



Wildlife Management Division

Elk 19.31.14 NMAC

May 15, 2014

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Albuquerque, NM**

2013 Harvest Data

- Statewide 35,982 licenses sold/converted
- 82% of hunters reported
- 40% successful in harvesting
- Estimated statewide harvest
 - Bulls = 7,881, Cows = 6,238
- Satisfaction rating = 3.62



Public Comment

- **173** public comments specific to elk (as of 5/12/14)
- Decrease GMU 9 licenses
- Increase nonresident opportunity (specifically A)
- Restructure overlapping hunts
- Point system/Draw structure
- More youth opportunity
- Allow seniors to hunt w/crossbow
- Reduce GMU 15 licenses
- Reduce private elk licenses

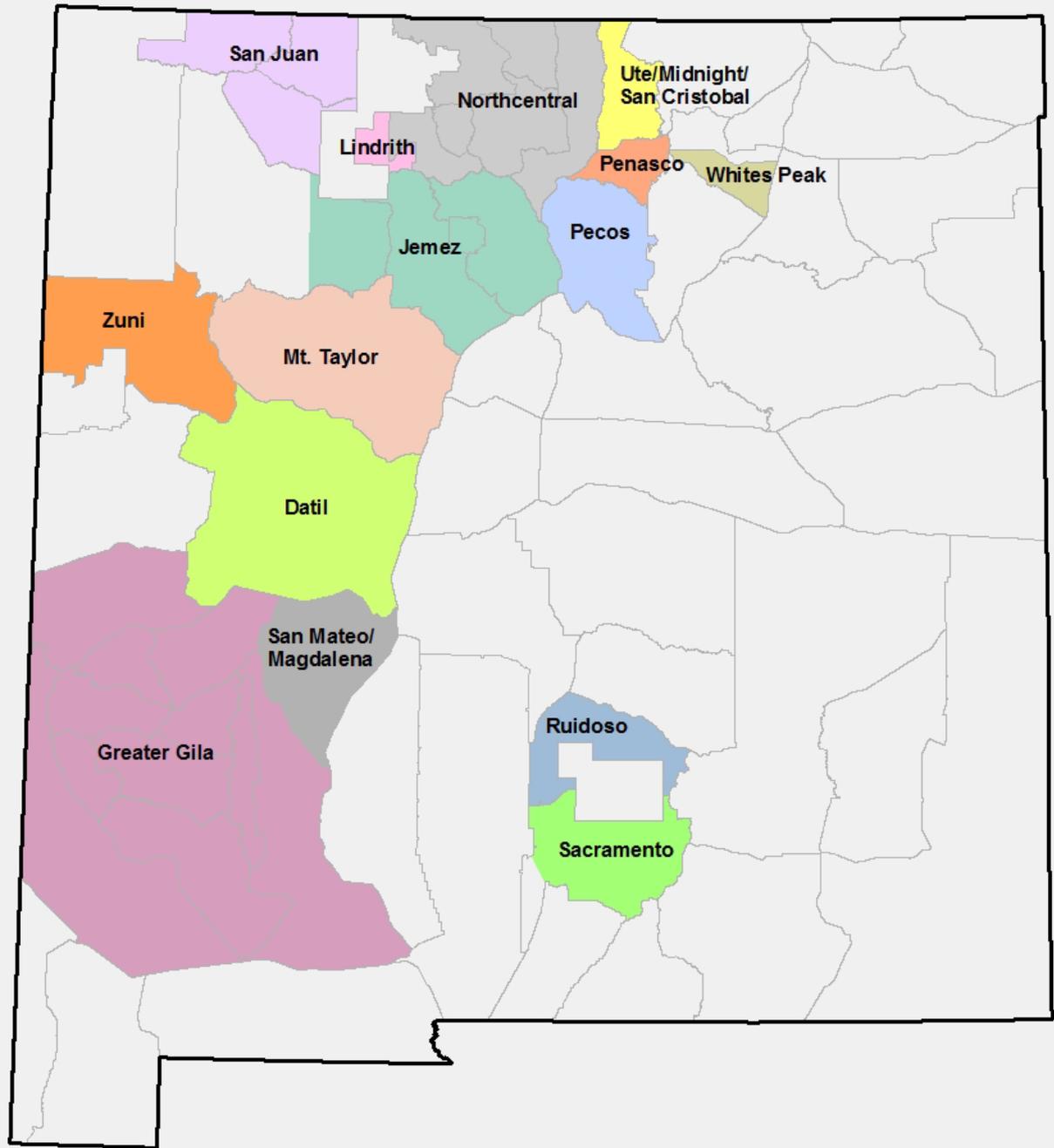




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- Redefine “resident” to include people w/2nd home in NM or active duty military who are stationed out of NM (but claim NM residence)
- Restructure archery hunts
- Post notice of pop. mgmt. hunts online
- Point restrictions for bulls
- Make special drawing for people who turn in game violators

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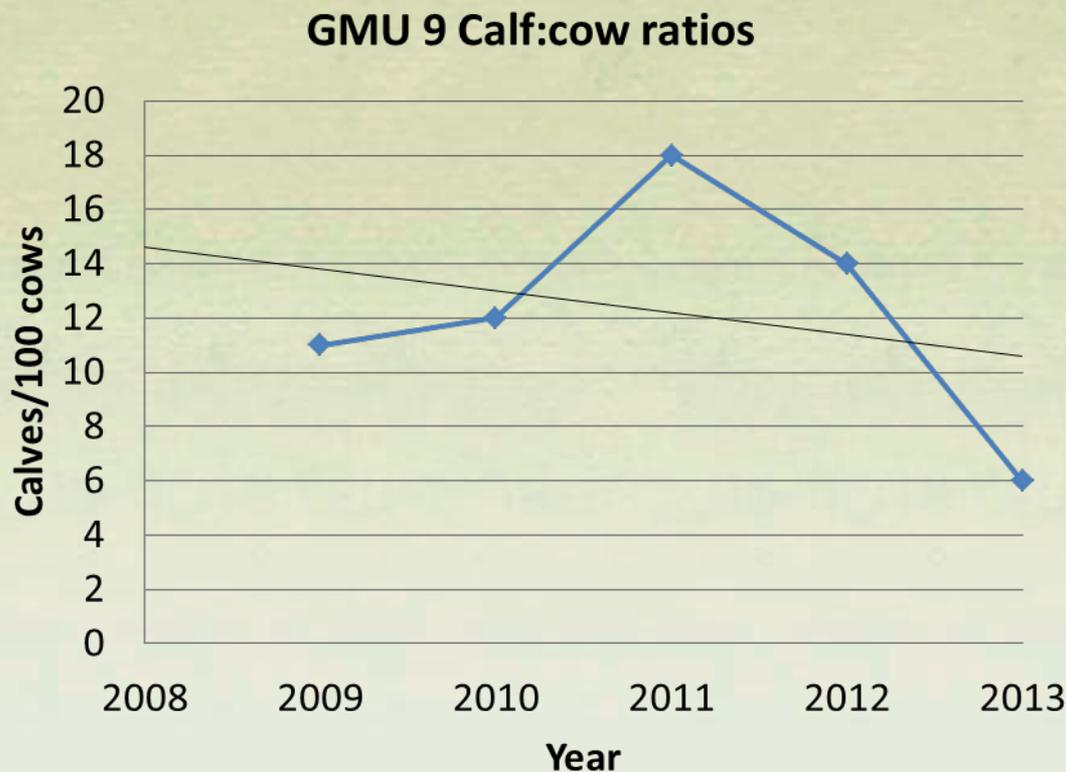
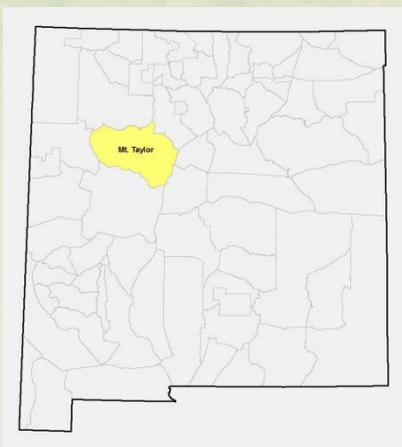


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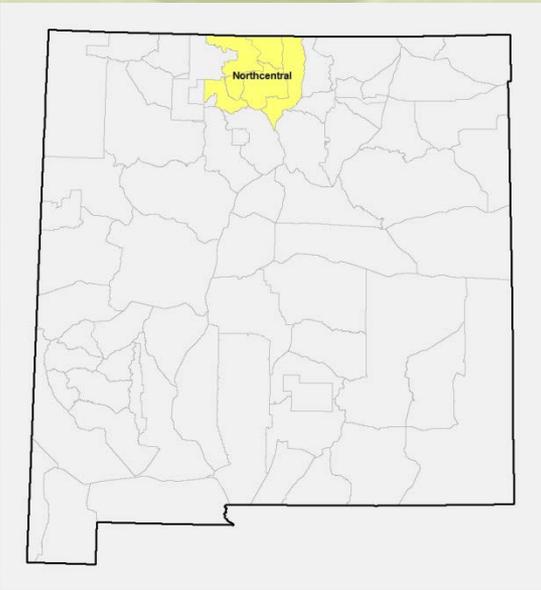
- Adjust seasons for calendar dates
- Standardize archery hunts
 - 2-hunt period (Sept. 1-15 & Sept. 16-22 [24] statewide)
 - Excluding GMU's that currently have one hunt

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- Reduce licenses in GMU 9 (exact # TBD)
- Make all hunts primitive weapon



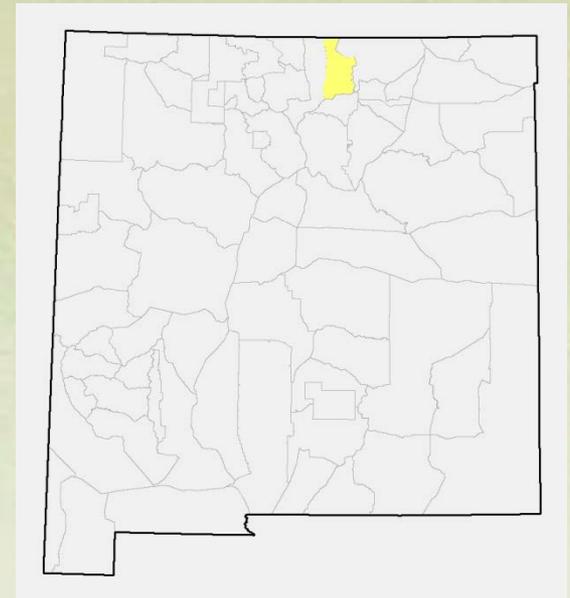
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- Redistribute antlerless licenses to account for elk distribution across Northcentral landscape
- Add new MB & A hunts in 5B and equally distribute licenses across 4 hunt periods
 - 2 hunts in Oct., 1 hunt in Nov., 1 hunt in Dec.)

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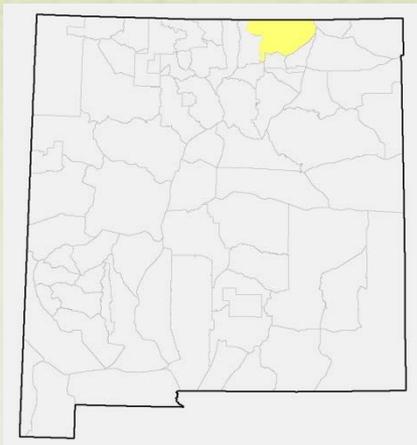
- GMU 53: Develop new late (Dec/Jan) hunt in portions of GMU 53 to address elk movement and use



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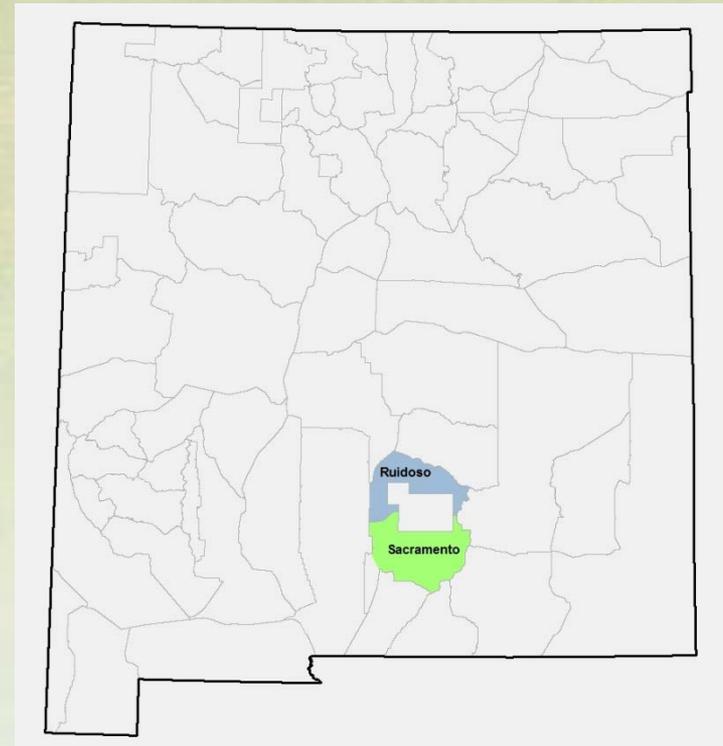
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- GMU 55 (Valle Vidal): increase MB licenses slightly resulting from increased recruitment in valle Vidal.



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- GMU 34 increase in antlerless licenses
- Slightly increase MB licenses in GMU 36

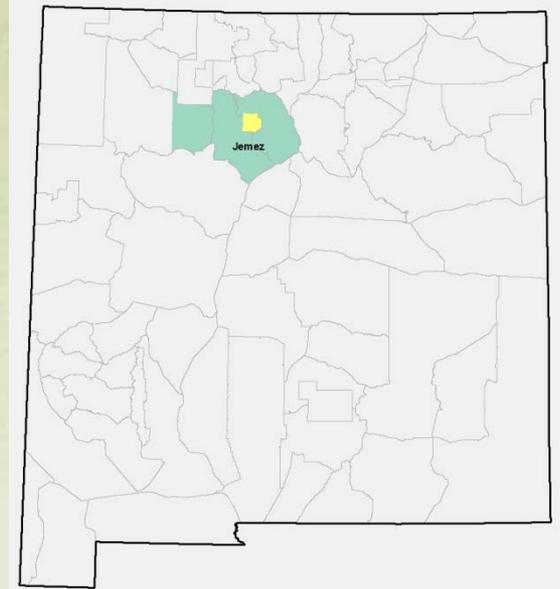


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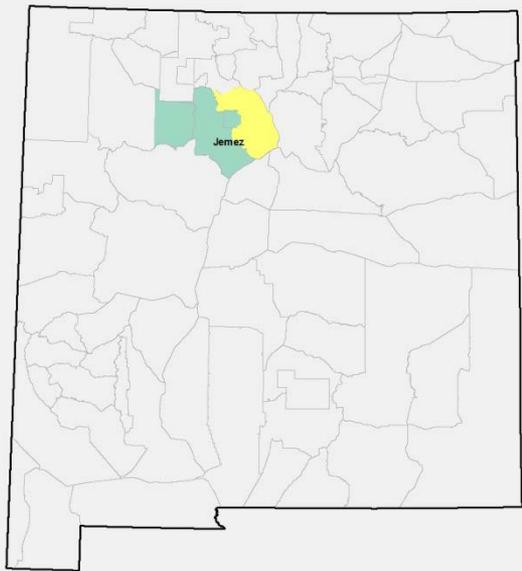
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- Increase 2nd archery ES hunt from 5 to 7 days
- Change 1st any-weapon Antlerless hunt to Youth Only (10 licenses)
- Eliminate 2nd any-weapon Antlerless hunt & increase simultaneous MB from 15 to 20 (w/5 new licenses on a 4-year rotation)
- Increase all any-weapon Antlerless hunts from 3 to 4 days
- Change 2-person hunt (26 A licenses) to 1-person hunt with 20 Antlerless licenses
- Change mid-Nov. 20 A hunt to women only (20 licenses)
- Archery: No Change; Mature Bull 11% increase; Antlerless 3% increase



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- Reductions in GMU 6C (TBD)



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- Create new Antlerless hunts in 21/23
- Analyzing COER boundaries





Questions?