

EXHIBIT “R” CONTINUED

continued **Draw Licenses, Seasons for Muzzleloader**

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 31/33	31/33 Brantley WMA and Huey Waterfowl Management Areas Only, Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only				
	Nov. 22-25	DER-3-282	Q	20	A
	31/33 Brantley WMA and Huey Waterfowl Management Areas Only, Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only				
	Dec. 26-Jan. 1, '13	DER-3-283	Q	20	A
Unit 32	Oct. 20-24	DER-3-277	S	150	FAD
Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)	Sept. 29-Oct. 3	DER-3-289	S	350	FAD
Unit 36	36 except Fort Stanton BLM Area				
	Oct. 20-24	DER-3-294	S	100	FAD
	36 including Fort Stanton, Youth Only				
	Oct. 20-24	DER-3-295	S	25	FAD
Unit 37	Oct. 20-24	DER-3-299	S	225	FAD
Unit 38	Oct. 20-24	DER-3-303	S	200	FAD
Unit 39	Oct. 20-24	DER-3-307	S	50	FAD
Unit 40	Oct. 20-24	DER-3-311	S	25	FAD
Unit 41	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-318	Q	25	FAD
Unit 42	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-323	S	10	FAD
Unit 43	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-327	S	10	FAD
Unit 45	45				
	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-333	S	110	FAD
	Oct. 6-10	DER-3-334	S	40	FAD
Unit 47	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-338	S	20	FAD
Unit 56	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-371	S	10	FAD
Unit 57	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-378	S	15	FAD
Unit 58	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-385	S	15	FAD
Unit 59	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-392	S	25	FAD

Draw Licenses, Seasons for Restricted Muzzleloader Only

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

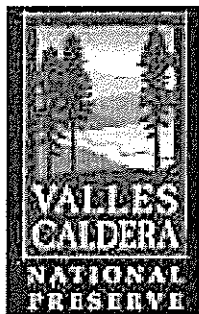
Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 9	9 including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs				
	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-157	S	10	FAD
Unit 33	Oct. 20-24	DER-3-281	Q	150	FAD
Unit 52	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-357	S	30	FAD

Mandatory Harvest Reporting

By **Feb. 15**, anyone who is licensed to hunt deer or elk must report the results of their hunting season. By **April 7**, anyone who is licensed to take furbearers, must report the results of their trapping or hunting season. This is true whether or not they hunted, trapped or harvested animals. Harvest reports filed after these deadlines will be charged \$8. Beginning Jan. 4, 2013, hunters and trappers may call (888) 248-6866 or anytime visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us to report their results. Deer, elk and furbearer hunters and trappers who do not report, will be ineligible for **ALL** draw hunts, population management authorizations, private land authorizations or trapper licenses the following year.



VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE (UNIT 6B)-2012 ELK HUNT



*An experiment
in public land
management...*

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

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

and foraging. Our hunts are designed to pay homage to man's oldest relationship with animals.

SOLITUDE BY DESIGN

At the mandatory orientation session, you will draw a specific area of the VCNP for your hunt. There will be time to scout the VCNP before the hunt begins. Prime locations are abundant and we've eliminated the stress of competing with other hunters. You'll share your 3,000-6,000 acre area with a limited number of hunters.

TWO CHANCES TO HUNT NEW MEXICO

You may enter the Department's public elk draw and the VCNP lottery at the same time. The VCNP lottery will be conducted first. Applicants selected to hunt the VCNP will be removed from the Department's public elk drawing. **Applicants for the Valles Caldera lottery DO NOT have to purchase a Game-hunting or Game-hunting and Fishing License before applying.**

DIRECT ENTRIES

Once you have your Department Customer ID Number, there are three ways to apply for this year's lottery.

- Apply online at www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk
- Apply over the phone by calling 1-866-382-5537
- Apply by mail using the VCNP lottery ticket form

STATE QUOTA SYSTEM WILL BE APPLIED

The state quota (84% to residents, 10% to residents or nonresidents with an outfitter and 6% to nonresidents without an outfitter) will be applied to this lottery. Only New Mexico residents may apply for antlerless (A) hunts.

INCREASE YOUR CHANCES

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

LOTTERY WINNERS

The Valles Caldera Trust will send you an access authorization that enables you to purchase an elk hunting license from the Department for Unit 6B. Authorizations are non-transferable. VCNP hunts ARE NOT once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

AFFORDABLE FEES

You must purchase at least one lottery ticket. Ticket prices are \$30 per ticket for bull/either-sex hunts and \$20 per ticket for antlerless hunts. There are discount packages for purchasing more than one ticket. There are no other required VCNP fees.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All state laws, federal laws and all Department rules apply on the VCNP. For a complete description of the VCNP rules and regulations, please visit our website.

LOTTERY DEADLINE

The deadline for the VCNP lottery is **midnight, March 28, 2012.**

**Call now to apply (866) 382-5537 or visit
www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk**

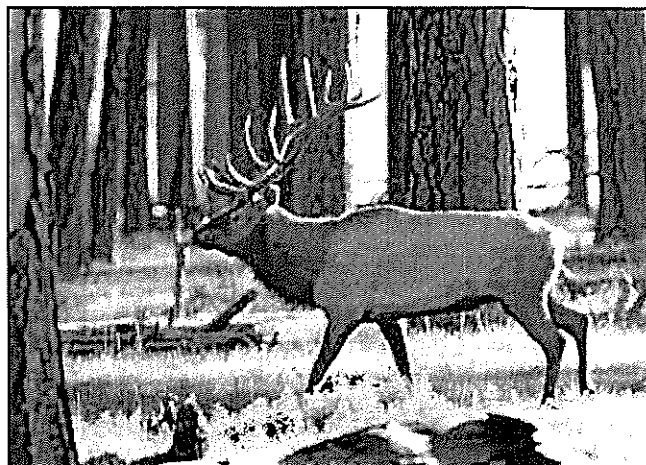


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Sporting Arm Type

	Hunt Date	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Bow Only	Sept. 4-10	Q	15	ES
Bow Only	Sept. 14-18	Q	15	ES
Muzzleloader Only	Oct. 6-10	Q	15	MB
Muzzleloader Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	S	10	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm	Oct. 13-17	Q	15	MB
Any Legal Sporting Arm, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	S	10	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm	Oct. 20-24	Q	15	MB
Any Legal Sporting Arm, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	S	10	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm, Mobility Impaired Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-29	S	15	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm, Youth and Mentor Only*, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-5	S	20	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm, Veterans Only**, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-12	S	20	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-19	S	20	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24-26	S	20	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm, 2 Person*, N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-3	S	26	A

*Two persons are required to apply for each of these hunts. Both are able to hunt.

** Active Duty or Honorably Discharged U.S. Military Veterans only.

Public Land Draw Licenses

General Information

To hunt elk in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before applying for an Elk Draw License. Application deadline for the drawing is **March 28, 2012**.

Only New Mexico residents may apply for Antlerless (A) Elk Draw Licenses. Nonresident hunters may NOT apply for any hunts held exclusively on State Game Commission-owned WMAs.

There are four types of Elk Draw Licenses available to hunters. There are standard hunts (S), quality hunts (Q) and high-demand (HD) hunts for rifle, bow and muzzleloader. Some hunts are both quality and high-demand hunts (Q/HD).

Each Elk Draw License is valid only for a specific hunt in a specific area and for the dates designated on the license issued. **DRAW LICENSES MAY NOT BE TRADED FOR A PRIVATE LAND LICENSE, RETURNED FOR A REFUND, TRANSFERRED, SOLD OR BARTERED.** See page 6 for exceptions.

It is illegal to apply for, buy or use more than one license or tag for any big-game species during any license year, except as permitted by rule.

Application and License Fees

See page 9 for all Elk License Fees.

New Mexico residents pay the same fee for standard, quality or high-demand hunts. Nonresidents pay a higher fee for quality and high-demand hunts. Fees differ for mature bull, either sex and antlerless elk. A Habitat Stamp is required if hunting on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately and possessed in the field. See page 7.

To apply for an elk hunt, all residents and nonresidents must first purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License**. Up to four persons may apply per application for an Elk Draw License. It is unlawful to submit more than one application per species per year. If a hunter submits more than one application for the same species, all applications may be rejected. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Application deadline for the drawing is **March 28, 2012**.

If the license fees of your various hunt choices are different, you must submit the **HIGHEST** fee. If the license you are allotted in the drawing is a lower cost license, you will receive a refund for the difference. The application fee is nonrefundable.

Mobility-impaired Hunts

Applicants for Mobility-impaired licenses must be registered with the Department prior to applying. See page 10 for the definition of a Mobility-impaired hunter or call the Department at 505-476-8087 for more information.

Youth-only Hunts

Youth-only hunts are open only to those younger than 18 years of age on the opening day of the hunt. A Hunter education certification number is required to apply for Youth-only hunts.

Late Season Over-the-Counter Licenses For Bow Only

An opportunity to bow hunt elk continues in Units 12, 34 and 37. Hunting elk outside the rut can be difficult and harvest success could be very low. Harvest is restricted to an APRE/6. See page 41 for open units, hunt dates and hunt codes. See page 9 for license fees.

Legal Sporting Arms

Any Legal Sporting Arm:

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

Bow Only:

Bow and arrows.

Muzzleloader:

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

Bag Limit (See Definitions and Terms)

MB One mature bull. A spike bull is not legal.
A One antlerless elk.
ES Any one elk.
APRE/6 An elk with six or more points on at least one antler.

Valle Vidal

It is unlawful for anyone to apply for an elk license for the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest (Unit 55A) if they held an elk license for the Valle Vidal since 1983. Exceptions: A person who has held a license for an antlered bull may apply for an antlerless elk license and vice versa; or a person who has held a Valle Vidal license issued through the incentive authorization program. Youth hunters are eligible for a Valle Vidal elk license once when they are younger than 18, and once again when they are older than 18.

Fourth Choice Elk Hunts

An applicant marking fourth choice indicates that they will accept an elk hunting license for **ANY HUNT** in a specific quadrant of the state. The fourth choice assignment will always be for the same sporting arm type as the first choice on an application.

Hunters should be aware that success rates for 4th choice hunts may be low due to small, localized populations of elk. Hunters that apply for and receive their 4th choice hunt will NOT receive a refund if they are dissatisfied with the hunt they draw. Not all hunts are available in the fourth choice hunt pool.

A hunter drawing a fourth choice could receive a license with an antlerless bag limit even if their first three choices were for bull licenses and vice versa.

If applying for a 4th choice hunt, applicants must choose one of the 4 quadrants of the State listed below:

NW May include Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 or 14
NE May include Units 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59
SW May include Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 or 27
SE May include Units 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39 or 40.

Win An Elk Or Oryx Incentive Authorization For CWD Testing

Hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. To participate, hunters must bring in freshly harvested deer or elk heads to any Department office or field collection station so tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. To be eligible, hunters are required to deliver the head within 48 hours of killing the animal.

Elk continued

Private Land Hunts

All residents and nonresidents must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing a Private Land-only Elk License.

To purchase a Private Land Elk License, the hunter negotiates with a qualified landowner. The landowner will provide the hunter the information to complete a PLUS License Request form (available on our website on the Apps/Permits page or at Department offices).

The completed form may be mailed with required fees to the Department's Santa Fe office. Hunters may NOT hold both a private land and public elk license in the same year. Hunters may NOT exchange a public draw license for a private land license. Please note: Landowner participation in Private Land programs is voluntary. Their experience with hunters may affect access to private land in future years. Contacting landowners before accessing a unit wide property is a courtesy the Department strongly encourages.

Ranch Only or Unit Wide

Check with the landowners to see if authorizations are Ranch only or Unit wide before negotiating. Report hunting violations by hunters or access restrictions by landowners to a conservation officer.

Unit Wide: Unit wide landowners must allow free, unrestricted and equal access, including vehicular access, to any legally licensed public or Unit wide private land elk hunter to their entire ranch during each public elk hunt in that unit. This permission does not constitute permission to hunt any other species or during any other time period.

Ranch Only: The ranch only private land hunter is restricted to the property's deeded acreage. In units 4, 5A, 46, 54, 55A, 56, 57 and 58, the hunter also may obtain valid written landowner permission to hunt other private lands within that unit. No public or state land can be hunted using a Ranch Only elk license.

Private Land Elk License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Antlerless elk	\$70	\$354
Mature Bull or Either-sex elk	\$100	\$564
Quality Antlerless elk	\$70	\$789
Quality Mature Bull or Either-sex elk	\$100	\$789
Junior/Senior elk license	\$68	Not Available

In addition to the above fees, a hunter must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License**. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately unless hunting only on private land. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must also be purchased separately. High-Demand (HD) fees do not apply to private land hunts.

Quality Ranch only Elk Hunt Fees

Quality elk license fees shall apply to any mature bull (MB) or either sex (ES) private land authorization, except Youth Only, that include any hunt dates from Sept. 15-Oct. 15 for private lands that lie within the COER in Units 13, 15, 16 and 17, but shall not apply to private lands outside COER areas. COER is that portion of a Game Management Unit that contains the majority of routine and substantial elk use.

Quality Unit wide Elk Hunt Fees

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

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts:

ELK-1-238, ELK-1-245, ELK-1-251, ELK-1-259, ELK-1-237 (MI), and ELK-1-258 (MI).

Bow Only Hunts:

ELK-2-218, ELK-2-227, ELK-2-236, ELK-2-244, ELK-2-249, ELK-2-257, ELK-2-265 and ELK-2-273.

Muzzleloader and Bow Hunts:

ELK-3-220, ELK-3-229, ELK-3-267 and ELK-3-275.

Private Land (Ranch Only) Hunts

Elk hunters hunting on **inside** COER ranch only properties are restricted to the following hunt dates and sporting arm types. For hunting **outside** COER properties, check directly with the landowner for hunt details since bag limits, season dates and sporting arm types vary from ranch to ranch.

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Dates	Units
Oct. 1-Nov. 30	41, 42, 43, 47 and 59 (either sex)
Nov. 1-Dec. 31	41, 42, 43, 47 and 59 (antlerless elk)
Oct. 1-Dec. 31	4
Oct. 1-Jan. 31, '13	46, 54, 55A, 56, 57 and 58 (Jan. 1-31 is restricted to antlerless elk only)
Nov. 3-Dec. 31	9 (antlerless elk only)
Oct. 6-Dec. 31	5A, 5B, 49, 50, 51
Oct. 13-Dec. 31	2, 6A, 6C, 7, 10, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 21A, 21B, 36, 45, 52 and 53
Oct. 18-Dec. 31	34
Oct. 20-Dec. 31	16E, 23, 24 and 48
Jan. 1-31, '13	36 and 48 (Rifle only, antlerless elk only, restricted to specific ranches with prior written Department approval)

Bow Only Hunts

License valid for the entire hunt period

Sept. 1-10	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 23, 34, and 36
Sept. 1-15	2, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 21A, 21B, 48, 51 and 52
Sept. 1-22	4, 5A, 10, 24, 41-43, 45-47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55A, 56, 57, 58 and 59
Sept. 11-18	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 23
Sept. 13-22	34 and 36
Sept. 16-22	2, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 48, 51 and 52
Sept. 16-24	21A and 21B
Sept. 19-24	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17 and 23

Muzzleloader and Bow Hunts

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Oct. 6-Dec. 31	2, 6A, 6C, 7, 10, 36, 45, 48, 52 and 53
Oct. 13-Dec. 31	9, 13, 15, 16E, 17, 23, 24 and 34
Jan. 1-31, '13	13 (Muzzleloader only, antlerless elk only, restricted to specific ranches with prior written Department approval)

Youth-only Hunts License limited to dates below

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

Oct. 6-10	16C, 16E, 23, 24 and 34
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Muzzleloader or Bow Only Hunts

Oct. 6-Dec. 31	13, 15 and 17
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Mobility-impaired Hunts License limited to dates below

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

Oct. 6-10	16A, 16D, 34 and 52
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Muzzleloader and Bow Hunts

Oct. 6-10	9
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Draw Licenses, Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate number while hunting with a firearm. Unit 10 and 13: These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible with military permission only.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 2					
2	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-103	S	75	MB
2 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-104	S	100	A
2 Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-105	S	50	A
Unit 4					
4 Sargent WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-140	Q	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-141	Q	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-142	Q	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-143	S	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-144	S	10	A
4 Sargent WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-145	S	10	A
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-148	S	15	MB
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-149	S	15	MB
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-150	S	10	A
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-151	S	15	A
Unit 5					
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-107	S	10	MB
5A Public Land Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-108	S	10	A
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-109	S	10	MB
5A Public Land Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-110	S	10	A
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-111	S	10	MB
5A Public Land Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-112	S	10	A
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-113	S	10	MB
5A Public Land Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-114	S	10	A
5B	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-154	S	165	MB
5B N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-155	S	100	A
5B	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-156	S	165	MB
5B N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-157	S	100	A
5B	Dec. 15-19	ELK-1-158	S	15	MB
Unit 6					
6A	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-187	S	100	MB
6A	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-188	S	100	MB
6A N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-189	S	100	A
6C	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-207	S	105	MB
6C	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-208	S	105	MB
6C N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-209	S	130	A
6C N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24-28	ELK-1-210	S	130	A
Unit 7					
7	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-214	S	30	MB
7 N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-215	S	50	A
Unit 9					
9 including Water Canyon but not Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-130	S	200	A
9 including Water Canyon but not Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-21	ELK-1-131	S	200	A
9 including Water Canyon but not Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-132	S	200	A
Unit 10					
10	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-135	S	70	MB
10 Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-14	ELK-1-136	S	120	A
10 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-137	S	100	A
Unit 12					
12	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-345	HD	30	MB
12 N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-346	S	30	A



Draw Licenses, Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm continued

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 16					
16A Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-237	Q	25	MB
16A	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-238	Q/HD	75	MB
16A	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-239	S	125	MB
16A N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-240	S	75	A
16A N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-241	S	75	A
16B and 22	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-245	Q/HD	160	MB
16B and 22	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-246	S	160	MB
16C Youth Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-250	S	25	ES
16C	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-251	Q	50	MB
16C	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-252	S	95	MB
16C N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-253	S	50	A
16C N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-254	S	50	A
16D Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-258	Q/HD	25	MB
16D	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-259	Q/HD	55	MB
16D	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-260	HD	50	MB
16D N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-261	S	50	A
16D N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-262	S	50	A
16E Youth Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-266	S	25	ES
16E	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-268	S	70	MB
16E N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-269	S	75	A
16E N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-270	S	75	A
Unit 21					
21A	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-283	HD	50	MB
21A	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-284	HD	50	MB
21B	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-287	S	25	MB
21B	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-288	S	25	MB
21B N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-14	ELK-1-289	S	15	A
21B N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-21	ELK-1-290	S	15	A
21B N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-291	S	15	A
21B N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-292	S	15	A
Unit 23					
23 Youth Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-296	S	25	ES
23	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-298	S	75	MB
Unit 24					
24 except Fort Bayard Special Management Area	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-301	S	15	MB
24 Fort Bayard Special Management Area Youth Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-302	S	5	ES
Unit 28 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)					
28 Mc Gregor Range Military Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-348	HD	10	ES
28 Mc Gregor Range	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-349	S	10	ES
Unit 30					
30	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-350	S	30	ES
Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)					
34 Youth Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-305	S	75	ES
34 Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-306	S	75	A
34 Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-307	S	50	ES
34	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-309	S	150	MB
34 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24-28	ELK-1-310	S	250	A
34 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-311	S	250	A
34 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-1-312	S	150	A
Unit 36					
36	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-316	HD	100	MB
36	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-317	HD	100	MB
36 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24-28	ELK-1-318	S	100	A
36 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-319	S	100	A
Unit 37					
37	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-353	S	30	MB
37 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24-28	ELK-1-354	S	45	A
Unit 38					
38	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-355	S	15	ES
Unit 43					
43	Sept. 22-26	ELK-1-356	S	60	ES
Unit 45					
45	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-322	S	140	MB
45	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-323	S	140	MB

continued **Draw Licenses, Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm**

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 48					
48	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-329	S	30	MB
48 N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-330	S	45	A
48	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-331	S	30	MB
48 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-332	S	50	A
Unit 49					
49	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-334	S	80	MB
49	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-335	S	75	MB
49 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-336	S	80	A
49 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-14	ELK-1-337	S	75	A
Unit 50					
50	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-160	S	130	MB
50 N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-161	S	45	A
50	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-162	S	125	MB
50 N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-163	S	45	A
Unit 51					
51	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-166	S	220	MB
51	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-167	S	220	MB
51	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-168	S	220	MB
51 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-169	S	240	A
51 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-14	ELK-1-170	S	240	A
51 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-21	ELK-1-171	S	175	A
Unit 52					
52	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-178	S	230	MB
52	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-179	S	230	MB
52 Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-14	ELK-1-180	S	100	A
52 Mobility Impaired Only, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-21	ELK-1-181	S	75	A
52 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-21	ELK-1-182	S	75	A
52 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-183	S	150	A
Unit 53					
53 except the Cerro portion	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-340	S	75	MB
53 except the Cerro portion	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-341	S	125	MB
53 except the Cerro portion, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-342	S	90	A
53 except the Cerro portion, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-14	ELK-1-343	S	90	A
Unit 54					
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-358	S	20	MB
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-359	S	20	MB
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-360	S	20	MB
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-361	S	20	A
Unit 55					
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-363	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-364	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-365	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-366	S	20	A
55 Urraca WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-369	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-370	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-371	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-1-372	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-373	S	15	A
55 Urraca WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-14	ELK-1-374	S	15	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-378	Q	15	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas, Youth Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-379	Q	20	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 20-24	ELK-1-380	Q	35	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas, Youth Only, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-381	Q	35	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-1-382	Q	35	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-21	ELK-1-383	Q	50	A
Unit 56					
56	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-384	S	10	MB
56 N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-1-385	S	10	A
Unit 57 and 58					
57 and 58*	Oct. 6-10	ELK-1-387	S	10	MB
57 and 58* N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-1-388	S	10	A

* Except the northeast portion of Union County located in T32N, R35E, R36E and R37E



Draw Licenses, Seasons for Bow Only

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate number while hunting with a firearm. Units 10, 13 and 18: These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only.

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 2					
2	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-100	S	120	ES
2	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-101	S	120	ES
Unit 4					
4 Sargent WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-138	Q	10	ES
4 Sargent WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-139	Q	10	ES
4 Humphries WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-146	S	10	ES
4 Humphries WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-147	S	10	ES
Unit 5					
5A Public Land Only	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-106	S	10	ES
5B	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-152	S	75	ES
5B	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-153	S	75	ES
Unit 6					
6A	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-184	S	150	ES
6A	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-185	S	105	ES
6C	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-204	S	150	ES
6C	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-205	S	105	ES
Unit 7					
7	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-211	S	15	ES
7	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-212	S	15	ES
Unit 9					
9 Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-115	S	5	ES
9 Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-116	S	5	ES
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-124	S	160	ES
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-125	S	160	ES
Unit 10					
10	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-133	S	250	ES
Unit 12					
12	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-344	HD	30	ES
Unit 13					
13	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-216	S	125	ES
13	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-217	S	100	ES
13	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-218	Q/HD	75	ES
Unit 15					
15	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-225	HD	250	ES
15	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-226	HD	200	ES
15	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-227	Q/HD	150	ES
Unit 16					
16A	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-234	HD	150	ES
16A	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-235	HD	150	ES
16A	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-236	Q/HD	100	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-242	S	130	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-243	HD	130	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-244	Q/HD	130	ES
16C	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-247	S	100	ES
16C	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-248	HD	75	ES
16C	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-249	Q/HD	75	ES
16D	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-255	HD	60	ES
16D	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-256	HD	50	ES
16D	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-257	Q/HD	40	ES
16E	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-263	S	50	ES
16E	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-264	S	50	ES
16E	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-265	Q/HD	50	ES

16B is almost entirely wilderness, no motorized travel allowed.

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 17					
17	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-271	HD	75	ES
17	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-272	HD	75	ES
17	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-273	Q/HD	50	ES
Unit 18					
18	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-347	S	50	ES
Unit 21					
21A	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-281	HD	50	ES
21A	Sept. 16-24	ELK-2-282	HD	50	ES
21B	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-285	S	25	ES
21B	Sept. 16-24	ELK-2-286	S	25	ES
There is limited public land access in Unit 21B					
Unit 23					
23	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-293	S	75	ES
23	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-294	S	75	ES
23	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-295	S	50	ES
Unit 24					
24 except Fort Bayard Special Management Area	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-299	S	25	ES
Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)					
34	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-303	HD	200	ES
34	Sept. 13-22	ELK-2-304	HD	200	ES
Unit 36					
36	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-313	HD	100	ES
36	Sept. 13-22	ELK-2-314	HD	100	ES
Unit 37					
37	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-351	S	75	ES
Unit 45					
45	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-320	S	150	ES
Unit 48					
48	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-325	S	85	ES
48	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-326	S	85	ES
Unit 49					
49	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-333	S	120	ES
Unit 50					
50	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-159	S	120	ES
Unit 51					
51	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-164	S	180	ES
51	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-165	HD	180	ES
Unit 52					
52	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-173	S	230	ES
52	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-174	S	230	ES
Unit 53					
53	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-338	S	120	ES
Unit 55					
55 ES Barker WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-367	S	10	ES
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-375	Q/HD	20	ES
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-376	Q/HD	20	ES
Unit 57					
57 Sugarite Canyon State Park	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-386	S	5	ES



Do Not Bring Firewood Into New Mexico From Another State

The movement of firewood from one state to another has become the principal method of introducing new damaging insect pests and diseases to forests. Emerald ash borer, sirex woodwasps, gypsy moth, Asian longhorn beetle, and oak wilt disease can be transported in firewood and are the cause of significant damage to forests in other states.

These pests are almost always fatal to trees and will decimate forested areas as well as riparian areas if they are allowed to get established. **If you brought firewood into New Mexico from another state, burn all of it immediately.** Purchase or collect firewood within New Mexico. Call the New Mexico Department of Agriculture at 505-646-3207 or the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Plant Protection and Quarantine at 505-761-3189 for additional information.



Draw Licenses, Seasons for Muzzleloader

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 2					
2	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-102	S	125	MB
Unit 6					
6A	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-186	S	110	MB
6C	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-206	S	155	MB
Unit 7					
7	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-213	S	25	MB
Unit 9					
9 Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-117	S	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-118	S	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 20-24	ELK-3-119	S	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 27-31	ELK-3-120	S	5	A
9 Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 3-7	ELK-3-121	S	5	A
9 Marquez WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-21	ELK-3-123	S	5	A
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA, Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-126	S	40	ES
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-127	S	70	MB
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Oct. 20-24	ELK-3-128	S	70	MB
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Oct. 27-31	ELK-3-129	S	40	MB
Unit 10					
10	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-134	S	70	MB
Unit 13					
13 Youth Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-219	S	25	ES
13	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-220	Q	75	MB
13	Oct. 20-24	ELK-3-221	S	115	MB
13	Nov. 17-21	ELK-3-222	S	100	MB
13 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 24-28	ELK-3-223	S	100	A
13 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-3-224	S	100	A
Unit 15					
15 Youth Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-228	HD	25	ES
15	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-229	Q/HD	200	MB
15	Oct. 20-24	ELK-3-230	HD	245	MB
15	Nov. 17-21	ELK-3-231	HD	250	MB
15 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-3-232	S	250	A
15 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-3-233	S	250	A
Unit 16					
16E	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-267	Q	70	MB
Unit 17					
17 Youth Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-274	HD	25	ES
17	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-275	Q/HD	100	MB
17	Oct. 20-24	ELK-3-276	S	100	MB
17	Nov. 17-21	ELK-3-277	S	25	MB
17 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 17-21	ELK-3-278	S	25	A
17 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 1-5	ELK-3-279	S	100	A
17 N.M. Residents Only	Dec. 8-12	ELK-3-280	S	100	A
Unit 23					
23	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-297	S	75	MB
Unit 24					
24 except Fort Bayard Special Management Area	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-300	S	15	MB
Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)					
34	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-308	S	250	MB
Unit 36					
36	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-315	HD	135	MB

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Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 37					
37	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-352	S	30	MB
Unit 45					
45	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-321	S	140	MB
45 N.M. Residents Only	Nov. 10-14	ELK-3-324	S	50	A
Unit 48					
48	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-327	S	35	MB
48	Oct. 13-17	ELK-3-328	S	65	MB
Unit 51					
51	Dec. 1-5	ELK-3-172	S	145	ES
Unit 52					
52 Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-175	S	50	MB
52	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-176	HD	120	MB
52 N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-177	S	50	A
Unit 53					
53 except Cerro portion	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-339	HD	50	ES
Unit 54					
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-357	S	20	MB
Unit 55					
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-362	S	20	MB
55 ES Barker WMA, N.M. Residents Only	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-368	S	10	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 6-10	ELK-3-377	Q/HD	35	MB

Late Season Bow Hunting Opportunities - Online Application Only**What You Must Know Before You Hunt**

DO NOT apply for these hunts during the regular public draw. These hunts MAY or MAY NOT be offered depending on harvest rates during the regular season. To receive information about how to obtain one of these licenses, visit our website www.wildlife.state.nm.us after Oct. 15, 2012.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 12	Nov. 17-21	ELK-2-433	S	25	APRE/6
Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD)	Dec. 15-19	ELK-2-434	S	200	APRE/6
Unit 37	Dec. 1-5	ELK-2-435	S	50	APRE/6

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

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

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either privately or commercially.
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the head or spinal column attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean skull plates with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as "ivories."
- Finished heads mounted by a taxidermist. You may not remove the whole head and spinal column. You must keep proof of sex with all game species until you get the game to the place where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage.

Win An Elk Or Oryx Incentive Authorization For CWD Testing

Hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. To participate, hunters must bring in freshly harvested deer or elk heads to any Department office or field collection station so tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. To be eligible, hunters are required to deliver the head before brain and lymph tissues decompose, which is less than 48 hours in warm weather. Incentive authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.

Mandatory Harvest Reporting

By **Feb. 15**, anyone who is licensed to hunt deer or elk must report the results of their hunting season. By **April 7**, anyone who is licensed to take furbearers, must report the results of their trapping or hunting season. This is true whether or not they hunted, trapped or harvested animals. Harvest reports filed after these deadlines will be charged \$8. Beginning Jan. 4, 2013, hunters and trappers may call (888) 248-6866 or anytime visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us to report their results. Deer, elk and furbearer hunters and trappers who do not report, will be ineligible for **ALL** draw hunts, population management authorizations, private land authorizations or trapper licenses the following year.

Youth Encouragement Hunts - Online Application Only

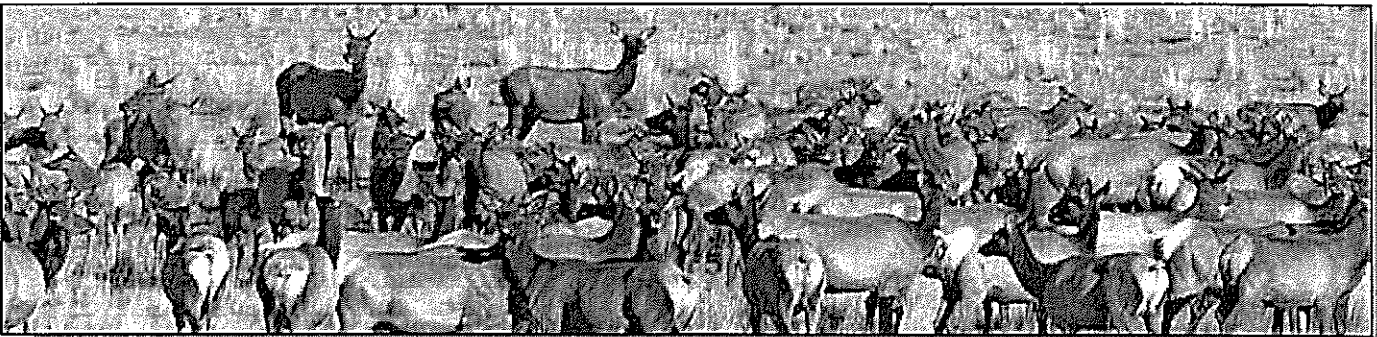
- Only New Mexico resident youth hunters that successfully fulfilled all application requirements and responsibilities for draw hunts for deer, elk, antelope, ibex, oryx, or bighorn sheep in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing any licenses or permits will be eligible to apply for these hunts for the first fourteen (14) days of the posting on the Department's website.
- After fourteen days, all remaining licenses shall be available to **ANY** (resident and nonresident) youth hunter eligible to purchase an elk license. Youth hunters that hold any current elk license, either draw or private land, are ineligible to purchase a Youth Encouragement Elk License.
- These hunts will be offered first-come, first-served through an Internet registration process and web sale, rather than the random draw process. To receive information about how to obtain one of these licenses, visit the Department's website.
- The number of licenses available for these hunts may be adjusted due to changes in population levels, harvest rates and available habitat.

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 5B _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-401	S	20	A
Unit 6A _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-402	S	50	A
Unit 6A _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-403	S	50	A
Unit 6C _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-404	S	50	A
Unit 6C _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-405	S	50	A
Unit 10 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-408	S	35	A
Unit 16A _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-413	S	75	A
Unit 16A _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-414	S	75	A
Unit 16C _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-415	S	75	A
Unit 16C _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-416	S	75	A
Unit 16D _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-417	S	75	A
Unit 16D _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-418	S	75	A
Unit 16E _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-419	S	75	A
Unit 16E _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-420	S	75	A
Unit 34 (Some animals in this unit have tested positive for CWD) _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-423	S	80	A
Unit 36 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-424	S	60	A
Unit 36 _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-425	S	60	A
Unit 49 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-426	S	50	A
Unit 50 _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-427	S	60	A
Unit 51 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-428	S	75	A
Unit 51 _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-429	S	75	A
Unit 52 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-430	S	50	A
Unit 53 except Cerro portion _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-1-431	S	60	A
Unit 53 except Cerro portion _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-432	S	60	A

Muzzleloader Hunts

Unit 9 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-3-406	S	75	A
Unit 9 _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-3-407	S	75	A
Unit 13 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-3-409	S	60	A
Unit 13 _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-3-410	S	60	A
Unit 15 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-3-411	S	75	A
Unit 15 _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-3-412	S	75	A
Unit 17 _____	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	ELK-3-421	S	60	A
Unit 17 _____	Dec. 26-30	ELK-3-422	S	60	A



Pronghorn Antelope

Draw Licenses for Public Hunts and Private Land Authorizations

General Information

To hunt pronghorn antelope in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents must first purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing a Private Land Pronghorn Antelope License or applying for a Pronghorn Antelope Draw License.

License Required

Each Pronghorn Antelope Draw or Private Land License is valid **ONLY** on the lands or ranch for which it is issued and for a specific hunt. Hunters must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** and a Pronghorn Antelope Draw or Private Land License with a valid carcass tag while hunting. A hunter may not hold both a private land and Public Draw Pronghorn Antelope License in the same license year. Licenses may not be refunded or transferred to other persons.

Hunters drawn for those pronghorn antelope hunts which **ARE NOT** assigned (see pages 44-45), will be allowed to hunt within the area or GMU(s) which their license was issued, on any accessible public lands or on private lands with written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights pursuant to regulation NMAC 19.31.10.18

The Director may cancel portions of any pronghorn antelope hunt or adjust the number of licenses, permits or authorizations if the surveyed population levels indicate the need for such action.

Legal Sporting Arms

Legal Sporting Arm

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

Bow Only

Bow and arrow.

Muzzleloader

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

No Off Road Vehicle Travel

Whether on private or public land, it is unlawful for a legally licensed pronghorn antelope hunter to drive or to ride in or on any motor vehicle that is operated off established roads. Hunters **MAY NOT** drive off established roads unless specifically allowed. See Vehicle Travel on Public Lands, pages 13 and 14.

Hunting on Military Properties, Check Stations and Wearing Blaze Orange

For some hunts, hunters will be required to check in and out in person at a check station. **McGregor Range/Fort Bliss** requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. **GMU 10, 13 and 28:** Parts of these GMUs are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. **GMU 28:** ALL hunters on McGregor Range /Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course prior to hunting. Hunters entering McGregor Range/Fort Bliss will be subject to security searches.

Mobility-impaired Hunters

Applicants for Mobility-impaired licenses are required to register with the Department prior to submitting their application. See page 9 for the definition of Mobility-impaired hunter or call the Department at (505) 476-8087.

Bag Limit (See Definitions and Terms)

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

MB A pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ears.

F-IM A pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

ES Any one male or female pronghorn antelope.

Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration Program



Each year anglers, boaters, hunters and recreational shooters support fish and wildlife conservation efforts through the purchase of licenses, sporting equipment and fuels. The Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration program provides essential funding to professional wildlife and sport fish management agencies through excise taxes collected from the sale of fishing equipment, motorboat fuel, sporting arms, ammunition and archery equipment. These funds are distributed yearly to help fund wildlife projects.

In New Mexico, funds are used to support the restoration of bighorn sheep and Gila trout; the management of game species; the operation of state fish hatcheries; lake renovations; and the operation and maintenance of waterfowl habitat. These are just a few of the many worthwhile and important conservation projects funded with this money. So, every time you buy a license, ammunition, or hunting and fishing gear, remember: You are part of the most successful user-pay, user-benefit wildlife conservation program in history!

Skulls Are State Property

The skulls are both fascinating and valuable. If found in the field, the skulls of **all protected species** remain state property unless they are from an animal legally taken by a licensed hunter during an approved hunting season. This rule applies to everyone, hikers as well as hunters. The State Game Commission adopted this rule to combat poaching of our valuable big-game resources. It's a very important law for conservation officers and helps to regulate the shooting of big-game animals just for their heads.

Deer and elk shed antlers every year. It's legal to have shed antlers. However, antlers found in the field attached to a skull are only available by purchase from the Department. Owners must retain the resulting paperwork. If there is probable cause, conservation officers can confiscate any skull if they believe the animal was unlawfully killed or unlawfully possessed. So if you find a skull of a protected animal, leave it where you found it and contact a Department conservation officer.

Pronghorn Antelope continued

Public Draw Hunts

Application and Licenses

Up to four persons may apply per application. The deadline for application is **March 28, 2012**.

Hunters drawn for those pronghorn antelope hunts which **ARE NOT** assigned (see pages 44-45), will be allowed to hunt within the area or GMU(s) which their license was issued, on any legally accessible public lands or on private lands with written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights pursuant to regulation 19.31.10.18 NMAC

Hunters drawn for any legal sporting arm hunts and muzzleloader hunts marked with an asterisk (*) **WILL BE ASSIGNED** to hunt on a specific ranch. Ranch assignments will be made after the draw by Department Area Offices. Hunters that drew together on the same application may be assigned to separate but nearby ranches. Area Offices will mail a letter and ranch map to assigned hunters (separate from their licenses) notifying them of their assigned ranch. Assigned hunters will have free, equal and unrestricted access to hunt the entire ranch they have been assigned to including all private deeded land and public leased land associated with the ranch. Hunters, their companions and/or their guide or outfitter are allowed to scout the ranch the two days immediately preceding the start of their hunt.

Public Land License Fees

See Page 8 for Pronghorn Antelope Draw License fees.

Hunters must first purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before applying for a Pronghorn Antelope Draw License. Both must be carried while hunting. Applicants **MUST** pay the full license and application fee when making application. A Habitat Stamp is required if hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately, see page 9.

Private Land Hunts

Pronghorn antelope hunting opportunities on private lands are issued through the Antelope Private Lands Use System (A-PLUS) to qualifying landowners who sign hunting agreements with the Department. All authorizations and licenses issued shall be **Ranch Only** and valid only within the boundaries of the participating ranch.

Obtaining a Private Land License

Hunters wishing to hunt pronghorn antelope on private lands must first negotiate with a participating landowner. If successful, the landowner will provide the hunter with the appropriate information to convert an authorization into a hunting license.

Hunters wishing to purchase a Private Land Pronghorn Antelope License first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License**. Then they must submit the required authorization information along with the proper license fee(s) by mail to the Department's Special Hunts Office or deliver it in person to any Department Office.

Hunts on private land will coincide with public draw hunts, unless otherwise specified. Hunts for Any Legal Sporting Arm (except for mobility impaired) will be any 3 consecutive days within the published hunt period. Pronghorn antelope authorizations may be available from qualified participating landowners for the areas, bag limits and dates in the box to the right.

A list of participating ranches who receive pronghorn antelope authorizations is available on the Department's website by June 5.

Private Land License Fees

Resident \$70 Nonresident \$299

Hunters first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing a Private Land Pronghorn Antelope License. Fees include a fee to cover the costs of administering the A-PLUS Program. A Habitat Stamp is required if hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately, see page 9.

Private Land Hunts

Dates	Units	Bag Limit
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Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts (any 3 consecutive days)

Aug. 25-Sept. 8	MB	Participating ranches in GMUs 41, 42, 43 east of Hwy. 285, 46-48 and 54-59.
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Aug. 25-Sept. 8	F-IM	Participating ranches in GMUs 41, 42, 43 east of Hwy. 285, 46-48 and 54-59.
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Sept. 8-22	MB	Participating ranches in GMUs 8, 14, 31-33 and 36-40 and 43 west of Hwy. 285.
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Sept. 15-29	F-IM	Participating ranches in portions of GMU 32.
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Oct. 6-20	MB	Participating ranches in GMUs 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 23 and 26.
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Dec. 1-15	ES	Participating ranches in portions of GMU 32.
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Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts-Mobility Impaired

July 28-30	MB	Participating ranches in GMUs 8, 12-14, 16, 17, 23, 31-33, 36-43, 46-48 and 54-59.
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Bow Only Hunts

Aug. 4-12	MB	Participating ranches in GMUs 41, 42, 43 east of Hwy. 285, 46-48, 54-59.
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Aug. 11-19	MB	Participating ranches in GMUs 7-9, 12-17, 23, 26, 31-33, 36-40 and 43 west of Hwy. 285.
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Muzzleloading Rifle

Aug. 11-14	MB	Participating ranches in GMU 50 north of Hwy. 64 and 52.
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Sept. 7-10	MB	Participating ranches in GMU 29.
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Oct. 5-8	MB	Participating ranches in GMU 15.
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continued Pronghorn Antelope

Draw Licenses for Any Legal Sporting Arm

What You Must Know Before You Hunt - There are no Over-the-Counter licenses for pronghorn antelope.

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate number while hunting with a firearm. **Mentor and Youth-only Hunt:** A hunt consisting of one adult (18 years of age or older) and up to three youths (younger than 18 years of age as of the opening day of the hunt). **Closures:** Parts of GMU 10, 13 and 28 are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. Hunters drawn for any Bow, Mobility-impaired or late-November Youth-only Either sex hunts **ARE NOT ASSIGNED** to a specific ranch. See page 43. Hunters drawn for hunts marked with an asterisk (*) below **WILL BE ASSIGNED** to hunt on a specific ranch. **GMU 28:** ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course prior to hunting. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 2					
2	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-100*	S	5	MB
2 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-130	S	1	ES
Units 7, 9, 12 and 13					
7, 9, 12 and 13	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-101*	S	40	MB
7, 9, 12 and 13 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-131	S	8	ES
Unit 8					
8 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-155	S	10	MB
Units 8, 14 and 43					
8, 14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285)	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-102*	S	15	MB
8, 14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285) Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-132	S	3	ES
Unit 12					
12 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-156	S	10	MB
Unit 13					
13 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-157	S	10	MB
Units 14 and 43					
14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285) Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-158	S	5	MB
Unit 16					
16 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-159	S	5	MB
16	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-103*	S	60	MB
16 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-133	S	8	ES
Unit 17					
17 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-160	S	5	MB
17	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-104*	S	40	MB
17 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-134	S	4	ES
Unit 23					
23 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-161	S	10	MB
23	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-107*	S	20	MB
23 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-137	S	3	ES
Unit 26					
26	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-110*	S	10	MB
26 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-140	S	1	ES
Unit 31					
31 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-162	S	10	MB
31	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-112*	S	65	MB
31 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-142	S	9	ES
Units 32 and 33					
32 and 33 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-163	S	15	MB
32 and 33	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-114*	S	130	MB
32 (Portions of) Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-144	S	3	ES
32 (Portions of)	Dec. 1-15	ANT-1-116	S	30	F-IM
Units 36-38					
36-38 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-164	S	10	MB
36-38	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-117*	S	120	MB

Hunters drawn for any legal sporting arm hunts and muzzleloader hunts marked with an asterisk (*) **WILL BE ASSIGNED** to hunt on a specific ranch.

Pronghorn Antelope continued

Any Legal Sporting Arm continued

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Units 39 and 40					
39 and 40 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-165	S	10	MB
39 and 40	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-119*	S	55	MB
39 and 40 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-146	S	5	ES
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-166	S	25	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59	Aug. 25-27	ANT-1-121*	S	425	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59 Youth Only	Aug. 25-27	ANT-1-122*	S	50	ES
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59 Youth Only	Sept. 1-3	ANT-1-123*	S	60	F-IM
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-147	S	50	ES

Draw Licenses For Bow Only

Units 7, 9, 12 and 13					
7, 9, 12 and 13	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-170	S	25	MB
Units 8, 14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285)					
8, 14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285)	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-171	S	5	MB
Unit 15					
15	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-172	S	10	MB
Unit 16					
16	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-173	S	30	MB
Unit 17					
17	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-174	S	30	MB
Unit 23					
23	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-176	S	10	MB
Unit 26					
26	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-178	S	10	MB
Unit 30					
30	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-179	S	25	MB
Unit 31					
31	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-180	S	75	MB
Units 32 and 33					
32 and 33	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-181	S	75	MB
Units 36-38					
36-38	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-182	S	25	MB
Units 39 and 40					
39 and 40	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-183	S	10	MB
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59	Aug. 4-12	ANT-2-184	S	100	MB

Draw Licenses For Muzzleloader

Unit 15					
15	Oct. 5-8	ANT-3-187*	S	25	MB
15 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-3-148	S	5	ES
Unit 28					
28 McGregor Range Military Only	Sept. 1-2	ANT-3-188	S	10	MB
28 McGregor Range	Sept. 1-2	ANT-3-189	S	5	MB
28 McGregor Range Youth Only	Sept. 1-2	ANT-3-190	S	10	MB
Unit 29					
29	Sept. 7-10	ANT-3-191*	S	37	MB
29 Mentor/Youth Only	Sept. 7-10	ANT-3-192*	S	10	ES
29 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-3-149	S	5	ES
Units 50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52					
50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52	Aug. 11-14	ANT-3-193*	S	150	MB
50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52 Youth Only	Aug. 11-14	ANT-3-194*	S	25	ES
50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-3-150	S	15	ES

Hunters drawn for any legal sporting arm hunts and muzzleloader hunts marked with an asterisk (*) WILL BE ASSIGNED to hunt on a specific ranch.

Bighorn Sheep

Draw Licenses for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep

Application and Licenses

To hunt bighorn sheep in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting or Game-hunting and Fishing License** before applying for a Bighorn Sheep Draw License. There are no over-the-counter Bighorn Sheep Licenses.

Bighorn Sheep Ram Licenses are once-in-a-lifetime licenses. Youth hunters are eligible for this hunt once when they are younger than 18, and once again when they are older than 18. Bighorn Sheep Ewe Licenses (including youth hunts), are not once-in-a-lifetime licenses. Hunters may apply for both Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn sheep subspecies (both rams and ewes), in the same license year. Hunters **MUST** apply for all bighorn sheep hunts on the same application. Anyone who has held a Bighorn Sheep Enhancement License (see Unique Hunting Opportunities on page 15) may apply for any of these licenses. Hunters must apply by **March 28, 2012**. Only one person may apply per application. Anyone applying for a Bighorn Sheep Draw License **MUST** pay the full license and application fee when making application.

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

Anyone may apply for a draw license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep rams except those who have previously held a draw license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep rams in New Mexico. Anyone who has held a license to hunt desert bighorn sheep may apply for a draw license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

Desert Bighorn Sheep

Anyone may apply to hunt desert bighorn sheep rams except those who have previously held a draw license to hunt desert bighorn sheep rams. Anyone who has held a draw license to hunt a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram or ewe may apply for a draw license to hunt desert bighorn sheep rams.

Youth-only Hunt

Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate number while hunting with a firearm.

Legal Sporting Arms

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

Seasons

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep				
Unit 45 - Pecos Mountains	Aug. 18-24	BHS-1-101	2	Ram
Unit 45 - Pecos Mountains	Aug. 25-31	BHS-1-102	1	Ram
Unit 45 - Pecos Mountains Youth Only	Aug. 25-31	BHS-1-103	1	Ram
Unit 53 - Wheeler Peak (portion south of N.M. 38)	Sept. 8-14	BHS-1-106	4	Ram
Units 53 and 55 - Latir Mountains	Aug. 11-17	BHS-1-109	1	Ram
Units 53 and 55 - Latir Mountains	Sept. 1-7	BHS-1-110	11	Ewe
Units 53 and 55 - Latir Mountains Youth Only	Sept. 1-7	BHS-1-111	1	Ewe
Units 16B, 22, 23, 24 Turkey Creek and San Francisco River	Jan. 5-14, '13	BHS-1-112	2	Ram
Unit 55A - Culebra Mountains *	Aug. 15-Sept. 30	BHS-1-113	1	Ram
Desert bighorn sheep				
Unit 27 - Peloncillo Mountains	Nov. 1-30	BHS-1-100	2	Ram
Unit 26 - Hatchet Mountains	Oct. 1-15	BHS-1-114	3	Ram
Unit 26 - Hatchet Mountains	Oct. 16-31	BHS-1-115	3	Ram
Unit 20 - Caballo Mountains	Nov. 16-30	BHS-1-118	1	Ram
Unit 20 - Caballo Mountains	Dec. 1-15	BHS-1-119	1	Ram
Unit 13 - Ladron Mountains	Dec. 1-31	BHS-1-123	1	Ram
Unit 20 - Fra Cristobal Mountains *	Oct. 1-15	BHS-1-120	2	Ram
Unit 20 - Fra Cristobal Mountains Youth Only *	Oct. 31-Nov. 14	BHS-1-122	1	Ram
Unit 19 - White Sands Missile Range **	Dec. 14-Jan. 1 '13	BHS-1-116	2	Ram

Bighorn Sheep Ram Heads Must Have a Seal

Every bighorn sheep ram taken in New Mexico must have a seal inserted in one horn by the Department. Sealing must be done within 10 days of harvest. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field in New Mexico must remain in the field and may not be legally possessed. Bighorn sheep rams must be sealed prior to exportation from New Mexico. Persons who bring bighorn sheep heads into New Mexico must have them sealed by the Department within 10 days of entering the state. Bighorn sheep legally harvested and sealed in another jurisdiction (state, tribal entity or country), do not have to be sealed again in New Mexico.

License Fees

See page 8 for bighorn sheep license, validation and stamp fees. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately.

* Culebra Mountains, Fra Cristobal Bighorn Sheep Hunts

These hunts occur only on private land. Landowners have placed certain restrictions on these hunts. Please call the Department at (505) 476-8038 for more information about these restrictions.

** WSMR Bighorn Sheep Hunt

License and Access Fees

See page 9 for bighorn sheep license fees. WSMR charges a \$150 access fee per hunter for all hunts taking place on the Range. Successful applicants will receive an instruction letter from WSMR detailing payment of the fee, including deadline dates.

WSMR Security

All hunters successfully drawn for a WSMR hunt and their guests will have to complete a security background check by WSMR prior to being allowed access to the WSMR. All vehicles entering WSMR are subject to a security search by WSMR officers. Only Outfitters registered with WSMR in advance of the hunt will be allowed.

Hunt Dates

Hunters must expect that weekends, non-duty days and holidays will be the primary opportunities to hunt during the 19-day hunt period. Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if they have concerns for public safety.



Over-the-Counter Licenses, Draw Licenses

General License Information

To hunt ibex in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing an over-the-counter Ibex License or applying for an Ibex Draw License.

Over-the-Counter License

The ibex over-the-counter license for outside the Florida Mountains Hunt Area is IBX-1-528. It can be purchased only from Department offices or by mail using Form 3. There is no deadline and no limit on the number of IBX-1-528 licenses. Holders of an IBX-1-528 license have an unlimited number of tags available to them upon request at any Department office.

Over-the-Counter License Fees

Resident \$103 Nonresident \$1,610
Fees include a nonrefundable application fee and Depredation Damage Stamp fee. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately.

Draw License

Licenses for the IBX-1-525 rifle hunt are once-in-a-lifetime licenses issued by drawing. To receive an ibex draw license for this hunt on the Florida Mountains Hunt Area, hunters must apply by **March 28, 2012**. Only one person may apply per application. Hunters may apply for the once-in-a-lifetime license only if the hunter never held a IBX-1-525 ibex license. Any valid ibex license can be used for the year-round IBX-1-528 hunt.

Draw License Fees

Resident \$111 Nonresident \$1,630
Hunters must apply by **March 28, 2012**. Anyone applying for an ibex draw license, **MUST** pay the full license and application fee when making application. Fees include a nonrefundable application fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately.

Bag Limit

F-IM: Any one female or immature ibex.
ES: Any one ibex of either sex.

Legal Sporting Arms

Any Legal Sporting Arm

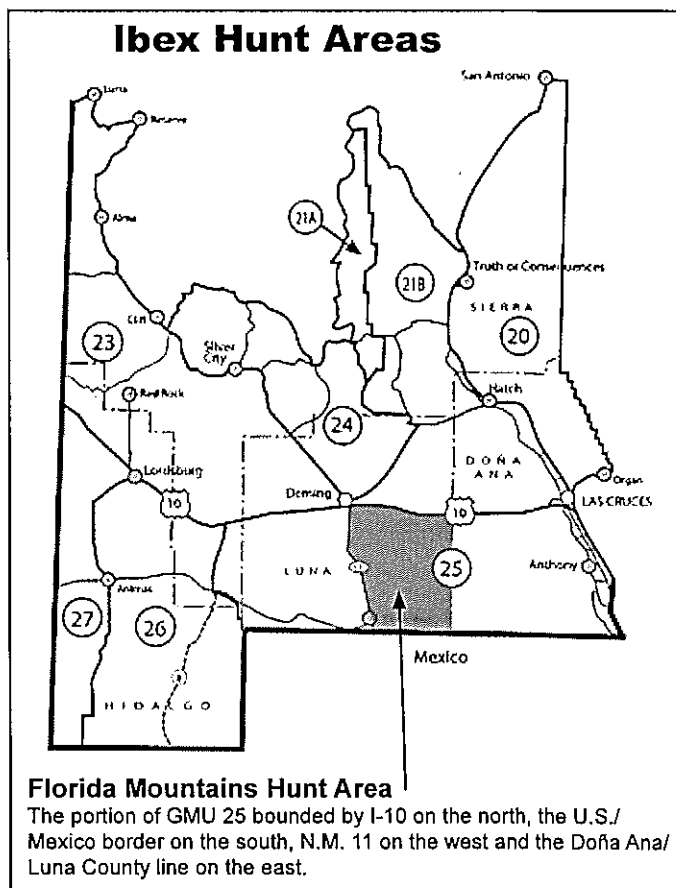
Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrows; or crossbow and bolts.

Muzzleloader and Bow

Muzzleloading rifle; bow and arrows or crossbow and bolts.

Bow

Bow and arrows only.



What You Must Know Before You Hunt

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

Hunt Area

Hunt Dates

Hunt Code

Licenses

Bag Limit

Any Legal Sporting Arm

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Florida Mountains in Unit 25 Youth Only	Sept. 22-30	IBX-1-500	36	ES
Florida Mountains in Unit 25	Oct. 1-31	IBX-1-520	120	F-IM
Florida Mountains in Unit 25 Once-in-a-Lifetime	Nov. 24-Dec. 10	IBX-1-525	18	ES
Statewide except Florida Mountains	Apr. 1-Mar. 31, '13	IBX-1-528	over-the-counter	1 ES per tag

Bow Only

Florida Mountains in Unit 25	Jan. 1-15, '13	IBX-2-535	120	ES
Florida Mountains in Unit 25	Jan. 16-31, '13	IBX-2-536	120	ES

Muzzleloader

Florida Mountains in Unit 25	Feb. 9-17, '13	IBX-3-540	60	ES
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Turkey

Over-the-Counter Licenses, Draw Permits

General Information

To hunt turkey in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing an over-the-counter Turkey License. Turkey hunters have a spring and fall hunting season. **Nonresidents may NOT apply for any hunts held only on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).**

Licenses and Tags

A resident or nonresident spring or fall over-the-counter Turkey License with valid carcass tags is available from Department offices, license vendors, online or by mail using Form 3. Hunters may purchase both spring and fall licenses. Spring turkey hunters will be issued two carcass tags with their license.

License Fees

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

A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately.

Legal Sporting Arms

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

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only. Units 10, 13, 18 and 20: These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service or the military during military operations. **Closed Areas:** The following areas are closed to turkey hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon State Park, Orilla Verde and the Wild Rivers recreation areas, Taos Valley Overlook, all WMAs except Humphries, Rio Chama and Sargent, the Valle Vidal area and Rattlesnake Canyon in Unit 2A.

OTC License Hunts

Areas Open For Spring OTC License Hunts

April 15-May 10

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

Youth-only Spring OTC License Hunt-April 7-8

An early Youth-only turkey hunting opportunity is scheduled April 7-8 in all units open for spring hunting listed above.

Bag Limit for Spring Season

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

OTC License Hunts continued

Areas Open For Fall OTC License Hunts

Sept. 1-30 (bow only) and Nov. 1-30 (any legal sporting arm except centerfire or rimfire rifle or handgun).

Units 2A (except areas east of N.M. 550 and north of N.M. 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo Canyon), 6A, 6C, 7, 9 (except Water Canyon WMA), 10, 12, 13, 15-17, 21-24, 29, 32-34, 36, 37, 40-42, 45-48, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (including Colin Neblett WMA, but not E.S. Barker and Uracca WMAs, Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas), 56, 57 (bow only in Sugarite Canyon State Park), 58 and 59.

Bag Limit for Fall Season

The bag limit is any one turkey in the units listed above. If you do not harvest a turkey during the September Bow-only Hunt, you may hunt again in November with any legal sporting arm.

Draw Permit Hunts

Application for these draw permits must be made by **Feb. 1, 2012**, submitting a nonrefundable application fee of \$8 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Two applicants may apply per application. Successful applicants must then purchase an over-the-counter Turkey License and a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License**. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunters and trappers on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately. **Youth-only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certification number while hunting with a firearm.

Open Areas and Bag Limits For Draw Permit Hunts

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Permits	Bag Limit
Unit 2 (except the Rattlesnake Canyon closure area)				
	April 15-May 10	TUR-1-100	100	1 bearded turkey
Unit 2, Youth Only (except the Rattlesnake Canyon closure area)				
	April 15-May 10	TUR-1-101	50	1 bearded turkey
Marquez WMA, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 15-May 10	TUR-1-104	5	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 7-8	TUR-1-105	3	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 14-15	TUR-1-106	3	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 21-22	TUR-1-107	3	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 28-29	TUR-1-108	3	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	Oct. 10-11	TUR-1-110	4	Any one turkey
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	Oct. 17-18	TUR-1-111	4	Any one turkey
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	Oct. 20-21	TUR-1-109	4	Any one turkey
Valle Vidal-Greenwood Area				
	April 15-30	TUR-1-112	20	1 bearded turkey

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Youth Spring Turkey Hunt

The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge will conduct a limited Youth Spring Turkey Hunt for hunters younger than 18. The hunts will be held on four consecutive weekends during April and May 2012. Bag limit is one bearded turkey. Eligible hunters will be drawn from a pool of qualified applicants. An application fee of \$6.00 is required per application. Applications will be available beginning February 1, 2012 and must be returned to the Refuge by March 15, 2012. Interested persons may contact Bosque del Apache NWR at (575) 835-1828 to request an application. They may pick up an application at the refuge visitor center. Applications also are available online at: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/bosque/Hunting

Valles Caldera National Preserve

Contact the VCNP directly at www.vallescaldera.gov for more information about this hunt. Bag limit is one bearded turkey.

Javelina and Barbary Sheep

Javelina Draw Licenses

Application and Licenses

To hunt javelina in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before applying for a Javelina Draw License. Up to four persons may apply per application. Application must be made by **March 28, 2012**.

Bag Limit One javelina.

What You Must Know

No Over-the-Counter Licenses: There are no OTC licenses for javelina. **Youth-only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certification number while hunting with a firearm. **Units 13 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **JAV-1-100, JAV-1-104 and JAV-2-103 Hunts:** Javelina will be in small, isolated groups except in Units 23-27 (including the Big Hatchets). ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course before they hunt. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. **WMA Hunting:** All Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) are closed to javelina hunting except the following **Prairie Chicken Areas:** Black Hills (East and West), Claudell; **Crossroads 1-5;** Gallina Wells 1, 1A, 1B and 2-6; Liberty; Marshall; Milnesand; Bluit (North, South and East); Wayside; Antelope Flats; Bledsoe; Little Dipper; Pitchfork; Ranger Lake; and Sandhills Prairie Conservation Area.

Any Legal Sporting Arm

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Statewide Youth Only	Jan. 1-Mar. 31, '13	JAV-1-100	100	ES
Units 19 and 23-27	Feb. 1-15, '13	JAV-1-102	1000	ES
Statewide (except Units 19 and 23-28)	Jan. 16-Mar. 31, '13	JAV-1-104	1000	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range Military Only	Dec. 29-30, '12	JAV-1-105	5	ES
Bow Only				
Units 19 and 23-27	Jan. 16-31, '13	JAV-2-101	300	ES
Statewide (except Units 19 and 23-28)	Jan. 1-15, '13	JAV-2-103	300	ES

Barbary Sheep Draw, Private Land and Unlimited Area Licenses

To hunt Barbary sheep, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing an over-the-counter Barbary Sheep License or applying for a Barbary Sheep Draw License. For draw licenses, up to four persons may apply together. Application must be made by **March 28, 2012**. Private land and Unlimited Area Barbary Sheep Licenses are available over-the-counter through Department offices, on the Department's website and via Form 3.

License Fees: Draw: Resident \$111 Nonresident \$380. — **Private Land and Unlimited Areas:** Resident \$103 Nonresident \$360. Anyone applying for a Barbary sheep draw license, MUST pay the full license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. Hunters must apply by **March 28, 2012**. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

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

Closed Areas: Units 8, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22-24, 26-32, 34, 36 and 37, Sugarite Canyon State Park, Orilla Verde and Wild Rivers Recreation areas including the Taos Valley Overlook, all WMAs (except Water Canyon), the Valle Vidal and the Valles Caldera.

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

Draw License Units: Licenses for Units 28 (McGregor Range) and public land within 29-34, 36 and 37 are issued only by drawing.

Draw Hunts - Any Legal Sporting Arm

McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course before they hunt.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Units 31, 32, 34, 36 and 37 from:	Feb. 1-28, '13	BBY-1-100	600	ES
and Units 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17-18, 21, 25, 33, 38-59 from:	April 1-March 31, '13			
Units 29 and 30 from:	Feb. 1-28, '13	BBY-1-101	600	ES
and Units 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17-18, 21, 25, 33, 38-59 from:	April 1-March 31, '13			
Unit 28 McGregor Range Military Only	Dec. 29-30, '12	BBY-1-102	5	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range	Dec. 29-30, '12	BBY-1-103	5	ES

Over-the-Counter Private Land Hunts - Any Legal Sporting Arm

Units 31, 32, 34, 36 and 37 Private Land Only	Feb. 1-28, '13	NA	Unlimited	ES
Units 29 and 30 Private Land Only	Feb. 1-28, '13	NA	Unlimited	ES

Over-the-Counter Unlimited Area Hunts - Any Legal Sporting Arm

Units 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17-18, 21, 25, 33, 38-59 from:	April 1-March 31, '13	NA	Unlimited	ES
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Draw Licenses

Application and Licenses

To hunt oryx in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing a Private Land-only Oryx License or applying for a Oryx Draw License. Most of these hunts occur on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). Up to two persons may apply per application. Application must be made by **March 28, 2012**. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR Security Badge Hunts. Foreign nationals may apply for Premier Once-In-A-Lifetime hunts, but those that are drawn must be escorted by an authorized WSMR official at all times while on the Range.

All Premier, Broken-horn, Returning Veteran and Youth-only oryx hunts are now three-day hunts. Friday will be primarily for checking into WSMR. If no military missions are scheduled, hunting may be allowed on Friday afternoons after check-in. Additional information concerning Friday opportunities will be included with information letters sent to all license holders.

Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if there are concerns for public safety. The number of licenses may be reduced from the maximum number listed, depending on population survey results.

License Fees

License fees for all hunts except Private Land Hunts

Resident \$161 Nonresident \$1,630

Private Land Hunts

Resident \$153 Nonresident \$1,610

Fees include a nonrefundable application fee. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately. WSMR charges a \$150 access fee per hunter for all hunts taking place on the Range. Successful applicants will receive an instruction letter from WSMR detailing payment of the fee, including deadline dates for payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee is not paid by the deadline.

WSMR Security

All hunters successfully drawn for a WSMR hunt and their guests will have to complete a security background check prior to being allowed on WSMR. Security background registration forms will be sent to all successful license holders in advance of their hunt. All hunters and their guests will be required to complete the forms and have their forms approved prior to being allowed access to the Range to hunt. All vehicles entering WSMR are subject to a security search by WSMR officers. Items that are banned by WSMR include: alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, camcorders, radar detectors and concealed weapons. Discovery of banned items or failure to comply with WSMR

WSMR Security *continued*

requirements or any other applicable law or regulation, may result in revocation of future hunting privileges on WSMR. Hunters do not get a second chance to correct violations. If you are escorted off WSMR, your license fees will NOT be refunded.

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Blaze Orange Clothing: Hunters and their guests must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property.

Once-In-A-Lifetime Hunts

All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans-only oryx hunts are once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt

Broken-horn oryx hunts are not once-in-a-lifetime. See Definitions. Those who have held a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license may apply for a broken-horn oryx hunt.

Bag Limit

ES-Any oryx of either sex BHO-Any broken-horn oryx

Special Restrictions

- All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans-Only oryx hunts are once-in-a-lifetime hunts. You may NOT apply for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license if you have previously held a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license or authorization. However, you may apply for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license if you have held other oryx license types.
- You may designate up to three hunt choices per application. Address questions of eligibility for a license to any of the Department's Area Offices or the Special Hunts Office in Santa Fe.
- Oryx hunters must check in and out of the WSMR as described in the information letter they receive if drawn for a hunt. Hunters will be provided a hunt area map which identifies "CLOSED" areas where no hunting is allowed.
- Up to three guests capable of assisting the hunter in cleaning and loading a downed oryx may accompany each licensed hunter. Only U.S. citizens may be guests of permitted hunters, unless they are guests of approved foreign national hunters who will be provided an official escort. No other help will be available for this purpose. The guests may not help the licensed hunter kill the oryx.

Legal Sporting Arms

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

Premier Hunts These hunts ARE Once-In-A-Lifetime Application must be made by **March 28, 2012**.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 5-7	ORX-1-104	55	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 30-Dec. 2	ORX-1-108	55	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 25-27, '13	ORX-1-112	55	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 22-24, '13	ORX-1-116	55	ES
Stallion Range	Sept. 21-23	ORX-1-102	45	ES
Stallion Range	Nov. 16-18	ORX-1-106	45	ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 11-13, '13	ORX-1-110	45	ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 8-10, '13	ORX-1-114	45	ES
Rhodes Canyon Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 7-9	ORX-1-101	20	ES

Youth-only Hunt This hunt is NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

Youth Only: Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certification number while hunting with a firearm. Application must be made by **March 28, 2012**.

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

Oryx continued

Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts These hunts are **NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime** Those who have held a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license may apply for a broken-horn oryx hunt.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Stallion Range	Sept. 21-23	ORX-1-127	10	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 5-7	ORX-1-128	10	BHO
Stallion Range	Nov. 16-18	ORX-1-129	10	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 30-Dec. 2	ORX-1-130	10	BHO
Stallion Range	Jan. 11-13, '13	ORX-1-131	10	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 25-27, '13	ORX-1-132	10	BHO
Stallion Range	Feb. 8-10, '13	ORX-1-133	10	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 22-24, '13	ORX-1-134	10	BHO

WSMR Security Badge Hunts

These hunts are **NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime**
DO NOT APPLY for these hunts if you are not a U.S. citizen or do not have an appropriate WSMR security and hunt badge or cannot be escorted by someone who does. Only badged sponsors with an approved 2012 WSMR Hunt Permit and their guests will be allowed to participate in these hunts. Badged sponsors must have received a 2012 WSMR Hunt Permit by **March 28, 2012**. Hunters who do not have a permitted sponsor will be denied access to the hunt. If in doubt, do not apply. Oryx hunts ORX-1-118 through ORX-1-126 are available **ONLY** to U.S. citizens with appropriate WSMR security and hunt badges and their guests in accordance with WSMR provisions. There is no guarantee of access to WSMR for these hunts. These hunts will be held on remote areas of White Sands Missile Range. Hunts will be conducted only on weekends, non-duty days and holidays. These hunts are **NOT** considered once-in-a-lifetime. Two persons may apply per application. Application must be made through the Department's public draw by **March 28, 2012**. Applicants may choose up to three hunt code choices. For further information on access and badging requirements, contact WSMR at (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
WSMR TBA WSMR Military Only	TBD	ORX-1-118	18	ES
WSMR TBA	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-119	25	ES
WSMR TBA	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-120	25	ES
WSMR TBA	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-121	25	ES
WSMR TBA	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-122	25	ES
WSMR TBA	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-123	25	ES
WSMR TBA	Jan. 1-31, '13	ORX-1-124	25	ES
WSMR TBA	Feb. 1-28, '13	ORX-1-125	25	ES
WSMR TBA	Mar. 1-31, '13	ORX-1-126	25	ES

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

Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans-Only Hunts

These hunts ARE Once-In-A-Lifetime

Eight hunts (below) have been established for **New Mexico Resident Veterans** who served on active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. See page 10 for reduced-fee Veteran Game-hunting and Fishing license. All hunts occur on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). Up to two persons may apply per application. Application must be made by **March 28, 2012**. **Proof of Service is Required:** Applicants must supply proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan by the application deadline. Submit a **COPY** of your Orders or DD-214 to: Department of Game and Fish, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25125, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504. Resident Veterans also may fax their proof of military service to the Special Hunts Office at (505) 476-8180. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 5-7	ORX-1-105	5	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 30-Dec. 2	ORX-1-109	5	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 25-27, '13	ORX-1-113	5	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 22-24, '13	ORX-1-117	5	ES
Stallion Range	Sept. 23-25	ORX-1-103	5	ES
Stallion Range	Nov. 16-18	ORX-1-107	5	ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 11-13, '13	ORX-1-111	5	ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 8-10, '13	ORX-1-115	5	ES

Off White Sands Missile Range Hunts These hunts are NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

- Open areas include: lands administered by Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, State Trust Lands and private property with written permission.
- Closed areas include: private lands without written permission, White Sands Missile Range, Jornada Experimental Station, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss areas in GMUs 19 and 28 and other lands closed to hunting.
- Applicants may choose up to three hunt code choices.
- Application deadline is **March 28, 2012**.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Statewide, off-range	June 1-30	ORX-1-204	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	June 1-30	ORX-1-205	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	July 1-31	ORX-1-206	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	July 1-31	ORX-1-207	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-208	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-209	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-210	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-211	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-212	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-213	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-214	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-215	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-216	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-217	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	Jan. 1-31, '13	ORX-1-218	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Jan. 1-31, '13	ORX-1-219	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	Feb. 1-28, '13	ORX-1-220	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Feb. 1-28, '13	ORX-1-221	18	ES
Statewide, off-range	Mar. 1-31, '13	ORX-1-222	60	ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Mar. 1-31, '13	ORX-1-223	18	ES

Private Land Hunts These hunts are NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

Private Land License Fees: Resident \$153 Nonresident \$1,610

Private Land Oryx Licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must possess valid written permission from the landowner on whose property they wish to hunt. They are restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arm type and bag limit that correspond to the public land hunts listed above as Off WSMR Hunts (ORX-1-204 through ORX-1-223). The number of private land-only licenses is unlimited. These licenses are available through Department offices, on the Department's website or via Form 3.

McGregor Range Hunts These hunts are NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

- These hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss
- Anyone may apply for the ORX-1-224 and the ORX-1-226 hunt.
- All applicants for Fort Bliss/McGregor Range hunts must possess proof of successfully completing a certified hunter education course before their hunt.
- Hunters must wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest while hunting.
- Application deadline is **March 28, 2012**. For further information about these hunts, contact Fort Bliss at (915) 568-3016.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range	Dec. 8-9	ORX-1-226	25	ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range Military Only	Dec. 8-9	ORX-1-227	25	ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range	Jan. 12-13, '13	ORX-1-224	25	ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range Military Only	Jan. 12-13, '13	ORX-1-225	25	ES

Hunting Guides

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) only allows the use of outfitters and guides for Oryx Once-In-A-Lifetime, Youth-only and Mobility-impaired hunts. Outfitters and guides are not authorized for Population Management or Security Badged hunts. Only those outfitters and guides registered IN ADVANCE of the hunt with WSMR will be allowed to operate on the Range. It is the hunter's responsibility to ensure that their outfitter or guide is in compliance with Range policies. Contact WSMR at (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095 for registration requirements.

Bear (877) 950-5466-Zone Closure and Harvest Hotline

Draw Permits and Over-the-Counter Licenses

General Information

To hunt bears, all residents and nonresidents must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** and an over-the-counter Bear License.

License Fees

See page 9.

A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

Harvest Limits for All Zones

The state is divided into 11 Bear Management Zones. This allows the Department to better manage bear populations on a regional basis. All zones have two different harvest limits. One is the total number of bears that may be harvested. The other limit is the number of female bears that may be harvested.

The harvest limit for each Bear Management Zone is listed in the chart on the following page. The first number indicates the total number of bears that may be harvested in each zone followed by the number of female bears that may be harvested. **Most Bear Management Zones will close when the harvest is within 10% of either the sustainable mortality limit or female sub-limit, whichever comes first. This measure is taken to avoid exceeding sustainable harvest of the resource.**

Zone Closure

BEFORE HUNTING hunters **MUST** call (877) 950-5466 toll-free or check our website www.wildlife.state.nm.us to ensure that the zone is open.

Over-The-Counter License

An over-the-counter Bear License with valid carcass tag may be purchased from license vendors, Department offices, online or by mail using Form 3. One carcass tag comes with each license. (NOTE: Licenses and carcass tags purchased online will be mailed within two weeks of purchase). **Hunters must purchase a Bear License AT LEAST TWO DAYS BEFORE HUNTING** and must possess a valid Bear License and carcass tag while hunting in the field.

Bear Draw Permits

Draw Permits are available for the areas listed below. Only N.M. residents may apply for WMA Bear Draw Permits. Application must be made by **Feb. 1, 2012**. Only one hunter may apply per application. Hunters who successfully draw a Bear Permit must then purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** and an over-the-counter Bear License. Hunters may hunt during the over-the-counter season if they possess an unused tag and have not taken a bear. A hunter must be properly licensed at least two days before hunting.

Seasons For Bear Draw Permits

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

Dates subject to change. Check the Department's website.

Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifle; bow and arrows or crossbow and bolts. In the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest, only bows and crossbows may be used. Crossbows may not be used during the Sept. 1-22 Bow Only Season.

Baiting and Trapping

Baiting or trapping is **NOT** a legal method of taking bear. Anyone who accidentally traps a bear must either release it or call the Department for assistance in its release.

Bag Limit

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

Tagging of Bear Hides

Bears must be tagged with both a carcass and pelt tag. The carcass tag, which is received with the purchase of the license, must be attached immediately after the animal is killed by the hunter. The hunter then must present the license and hide for pelt tagging to any District Conservation Officer or any Department office within five days of killing the bear or before taking the hide out of New Mexico, whichever comes first. **A hunter who kills any bear IS REQUIRED to present the unfrozen skull with the mouth fixed open, to any Department office for removal of a premolar tooth. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Improperly tagged hides may be seized by the Department.**

Proof of Sex

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

Use of Dogs

Dog use is **NOT** allowed on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). Dog use is **NOT ALLOWED** from Sept. 1-22 in ANY unit. Dog use is **NOT ALLOWED** on Sept. 23 and 24 in Zone 5 (Units 12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26 and 27).

When dogs are used in hunting bears, the licensed hunter intending to harvest the bear must be present continuously once any dog is released. **Dogs may only be released during legal hunting hours.** There is no "pursuit" or "training" season outside the regular open season.

Valle Vidal

It is unlawful for anyone to hunt bears on the Valle Vidal except for those hunters who successfully draw a Bear Draw Permit and purchase **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** and an over-the-counter Bear License.

Elk hunters may hunt bears in the Valle Vidal/Greenwood area if they:

1. Possess a Valle Vidal rifle, muzzleloader or bow elk license,
2. Use the sporting arm type specified for their elk hunt,
3. Hunt only during the dates of their elk hunt, and
4. The harvest quota in Bear Zone 2C has not been met and the bear season is still open.

Livestock Damage

Landowners, lessees or their regular employees may, without a license, kill any bear that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. The person taking such action **MUST** report it to the Department within 24 hours. Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under the provisions listed above are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be turned in to the Department.

Seasons For Over-the-Counter Hunts

Zone	Open Units	Hunt Dates	Sporting Arm Type	Dog Use	Total Limit or Female Limit
Zone 1	Units 4-7, 51 and 52	Sept. 1-22 Sept. 23-Nov. 15	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	139 or 56
Zone 2A	Units 41-43, 47-50 and 53 and 56-59	Sept. 1-22 Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 15	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	85 or 34
Zone 2B	Units 45 and 46	Sept. 1-22 Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 15	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	116 or 58
Zone 2C	Units 54 and 55	Sept. 1-22 Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 15	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	100 or 50
Zone 3	Units 9 (except Marquez WMA) and 10	Sept. 1-22 Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 15	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	25 or 10
Zone 4A	Unit 8	Sept. 1-22 Oct. 15-Nov. 15	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	5 or 2
Zone 4B	Unit 14	Sept. 1-22 Oct. 15-Nov. 15	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	12 or 5
Zone 5	Units 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20-24, 26 and 27	Sept. 1-24 Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 25-Nov. 30	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	109 or 44
Zone 6A	Units 37 and 38	Sept. 1-22 Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 30	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	16 or 6
Zone 6B	Unit 34	Sept. 1-22 Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 30	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	31 or 12
Zone 6C	Unit 36	Sept. 1-22 Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 30	Bow Only Any Legal	Not Allowed Allowed	26 or 13

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Closed Areas: Units 2 (except by draw permit), 19, 25, 28-33, 39 and 40 are closed to bear hunting.

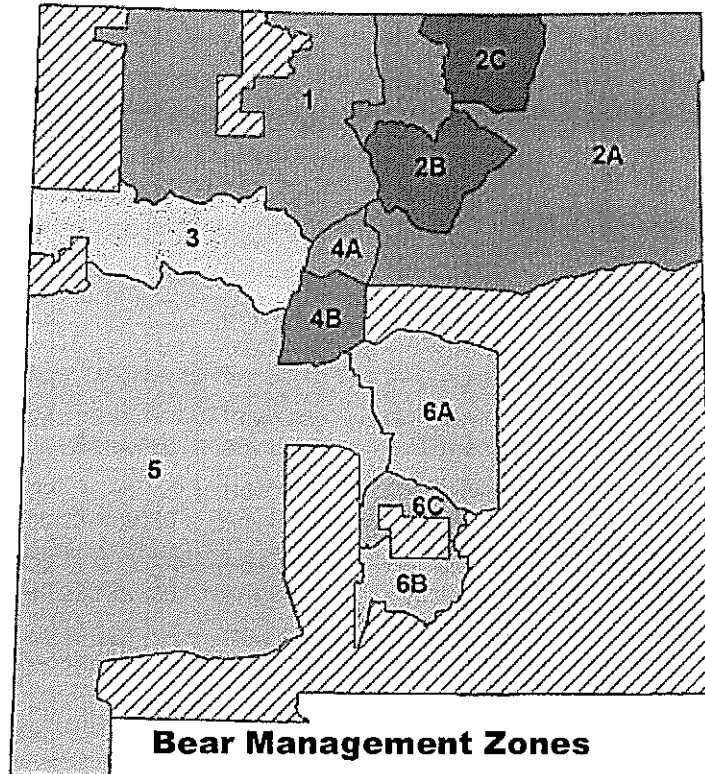
All Wildlife Management Areas are closed unless specifically open to hunting. See additional closures listed below.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property.

Restricted Areas: It is unlawful to hunt bears in the Valle Vidal except as noted on page 53. Grapevine Canyon and McGregor Range Buffer Zone area in Unit 34 of Zone 6 are accessible by permit and military permission only.

Unit 10 of Zone 3 and Units 13, 18 and 20 of Zone 5: These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings.

Zone 4: Hunters may only use bows or crossbows to hunt bear in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest except during the Sept. 1-22 and Sept. 1-24 bow seasons. Dog use is not allowed during any bow season.



Bear Management Zones

Cougar (877) 950-5466-Zone Closure/Harvest Hotline

Over-the-Counter Licenses

General Information

To hunt cougar, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting or Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing an Over-the-Counter Cougar License.

License Fees

Resident \$43 Nonresident \$290

A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

An over-the-counter Cougar License with valid carcass tag may be purchased from license vendors, Department offices, online or by mail using Form 3. One carcass tag comes with each license (NOTE: Licenses and carcass tags purchased online will be mailed within two weeks of purchase). Hunters must purchase a Cougar License **AT LEAST TWO DAYS BEFORE HUNTING.**

Cougar Season

Public land season is Oct. 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. Private land cougar season is April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. All cougar mortalities on public and private lands shall count against the sustainable mortality and/or the female sub-limits for that zone. All cougar hunting will cease for zones that have met sustainable and/or female sub-limits.

Harvest Limits for All Zones

The state is divided into 19 Cougar Management Zones. This allows the Department to better manage cougar populations on a regional basis. All zones have two different harvest limits.

The harvest limit for each Cougar Management Zone is listed in the chart on this page. The first number indicates the total number of cougars that may be harvested in each zone followed by the number of female cougars that may be harvested. All Cougar Management Zones will close when the harvest is within 10% of either the sustainable mortality limit or female sub-limit, whichever comes first. This measure is taken to avoid exceeding sustainable harvest of the resource.

Zone Closure

BEFORE HUNTING, hunters **MUST** call (877) 950-5466 toll-free or check our website www.wildlife.state.nm.us to ensure that the zone is open.

Mandatory Cougar Identification course

The Department requires that all cougar hunters successfully complete a cougar identification course. In the field, a over-the-counter license shall be valid only with the possession of a cougar identification course number. This number will be issued upon successful completion of the cougar ID course offered on the Department's website.

Legal Sporting Arms

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

Livestock Damage

Landowners, lessees or their regular employees may, without a license, kill any cougar that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. The person taking such action **MUST** report it to the Department within 24 hours. Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under the provisions listed are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be turned in to the Department.

Use of Dogs

Dogs may be used in hunting cougars. NOTE: When dogs are used in hunting cougar, the licensed hunter intending to harvest the cougar must be present continuously once any dog is released. **Dogs may only be released during legal hunting hours.** There is no "pursuit" or "training" season outside the regular open season.

Bag Limit

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

Tagging of Cougar Hides

Cougars must be tagged with both a carcass and a pelt tag. The carcass tag, which is received with the purchase of the license, must be attached immediately after the animal is taken by the hunter. The hunter then must present the license and hide for pelt tagging to any District Conservation Officer or any Department office within five days of taking the cougar or before taking the hide out of New Mexico, whichever comes first. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Improperly tagged hides may be seized by the Department. A hunter who takes a **FEMALE** cougar **IS REQUIRED** to present the unfrozen skull with the mouth fixed open, to any Department office for removal of a premolar tooth.

Zones and Season Limits

Zone	Open Units	Sustainable Mortality	Female Sub-limit
A	Units 2 and 7	42	13
B	Units 5, 50 and 51	28	8
C	Units 43, 45, 46, 48, 49 and 53	85	43
D	Units 41, 42, 47 and 59	23	12
E	Units 9 and 10	50	15
F	Unit 6	46	23
G	Units 13 and 17	73	37
H	Units 19 and 20	24	12
I	Units 18 and 36-38	37	11
J	Units 15, 16, 21 and 25	89	27
K	Units 22-24	66	33
L	Units 26 and 27	19	10
M	Units 31-33, 39 and 40	31	9
N	Units 4 and 52	15	5
O	Unit 12	21	6
P	Units 56, 57 and 58	10	3
Q	Units 28-30 and 34	35	11
R	Units 54 and 55	26	8
S	Units 8 and 14	25	13

All Wildlife Management Areas are closed unless specifically open to hunting.

continued **Cougar**

Proof of Sex

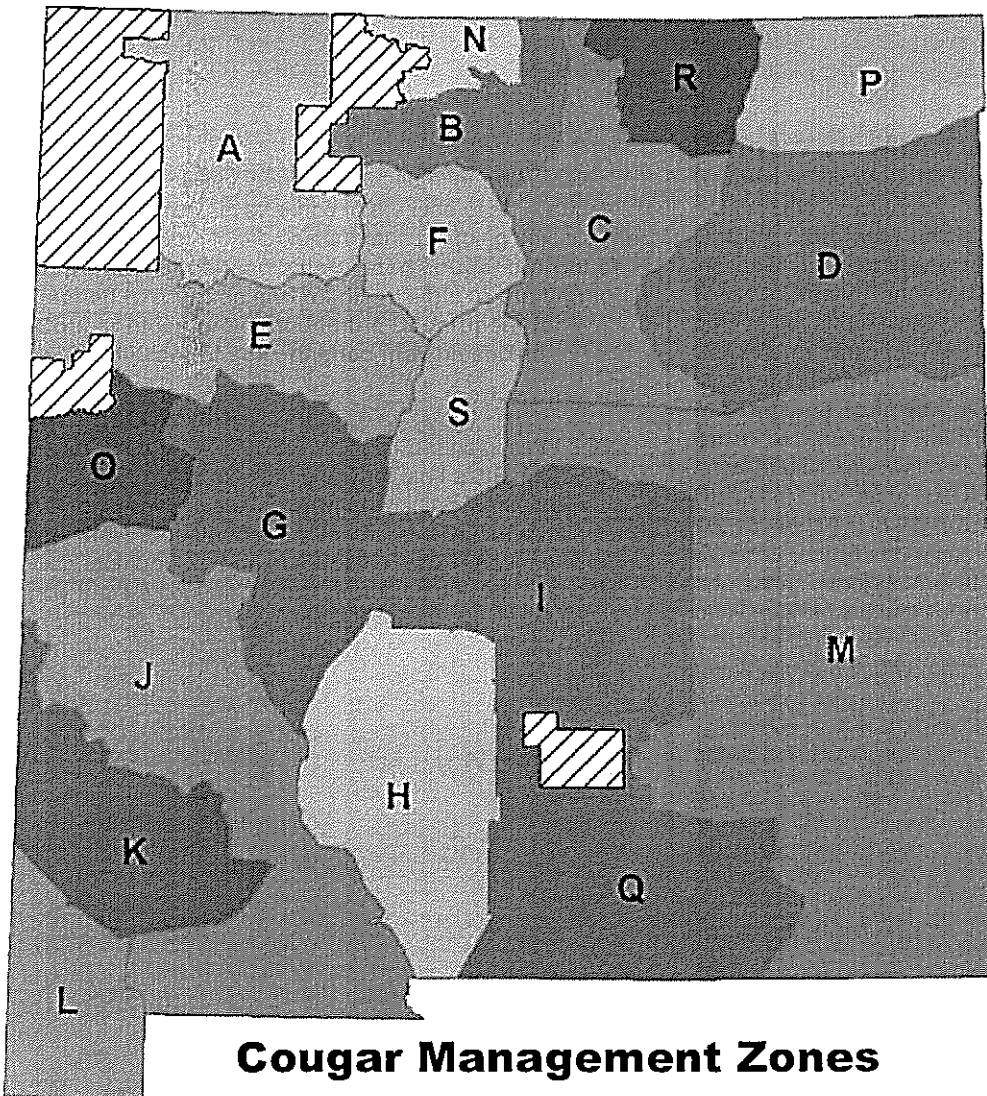
The male cougar's testicles, penis, or baculum; or the female cougar's vulva must remain attached to the hide of any cougar taken and remain visible to the Department's tagging official. The Department will only pelt tag a harvested cougar if proof of sex is attached to the hide and readily visible to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

Baiting and Trapping

Cougar baiting is not legal in New Mexico. Trapping is not a legal method of taking cougar except on private land as permitted by the Department. Any private land owner wishing to use traps or snares on their property, MUST contact the Department's Wildlife Management Division at (505) 476-8038. Anyone who accidentally traps a cougar or other protected animal must either release it or call the Department for assistance in its release.

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Grapevine Canyon, McGregor Range Buffer Zone: This area in Unit 34 is accessible by military permission only. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property. Fort Bliss/McGregor Range require all hunters to wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. **Closed Areas:** San Andres National Wildlife Refuge and the Valle Vidal/ Greenwood areas are closed to cougar hunting. **All Wildlife Management Areas are closed unless specifically open to hunting.** **Restricted Areas:** Hunters may use only bows and crossbows to hunt cougar in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest in Units 8 and 14. **Units 10, 13, 18, 19 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. **Unit 25, Florida Mountains Hunt Area:** Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida Mountains Hunt Area during any ibex season, except by licensed ibex hunters who must adhere to the allowed sporting arm type and season dates specified on their ibex license.



Wolf Country

Trapping and Mexican Gray Wolves

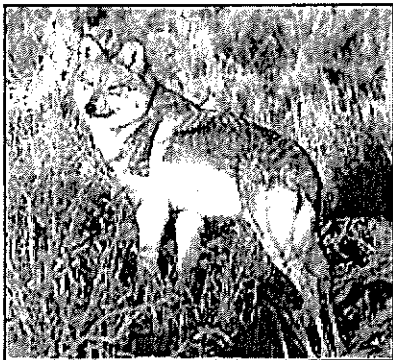
Trapping has not been shown to negatively impact Mexican Gray Wolf populations.

For individuals wishing to trap in the **Mexican Gray Wolf Blue Range Recovery Area** (portions of Catron, Grant and Sierra Counties in New Mexico) the Department strongly recommends the following techniques to reduce the potential for injury to inadvertently trapped Mexican Gray Wolves:

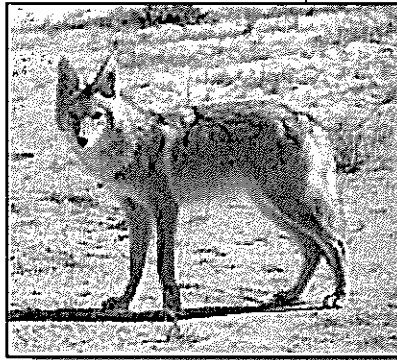
- Double stake, cable stake (at least 18 inches deep) or otherwise securely fasten traps to immovable objects with aircraft cable or chain so that if captured, a wolf is unable to pull the trap free.
- Use short chains (12 inches or less) attached near the center of the trap base plate via a swivel and incorporate at least one additional swivel between the trap and anchoring point to prevent lunging or rolling-induced injury.
- If using drags, use one of sufficient size and weight or grapples made from steel at least ½ inch in diameter or cross-section, attached to chains or cables at least 10 feet long to hasten recovery and safe release of animal.
- Choose laminated, off-set or padded jaws on foot-hold traps.
- Thoroughly scout the area you intend to trap and if you see wolf sign, avoid the area if possible or use only No. 1.75 or smaller traps.

Trappers will not be held criminally liable if they accidentally capture a Mexican Gray Wolf.

If you capture a Mexican Gray Wolf, immediately call the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Office at (888) 459-9653, or contact the Department's 24-hour dispatch phone at (800) 432-4263, or call your local conservation officer. An officer will respond to remove the wolf and secure it until a member of the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team can arrive to process and radio collar the wolf.



Mexican Grey Wolf



Coyote

Wolves Are A Protected Species

Parts of New Mexico are within the Mexican Wolf Restoration Area. Wolves are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and by the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act. Shooting a wolf could cost you up to a year in jail and as much as \$50,000 as well as additional penalties under state law for violating the Wildlife Conservation Act.

A combination of federal and state agencies and conservation organizations offer rewards totaling up to \$45,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of wolf poachers.

You MAY NOT Legally:

- 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 you thought it was a coyote or anything else.

You MAY Legally:

- Kill, injure or harass a wolf if it is in the act of killing, wounding or biting your cattle, sheep, horses, mules or burros on private or tribal land. But you must report it within 24 hours to the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Office at (888) 459-9653, or call the Department's 24-hour dispatch phone at (800) 432-4263.
- Kill, injure or harass a wolf in defense of human life, but you must report it to either of the above numbers within 24 hours.

For more information about Mexican wolves or the Wolf Recovery Program, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mexican wolf website at: www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf/.

If you are in or around the Gila National Forest or surrounding areas, you could encounter a wolf. Some wolves will have radio collars. Typical Mexican wolves weigh 50-80 pounds, measure 5 1/2 feet from nose to tail and stand 28-32 inches at the shoulder (about the size of a large German shepherd). Coat color varies, but solid black or white Mexican wolves do not occur. Wolves appear similar to coyotes, but weigh two to three times as much. Compared to coyotes, Mexican wolves have large, blocky heads; more rounded ears, and large feet in proportion to their bodies. At a distance or a quick glance, the two species can be difficult to differentiate.

Furbearers

Licenses

All trappers, both resident and nonresident, **MUST** purchase their trapper license from a Department office or from the Department's website or via Form 3. Trappers who do not report their trapping results by the deadline of **April 7**, must still file and pay an \$8 late fee in order to purchase a trapper's license.

Residents ages 12 to 17 who hunt or trap protected furbearers must purchase a Junior Trapper License. Residents age 18 or older who hunt or trap protected furbearers must buy a Trapper License. Residents need no license to take unprotected furbearers. See **Unprotected Furbearers** below. There is no closed season or bag limit on unprotected furbearers or unprotected species.

Nonresidents who trap protected or unprotected furbearers in New Mexico must have a nonresident Trapper License. Nonresidents who hold a Nonresident Nongame License or any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license may use firearms or bows to hunt for and possess coyote, rabbit, prairie dog or skunk, but may not set traps or snares unless they also have a nonresident Trapper License. Nonresidents should call any Department office for licenses.

License Fees Resident \$20 Nonresident \$345

Nonresident Trapper Licenses are **NOT** available to residents of a state that does not permit a New Mexico resident to purchase a nonresident Trapper License. For more information, call any Department office.

Junior Trapper	Resident	Nonresident
(Residents age 12-17)	\$9	Not Issued

A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

Bag Limit

There is no bag limit on any protected furbearer.

Protected Furbearers

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

Unprotected Furbearers

Unprotected furbearers are coyote and skunk.

Legal Means of Harvest

Furbearers may be taken with dogs, firearms, bow and arrows, traps and snares. Calls, including mechanically or electronically recorded calling devices, are legal in hunting protected furbearers. Dogs may be used to take protected furbearers only during open trapping season. There is no "pursuit or training season" outside the regular open season except for raccoon. See **Seasons** on page 59.

Trap Inspection

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

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

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

Trap Tampering and Furbearer Removal

It shall be illegal to destroy, disturb or remove any trap, snare or trapped wildlife belonging to a licensed trapper without permission of the owner of the trap or snare, except that from March 16 to November 1, a landowner may remove any trap or snare from privately owned or leased land if such a trap or snare could endanger livestock. Domestic animals may be released from any trap.

Trap Identification

The following restrictions apply in the setting of any trap or snare that could reasonably be expected to catch a protected furbearer. Each trap or snare used to take furbearers must be permanently marked with either the user's name and address or Trapper ID number that is issued only by the Department. To get a free Trapper ID number, call the Department at (505) 476-8038. The identification number or name and address must be stamped on the bottom of the frame or included on a metal tag riveted, welded or otherwise securely attached to the trap frame, chain or cable.

Land Sets

No foot-hold trap with an outside spread larger than 7 inches if laminated above the jaw surfaces or tooth-jawed traps, shall be used in making a land set. All foot-hold traps with an inside jaw spread equal to or greater than 5.5 inches shall be offset unless they have padded jaws.

No land set may be placed within one-quarter $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of a designated and signed roadside rest area, picnic area or an occupied dwelling without prior, written permission of the occupant of the dwelling, except for a land set placed by a landowner on his own land. No land set shall be placed within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of an established and maintained public campground, or boat-launching area. It shall be unlawful to make a land set within 25 yards of any public road or trail (including any culvert or structure located beneath it) except on private land with written permission from the landowner. "Trail" shall mean any path opened for public use and maintained annually by public funds or any path published on a map by a municipal, state or federal agency and open for public travel. "Public road" shall mean any thoroughfare that was constructed and annually maintained with public funds whether it is currently open or closed to vehicle use and any thoroughfare published on a map by a municipal, state or federal agency and open for public travel. When a fence is present within 25 yards of the edge of the road, sets may be made on the side of the fence opposite the road.

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

Water Sets

No steel trap with an inside jaw spread larger than 7.5 inches or body-gripping trap with a jaw spread greater than 12 inches shall be used in making a water set.

Visible Bait, Trap Flags

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

Furbearers continued

Possession of Live Furbearers

It is illegal to import into or possess protected furbearers in New Mexico. The Director of the Department may issue a permit for retention of raccoons or other activity permitted by rule. A person must receive a permit prior to possessing a raccoon.

No Bear or Cougar Trapping

There are no open trapping seasons on bear or cougar. Livestock owners or others suffering depredation from bear or cougar should call the nearest Department Area Office for assistance. See page 3 for phone numbers.

Tagging of Bobcat Pelts

Every person who takes a bobcat in New Mexico shall present the pelt for tagging in New Mexico prior to leaving the state or no later than April 14, annually. Every person who presents a bobcat for tagging shall display a current Trapper License (except residents 11 years of age or younger). Tags may be obtained from Department offices in Raton, Roswell, Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Santa Fe. In addition pelts may be tagged by New Mexico licensed furbearer dealers following policies set forth by the Department.

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

Accidental Trapping of River Otters and Other Species

If you happen to trap a legally protected mammal (other than Mexican Gray Wolf, but including River Otter, Lynx, Coatimundi, Pine Marten or Black-footed Ferret) or bird or trap a protected furbearer during closed season, you must release it. Trappers must carry a device for release of non-target animals. If, however, it is badly injured or its release would be dangerous to accomplish, you must advise the Department as soon as possible. The Department will release the animal and, if necessary, treat its injuries.

Trappers will not be held criminally liable if they accidentally capture a river otter or other species. Any legally protected mammal inadvertently taken in a trap must be reported to the Department and released alive or turned over to the Department if dead.

Mandatory Harvest Reporting

By **Feb. 15**, anyone who is licensed to hunt deer or elk must report the results of their hunting season. By **April 7**, anyone who is licensed to take furbearers, must report the results of their trapping or hunting season. This is true whether or not they hunted, trapped or harvested animals. Harvest reports filed after these deadlines will be charged \$8. Beginning Jan. 4, 2013, hunters and trappers may call (888) 248-6866 or anytime visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us to report their results.

Deer, elk and furbearer hunters and trappers who do not report, will be ineligible for **ALL** draw hunts, population management authorizations, private land authorizations or trapper licenses the following year.

What You Must Know Before You Hunt or Trap

Closed Areas: All of Los Alamos County is closed to furbearer trapping except the northern quarter and a strip along the west bank of the Rio Grande north of Water Canyon, from the Rio Grande to a line 1,000 feet below the canyon rim; the Valles Caldera National Preserve; portions of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area; Orilla Verde and Santa Cruz Lake recreation areas; the Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas; Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center; New Mexico state parks; national parks and monuments; national wildlife refuges and State Game Commission owned WMAs. Fort Bliss/McGregor Range only allows furbearer hunting and is closed to trapping (see Military Reservations page 15). The Gila, Cibola, Lincoln and Apache Sitgreaves national forests are all closed to beaver trapping.

Seasons

Badger, Weasel, Fox, Ringtail and Bobcat
Nov. 1, 2012 - March 15, 2013

Beaver, Muskrat and Nutria
April 1 - April 30, 2012 and Nov. 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013

Raccoon

-Trapping and Hunting: April 1-May 15, 2012 and Sept. 1, 2012-March 31, 2013, statewide.

-Pursuit Only: April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, statewide.

There is no open season on pine marten, river otter, black-footed ferret or coatimundi.

Know the Difference Between a Bobcat and a Lynx

Bobcat

- Underside of tail is white all the way to the tip
- Ear tufts are under 1 inch long
- Cheek tufts are not prominent
- Brownish in color, usually black spots on the belly
- Total length is 25 to 37 inches
- Feet appear small with no hair between pads
- Track size is under 2.5 inches wide
- Stride length is 20 inches

Lynx

- Tail has black tip, not white underneath
- Ear tufts are at least 1.5 inches long
- Cheek tufts are prominent
- Grayish color, no spots on the belly
- Total length is 32 to 37 inches
- Feet appear quite large, pads covered with hair
- Track size is 3.5 to 4.5 inches wide
- Stride length is 28 inches



This is a lynx. Note the long ear and cheek tufts, black-tipped tail, large fur-covered feet and no spots on the belly.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Operation Game Thief

Operation Game Thief

Operation Game Thief continues to be a successful deterrent to wildlife law violators. Operation Game Thief was established in 1977, as a way to report game and fish violations, remain anonymous and potentially receive a monetary reward. The reward fund does not use tax or license fees. It comes from donations made by clubs, organizations, businesses and thousands of individuals.

Conservation Officers constantly investigate cases that originated from calls to Operation Game Thief. The result from these tips often leads to criminal charges filed and fines collected. This is because concerned citizens, like yourself, took the time to call in a tip for Conservation officers to investigate. Operation Game Thief has paid thousands of dollars in rewards.

The State Game Commission suspends ALL hunting, fishing and trapping privileges of people who fail to pay their penalty assessment.

Operation Game Thief needs your support. Please send a check payable to Operation Game Thief and mail it to the Department

of Game and Fish, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504. Your donation is tax-deductible. All the money is used to pay rewards and promote the program.

Parental Responsibility Act

The New Mexico Parental Responsibility Act requires the State Game Commission to revoke the recreational and professional licenses of anyone who does not comply with court-ordered child support obligations.

The purpose of the act is to eliminate child support arrearage. This helps reduce the number of children living at or near the poverty level and decreases the financial obligation that falls to the State of New Mexico when parents do not provide for their children.

There are currently hundreds of individuals that have their hunting and fishing privileges suspended by the State Game Commission because of their failure to pay court-ordered child support. For more information about this law, please contact the Department's Law Enforcement Division at: (505) 476-8065.

Turn in a Poacher, Earn a Reward!

Rewards paid for the arrest or charges against game violators are:

\$750 for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep;

\$500 for cases involving deer or oryx;

\$350 for cases involving pronghorn antelope;

\$250 for cases involving turkey, bear, cougar, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, endangered species, small game, fish, raptor and furbearers;

\$50 for cases where a warning citation is issued.

Call: **(800) 432-4263** to report poachers and remain anonymous.



REWARD! The New Mexico Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will pay a reward of up to \$200, in addition to any reward paid by Operation Game Thief, for information leading to the conviction of any person who violates New Mexico turkey hunting rules or rules protecting the state-endangered Gould's turkey.



Donation Certificate

Use this certificate if you give game meat, fish or parts of game animals to someone.



I, _____ Place of Transaction: _____

Hereby convey to: _____ Date of transaction: _____

The following game animal(s) or animal parts: _____

The animal(s) was (were) legally taken by me under a valid hunting license.

License No.: _____ License Date: _____

Signature of Donor: _____ Signature of Recipient: _____

We affirm that the above information is true and correct. We understand it is unlawful to postdate, predate or otherwise falsify a Donation Certificate.

Off Highway Vehicle Use

Attention: Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Users

New Mexico has requirements for off-highway vehicles (OHV) that became law in 2006. The law is designed to protect the safety of all citizens and ensure responsible OHV use. OHVs include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), dirt bikes and snowmobiles. It is the rider's responsibility to know the laws before riding on public lands.

New Mexico residents must have their OHVs registered with the N.M. Motor Vehicle Division to legally operate on public lands. A nonresident who's OHV is not registered or does not have an off-highway use permit from another state, must obtain a New Mexico Nonresident OHV Permit to legally operate on public lands in New Mexico. Nonresident permits cost \$48 for a two-year permit, or \$18 for a 90 day permit. Permits are available online at www.B4uRide.com, www.wildlife.state.nm.us, at any Department office, or by calling (505) 476-8140.

All riders younger than 18 must wear a helmet and protective eye wear, complete an approved OHV safety course to obtain a safety permit, be visually supervised by a parent or guardian, and only operate an age appropriate sized ATV. For information on approved safety training courses and OHV size standards, go to www.B4uRide.com.

New Mexico Law prohibits the operation of OHVs on private lands or roads without the permission of the landowner or leaseholder of the lands. Cutting fences, harassing livestock, riding within an earthen tank, or interfering with people engaged in agricultural practices is illegal. OHVs also must be equipped with a U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor not exceeding 96 decibels and have a headlight and tail light if driven at night. It is illegal to operate an OHV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. There is a 10 M.P.H. speed limit within 200 feet of a business, person, horseback rider or occupied dwelling. OHVs may not be operated on any paved roadway, except to cross after coming to a complete stop.

All law enforcement officers have the authority to enforce all OHV laws and to request the operators identification, registration and check for compliance.

For more information, visit the OHV Program website: www.B4uRide.com or call (505) 476-8140 or (505) 476-8171.

Instructions for Form 3

To hunt protected game species in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents, regardless of age, must first purchase a Game-hunting or combination Game-hunting and Fishing License. All nonresidents must be licensed, even for hunting unprotected, nongame species.

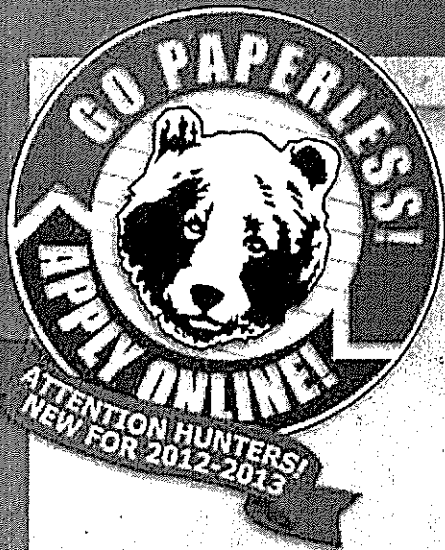
All deer licenses purchased from local vendors or via Form 3 are valid ONLY on private land. DO NOT purchase one of these licenses unless you have access to private land. Do not purchase any deer license from a local vendor or via Form 3 if you drew a public land deer license.

Use Form 3 ONLY for the licenses, stamps and validations listed. Do not use this form to apply for any draw hunts. Over-the-counter licenses (except ibex, Barbary sheep, Trapper and Resident Junior Trapper) also are available from all license vendors in New Mexico.

- Please print legibly
- Photocopies of Form 3 are acceptable but each must have an original signature
- Check all applicable licenses or permits
- Submit all fees listed on Form 3
- Add a \$1 vendor fee to the total amount for all licenses
- You must sign Form 3
- Mail orders for licenses should be received in the Special Hunts office at least 14 days before the license is needed
- Pay only by credit card, check or money order made payable to Department of Game and Fish. Do not mail cash. Persons using any license purchased with a check or credit card returned for insufficient funds can be prosecuted for using a license unlawfully procured and are subject to a one-year revocation of all hunting and fishing privileges.
- Do not fax Form 3

Return Form 3 with your payment to any Department office or mail it to:

**Special Hunts Office
Department of Game and Fish
PO Box 25125, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504**



GOING PAPERLESS

New rules, license fees and application methods will require New Mexico hunters to do some homework before planning their hunts for the 2012-13 seasons. Dramatic changes adopted by the State Legislature or approved by the State Game Commission will affect the application process, season dates and how many licenses are reserved for state residents.

The changes were designed to streamline the application and licensing process, provide more hunting opportunities for state residents, and to make drawing results and refunds available much sooner.

Going paperless

Say goodbye to paper application forms. Beginning next year, applications for all licenses will be made through the Department's online application system at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Hunters who have applied for licenses the past three seasons already are familiar with the system, as they have been required to obtain a Customer ID Number online before applying. Going paperless will simply extend that process. Since the Department first began offering online applications in 2005, the number of online applicants has increased from 54 percent to 82 percent.

Having all applications online will eliminate time-consuming sorting and counting, further increasing accuracy and speeding up the process considerably. Hunters will know their draw results one month after the deadline, instead of having to wait three months under the old system. Unsuccessful applicants also will receive their refunds much sooner.

License and application fees will be charged at the time of application. Applicants can pay by credit card or electronic check, a new convenience beginning next year. Once an application is complete, it can not be changed, only deleted. Applicants can reapply, and will receive a refund for the deleted application after the draw.

First, get your Game-hunting License

New legislation requires everyone who hunts or applies for a license in New Mexico to purchase a Game-hunting License or a combination Game-hunting and Fishing License. The licenses are good for hunting upland game and waterfowl, and will serve as the foundation that allows hunters to apply for public-land deer, elk and other special drawing licenses. They also will be required before purchasing any over-the-counter big-game or turkey license.

Hunters who are unsuccessful in the drawings are encouraged to keep the Game-hunting or Game-hunting and Fishing License and use them throughout the license year, April 1-March 31. If requested, refunds will be available for hunters who purchase a Game Hunting License, Game Hunting and Fishing licenses will not be refundable.

Game-hunting (\$15 for residents, \$65 for nonresidents) and Game-hunting and Fishing licenses (\$30, residents only) will be available online or over the counter from license vendors statewide. Senior and junior hunters, handicapped and some military may be eligible for discounted licenses.

Help available

Hunters who need help applying for 2012-13 licenses online can get it from a real person over the telephone or at one of several locations with public computers staffed by Department of Game and Fish representatives.

Paper application forms no longer will be accepted beginning next season, requiring all hunters to apply online by using a Customer Identification Number at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Assistance will be available from noon to 8 p.m. MST Feb. 2, 2012, through March 20, 2012, by calling toll-free, (888) 248-6866. The Department also plans to arrange for computer access in public locations statewide for hunters who need access to computers.

Look for more information and updates on the Department website, www.wildlife.state.nm.us.



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