

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 14 ELK

19.31.14.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico department of wildlife.
[19.31.14.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.1 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in elk management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.14.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.2 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state wildlife commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds and fish.
[19.31.14.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.3 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.4 DURATION: April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2031.
[19.31.14.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.4 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2027, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.31.14.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.5 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules and procedures governing the issuance of elk licenses by the department.
[19.31.14.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.6 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. “Antlerless elk” or “A”** shall mean any one elk without antlers.
- B. “Antler point restricted elk” or “APRE/6”** shall mean any bull elk with a minimum of six antler points on one side. A brow tine or eye guard constitutes a point; a burr at the base does not.
- C. “Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of wildlife.
- D. “Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of wildlife.
- E. “Elk”** shall mean any wild cervid of the genus *Cervus*.
- F. “Elk enhancement program”** shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than two authorizations for the taking of one bull elk per license, with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit elk.
- G. “Elk region”** shall mean a portion of the state designated by the department to administer elk management activities. An elk region describes an assemblage of one or more herd units and encompasses one or more GMUs.
- H. “Either sex” or “ES”** shall mean any one elk.
- I. “Game management unit”, “GMU”, “hunt area”, “Cerro portion” or “management area”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- J. “High-demand hunt”** shall mean a special draw hunt where the total number of non-resident applicants for an elk hunt exceeds twenty-two percent of the total applicants based on data for the two immediately preceding years.
- K. “Mature bull” or “MB”** shall mean a male elk with at least one brow tine extending six or more inches from the main beam or at least one forked antler with both branches six or more inches long.
- L. “Primary management zone”** shall mean designated areas of the state upon which elk management goals and subsequent harvest objectives are based.
- M. “Private land authorization”** shall mean the document generated by the department and issued to a private landowner that authorizes the holder to purchase a specified license to hunt elk.
- N. “Quality hunt”** shall mean a hunt designed to provide a hunter with an opportunity to achieve one

or more of the following: an enhanced experience based on timing and length of hunt season; lower hunter density; or an increased opportunity for success.

O. “Secondary management zone” shall mean areas of the state that are not part of the primary management zone or special management zone.

P. “Special management zone” shall mean areas of the state not within the primary management zone or secondary management zone and where private land authorization issuance includes eligibility requirements or restrictions.

Q. “Wildlife management area” or “WMA” shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.14.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.7 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state wildlife commission or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses or authorizations up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. GMU 34 elk licenses and authorizations may be adjusted beyond this amount as necessary to meet management objectives. These adjustments may be applied to any or all authorizations or licenses for elk in a specific GMU or designated area.

[19.31.14.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.8 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.9 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

A. Validity of license: In the primary management zones, except GMUs 4 and 5A, private-land ranch-only (as defined in 19.30.5 NMAC) elk licenses shall not be valid on any other private lands. In GMUs 4, 5A, and secondary and special management zones, private-land licenses are valid on any other private lands within the GMU and the same zone designation only if accompanied by written permission; unless otherwise restricted in a department issued agreement.

B. Valle Vidal elk once-in-a-lifetime hunts: No person shall apply for a license to hunt bull elk on the Valle Vidal if he or she has held a license since 1983 allowing them to take a bull elk on the Valle Vidal. Persons that have held a youth-only license may apply for non-youth-only licenses as long as they are eligible. No person shall apply for a license to hunt antlerless elk on the Valle Vidal if he or she has held a license since 1983 allowing them to take an antlerless elk on the Valle Vidal. Persons that have held a youth-only antlerless license may apply for non-youth-only antlerless licenses as long as they are eligible. Either sex or mature bull/antlerless shall be considered as a “bull elk” license, and shall not be considered as an “antlerless” license for this restriction. Persons who have held a Valle Vidal elk license through any incentive program are exempt from this restriction.

[19.31.14.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.9 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.10 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD): The director has the authority to designate possession criteria to any elk hunter where CWD is a concern. It is unlawful to transport dead elk, or their parts, taken from any GMU or area identified by the director in which the presence of, or possibility of, exposure to CWD has been identified, to any location outside that GMU, except for the following:

- A.** meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately);
- B.** quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- C.** meat that has been boned out;
- D.** hides with no heads attached;
- E.** clean skull plates with antlers attached; clean is defined as having been immersed in a bath of at least one part chlorine bleach and two parts water with no meat or tissue attached;
- F.** antlers with no meat or tissue attached;
- G.** upper canine teeth, also known as “ivories”;
- H.** finished taxidermied heads; or
- I.** by prior arrangement to a department office.

[19.31.14.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.10 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.11 QUALITY ELK HUNTS: Quality hunts for elk are as follows:

- A. all Valle Vidal hunts;
 - B. the first three mature bull hunts and both bow hunts on the Sargent WMA;
 - C. specific elk hunts in GMUs 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E and 17 as follows: ELK-13-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-13-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-15-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-15-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-16A-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-16A-R1-MB-MOB, ELK-16A-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-C16B-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-C16B-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-C16B-R1-MB-PUB, ELK-16C-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-16C-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-16D-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-16D-R1-MB-MOB, ELK-16D-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-16E-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-16E-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-17-B2-ES-PUB, and ELK-17-M1-MB-PUB;
 - D. all GMU 6B hunts that allow the hunter to take a bull;
 - E. premium elk hunt as defined in Subsection D of Section 19.31.14.12;
 - F. quality hunt fees for licenses listed in Subsection C above shall also apply to the conversion of any mature bull or either-sex private-land authorization (excluding youth-only) for private lands that lie within the primary management zone. This includes any hunt dates from September 15 through October 15.
- [19.31.14.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.11 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.12 SPECIAL ELK HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES:

- A. **Elk enhancement program:**
 - (1) **Program description:** The director shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special bull elk authorizations, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit elk and for direct costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the conservation, restoration, utilization, and management of elk.
 - (2) **Requirements for issuance of special elk authorizations:**
 - (a) The state wildlife commission shall authorize the director to issue not more than two special elk authorizations in any one license year to take one mature bull elk per license. The director shall allow the sale of one authorization through auction to the highest bidder and one authorization to a person selected through a random drawing of a lottery ticket by the department or an incorporated, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife.
 - (b) Unless their hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any person is eligible to submit a bid for the special elk auction authorization, or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special elk lottery authorization.
 - (c) The special elk authorizations issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals only to other individuals qualified to hunt.
 - (d) Special elk licenses granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime'.
 - (3) **Enhancement hunts:** Elk enhancement licenses shall be valid from September 1 through January 31 for any big-game sporting arms. These licenses shall be valid statewide where hunting is allowed; bag limit shall be one mature bull elk. The elk enhancement authorizations may be used by the recipient or transferred through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to other individuals qualified to hunt.
- B. **CWD-reporting incentives:** The director may annually allow up to two elk authorizations to be issued for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorizations to purchase an incentive license may be used either by the applicant or transferred through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to any individual qualified to hunt. CWD-reporting incentive hunts shall be valid only for the dates, big-game sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the director.
- C. **Youth encouragement hunts:**
 - (1) Only resident youth hunters as defined by 19.31.3 NMAC who have submitted a valid application for a draw hunt for deer, elk, pronghorn, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep or bighorn sheep in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing any license will be eligible to purchase a license for these hunts for the first 14 days of availability on the department website. Licenses remaining after 14 days shall be available to any youth hunter eligible to purchase an elk license.
 - (2) The director, with concurrence of the chairperson of the state wildlife commission,

may adjust the number of licenses available in all encouragement hunts listed below based on management objectives.

(3) These hunts will be administered by the department through a web sale. The open GMUs, hunt dates, hunt codes, big-game sporting arms, number of licenses and bag limits shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-2-R1-A-YE	75	A
2	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-2-R2-A-YE	75	A
5B	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-5B-R1-A-YE	20	A
6A	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-6A-R1-A-YE	50	A
6A	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-6A-R2-A-YE	50	A
6C	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-6C-R1-A-YE	50	A
6C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-6C-R2-A-YE	50	A
10	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-10-R1-A-YE	35	A
13	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-13-M1-A-YE	60	A
13	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-13-M2-A-YE	60	A
17	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-17-M1-A-YE	60	A
17	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-17-M2-A-YE	60	A
34	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-34-R1-A-YE	225	A
36	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-36-R1-A-YE	110	A
36	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-36-R2-A-YE	110	A
49	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-49-R1-A-YE	50	A
51	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-51-R1-A-YE	115	A
51	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-51-R2-A-YE	115	A
52	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-52-R1-A-YE	50	A
53	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-53-R1-A-YE	60	A
53	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-53-R2-A-YE	60	A

D. Premium hunt opportunity: One premium elk hunt will be issued each license year through the draw. The hunt area will be statewide on any public land open to hunting, including wildlife management areas, and private land with written permission.

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
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statewide	9/1/2027- 1/31/2028	9/1/2028- 1/31/2029	9/1/2029- 1/31/2030	9/1/2030- 1/31/2031	ELK- STW-R1- MB-PUB	1	MB
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[19.31.14.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.12 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.13 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for elk when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the big-game sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunters' names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.14.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.13 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.14.14 ELK HUNTS IN PRIMARY MANAGEMENT ZONES: This section lists elk management information and subsequent hunting opportunities for GMUs in elk regions where a primary management zone has been established. The listed information includes regional elk population information, management goals, harvest objectives, total number of hunting opportunities, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, bag limits, big-game sporting arms, number of licenses available in the public draw and the number and type of authorizations available for private lands within the primary management zone of each GMU.

A. Elk management goals:

(1) Quality hunt management (QHM):

(a) Elk harvest in regional populations, herd units or GMUs within a region results in the trend of annual bull mortality rates to be below thirty-five percent.

(b) Seasons should be designed to ensure timing and length of hunts are desirable.

(c) At least two-thirds of all hunters are "satisfied" with the experience.

(2) Optimal opportunity management (OOM):

(a) Elk harvest in regional populations, herd units or GMUs within a region results in the trend of annual bull mortality rates to be below forty-five percent and harvest near optimal sustainable yield.

(b) Season structure should be designed to ensure timing and length of hunts provides significant opportunity.

(c) At least one-third of all hunters are "satisfied" with the experience.

B. Northwest region: primary management zones in GMUs 2, 5A, 9 and 10.

(1) Optimal opportunity management within primary management zones in GMUs 2, 5A, 9 and 10.

(2) Foundational resource information for the northwest region is indicated below:

northwest region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
San Juan (GMU 2)	2400-2800	36:100:31	150-190	180-211
Lindrith (GMU 5A)	1800-2400	36:100:31	110-170	135-180
Mt. Taylor (GMU 9)	1500-2400	35:100:36	140-230	0
Zuni (GMU 10)	1000-2000	36:100:31	60-140	75-150

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB	A	B-ES	total licenses
2	OOM	259	382	282	923

5A	OOM	250	250	63	563
9	OOM	228	0	281	509
10	OOM	206	324	368	898
Total		943	956	994	2893

(3) Public draw elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below.

Water Canyon WMA shall be open to licensed public draw elk hunters during established seasons.

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-B1-ES-PUB	120	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-B2-ES-PUB	120	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-2-M1-MB-PUB	135	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-2-R1-MB-PUB	85	MB
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-2-R1-A-PUB	125	A
2: youth only	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-2-R1-A-YTH	100	A
2C	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-2C-R1-A-PUB	100	A
5A: public land only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-5A-B1-ES-PUB	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-5A-B2-ES-PUB	5	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-5A-M1-MB-PUB	10	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-5A-R1-A-PUB	10	A
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-5A-R1-MB-PUB	10	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-5A-R2-A-PUB	10	A
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-5A-R2-MB-PUB	10	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-5A-R3-A-PUB	10	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-5A-R3-MB-PUB	10	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-5A-R4-A-PUB	10	A
9: Marquez/LBar WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-9L-B1-ES-PUB	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-9L-B2-ES-PUB	15	ES

	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-9L-M1-MB-PUB	15	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-9L-M2-MB-PUB	15	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-9L-M3-MB-PUB	15	MB
9	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-9-B1-ES-PUB	82	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-9-B2-ES-PUB	82	ES
9: mobility impaired	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-9-M1-MB-MOB	21	MB
9	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-9-M1-MB-PUB	35	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-9-M2-MB-PUB	35	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-9-M3-MB-PUB	21	MB
10	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-10-B1-ES-PUB	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-10-B2-ES-PUB	125	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-10-M1-MB-PUB	70	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-10-R1-MB-PUB	70	MB
10: youth only	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-10-R1-A-YTH	120	A
10	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-10-R1-A-PUB	100	A

(4) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits, and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
	MB	A	B-ES	Total
2	39	57	42	138
5A	210	210	53	473
9	71	0	87	158
10	66	104	118	288
Total	386	371	300	1057

(5) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch-only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and big-game sporting arms. All private land mobility-impaired and youth-only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility-impaired” or “youth-only” hunt periods.

Big-game sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates
		9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14

bows only	2, 5A, 9, 10	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles and bows	2, 5A, 10	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31
	9, mobility impaired	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9
	9	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31
any big-game sporting arms	2, 5A, 10	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31

C. North central region: primary management zones in GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52.

(1) Optimal opportunity management within primary management zones in GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52.

(2) Foundational resource information for the north central region shall be as indicated below:

north central region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Chama-San Antonio (GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52)	23300-27000	37:100:35	1560-2060	1920-2225

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, M-ES, MB/A	A	B-ES	Total
4	OOM	1080	665	475	2220
5B	OOM	388	188	161	737
50	OOM	358	118	155	631
51	OOM	970	942	434	2346
52	OOM	685	407	500	1592
Total		3481	2320	1725	7526

(3) Public draw elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMU or area, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
4: Sargent WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-4S-B1-ES-PUB	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-4S-B2-ES-PUB	10	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-4S-M1-MB/A-PUB	10	MB/A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-4S-R1-MB/A-PUB	10	MB/A
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-4S-R2-MB/A-PUB	10	MB/A
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-4S-R3-MB/A-PUB	10	MB/A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-4S-R4-MB/A-PUB	10	MB/A
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-4S-R1-A-PUB	10	A

4: Sargent WMA only, youth only	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-4S-R1- A-YTH	10	A
4: Humphries/ Rio Chama WMAs only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-4HR- B1-ES-PUB	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-4HR- B2-ES-PUB	10	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-4HR- M1-MB/A- PUB	10	MB/A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-4HR- R1-MB/A- PUB	15	MB/A
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-4HR- R2-MB/A- PUB	15	MB/A
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-4HR- R1-A-PUB	10	A
4: Humphries/ Rio Chama WMAs only, youth only	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-4HR- R1-A-YTH	15	A
4: Rio Chama WMA only	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-4R- R1-A-PUB	20	A
5B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-5B- B1-ES-PUB	76	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-5B- B2-ES-PUB	75	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-5B- M1-MB- PUB	56	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-5B- R1-MB- PUB	86	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-5B- R1-A-PUB	59	A
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-5B- R2-MB- PUB	86	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-5B- R2-A-PUB	59	A
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-5B- R3-MB- PUB	87	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-5B- R3-A-PUB	59	A
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/14-12/18	ELK-5B- R4-MB- PUB	50	MB
50	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-50-B1- ES-PUB	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-50-B2- ES-PUB	55	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-50- M1-MB- PUB	65	MB

	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-50-R1-MB-PUB	100	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-50-R2-MB-PUB	100	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-50-R1-A-PUB	42	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-50-R2-A-PUB	45	A
51	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-51-B1-ES-PUB	180	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-51-B2-ES-PUB	180	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-51-M1-ES-PUB	145	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-51-R1-MB-PUB	220	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-51-R2-MB-PUB	220	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-51-R3-MB-PUB	220	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-51-R1-A-PUB	265	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-51-R2-A-PUB	265	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-51-R3-A-PUB	252	A
52	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-52-B1-ES-PUB	230	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-52-B2-ES-PUB	230	ES
52: mobility impaired	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-52-M1-MB-MOB	50	MB
52	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-52-M1-MB-PUB	120	MB
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-52-M1-A-PUB	50	A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-52-R1-MB-PUB	230	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-52-R2-MB-PUB	230	MB
52: youth only	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-52-R1-A-YTH	80	A
52: mobility impaired	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-52-R1-A-MOB	56	A
52	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-52-R1-A-PUB	73	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-52-R2-A-PUB	115	A

(4) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
	MB, M-ES, MB/A	A	B-ES	Total
4	990	600	435	2025

5B	23	11	10	44
50	93	31	40	164
51	165	160	74	399
52	55	33	40	128
Total	1326	835	599	2760

(5) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch-only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and big-game sporting arms. All private land mobility-impaired and youth-only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility-impaired” or “youth-only” hunt periods.

Big-game sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates
bows only	4, 5B, 50, 51, 52	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles and bows	5B, 50, 51, 52	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9
any big-game sporting arms	4	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31
	5B, 50, 51, 52	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31

D. **Jemez region:** primary management zones in GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C and 7.

(1) Quality hunt management goals for primary management zones in GMUs 6A and 6B.

(2) Optimal opportunity management within primary management zones in GMUs 6C and 7.

(3) Foundational resource information for the Jemez region shall be as indicated below:

Jemez region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
Jemez herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C, and 7	6000-7000	40:100:26	320-398	360-430

G MU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, M-ES, R-ES	A	B-ES	total licenses
6A	QHM	361	116	296	773
6B	QHM	50	250	50	350
6C	OOM	429	259	300	988
7	OOM	68	63	36	167
Total		908	688	682	2278

(4) Public draw elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
6A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-6A-B1-ES-PUB	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-6A-B2-ES-PUB	102	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-6A-M1-MB-	104	MB

					PUB		
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-6A-R1-MB-PUB	100	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-6A-R2-MB-PUB	103	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-6A-R1-A-PUB	99	A
6B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-6B-B1-ES-PUB	25	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-6B-B1-A-PUB	10	A
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-6B-B2-ES-PUB	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-6B-B2-A-PUB	10	A
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-6B-M1-ES-PUB	15	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-6B-M1-A-PUB	20	A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-6B-R1-ES-PUB	15	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-6B-R1-A-PUB	20	A
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-6B-R2-ES-PUB	20	ES
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-6B-R2-A-PUB	15	A
6B: youth only	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-6B-R1-A-YTH	35	A
6B	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-6B-R3-A-PUB	35	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-6B-R4-A-PUB	35	A
6B: youth only	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-6B-R2-A-YTH	35	A
6B	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-6B-R5-A-PUB	35	A
6C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-6C-B1-ES-PUB	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-6C-B2-ES-PUB	105	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-6C-M1-MB-PUB	155	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-6C-R1-MB-	105	MB

					PUB		
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-6C-R2-MB-PUB	105	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-6C-R1-A-PUB	110	A
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-6C-R2-A-PUB	110	A
7	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-7-B1-ES-PUB	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-7-B2-ES-PUB	14	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-7-M1-MB-PUB	24	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-7-R1-MB-PUB	30	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-7-R1-A-PUB	50	A

(5) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
	MB	A	B-ES	Total
6A	54	17	44	115
6C	64	39	45	148
7	14	13	7	34
Total	132	69	96	297

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and big-game sporting arms. All private land mobility-impaired and youth-only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility-impaired” or “youth-only” hunt periods.

Big-game sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates
bows only	6A, 6C, 7	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles & bows	6A, 6C, 7	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9
any big-game sporting arms	6A, 6C, 7	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31

E. Southwest region:

(1) Quality hunt management for primary management zones in GMUs 12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E and 17.

(2) Optimal opportunity management for primary management zones in GMUs 21A, 21B, 23 and 24.

(3) Foundational resource information for the southwest region shall be as indicated below:

southwest region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Fence Lake (G MU 12)	4000-5900	36:100:31	245-411	300-440
Datil (G MU 13)	2900-4100	36:100:31	175-285	220-300
Greater Gila (GMUs 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)	19500-22500	30:100:28	1140-1500	1000-1280
Lesser Gila (GMUs 21A, 21B, 23, 24)	1400-4000	28:100:25	75-245	135-395
San Mateo (G MU 17)	1800-2600	36:100:31	110-180	135-195

G MU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, R-ES, M-ES	A	B-ES, B-MB, B-APRE/6	total licenses
12	QHM	674	428	223	1325
13	QHM	584	370	556	1510
15	QHM	923	462	769	2154
16A	QHM	227	113	412	752
16B/22	QHM	237	0	394	631
16C	QHM	171	84	294	549
16D	QHM	165	80	170	415
16E	QHM	214	159	217	590
Greater Gila Totals (15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)		1937	898	2256	5091
17	QHM	301	271	241	813
21A	OOM	122	31	117	270
21B	OOM	128	167	167	462
23	OOM	180	41	222	443
24	OOM	39	6	28	73
Lesser Gila Totals (21A, 21B, 23, 24)		469	245	534	1248
southwest region total		3965	2212	3810	9987

(4) Public draw elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
12	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-12-B1-ES-PUB	36	ES

	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-12-B2-ES-PUB	35	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-12-M1-MB-PUB	35	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-12-R1-MB-PUB	35	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-12-R2-MB-PUB	60	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-12-R3-MB-PUB	80	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-12-R4-MB-PUB	80	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-12-R1-A-PUB	60	A
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-12-R2-A-PUB	60	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-12-R3-A-PUB	64	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-12-B1-APRE/6-PUB	25	APRE/6
13	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-13-B1-ES-PUB	202	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-13-B2-ES-PUB	148	ES
13: youth only	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-13-M1-ES-YTH	30	ES
13	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-13-M1-MB-PUB	86	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-13-M2-MB-PUB	126	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-13-M3-MB-PUB	126	MB
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-13-M1-A-PUB	117	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-13-M2-A-PUB	116	A
15	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-15-B1-ES-PUB	350	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-15-B2-ES-PUB	250	ES
15: youth only	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-15-M1-ES-YTH	25	ES

15	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-15-M1-MB-PUB	200	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-15-M2-MB-PUB	245	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-15-M3-MB-PUB	250	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-15-M1-A-PUB	180	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-15-M2-A-PUB	180	A
16A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-16A-B1-ES-PUB	250	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-16A-B2-ES-PUB	150	ES
16A	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-16A-M1-MB-PUB	35	MB
16A: mobility impaired	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16A-R1-MB-MOB	25	MB
16A	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16A-R1-MB-PUB	60	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-16A-R2-MB-PUB	100	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-16A-R1-A-PUB	55	A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-16A-R2-A-PUB	55	A
16B/22	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-C16B-B1-ES-PUB	225	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-C16B-B2-ES-PUB	165	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-C16B-M1-MB-PUB	35	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-C16B-R1-MB-PUB	25	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-C16B-R2-MB-PUB	70	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-C16B-R3-MB-PUB	105	MB
16C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-16C-B1-ES-PUB	144	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-16C-B2-ES-PUB	100	ES

	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-16C-M1-MB-PUB	35	MB
16C: youth only	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16C-R1-ES-YTH	25	ES
16D: mobility impaired	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16D-R1-MB-MOB	25	MB
16C	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16C-R1-MB-PUB	30	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-16C-R2-MB-PUB	52	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-16C-R1-A-PUB	35	A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-16C-R2-A-PUB	35	A
16D	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-16D-B1-ES-PUB	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-16D-B2-ES-PUB	60	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-16D-M1-MB-PUB	35	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16D-R1-MB-PUB	45	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-16D-R2-MB-PUB	40	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-16D-R1-A-PUB	35	A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-16D-R2-A-PUB	35	A
16E	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-16E-B1-ES-PUB	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-16E-B2-ES-PUB	60	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-16E-M1-MB-PUB	70	MB
16E: youth only	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16E-R1-ES-YTH	25	ES
16E	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16E-R1-MB-PUB	53	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-16E-R1-A-PUB	55	A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-16E-R2-A-PUB	55	A
17	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-17-B1-ES-	125	ES

					PUB		
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-17-B2-ES-PUB	75	ES
17: youth only	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-17-M1-ES-YTH	25	ES
17	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-17-M1-MB-PUB	100	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-17-M2-MB-PUB	100	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-17-M3-MB-PUB	25	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-17-M1-A-PUB	25	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-17-M2-A-PUB	100	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-17-M3-A-PUB	100	A
21A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-21A-B1-ES-PUB	50	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-21A-B2-ES-PUB	50	ES
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	ELK-21A-B1-MB-PUB	15	MB
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-21A-M1-MB-PUB	15	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-21A-R1-MB-PUB	15	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-21A-R2-MB-PUB	35	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-21A-R3-MB-PUB	55	MB
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-21A-R1-A-PUB	30	A
21B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-21B-B1-ES-PUB	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-21B-B2-ES-PUB	25	ES
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	ELK-21B-B1-MB-PUB	15	MB
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-21B-R1-MB-PUB	10	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-21B-R2-MB-	15	MB

					PUB		
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-21B-R3-MB-PUB	25	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-21B-R1-A-PUB	15	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-21B-R2-A-PUB	15	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-21B-R3-A-PUB	15	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-21B-R4-A-PUB	20	A
23	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-23-B1-ES-PUB	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-23-B2-ES-PUB	75	ES
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	ELK-23-B1-MB-PUB	15	MB
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-23-M1-MB-PUB	75	MB
23: youth only	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-23-R1-ES-YTH	25	ES
23	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-23-R1-MB-PUB	75	MB
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-23-R1-A-PUB	20	A
23: south of NM 78	12/18-12/26	12/16-12/24	12/15-12/23	12/14-12/22	ELK-23S-R1-A-PUB	20	A
24	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-24-B1-ES-PUB	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-24-B2-ES-PUB	10	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-24-M1-MB-PUB	15	MB
24: youth only	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-24-R1-ES-YTH	5	ES
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-24-R1-A-YTH	5	A
24	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	ELK-24-R1-MB-PUB	15	MB

(5) Private-land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
	MB, R-ES, M-ES	A	B-ES, B-MB, B-APRE/6	total
12	384	244	127	755
13	216	137	206	559

15	203	102	169	474
16A	7	3	12	22
16B/22	2	0	4	6
16C	29	14	50	93
16D	20	10	20	50
16E	66	49	67	182
17	51	46	41	138
21A	2	1	2	5
21B	78	102	102	282
23	5	1	7	13
24	4	1	3	8
Total	1067	710	810	2587

(6) Private-land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch-only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and big-game sporting arms. All private land mobility-impaired and youth-only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility-impaired” or “youth-only” hunt periods.

Big-game sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates
bows only	12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles and bows	12, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 21A, 23, 24	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9
	youth only: 13, 15, 17	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9
	13, 15, 17	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16
muzzle loading rifles only with approval of director or designee and state game commission chairperson	13: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31
any big-game sporting arms	12, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 21A, 23, 24,	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31
	21B	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31

F. Southeast region: GMUs 34 and 36.

- (1) Quality hunt management for primary management zones in GMU 36.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management goals for primary management zones in GMU 34.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the southeast region shall be as indicated below:

southeast region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Sacramento (GMU 34)	7700-9000	53:100:35	510-650	620-710

Ruidoso (GMU 36)	5200-8300	60:100:36	315-551	380-600
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GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, M-ES, R-ES	A	B-ES, B-APRE/6/A	total licenses
34	OOM	633	1964	723	3320
36	QHM	583	417	389	1389
Total		1216	2381	1112	4709

(4) Public-draw elk hunts listing the hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
34	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-34-B1-ES-PUB	200	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-34-B2-ES-PUB	200	ES
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	ELK-34-B1-APRE/6/A-PUB	200	APRE/6/A
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-34-M1-ES-PUB	250	ES
34: youth only	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-34-R1-ES-YTH	75	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-34-R1-A-YTH	120	A
34: mobility impaired	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-34-R1-ES-MOB	50	ES
34	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-34-R1-ES-PUB	150	ES
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-34-R1-A-PUB	350	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-34-R2-A-PUB	350	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-34-R3-A-PUB	350	A
	1/29-2/2	1/27-1/31	1/26-1/30	1/25-1/29	ELK-34-R4-A-PUB	230	A
	2/5-2/9	2/3-2/7	2/2-2/6	2/1-2/5	ELK-34-R5-A-PUB	230	A
36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-36-B1-ES-PUB	140	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-36-B2-ES-PUB	140	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-36-M1-ES-PUB	140	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-36-	140	ES

				R1-ES-PUB		
10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-36-R2-ES-PUB	140	ES
12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-36-R1-A-PUB	100	A
12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-36-R2-A-PUB	100	A
1/29-2/2	1/27-1/31	1/26-1/30	1/25-1/29	ELK-36-R3-A-PUB	100	A

(5) Private-land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
	MB, M-ES, R-ES	A	B-ES, B-APRE/6/A	total
34	108	334	123	565
36	163	117	109	389
Total	271	451	232	954

(6) Private-land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and big-game sporting arms. All private-land mobility-impaired and youth-only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility-impaired” or “youth-only” hunt periods.

Big-game sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates
bows only	34, 36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles and bows	34, 36	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9
any big-game sporting arms	youth only & mobility impaired: 34	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16
any big game sporting arms	36	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31
	34	any 5 consecutive days, 10/23-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/20-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/19-12/31
any big-game sporting arms	36: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 10/16/2027-2/2/2028	any 5 consecutive days 10/14/2028-1/31/2029	any 5 consecutive days 10/13/2029-1/30/2030	any 5 consecutive days 10/12/2030-1/29/2031
	34: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 10/23/2027-2/9/2028	any 5 consecutive days 10/21/2028-2/7/2029	any 5 consecutive days 10/20/2029-2/6/2030	any 5 consecutive days 10/19/2030-2/5/2031

G. Northeast region:

(1) Quality hunt management for primary management zones in GMU 45.

(2) Optimal opportunity management goals for primary management zones in GMUs 48, 49 and 53.

(3) Foundational resource information for the northeast region shall be as indicated below:

northeast region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Pecos (GMU 45)	1100-2100	36:100:31	80-140	80-150

Whites peak (GMU 48)	1200-2000	36:100:31	75-140	90-150
Penasco (GMU 49)	1100-2400	36:100:31	65-190	40-100
Ute-Midnight-San Cristobal (GMU 53)	1400-2900	36:100:31	85-200	100-220

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, M-ES	A	B-ES	total licenses
45	QHM	457	54	163	674
48	OOM	326	170	262	758
49	OOM	168	162	125	455
53	OOM	363	261	174	798
Total		1314	647	724	2685

(4) Public-draw elk hunts listing the hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
45	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-45-B1-ES-PUB	75	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-45-B2-ES-PUB	73	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-45-M1-MB-PUB	136	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-45-M1-A-PUB	49	A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-45-R1-MB-PUB	140	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-45-R2-MB-PUB	140	MB
48	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-48-B1-ES-PUB	80	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-48-B2-ES-PUB	80	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-48-M1-MB-PUB	60	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-48-R1-MB-PUB	75	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-48-R2-MB-PUB	64	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-48-R1-A-PUB	50	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-48-R2-A-PUB	54	A
49	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-49-B1-ES-PUB	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-49-B2-ES-PUB	59	ES

	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-49-M1-MB-PUB	20	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-49-R1-MB-PUB	70	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-49-R2-MB-PUB	70	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-49-R1-A-PUB	77	A
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-49-R2-A-PUB	77	A
53	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-53-B1-ES-PUB	65	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-53-B2-ES-PUB	60	ES
53: excluding Cerro portion	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-53ECP-M1-ES-PUB	50	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-53ECP-R1-MB-PUB	80	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-53ECP-R2-MB-PUB	131	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-53ECP-R1-A-PUB	94	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-53ECP-R2-A-PUB	94	A

(5) Private-land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and big-game sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
	MB, M-ES	A	B-ES	Total
45	41	5	15	61
48	127	66	102	295
49	8	8	6	22
53	102	73	49	224
Total	278	152	172	602

(6) Private-land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and big-game sporting arms. All private-land mobility-impaired and youth-only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during “mobility-impaired” or “youth-only” hunt periods.

Big-game sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates
bows only	45, 48, 49, 53	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles and bows	45, 48, 49, 53	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9

any big-game sporting arms	45, 48, 49, 53	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31
any big-game sporting arms. Must have approval of director or designee and state game commission chairperson.	48: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31

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19.31.14.15 ELK HUNTS IN SECONDARY MANAGEMENT ZONES: This section includes eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, big-game sporting arms, number of available licenses and bag limits.

A. Public draw elk hunts in GMUs where no primary or special management zones are established:

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
14	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-14-R1-ES-PUB	10	ES
18	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-18-B1-ES-PUB	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-18-B2-ES-PUB	25	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-18-R1-ES-PUB	10	ES
28: McGregor range only, military only	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/7-12/11	ELK-28-R1-ES-MIL	10	ES
28: McGregor range only	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/7-12/11	ELK-28-R1-ES-PUB	10	ES
29, 30	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-C29-B1-ES-PUB	20	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-C29-B2-ES-PUB	20	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-C29-R1-ES-PUB	20	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-C29-R2-ES-PUB	30	ES
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-C29-R1-A-PUB	20	A
32	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-32-R1-ES-PUB	15	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-32-R2-ES-PUB	15	ES

37	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-37-B1-ES-PUB	40	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-37-B2-ES-PUB	30	ES
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-37-B1-APRE/6-PUB	50	APRE/6
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-37-R1-MB-PUB	30	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-37-R2-MB-PUB	30	MB
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-37-R1-A-PUB	45	A
38	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-38-B1-ES-PUB	20	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-38-B2-ES-PUB	20	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-38-R1-ES-PUB	10	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-38-R2-ES-PUB	10	ES
39, 43	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-C39-R1-ES-PUB	30	ES
42, 47, 59	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-C42-B1-ES-PUB	13	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-C42-B2-ES-PUB	13	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-C42-R1-ES-PUB	13	ES
56	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-56-B1-ES-PUB	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-56-B2-ES-PUB	5	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-56-R1-MB-PUB	10	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-56-R1-A-PUB	10	A
57: Sugarite canyon state park only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-57S-B1-ES-PUB	3	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-57S-B2-ES-PUB	2	ES

57, 58	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-C57-B1-ES-PUB	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-C57-B2-ES-PUB	5	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-C57-R1-MB-PUB	5	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-C57-R2-MB-PUB	10	MB
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-C57-R1-A-PUB	10	A

B. Private-land only elk hunting: For private lands within secondary management zones, unlimited private-land licenses are available over-the-counter. Bow-only either-sex hunts will be limited to 9/1 – 9/24 each year. Any big-game sporting arms hunts that are antlerless or either-sex will be limited to five consecutive days from 10/1 – 12/31 each year, except as allowed by 19.30.5 NMAC.
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19.31.14.16 ELK HUNTS IN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT ZONES: This section includes eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, big-game sporting arms, number of available licenses and bag limits.

A. Public draw elk hunts:

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
54: Colin Neblett WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-54C-B1-ES-PUB	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-54C-B2-ES-PUB	10	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-54C-M1-MB-PUB	20	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-54C-R1-MB-PUB	20	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-54C-R2-MB-PUB	20	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-54C-R1-A-PUB	20	A
55A: ES Barker WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-55E-B1-ES-PUB	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-55E-B2-ES-PUB	5	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-55E-R1-MB-PUB	10	MB
55A: Urraca WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-55U-B1-ES-PUB	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-55U-B2-ES-PUB	5	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-55U-M1-MB-PUB	10	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-55U-R1-MB-PUB	10	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-55U-R2-MB-PUB	10	MB

	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-55U-R1-A-PUB	15	A
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	ELK-55U-R2-A-PUB	15	A
55A: Valle Vidal only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-55V-B1-ES-PUB	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-55V-B2-ES-PUB	25	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-55V-M1-MB-PUB	20	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-55V-R1-MB-PUB	35	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-55V-R2-MB-PUB	30	MB
55A: Valle Vidal only, youth only	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-55V-R1-MB-YTH	20	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-55V-R1-A-YTH	25	A
55A: Valle Vidal only	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	ELK-55V-R1-A-PUB	25	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	ELK-55V-R2-A-PUB	25	A

B. Private-land only elk hunting: For private lands that lie within GMUs designated as special management zones (GMUs 54 west of NM 199 and 55A), the department may work with landowners to develop bag limits, big-game sporting arms, season dates and authorization numbers for private-land hunting on participating ranches. Bow-only either-sex hunts will be limited to 9/1 – 9/24 each year. Any big-game sporting arms hunts that are antlerless, mature bull, or either-sex will be limited to five consecutive days from 10/1 – 12/31 each year, except as allowed by 19.30.5 NMAC.

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HISTORY OF 19.31.14 NMAC:

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Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/1967;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/1967;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/1968;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/1968;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/1968;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/1969;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/1969;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/1969;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/1969;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/1970;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/1970;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1970;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/1971;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/1971;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1971;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/1971;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/1972;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/1972;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/1972;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/1972;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/1973;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/1973;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/1973;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/1974;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/1974;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/1974;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/1975;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/1975;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/1975;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1976;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/1977;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/1978;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1979;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/1980;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/1981;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/1982;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/1983;

Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/1984;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/1985;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/1986;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/1987;

Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/1987;

Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/1989;

Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/1989;

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19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3/1/2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
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19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3/31/2007.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 12/1/2006 - duration expired 3/3/2009.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 3/13/2009 - duration expired 3/31/2011.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 9/15/2010 - Repealed 3/29/2013.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 3/29/2013 - Repealed 2/27/2015.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 2/16/2015 - Repealed 3/31/2016.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 2/29/2016 - duration expired 3/31/2019.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 12/7/2018 - duration expired 3/31/2023.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 10/21/2022 - duration expired 3/31/2027.