/hunting-license-donations/>. Please submit your form to the NMDGF Santa Fe office or special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov. For additional information call **1-888-248-6866**. If transfer of a donated license is not completed at least 14 days prior to the hunt start date, the recipient may be required to obtain a license and tag at a license vendor or NMDGF office unless E-Tag option is chosen. Written requests may not be withdrawn once received. Donation requests received within three days of the hunt start date might not be processed.

Draw Licenses

A draw license may not be traded for a private-land license, returned for refund or transferred, sold or bartered, except as defined above.

General Rules

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

It is unlawful to:

- Recklessly or carelessly handle a firearm.
- Hunt while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, including marijuana.
- Litter and/or pollute streams, lakes and other waters.
- Leave a fire unattended or improperly control fire.
- Hunt protected species without a license and all applicable 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 hunter (pages 14–15).
- Kill more than one of the following: elk, pronghorn, 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 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.
- Take or attempt to take game species by the aid of baiting. An area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait. It is also unlawful to take bear by the aid of scent.
- Use live protected species as decoys to take or attempt to take game species.
- Use electronically or mechanically recorded calling devices, except as permitted, for cougars, bears, javelina 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.
- Shoot at protected species or artificial wildlife from a motor vehicle.
- Shoot at game on, from or across any paved, graded or maintained public road or within the fenced right-of-way of any paved, graded or maintained public road.
- Shoot at, pursue, harass, harrass, drive or rally any protected species by any means except while legally hunting.
- Use motor-driven vehicles on roads closed under the Habitat Protection Act or other federal regulation.
- Hunt or shoot at any animal from an aircraft or drone or fly an aircraft in any manner which causes any non-domesticated animal to move from its place of rest or change its direction of travel.
- Hunt from an aircraft, use aircraft to signal locations of protected species to hunters from or harass game species with an 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.
- 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.
- Use any cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite camera for the purpose of hunting or scouting remotely for any big game animal.

General Rules

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Vehicle Use: Driving Off-road or on a Closed Road

1. During the seasons established for any protected species, it is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road on **public land** or on a closed road on public land when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.
2. During the seasons established for any protected species, it is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road on **private land**, without written permission from the landowner, when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.
3. It is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is being driven off an established road or on a closed road when gathering or searching for shed antlers on public land.
4. EXCEPTION: Snowmobiles may be driven off established roads, and lawfully taken game may be retrieved in areas not closed to vehicular traffic.
5. Public land as used in this section shall mean any federally owned or managed property, any state-owned or managed property, any private property which is part of a unitization hunting agreement, ranch-wide agreement or unit-wide agreement for the species being hunted, any private property NMDGF has paid for public access for the species being hunted or any New Mexico State Game Commission owned or managed property.

Established Road Means:

1. A road, built or maintained by equipment, 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 two-track road which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching 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.

Harassment of Legal Hunters, Anglers and Trappers

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

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 person 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.

If you witness any violation, please document the vehicle description, license plate number or aircraft tail number and contact Operation Game Thief: **1-800-432-4263**.

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

Waste of Game

Anyone who takes a Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx, pronghorn or turkey must transport the edible portions for human consumption from the field. 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 on private land. Call **1-800-432-4263** for assistance recovering a wounded animal that enters private land.

Anyone who takes or kills a Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx, pronghorn or turkey outside of the legal season or without a valid license, which taking or killing results in waste of the animal, is guilty of a 4th-degree felony. Waste of the animal consists of removing from the animal only the head, antlers or horns or abandoning any of the four quarters, backstraps or tenderloins of the carcass. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph is intended to be separate from and cumulative to any other violation of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978.

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 (IWVC) and may recognize the suspension or revocation of license privileges of any person listed as a wildlife violator by another participating state. New Mexico will notify IWVC of all revocations, and other states may reciprocate New Mexico's revocations. Contact NMDGF Field Operations for specific information at: **505-476-8065**.

Federal Law

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

General Rules

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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. Hunting and fishing privileges are suspended until court-ordered child support payments are up-to-date and a \$25 reinstatement fee has been paid. For more information, please contact NMDGF Field Operations: **505-476-8065**.

Forfeitures

Sporting arms may be seized and forfeited if used in the following crimes: possession or transportation of big game during closed season, killing big game during closed season, spotlighting or hunting with the aid of artificial light or exceeding the bag limit on any big game species during open season. Any motor vehicle may be seized and forfeited if used while spotlighting or hunting with the aid of artificial light.

All shed antlers collected in violation of any New Mexico State Game Commission, state or federal land closure, in violation of section 30–14–1 NMSA 1978 or in violation of any of the provisions of Chapter 17 or state game commission rule remain property of the State of New Mexico and shall be seized.

Criminal Penalties

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.

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

* Higher dollar amounts may be sought in certain cases.

Firearm Eligibility

Any convicted felon according to New Mexico law shall be restricted to the use of archery equipment only. Per New Mexico statute 30–7–16 NMSA 1978, firearm includes any handgun, rifle, muzzleloader or shotgun.

Criminal Trespass

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

Criminal Trespass 30–14–1 NMSA 1978

- A. Criminal trespass consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon posted private property without possessing written permission from the owner or person in control of the land. The provisions of this subsection do not apply if: 1) the owner or person in control of the land has entered into an agreement with NMDGF granting access to the land to the general public for the purpose of taking any game animals, birds or fish by hunting or fishing; or 2) a person is in possession of a landowner license given to him by the owner or person in control of the land that grants access to that particular private land for the purpose of taking any game animals, birds or fish by hunting or fishing.
- B. Criminal trespass also consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon the unposted lands of another, knowing that such consent to enter or remain is denied or withdrawn by the owner or occupant thereof. Notice of no consent to enter shall be deemed sufficient notice to the public and evidence to the courts by the posting of the property at all vehicular access entry ways.
- C. Criminal trespass also consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon lands owned, operated or controlled by the state or any of its political subdivisions, knowing that consent to enter or remain is denied or withdrawn by the custodian thereof.
- D. Any person who enters upon the lands of another without prior permission and injures, damages or destroys any part of the realty or its improvements, including buildings, structures, trees, shrubs or other natural features, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession for civil damages in an amount equal to double the value of the damage to the property injured or destroyed.
- E. Whoever commits criminal trespass is guilty of a misdemeanor. Additionally, any person who violates the provisions of Subsection A, B or C of this section, when in connection with hunting, fishing or trapping activity, shall have their hunting or fishing license revoked by the State Game Commission for a period of not less than three years, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17–3–34 NMSA 1978.
- F. Whoever knowingly removes, tampers with or destroys any "no trespass" sign is guilty of a petty misdemeanor; except when the damage to the sign amounts to more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment in the county jail for a definite term less than one year or a fine not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or to both such imprisonment and fine in the discretion of the judge.

Posting Requirements for Trespass 30–14–6 NMSA 1978

- A. The owner, lessee or person lawfully in possession of real property in New Mexico, except property owned by the state or federal government, desiring to prevent trespass or entry onto the real property shall post notices parallel to and along the exterior boundaries of the property to be posted, at each roadway or other way of access in conspicuous places, and if the property is not fenced, such notices shall be posted every 500 feet along the exterior boundaries of such land.

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Criminal Trespass

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Posting Requirements — continued.

- B. The notices posted shall prohibit all people from trespassing or entering upon the property, without permission of the owner, lessee, person in lawful possession or his/her agent. The notices shall: 1) be printed legibly in English; 2) be at least 144 square inches in size; 3) contain the name and address of the person under whose authority the property is posted or the name and address of the person who is authorized to grant permission to enter the property; 4) be placed at each roadway or apparent way of access onto the property, in addition to the posting of the boundaries; and 5) where applicable, state any specific prohibition that the posting is directed against, such as "no trespassing," "no hunting," "no fishing," "no digging" or any other specific prohibition.
- C. Any person who posts public lands contrary to state or federal law or regulation is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Hunting on Private Property without Written Permission

- A. It is unlawful to knowingly enter upon any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish without possessing written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.
- B. Any game animal, furbearer, or game bird taken in violation of this section or section 30–14–1 NMSA 1978 is unlawfully killed and shall be subject to seizure.
- C. Exception: Written permission is not required on any property which is participating in a unitization, receives compensation for allowing public access, receives unit-wide authorizations, or has agreed to a ranch-wide agreement when species being harvested is part of any of these agreements.

Written Permission shall mean a document (which may include a valid hunting, trapping or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private landowner or their designee to hunt, fish, trap or drive off road on the landowner's property. The information on the document must be verifiable and include the name of the person(s) receiving permission, activity permitted, property's location and name (if applicable), name of person granting permission, date and length of time the permission is granted, and phone number or e-mail of the person granting the permission. Licenses issued for private land which have the ranch name printed on them constitute written permission for that property and no other permission is required except for private-land elk licenses in the secondary management zone pursuant to 19.30.5 and 19.31.14 NMAC. Visit <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/hunting/maps/Written-Permission-to-Hunt-Private-Land.pdf> to download the form.

Operation Game Thief

To report violations call: **1-800-432-4263**

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 taxes or license fees, rewards include: \$750 for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep; \$500 for cases involving deer or oryx; \$350 for cases involving pronghorn; \$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 call 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

Individuals or organizations concerned about poaching and its impact on New Mexico's wildlife can send tax-deductible donations to Operation Game Thief or call: **1-800-432-4263**. Donations can be mailed to: OGT, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, **One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507**. All donations received are used solely to pay rewards and promote the program.

Rewards Offered for Reporting Off-Road Vehicle Abuse

The illegal use of off-highway vehicles (OHV) can degrade big-game habitat and negatively impact the quality of 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.



Big-Game & Turkey Rules

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

License Requirements and Fees: See page 8–13.

Understanding Hunt Codes: The hunt code printed on your license indicates the species, legal sporting arms, dates, area, fee type and bag limit for the license issued.

For example: **DER–1–101**

- **"DER"** indicates a deer hunt.
- **"1"** indicates any legal big-game sporting arm (2 = bow only; 3 = muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only).
- **"101"** indicates an individual hunt for specific dates, area, fee type and bag limit.

This example (DER–1–101) found on page 49 is a deer hunt for any big-game sporting arm, standard fee, valid in GMU 2A from October 28–November 1 with a bag limit of one fork-antlered deer (FAD).

Legal Sporting Arms

Legal sporting arms for deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep and bear (big-game sporting arms): Any centerfire firearm at least .22 caliber or larger, any muzzle-loading firearm at least .45 caliber or larger, any shotgun .410 caliber or larger firing a single slug (including muzzle-loading shotguns), any bow or any crossbow. All firearms, except handguns, must be designed to be fired from the shoulder. Hunters must use only bullets designed to expand or fragment upon impact. Full metal jacket (FMJ) and tracer bullets are illegal. No fully automatic firearms may be used. Arrows and bolts must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with cutting edges. Sights on bows and crossbows may not project light (lighted pins are acceptable). No drugs may be used on arrows or bolts, and they cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air.

Legal sporting arms for cougar, javelina and furbearers: Any firearm, muzzleloader, compressed air gun, shotgun, bow or crossbow. All firearms, except handguns, must be designed to be fired from the shoulder. For cougar and javelina, compressed air guns must be .22 caliber or larger and shotguns must fire a single slug or #4 buckshot or larger. Arrows and bolts must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with cutting edges. Sights on bows and crossbows may not project light. No drugs may be used on arrows or bolts, and they cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air.

Bow only: Any compound, long or recurve bow. Draw locks are illegal. Arrows must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with cutting edges. Sights on bows may not project light (lighted pins are acceptable). No drugs may be used on an arrow, and arrows cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air.

Muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only: Hunters may use any legal muzzleloader with open or "iron" sights, any legal bow or any legal crossbow during regular muzzleloader hunts (see also restricted muzzleloader). Scopes, red dots or other similar sights are not allowed on muzzleloaders during a muzzleloader hunt. See

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definition of muzzleloader on page 125. Sabots and in-line ignition may be used with muzzleloaders except during restricted muzzleloader deer hunts. No drugs may be used on arrows or bolts, and arrows and bolts (see arrow and bolt on page 122) cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air. Airbows and all guns firing arrows or bolts are illegal.

Restricted Muzzleloader for deer: Only a muzzle-loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent propellant and firing a full bore diameter bullet or patched round ball is legal. The use of in-line ignition, scopes, and smokeless powder are prohibited. Bows and crossbows are legal during restricted muzzleloader deer hunts.

Legal sporting arms for turkey: Any shotgun firing shot, bow and crossbow. Arrows and bolts must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with cutting edges. Sights on bows and crossbows may not project light. No drugs may be used on arrows or bolts, and they cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air.

All Big-game and Turkey Harvests Must Be Tagged (E-Tag instructions, page 30)

1. Immediately after harvesting any big-game animal or turkey, the carcass tag must be notched. The carcass tag must be attached to the kill before leaving the kill site. Instructions for notching and attaching are listed below 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 or handwritten E-Tag.

4. Bear and cougar must be both carcass tagged and pelt tagged. Bear or cougar must be presented for pelt tagging within five days after harvest (pages 108–109, 114).
5. The carcass tag or handwritten E-Tag authorizes possession of the big-game animal or turkey for one 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!

Tagging Instructions



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

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Tagging Instructions — continued.

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 above) 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. If multiple trips are required to transport the animal from the field, NMDGF recommends the tagged portion be transported first.
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 physically remain 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, as close to the base as possible, where it will not slide off. **Leave entire face of tag visible and readable.**

E-Tag Instructions

If the E-Tag option is chosen, hunters must be able to show their license in the NM E-Tag app on their smartphone. Upon harvesting a big-game animal or turkey, hunters must click the Tag My Animal link in the app to receive their E-Tag number and other required information. The E-Tag number, CIN and date of kill must be hand written on a durable material (e.g. duct tape or flagging ribbon) in permanent ink and then attached to the animal (see *Tagging Instructions*, above). This procedure must be repeated for antlered/horned game as described above.

Mandatory Harvest Reporting: Deadlines see Page 6.

Harvest reporting is mandatory for all Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn, turkey and trapper license holders, whether or not a hunt or harvest occurred. 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. Harvest reports can be submitted online or by telephone. Remember to keep your confirmation number!

One License per Species

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.

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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 all male Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx or pronghorn. Immature males must be accompanied by the scalp and both ears. Females must be accompanied by either the scalp and both ears or the external genitalia naturally attached to one quarter. **The external genitalia of any bear or cougar must remain naturally attached to the hide** and be readily visible until the hide has been inspected and pelt tagged by a NMDGF representative. The beard must remain with the carcass when the bag limit is a bearded turkey.

Possession, Donation or Sale of Game

It is unlawful to possess any protected species or parts thereof without a properly notched carcass tag, handwritten e-tag or other evidence the game has been taken legally. Carcasses, meat and internal organs of game mammals and game birds may not be sold or bartered, but can be donated. Only the skins, heads, antlers, horns, rendered fat, teeth or claws of legally taken or possessed protected species, any parts of furbearers, and the feathers of non-migratory game birds may be bartered or sold.

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. A sample certificate is provided on page 119 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 or handwritten E-Tag must remain with the meat, and authorizes possession and storage for one year from the date of kill. To store or possess meat after this date, individuals must have a storage permit from NMDGF. 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), a handwritten E-Tag, or a possession (donation) certificate. **Keep your tags!**

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Use of Dogs: Dogs may not be used to hunt big game, except bear and cougar. 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 big game. If dogs are used to locate wounded or dead big game, **hunters must keep the dog(s) on a leash, and no more than two dogs may be used at a time.**

Blaze Orange: Hunters on military properties must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Ft. Bliss requires a blaze orange vest. Hunters participating in any firearm elk hunt on Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Though not required elsewhere by law, NMDGF strongly encourages hunters to wear 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.**

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, rabbits, coyotes and skunks. Nongame hunting is not permitted on wildlife management areas (WMAs) unless otherwise posted, except Water Canyon WMA, where hunting nongame species is permitted January 1–March 31, 2024.

Feral Hogs: Feral hogs are an unprotected species that can damage habitat, contaminate water and compete with native wildlife. Because of the negative impact this non-native intruder causes, anyone may hunt feral hogs year-round without a license. Basic hunting rules apply—such as obtaining permission if hunting on private land. Hunting with the aid of an artificial light and discharging of firearms within 150 yards of an occupied dwelling is illegal. 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: **505-346-2640.**



Feral hog



Javelina

Outfitted Hunts

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

All outfitters and guides in New Mexico must be registered with NMDGF. Hunters who would like to use the services of an outfitter are strongly encouraged to do their research. Here are a few things you should look for in a reputable outfitter:

- Book your hunt with a registered outfitter. The outfitter list is updated weekly and available on the NMDGF website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement/guide-and-outfitter-info.
- Ask for references. Ask for successful hunters and unsuccessful hunters to get an accurate idea of what to expect on your hunt. It's also a good idea to search the internet, but remember that anyone can make a website or advertise on social media.
- Ask questions. Make sure you have asked about all of the things you want on your hunt. Make a list so you remember what items you want to discuss with the outfitter and take notes.
- Know whether you will be hunting private land or public land.
- Applying for public-land draw hunts with an outfitter may improve your odds of drawing a license. Please reference the "outfitter list" and search for outfitters that have "Yes" in the 10% pool column. Contracts must be signed and dated prior to applying for draw hunts.
- If you draw a 10% pool license, it is not valid unless your outfitter or their guide is physically with you in the field for at least the first two days during the contracted dates of your hunt where your license is valid.
- Contracts are required by law. In an effort to protect both parties, contracts must designate the terms, hunt dates, guide to hunter-client ratio and compensation charged. Contracts must be signed prior to applying in the draw or for private-land hunts, prior to hunting. Read the contract carefully before signing it.

Outfitted Hunts on Private Land

- Outfitted hunts on private land must be conducted by a registered outfitter, unless the hunt is outfitted by the landowner, their authorized agent or their ranch employees. If you are planning to book a hunt with an "agent" who is not a registered outfitter, please call **505-476-8066** before booking your hunt. An 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. 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 and must be registered with NMDGF.
- Private-land Authorizations: Know the difference between ranch-only and unit-wide (see page 66). Ranch-only authorizations are restricted to the property's deeded acreage and not valid on public land. If you will be hunting private land, make sure you know how big the property is before you book your hunt. Finding out you can only hunt on minimal acres can lead to an undesirable experience, and hunting illegally where your license is not valid can be costly.

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. For more information email: DGF-Guide-Outfitter@dgf.nm.gov or call: **505-476-8066**.

Management Hunts

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

Population Management Hunts

Hunters wishing to be considered for population management hunts for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx or pronghorn **must select the 5th-choice option on the draw application for the appropriate species.**

Hunters cannot be added to the list after the public draw deadline. Applications must be completed online or by telephone by March 22 before 5 p.m.

Applicants must apply for at least one regular draw hunt choice to be eligible for the population management hunt for 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 contacted by NMDGF if a population management hunt is scheduled for that species.

If a population management hunt is scheduled, a NMDGF official will contact the hunter to notify him/her of the hunt areas, dates, bag limit, allowable sporting arms and any other special restrictions. The hunter will be asked to accept or decline a hunt. If the hunter accepts the hunt, they must purchase the license online or by phone. If the 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.

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR): To be eligible for population management hunts on WSMR, applicants must enter a hunt authorization code from an approved 2023 WSMR security sponsor (see page 103). **Leave the WSMR Population Management Hunt Authorization Code box unchecked if you do not have an authorization code.**

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 tags.

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.

Avoid Late Fees: 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. NMDGF recommends reporting by telephone at:

1-888-248-6866 to avoid late fees.

Enhancement Hunts

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

Enhancement Hunts

NMDGF issues special hunting permits through either auction or the sale of raffle tickets. NMDGF works with non-profit organizations dedicated to wildlife conservation to carry out these auctions and raffles and all proceeds from enhancement hunts are used solely for habitat enhancement, conservation, research and management projects in New Mexico for each species. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. These are not once-in-a-lifetime hunts. More information can be found on NMDGF's website: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/enhancement-hunts/>

Enhancement Hunts to be Auctioned

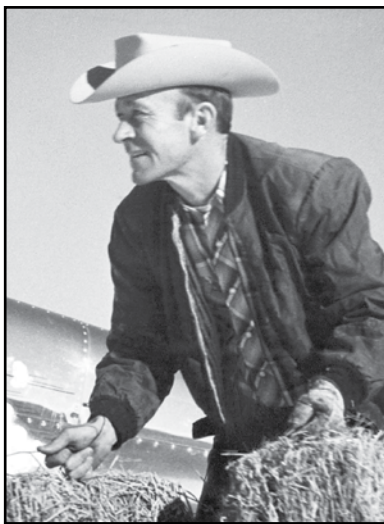
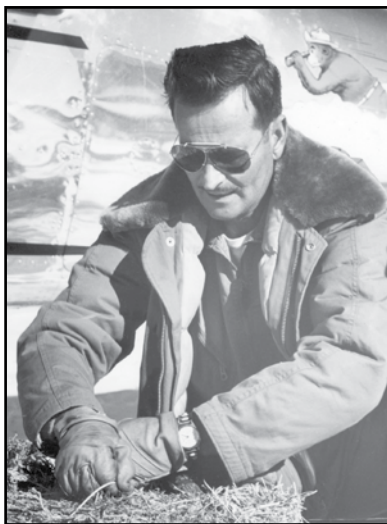
1. Two big game enhancement packages. Each package will consist of five authorizations, one for each of deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn. The season dates are: Sept. 1, 2023–Jan. 31, 2024 for deer and elk; April 1, 2023–March 31, 2024 for ibex and oryx (for oryx hunts, WSMR access must be prearranged); and Aug. 1–Nov. 1, 2023 for pronghorn.
2. Two bighorn sheep authorizations, one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and one for desert bighorn sheep. **SEASON DATES:** Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep: Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2023, except in GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak), which is closed Aug. 16–31, 2023; desert bighorn sheep: Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2023.
3. One authorization valid for a fork-antlered deer. The season dates are Sept. 1, 2023–Jan. 31, 2024.
4. One authorization valid for a mature bull elk. The season dates are Sept. 1, 2023–Jan. 31, 2024.
5. One authorization valid for one bearded Gould's turkey. The season dates are any consecutive 30 days of the hunter's choosing between April 1 and May 31 each year.

Enhancement hunts to be raffled

1. Two bighorn sheep authorizations, one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and one for desert bighorn sheep. **SEASON DATES:** Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep: Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2023, except in GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak), which is closed Aug. 16–31, 2023; desert bighorn sheep: Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2023.
2. One authorization valid for a fork-antlered deer. The season dates are Sept. 1, 2023–Jan. 31, 2024.
3. One authorization valid for a mature bull elk. The season dates are Sept. 1, 2023–Jan. 31, 2024.
4. One authorization valid for one bearded Gould's turkey. The season dates are any consecutive 30 days of the hunter's choosing between April 1 and May 31 each year.

Premium Statewide Hunts

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(left-right): Austin Roberts and Ocie Gray. NMDGF photo taken the day of the crash.

Premium Statewide Deer and Elk Hunts

NMDGF premium deer and elk hunts are in honor of two NMDGF employees, Austin Roberts and Ocie Gray, who were killed in a January 1960 plane crash while delivering hay to starving pronghorn on the snow-covered plains outside of Las Vegas.

Pilot Austin Roberts, 40, of Roswell, was a 14-year veteran of NMDGF at the time of his death. A cause of the accident was never determined. Before joining NMDGF 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 NMDGF 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 New Mexico State Game Commission, one for deer and one for elk, 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 big-game sporting arm in any unit statewide, including NMDGF's wildlife management areas and private land with written permission, anytime between Sept. 1, 2023 and Jan. 31, 2024. The hunts are available through the draw and are subject to quota (nonresident and outfitted applicants are extremely unlikely to draw).

Chronic Wasting Disease

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

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

It is unlawful to transport any deer or elk or their parts outside of these GMUs if they were taken from any chronic wasting disease (CWD) control area designated by the director of the NMDGF. 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. Skull plate must be immersed in a bath of at least one part chlorine bleach and two parts water with all meat and tissue removed.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as ivories.
- Finished heads mounted by a taxidermist.
- By prior arrangement, a harvested deer or elk or their parts may be moved to an NMDGF office.

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 CWD 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.



Federal Lands

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

Access to Public Lands

There are approximately nine million acres of national forest and 13 million acres of BLM lands in New Mexico. NMDGF recommends contacting the appropriate land management agency prior to hunting. Many public lands in New Mexico are interspersed with privately owned property and private landowners have the right to control the use of their private lands. 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 anyone 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:

Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument	575-751-4899
Prehistoric Trackways National Monument and Organ Mountains– Desert Peaks National Monument	575-525-4300

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 Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP), except turkey hunters using shotguns, must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. A special-use permit fee (\$35) and 7-day entrance fee (\$25) must be paid. The VCNP honors any NPS pass to waive the \$25 entrance fee. This includes NPS Annual, Lifetime, Senior, Military, Volunteer, and Access passes in addition to the America the Beautiful Pass. Hunters must obtain a special-use permit and are required to attend an orientation before hunting on VCNP. Hunters should review all information regarding VCNP hunting rules and regulations at: www.nps.gov/vall. For more information call: **575-829-4100**.

National Wildlife Refuges (NWR)

NWRs are closed to hunting unless specified open by federal refuge regulations for hunting particular species. If specified open, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service-approved nontoxic shot is required for hunting on all NWRs.

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge:	575-835-1828
Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge:	575-622-6755
Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge:	505-425-3581
Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge:	505-864-4021

Forest Service Lands

Most national forest lands in New Mexico are open to public hunting and fishing. Each national forest requires outfitters and guides to obtain a permit to provide services. Vehicle-use restrictions may apply on 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. **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 (pages 39) beforehand for late-season or winter closures and other access restrictions.

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

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. Prescribed fires maintain a diverse and healthy forest ecosystem and improve wildlife habitat. Hunters are encouraged to be aware before their hunt and check **nmfireinfo.com** for burn advisories. No refunds will be offered if a controlled burn is conducted in your hunt area.

Sandia Ranger District: Cibola National Forest

The Sandia Ranger District is restricted to bow and crossbow only during established seasons.

Valle Vidal: Carson National Forest

The Valle Vidal is closed seasonally to public access: the west side is closed May 1–June 30, and the east side is closed Jan. 1–March 31. The Valle Vidal unit is open to deer, elk, bear and turkey hunting by draw only and is closed to all small-game hunting. Off-road travel is prohibited, and camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds or more than one-half mile from the road. Other restrictions may apply. For more information, contact the U.S. Forest Service office in Questa: **575-586-0520**.

For More Information about Forest Service Lands

For information visit **www.fs.fed.us** 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 and fishing. However, it is the responsibility of each hunter and angler to know what restrictions apply. Outfitters and guides providing services on BLM lands must possess a permit issued by each specific BLM district. 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.

Rio Bonito Acquired Lands: Contact Roswell BLM office, **575-627-0272**.

Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area: Contact Taos BLM office, **575-758-8851**.

Rio Grande Recreation Area: Wild Rivers Zone is open to hunting 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.

For More Information about BLM Lands

For more information visit: **www.blm.gov/new-mexico** 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**.

Federal Lands

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

Military Reservations

With the cooperation of the U.S. Department of Defense, hunting is allowed on some military reservations. Hunters must obtain permission and conditions of access directly from the military reservation. Hunters may be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. The U.S. military may delay or cancel hunts (see closures below).

Kirtland Air Force Base: Contact: **505-846-7420**.

Lake Holloman Wildlife Refuge: Contact: **575-572-7381**.

Fort Bliss / McGregor Range: All hunters on Fort Bliss, including all of Unit 28 and portions of Unit 19 and Unit 34, are required to obtain an access pass and have proof of passing a state-certified hunter education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible. Hunters are required to wear a blaze-orange vest and are subject to security searches. McGregor Range (Unit 28) is open for big-game hunting by draw only (see species and season listings) and is considered on range. Hunters are required to visit <https://ftbliss.isportsman.net/> to acquire an access pass and obtain access information, or email christopher.a.taylor154.civ@army.mil

GMU 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone): All hunters on Fort Bliss are required to obtain an access pass and have proof of passing a state-certified hunter education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible. Hunters are required to wear a blaze-orange vest and are subject to security searches. This area is subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or Fort Bliss during military training events, and is accessible with military permission only. Hunters are required to visit <https://ftbliss.isportsman.net/> or email christopher.a.taylor154.civ@army.mil to acquire an access pass and obtain access information.

White Sands Missile Range: For access information, contact White Sands Missile Range at: **575-678-7909** or **575-678-2993**.

U.S. Forest Service & Military Closures: In the interest of public safety, the U.S. 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. and 8 a.m., during which time roadblocks leading into closed areas will be placed and evacuation required of all people in these areas. The area subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings in Unit 34 is located in Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone). Closures of these areas can occur throughout the year and may affect 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 Interstate 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).

New Mexico State Lands

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New Mexico State Trust Land

The New Mexico State Game Commission and the Commissioner of Public Lands have an agreement that provides access for hunting and fishing of protected species on State Trust Land by NMDGF licensees during the seasons for which their licenses are valid. Trapping is not allowed on State Trust Lands. A copy of this agreement and other information about hunting access on State Trust Land can be found at: www.nmstatelands.org/resources/hunting-access-information/. People seeking to use State Trust Land for uses not addressed under this agreement must secure separate approval from the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO). For more information, contact NMSLO at: **505-827-5760** or visit: www.nmstatelands.org.

Access

Certain areas may be unavailable for hunting or fishing. For specific locations, contact NMSLO at the phone number above or use the interactive map at: mapservice.nmstatelands.org/HuntingInformation.

The right to enter State Trust Land via vehicle is allowed if access is available by public road (defined in Section 67–2–1, NMSA 1978) or on other established roads on State Trust Land that have not been closed to vehicular traffic. Access is also allowed on foot from roads mentioned above or from adjacent public and private lands that have been lawfully accessed.

NMDGF and NMSLO have identified specific hunting access points on State Trust Land that must be unlocked during any open season. These access points are shown on NMSLO's interactive map.

To ensure access and create large and better defined hunting areas, hunting privileges for some State Trust Land have been exchanged for similar privileges on private lands. The private-land areas have signs posted with notices that the land has been unitized (page 44). Observe these signs and contact NMDGF if you have questions about which lands are open for public use.

On legally accessible State Trust Land, you may:

- Scout for big game 14 days prior to the open season.
- Hunt for big game or take protected furbearers during open hours and seasons.
- Hunt nongame 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 State Trust Land agricultural lessee, in campsites designated under this agreement and shown on NMSLO's interactive map, or as otherwise authorized by the commissioner.
- Take up to three guests per license holder on your hunt.

If you have problems or questions about gaining access to State Trust Land, record complete details including the location, date, time, and names of parties involved, and contact one of the following:

- The local NMDGF Conservation Officer or NMDGF Operation Game Thief:
1-800-432-4263.
- NMSLO in Santa Fe at: **505-827-5760**
or the appropriate local NMSLO Field Office, using the directory at:
www.nmstatelands.org/divisions/surface-resources/district-offices.
- Submit a Multiple Use Incident Reporting Form,
found at: www.nmstatelands.org/resources/hunting-access-information/.

New Mexico State Lands

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New Mexico State Trust Land—continued.

On State Trust Land, you must:

- Have in your possession all required and valid fishing and hunting licenses with tags which must be available on demand by employees of NMSLO or NMDGF.
- Respect other permitted or leased uses of State Trust Land, including agriculture, mineral activities and recreation.
- Drive only on established roads.
- Close all gates that you pass through.
- Respect private property.
- Pack out trash.

It is illegal to:

- 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 activities.
- Harass or injure livestock or wildlife or damage private property, such as dwellings, stock tanks or fences.
- Use a Private-land Only 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 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 <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/>.

Other State Lands

Chihuahuan Desert Research Center: The Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (College Ranch) is closed to unescorted public access. For information, call: **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, call: **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 Area Office: **505-222-4700, ext. 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. If established, these pests are almost always fatal to trees and will decimate forested areas and riparian areas. **In the event you 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**.



Wildlife Management Areas

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New Mexico State Game Commission Lands

The New Mexico State Game Commission owns and manages lands across New Mexico for the benefit of fish, wildlife and their habitats. These lands include wildlife management areas (WMAs). WMAs open for hunting are listed in this booklet. All WMAs are closed to hunting unless specifically listed as open.

Big-game and Turkey Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

- WMAs designated open for big-game and turkey hunting are listed in this booklet for each big-game species by GMU. All WMAs not listed are closed to big-game and turkey hunting.
- Only New Mexico residents may apply for big-game hunts held exclusively on WMAs. Non-residents may apply only for hunts open concurrently on both a WMA and other public lands.
- Scouting is allowed by each properly licensed big-game hunter with up to three guests during the seven-day period prior to the published start date of his/her hunt.

General Rules for Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

- WMA access is allowed by each properly-licensed hunter with up to three guests, during the hunt period on their license (includes scouting period for big-game and turkey 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 the combined hunting and scouting periods for which the hunter is licensed exceeds the 14 days.
- 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 (except for legally harvested game), firewood, or man-made features (including artifacts).
- Individuals may not violate access rules for specific WMAs posted on site or otherwise published by NMDGF.
- Hunting for nongame animals or unprotected species (feral hogs) is not allowed on WMAs, except Water Canyon WMA where nongame hunting is allowed January 1–March 31, 2023.

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

Private Lands

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Hunting on Private Land

Hunters must possess written permission before entering private lands (*see Criminal Trespass*, pages 25–26). 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. Written permission form downloadable at: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/hunting/maps/Written-Permission-to-Hunt-Private-Land.pdf>

Unitization Agreements: Access and Use

Unitization agreements are cooperative temporary agreements between landowners and the NMDGF, the State Land Office and/or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). These agreements increase public hunting access during the hunting season to previously inaccessible areas, while diminishing trespass issues for landowners and enabling them to better manage ranching operations. Each agreement is reviewed annually, and the public may provide comments.

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.

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. CarryMap shows all current unitizations (see page 120).

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 Trust lands that have been closed through a unitization agreement. Game animals taken in violation of unitization agreements may be seized.

Native American Lands

Contact individual pueblos, tribes and nations for more information.

Hunting on Native American lands is outside the jurisdiction of the NMDGF. Permission must be obtained from the pueblo, tribe or nation that owns the land.

Game and/or fish taken on or from native lands must be accompanied by an official document, such as a license or receipt from tribal authorities, which demonstrates lawful possession.

Open Gate

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Open Gate Program

Open Gate is a voluntary access program available to outdoor users and landowners statewide. The program leases lands and waters from private landowners to provide access to the public for hunting, fishing and trapping.

Each property participating in Open Gate will have specific rules for permitted activities agreed upon by the landowner and NMDGF. These rules will be posted on the property and are also available on the NMDGF website. Hunters, anglers and trappers can use this information to locate and learn about properties that match their interests.

It is the responsibility of the individual using the property to know and obey posted rules. Citations may be issued for violation of any rules or regulations.

Leave no trace. Be a respectful and courteous guest.

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

Landowners Can Earn Extra Cash for an Open Gate Lease

NMDGF is interested in leasing more lands with quality habitat for hunting, fishing and trapping. Willing landowners can sign an agreement with NMDGF and receive a per-acre payment based on opportunities provided. In addition to property leases, NMDGF will also pay for right-of-way access across the property of a landowner to allow hunters and anglers access to otherwise inaccessible tracts of State Trust or federal lands. New Mexico provides liability protection to landowners who participate in Open Gate.

Funding for the Open Gate program is provided by a portion of annual HMAV sales.

To learn more about the Open Gate program, please visit: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/open-gate-program/> or call: 505-476-8043.



Deer Licenses

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General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Deer Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Deer Hunting (specified by hunt code, see pages 28–29).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40).
- Mobility–impaired Hunts (see pages 14–15).
- Youth–only Hunts (see page 14).
- Chronic Wasting Disease Rules (see page 37).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

Deer Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for deer draw licenses is March 22, 2023. Up to four hunters may apply per application for a deer draw license.

Successful applicants will be mailed a deer draw license/tag, unless the E–Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting–arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Fee Types for Deer Draw Licenses (see glossary, pages 123–126)

Resident and nonresident fees are listed on page 12.

S	Standard hunt
Q	Quality hunt
HD	High–demand hunt
Q/HD	Quality and high–demand hunt combination

The highest fee for any hunt choice must be paid at the time of application. If a lower fee hunt is drawn, the difference will be refunded.

Fourth Choice Hunts

By selecting 4th–choice, applicants indicate they are willing to accept any deer 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/or localized deer populations. **Hunters who draw 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: Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 or 14.
NE	Northeast: Units 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59.
SW	Southwest: Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 or 27.
SE	Southeast: Units 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39 or 40.

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Bag Limit (see glossary, pages 122–124)

FAD	Fork-antlered deer (white-tailed or mule deer).
FAMD	Fork-antlered mule deer.
FAWTD	Fork-antlered white-tailed deer.
ESWTD	Either sex white-tailed deer.
A	Antlerless deer.

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 carcass 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 the hunt start date to allow mailing of tags (see page 9), unless the E–Tag option is chosen. 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) or high demand (HD), she/he must purchase a quality deer license. Hunt codes for units without corresponding public-land draw hunts are listed on page 48.

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

To hunt deer on private land in these units, hunters must obtain an authorization code and a hunt code from the landowner, and must apply through the regular public draw. When applying for private–land hunts in Unit 5A, only one person per application may apply. The application must be completed by 5:00 p.m. March 22, 2023. 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 and hunt codes** from the NMDGF Northwest Area office located in Albuquerque or call: **505-222-4710**.

Deer Licenses

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

Units 8, 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.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 8					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–501	Q	Unlimited	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–502	Q	Unlimited	FAD
Bow – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–2–162	Q	Unlimited	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–163	Q	Unlimited	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–503	Q	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	DER–1–500	Q	Unlimited	FAD
Unit 46					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–506	S	Unlimited	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–507	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–504	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov.1	DER–1–505	S	Unlimited	FAD
Unit 54					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–512	S	Unlimited	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–513	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–508	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–509	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 22–26	DER–1–510	S	Unlimited	ESWTD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–511	S	Unlimited	FAD
Unit 55A, 55B					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–517	S	Unlimited	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–518	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–514	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–515	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–516	S	Unlimited	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 22–26	DER–1–519	S	Unlimited	ESWTD

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Deer Draw Licenses

Draw licenses authorize 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), with written permission from the landowner of the property.

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. All state wildlife management areas are closed unless officially designated open to hunting.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Premium Statewide Deer Hunt (see p. 36)					
Any Legal	Sep. 1–Jan. 31, '24	DER–1–700	S	1	FAD
Unit 2A (including Pine River WMA)					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–104	S	40	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–106	HD	80	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–108	S	50	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–100	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–101	S	150	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–103	S	15	FAD
Unit 2B (including Navajo WMA)					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–118	S	130	FAD
Bow – Youth Only	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–119	S	20	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–121	Q/HD	180	FAD
Bow – Youth Only	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–122	Q	50	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–124	S	175	FAD
Muzzle – Youth Only	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–125	S	20	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–110	S	275	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–111	S	125	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–113	S	350	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–115	Q	400	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–117	HD	25	FAD
Unit 2C					
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–129	Q/HD	50	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–131	Q/HD	20	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–127	Q/HD	30	FAD

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Unit 4

(Humphries/Rio Chama/
Sargent WMAs Only;
NM Residents Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–141	Q	10	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–133	Q	20	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–134	Q	10	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–136	Q	20	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–138	Q	10	FAD
Any Legal– Youth Only	Nov. 22–26	DER–1–140	Q	5	FAD

Unit 5A (Public Land Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–146	S	30	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–148	S	10	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 7–13	DER–1–144	S	40	FAD

Unit 5B

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–152	Q	10	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–153	Q	10	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–150	Q/HD	30	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–151	Q/HD	10	FAD

Units 6A, 6C

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–156	S	100	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 30–Oct. 4	DER–3–157	S	115	FAD
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 14–18	DER–1–154	S	20	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–155	S	110	FAD

Unit 7

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–159	S	10	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–160	S	15	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–161	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–158	S	30	FAD

Unit 8

Bow – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–2–162	Q	65	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–163	Q	65	FAD

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Unit 9

Bow ¹	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–167	S	10	FAD
Bow ¹	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–168	S	15	FAD
Muzzle ¹ – Restricted Muzzleloader Only	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–169	S	10	FAD
Any Legal ¹	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–164	S	15	FAD
Any Legal – Marquez/LBar WMAs only / NM Res. Only	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–165	S	10	FAD
Any Legal ¹ – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–166	S	10	FAD

¹ Including Water Canyon WMA

Unit 10

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–175	S	100	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–176	S	90	FAD
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–170	S	20	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–171	S	70	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–172	S	65	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–173	S	90	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–174	S	25	FAD

Unit 12

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–178	HD	20	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–179	S	40	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–177	S	85	FAD

Unit 13

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–183	S	125	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–184	HD	75	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–185	S	200	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–180	S	150	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–181	S	150	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–182	S	50	FAD

Unit 14

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–187	S	35	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–188	S	25	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–189	S	55	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–186	S	55	FAD

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Unit 15

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–190	S	75	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–191	S	25	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–192	S	165	FAD
Muzzle – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–3–193	S	100	FAD

Unit 16 (A, B, C, D, and E)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–198	S	230	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–199	S	175	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–200	S	300	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–194	S	300	FAD
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–195	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–196	S	300	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–197	S	100	FAD

Unit 17

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–204	Q	75	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–205	Q	75	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov.1	DER–3–206	Q	80	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–201	Q	80	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–202	Q	80	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–203	Q	80	FAD

Unit 18

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–209	S	50	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–210	S	40	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–211	S	75	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–207	S	70	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–208	S	70	FAD

Unit 19¹ (excluding WSMR portion and Ft. Bliss)

Bow ¹	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–214	S	10	FAD
Muzzle ¹	Dec. 2–6	DER–3–215	S	10	FAD

¹ Chronic wasting disease (CWD) detected in this area.

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Unit 19¹**(WSMR portion only)**

Any Legal ¹	Dec. 1–3	DER–1–212	S	5	FAD
Any Legal ¹	Jan. 12–14, '24	DER–1–213	S	5	FAD

Unit 20

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–218	S	45	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–219	S	25	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–220	S	85	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–216	S	90	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–217	S	90	FAD

Unit 21

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–224	S	300	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–225	S	200	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–226	S	350	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–221	S	425	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–222	S	425	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–223	S	100	FAD
Any Legal	Dec. 2–10	DER–1–227	S	25	FAWTD

Unit 22

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–231	S	30	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–232	S	25	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–233	S	65	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–228	S	70	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–229	S	70	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–230	S	20	FAD

Unit 23 (excluding**Burro Mountain Area)**

Bow ²	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–239	S	205	FAMD
Bow ²	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–240	S	50	FAMD
Bow ²	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–241	S	100	FAWTD
Bow ²	Jan. 16–31, '24	DER–2–242	S	50	FAWTD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–243	S	225	FAMD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–244	S	75	FAWTD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–234	S	450	FAMD

¹ White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) ONLY, mandatory check-in/check-out. WSMR will charge a \$50 per hunter access fee; 50% military discount applies. 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. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) detected in this area.

² Hunters holding a valid Bow Deer License for Unit 23 and who did not harvest a deer during an above hunt, will be allowed to hunt antlerless deer within the Silver City Deer Management Area (as determined by NMDGF) from Jan. 16-Feb. 5, 2024.

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Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–235	S	450	FAMD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–236	HD	100	FAWTD
Any Legal	Dec. 2–10	DER–1–237	HD	55	FAWTD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–238	S	75	FAD

Unit 23 (Burro Mountain Area Only)

Bow ¹	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–248	Q	40	FAMD
Bow ¹	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–249	Q	20	FAWTD
Bow ¹	Jan. 16–31, '24	DER–2–250	Q	50	FAWTD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–251	Q	40	FAMD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–252	Q	40	FAWTD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–12	DER–1–245	Q	35	FAMD
Any Legal	Dec. 2–10	DER–1–246	Q/HD	40	FAWTD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–247	Q	25	FAD

Unit 24
(Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area, Including Double E and River Ranch WMAs)

Bow ¹	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–259	S	135	FAMD
Bow ¹	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–260	S	85	FAMD
Bow ¹	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–261	S	60	FAWTD
Bow ¹	Jan. 16–31, '24	DER–2–262	S	40	FAWTD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–263	S	280	FAMD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–264	S	75	FAWTD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–254	S	400	FAMD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–255	S	400	FAMD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–256	S	100	FAWTD
Any Legal	Dec. 2–10	DER–1–258	HD	50	FAWTD

Unit 24
(Including Fort Bayard Management Area)

Any Legal – Youth Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 8	DER–1–253	S	50	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–257	S	50	FAD

Unit 25

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–267	S	45	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–268	S	30	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–269	S	45	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–265	S	100	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–266	S	100	FAD

¹ Hunters holding a valid Bow Deer License for Units 23 and 24 and who did not harvest a deer during an above hunt, will be allowed to hunt antlerless deer within the Silver City Deer Management Area (as determined by NMDGF) from Jan. 16–Feb. 5, 2024.

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Unit 26

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–272	S	25	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–273	S	15	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–274	S	60	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–270	S	100	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–271	S	100	FAD
Any Legal	Dec. 2–10	DER–1–275	S	25	FAWTD

Unit 27

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–281	Q	30	FAMD
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–282	Q	15	FAWTD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–283	Q	30	FAMD
Bow	Jan. 16–31, '24	DER–2–284	Q	40	FAWTD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–285	Q	40	FAMD
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–3–286	Q	50	FAWTD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–276	Q	50	FAMD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–277	Q	50	FAMD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–278	Q/HD	40	FAWTD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–279	Q	25	FAD
Any Legal	Dec. 2–10	DER–1–280	Q/HD	25	FAWTD

Unit 28

McGregor Range Only
(CWD detected in this area,
see p. 37)

Any Legal	Dec. 16–17	DER–1–287	HD	25	FAD
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 16–17	DER–1–288	HD	25	FAD

Unit 29

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–291	S	100	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–292	S	50	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–293	S	70	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–289	S	150	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–290	S	150	FAD

Unit 30

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–297	S	200	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–298	S	100	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–299	S	325	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–294	S	720	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–295	S	720	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–296	S	250	FAD

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Unit 31 (including Prairie Chicken WMAs)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–302	S	175	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–303	S	100	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–304	S	175	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–300	S	440	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–301	S	435	FAD

Unit 32 (including Prairie Chicken WMAs)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–309	S	150	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–310	S	100	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–311	S	175	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–305	S	565	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–306	S	560	FAD
Any Legal ¹ – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Dec. 16–31	DER–1–307	S	15	A
Any Legal ¹ – NM Resident Only	Jan. 16–31, '24	DER–1–308	S	15	A

¹ Roswell and Fort Sumner hunt areas ONLY.

Unit 33 (including Prairie Chicken WMAs)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–314	Q	60	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–315	Q	50	FAD
Muzzle – Restricted muzzleloader only	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–316	Q	140	FAD
Muzzle – Huey WMA only / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–3–317	Q	5	ES
Muzzle – Huey WMA only / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Dec. 26–Jan. 1, '24	DER–3–318	Q	5	A
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–312	Q	150	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–313	Q	150	FAD

Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 37)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–323	S	450	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–324	S	350	FAD
Muzzle	Nov. 4–8	DER–3–325	S	340	FAD
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–319	S	50	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–320	S	45	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–321	S	650	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–322	S	650	FAD

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Unit 36

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–329	S	225	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–330	S	125	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–331	S	115	FAD
Muzzle – Youth Only	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–332	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–326	S	300	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	DER–1–327	S	300	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–328	S	25	FAD

Unit 37

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–335	S	100	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–336	S	80	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–337	S	125	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–333	S	365	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–334	S	360	FAD

Unit 38

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–340	S	65	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–341	S	40	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–342	S	100	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–338	S	160	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–339	S	155	FAD

Unit 39

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–345	S	25	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–346	S	15	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–347	S	40	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–343	S	35	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–344	S	35	FAD

Unit 40

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–350	S	20	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–351	S	15	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–352	S	30	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–348	S	50	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 18–22	DER–1–349	S	50	FAD

Unit 41

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–358	Q	10	FAD
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	DER–2–359	Q	10	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–360	Q	25	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–353	Q	40	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–354	Q	40	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–355	Q	5	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 2–6	DER–1–356	Q	15	ESWTD
Any Legal	Dec. 9–13	DER–1–357	Q	10	ESWTD

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Unit 42					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–364	S	15	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–365	S	15	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–361	S	40	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–362	S	40	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 22–26	DER–1–363	S	10	ESWTD
Unit 43					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–367	S	10	FAD
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	DER–3–368	S	15	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–366	S	35	FAD
Unit 45					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–373	S	165	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–374	S	160	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–369	S	250	FAD
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–370	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–371	S	250	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–372	S	25	FAD
Unit 47					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–377	S	10	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–378	S	20	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–375	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–376	S	20	FAD
Unit 48					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–381	S	45	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–382	S	30	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–379	S	50	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–380	S	50	FAD
Unit 49					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–385	S	105	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–383	S	100	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–384	S	100	FAD
Unit 50					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–388	S	5	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–386	S	50	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov.1	DER–1–387	S	50	FAD
Unit 51A					
Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–390	S	65	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–389	S	145	FAD

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Unit 51B

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–393	S	15	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–391	S	20	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–392	S	15	FAD

Unit 52

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–396	S	80	FAD
Muzzle – Restricted Muzzleloader Only	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–397	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–394	S	90	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–395	S	90	FAD

Unit 53

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–400	S	100	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–398	S	85	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	DER–1–399	S	85	FAD

Units 54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA Only (NM Residents Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–403	S	10	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–401	S	10	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–402	S	10	FAD

Unit 55

(NM Residents Only)

Any Legal– ES Barker WMA Only	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–404	S	5	FAD
Any Legal–ES Barker WMA Only – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–405	S	5	FAD
Any Legal–Urraca WMA Only	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–406	S	5	FAD
Any Legal–Urraca WMA Only	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–407	S	5	FAD

Unit 55A

(Valle Vidal Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–408	Q	10	FAD
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Unit 56

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER–2–413	S	10	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER–3–414	S	15	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER–1–409	S	15	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER–1–410	S	15	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER–1–411	S	10	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 2–6	DER–1–412	S	10	ESWTD

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Unit 57
(Sugarite Canyon
State Park Only)

Bow	Nov. 1–30	DER-2–420	Q	20	FAD
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Unit 57
(Excluding Sugarite
Canyon State Park)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER-2–419	S	20	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–421	S	15	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER-1–415	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER-1–416	S	25	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER-1–417	S	10	FAD
Any Legal	Nov. 22–26	DER-1–418	S	10	ESWTD

Unit 58

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER-2–427	S	10	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–428	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER-1–422	S	40	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER-1–423	S	35	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER-1–424	S	10	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 2–6	DER-1–425	S	15	ESWTD
Any Legal	Dec. 9–13	DER-1–426	S	15	ESWTD

Unit 59

Bow	Sep. 1–24	DER-2–434	S	10	FAD
Muzzle	Sep. 27–Oct. 3	DER-3–435	S	25	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	DER-1–429	S	40	FAD
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	DER-1–430	S	40	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 18–26	DER-1–431	S	5	FAD
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 2–6	DER-1–432	S	15	ESWTD
Any Legal	Dec. 9–13	DER-1–433	S	15	ESWTD



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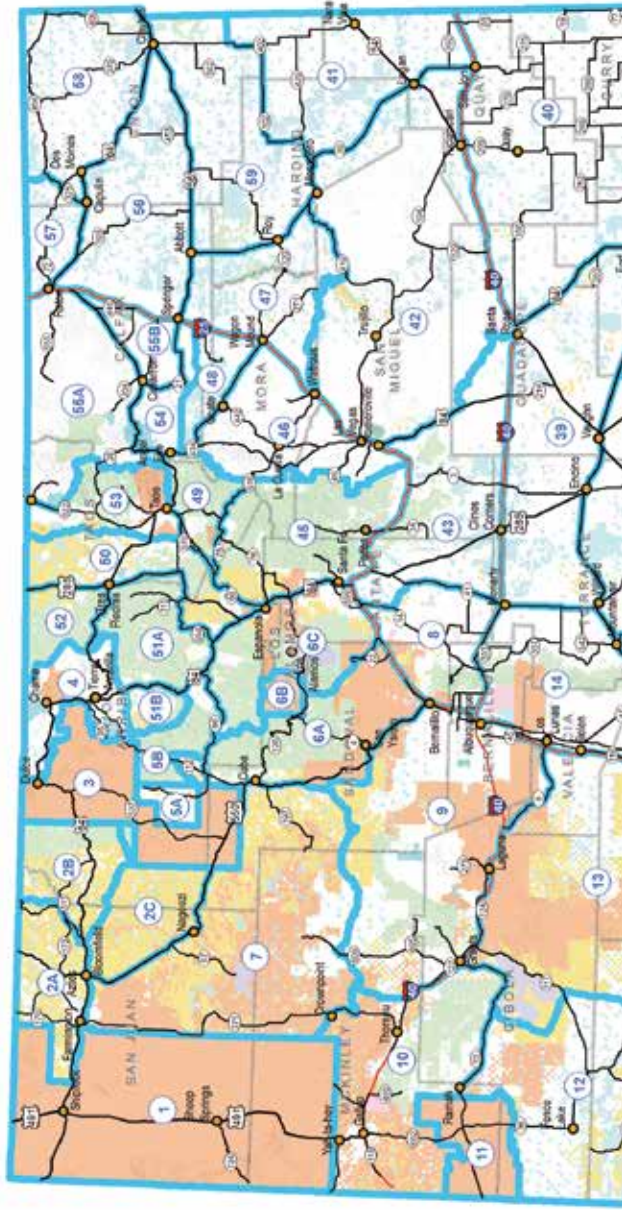


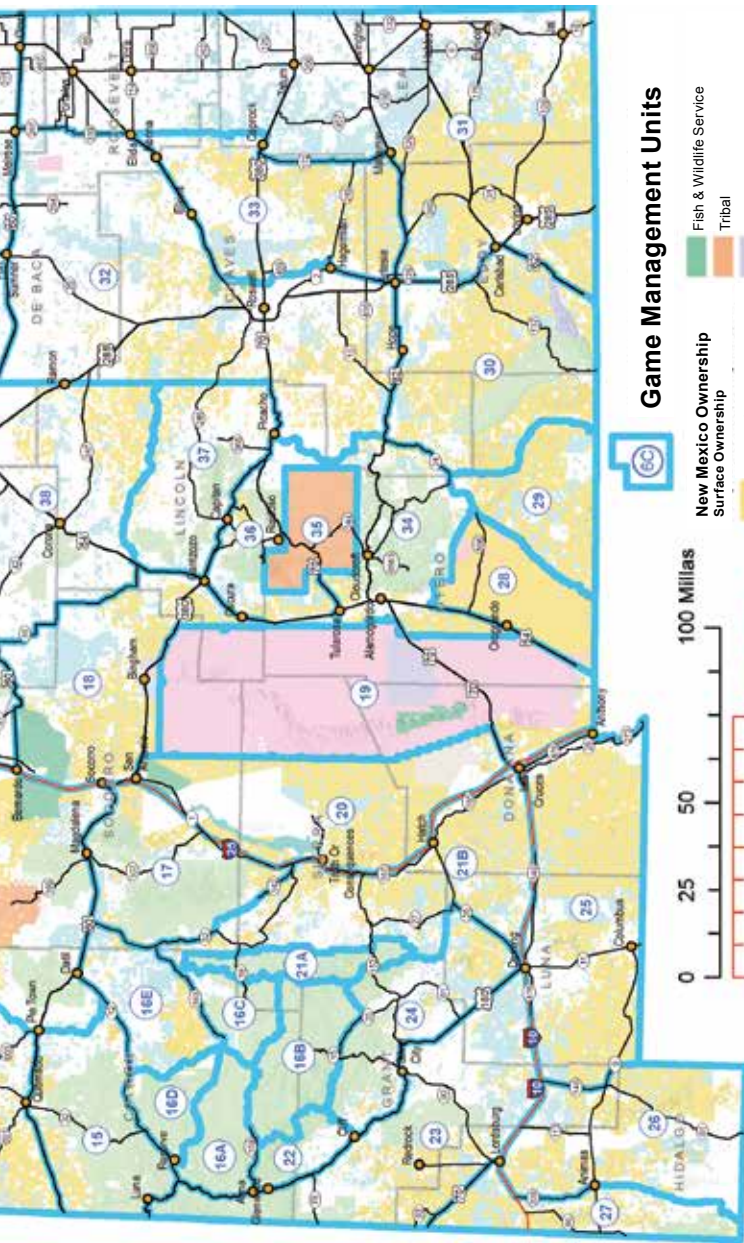
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Game Management Unit Map

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Dept. of Energy	Valles Caldera National Preserve		
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General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Elk Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Private land Elk License Fees (see page 67).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Elk Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 28–29, muzzleloader).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40).
- Mobility-impaired Hunts (see pages 14–15).
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 14).
- Chronic Wasting Disease Rules (see page 37).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

Elk Draw Licenses

Deadline to apply for elk draw licenses is March 22, 2023. Up to four hunters may apply per application for a public-land elk draw license. **Nonresidents are ineligible** for any hunts held exclusively on WMAs or any antlerless (A) elk draw licenses.

Successful applicants will be mailed an elk draw license/tag, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Fee Types for Elk Draw Licenses (see glossary, pages 124–126)

Resident and nonresident fees are listed on page 12.

S	Standard hunt
Q	Quality hunt
HD	High-demand hunt
Q/HD	Quality and high-demand hunt combination

The highest fee for any hunt choice must be paid at the time of application. If a lower fee hunt is drawn, the difference will be refunded.

Fourth-Choice Elk Hunts

By selecting 4th-choice, applicants indicate they are willing to accept any elk 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/or localized elk populations. Not all hunts are available in the 4th-choice hunt pool. **Hunters who apply for and receive a 4th-choice hunt will not receive a refund if dissatisfied with the hunt drawn.**

A hunter drawing a 4th-choice hunt 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.

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Fourth-Choice Elk Hunt Quadrants

NW	Northwest: Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 or 14
NE	Northeast: Units 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59
SW	Southwest: Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 or 24
SE	Southeast: Units 28, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37 or 38

Bag Limit (Glossary, page 122–125)

MB	Mature bull (any forked antler bull). A spike bull is not legal.
MB/A	Mature bull or antlerless elk. A spike bull is not legal.
A	Antlerless elk.
ES	Either sex (any one elk, includes spike bull).
APRE/6	Antler-point-restricted elk (six or more points on at least one antler).
APRE/6/A	Antler-point-restricted elk (six or more points on at least one antler) or antlerless.

Valle Vidal

Once-in-a-Lifetime Mature Bull/Either Sex: Only people who have never drawn a MB or ES hunt on the Valle Vidal are eligible to apply. **Exception: people who have drawn the Valle Vidal once-in-a-youth MB or A hunt are still eligible to apply.**

Once-in-a-Lifetime Antlerless: Only New Mexico residents who have never drawn an antlerless (A) hunt on the Valle Vidal are eligible to apply. **Exception: New Mexico residents who have drawn the Valle Vidal once-in-a-youth MB or A hunt are still eligible to apply.**

Note: If a youth has drawn a Valle Vidal once-in-a-lifetime hunt, she/he will not be eligible as an adult for that hunt. However, if the youth has drawn a Valle Vidal once-in-a-youth hunt, she/he is eligible to draw a once-in-a-lifetime Valle Vidal hunt.

Once-in-a-Youth Mature Bull: Only people 17 years or younger who have never drawn a youth-only MB hunt and who possess a hunter education number (page 18) are eligible to apply.

Once-in-a-Youth Antlerless: Only New Mexico residents 17 years or younger who have never drawn a youth-only antlerless hunt and possess a hunter education number (page 18) are eligible to apply.

Private-land Hunts

Private-land elk hunts are available in the primary, secondary and special elk management zones. Participating primary and special elk management zone landowners and their contact information is available online:

<https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/eplus/>

Private-land elk licenses may be purchased online, by telephone, and at NMDGF offices or license vendors. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to the hunt start date to allow time for mailing. For assistance with this process please call: **1-888-248-6866**.

Primary Management Zone: Areas within the state where elk management is focused and the number of licenses is limited. Private-land elk authorizations are issued in the primary management zone to landowners participating in the Elk Private Lands Use System (EPLUS). Authorizations can be bartered, sold or traded. An authorization allows the holder to purchase a private-land elk license.

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To purchase a private-land elk license for the primary management zone, a hunter must have an authorization number from a landowner participating in the EPLUS program.

Secondary Management Zone: Areas not part of the primary or special management zones where no specific elk management goals are set. Private-land elk licenses in the secondary management zone are unlimited and available over the counter with a ranch code provided by a registered landowner (Written permission from the landowner while hunting is required for the license to be valid). Visit <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/hunting/maps/Written-Permission-to-Hunt-Private-Land.pdf> to download the form.

Special Management Zone: Areas not part of the primary or secondary management zones where private-land elk authorizations are issued to private landowners on a ranch-by-ranch basis through EPLUS. Authorizations can be bartered, sold or traded. To purchase a private-land elk license for the special management zone, a hunter must have an authorization number from a landowner participating in the EPLUS program.

Obtaining Authorizations

Hunters seeking private-land authorizations are encouraged to communicate clearly with landowners regarding conditions associated with the license purchased and any other special considerations. Hunters are further encouraged to obtain these communications in writing. Obtaining private-land elk authorizations is considered a private matter. NMDGF is not a party to these transactions or communications and is not responsible for resolving disputes.

Landowners participate voluntarily in private-land programs, and the courtesy each hunter exercises can affect future access for all hunters.

Hunters may not hold both a private-land elk license and a draw elk license in the same license year and may not exchange a draw license for a private-land license.

Unit-wide or Ranch-only Authorizations

Unit-wide: A unit-wide authorization number allows a hunter to purchase an elk license valid on any legally accessible public lands, other unit-wide ranches, and other private land with written permission within the GMU. Unit-wide authorizations are available only in the primary management zone.

Ranch-only: A ranch-only authorization number allows a hunter to purchase an elk license valid only on the private deeded acres of the designated ranch, except as otherwise allowed by rule. In GMUs 4, 5A, and in secondary and special management zones, ranch-only elk licenses may also be valid on other private lands within the same GMU and management zone, with written permission. Ranch-only licenses are not valid on any public land.

It is not considered trespassing if a hunter is in possession of a private-land elk license that has been obtained from the owner or person in control of the land and which grants access to that particular private land for the purpose of lawfully taking elk (pages 25–26). However, in the secondary management zone written permission from the landowner is required for the elk hunter.

Elk Management Zone and Unit-Wide Ranch Maps

Maps of the elk management zones and unit-wide ranches are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/eplu/s/

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License Fees (additional requirements, pages 8–13)

	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

Quality Elk Hunt Fees for Private-land Authorizations

For all hunt dates from Sept. 15–Oct. 15, quality elk license fees apply to any mature-bull (MB) or either-sex (ES) ranch-only authorization (except Youth-Only) on private lands that lie within the primary management zone in Units 13, 15, 16 and 17.

Quality elk license fees shall apply to any unit-wide license for the following hunts:

Bow-only Hunts:	ELK-2-257, ELK-2-265, ELK-2-273, ELK-2-280, ELK-2-285, ELK-2-292, ELK-2-299, ELK-2-306.
Muzzleloader, Crossbow and Bow Hunts:	ELK-3-259, ELK-3-267, ELK-3-301 and ELK-3-308.
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts:	ELK-1-274, ELK-1-275, ELK-1-281, ELK-1-282, ELK-1-287, ELK-1-293, ELK-1-294

Primary Management Zone Seasons

Ranch-only Season Dates: Ranch-only authorizations within the primary management zone are restricted to the following season dates and sporting arm type.

Bow-only Hunts

License valid for either season (select one or the other)

Dates	Units
Sept. 1–14	2, 4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 10, 12, 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, 12, 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 a season listed below

Dates	Units
Oct. 7–11	2, 6A, 6C, 7, 10, 36, 45, 48, 52 and 53
Oct. 14–18	16E, 23, 24 and 34
Oct. 14–Dec. 31	9, 13, 15, 17 (muzzle-loading rifles only)
Jan. 1–31, '24	13 (antlerless elk only; muzzle-loading rifles only; pending ranch approval by NMDGF)

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Primary Management Zone Seasons: Ranch-only Season Dates—continued.

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

License limited to any five consecutive days within a season listed below.

Dates	Units
Oct. 1–Dec. 31	4, 21B
Oct. 7–Dec. 31	5A, 5B, 12, 16B/22, 21A, 49, 50 and 51
Oct. 14–Dec. 31	2, 10, 6A, 6C, 7, 16A, 16C, 16D, 36, 45, 48, 52 and 53
Oct. 14–Jan. 31	36 (Antlerless only)
Oct. 21–Dec. 31	16E, 23, 24 and 34
Oct. 21–Feb. 7	34 (Antlerless only)
Jan. 1–31, '24	48 any legal weapon; antlerless elk only; pending ranch approval by NMDGF

Youth–only Season Dates:

Dates	Units
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts	
Oct. 7–11	16C, 16E, 23, 24 and 34

Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts

Oct. 7–11	13, 15 and 17
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Mobility–impaired Season Dates:

Dates	Units
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts	
Oct. 7–11	16A, 16D and 34

Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts

Oct. 7–11	9
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Unit-wide Season Dates: Unit-wide authorizations within the primary management zone correspond with an elk draw hunt code for the same GMU and are restricted to the same bag limit, sporting arm and hunt dates.

Special and Secondary Management Zones

Season Dates: All authorizations within the special and secondary management zone are ranch-only. Bow-only hunts are limited to Sept. 1–24. Any legal sporting arms hunts are limited to any five consecutive days from Oct. 1–Dec. 31, unless otherwise allowed by NMDGF.

In Unit 34, antlerless only, any legal sporting arms hunts are limited to any five consecutive days from Oct. 1–Feb. 7. In Unit 36, antlerless only, any legal sporting arms hunts are limited to any five consecutive days from Oct. 1–Jan. 31.

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Elk Draw Licenses

Draw licenses authorize the hunter to hunt on any open public land or any unit-wide private ranch within the specified unit or hunt area, and on any other private land in that unit, provided that written permission has been obtained from the landowner of the property. Draw hunts for WMAs or special-hunt areas are valid only on the chosen WMA or special-hunt area printed on the license.

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. All state wildlife management areas are closed unless officially designated open to hunting.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Premium Statewide Elk Hunt (see page 36)					
Any Legal	Sep. 1–Jan. 31, '24	ELK-1-700	S	1	MB
Unit 2					
Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2-129	S	120	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2-130	S	120	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK-3-131	S	135	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1-132	S	85	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK-1-133	S	125	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK-1-134	S	75	A
Unit 2C (NM Residents Only)					
Any Legal	Dec. 2–6	ELK-1-135	S	75	A
Unit 4 Sargent WMA Only (NM Residents Only)					
Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2-163	Q	10	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2-164	Q	10	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK-1-165	Q	10	MB/A
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1-166	Q	10	MB/A
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK-1-167	Q	10	MB/A
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK-1-168	S	10	MB/A
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	ELK-1-169	S	10	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 4–8	ELK-1-170	S	10	A

Elk Licenses

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Unit 4
Humphries and
Rio Chama WMAs Only
(NM Residents Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–171	S	10	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–172	S	10	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–173	S	15	MB/A
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–174	S	15	MB/A
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	ELK–1–175	S	10	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 4–8	ELK–1–176	S	15	A

Unit 4
Rio Chama WMA Only
(NM Residents Only)

Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	ELK–1–177	S	20	A
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Unit 5A
(Public Land Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–136	S	5	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–137	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–138	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–139	S	10	A
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–140	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–141	S	10	A
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–142	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–143	S	10	A
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK–1–144	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK–1–145	S	10	A

Unit 5B

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–178	S	76	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–179	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–180	S	86	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–181	S	59	A
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–182	S	86	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK–1–183	S	59	A
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	ELK–1–184	S	87	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK–1–185	S	59	A
Any Legal	Dec. 16–20	ELK–1–186	HD	87	MB

Unit 6A

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–213	HD	150	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–214	HD	102	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–215	S	104	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–216	S	100	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–217	S	103	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK–1–218	S	99	A

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Unit 6B (Valles Caldera – Hunter orientation is required, see page 38)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–219	Q/HD	25	ES
Bow – NM Resident Only	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–220	S	10	A
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–221	Q/HD	25	ES
Bow – NM Resident Only	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–222	S	10	A
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–223	Q/HD	15	ES
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–224	S	20	A
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–225	Q/HD	15	ES
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–226	S	20	A
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–227	Q/HD	20	ES
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–228	S	15	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK–1–229	S	35	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 4–8	ELK–1–230	S	35	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK–1–231	S	35	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–232	S	35	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–233	S	35	A

Unit 6C

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–234	S	150	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–235	HD	105	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–236	HD	155	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–237	S	105	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–238	S	105	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK–1–239	S	110	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–240	S	110	A

Unit 7

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–241	S	15	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–242	S	14	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–243	S	24	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–244	S	30	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–245	S	50	A

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Unit 9

Marquez/LBar WMA Only
(NM Residents Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–146	S	15	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–147	S	15	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–148	S	15	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK–3–149	S	15	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	ELK–3–150	S	15	MB

Unit 9

(Including Water Canyon)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–151	S	82	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–152	S	82	ES
Muzzle – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–153	S	21	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK–3–154	S	35	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	ELK–3–155	S	35	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK–3–156	S	21	MB

Unit 10

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–157	S	125	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–158	HD	125	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–159	S	70	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–160	S	70	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK–1–161	S	120	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–162	S	100	A

Unit 12

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–246	HD	36	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–247	HD	35	ES
Bow	Dec. 9–13	ELK–2–255	S	25	APRE/6
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–248	HD	35	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–249	HD	60	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–250	S	80	MB
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	ELK–1–251	HD	80	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK–1–252	S	60	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–253	S	60	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–254	S	64	A

Unit 13

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–256	HD	202	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–257	Q/HD	148	ES
Muzzle – Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–258	HD	30	ES

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Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK–3–259	Q/HD	86	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	ELK–3–260	HD	126	MB
Muzzle	Nov. 18–22	ELK–3–261	HD	126	MB
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–3–262	S	117	A
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK–3–263	S	116	A

Unit 14

Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK–1–392	S	10	ES
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Unit 15

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–264	HD	350	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–265	Q/HD	250	ES
Muzzle – Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–266	HD	25	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK–3–267	Q/HD	200	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	ELK–3–268	HD	245	MB
Muzzle	Nov. 11–15	ELK–3–269	HD	250	MB
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–3–270	S	250	A
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK–3–271	S	250	A

Unit 16A

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–272	HD	250	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–273	Q/HD	150	ES
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–274	Q/HD	25	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–275	Q/HD	75	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–276	HD	100	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–277	S	75	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK–1–278	S	75	A

Units 16B, 22

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–279	HD	225	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–280	Q/HD	165	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–281	Q/HD	25	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–282	Q/HD	80	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–283	HD	120	MB

Unit 16C

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–284	HD	144	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–285	Q/HD	100	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–286	S	25	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–287	Q	35	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–288	S	65	MB

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Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK-1–289	S	50	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK-1–290	S	48	A

Unit 16D

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2–291	HD	90	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2–292	Q/HD	60	ES
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK-1–293	Q/HD	25	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1–294	Q/HD	55	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK-1–295	HD	50	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK-1–296	S	50	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK-1–297	S	50	A

Unit 16E

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2–298	S	90	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2–299	Q	60	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK-3–301	Q/HD	70	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK-1–300	S	25	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK-1–302	S	53	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK-1–303	S	75	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK-1–304	S	75	A

Unit 17

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2–305	HD	125	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2–306	Q/HD	75	ES
Muzzle – Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK-3–307	HD	25	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK-3–308	Q/HD	100	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 21–25	ELK-3–309	HD	100	MB
Muzzle	Nov. 18–22	ELK-3–310	HD	25	MB
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK-3–311	S	25	A
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK-3–312	S	100	A
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK-3–313	S	100	A

Unit 18

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2–393	S	25	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2–394	HD	25	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK-1–395	HD	10	ES

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Unit 21A

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–314	HD	50	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–315	HD	50	ES
Bow	Dec. 16–20	ELK–2–320	S	15	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–316	HD	15	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–317	HD	35	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–318	HD	55	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–319	S	30	A

Unit 21B

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–321	S	25	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–322	S	25	ES
Bow	Dec. 16–20	ELK–2–330	S	15	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK–1–323	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–324	S	15	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–325	S	25	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK–1–326	S	15	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–327	S	15	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–328	S	15	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK–1–329	S	20	A

Unit 23

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–331	S	125	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–332	HD	75	ES
Bow	Dec. 16–20	ELK–2–337	S	15	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK–3–334	S	75	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–333	HD	25	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–335	HD	75	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–336	S	20	A
Any Legal – South of NM 78 / NM Resident Only	Dec. 16–24	ELK–1–338	S	20	A

Unit 24 (Excluding Ft. Bayard Mgmt. Area)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–339	S	15	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–340	S	10	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK–3–341	S	15	MB
Any Legal	Dec. 16–20	ELK–1–342	S	15	MB

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Unit 24 (Including
Ft. Bayard Mgmt Area)

Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–343	S	5	ES
Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–344	S	5	A

**Unit 28 McGregor
Range Only**
(CWD detected in this area,
see page 37)

Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK–1–396	HD	10	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 9–13	ELK–1–397	S	10	ES

Unit 29 & 30

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–398	S	20	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–399	S	20	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK–1–400	S	20	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–401	S	30	ES

Unit 34
(CWD detected in this area,
see page 37)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–345	HD	200	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–346	HD	200	ES
Bow	Dec. 16–20	ELK–2–355	S	200	APRE/6/A
Muzzle	Oct. 14–18	ELK–3–350	HD	250	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–347	HD	75	ES
Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–348	S	120	A
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–349	S	50	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–351	S	150	ES
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–352	S	350	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–353	S	350	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK–1–354	S	350	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Jan. 27–31, '24	ELK–1–356	S	200	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Feb. 3–7, '24	ELK–1–357	S	200	A

Unit 36

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–358	HD	140	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–359	HD	140	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–360	HD	140	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–361	HD	140	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK–1–362	HD	140	ES

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Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK-1–363	S	100	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK-1–364	S	100	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Jan. 27–31, '24	ELK-1–365	S	100	A

Unit 37

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2–402	S	40	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2–403	HD	30	ES
Bow	Dec. 2–6	ELK-2–407	S	50	APRE/6
Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK-1–404	HD	30	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1–405	S	30	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK-1–406	S	45	A

Unit 38

Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK-1–408	S	10	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1–409	S	10	ES

Unit 39 & 43

Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK-1–410	S	30	ES
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Units 42, 47, 59

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2–411	S	13	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2–412	S	13	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK-1–413	S	13	ES

Unit 45

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2–366	HD	75	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2–367	HD	73	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK-3–368	S	136	MB
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK-3–371	S	49	A
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1–369	S	140	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK-1–370	S	140	MB

Unit 48

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2–372	S	80	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2–373	S	80	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK-3–374	S	60	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1–375	S	75	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK-1–376	S	64	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK-1–377	S	50	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK-1–378	S	54	A

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Unit 49

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–379	S	60	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–380	HD	59	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–381	S	77	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–382	S	76	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 4–8	ELK–1–383	S	77	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK–1–384	S	77	A

Unit 50

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–187	S	60	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–188	S	55	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–189	S	120	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–190	S	125	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 4–8	ELK–1–191	S	42	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK–1–192	S	45	A

Unit 51

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–193	HD	180	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–194	HD	180	ES
Muzzle	Dec. 2–6	ELK–3–201	S	145	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–195	HD	220	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–196	S	220	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–197	S	220	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 4–8	ELK–1–198	S	251	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK–1–199	S	251	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK–1–200	S	252	A

Unit 52

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–202	HD	230	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–203	HD	230	ES
Muzzle – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–204	S	50	MB
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–205	HD	120	MB
Muzzle – NM Resident Only	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–206	S	50	A
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–207	S	230	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–208	S	230	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK–1–209	S	80	A

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Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK–1–210	S	56	A
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Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK–1–211	S	73	A
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Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 2–6	ELK–1–212	S	115	A
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Unit 53

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–385	S	65	ES
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Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–386	HD	60	ES
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Muzzle – Excluding Cerro portion	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–387	S	50	ES
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Any Legal – Excluding Cerro portion	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–388	S	80	MB
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Any Legal – Excluding Cerro portion	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–389	S	131	MB
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Any Legal – Excluding Cerro portion / NM Resident Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK–1–390	S	94	A
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Any Legal – Excluding Cerro portion NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK–1–391	S	94	A
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Unit 54, 55

Colin Neblett WMA Only
(NM Residents Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–425	S	10	ES
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Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–426	S	10	ES
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Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–427	S	20	MB
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Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK–1–428	S	20	MB
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Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK–1–429	S	20	MB
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Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	ELK–1–430	S	20	A
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Unit 55A

ES Barker WMA Only
(NM Residents Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–431	S	5	ES
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Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–432	S	5	ES
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Any Legal	Oct. 7–11	ELK–1–433	S	10	MB
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Unit 55A

Urraca WMA Only
(NM Resident Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK–2–434	S	5	ES
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Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK–2–435	S	5	ES
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Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK–3–436	S	10	MB
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Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1-437	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Nov. 4–8	ELK-1-438	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Nov. 11–15	ELK-1-439	S	15	A
Any Legal	Nov. 25–29	ELK-1-440	S	15	A

Unit 55A

(Valle Vidal Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2-441	Q/HD	25	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2-442	Q/HD	25	ES
Muzzle	Oct. 7–11	ELK-3-443	Q/HD	20	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1-444	Q	35	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 21–25	ELK-1-445	Q	30	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 28–Nov. 1	ELK-1-446	Q	20	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 4–8	ELK-1-447	Q	30	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 11–15	ELK-1-448	Q	30	A
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Nov. 18–22	ELK-1-449	Q	30	A

Unit 56

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2-414	S	5	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2-415	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK-1-416	S	10	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1-417	S	10	A

Unit 57

(Sugarite Canyon State Park Only)

Bow	Sep. 1–14	ELK-2-418	S	3	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2-419	S	2	ES

Units 57, 58

(Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park)

Bow	Sep. 1–24	ELK-2-420	S	5	ES
Bow	Sep. 15–24	ELK-2-421	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 1–5	ELK-1-422	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 14–18	ELK-1-423	S	10	MB
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Dec. 9–13	ELK-1-424	S	10	A

Youth Encouragement Hunts

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Youth Encouragement Elk Hunts: Online Purchase Only

Only eligible resident youth hunters who have submitted a valid application for a deer, elk, pronghorn, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep or bighorn sheep draw hunt in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing any license for these species will be eligible to purchase a youth encouragement elk license during the first 14 days of availability on the NMDGF website. Licenses remaining after 14 days shall be available to any youth hunter eligible to purchase an elk license.

Hunts will only be offered online on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunts will be available online until 14 days before each hunt start date. Please note: rejected applicants are ineligible. For more information call the NMDGF Information Center: **1-888-248-6866**.

Youth Encouragement Elk Seasons

The number of licenses available for these hunts may be adjusted based on changes in population levels and harvest rates.

License fee: \$58, \$338 nonresident.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 5B					
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK-1–100	S	20	A
Unit 6A					
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK-1–101	S	50	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1–102	S	50	A
Unit 6C					
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK-1–103	S	50	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1–104	S	50	A
Unit 10					
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK-1–105	S	35	A
Unit 13					
Muzzle – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK-3–106	S	60	A
Muzzle – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK-3–107	S	60	A
Unit 15					
Muzzle – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK-3–108	S	75	A
Muzzle – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK-3–109	S	75	A
Unit 16A					
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK-1–110	S	75	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK-1–111	S	75	A

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Unit 16C

Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–112	S	75	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK–1–113	S	75	A

Unit 16D

Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–114	S	75	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK–1–115	S	75	A

Unit 16E

Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–116	S	75	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK–1–117	S	75	A

Unit 17

Muzzle – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–3–118	S	60	A
Muzzle – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK–3–119	S	60	A

Unit 34

Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK–1–120	S	125	A
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Unit 36

Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–121	S	80	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK–1–122	S	80	A

Unit 49

Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–123	S	50	A
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Unit 51

Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–124	S	105	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK–1–125	S	105	A

Unit 52

Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–126	S	50	A
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Unit 53

Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 25–29	ELK–1–127	S	60	A
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 26–30	ELK–1–128	S	60	A

Pronghorn

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General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Pronghorn Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Pronghorn Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 28-29, muzzleloader).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40).
- Mobility-impaired Hunts (see pages 14–15).
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 14).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

Pronghorn Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for pronghorn draw licenses is March 22, 2023. Up to four hunters may apply per application for a public-land pronghorn draw license.

Successful applicants will be mailed a public-land pronghorn draw license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Bag Limit

(see glossary, pages 123–125)

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

Private-land Only Pronghorn Licenses

Over-the-counter private-land pronghorn licenses are not valid on any public land. To hunt on private land only, hunters must obtain a private-land only pronghorn license and tag, available at NMDGF offices, license vendors, or online and by telephone. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to the hunt start date to allow mailing of tags. When obtaining a private-land only pronghorn license, the hunter must select a hunt code corresponding with a public-land pronghorn draw hunt code for the unit(s), bag limit, sporting arm type and season date. Public-land draw hunt codes are listed on pages 85–90. Written permission from the landowner is required while hunting. Hunt codes for units without corresponding public-land draw hunts are listed on page 84.

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Private-land Pronghorn Hunting in Units 4, 14, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54 and 55

Private-land hunters in these units must select one of the hunt codes listed below.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 4					
Bow	Aug. 8–16	ANT–2–301	S	Unlimited	MB
Muzzle – Youth Only	Aug. 5–7	ANT–3–300	S	Unlimited	ES
Muzzle	Aug. 26–28	ANT–3–303	S	Unlimited	MB
Units 4, 50, 52					
Any Legal	Aug. 19–21	ANT–1–302	S	15	MB
Unit 14					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–304	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–305	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–306	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–307	S	Unlimited	MB
Unit 46					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–308	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–309	S	Unlimited	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–310	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–311	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–312	S	Unlimited	MB
Unit 48					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–313	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–314	S	Unlimited	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–315	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–316	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–317	S	Unlimited	MB
Unit 54					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–318	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–319	S	Unlimited	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–320	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–321	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–322	S	Unlimited	MB
Unit 55					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–323	S	Unlimited	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–324	S	Unlimited	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–325	S	Unlimited	MB

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Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program (PCRP)

The PCRP allows private landowners to apply for alternative season hunt dates as approved by NMDGF. Landowners must conduct and maintain substantial habitat improvements and/or land management practices that directly and significantly benefit pronghorn. A PCRP application and conservation management plan are required. To participate or for more information, contact NMDGF at **505-476-8042**.

Ranch-wide Agreements

Ranch-wide agreements allow private landowners to enroll their ranch's private-deeded and public-leased acres as one contiguous ranch for access by public draw hunters. Landowners are issued authorizations for pronghorn licenses valid on that property's deeded and public-leased acres. To participate or for more information, contact NMDGF at **505-476-8042**.

Pronghorn Draw Licenses

A public-land pronghorn draw license authorizes the hunter to hunt on any open public land within the specified unit(s) or hunt area, on participating ranches with signed NMDGF ranch-wide hunting agreements, or on any other private land in the unit(s), with written permission from the landowner of the property.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Units 2, 7, 9, 10					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–100	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–101	S	3	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–102	S	5	MB
Unit 12					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–103	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–104	S	3	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–105	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–106	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–107	S	10	MB
Unit 13					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–108	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–109	S	2	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–110	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–111	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–112	S	5	MB
Unit 15					
Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–113	S	20	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–114	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–115	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–117	S	3	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–118	S	10	MB

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Unit 16

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–119	S	20	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–120	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–121	S	15	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–123	S	3	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–124	S	25	MB

Unit 17

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–125	S	20	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–126	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–127	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–128	S	5	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–129	S	3	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–130	S	10	MB

Unit 18

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–131	S	25	MB
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–132	S	15	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–133	S	15	MB

Unit 19

(White Sands Missile Range)¹

Any Legal – WSMR Only – Youth Only	Oct. 6–8	ANT–1–134	S	5	ES
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Unit 20

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–135	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–136	S	2	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–137	S	10	MB

Units 21, 24

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–138	S	25	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–139	S	10	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–140	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–141	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–142	S	8	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–143	S	15	MB

Units 22, 23

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–144	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–145	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–146	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–147	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–148	S	3	MB

¹ White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) ONLY, mandatory check-in/check-out. WSMR will charge a \$50 per hunter access fee; 50% military discount applies. 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.

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Units 25, 26, 27

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–149	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–150	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–151	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–152	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–153	S	3	MB

Unit 28

Muzzle McGregor Range Only	Sep. 2–3	ANT–3–154	S	7	MB
Muzzle McGregor Range Only – Military Only	Sep. 2–3	ANT–3–155	S	7	MB

Unit 29

Muzzle – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–3–156	S	5	ES
Muzzle	Aug. 26–28	ANT–3–157	S	15	MB
Muzzle	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–3–158	S	25	MB

Unit 30

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–159	S	25	MB
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Unit 31

(North of US Highway 380)

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–160	S	25	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–161	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–162	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–163	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–164	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–165	S	15	MB

Unit 31

(South of US Highway 380)

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–166	S	50	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–167	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–168	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–169	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–170	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–171	S	20	MB

Unit 32 (east of Pecos River)

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–172	S	25	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–173	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–174	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–175	S	5	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–176	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–177	S	15	MB

Pronghorn

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Unit 32 (west of Pecos River)

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–178	S	20	MB
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–179	S	15	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–180	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–181	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–182	S	15	MB
Any Legal (Roswell Hunt Area Only)	Dec. 1–15	ANT–1–183	S	15	F-IM

Unit 33

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–184	S	30	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–185	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–186	S	25	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–187	S	20	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–188	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–189	S	25	MB

Units 36, 37

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–190	S	20	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–191	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–192	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–193	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–194	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–195	S	15	MB

Unit 38

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–196	S	20	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–197	S	10	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–198	S	15	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–199	S	20	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–200	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–201	S	30	MB

Unit 39

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–202	S	5	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–203	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–204	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–205	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–206	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–207	S	10	MB

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Unit 40

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–208	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–209	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–210	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–211	S	10	MB

Unit 41

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–212	S	35	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–213	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–214	S	30	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–215	S	30	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–216	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–217	S	35	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 14–16	ANT–1–218	S	10	F-IM

Unit 42

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–219	S	5	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–220	S	10	ES
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–221	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–222	S	10	MB

Units 8, 43

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–223	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–224	S	10	MB

Unit 47

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–225	S	10	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–226	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–227	S	25	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–228	S	30	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–229	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–230	S	35	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 14–16	ANT–1–231	S	20	F-IM

Units 50, 52

Bow	Aug. 8–16	ANT–2–233	S	20	MB
Muzzle – Youth Only	Aug. 5–7	ANT–3–232	S	40	ES
Muzzle	Aug. 26–28	ANT–3–235	S	40	MB
Any Legal – Not available for OTC private land licenses	Aug. 19–21	ANT–1–234	S	20	MB

Pronghorn

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

Unit 56

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–236	S	50	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–237	S	50	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–238	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–239	S	45	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–240	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–241	S	50	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 14–16	ANT–1–242	S	40	F-IM

Unit 57

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–243	S	5	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–244	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–245	S	5	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 14–16	ANT–1–246	S	5	F-IM

Unit 58

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–247	S	40	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–248	S	20	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–249	S	30	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–250	S	30	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–251	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–252	S	40	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 14–16	ANT–1–253	S	35	F-IM

Unit 59

Bow	Aug. 12–20	ANT–2–254	S	50	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–255	S	45	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 26–28	ANT–1–256	S	5	MB
Any Legal	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–257	S	40	MB
Any Legal – Mobility Impaired Only	Sep. 30–Oct. 2	ANT–1–258	S	10	MB
Any Legal	Oct. 7–9	ANT–1–259	S	50	MB
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 14–16	ANT–1–260	S	40	F-IM

Bighorn Sheep

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

General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Bighorn Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Bighorn Sheep Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 28).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40).
- Mobility-impaired Hunts (see pages 14–15).
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 14).
- Bag Limit (see glossary, page 122).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

Draw Licenses for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep

The deadline to apply for bighorn sheep draw licenses is March 22, 2023. Only one person may apply per application. Successful applicants will be mailed a bighorn sheep draw license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

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 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.

Hunters may apply for up to three bighorn sheep (BHS) hunt codes in the same license year. Hunters applying for both desert and Rocky Mountain bighorn must do so on the same application.

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 leaving 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.

Application Procedure for Bighorn Sheep (BHS) Hunts

Hunts are divided into four BHS hunt codes (BHS-1-201, BHS-1-202, BHS-2-203 and BHS-1-204). Applicants may choose 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 up to three hunt areas and hunt dates for that hunt code.

Bighorn Sheep

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

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

Big-Game Sporting Arms

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMUs 16B, 22, 23, 24 (San Francisco River / Turkey Creek)	Jan. 1–31, '24	2	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Aug. 4–13	5	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Aug. 18–27	4	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos) – Youth Only	Aug. 18–27	1	Ram
GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak) ¹	Aug. 6–15	2	Ram
GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak) ¹	Sept. 1–10	1	Ram
GMUs 53 and 55 (Latir) ²	Aug. 4–13	1	Ram
GMUs 53 and 55 (Latir) ²	Aug. 18–27	1	Ram
GMUs 49, 50 and 53 (Rio Grande Gorge) ³	Aug. 10–24	2	Ram
GMUs 49, 50 and 53 (Rio Grande Gorge) ³	Sept. 1–15	2	Ram
GMUs 49, 50 and 53 (Rio Grande Gorge) ³	Nov. 1–15	1	Ram
GMU 58 (Dry Cimarron) ⁴	Aug. 15–Jan. 15, '24	1	Ram

¹ GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522.

² GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522, and GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950.

³ GMU 53 west of NM 522.

⁴ 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.

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

Big-Game Sporting Arms

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Sept. 16–20	10	Ewe
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Sept. 30–Oct. 4	8	Ewe
GMU 45 (Pecos) – Youth-only	Sept. 30–Oct. 4	2	Ewe

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

Bow Only

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Sept. 1–10	10	Ewe

Desert Bighorn Ram: Hunt Code BHS-1-204

Big-Game Sporting Arms

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Licenses	Bag
GMUs 13 and 17 (Ladrones)	Dec. 1–15	2	Ram
GMUs 13 and 17 (Ladrones)	Dec. 16–31	2	Ram
GMU 19 (San Andres) ¹	Dec. 14–21	2	Ram
GMU 19 (San Andres) ¹	Dec. 27–Jan. 3 '24	2	Ram
GMU 20 South (Caballos) ²	Nov. 16–30	4	Ram
GMU 20 South (Caballos) ²	Dec. 1–15	4	Ram
GMU 20 North (Fra Cristobal) ³	Aug. 18–27	1	Ram
GMU 20 North (Fra Cristobal –Youth Only) ³	Nov. 17–26	1	Ram
GMU 26 (Little Hatchets) ⁴	Sept. 15–30	1	Ram
GMU 26 (Little Hatchets) ⁴	Oct. 1–15	1	Ram
GMU 26 (Big Hatchets) ⁵	Sept. 15–30	2	Ram
GMU 26 (Big Hatchets) ⁵	Oct. 1–15	1	Ram
GMU 27 (Peloncillos)	Nov. 1–15	2	Ram
GMU 27 (Peloncillos)	Nov. 16–30	1	Ram

¹ Access through the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) is required for this hunt. In addition to the bighorn sheep license fees, validation and stamp fees, WSMR charges a \$150 per hunter access fee; 50% military discount applies. Successful applicants will receive an instruction email from WSMR detailing payment of the fee, including payment deadline. 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.

² GMU 20 south of NM 51.

³ GMU 20 north of NM 51. 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.

⁴ Little Hatchets = GMU 26 west of NM 81

⁵ Big Hatchets = GMU 26 east of NM 81



General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Ibex Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Ibex Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 28-29).
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 14).

Ibex Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for ibex draw licenses is March 22, 2023. Up to two may apply per application.

Any valid ibex draw license can be used for the year-round IBX–1–528 hunt. Successful applicants will be mailed an ibex draw license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Licenses for the IBX–1–101 any legal sporting arm hunt are once-in-a-lifetime.

A hunter may apply for this once-in-a-lifetime ibex draw license if she/he has not previously held an ibex once-in-a-lifetime license. Licenses for the IBX–1–103 are once-in-a-youth. A youth hunter may apply for this once-in-a-youth draw license if she/he has not previously held a ibex youth license.

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 also possess a cougar license. Cougar hunters must adhere to the allowed sporting-arm type and season dates specified on their ibex license.

Bag Limit

F-IM: Any female ibex, or a male ibex with horns less than 20 inches long.

ES Either sex (any one ibex).

Over-the-Counter License

The bag limit for IBX-1-528 is unlimited. If the physical tag is chosen and an ibex is killed, the hunter must visit the NMDGF Las Cruces office to receive an additional carcass tag prior to hunting another ibex. If the E-Tag option is chosen, the hunter may kill up to 3 ibex with the NM E-Tag app. **Do not hunt without a valid carcass tag.**

If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain a tag at a license vendor or NMDGF office. Please note: ibex draw applicants may not purchase the OTC license before the draw results are released.

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Ibex Draw Licenses

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 25 (Florida Mountains)				
Bow	Oct. 1–15	IBX–2–100	100	ES
Bow	Jan. 15–29, '24	IBX–2–104	100	ES
Muzzle	Feb. 17–23, '24	IBX–3–106	15	ES
Any Legal – Once-In-A-Lifetime	Nov. 15–29	IBX–1–101	15	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 9–13	IBX–1–102	20	F–IM
Any Legal – Once -In-A-Youth	Dec. 27–Jan. 10, '24	IBX–1–103	5	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 3–7, '24	IBX–1–105	20	F–IM
Over-the-Counter: Statewide (off-Florida Mountains)				
Any Legal	Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '24	IBX–1–528	Unlimited	ES



Florida Mountains
Hunt Area

Portion of Unit 25 (shaded):
bounded by Interstate 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.



Barbary sheep (top): Both males and females have shaggy front quarters and are sand colored. Males have crescent-shaped horns. NMDGF photo.

Bighorn sheep (right) are grey-brown colored and have white hindquarters. Immature males that do not have fully grown horns may resemble Barbary sheep at first glance. NMDGF photo



Barbary Sheep

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General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Barbary Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Barbary Sheep Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 28).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40).

Barbary Sheep Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for Barbary sheep draw licenses is March 22, 2023. Up to four people may apply per application.

Successful applicants will be mailed a Barbary sheep draw license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes the hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Bag Limit

ES Either sex (any one Barbary sheep).

F-IM: Any female Barbary sheep, or a male Barbary sheep with horns less than 18 inches long.
See page 123.

All public draw Barbary sheep licenses (with the exception of McGregor Range license holders who are stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas and have paid the resident fees) shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas with any big-game sporting arm.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Codes	Licenses	Quality	Bag Limit
Unit 28 McGregor Range					
Any Legal	Dec. 9–13	BBY-1-116	S	10	ES
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 9–13	BBY-1-117	S	10	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 30–31	BBY-1-118	S	80	F-IM
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 30–31	BBY-1-119	S	10	F-IM
Any Legal	Jan. 6–7, '24	BBY-1-120	S	50	F-IM
Any Legal – Military Only	Jan. 6–7, '24	BBY-1-121	S	10	F-IM
Units 29, 30					
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	BBY-2-108	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 10–16	BBY-1-109	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 4–10	BBY-1-110	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 15–21	BBY-1-111	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20–26, '24	BBY-1-112	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1–7, '24	BBY-1-113	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 12–18, '24	BBY-1-114	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 21–27, '24	BBY-1-115	S	200	ES

Barbary Sheep

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	Hunt Dates	Hunt Codes	Licenses	Quality	Bag Limit
Units 32, 36, 37					
Bow	Jan. 1–15, '24	BBY–2–100	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 10–16	BBY–1–101	S	50	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 4–10	BBY–1–102	S	50	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 15–21	BBY–1–103	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20–26, '24	BBY–1–104	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1–7, '24	BBY–1–105	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 12–18, '24	BBY–1–106	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 21–27, '24	BBY–1–107	S	150	ES

Over-the-Counter Licenses

Bag Limit: Either sex (any one Barbary sheep).

Statewide Licenses: Open units (listed below)

Over-the-counter barbary sheep licenses for public and private lands are available at license vendors, 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. Please note: Barbary sheep draw applicants may not purchase the OTC license before the draw results are released.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Statewide (except on WMAs during closures, WSMR, Fort Bliss portions of GMU 19, and the draw areas of GMUs 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, and 37)				
Any Legal ¹	Apr. 1–Mar.31, '24	BBY–1–300	Unlimited	ES

¹ Barbary sheep hunters in GMU 34 should be aware that bighorn sheep may be present (see page 96)

Private-land Only Barbary Sheep Licenses

To hunt on private land only, hunters must obtain a private-land only Barbary sheep license and tag—available at NMDGF offices, license vendors, online and by telephone. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. When obtaining a private-land only Barbary sheep license, the hunter must select a hunt code corresponding with a public-land draw hunt code for the unit(s), bag limit, sporting-arm type(s) and season date. Written permission from the landowner is required while hunting.



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General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Oryx Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Oryx Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 28).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40).
- Mobility-impaired Hunts (see pages 14–15).
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 14).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

Oryx Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for oryx draw licenses is March 22, 2023. Up to two people may apply per application. The majority of these hunts occur on the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). Successful applicants will be mailed an oryx draw license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

All once-in-a-lifetime, broken-horn 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 emailed to each license holder.

WSMR will charge a \$150 per hunter access fee; 50% military discount applies. 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. Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts.

Bag Limit

ES Either sex (any one oryx).

BHO Any broken-horn oryx (missing a minimum of 25% of one horn). **See page 123.**

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security

Hunters who successfully draw a WSMR hunt, and their guests, 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 and guests 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, 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. If escorted off WSMR, license fees are nonrefundable.



White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security—continued.

Special Restrictions

- All WSMR draw oryx hunts with an either-sex bag limit are once-in-a-lifetime hunts and **may not be applied for if previously held**. If another oryx license type that is not once-in-a-lifetime has been previously held, applicants remain eligible and may still apply for once-in-a-lifetime hunts.
- For eligibility questions call: **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 the guest(s) 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.
- Foreign nationals may apply for once-in-a-lifetime hunts; if drawn they must be escorted at all times by an authorized WSMR official while on WSMR.
- Blaze-orange clothing: Hunters and their guests must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on WSMR.

Outfitted Hunts: WSMR allows use of outfitters and guides only for oryx once-in-a-lifetime, broken-horn, 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 WSMR at: **575-678-7909** or **575-678-2993**.

Oryx Draw Licenses

Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Quality	Licenses	Bag Limit
Stallion Range	Sep. 8–10	ORX–1–100	S	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Sep. 22–24	ORX–1–101	S	70	ES
Stallion Range	Nov. 3–5	ORX–1–103	S	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Dec. 1–3	ORX–1–104	S	70	ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 12–14, '24	ORX–1–105	S	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 26–28, '24	ORX–1–106	S	70	ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 9–11, '24	ORX–1–107	S	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 23–25, '24	ORX–1–108	S	70	ES
Stallion Range	March 8–10	ORX–1–109	S	70	ES
Stallion Range – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6–8	ORX–1–110	S	20	ES

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

Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts—continued.

Resident Veteran Hunts

The hunt listed below has been established for New Mexico resident veterans. No more than two people may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 22, 2023.

Proof of Military Service Required: Applicants must provide their DD-214 to verify eligibility prior to application. A copy of orders or DD-214 can be emailed:

special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov, faxed: **505-476-8180**, or mailed to: NMDGF, Special Hunts Office, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) – Resident Veterans Only

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 20–22	ORX–1–102	S	75	ES

Youth-only Hunt (This is a Once-in-a-Youth Hunt.)

Stallion Range – Youth Only	Oct. 6–8	ORX–1–111	S	40	ES
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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.

Stallion Range	Sep. 8–10	ORX–1–112	S	15	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Sep. 22–24	ORX–1–113	S	15	BHO
Stallion Range	Nov. 3–5	ORX–1–114	S	15	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Dec. 1–3	ORX–1–115	S	15	BHO
Stallion Range	Jan. 12–14, '24	ORX–1–116	S	15	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 26–28, '24	ORX–1–117	S	15	BHO
Stallion Range	Feb. 9–11, '24	ORX–1–118	S	15	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 23–25, '24	ORX–1–119	S	15	BHO
Stallion Range	Mar. 8–10, '24	ORX–1–120	S	15	BHO

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

Hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss. All hunters may apply for ORX–1–225 and ORX–1–227. Applicants for military-only hunts must submit proof of current active-duty status prior to application each year. Veterans, reservists and military contractors are not eligible for military-only hunts. Hunters are required to possess proof of passing a certified hunter education course, are required to wear a blaze-orange 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: **christopher.a.taylor154.civ@army.mil**.

Unit 28 (McGregor Range)	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Any Legal	Dec. 16–17	ORX–1–225	S	25	ES
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 16–17	ORX–1–226	S	25	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 6–7, '24	ORX–1–227	S	25	ES
Any Legal – Military Only	Jan. 6–7, '24	ORX–1–228	S	25	ES

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

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

Statewide – Off-range	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Any Legal	Jun. 1–30	ORX–1–204	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Jun. 1–30	ORX–1–205	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Jul. 1–31	ORX–1–206	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Jul. 1–31	ORX–1–207	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 1–31	ORX–1–208	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 1–31	ORX–1–209	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Sep. 1–30	ORX–1–210	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Sep. 1–30	ORX–1–211	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 1–31	ORX–1–212	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 1–31	ORX–1–213	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Nov. 1–30	ORX–1–214	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 1–30	ORX–1–215	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 1–31	ORX–1–216	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 1–31	ORX–1–217	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 1–31, '24	ORX–1–218	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Jan. 1–31, '24	ORX–1–219	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1–29, '24	ORX–1–220	S	80	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Feb. 1–29, '24	ORX–1–221	S	20	ES
Any Legal – Age 70 And Older	Feb. 1–29, '24	ORX–1–222	S	40	ES
Any Legal	Mar. 1–31, '24	ORX–1–223	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Mar. 1–31, '24	ORX–1–224	S	24	ES

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 off WSMR or be restricted to WSMR only.

Off WSMR (excluding WSMR and McGregor Range): Applicants should choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying, and leave all other options blank.

WSMR only: To be eligible for population management oryx hunts on WSMR, applicants must choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying for draw hunts and must enter a hunt authorization code from an approved 2023 WSMR security sponsor. Sponsors must apply for and be approved for a WSMR security-sponsor permit by Feb. 15, 2023. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR population management hunts.

Do not select any WSMR options unless you have a valid hunt authorization code. Hunters unaccompanied by a sponsor will be denied access to the hunt. If uncertain about your eligibility, please call NMDGF: **1-888-248-6866**.

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

Private-land oryx licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must possess written permission from the landowner. Private-land oryx licenses must correspond to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements/restrictions, sporting-arm type and bag limits listed for the statewide, off-range hunts listed on page 102.

Statewide private-land, off-range licenses are also available for April (ORX–1–2000) and May (ORX–1–2020). 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 unless the E-Tag option is chosen. Please note: Oryx draw applicants may not purchase a private-land license before the draw results are released.

Turkey

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

General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Turkey Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Turkey Hunting (shotguns, bows or crossbows, see page 29).
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 14).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

New Gould's Turkey Hunt

Robust Gould's turkey populations have enabled a new Gould's turkey hunt in Units 26 and 27. This is a once-in-a-lifetime hunt.

Turkey Draw Permits

The deadline to apply for turkey draw permits is Feb. 15, 2023. Up to two people may apply per application. Successful applicants must purchase an over-the-counter turkey license to validate their draw permit. Licenses may be purchased online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**, or in person at NMDGF offices or from license vendors. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags unless the E-Tag option is chosen. Tags include instructions for proper tagging. Draw hunt areas are open only during the dates listed on the permit. 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.

Spring Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Hunts

OTC turkey licenses are available at NMDGF offices, license vendors, online or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**. Hunters may purchase both spring and fall licenses.

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

STATEWIDE: Except the following **CLOSED AREAS:** Unit 2A (areas east of U.S. Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173); Unit 2B (areas in the Carson National Forest), Unit 2C (areas in the Carson National Forest); Units 6B, 8, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31; Bernardo WMA, Jackson Lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Marquez/LBar WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, Valle Vidal, W.S. Huey WMA.

Youth-only Spring OTC License Hunt: April 7–9

An early youth-only turkey hunt is available April 7–9 in all open units for spring hunting. Draw-permit areas are not open for youth-only spring OTC hunting, unless specified on the permit.

Bag Limit for Spring Season

The bag limit is two bearded turkeys, except in permitted areas.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) Turkey draw permit holders may kill only the number of turkeys authorized on their permit in the permitted area. If only one turkey is allowed, they may hunt in any open over-the-counter area during the spring season for a second turkey.

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

Turkey Draw Permit Seasons
(OTC Turkey Permit Required)

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 2A (Areas east of U.S. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173)				
Any Legal – Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 15	TUR–1–102	5	1 bearded turkey
Unit 2B and 2C (Carson National Forest)				
Any Legal	Apr. 15–May 15	TUR–1–100	115	1 bearded turkey
Any Legal – Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 15	TUR–1–101	50	1 bearded turkey
Unit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve)				
Any Legal ¹	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–103	20	1 bearded turkey
¹ Hunter orientation required.				
Unit 8				
Any Legal ²	Apr. 15–May 15	TUR–1–104	15	2 bearded turkeys
² Shotgun, bow or crossbow, except in Sandia Ranger District which is bow and crossbow only.				
Unit 9 – Marquez/L Bar WMA				
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Apr. 15–May 15	TUR–1–105	15	1 bearded turkey
Unit 26 and 27 (Gould's Turkey)				
Any Legal – Once-in-a-Lifetime	May 1–May 30	TUR–1–106	4	1 bearded turkey
Unit 30 Washington Ranch and BLM Black River Management Area ³ (Youth Only)				
Any Legal	Apr. 28–30	TUR–1–107	3	1 bearded turkey
Any Legal	May 5–May 7	TUR–1–108	3	1 bearded turkey
³ This is a special hunting opportunity for youth hunters to harvest a Rio Grande turkey on the Black River. Hunter orientation is required and will be held on the Friday afternoon before the designated hunt begins. Youth hunters will be paired with a conservation officer for the hunt. For additional information about this opportunity, contact the Southeast Area office: 575-624-6135 .				
Unit 55A – Valle Vidal				
Any Legal	Apr. 15–May 15 (east side only from 5/1–5/15)	TUR–1–109	20	1 bearded turkey

Turkey

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Fall OTC License Hunts

Sept. 1–30 (bow only) and **Nov. 1–30** (shotgun, bow or crossbow)

STATEWIDE: Except the closed areas listed below.

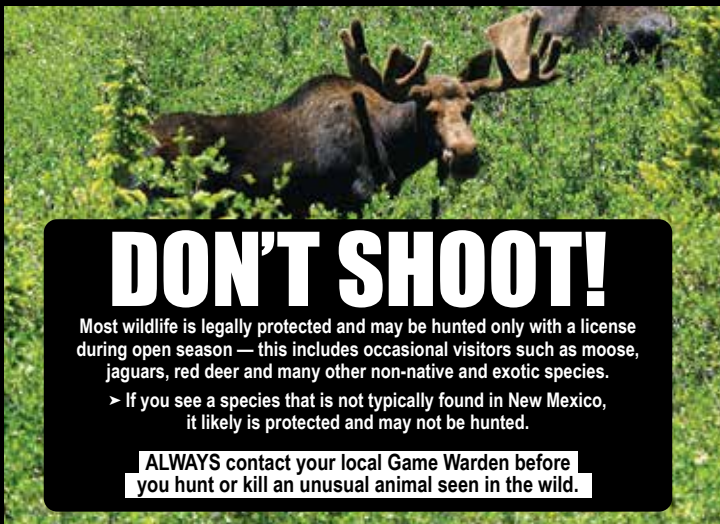
CLOSED: Unit 2A (areas east of U.S. Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173); Unit 2B (areas in the Carson National Forest); Unit 2C (areas in the Carson National Forest); Units 6B, 8, 14, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 38, 49, 50, 53; Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Edward Sargent WMA, Jackson Lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez/LBar WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, Rio Chama WMA, Sugarite Canyon State Park, Valle Vidal and W.S. Huey WMA.

Bag Limit for Fall Season

The bag limit is any one turkey. If a hunter does not harvest a turkey during the September bow-only hunt, she/he may hunt again in November using legal sporting arms for turkey.

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Youth Spring Turkey Hunt

The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will conduct youth spring turkey hunts for hunters 17 years of age and younger. Hunts will be held on weekends during April and May 2023 in conjunction with NMDGF seasons. 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. More information will be available in January 2023 at: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/bosque_del_apache/. For more information about hunting opportunities at Bosque del Apache NWR call: **575-835-1828**.



Javelina

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

General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Javelina Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Javelina Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 28).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40).
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 14).

Javelina Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for javelina draw licenses is March 22, 2023. Up to four people may apply per application. Successful applicants will be mailed a javelina draw license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging. Licenses and tags are available at NMDGF offices, license vendors, online and by telephone. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

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; Bluiitt (North, South and East); Wayside; Antelope Flats; Bledsoe; Little Dipper; Pitchfork; Ranger Lake; Heart Bar, Double E, River Ranch, Red Rock (outside of the high-fence bighorn sheep enclosure only) 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.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Quality	Licenses	Bag Limit
Statewide (excluding Unit 28) Youth Only	Feb. 1, '24–Mar.31, '24	JAV-1-100	S	180	ES
Units 19, 23–27 (excluding Ft. Bliss)	Jan. 1–31, '24	JAV-2-101	S	330	ES
Units 19, 23–27 (excluding Ft. Bliss)	Feb. 1, '24–Mar.31, '24	JAV-1-102	S	1100	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range – Military Only	Dec. 30–31	JAV-1-105	S	5	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range	Dec. 30–31	JAV-1-106	S	5	ES

Over-the-Counter Licenses

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Quality	Licenses	Bag Limit
Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23–28)	Jan. 1–31, '24	JAV-2-103	S	360	ES
Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23–28)	Feb. 1, '24–Mar.31, '24	JAV-1-104	S	1200	ES

General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Bear Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Bear Hunting (see page 28).
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 14).
- Bear Licenses must be purchased at least two calendar days before hunting.
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

Restrictions and Requirements

Bag Limit: The bag limit is one bear. No cub younger than one year old or any female accompanied by a cub(s) may be taken.

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 unit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve).

Electronic Calls: Electronic calls are allowed for bear hunting.

Bear Management Zones and Harvest Limits (map, page 112): New Mexico is divided into 14 Bear Management Zones, enabling NMDGF to better manage regional bear populations. Each zone has two harvest limits: 1) the total number of bears that may be harvested (total limit); and 2) the number of female bears that may be harvested (female limit). Harvest limits for each Bear Management Zone are listed in the table on page 110. Bear management zones close when harvests reach 90% of the total limit, 90% of the female limit, or when the season has ended—whichever occurs first.

Bow Only: Sandia Ranger District in Zones 8 and 14, and the draw hunt in Sugarite Canyon State Park.

Zone Closure: Before hunting, hunters must verify their preferred zone is still open. Check online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/bear/ or call: **1-877-950-5466**.

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 conservation officer or any NMDGF office **within five days** of killing the bear before the pelt can be frozen, processed, tanned or salted by a taxidermist 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 to receive a designee code.** Hunters or their designee is required to present the **unfrozen skull of any bear killed with the mouth fixed open** for removal of a premolar tooth. Hunters or their designee must provide all required information at the time of pelt tagging including, but not

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limited to: sex of the animal and date and location of harvest. 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 tagging official. NMDGF will pelt tag a harvested bear only 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.

Use of Dogs: Dog use is **not allowed** on wildlife management areas (WMAs) or during September bow seasons. Dog use is **allowed** to hunt bears elsewhere during hunts for any legal sporting arm (see table, page 110). When dogs are used to hunt bears, the licensed hunter who harvests the bear must be present continuously from the time any dog is released. Dogs may be released only during legal hunting hours. There is no pursuit or training season outside the regular open season.

Baiting and Trapping: Baiting and trapping are **not legal methods** for taking bear. If accidentally trapped, the bear must be released. For assistance releasing a bear, contact NMDGF.

Valle Vidal: It is unlawful to hunt bears on the Valle Vidal, except for hunters who successfully draw a bear draw permit and purchase a game-hunting license and an over-the-counter bear license. Dogs are allowed during the April 15–May 20 and the Aug. 1–31 hunts.

Properly licensed Valle Vidal elk hunters may also hunt bears on the Valle Vidal 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 Management 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.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Hunts

An OTC bear license is required to hunt bears in New Mexico, including to validate draw permits. Licenses may be purchased online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**, or in person at NMDGF offices or from license vendors. 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, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

Bear Licenses must be purchased at least two calendar days before hunting.

Over-the-Counter Seasons

Zone: Open Units	Hunt Dates	Sporting Arm	Dog Use	Total Limit	Female Limit
Zone 1	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed	158	63
Units: 4–7, 51, 52	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 2	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed	15	6
Unit 2	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 3	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed	65	26
Units: 49, 50, 53	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 4	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed	109	43
Units: 45, 46, 48	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 30	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 5	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed	92	37
Units: 54, 55	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 6	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed	33	13
Units: 39–43, 47, 59	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 7	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed	35	14
Units: 56–58	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 8	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed	11	4
Unit 8	Oct. 15–Nov. 15	Any Legal *	Allowed		
* USFS Sandia Ranger District is bow only.					
Zone 9	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed	36	14
Units: 9, 10	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 10	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed	146	58
Units: 12, 13, 15–18, 20–24, 26, 27	Sept. 25–Dec. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 11	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed	36	14
Units: 37, 38	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 30	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 12	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed	33	13
Unit 34	Sept. 25–Dec. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 13	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed	16	6
Unit 36	Sept. 25–Nov. 30	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 14	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed	19	7
Unit 14	Oct. 15–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		

* USFS Sandia Ranger District is bow only.

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Bear Draw Permits (OTC bear license required)

Deadline to apply for bear draw permits is Feb. 15, 2023. Only one person may apply per application.

Successful applicants must purchase an over-the-counter bear license to validate their draw permit. Licenses may be purchased online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**, or in person at NMDGF offices or from license vendors. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags unless the E-Tag option is chosen. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Bear draw permits are available for the areas listed in the table below. Only New Mexico residents may apply for WMA bear draw permits. Hunters may hunt during the over-the-counter season if they have not taken a bear during their draw hunt. During draw hunts, dogs are prohibited on WMAs and Sugarite Canyon State Park, and are allowed only on the Valle Vidal.

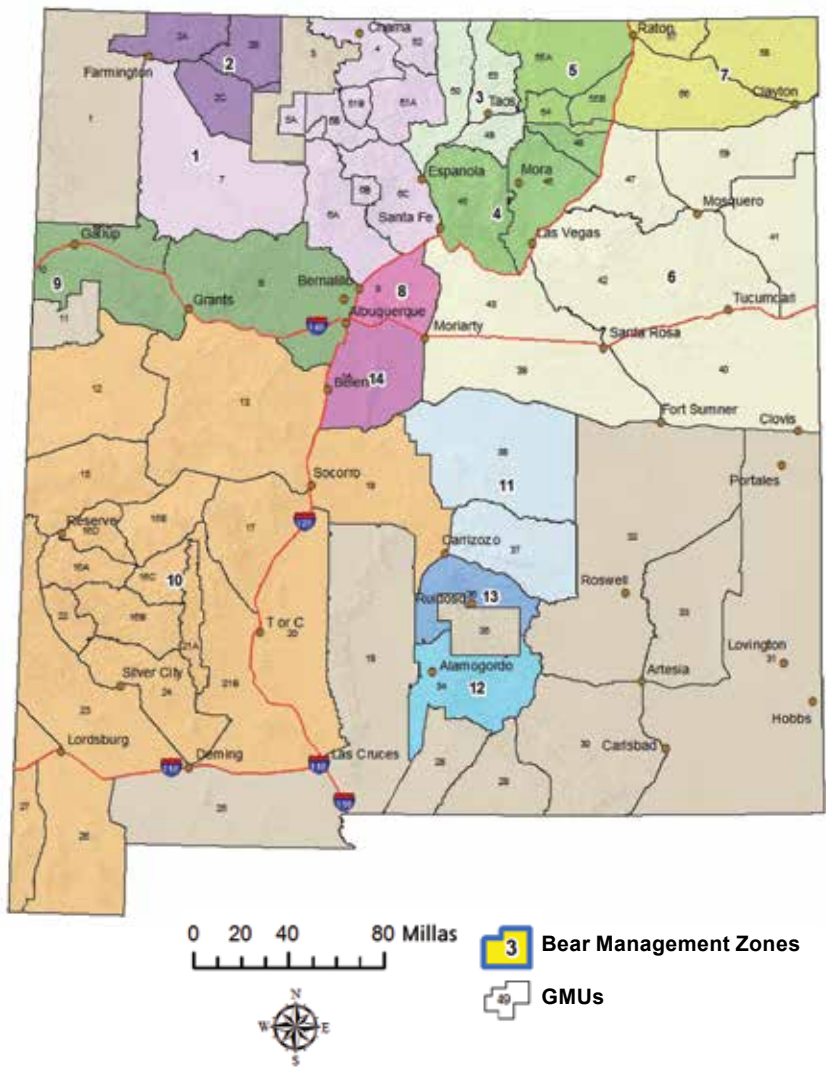
Bear Draw Permits

	Date	Hunt Code	Permits
Unit 2			
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–100	5
Unit 4 Sargent WMA Only			
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–101	10
Unit 4 Humphries WMA Only			
Any Legal – NM Residents Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–102	5
Unit 9 Marquez/LBar WMA Only			
Any Legal – NM Resident Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–103	5
Units 54 and 55A – Urraca, E.S. Barker, and Colin Neblett WMAs, and Valle Vidal			
Any Legal	Aug. 1–31	BER–1–104	32
Unit 55A – Valle Vidal Only			
Any Legal	Apr. 15–May 20	BER–1–105	20
Unit 57 – Sugarite Canyon State Park Only			
Bow Only	Aug. 1–31	BER–2–106	5

Bear

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

Bear Management Zones and Game Management Units



Cougar

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

General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Cougar Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Cougar Hunting (see page 28).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40).
- Cougar Licenses must be purchased at least two calendar days before hunting.
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses

An OTC cougar license may be purchased at license vendors, NMDGF offices, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**. Before purchasing an over-the-counter (OTC) cougar license, hunters must purchase or possess 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. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Cougar licenses must be purchased at least two calendar days before hunting.

Bag Limit: The bag limit is two cougars. No spotted kitten(s) or any female accompanied by a spotted kitten(s) may be taken.

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 through your NMDGF online account.

Cougar Seasons

Statewide Cougar Season: April 1, 2023–March 31, 2024.

Cougar Management Zones and Harvest Limits (map, page 116)

New Mexico is divided into 18 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 (total limit); and 2) the number of female cougars that may be harvested (female limit). Harvest limits for each Cougar Management Zone are listed on page 115.

Cougar Management Zones will close and hunting will cease when harvests reach 90% of the total limit, 90% of the female limit or when the season has ended, whichever occurs first.

Zone Closures

Before hunting, hunters must verify their preferred zone is still open. Check online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/cougar or call: **1-877-950-5466**.

Cougar

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Baiting and Trapping: Baiting and trapping are not legal methods of taking cougar. If accidentally trapped, the cougar must be released. Should assistance be needed to release a cougar, contact NMDGF.

Pelt Tags Required

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 conservation officer or NMDGF office within five days of killing the cougar before the pelt can be frozen, processed, tanned or salted by a taxidermist, 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 to receive a designee code prior to pelt tagging.** Hunters or their designee 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. Hunters or their designee must provide all required information at the time of pelt tagging including, but not limited to: sex of the animal and date and location of harvest. 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 tagging official. NMDGF will pelt tag a cougar only 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 are not required to have a license to 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** on wildlife management areas (WMAs) or to pursue cougars during September 1–24 bow seasons. Dog use is **allowed** to hunt cougars elsewhere during hunts for any legal sporting arm. When dogs are used to hunt cougars, the licensed hunter who harvests the cougar must be present continuously from the time any dog is released.

Dogs may be released only during legal hunting hours. There is no pursuit or training season outside the regular open season.

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Florida Mountains Hunt Area–Unit 25: Cougar hunting is not allowed in the Florida Mountains hunt area during any ibex season, except by licensed ibex hunters (only for sporting-arm type and season dates as specified on the ibex license).

Electronic calls: Electronic calls may be used for cougar.

Closed Areas: Sugarite Canyon State Park; Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook; Unit 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/LBar, Sargent and Urraca WMAs, and the Valle Vidal. 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.

Cougar Management Zones

Cougar management zone locations in New Mexico are designated in the map on page 116.

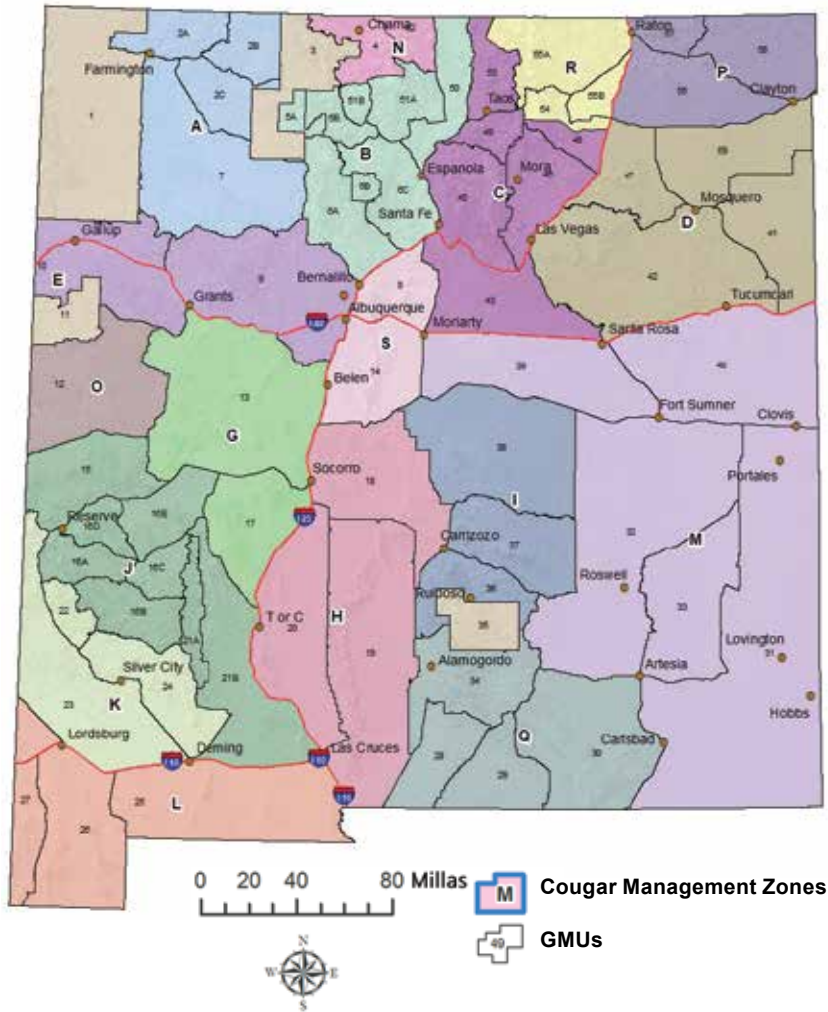
Zones and Season Limits

Zone	Open Units	Total Limit	Female Limit
A	2, 7	42	13
B	5, 6, 50, 51	25	8
C	43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53	57	17
D	41, 42, 47, 59	15	5
E	9, 10	43	13
G	13, 17	50	15
H	18, 19, 20	29	9
I	36, 37, 38	24	7
J	15, 16, 21	84	25
K	22, 23, 24	45	14
L	25, 26, 27	19	8
M	31, 32, 33, 39, 40	25	7
N	4, 52	13	4
O	12	17	5
P	56, 57, 58	14	7
Q	28–30, 34	35	11
R	54, 55	26	8
S	8, 14	17	5

Cougar

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Cougar Management Zones and Game Management Units



Mexican Gray Wolf

New rule available January 2021: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/home/publications

Wolves Are a Federally Protected Species

The Mexican Wolf Experimental Population 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 118).

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/.

Mexican Gray Wolf

General information: **1-888-248-6866** Operation Game Thief: **1-800-432-4263**

Wolf Encounters and Identification

The Gila National Forest and surrounding areas are locations where wolf encounters may occur. Mexican gray 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.

Coyotes (top) and Mexican gray wolves (bottom) can be difficult to differentiate at a distance or at quick glance; 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. Not all wolves have radio collars. Photo courtesy of the Mexican Wolf Inter-agency Field Team.





Possession 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, _____ tel.: () ____ - _____,
Full name of license holder. Telephone number. Please print.

Address: _____
Address of license holder required. Please print.

on this day: ____ / ____ / ____ at: _____,
Date of transaction; Place of transaction.

hereby convey to: _____ the following game animal(s) or parts:
Full name of person receiving game animal(s) of parts.

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.)

for the purpose of: _____,
Donation, taxidermy and/or meat processing.

taken in GMU _____ under license #: _____ and taken on: ____ / ____ / ____.

Donor: _____ Recipient: _____
(Signature of license holder) (Signature of recipient)

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



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.

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.

Free Maps on Your Phone

www.blm.gov/maps/frequently-requested/new-mexico/hunting-maps

BLM-New Mexico has partnered with NMDGF to provide free maps of big-game hunting units and recreational areas on public lands.

Load the CarryMap app onto your mobile device, then download New Mexico maps at: www.blm.gov/nm/huntingmaps

Some of the many features include:

- Up-to-date land-status maps.
- NMDGF Game Management Units, Wildlife Management Areas, Unitization Agreements and other designated areas.
- NMDGF Officer Districts and contact information.
- State Trust land hunting access points, lands withdrawn from hunting and campsite locations.
- GPS mapping capability.
- Record tracks, mark waypoints and share data.



Off-Highway Vehicles

Registration and information: www.B4uRide.com



Know the Laws, Operate Safely and Enjoy!

New Mexico's off-highway vehicle (OHV) laws are to ensure safe and responsible use of OHVs to protect all citizens. OHVs include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), off-highway motorcycles and snowmobiles. All OHVs must be registered or properly permitted and equipped with a Forest Service-approved spark arrestor. Nonresidents may register an OHV in their home state or can purchase a New Mexico nonresident permit at www.B4uRide.com.

All operators and passengers younger than 18 years of age must wear a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet and goggles or safety glasses. Operators younger than 18 years of age must carry proof of successful completion of an OHV safety training. Every rider is responsible for knowing and obeying the laws. Before riding on public land, visit www.B4uRide.com.

New Mexico OHV Code of Ethics

- Learn about the area where you are planning to ride. Before you ride, contact public land managers or private property owners to understand area restrictions and ask for permission. Obtain maps of the area(s) and remain on roads, trails and/or areas designated for OHV use.
- Be courteous on the trail. Allow right-of-way to hikers and horseback riders. If you encounter horses pull off the trail on the low side, stop your engine, remove your helmet, and speak to the rider. Wait until all horses have passed 50 feet beyond your location before restarting your engine.
- Minimize the OHV's impact on other hunters and anglers using the trail. Respect seasonal closures. Avoid operation during peak hunting hours. If retrieving game with an OHV, operate 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 you found them. A plastic trash bag and bungee cords can be helpful to remove trash.
- 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, allow as wide a berth as possible. Remember, it is unlawful to pursue or harass livestock.
- Never mix riding with alcohol or drugs. It's illegal, and it's dangerous.
- Familiarize yourself with New Mexico's laws and requirements for OHV use by visiting: www.B4uRide.com or calling: **505-222-4728**.

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Active Duty Military: Individuals currently serving on 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 also qualify. NM residents qualify for a 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps.

Antlerless (A) Deer or Elk: Any deer or elk without antlers.

Antler Point Restricted Elk (APRE/6): Any bull elk with a minimum of six antler points on one side. A brow tine or eye guard constitutes a point; a burr at the base does not.

Antler Point Restricted Elk or Antlerless (APRE/6/A): Antler-point-restricted elk (six or more points on at least one antler) or an antlerless elk.

Any Legal Sporting Arm: Any firearm, muzzle-loader, compressed air gun, shotgun, bow or crossbow. All firearms, except handguns, must be designed to be fired from the shoulder. Legal sporting arms for each species are defined on pages 28–29.

Arrow or Bolt: Only arrows or bolts having broadheads with cutting edges may be used, except that “judo”, “blunt” or similar small game points may be used for upland game and migratory game bird hunting.

Bag Limit: The protected species, qualified by species, number, sex, age, antler/horn requirement, or size allowed by State Game Commission rule that a legally licensed person may attempt to take or take.

Bait: Any salt, mineral, grain, feed, commercially produced game attractant or any other organic material which is attractive to wildlife. An area must be completely free of bait (including feeders) for at least 10 days prior to hunting.

Baiting: The placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of any bait on or over areas where any person is attempting to take protected game mammals or game birds as defined in 17–2–3 NMSA 1978.

Big Game Species: Includes Barbary sheep, bear, bighorn sheep, cougar, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn.

Bighorn Sheep Ewe: Any female bighorn sheep.

Bighorn Sheep Ram: Any male bighorn sheep.

Bow: Compound, recurve, or long bow, which is not equipped with a mechanical device (draw lock) which locks the bow string at full draw. Sights on bows shall not project light; however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

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Broken-horned Oryx: An oryx of either sex that has one or more horn(s) missing at least 25% of its normal length. This may be determined by comparing the broken horn's length to the remaining horn or where it is readily apparent the terminal end would not taper to a point for another 25% of growth.

Bullet: A single projectile fired from a firearm which is designed to expand or fragment upon impact. Tracer or full metal jacket ammunition is not legal for the take or attempted take of any big game species.

Cellular or Satellite Camera: Any remote camera which transmits or is capable of transmitting images or video wirelessly via a cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite connection.

Compressed Air Gun: Handgun or rifle that propels a single, nonspherical projectile by compressed air.

Crossbow: A device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light; however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

Depredation Damage Fee: A fee required of all big-game hunters that is 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.

Drone: Any device used or designed for navigation or flight in the air that is unmanned and guided remotely or by an onboard computer or onboard control system. Drones may also be referred to as “unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV)” or “unmanned aerial vehicle systems (UAVS)”.

Either Sex (ES): Any male or female of a big-game species.

Either-Sex White-tailed Deer (ESWTD): Any male or female white-tailed deer.

Female or Immature Barbary Sheep (F–IM): Any female Barbary sheep, or a male Barbary sheep with horns less than 18 inches long.

Female or Immature Ibex (F–IM): Any female ibex, or any male ibex with horns less than 20 inches long. This measurement is the length along the top of the horn from the base to the tip of the horn (measurement of the longest horn).

Female or Immature Pronghorn (F–IM): Any female pronghorn or any pronghorn without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

Fork-Antlered Deer (FAD): Any deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

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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: A deer or elk draw license that may be issued to an applicant who enters a quadrant of the state as a fourth choice on their draw application. Applicants do not specifically choose their hunt, they are allocated a license for any hunt in the quadrant for the same sporting arm that is undersubscribed in the draw.

Game-Hunting License: A license that is required to hunt any small game species, and to apply for or purchase any big-game or turkey license.

Game Management Unit (GMU): A subdivision of the state used to manage big game species and turkey as described in 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV): A validation that must be purchased once per license year by all hunters regardless of land status of the location hunted. This validation is not required for hunters, trappers and anglers younger than 18 years of age, resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% disabled resident veterans.

Habitat Stamp (Habitat Improvement Stamp): A US Forest Service and BLM management stamp required by all hunters hunting on those lands except resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% disabled resident veterans in conjunction with their free licenses.

Handicapped Hunter: New Mexico resident with a severe physical or developmental disability that substantially limits 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. Nonresidents must pay a higher fee (page 12).

Junior Hunting License: Reduced-fee licenses are available to resident hunters 17 years of age or younger.

Legal Shooting Hours: Legal shooting hours for big game and turkey are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, unless otherwise noted. Mountain Standard Time (MST) changes to Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) beginning Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2 a.m. and ending Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 at 2 a.m.

License Year: The period from April 1 through March 31 annually.

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Management Zones (Bear and Cougar): Bear or cougar hunt areas consisting of one or more GMUs, as described in 19.31.11 NMAC.

Mature Buck (MB) Pronghorn: A pronghorn 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 (spike bulls are not legal, page 126).

Mature Bull / Antlerless (MB/A) Elk: Any 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 (spike bulls are not legal, page 126) or any antlerless elk.

Mentor-Youth Hunter Program: This program permits first-time hunters 8–17 years of age to hunt under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter before completing a hunter education course. For information see page 19.

Mobility-impaired Hunter (MI): An individual with permanent impairment(s) and/or disabilities that substantially limit their ability to walk and are certified by a doctor. For further information see pages 14–15.

Military-only Hunt: Hunts available to applicants on full-time active duty in the military that have provided proof of current military assignment to the Special Hunts Office in Santa Fe prior to application. Veterans and reservists are not eligible for these hunts.

Muzzleloader (Muzzle): Sporting arm in which the charge and projectile(s) is loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Only open or "iron" sights may be used on muzzleloader, bow or crossbow only hunts (sporting arm type 3). Scopes, red dots or other similar sights are not allowed.

NMDGF: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

Nongame Hunting: Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine, rabbits, coyotes and skunks. See page 32.

Once-in-a-Lifetime License: A draw license that can be issued only once in an applicant's lifetime. Hunters who have previously held a once-in-a-lifetime-license may not apply again.

Once-in-a-Youth License: A youth-only draw license that can be issued only once.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License: A license available from vendors, NMDGF offices, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us and by telephone: 888-248-6866.

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Population Management Hunt: A hunt designed to manage the number of big game on public or private lands where animals 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 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.

Protected Species: Protected species include all big game, turkey, squirrels and game birds. All protected species are defined in NMSA 1978 Sections: 17–2–3, 17–5–2, 17–2–13, 17–2–14 and 17–2–4.2. All animals listed as endangered or threatened species or subspecies as stated in 19.33.6 NMAC are also protected species.

Public Lands: Public lands include U.S. Forest Service, BLM and State Trust Lands. Descriptions of federal and state public lands are listed on pages 38–43.

Quality (Q) Hunt: These hunts are designed to increase opportunities for successful harvest, provide wider selections of mature deer or elk, and/or provide a pleasurable experience based on timing of the hunt and/or hunter density. Quality hunts are determined by the New Mexico State Game Commission, and nonresidents must pay a higher fee (page 12).

Ranch-wide Agreements (Pronghorn): Ranch-wide agreements allow private landowners to enroll their ranch's private-deeded and public-leased acres as one contiguous ranch for access by public-draw hunters. Landowners are issued authorizations for pronghorn licenses valid on that property's deeded and public-leased acres.

Restricted Muzzleloader (for specific deer hunts): Any muzzle-loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent propellant and firing a full bore diameter bullet or patched round ball. The use of in-line ignition, scopes and smokeless powder are prohibited.

Senior Hunting Licenses: Reduced-fee deer, elk and game-hunting & fishing licenses available to New Mexico resident hunters 65 years of age and older.

Shotgun: Any centerfire shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than 10 gauge. An off-range oryx draw hunt is available for seniors 70 and older (resident and nonresident) on the first day of the hunt.

Small game: Includes upland game and migratory game birds.

Spike Bull: Any antlered male elk with no second fork on any antler.

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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.

U. S. Military: 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 (NM 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 commissioned officers of the U. S. Public Health or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Veterans must have been honorably discharged from military service. NM resident veterans qualify for a 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps.

Wildlife Management Area (WMA): Properties owned or managed by and under the control of the State Game Commission as described in 19.34.5 NMAC.

Written Permission: A document (which may include a valid hunting, trapping or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private land owner or their designee to hunt, fish, trap or drive off road on the landowner's property. The information on the document must be verifiable and include the name of the person(s) receiving permission, activity permitted, property's location and name (if applicable), name of person granting permission, date and length of time the permission is granted, and phone number or e-mail of the person granting the permission. Licenses issued for private land which have the ranch name printed on them constitute written permission for that property and no other permission is required except for private land elk licenses in the secondary management zone pursuant to 19.30.5 and 19.31.14 NMAC.

Youth-only Hunt: Draw hunts available to applicants 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt.



Electronic Tag (E-Tag)

E-Tag option is available for all big game and turkey. Operational smartphone required.

Validate your tag electronically with the NM E-Tag app.

Works on supported Android or Apple smartphones even when off-line.

Be sure to update the NM E-Tag app annually

Information on pages 9, and 29–30.

Please make a selection

AUTHORIZATION
(Required for private land hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A)
Authorization Code:

ENTER OUTFITTER INFO FOR OUTFITTERED HUNTS ONLY
Is this an outfitted hunt? ☐ Yes ☒ No
To apply for the 30% special-drawing pool, all applicants must have a signed contract with an outfitter prior to applying. It is unlawful to use a New Mexico outfitter number to apply in the special-drawing pool without a valid contract. The contract must be signed and dated by all parties and details of compensation and services to be provided by the outfitter.

CARCASS TAG REQUIREMENT
NMDGF will mail the tag for this species to the address displayed below if this application is approved. Applicants must provide an address where they want this tag to be mailed before adding your application to the special-drawing pool. NOTE: If the E-Tag option is chosen, applicants may not later change their address. Applicants must be able to show an electronic copy of their license on their smartphone. tagging instructions on pages 31-32 of the 2020-2021 New Mexico Hunting Rules and Information booklet.

E-Tag Option (you will not receive a tag): ☐

Address 1:
Address 2:
City:
State:
Country: Zip:

Tag Confirmation: I confirm that I have reviewed this information ☐