

Management Hunts

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

Population Management Hunts

Hunters wishing to be considered for population management hunts for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx or pronghorn **must select the fifth-choice option on their draw application for the appropriate species.**

Hunters cannot be added to the list after the public draw deadline. Applications must be completed online or by telephone by March 18 before 5 p.m.

Applicants must apply for at least one regular draw hunt choice to be eligible for the population management hunt for the same species. By choosing this option, hunters are indicating their willingness, if unsuccessful in drawing their first, second, third or fourth choice, to be contacted by NMDOW if a population management hunt is scheduled for that species.

If a population management hunt is scheduled, a NMDOW official will contact the hunter to notify him/her of the hunt areas, dates, bag limit, allowable sporting arms and any other special restrictions. The hunter will be asked to accept or decline a hunt. If the hunter accepts the hunt, they must purchase the license online or by phone. If the hunter declines, the next hunter in sequence will be contacted. Bag limits for population management hunts will be primarily female animals, since these hunts are intended to reduce populations in specific areas.

Choosing a population management hunt option is not a guarantee the applicant will be contacted for a hunt. Population management hunters must file a harvest report.

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR): To be eligible for population management hunts on WSMR, applicants must enter a hunt authorization code from an approved 2026 WSMR Security Sponsor (see page 118). **Leave the WSMR Population Management Hunt Authorization Code box unchecked if you do not have an authorization code.**

Population Management Hunt Fees

If unsuccessful for the first, second, third or fourth choice, applicants will be refunded the license fee. If a hunter is contacted and accepts a fifth-choice hunt, she/he will be required to purchase the appropriate license(s) with tags.

White Sands Missile Range (\$185), Ft. Bliss (\$100) and Jornada Experimental Range (\$150) each charge an access fee to all oryx hunters. Other federal agencies may charge access fees. Choosing the oryx population management hunt implies acceptance of additional fees should a hunter be called for one of these hunts.

Population management hunters must file a harvest report and may be required to obtain a carcass tag in person at a license vendor or NMDOW office.

Avoid Late Fees: Harvest Reporting for Late-Season Management Hunts

Population management license holders for deer, elk, pronghorn or turkey whose hunts end after January 31 must submit a harvest report on or before April 7 to maintain draw eligibility. NMDOW recommends reporting by telephone at:

1-888-248-6866 to avoid late fees.