

Chronic Wasting Disease

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

It is unlawful to transport any deer or elk or their parts outside of these GMUs if they were taken from any chronic wasting disease (CWD) control area designated by the director of the NMDGF. The exceptions are:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either privately or commercially.
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the head or spinal column attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean skull plates with antlers attached. Skull plate must be immersed in a bath of at least one part chlorine bleach and two parts water with all meat and tissue removed.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as ivories.
- Finished heads mounted by a taxidermist.
- By prior arrangement, a harvested deer or elk or their parts may be moved to an NMDGF office.

Whole animals or heads may be taken to a processor or taxidermist within the GMU where the animal was harvested but cannot be taken out of the GMU or state. You must keep proof of sex with all game species until you get the game to the place where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage.

Win an Elk or Oryx Incentive Authorization by Helping Test for Chronic Wasting Disease!

To participate, bring your freshly harvested deer or elk head to any NMDGF office or field collection station where tissues can be collected for CWD testing. In Units 19, 28 and 34 hunters must present the head for testing within the unit where the animal was harvested. Hunters must deliver the unfrozen head within 48 hours of killing the animal to be eligible. Participating hunters who harvest an animal in any GMU may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. Incentive authorizations can be used by the recipient or by any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.

