



Wildlife Management Division

Deer 19.31.13 NMAC

November 30, 2018

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Roswell, NM

Public Comment on Proposed Changes

72 attendees at 4 public meetings

57 written/emailed comments

- New Hunts (11)
- License adjustments (19)
- Split Archery Season (16)
- Thanksgiving Youth Hunt (7)
- Draw process (10)
- Other/unrelated (34)

Proposed Changes



- Adjust seasons for calendar dates
- Adjust draw license numbers based on biological data & management goals
- Create some new hunting opportunities
- Separate archery season into September & January (2 different seasons)
- Standardize most youth hunts to a 9 day hunt surrounding Thanksgiving week

NE Area Proposed Adjustments



- Allow ES white-tailed deer hunting for all white-tailed deer hunts
- Create new archery hunts: Valle Vidal and Colin Neblett
- **GMU 56**: Create ESWTD youth hunt
- **GMU 41**: Create new January archery hunt
- Increase licenses based on biological data

SE Area Proposed Adjustments

- **GMU 30**: Split rifle hunts evenly (800/hunt)
- **GMU 31/33**: Decrease youth licenses on Huey*
 - From 2 hunts of 20 to 2 hunts of 10 licenses
- **GMU 34**: Move muzzleloader hunt into November
- Increase licenses based on biological data



SW Area Proposed Adjustments

- **GMU 19**: Create any-legal-weapon on WSMR, move off-range hunt to first weekend in December
- **License Reductions**: GMU 23 (13%), GMU 23 Burros (13%)
GMU 24 (10%)
- **GMU 23 (Burros)**:
 - Decrease to 1 any-legal-weapon hunt; lengthen to 9 days
 - Create September white-tailed deer archery hunt
- Allow Burros archery hunters to hunt Silver City Management Area
- Move January FAWTD archery hunt to January 16-31
- Other license decreases based on biological data

NW Area Proposed Adjustments

- **GMU 4:**
 - Include Sargent in draw for WMAs
 - Create limited public and private hunt in late November
 - Create September archery hunt for WMAs
- **GMU 5A:** Create late September muzzleloader hunt
- **GMU 5B:** Create September archery hunt and late September muzzleloader hunt
- **GMU 12:** Move muzzleloader hunt into November
- **GMU 14:** Create January archery hunt
- License adjustments based on biological data





Questions?

2017 Harvest Data



- Statewide 36,220 licenses sold/converted
- 88% of hunters reported
- 35% successful in harvesting
- Estimated statewide harvest
 - Bucks = 11,220; Does = 96
- Satisfaction rating = 3.4

TABLE 1: Details on proposed changes to split September and January archery seasons for the 2019-2023 seasons.

GMU	Prior rule Sept/Jan draw #'s	Proposed Sept draw #'s	Proposed Jan draw #'s	% change
13	200	125	75	0%
15	100	75	25	0%
16	400	230	175	1%
18	85	50	40	6%
20	50	40	25	30%
21	500	300	200	0%
22	50	30	25	10%
23 (FAMD)	305	205	90	-3%
23 (FAWTD)	200	120	100	10%
24 (FAMD)	200	125	75	0%
24 (FAWTD)	100	60	40	0%
25	70	45	30	7%
26	35	25	15	14%
29	150	100	50	0%
30	250	200	100	20%
31	250	175	100	10%
32	200	150	100	25%
33	100	60	50	10%
34	750	450	350	7%
36	300	225	125	17%
37	150	100	80	20%
38	100	65	40	5%
39	40	25	15	0%
40	25	15	10	0%
OVERALL	4610	2995	1935	7%