



# **Bear and Cougar 19.31.11 NMAC**

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



## Bear Harvest Data

2012-13 – 2014-15:

- 103 depredation kills
- 49 road kills/accidental kills
- 522 sport harvest (of 663 allowable; 79%)
- 9 zones closed (of 14 zones; 64%)



# Cougar Harvest Data

2012-13 – 2014-15:

- 22 depredation kills
- 9 road kills
- 229 sport harvest (of 749 allowable; 31%)
- 2 zones closed (of 19 zones; 12%)



# Research

## BEAR

Deriving population estimates in Sangre de Cristo, Sandia, Sacramento mountain ranges. With Expansion to Gila.

## COUGAR

- Current: Studying deer/cougar interactions
- Future: Deriving population estimates



# Bear Rule

- Multiple seasons
- Spring bear hunts
- Integrating research results
- Harvest limits

# Cougar Rule

- Integrating research results
- Harvest limits
- Expand manner and method of take





# Schedule for Rule Development 2015

- March - Initiation
- May - Proposed Amendments
- August - Final Rule



# Public Meetings

## Spring 2015

- Las Cruces
- Ruidoso
- Raton
- Silver City
- Albuquerque





***Questions?***



# Bear Harvest Data

Year	Sport Harvest	Maximum Harvest	Depredation	Other
2014-15	453	668	48	33
2013-14	546	681	170	58
2012-13	568	641	90	56
AVG	522	663	103	49



# Cougar Harvest Data

Year	Sport Harvest	Maximum Harvest	Depredation	Road Kill	Bighorn Sheep Management
2014-15	228	749	20	9	17
2013-14	203	749	24	9	20
2012-13	256	749	23	10	31
AVG	229	749	22	9	23