



# **Wildlife Management Division**

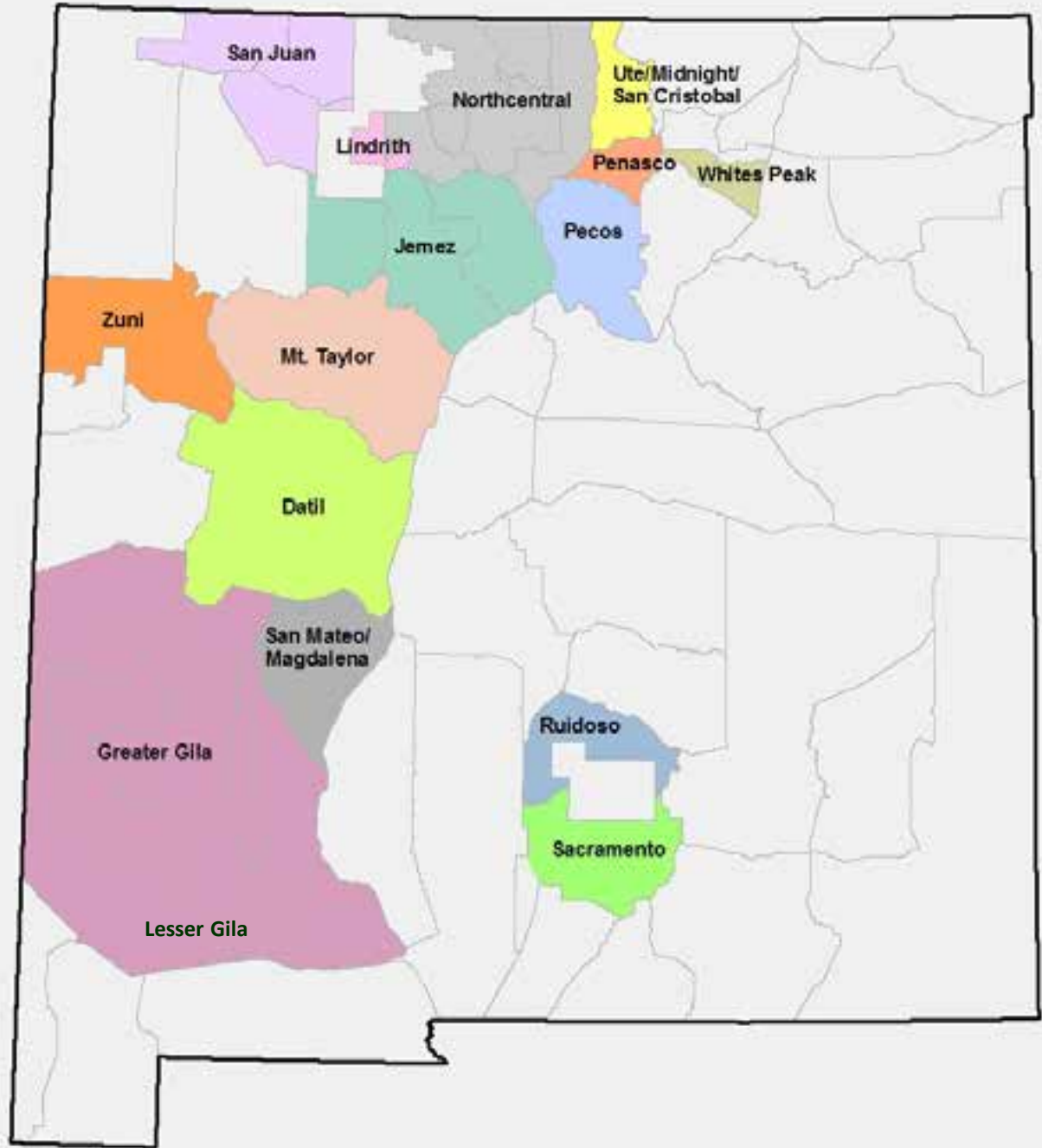
## **EIK 19.31.14 NMAC**

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# NMDGF Elk Herd Units



# 2017 Harvest Data



- Statewide 36,704 licenses sold/converted
- 81% of hunters reported
- 39% successful in harvesting
- Estimated statewide harvest
  - Bulls = 8,367, Cows = 6,021
- Satisfaction rating = 3.66

# Proposed Changes

- Adjust seasons for calendar dates
- Adjust draw license numbers based on biological data & management goals
- COER boundary adjustments based on biological data
- Create some new opportunities



# NW Area

- **GMU 2 (San Juan Herd)**: Stable to slightly increasing (34:100:36)
  - Possibly increase hunts (harvest & success increasing in recent years)
  - Consider removing from COER
  - Remove from Quality designation
- **GMU 9 (Mt. Taylor Herd)**: Declining (25:100:16)
  - Eliminate all cow hunts, further reduce bull licenses
  - Calf:Cow ratios still very low
  - COER: Possibly expand to east
- **GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51, 52 (Northcentral Herd)**: Stable to slightly increasing (38:100:40)
  - Possible late season hunt in GMU 50
- **GMUs 6A-C, 7 (Jemez Herd)**: Stable (33:100:32)
  - Valles Caldera (GMU 6B): Eliminate MI hunts & coordinate with VCNP

# SW Area

- **GMU 13 (Datil Herd)**: Stable to slightly increasing (33:100:32)
  - COER: Possibly extend boundary
- **GMUs 15, 16A-E (Greater Gila Herd)**: Stable to slightly increasing (34:100:33)
  - No Changes
- **GMU 17 (San Mateo-Magdalena Herd)**: Stable to slightly increasing (49:100:41)
  - COER: Possibly extend boundary
- **GMUs 21A-B, 23, 24 (Lesser Gila Herd)**: Stable to slightly increasing (42:100:38\*)
  - Possibly create late season archery hunts (GMUs 21, 23)
  - Considering combining 21A & 21B; increase MB
  - COER: Possibly expand boundary in GMU 21



# SE Area

- **GMU 34 (Sacramento Herd)**: Increasing (49:100:49)
  - Increase draw licenses (particularly female)
  - Consider changing MB hunts to ES
  - COER: Possibly modify boundary
- **GMU 36 (Ruidoso Herd)**: Stable to slightly increasing (71:100:52)
  - Consider increasing bull licenses (all weapon types) based on population data
  - COER: Possibly adjust boundary



# NE Area

- **GMU 45 (Pecos Herd)**: Stable (27:100:27)
  - COER: Possibly extend boundary
- **GMU 48 (Whites Peak Herd)**: Stable (32:100:44)
  - Consider moving Dec MB hunt to Oct
- **GMU 49 (Penasco Herd)**: Stable (28:100:30)
  - No Changes
- **GMU 53 (Ute-Midnite-San Cristobal Herd)**: Stable (28:100:30)
  - No Changes



# Other items

- **Establishing COER**
  - **GMU 12**: Consider making a COER GMU
  - **GMU 37**: Possibly move some southern portions into COER
- **Special management zone possibilities**
  - GMUs 46, 54, 55
- **License adjustments**
  - Valle Vidal: separate YO and adult hunts
  - GMU 56, 57: increase licenses (possibly create new hunt period)
  - GMU 42/47/59: combine and create a public hunt
- **Other**
  - Combine Colin Neblett north & south
  - Establish hunt in GMU 14
  - Develop limited hunt on WSMR
  - Youth Encouragement hunts: reduce 14 days limited to residents
  - Standardize some hunt dates

***Questions?***

