STATE WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Wildlife Commission ("Commission") will be hosting a meeting and rule hearing on Friday, August 21, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at New Mexico Highlands University Student Center, 800 National Ave., Las Vegas, NM 87701. Please check the Department's website for any updates at https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/commission/meeting-agendas/. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on the proposed changes to the: 1) Bighorn Sheep Rule; 2) Pronghorn Antelope Rule; 3) Deer Rule; and 4) Elk Rule.

Synopsis:

Bighorn Sheep Rule

The proposal is to amend the Bighorn Sheep Rule 19.31.17 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2027. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2027. Proposed changes include:

1) The Department reestablished a population of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the Manzano mountains (Game Management Units [GMUs] 14 and 18) in the late 1970s. GMUs 14 and 18 have been included in the Bighorn Rule in the past however, new GPS collar data indicates this population primarily occupies private property year-round. To provide a mechanism for authorizing Rocky Mountain bighorn hunting in GMUs 14 and 18, the Department recommends adding these units as "open GMUs or areas" under the private land provisions of the rule. This change would allow for private land hunting opportunities, with dates jointly established for license years 2027-2028 through 2030-2031. The Department has a hunting agreement where 50% of the licenses would be allocated through the public draw and 50% would be provided to the participating landowner.

a. The Department will establish two hunt periods for the Manzanos: October 1-15 (Period 1) and October 16-30 (Period 2). We anticipate the first hunt being in 2027. The first hunter on the Manzanos will be a public draw hunter.

b. The Department will increase the bag limit for Rocky Mountain ram tags to better reflect bighorn abundance across a greater number GMUs, including the Manzanos.

2) The Department reestablished a population of desert bighorn sheep in the Sacramento mountains (GMU 34) in 2018. The initial reintroduction and subsequent translocations have resulted in older age class rams available for harvest. The Department will open GMU 34 with one hunt period: December 1-15.

3) In response to public comments, the Department will shift the hunt periods for the Little Hatchets and Big Hatchets desert bighorn hunts from September and October, to December. Both hunt areas would have two concurrent hunt periods from December 1-15 and December 16-30.

3) The Department will make adjustments to season dates in some areas. For example, if a hunt normally starts on a Saturday, this date shift would be maintained throughout the rule so the hunts continue to start on Saturday or adjusting to calendar starts for consistency.

4) Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting.

Pronghorn Antelope Rule

The proposal is to amend the Pronghorn Antelope Rule 19.31.15 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2027. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2027. Proposed changes include:

1) Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting. For hunts where published season dates are less than 6 days, hunters will no longer be able to buy a license once the hunt starts.

2) Implement a ranch registration process for purchase of private land OTC pronghorn licenses, similar to the current registration process used for private land elk licenses in Secondary management zones.

3) Implement a cap on private land OTC licenses and consider a more even distribution in hunts, similar to the public draw. If license distribution within a GMU is disproportionately skewed toward a particular hunt due to private land sales patterns, licenses will be redistributed to reduce that skew, though not necessarily distributed equally across all hunts. See table in Appendix 1 for details.

4) Shift GMU 4/50/52 rifle hunt to muzzleloader hunt

5) Adjust season dates where necessary. For example, shifting start dates to maintain hunts

beginning on Saturday or adjusting calendar day starts for consistency.

6) Based on discussions with McGregor and White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) staff, we recommended the following:
   a. McGregor: Decrease from 2 hunts of 7 licenses down to 2 hunts of 2 licenses
   b. WSMR: Decrease from 1 hunt of 5 down to 1 hunt of 3, and adjusting the bag limit from ES to MB

7) Include GMU 48 alongside GMU 47 to allow hunters to access both GMUs during their draw hunt. Licenses will remain the same.

8) Similar to bighorn sheep and ibex, shift all F-IM license numbers to be "up to," allowing the Department to adjust draw licenses up or down depending on population surveys.

9) Decrease license numbers in GMUs 41, 47, 56, 57, 58, and 59 to match current hunting levels. Specifically, the 20% license reduction implemented in 2025 will be retained as the baseline for the 2027-2030 seasons, rather than reverting to pre-2025 license numbers.

10) Public draw hunt license numbers will remain unchanged from the 2023-2026 rule cycle, except those outlined in point 9 above.

11) Shift season dates in SW later to address a later breeding and fawning period, with hunts beginning mid-September.

Deer Rule

The proposal is to amend the Deer Rule 19.31.13 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2027. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2027. Proposed changes include:

<u>Northwest</u>

1) Reduce deer licenses in GMU 2B based on input received during current rule cycle.

2) In addition to general license reductions in GMU 2B, based on input received during the current rule cycle, the Department analyzed the total number of license reductions required to move GMU 2B to a Quality Hunt unit. Moving GMU 2B to a Quality Hunt unit would require a reduction of 885 deer licenses across public and private land (see table 1 below).

3) Create new rifle hunt code in GMU 51A to spread out pressure. The overall license numbers will remain the same.

4) Create a public muzzleloader deer hunt on Wildlife Management Areas in GMU 4 to coincide with the private land hunt (10 licenses).

<u>Southwest</u>

1) Structure the January hunt on White Sands Missile Range (GMU 19 WSMR only) as a youth hunt.

2) Create a December rifle hunt for Coues white-tailed deer in GMUs 16 and 22 (20 licenses in each GMU) to be consistent with Coues white-tailed deer hunts in the southwest.

3) GMU 23 and 24 archery hunters who do not harvest an FAD, will no longer be permitted to hunt the Silver City Management Area antlerless hunt. A new hunt code will be created for the Silver City Management Area antlerless archery hunt (50 public licenses and 20 private licenses).

4) Change youth rifle hunts in GMUs 13 and 17 to youth muzzleloader hunts to match elk weapon type for the same time and increase licenses for muzzleloader hunts in these units.

5) No longer include Fort Bayard as a special management area. Hunters drawing a tag for GMU 24 can hunt any legally accessible land in GMU 24, including Fort Bayard management area.

6) Create a public rifle hunt for Mimbres River WMA in GMU 24 (5 licenses).

<u>Southeast</u>

1) Remove the REG antlerless hunt in GMU 32 Roswell and Fort Sumner Hunt Areas. Keep Youth Only antlerless hunt (15 public and 20 private licenses).

2) Remove the antlerless hunt on the Huey WMA; change the ES hunt to FAD bag limit.

3) Significantly reduce licenses in GMUs 29 (-120), 30 (-525), and 34 (-100).

<u>Northeast</u>

Adjust license numbers to meet management strategies and reflect changes in deer herd dynamics (see table 2 below).

General Statewide Proposed Changes

1) Adjust license numbers to meet management strategies and reflect changes in deer herd dynamics (Table 2).
2) Adjust season dates (Table 2).
    a. Adjust season dates to ensure harvest is biologically sustainable.
    b. Shift start dates to maintain hunts beginning on Saturday or adjusting to maintain consistent hunt structure.
    c. When possible, adjust season dates for hunt structure consistency across the state.
    d. Adjust season dates to avoid overlapping hunts with mixed-weapon types.
3) Designate the premium statewide deer hunt as a Quality Hunt.
4) Require the purchase of a license at least a day prior to the start of the hunt. For hunts where published season dates are less than 6 days, hunters will no longer be able to buy a license once the hunt starts.
5) Require a "ranch registration" process for OTC private-land deer licenses, similar to the current registration process used for private land elk hunting in Secondary Management Zones.
6) Implement a cap on private-land only OTC deer licenses for each GMU. If license distribution within a GMU is disproportionately skewed toward a particular hunt due to private land sales patterns, licenses will be redistributed to reduce that skew, though not necessarily distributed equally across all hunts (Table 3).

Elk Rule

The proposal is to amend the Elk Rule 19.31.14 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2027. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2027. Proposed changes include:

General Statewide Proposed Changes

1) Adjust season dates where necessary
    a. Shifting start dates to maintain hunts beginning on Saturday or adjusting to calendar day starts for consistency.
    b. Evaluate season dates for hunt structure consistency across the state.
    c. Evaluate season dates to ensure harvest is biologically sustainable.
2) Consider aligning most primary management zone hunts to have a muzzleloader hunt first, followed by any-legal-weapon hunts. Early October hunts shift to muzzleloader to address increased male susceptibility to harvest.
3) Adjust some hunts to minimize overlap of weapons used for species hunted.
4) Adjust draw license numbers based on biological data and management goals.
    a. Possible reductions in the following herd units: Greater Gila, Jemez (A), Valle Vidal (A).
    b. Possible slight increases in the San Juan, Northcentral, Sacramento, and Ruidoso herd units.
    c. Consider establishing elk hunts in GMU 32 to address an increasing elk population in the area.
5) Designate the premium statewide elk hunt (currently ELK-1-700) as a Quality hunt.
6) Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting. For hunts where published season dates are less than 6 days, hunters will no longer be able to buy a license once the hunt starts.
7) Possible adjustment of management zone boundaries.
8) Re-assess public/private land split due to land ownership changes over the last 4 years.

Specific Proposed Changes

Youth Encouragement

1) Eliminate all Youth Encouragement hunts within the Greater Gila elk herd unit (GMUs 15, 16A, 16C, 16D, 16E) to reduce harvest pressure on adult females. Population indices suggest these elk herds are declining as a result of low calf recruitment and high adult female mortality, further intensified by drought conditions. A portion of these licenses will be redistributed to other Youth Encouragement hunts throughout the state.
2) Create two new Youth Encouragement hunts of 75 licenses each within GMU 2 to increase harvest pressure on adult females and increase youth opportunity.
3) Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses within GMUs 34 and 36 to increase harvest pressure on adult females within increasing elk populations in the Sacramento mountains.
4) Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses within GMU 51.

Northwest Region

1) Increase antlerless ('A') licenses within December Youth Only (YO) and December 2C only rifle hunts.

2) Change early October Mature Bull ('MB') licenses from any legal weapon to muzzleloader hunts in GMU 5A (10 licenses).

North Central Region

1) Create a muzzleloader hunt within the Sargent WMA to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB/A', 10 licenses.

2) Create a muzzleloader hunt within the Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB/A', 10 licenses.

3) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 5B to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 56 licenses.

4) Redistribute 37 December 'MB' rifle licenses to the muzzleloader hunt in GMU 5B. Muzzleloader hunts typically have lower success rates; thus, these licenses are redistributed at a ratio of 1:1.5

5) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 50 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 65 licenses.

6) Redistribute 45 late October and early November 'MB' rifle licenses to new muzzleloader hunt in GMU 50 at a ratio of 1:1.5

7) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 51 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be Either-Sex ('ES'), 145 licenses. All licenses for this hunt were redistributed from the existing December muzzleloader hunt in GMU 51.

8) Increase 'A' licenses within GMU 51 for both mid and late November hunts from 251 to 265 licenses.

Southwest Region

1) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 12 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 35 licenses.

2) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMUs 16A, 16B/22, 16C, and 16D to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 35 licenses for each GMU. Redistribute 15 'MB' rifle licenses from GMU 16A to new muzzleloader hunt at a 1:1.5 ratio. Although overall 'MB' licenses will increase slightly within the Greater Gila elk herd, anticipated harvest should be stable or slightly decrease as muzzleloader hunters, on average, have lower success rates. Additionally, pushing rifle 'MB' hunts later in the season will decrease bull susceptibility to harvest during rut. Similar redistributions of rifle hunt licenses shall occur in GMUs 16B/22, 16C, and 16D.

3) Reduce 'A' rifle licenses within GMU 16A, 16C, 16D, and 16E by 27-30% and shift cow hunts earlier in the season to reduce adult female mortality in the Greater Gila elk herd unit.

4) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 21A to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 15 licenses.

Southeast Region

Increase 'A' licenses within both late season (Jan/Feb) cow hunts within GMU 34 from 200 to 230 licenses to increase harvest on adult females in an increasing elk herd unit.

Northeast Region

1) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 49 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 20 licenses.

2) Redistribute 'MB' a total of 13 October rifle licenses to new muzzleloader hunt in GMU 49 at a ratio of 1:1.5.

Secondary Management Zones

1) Create new 'A' late-season rifle hunt in GMUs 29/30 to address increased population within these units (20 licenses).

2) Create two new ‘ES’ rifle hunts within GMU 32 as elk have moved into this region and become more resident than seasonal (30 licenses total).

3) Create 2 new ‘ES’ bow hunts with 20 licenses each in GMU 38 as this elk population is becoming more established.

Special Management Zones

Reduce ‘A’ licenses by 17% within the Valle Vidal (GMU 55A) to reduce adult female mortality.

A full text of changes for all rules will be available on the Department’s website at: https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/. Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes as follows: Bighorn Sheep Rule to DGF-waterfowl@state.nm.us; Pronghorn Antelope Rule to DGF-Exotics-Rule@dgf.nm.gov; Deer Rule to DGF-Deer-Rule@dgf.nm.gov; and Elk Rule to DGF-Deer-Rule@dgf.nm.gov . Individuals may also submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 1:00 p.m. on August 18, 2026. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on August 21, 2026. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearings to be held on August 21, 2026.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rules, technical information related to proposed rule changes, and the agenda can be obtained from the Office of the Director, New Mexico Department of Wildlife, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department’s website at https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/commission/proposals-under-consideration/. This agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the Director’s Office at (505) 476-8000, or the Department’s website at https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/ for updated information.

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Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in the General Powers and Duties of the State Game Commission 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission’s Power to establish rules and regulations 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.

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 ~~game and fish~~.
[19.31.14.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.1 NMAC, 4/1/2027~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

19.31.14.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state wildlife ~~game~~ 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~~2023~~]

19.31.14.4 DURATION: April 1, 2027~~2023~~ through March 31, 2031~~2027~~.
[19.31.14.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.4 NMAC, 4/1/2027~~2023~~]

19.31.14.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2027~~2023~~, 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~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

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 ~~game and fish~~.

D. "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of wildlife ~~game and fish~~.

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~~2023~~]

19.31.14.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state wildlife ~~game~~ 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~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

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-2-257~~ ELK-13-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-3-259~~ ELK-13-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-265~~ ELK-15-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-3-267~~ ELK-15-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-273~~ ELK-16A-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-1-274~~ ELK-16A-R1-MB-MOB, ~~ELK-1-275~~ ELK-16A-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-280~~ ELK-C16B-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-1-281~~ ELK-C16B-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-1-282~~ ELK-C16B-R1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-285~~ ELK-16C-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-1-287~~ ELK-16C-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-292~~ ELK-16D-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-1-293~~ ELK-16D-R1-MB-MOB, ~~ELK-1-294~~ ELK-16D-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-299~~ ELK-16E-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-3-301~~ ELK-16E-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-306~~ ELK-17-B2-ES-PUB, and ~~ELK-3-308~~ 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~~2023~~]

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 ~~game~~ 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 ~~elk~~.

(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:~~Elk incentive programs~~: 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~~Elk~~ 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 ~~game~~ 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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~	~~hunt code~~	~~licenses~~	~~bag limit~~
~~5B~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-100~~	~~20~~	~~A~~
~~6A~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-101~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~6A~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-102~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~6C~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-103~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~6C~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-104~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
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~~16A~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-111~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16C~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-112~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
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~~16D~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-114~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
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~~16E~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-116~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
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~~34~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-120~~	~~125~~	~~A~~
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~~49~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-123~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
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~~51~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-125~~	~~105~~	~~A~~
~~52~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-126~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~53~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-127~~	~~60~~	~~A~~
~~53~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-128~~	~~60~~	~~A~~

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-	50	A

					R1-A-YE		
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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~	~~hunt code~~	~~licenses~~	~~bag limit~~
~~statewide~~	~~9/1/2023-1/31/2024~~	~~9/1/2024-1/31/2025~~	~~9/1/2025-1/31/2026~~	~~9/1/2026-1/31/2027~~	~~ELK-1-700~~	~~1~~	~~MB~~

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
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

[19.31.14.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.12 NMAC, 4/1/2027~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

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)~~	~~2300-2900~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~140-200~~	~~180-220~~
~~Lindrith (GMU 5A)~~	~~2200-2500~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~140-180~~	~~170-200~~
~~Mt. Taylor (GMU 9)~~	~~1000-2100~~	~~26:100:28~~	~~40-100~~	~~0~~
~~Zuni (GMU 10)~~	~~1500-1800~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~110-150~~	~~140-160~~

		~~**total licenses by bag limit**~~			
~~**GMU**~~	~~**management goals**~~	~~**MB, ES-1, ES-3**~~	~~**A**~~	~~**ES-2**~~	~~**total licenses**~~
~~2~~	~~OOM~~	~~259~~	~~323~~	~~282~~	~~864~~
~~5A~~	~~OOM~~	~~250~~	~~250~~	~~65~~	~~565~~
~~9~~	~~OOM~~	~~228~~	~~0~~	~~281~~	~~509~~
~~10~~	~~OOM~~	~~206~~	~~324~~	~~368~~	~~898~~
~~Total~~		~~943~~	~~897~~	~~996~~	~~2836~~

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. ~~The state game commissioned owned~~ Water Canyon WMA shall be open to licensed public draw elk hunters during established seasons.

~~open GMUs or areas~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-2-129~~	~~120~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-130~~	~~120~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-131~~	~~135~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-132~~	~~85~~	~~MB~~
	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-133~~	~~125~~	~~A~~
~~2 youth only~~	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-134~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~2C~~	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-135~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~5A public land only~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-136~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-137~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-138~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-139~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-140~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-141~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-142~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-143~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-144~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-145~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
~~9 Marquez/LBar WMA only~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-146~~	~~15~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-147~~	~~15~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-148~~	~~15~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-3-149~~	~~15~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-3-150~~	~~15~~	~~MB~~
~~9~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-151~~	~~82~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-152~~	~~82~~	~~ES~~
~~9 mobility impaired~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-153~~	~~21~~	~~MB~~
~~9~~	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-3-154~~	~~35~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-3-155~~	~~35~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-3-156~~	~~21~~	~~MB~~
~~10~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-157~~	~~125~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-158~~	~~125~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-159~~	~~70~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-160~~	~~70~~	~~MB~~
~~10 youth only~~	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-1-161~~	~~120~~	~~A~~
~~10~~	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-162~~	~~100~~	~~A~~

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-	15	MB

					PUB		
	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**~~	~~**2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons**~~			
	~~**MB, ES-1, ES-3**~~	~~**A**~~	~~**ES-2**~~	~~**Total**~~
~~2~~	~~39~~	~~48~~	~~42~~	~~129~~
~~5A~~	~~210~~	~~210~~	~~55~~	~~475~~
~~9~~	~~71~~	~~0~~	~~87~~	~~158~~
~~10~~	~~66~~	~~104~~	~~118~~	~~288~~
~~Total~~	~~386~~	~~362~~	~~302~~	~~1050~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~
~~bows only~~	~~2, 5A, 9, 10~~	~~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~~
	~~2, 10~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~muzzle-loading rifles and bows~~	~~9, mobility impaired~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
	~~9~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~2, 10~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~5A~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/11-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31~~

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	2, 5A, 9, 10	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	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, 5A	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:

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~~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)~~	~~25300-29000~~	~~38:100:35~~	~~1690-2200~~	~~2070-2370~~

north central region population information **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, ES-1, ES-3, MB/A	A	ES-2	total licenses
4	OOM	1060	665	475	2200
5B	OOM	367	188	160	715
50	OOM	331	117	156	604
51	OOM	970	909	434	2313
52	OOM	685	406	500	1591
Total		3413	2285	1725	7423

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, M-ES, MB/A	A	B-ES	total licenses
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	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 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-2-163	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-164	10	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-165	10	MB/A
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-166	10	MB/A
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-167	10	MB/A
	10/28-11/1	10/26-10/30	11/1-11/5	10/31-11/4	ELK-1-168	10	MB/A
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-169	10	A
4:Sargent WMA only, youth only	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-170	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-2-171	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-172	10	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-173	15	MB/A
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-174	15	MB/A
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-175	10	A
4:Humphries/ Rio Chama WMAs only, youth only	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-176	15	A
4: Rio Chama WMA only	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/8-11/12	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-177	20	A
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-178	76	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-179	75	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-180	86	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-181	59	A

5B	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-182	86	MB
	10/28-11/1	10/26-10/30	11/1-11/5	10/31-11/4	ELK-1-183	59	A
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-184	87	MB
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/8-11/12	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-185	59	A
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-1-186	87	MB
50	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-187	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-188	55	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-189	120	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-190	125	MB
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/8-11/12	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-191	42	A
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-192	45	A
51	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-193	180	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-194	180	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-195	220	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-196	220	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-197	220	MB
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/8-11/12	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-198	251	A
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-199	251	A
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-200	252	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-3-201	145	ES
52	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-202	230	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-203	230	ES
52 **mobility impaired**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-204	50	MB
52	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-205	120	MB
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-206	50	A
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-207	230	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-208	230	MB
52 **youth only**	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-209	80	A
52 **mobility impaired**	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-210	56	A
52	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/15-11/19	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-211	73	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-212	115	A

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-	42	A

					A-PUB		
	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**~~	~~**2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons**~~			
	~~**MB, ES-1, ES-3, MB/A**~~	~~**A**~~	~~**ES-2**~~	~~**Total**~~
~~4~~	~~990~~	~~600~~	~~435~~	~~2025~~
~~5B~~	~~21~~	~~11~~	~~9~~	~~41~~
~~50~~	~~86~~	~~30~~	~~41~~	~~157~~
~~51~~	~~165~~	~~155~~	~~74~~	~~394~~
~~52~~	~~55~~	~~32~~	~~40~~	~~127~~
~~Total~~	~~1317~~	~~828~~	~~599~~	~~2744~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~
~~bows only~~	~~4, 5B, 50, 51, 52~~	~~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~~	~~52~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~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~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/11-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31~~
	~~52~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~

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	9/1-9/14	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	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	6100-7100	48:100:27	360-475	440-510

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

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2	total licenses
6A	QHM	361	117	297	775
6B	QHM	50	250	50	350
6C	OOM	429	259	300	988
7	OOM	68	62	36	166
Total		908	688	683	2279

GMU	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	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 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-2-213	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-214	102	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-215	104	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-216	100	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-217	103	MB
	10/28-11/1	10/26-10/30	11/8-11/12	10/31-11/4	ELK-1-218	99	A
6B:	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-219	25	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-220	10	A
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-221	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-222	10	A
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-223	15	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-224	20	A
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-225	15	ES
	10/14-10/18	10-12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-226	20	A
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-227	20	ES
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-228	15	A
6B youth only	10/28-11/1	10/26-10/30	11/1-11/5	10/31-11/4	ELK-1-229	35	A
6B	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/8-11/12	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-230	35	A
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-231	35	A
6B youth only	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/29-12/3	11/28-12/2	ELK-1-232	35	A

~~6B~~	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-233~~	~~35~~	~~A~~
~~6C~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-234~~	~~150~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-235~~	~~105~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-236~~	~~155~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-237~~	~~105~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-238~~	~~105~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-239~~	~~110~~	~~A~~
	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/23-11/27~~	~~11/22-11/26~~	~~11/21-11/25~~	~~ELK-1-240~~	~~110~~	~~A~~
~~7~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-241~~	~~15~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-242~~	~~14~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-243~~	~~24~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-244~~	~~30~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-245~~	~~50~~	~~A~~

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-PUB	104	MB
	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-PUB	105	MB
	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~~	**~~2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons~~**			
	~~MB, ES-1~~	**~~A~~**	**~~ES-2~~**	**~~Total~~**
~~6A~~	~~54~~	~~18~~	~~45~~	~~117~~
~~6C~~	~~64~~	~~39~~	~~45~~	~~148~~
~~7~~	~~14~~	~~12~~	~~7~~	~~33~~
~~Total~~	~~132~~	~~69~~	~~97~~	~~298~~

	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons

open GMUs or areas	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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~
~~bows only~~	~~6A, 6C, 7~~	~~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 & bows~~	~~6A, 6C, 7~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~6A, 6C, 7~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~

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	9/1-9/14	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 & 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 (GMU 12)~~	~~4000-5900~~	~~41:100:46~~	~~320-550~~	~~400-590~~
~~Datil (GMU 13)~~	~~3000-3900~~	~~40:100:37~~	~~210-310~~	~~250-330~~
~~Greater Gila (GMUs 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)~~	~~21200-23300~~	~~33:100:27~~	~~1100-1400~~	~~1300-1400~~
~~Lesser Gila (GMUs 21A, 21B, 23, 24)~~	~~1300-4400~~	~~33:100:27~~	~~80-280~~	~~70-280~~
~~San Mateo (GMU 17)~~	~~1600-2400~~	~~51:100:38~~	~~110-180~~	~~130-200~~

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 (GMU 12)	4000-5900	36:100:31	245-411	300-440
Datil (GMU 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 (GMU 17)	1800-2600	36:100:31	110-180	135-195

~~GMU~~	~~management goals~~	~~total licenses by bag limit~~			
		~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2, MB-2, APRE/6~~	~~total licenses~~
~~12~~	~~QHM~~	~~593~~	~~428~~	~~224~~	~~1245~~
~~13~~	~~QHM~~	~~583~~	~~370~~	~~556~~	~~1509~~
~~15~~	~~QHM~~	~~923~~	~~641~~	~~769~~	~~2333~~
~~16A~~	~~QHM~~	~~206~~	~~155~~	~~412~~	~~773~~
~~16B/22~~	~~QHM~~	~~222~~	~~0~~	~~394~~	~~616~~
~~16C~~	~~QHM~~	~~149~~	~~118~~	~~294~~	~~561~~
~~16D~~	~~QHM~~	~~148~~	~~114~~	~~171~~	~~433~~
~~16E~~	~~QHM~~	~~187~~	~~217~~	~~217~~	~~621~~
~~Greater Gila Totals (15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)~~		~~1835~~	~~1245~~	~~2257~~	~~5337~~
~~17~~	~~QHM~~	~~301~~	~~271~~	~~241~~	~~813~~
~~21A~~	~~OOM~~	~~107~~	~~31~~	~~117~~	~~255~~
~~21B~~	~~OOM~~	~~127~~	~~167~~	~~166~~	~~460~~
~~23~~	~~OOM~~	~~195~~	~~42~~	~~207~~	~~444~~
~~24~~	~~OOM~~	~~39~~	~~5~~	~~28~~	~~72~~
~~Lesser Gila Totals (21A, 21B, 23, 24)~~		~~468~~	~~245~~	~~518~~	~~1231~~
~~southwest region total~~		~~3780~~	~~2559~~	~~3796~~	~~10135~~

GMU	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	1247
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	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 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-2-246	36	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-247	35	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-248	35	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-249	60	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-250	80	MB
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-251	80	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-252	60	A
	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/29-12/3	11/28-12/2	ELK-1-253	60	A
	12/2-12/6	11/30-12/4	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-254	64	A
	12/9-12/13	12/7-12/11	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-2-255	25	APRE/6
13	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-256	202	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-257	148	ES
13 youth only	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-258	30	ES
13	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-259	86	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-3-260	126	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-3-261	126	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-3-262	117	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-3-263	116	A
15	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-264	350	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-265	250	ES
15 youth only	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-266	25	ES
15	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-267	200	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-3-268	245	MB
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-3-269	250	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-3-270	250	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-3-271	250	A
16A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-272	250	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-273	150	ES
16A mobility-impaired	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-274	25	MB
16A	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-275	75	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-276	100	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-277	75	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-278	75	A
16B/22	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-279	225	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-280	165	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-281	25	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-282	80	MB

	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-283	120	MB
16C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-284	144	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-285	100	ES
16C **youth only**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-286	25	ES
16C	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-287	35	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-288	65	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-289	50	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-290	48	A
16D	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-291	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-292	60	ES
16D **mobility impaired**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-293	25	MB
16D	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-294	55	MB

	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-295	50	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-296	50	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-297	50	A
16E	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-298	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-299	60	ES
16E **youth only**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-300	25	ES
16E	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-301	70	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-302	53	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-303	75	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-304	75	A
17	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-305	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-306	75	ES
17 **youth only**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-307	25	ES
17	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-308	100	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-3-309	100	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-3-310	25	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-3-311	25	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-3-312	100	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-3-313	100	A
21A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-314	50	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-315	50	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-316	15	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-317	35	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-318	55	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-319	30	A
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-2-320	15	MB
21B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-321	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-322	25	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-323	10	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-324	15	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-325	25	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-326	15	A

	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/29-12/3	11/28-12/2	ELK-1-327	15	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-328	15	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-329	20	A
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-2-330	15	MB
23	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-331	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-332	75	ES
23 youth only	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-333	25	ES
23	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-334	75	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-335	75	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-336	20	A
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-2-337	15	MB
23: south of NM 78	12/16-12/24	12/21-12/29	12/20-12/28	12/19-12/27	ELK-1-338	20	A
24: excluding	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-339	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-340	10	ES

Ft. Bayard management area	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-341	15	MB
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-1-342	15	MB
24: including Ft. Bayard management area, youth only	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-343	5	ES
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-344	5	A

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
	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
	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-	80	MB

					PUB		
	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
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-	150	ES

					PUB		
	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
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
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
	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
16E	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-PUB	125	ES
	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
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-17-M1-MB-	100	MB

					PUB		
17	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-PUB	15	MB
	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~~	~~2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons~~			
	~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2, MB-2, APRE/6~~	~~total~~
~~12~~	~~338~~	~~244~~	~~128~~	~~710~~
~~13~~	~~215~~	~~137~~	~~206~~	~~558~~
~~15~~	~~203~~	~~141~~	~~169~~	~~513~~

~~16A~~	~~6~~	~~5~~	~~12~~	~~23~~
~~16B/22~~	~~2~~	~~0~~	~~4~~	~~6~~
~~16C~~	~~24~~	~~20~~	~~50~~	~~94~~
~~16D~~	~~18~~	~~14~~	~~21~~	~~53~~
~~16E~~	~~65~~	~~67~~	~~67~~	~~199~~
~~17~~	~~51~~	~~46~~	~~41~~	~~138~~
~~21A~~	~~2~~	~~1~~	~~2~~	~~5~~
~~21B~~	~~77~~	~~102~~	~~101~~	~~280~~
~~23~~	~~5~~	~~2~~	~~7~~	~~14~~
~~24~~	~~4~~	~~0~~	~~3~~	~~7~~
~~Total~~	~~1010~~	~~779~~	~~811~~	~~2600~~

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**~~	~~**2023-2024 hunt dates**~~	~~**2024-2025 hunt dates**~~	~~**2025-2026 hunt dates**~~	~~**2026-2027 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~~	~~13, 15, 16E, 17, 23, 24~~	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
	~~**youth only:** 13, 15, 17~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~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~~

~~Big-game sporting arms~~	~~12, 16B/22, 21A~~	~~any 5 consecutive~~	~~any 5 consecutive~~	~~any 5 consecutive~~	~~any 5 consecutive~~
		~~days, 10/7-12/31~~	~~days, 10/5-12/31~~	~~days, 10/11-12/31~~	~~days, 10/10-12/31~~
	~~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~~
	~~16E, 23, 24~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/19-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/25-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31~~
	~~16A, 16C, 16D~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
	~~**youth only:** 16C, 16E, 23, 24~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
	~~**mobility impaired:** 16A, 16D~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~

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)~~	~~7400-8600~~	~~52:100:39~~	~~500-660~~	~~610-710~~
~~Ruidoso (GMU 36)~~	~~5400-8500~~	~~66:100:43~~	~~370-640~~	~~450-690~~

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

~~GMU~~	~~management goal~~	~~total licenses by bag limit~~			
		~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2, APRE/6/A~~	~~total licenses~~
~~34~~	~~OOM~~	~~633~~	~~1892~~	~~723~~	~~3248~~
~~36~~	~~QHM~~	~~583~~	~~417~~	~~389~~	~~1389~~
~~Total~~		~~1216~~	~~2309~~	~~1112~~	~~4637~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-2-345~~	~~200~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-346~~	~~200~~	~~ES~~
~~34 youth only~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-347~~	~~75~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-348~~	~~120~~	~~A~~
~~34 mobility-impaired~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-349~~	~~50~~	~~ES~~
~~34~~	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-3-350~~	~~250~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-351~~	~~150~~	~~ES~~

	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/23-11/27~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-352~~	~~350~~	~~A~~

	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-353~~	~~350~~	~~A~~
	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-354~~	~~350~~	~~A~~
	~~12/16-12/20~~	~~12/21-12/25~~	~~12/20-12/24~~	~~12/19-12/23~~	~~ELK-2-355~~	~~200~~	~~APRE/6/A~~
	~~1/27-1/31~~	~~1/25-1/29~~	~~1/24-1/28~~	~~1/23-1/27~~	~~ELK-1-356~~	~~200~~	~~A~~
	~~2/3-2/7~~	~~2/1-2/5~~	~~2/7-2/11~~	~~2/6-2/10~~	~~ELK-1-357~~	~~200~~	~~A~~
~~36~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-358~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-359~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-360~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-361~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-362~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-363~~	~~100~~	~~A~~
	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-364~~	~~100~~	~~A~~
	~~1/27-1/31~~	~~1/25-1/29~~	~~1/24-1/28~~	~~1/23-1/27~~	~~ELK-1-365~~	~~100~~	~~A~~

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
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-36-	140	ES

36					B1-ES-PUB		
	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-R1-ES-PUB	140	ES
	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~~	~~2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons~~			
	~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2, APRE/6/A~~	~~total~~
~~34~~	~~108~~	~~322~~	~~123~~	~~553~~
~~36~~	~~163~~	~~117~~	~~109~~	~~389~~
~~Total~~	~~271~~	~~439~~	~~232~~	~~942~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~youth only & mobility impaired:~~ 34	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~muzzle-loading rifles and bows~~	~~34~~	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~
	~~36~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~any big game~~	~~34~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/19-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/25-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31~~

~~sporting arms~~	~~36~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~34: **antlerless elk only**~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/21/2023-2/7/2024~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/19/2024-2/5/2025~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/25/2025-2/11/2026~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/24/2026-2/10/2027~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~36: **antlerless elk only**~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/14/2023-1/31/2024~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/12/2024-1/31/2025~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/18/2025-1/31/2026~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/17/2026-1/31/2027~~

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~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~80-150~~	~~90-160~~
~~Whites peak (GMU 48)~~	~~1200-2000~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~70-140~~	~~90-150~~
~~Penasco (GMU 49)~~	~~1100-2400~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~70-200~~	~~40-100~~
~~Ute-Midnight-San Cristobal (GMU 53)~~	~~1400-2900~~	~~34:100:24~~	~~70-160~~	~~90-180~~

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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, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2~~	~~total licenses~~
~~45~~	~~QHM~~	~~457~~	~~54~~	~~163~~	~~674~~
~~48~~	~~OOM~~	~~286~~	~~170~~	~~304~~	~~760~~
~~49~~	~~OOM~~	~~161~~	~~162~~	~~125~~	~~448~~
~~53~~	~~OOM~~	~~362~~	~~261~~	~~174~~	~~797~~
~~Total~~		~~1266~~	~~647~~	~~766~~	~~2679~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-2-366~~	~~75~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-367~~	~~73~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-368~~	~~136~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-369~~	~~140~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-370~~	~~140~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-3-371~~	~~49~~	~~A~~
~~48~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-372~~	~~80~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-373~~	~~80~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-374~~	~~60~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-375~~	~~75~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-376~~	~~64~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-1-377~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-378~~	~~54~~	~~A~~
~~49~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-379~~	~~60~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-380~~	~~59~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-381~~	~~77~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-382~~	~~76~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/4-11/8~~	~~11/2-11/6~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~11/7-11/11~~	~~ELK-1-383~~	~~77~~	~~A~~
	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-1-384~~	~~77~~	~~A~~
	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-385~~	~~65~~	~~ES~~

53	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-386	60	ES
53: excluding Cerro portion	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-387	50	ES
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-388	80	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-389	131	MB
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-390	94	A
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-391	94	A

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-R1-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~~	~~2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons~~			
	~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2~~	~~Total~~
~~45~~	~~41~~	~~5~~	~~15~~	~~61~~
~~48~~	~~112~~	~~66~~	~~119~~	~~297~~
~~49~~	~~8~~	~~8~~	~~6~~	~~22~~
~~53~~	~~101~~	~~73~~	~~49~~	~~223~~
~~Total~~	~~262~~	~~152~~	~~189~~	~~603~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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, 53~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~big-game sporting arms~~	~~45, 48, 53~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
	~~49~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/11-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31~~
~~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~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-1-392~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~

18	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-393	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-394	25	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-395	10	ES
28: McGregor range only, **military only**	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-396	10	ES

28: McGregor range only	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-397	10	ES
29, 30	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-398	20	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-399	20	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-400	20	ES
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-401	30	ES
37	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-402	40	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-403	30	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-404	30	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-405	30	MB
	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/28-12/2	ELK-1-406	45	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-2-407	50	APRE/6
38	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-408	10	ES
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-409	10	ES
39, 43	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-410	30	ES
42, 47, 59	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-411	13	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-412	13	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-413	13	ES
56	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-414	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-415	5	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-416	10	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-417	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-2-418	3	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-419	2	ES
57, 58	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-420	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-421	5	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-422	5	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-423	10	MB
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-424	10	A

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-	10	ES

					R1-ES-PUB		
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-	10	ES

					R2-ES-PUB		
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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-2-425~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-426~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-427~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-428~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-429~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/4-11/8~~	~~11/2-11/6~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~11/7-11/11~~	~~ELK-1-430~~	~~20~~	~~A~~
	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-431~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
~~55A: ES Barker WMA only~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-432~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-433~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
~~55A: Urraca WMA only~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-434~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-435~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-436~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-437~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/4-11/8~~	~~11/2-11/6~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~11/7-11/11~~	~~ELK-1-438~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-1-439~~	~~15~~	~~A~~
	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/23-11/27~~	~~11/22-11/26~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-440~~	~~15~~	~~A~~
~~55A: Valle Vidal only~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-441~~	~~25~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-442~~	~~25~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-443~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-444~~	~~35~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-445~~	~~30~~	~~MB~~
~~55A: Valle Vidal only, youth only~~	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-446~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
~~55A: Valle Vidal only, youth only~~	~~11/4-11/8~~	~~11/2-11/6~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~11/7-11/11~~	~~ELK-1-447~~	~~30~~	~~A~~
~~55A: Valle Vidal only~~	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-1-448~~	~~30~~	~~A~~
	~~11/18-11/22~~	~~11/16-11/20~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/21-11/25~~	~~ELK-1-449~~	~~30~~	~~A~~

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:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

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;
Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989;
Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/1991;
Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/1992;
Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993.

History of Repealed Material:
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3/1/2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
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 10/21/202 - duration expired 3/31/2027.

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Findings MUST include:

- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;
- Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule; and
- Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment.

The rulemaking was undertaken to adopt a new Elk Rule 19.31.14 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2027. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2027.

Please see attached Concise Explanatory Statement.

There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. There were no substantive arguments made through public comment that were not accepted. To view public comments, please visit www.wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/commission/hearing-archive/ and click on the 2026 tab. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

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Concise Explanatory Statement

Elk Rule 19.31.14 NMAC

August 2026

The new rule will include:

General Statewide Proposed Changes

1) Adjust season dates where necessary

a. Shifting start dates to maintain hunts beginning on Saturday or adjusting to calendar day starts for consistency.

b. Evaluate season dates for hunt structure consistency across the state.

c. Evaluate season dates to ensure harvest is biologically sustainable.

2) Consider aligning most primary management zone hunts to have a muzzleloader hunt first, followed by any-legal-weapon hunts. Early October hunts shift to muzzleloader to address increased male susceptibility to harvest.

3) Adjust some hunts to minimize overlap of weapons used for species hunted.

4) Adjust draw license numbers based on biological data and management goals.

a. Possible reductions in the following herd units: Greater Gila, Jemez (A), Valle Vidal (A).

b. Possible slight increases in the San Juan, Northcentral, Sacramento, and Ruidoso herd units.

c. Consider establishing elk hunts in GMU 32 to address an increasing elk population in the area.

5) Designate the premium statewide elk hunt (currently ELK-1-700) as a Quality hunt.

6) Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting. For hunts where published season dates are less than 6 days, hunters will no longer be able to buy a license once the hunt starts.

7) Possible adjustment of management zone boundaries.

8) Re-assess public/private land split due to land ownership changes over the last 4 years.

Specific Proposed Changes

Youth Encouragement

1) Eliminate all Youth Encouragement hunts within the Greater Gila elk herd unit (GMUs 15, 16A, 16C, 16D, 16E) to reduce hasrvest pressure on adult females. Population indices suggest these elk herds are declining as a result of low calf recruitment and high adult female mortality, further intensified by drought conditions. A portion of these licenses will be redistributed to other Youth Encouragement hunts throughout the state.

2) Create two new Youth Encouragement hunts of 75 licenses each within GMU 2 to increase harvest pressure on adult females and increase youth opportunity.

3) Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses within GMUs 34 and 36 to increase harvest pressure on adult females within increasing elk populations in the Sacramento mountains.

4) Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses within GMU 51.

Northwest Region

1) Increase antlerless ('A') licenses within December Youth Only (YO) and December 2C only rifle hunts.

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2) Change early October Mature Bull ('MB') licenses from any legal weapon to muzzleloader hunts in GMU 5A (10 licenses).

North Central Region
1) Create a muzzleloader hunt within the Sargent WMA to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB/A', 10 licenses.
2) Create a muzzleloader hunt within the Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB/A', 10 licenses.
3) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 5B to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 56 licenses.
4) Redistribute 37 December 'MB' rifle licenses to the muzzleloader hunt in GMU 5B. Muzzleloader hunts typically have lower success rates; thus, these licenses are redistributed at a ratio of 1:1.5
5) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 50 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 65 licenses.
6) Redistribute 45 late October and early November 'MB' rifle licenses to new muzzleloader hunt in GMU 50 at a ratio of 1:1.5
7) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 51 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be Either-Sex ('ES'), 145 licenses. All licenses for this hunt were redistributed from the existing December muzzleloader hunt in GMU 51.
8) Increase 'A' licenses within GMU 51 for both mid and late November hunts from 251 to 265 licenses.

Southwest Region
1) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 12 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 35 licenses.
2) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMUs 16A, 16B/22, 16C, and 16D to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 35 licenses for each GMU. Redistribute 15 'MB' rifle licenses from GMU 16A to new muzzleloader hunt at a 1:1.5 ratio. Although overall 'MB' licenses will increase slightly within the Greater Gila elk herd, anticipated harvest should be stable or slightly decrease as muzzleloader hunters, on average, have lower success rates. Additionally, pushing rifle 'MB' hunts later in the season will decrease bull susceptibility to harvest during rut. Similar redistributions of rifle hunt licenses shall occur in GMUs 16B/22, 16C, and 16D.
3) Reduce 'A' rifle licenses within GMU 16A, 16C, 16D, and 16E by 27-30% and shift cow hunts earlier in the season to reduce adult female mortality in the Greater Gila elk herd unit.
4) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 21A to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 15 licenses.

Southeast Region
Increase 'A' licenses within both late season (Jan/Feb) cow hunts within GMU 34 from 200 to 230 licenses to increase harvest on adult females in an increasing elk herd unit.

Northeast Region
1) Create a muzzleloader hunt within GMU 49 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 20 licenses.

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2) Redistribute 'MB' a total of 13 October rifle licenses to new muzzleloader hunt in GMU 49 at a ratio of 1:1.5.

Secondary Management Zones
1) Create new 'A' late-season rifle hunt in GMUs 29/30 to address increased population within these units (20 licenses).
2) Create two new 'ES' rifle hunts within GMU 32 as elk have moved into this region and become more resident than seasonal (30 licenses total).
3) Create 2 new 'ES' bow hunts with 20 licenses each in GMU 38 as this elk population is becoming more established.

Special Management Zones
Reduce 'A' licenses by 17% within the Valle Vidal (GMU 55A) to reduce adult female mortality.

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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.

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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-

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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

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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	30	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
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

[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

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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

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	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-2-R1-A-PUB 2026	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-	125	ES

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					ES-PUB		
	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
bows only	2, 5A, 9, 10	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	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

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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-	59	A

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	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	ELK-5B-R2-MB-PUB	80	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-	80	A

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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:

	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
open GMUs or areas	**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	9/1-9/14	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	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

		total licenses by bag limit			
GMU	**management goal**	**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,

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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-PUB	104	MB
	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-PUB	105	MB

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	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:

	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
open GMUs or areas	**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	9/1-9/14	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 & 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 (GMU 12)	4000-5900	36:100:31	245-411	300-440
Datil (GMU 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 (GMU 17)	1800-2600	36:100:31	110-180	135-195

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GMU	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

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(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

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13	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-13-M1-MB-PUB	126	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	117	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	ELK-13-M1-A-PUB	116	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	ELK-13-M2-A-PUB	350	ES
15	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-15-B1-ES-PUB	250	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-15-B2-ES-PUB	25	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	200	MB
15	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-15-M1-MB-PUB	245	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-15-M2-MB-PUB	250	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	ELK-15-M3-MB-PUB	180	A
	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	250	ES
16A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-16A-B1-ES-PUB	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-16A-B2-ES-PUB	35	MB
16A	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-16A-M1-MB-PUB	25	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	60	MB
16A	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-16A-R1-MB-PUB	100	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	ELK-16A-R2-MB-PUB	55	A
	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	225	ES
16B/22	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-C16B-B1-ES-PUB	165	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-C16B-B2-ES-PUB	35	MB
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-C16B-M1-MB-		

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	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

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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-PUB	125	ES
	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-	10	MB

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	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	ELK-21B-R2-MB-PUB	20	MB
	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:

	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
open GMUs or areas	**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

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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 nearest100)**	**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

		total licenses by bag limit			
GMU	**management goal**	**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

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(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:

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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-R1-ES-PUB	140	ES
	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:

	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
open GMUs or areas	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

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(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.

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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 9/15-9/24	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	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

		total licenses by bag limit			
GMU	management goal	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

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	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

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(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-	20	ES

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					B1-ES-PUB		
	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

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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	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-55V-B1-ES-PUB	25	ES

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Vidal only	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-55V-R2-ES-PUB	25	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10/9	ELK-55V-R1-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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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;

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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;
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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;
Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989;
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Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/1992;
Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993.

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History of Repealed Material:

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3/1/2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
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.
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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.

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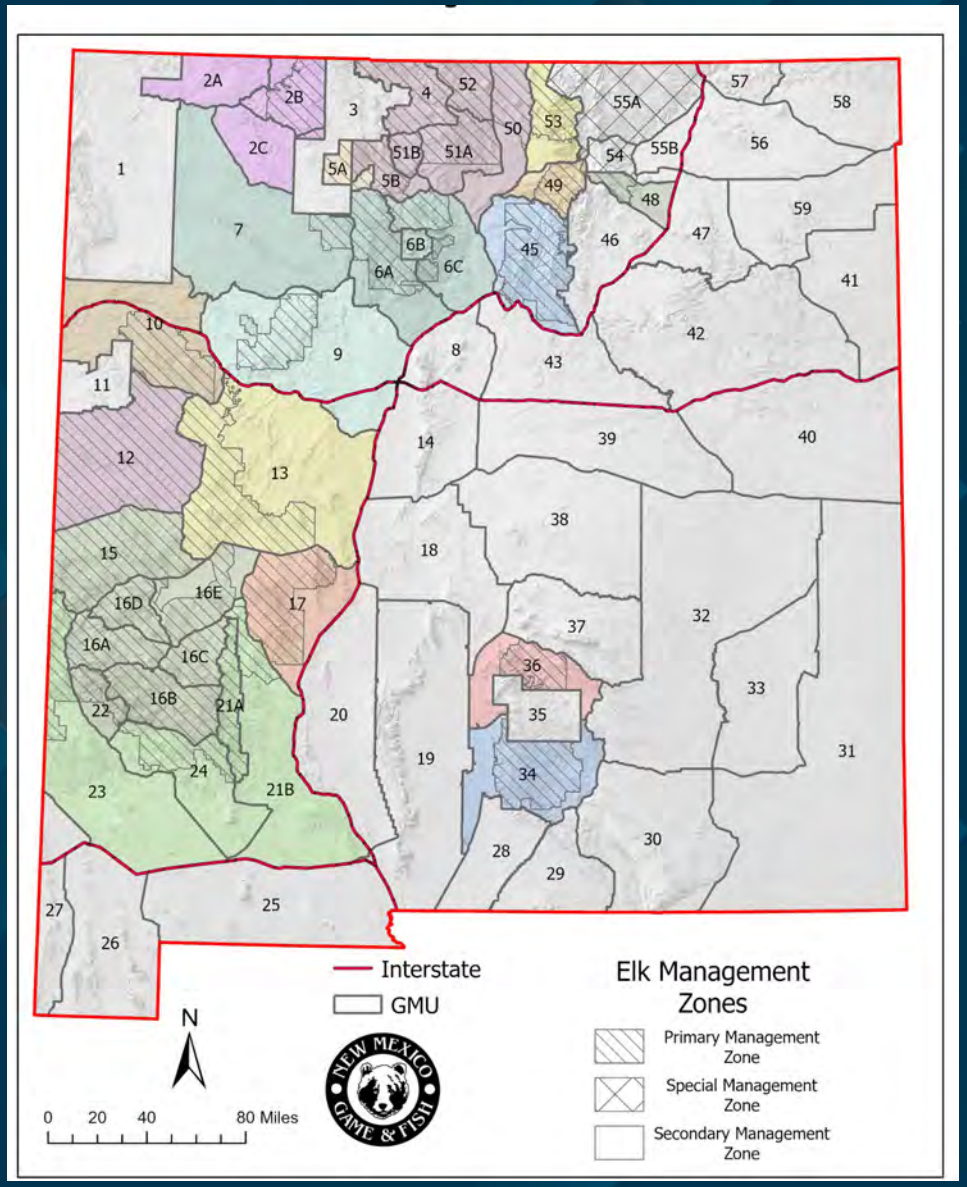


ELK Rule
19.31.14 NMAC



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NM Elk Herd Management Zones



Primary Management Zone (PMZ)

- 32 GMUs – Mostly public land, licenses allocated by NMDOW, management objectives: OOM, QHM

Secondary Management Zone (SMZ)

- Almost entirely private land
- Mostly marginal habitat or agricultural.
- Management objectives not set by rule

Special Management Zone (SpMZ)

- 2 GMUs – Entirely private land
- Large private ranches
- License allocation negotiated with DOW

Statewide Elk Harvest Summary

		(2019 -23 Elk rule)		(2023 -27 Elk rule)		
		2021	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
License sold/converted		38,179	38,024	38,578	38,838	39,022
Hunters reporting		80%	79%	78%	81%	80%
Harvest Success		39%	39%	39%	40%	40%
Estimated Harvest	**Cows**	**6,442**	**6,256**	**6,705**	**6,199**	**6,666**
	Bulls	**9,076**	**8,975**	**8,008**	**7,910**	**7,644**
Satisfaction Rating		3.71	3.71	3.69	3.72	3.67

Statewide Recommendations



- Shift hunt dates according to calendar shift
- Begin post-archery hunts for PMZ with Muzzle loader hunts
- New Hunts in 12 GMUs
- Minimize hunt overlap between species
- Designate statewide elk hunt as quality hunt.
- Require purchase of license at least one day prior to hunt

Specific Proposed Changes

Northwest Region

- GMU 2: Increase ‘A’ licenses
  - **Dec YO +25**
  - **Dec 2C rifle +25**
  - **Youth Encouragement hunts (x2) 75 licenses each**

- GMU 5A: Shift early Oct rifle ‘MB’ hunt from rifle to muzzleloader
  - **No net change**



Herd Unit (GMU)	License Adj.	Total License Change (#)	Total License Change (%)
San Juan (2)	Increase	+200	+27%
Lindrith (5A)	No Change	0	0%
Net Change	**Increase**	**+200**	**+11%**

Specific Proposed Changes

Northcentral Region

- GMU 4: New muzzleloader hunts (2) in Sargent & Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs
  - 10 licenses each (MB/A)
- GMU 5B: New muzzleloader hunt
  - 56 licenses (MB), redistribute 37 licenses from late Dec rifle hunt
- GMU 50: New muzzleloader hunt
  - 65 licenses (MB), redistribute 45 licenses from other rifle hunts
- GMU 51: New muzzleloader hunt, increase 'A' licenses
  - 145 muzzle licenses (ES), redistributed licenses from Dec muzzle hunt
  - Increase 'A' licenses from 251 to 265 for both November cow hunts
  - Increase Youth Encouragement (x2) hunt licenses by 10 licenses each

Herd Unit (GMU)	License Adj.	Total License Change (#)	Total License Change (%)
GMU 4	Increase	20	11%
GMU 5B	Increase	19	3%
GMU 50	Increase	20	4%
GMU 51	Increase	48	2%
Net Change	**Increase**	**107**	**2.20%**

Specific Proposed Changes

Southwest Region

- GMU 12: New muzzleloader hunt
  - 35 licenses (MB)
- Greater Gila herd unit: New muzzleloader hunts
  - 16A: 35 licenses (MB), redistribute from rifle hunts
  - 16B/22: 35 licenses (MB), redistribute 25 rifle licenses
  - 16C: 35 licenses (MB), redistribute 18 rifle licenses
  - 16D: 35 licenses (MB), redistribute 20 rifle licenses
- Greater Gila herd unit: decrease 'A' licenses, shift hunts earlier
  - 15: Decrease 'A' licenses by 140 draw, 150 YE
  - 16A: Decrease 'A' licenses by 40 draw, 150 YE
  - 16C: Decrease 'A' licenses by 28 draw, 150 YE
  - 16D: Decrease 'A' licenses by 30 draw, 150 YE
  - 16E: Decrease 'A' licenses by 40 draw, 150 YE
- GMU 21A: New muzzleloader hunt
  - 15 licenses (MB)

Herd Unit (GMU)	License Adj.	Total License Change (#)	Total License Change (%)
Fence Lake (12)	Increase	+35	+3%
Greater Gila (15)	Decrease	-290	-15%
Greater Gila (16A)	Decrease	-170	-19%
Greater Gila (16B/22)	Increase	+10	+2%
Greater Gila (16C)	Decrease	-161	-26%
Greater Gila (16D)	Decrease	-165	-31%
Greater Gila (16E)	Decrease	-190	-32%
Lesser Gila (21A)	Increase	+15	+6%
Net Change	**Decrease**	**-916**	**-11%**

Specific Proposed Changes

Southeast Region

- GMU 34: Increase ‘A’ licenses
  - Increase 30 licenses in late season hunts (x2 Jan/Feb)
  - Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses (+100)
- GMU 36: Increase ‘A’ licenses
  - Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses (x2, 30 licenses each)

Herd Unit (GMU)	License Adj.	Total License Change (#)	Total License Change (%)
Ruidoso (34)	Increase	+160	+6%
Sacramento (36)	Increase	+60	+5%
Net Change	**Increase**	**+220**	**+6%**

Northeast Region

- GMU 49: New muzzleloader hunt
  - 20 licenses (MB), redistribute 13 rifle licenses

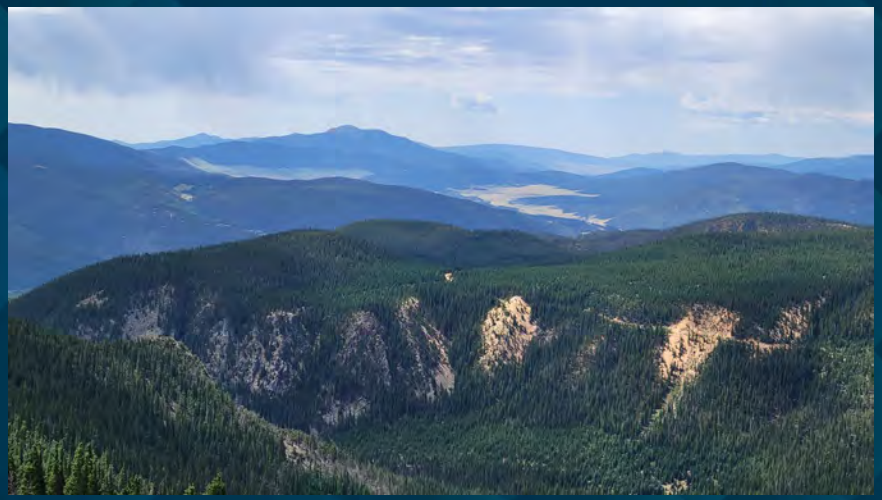
Herd Unit (GMU)	License Adj.	Total License Change (#)	Total License Change (%)
Penasco (49)	Increase	7	1%
Net Change	**Increase**	**7**	**0.30%**



Specific Proposed Changes

Secondary Management Zone

- GMU 29/30: Create late season ‘A’ rifle hunt
  - 20 licenses
- GMU 32: Create 2 new ‘ES’ rifle hunts
  - 15 licenses each (x2)
- GMU 38: Create 2 new ‘ES’ archery hunts
  - 20 licenses each (x2)



Special Management Zone

- GMU 55A: Decrease ‘A’ licenses across Valle Vidal cow hunts
  - -15 licenses total

Youth Encouragement Hunts

Proposed Increases

GMU	Hunt Period	Current Licenses	Proposed Licenses	Net Change
2	Late Nov Rifle	0	75	+75
2	Late Dec Rifle	0	75	+75
34	Late Dec Rifle	125	225	+100
36	Late Nov Rifle	80	110	+30
36	Late Dec Rifle	80	110	+30
51	Late Nov Rifle	105	115	+10
51	Late Dec Rifle	105	115	+10
	Total	495	826	+331

Youth Encouragement Hunts

Overall Proposed Changes

GMU	Hunt Period	Current Licenses	Proposed Licenses	Net Change
2	Late Nov Rifle Late Dec Rifle	0 0	75 75	+75 +75
34	Late Dec Rifle	125	225	+100
36	Late Nov Rifle Late Dec Rifle	80 80	110 110	+30 +30
51	Late Nov Rifle Late Dec Rifle	105 105	115 115	+10 +10
15	Late Nov Rifle Late Dec Rifle	75 75	0 0	-75 -75
16A	Late Nov Rifle Late Dec Rifle	75 75	0 0	-75 -75
16C	Late Nov Rifle Late Dec Rifle	75 75	0 0	-75 -75
16D	Late Nov Rifle Late Dec Rifle	75 75	0 0	-75 -75
16E	Late Nov Rifle Late Dec Rifle	75 75	0 0	-75 -75
	Total	1245	825	-420
ALL YE HUNTS	**TOTAL**	**1960**	**1540**	**-420 (21%)**

Public Comments

Total of 215 public comments submitted

Spring ‘26 - Detailed hunter satisfaction survey to assess factors which hunters find most important to elk hunting

NMDOW Recommendation	Number of Comments In Favor	Number of Comments Not in Favor
Southeast Region		
Increase 'A' licenses in GMUs 34/36	5	8
Increase Youth 'A' licenses in GMU 34/36	6	1
Northwest Region		
Increase in 'A' licenses	2	1
Shift 'MB' hunt dates		1
Valle Vidal		
Decrease 'A' licenses	5	
Gila Region		
Decrease overall 'A' licenses	15	
Decrease YE licenses in Gila herd unit	10	1
Shift MB rifle hunts later	5	
Secondary Management Zone		
Increase hunt opportunity in GMU 32	7	
Increase hunt opportunity in GMU 29/30	3	
Increase hunt opportunity in GMU 38	3	
General		
Introduce muzzleloader hunts to start PMZ post archery	8	3
Form Letter: Align PMZ and SMZ hunt dates		54
Align PMZ and SMZ hunt dates	5	44
ELK-1-700 as a quality hunt	4	
Minimize species hunt overlap	2	1
License purchase no less than 1 day prior to hunt	3	
No purchase of licenses once hunt has started	1	
Misc. comments (not related to proposed changes)	105	

Questions?



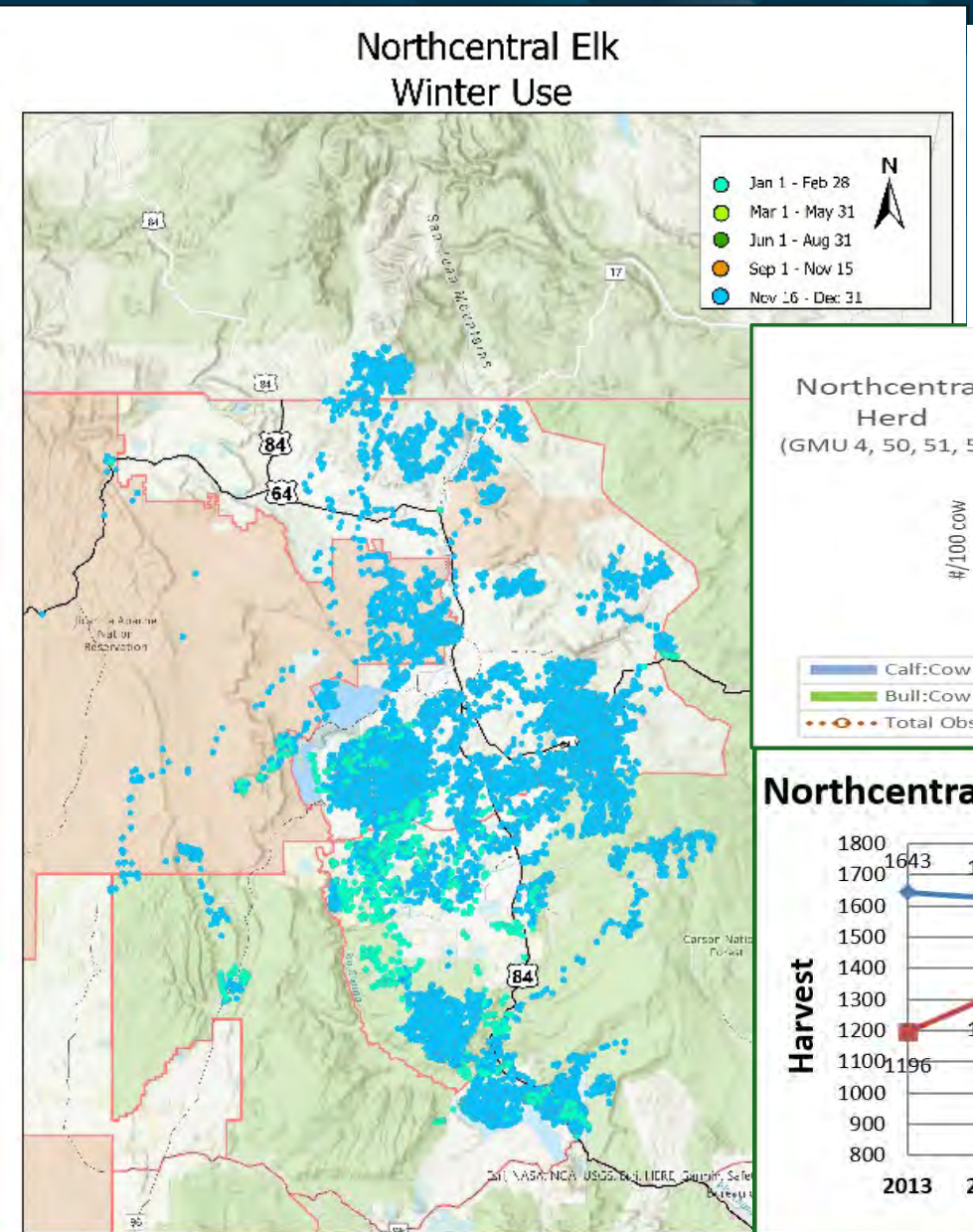
Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

Move to repeal and replace 19.31.14 NMAC as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

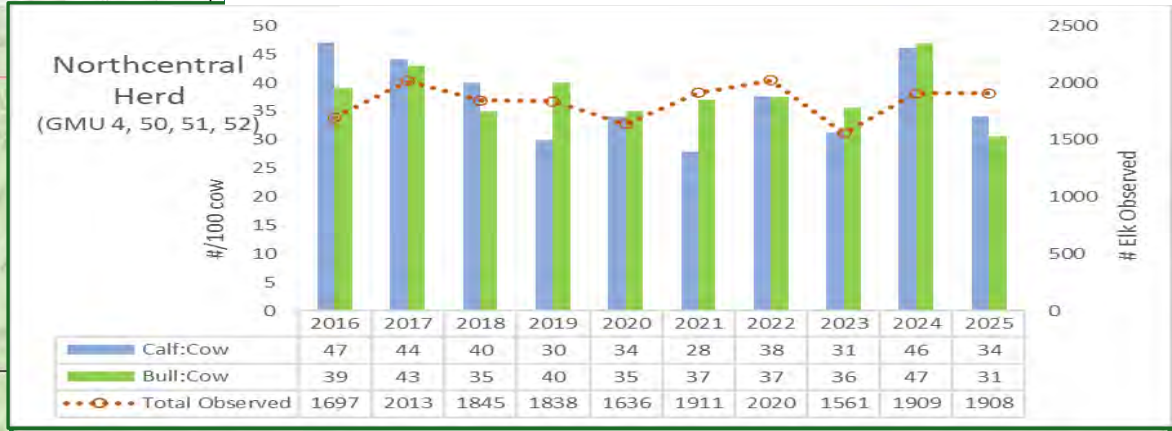
Extra Slides

- **San Antonio/Chama Herd (GMUs 4, 5B,50, 51, 52):** Stable
  - Demographic ratios consistently high.
  - Average C:c = 37 B:C = 42 (2016 – 2025)

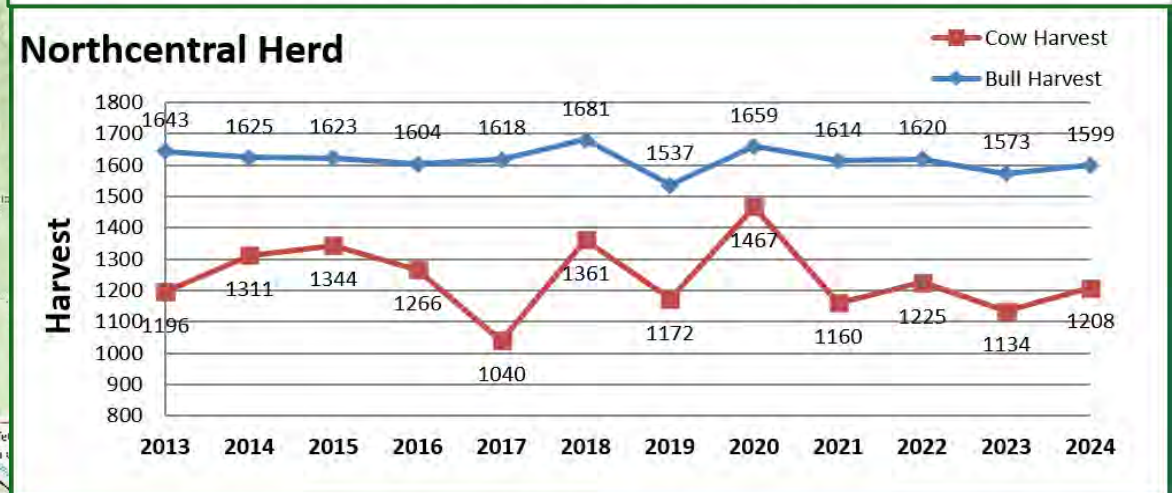


High winter concentrations in GMU 51

- Several Pop Mgmt hunts in GMU 51 since 2014, to address



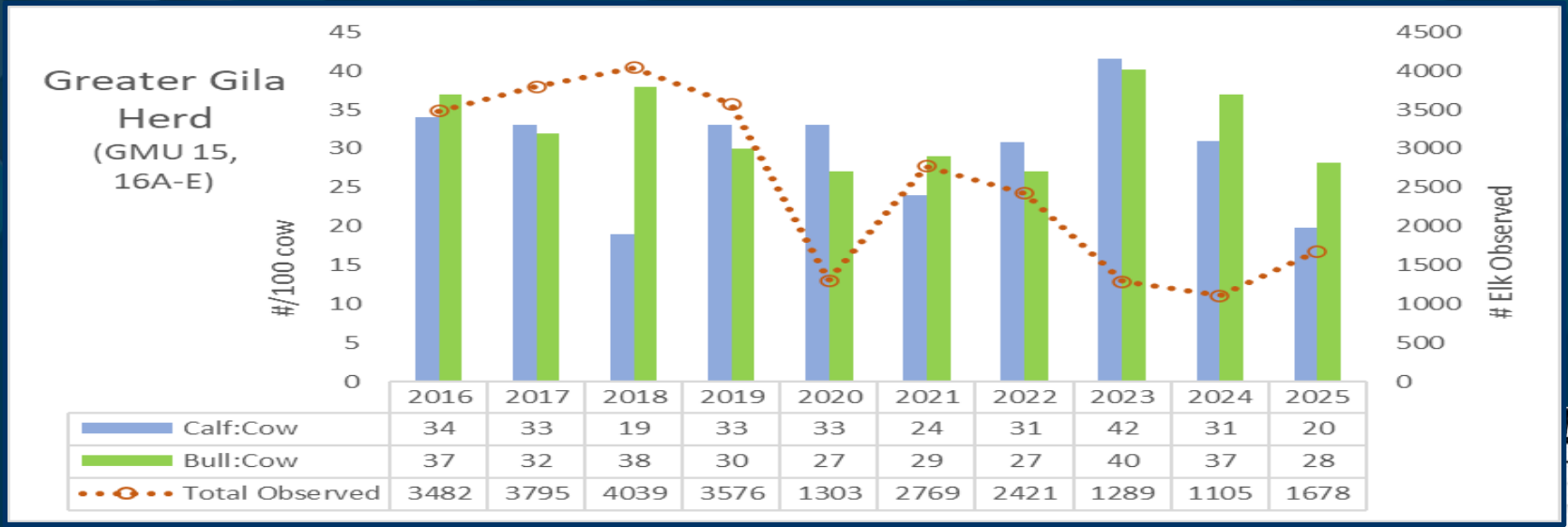
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Calf:Cow	47	44	40	30	34	28	38	31	46	34
Bull:Cow	39	43	35	40	35	37	37	36	47	31
Total Observed	1697	2013	1845	1838	1636	1911	2020	1561	1909	1908



- **Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E):** Decreasing
  - Est population 19,500 – 22,400 (30:100:28)
  - Suboptimal calf recruitment due to predation/drought
  - High harvest pressure and severe drought conditions – increased mortality in adult females
  - High harvest pressure during late rut impacting bull quality / numbers

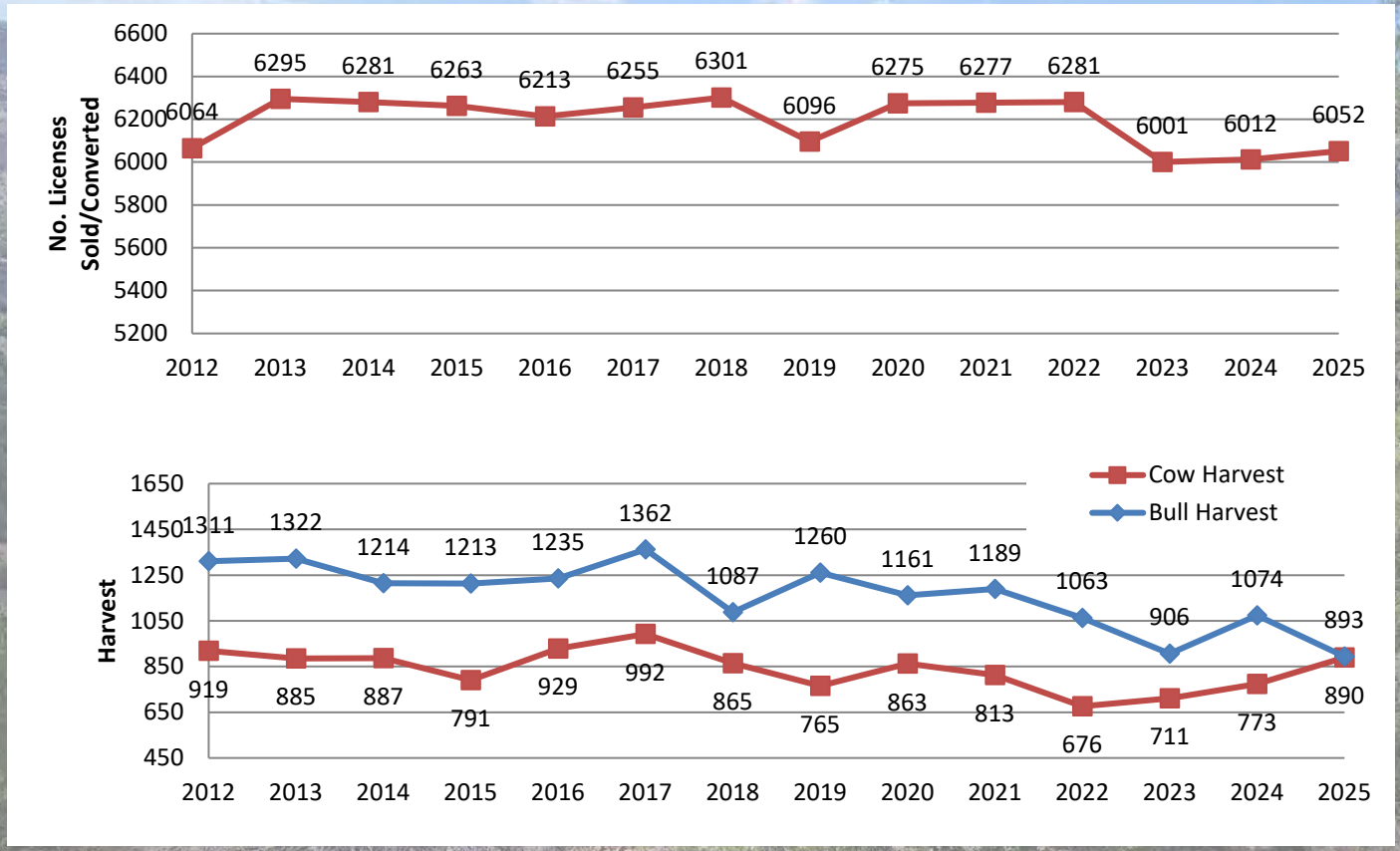
RULE CYCLE YEAR	BULL:COW:CALF (5yr Ave)
2013	40:100:45
2016	37:100:36
2019	34:100:33
2022	33:100:27
2025	30:100:28



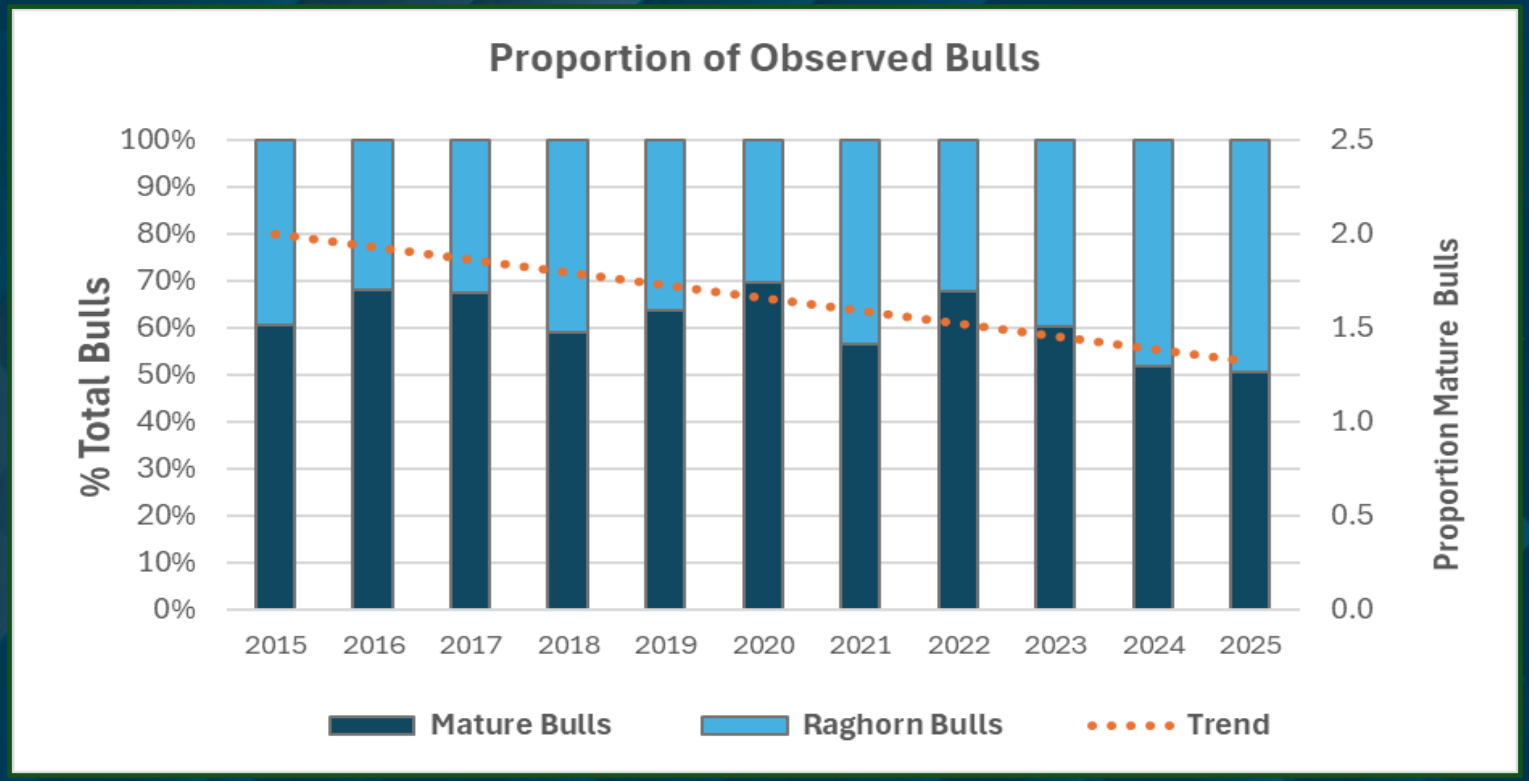


	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Calf:Cow	34	33	19	33	33	24	31	42	31	20
Bull:Cow	37	32	38	30	27	29	27	40	37	28
Total Observed	3482	3795	4039	3576	1303	2769	2421	1289	1105	1678

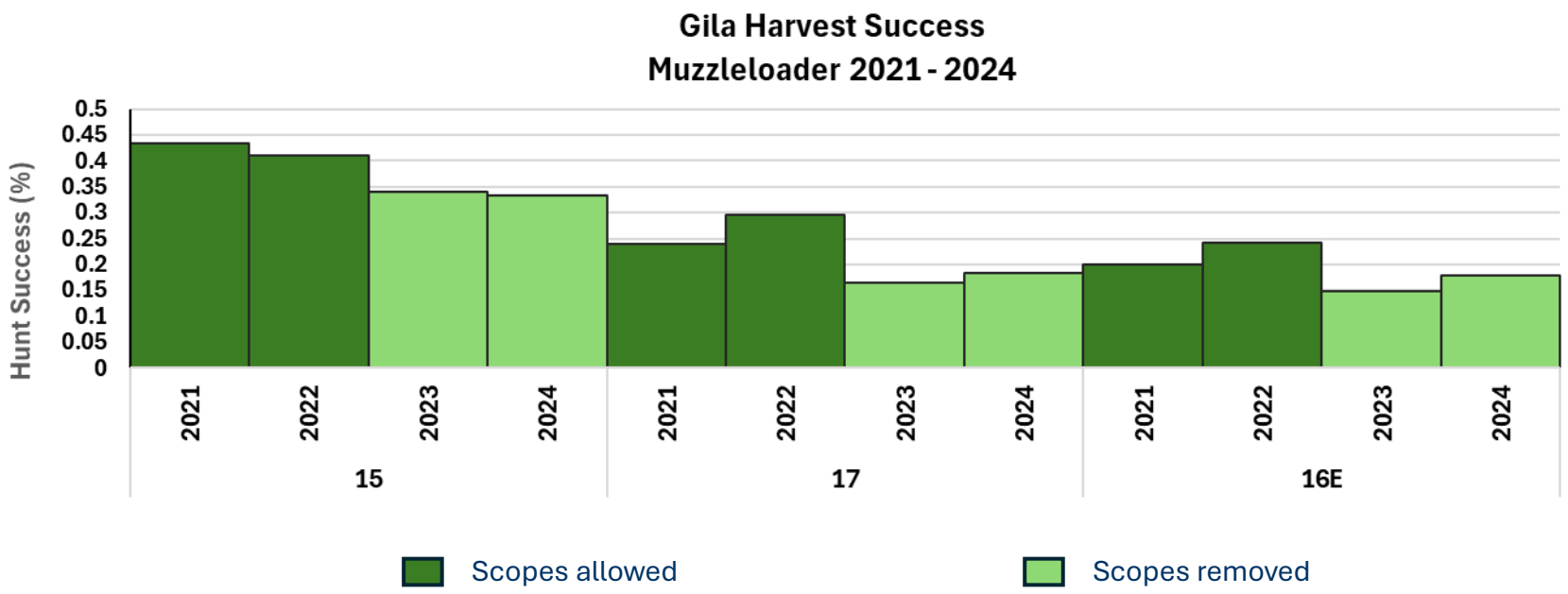
- **Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E):** Harvest / Licenses



- **Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E):** Mature Bull Numbers



- **GMU 15, 17, 16E:** Muzzleloader harvest success

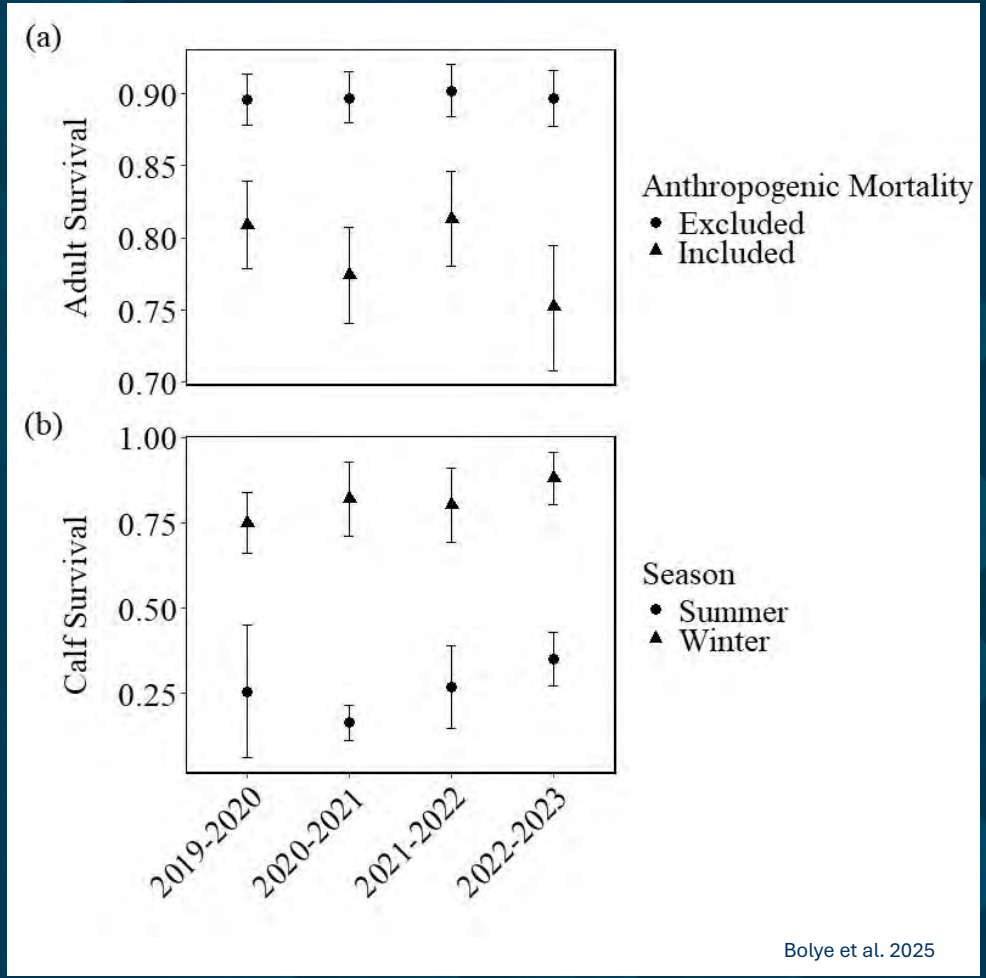


Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E):

NMSU Research Findings

- Several research projects between 2019 – 2024
- Utilized nearly 900 GPS collars on adult females and ~500 collars on calves
- Investigating elk mortality / survival, habitat use, and behavior

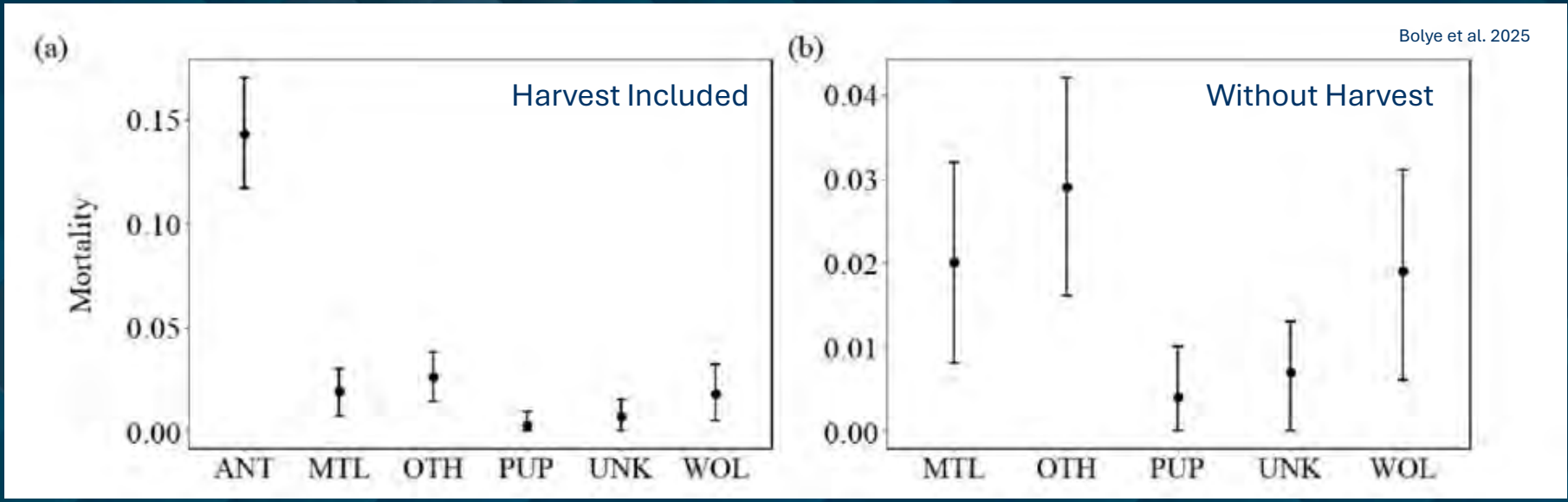
- Major Findings: Adult Female
  - Annual survival was found to be lower (~76%) than previously estimated (~81%)
  - #1 cause of mortality was hunter harvest
  - Other contributors to mortality were predation / exposure to predators, age, and drought severity (specifically within the most recent 1-3 months, and prior year)



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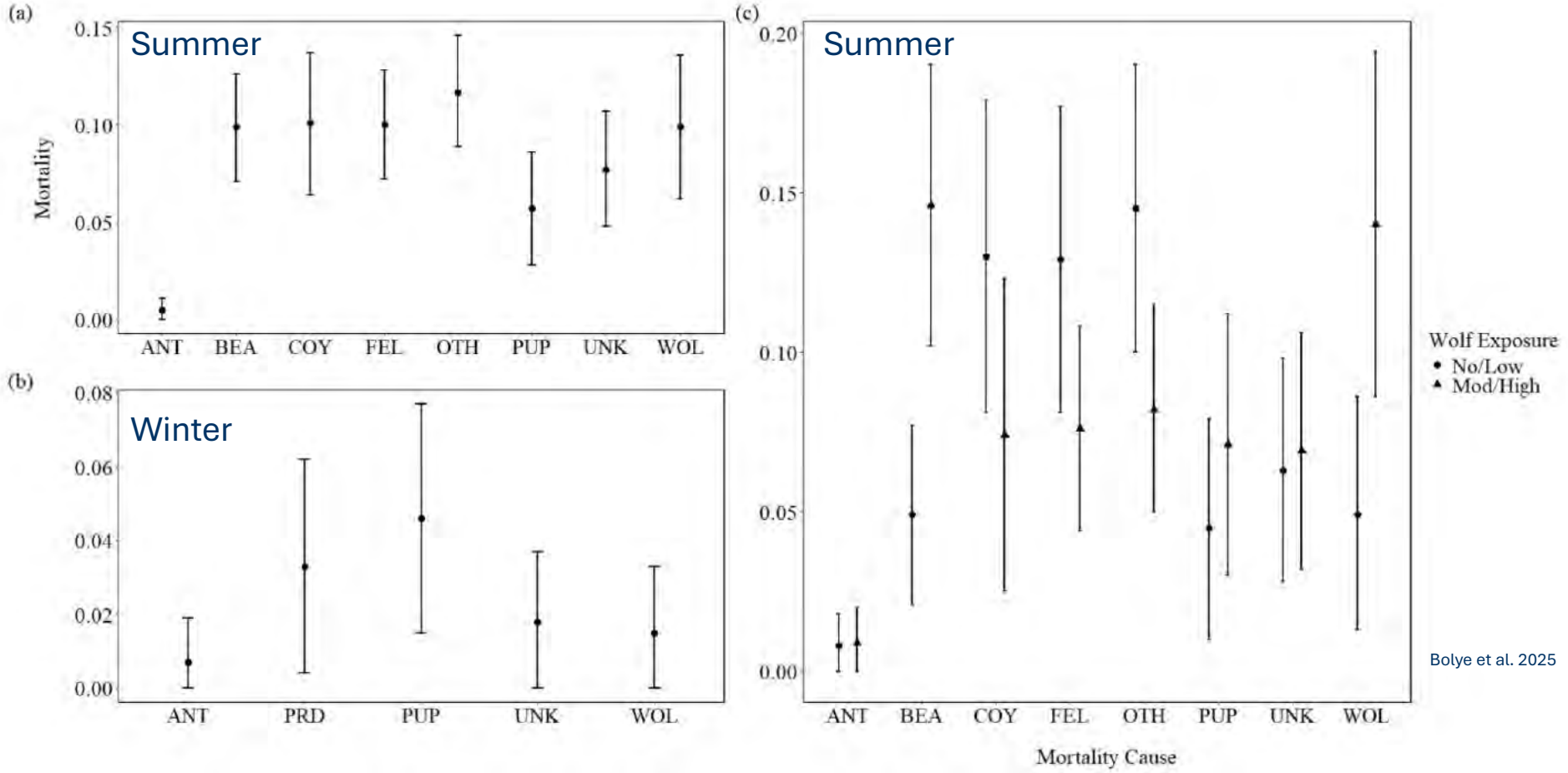
- **<u>Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E):</u>** NM Adult female mortality probability

  - NMSU Research findings



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Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E): NM Calf Mortality Probability

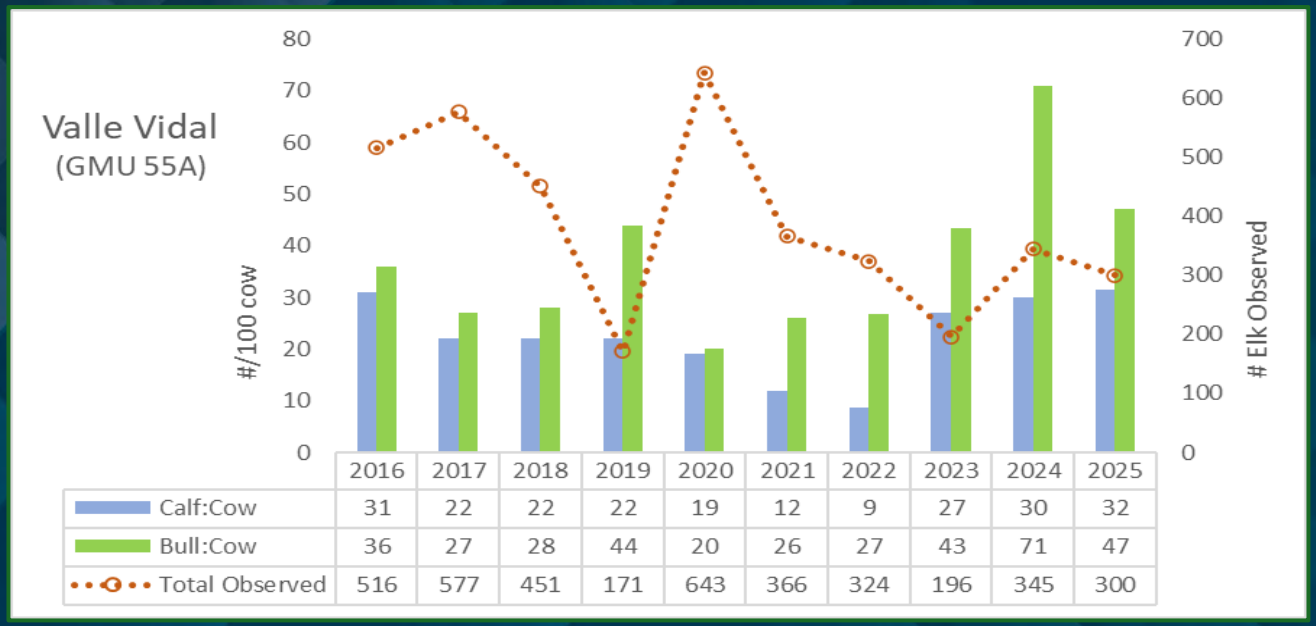


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Status Update and Recommendations

Northeast Region

- **Valle Vidal Herd (GMU 55A):** Slightly decreasing (39:100:19)
  - QHM / Once in a lifetime hunts
  - Concerning calf recruitment observed since 2019 by NMDOW and VPR
  - Only 2 years C:c > 30 since 2017
  - Annual habitat conditions correlated to calf survival



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Calf:Cow	31	22	22	22	19	12	9	27	30	32
Bull:Cow	36	27	28	44	20	26	27	43	71	47
Total Observed	516	577	451	171	643	366	324	196	345	300

Recommendations:

Reduce public draw license (15 A)

Reassess private land authorizations to reduce available ‘A’

- **San Antonio/Chama Herd (GMUs 4, 5B,50, 51, 52):** Stable

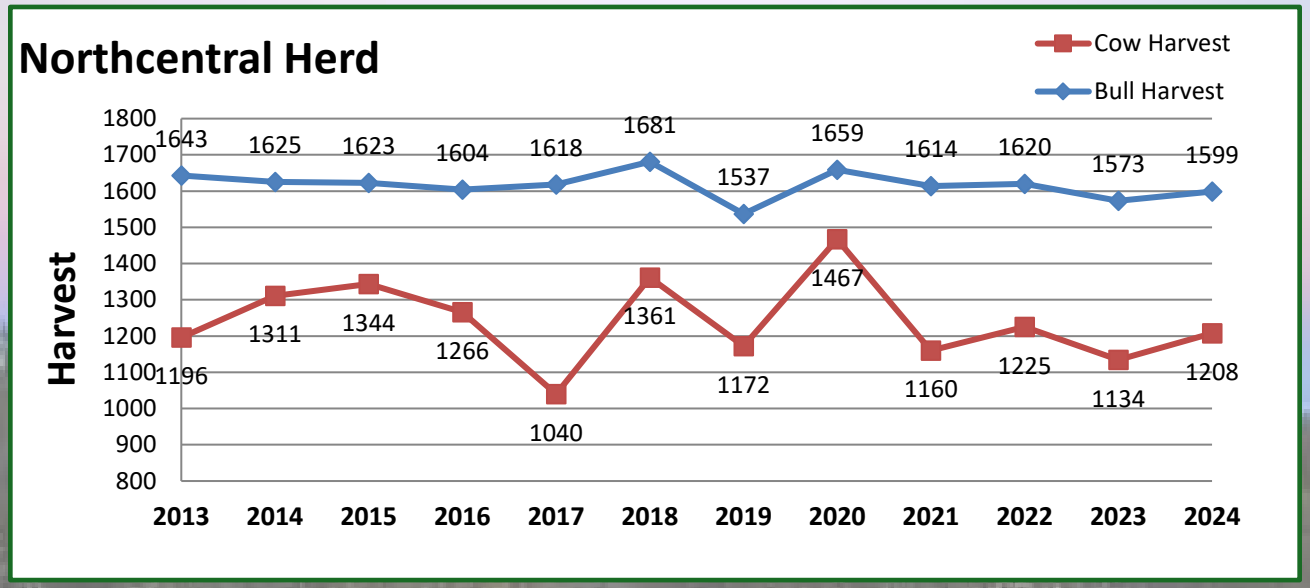


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- **<u>San Antonio/Chama Herd</u> (GMUs 4, 5B,50, 51, 52):**

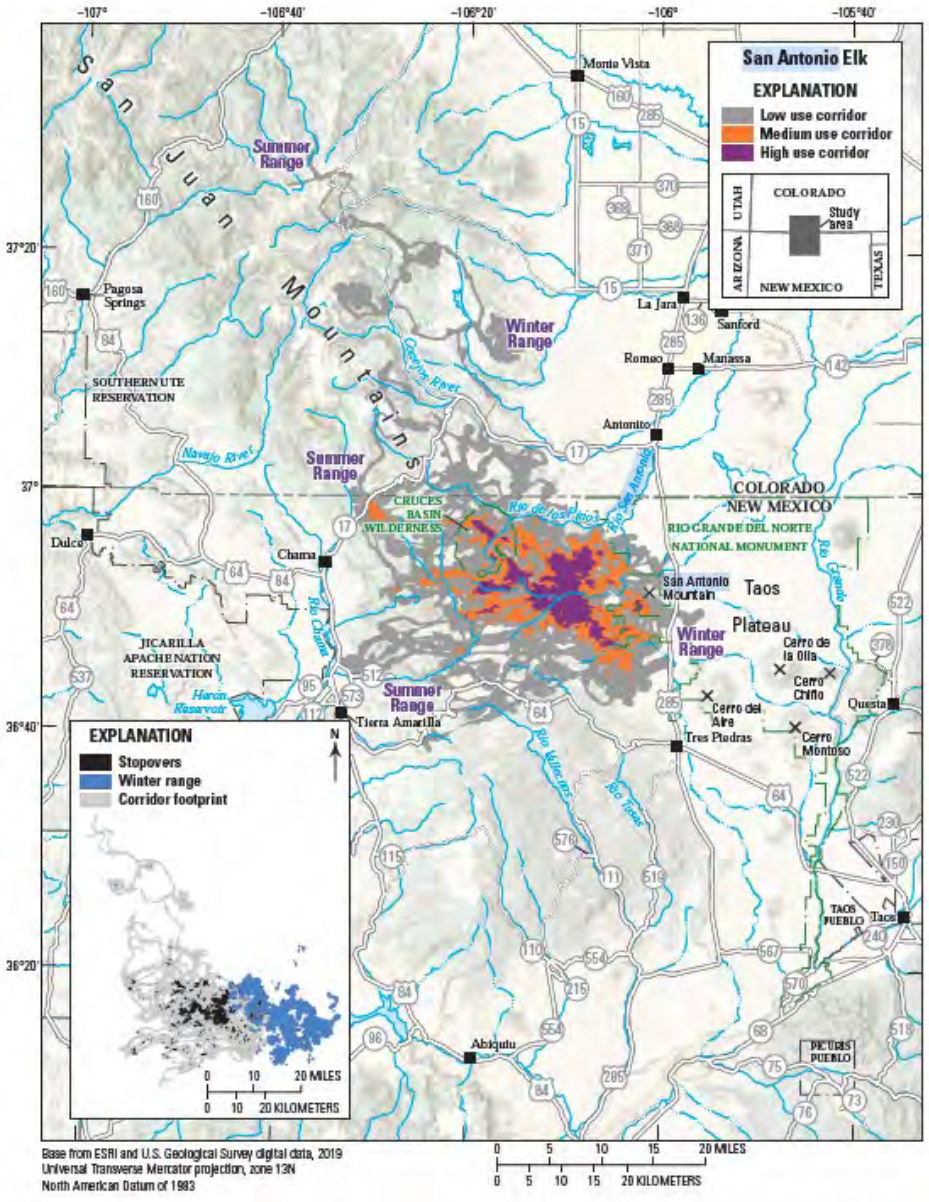
- Seasonal Migration (GMU 52/4)

- Collar data from 40 adult females. (2020 - 2022)

- Migration duration (ave)
  - Spring: 56days
  - Fall 22 days

- Migration length 13.7 – 51.8mi (22.5mi ave)

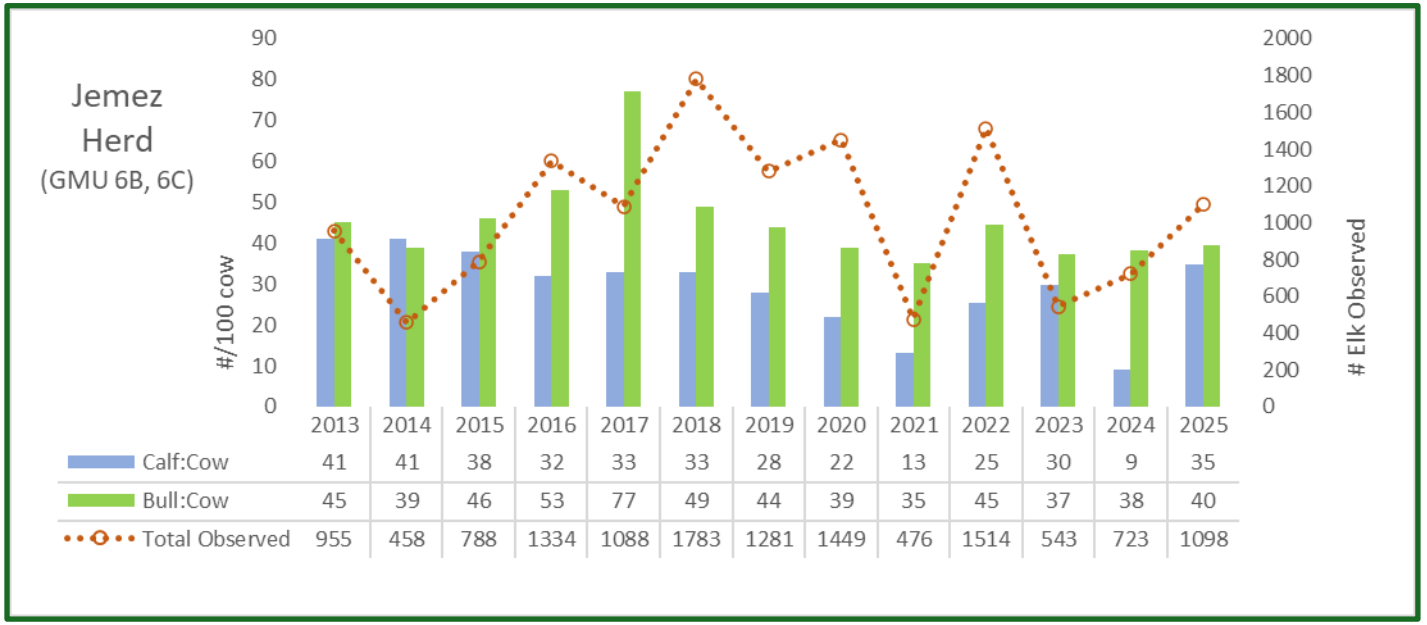
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Status Update and Recommendations

Jemez Region

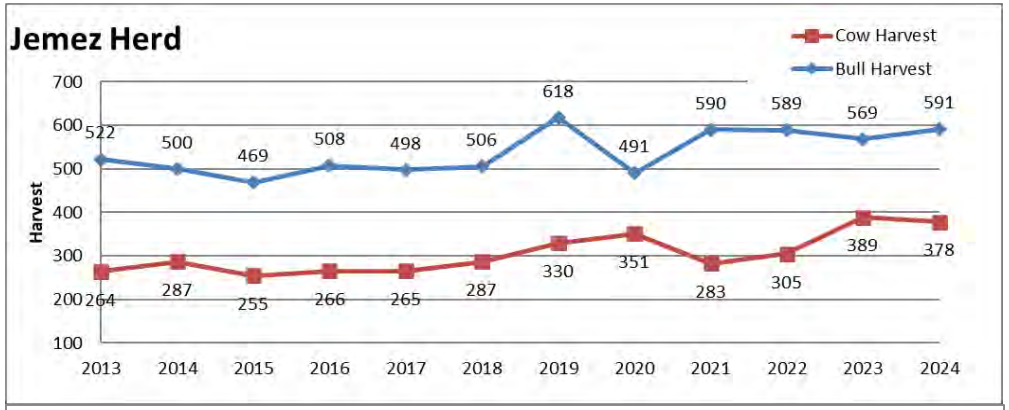
- **Jemez Herd (GMU 6A-C, 7):** Stable w/low recruitment
  - 6A/B QHM; 6C & 7 OOM
  - (40:100:23)
  - Low recruitment observed since 2019 (ave = 23 C:c *without 2024)

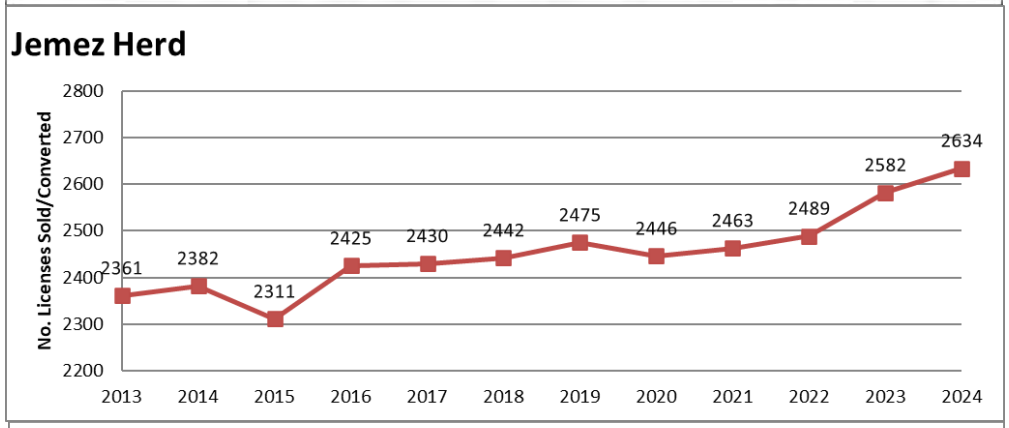


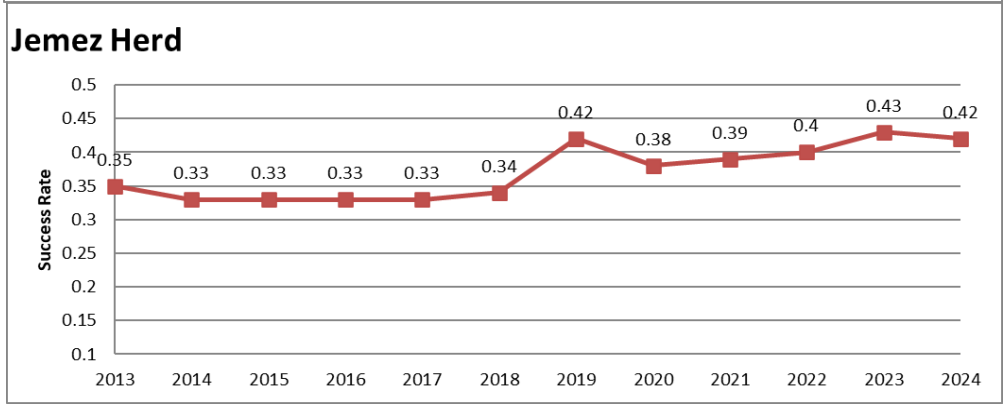
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Calf:Cow	41	41	38	32	33	33	28	22	13	25	30	9	35
Bull:Cow	45	39	46	53	77	49	44	39	35	45	37	38	40
Total Observed	955	458	788	1334	1088	1783	1281	1449	476	1514	543	723	1098

  - **Considerations:**
    - Slight decrease in (A) licenses
    - Hybrid Units (6A, 6C) – Shift hunt dates across management zones to have same start date

- **Jemez Herd (GMU 6A-C, 7):** Stable w/low recruitment



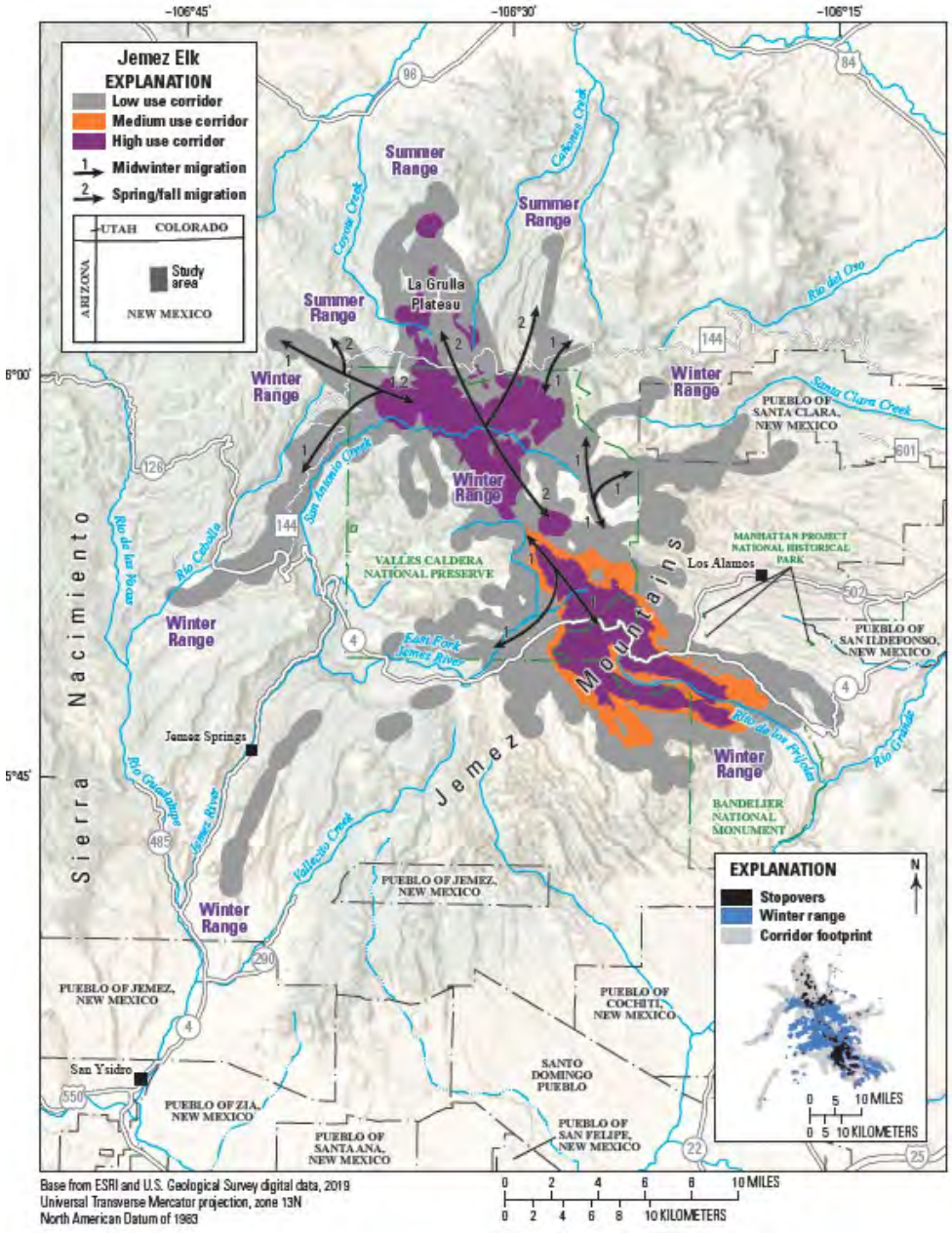






- **<u>Jemez Herd (GMU 6A-C, 7):</u>** Seasonal Migrations
- Collar data from 122 adult females. (2012-2018, 2021-2023)
- Migration duration (ave)
  - Spring: 7 days
  - Fall 6 days
- Migration length 2.65 – 17.95 (7.6mi ave)

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- **<u>San Cristobal herd (GMU 53)</u>:**

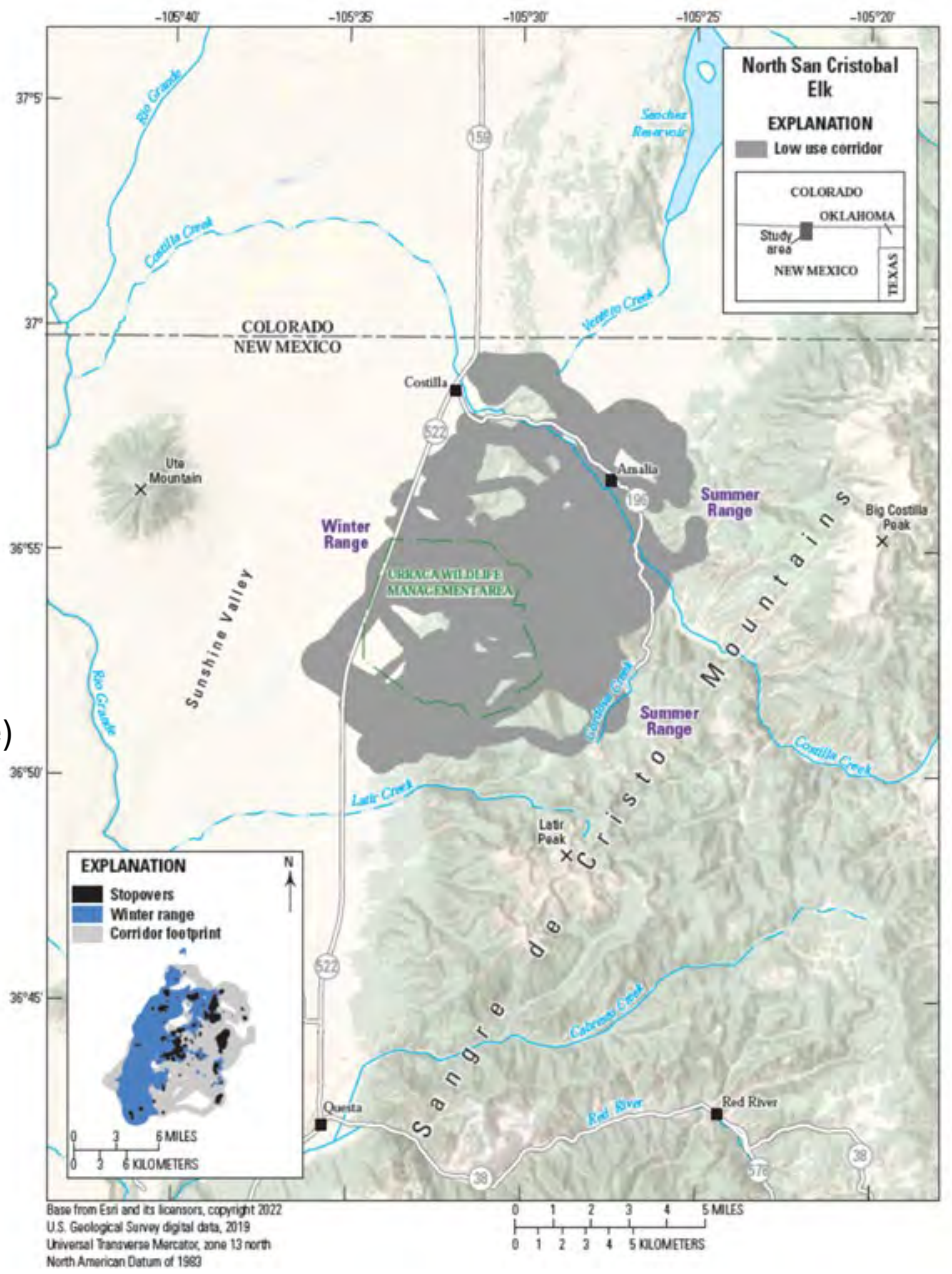
- Seasonal Migration

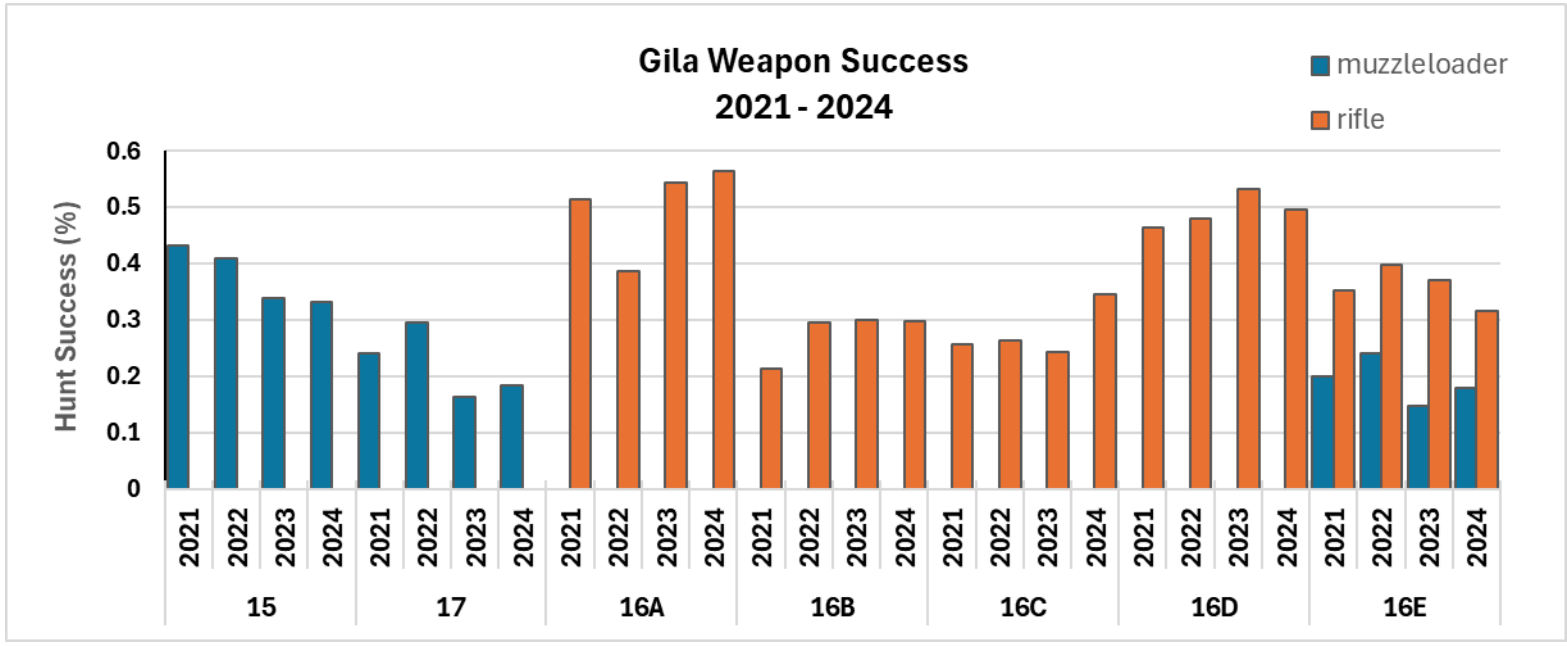
- Collar data from 10 adult females. (2021-2023)

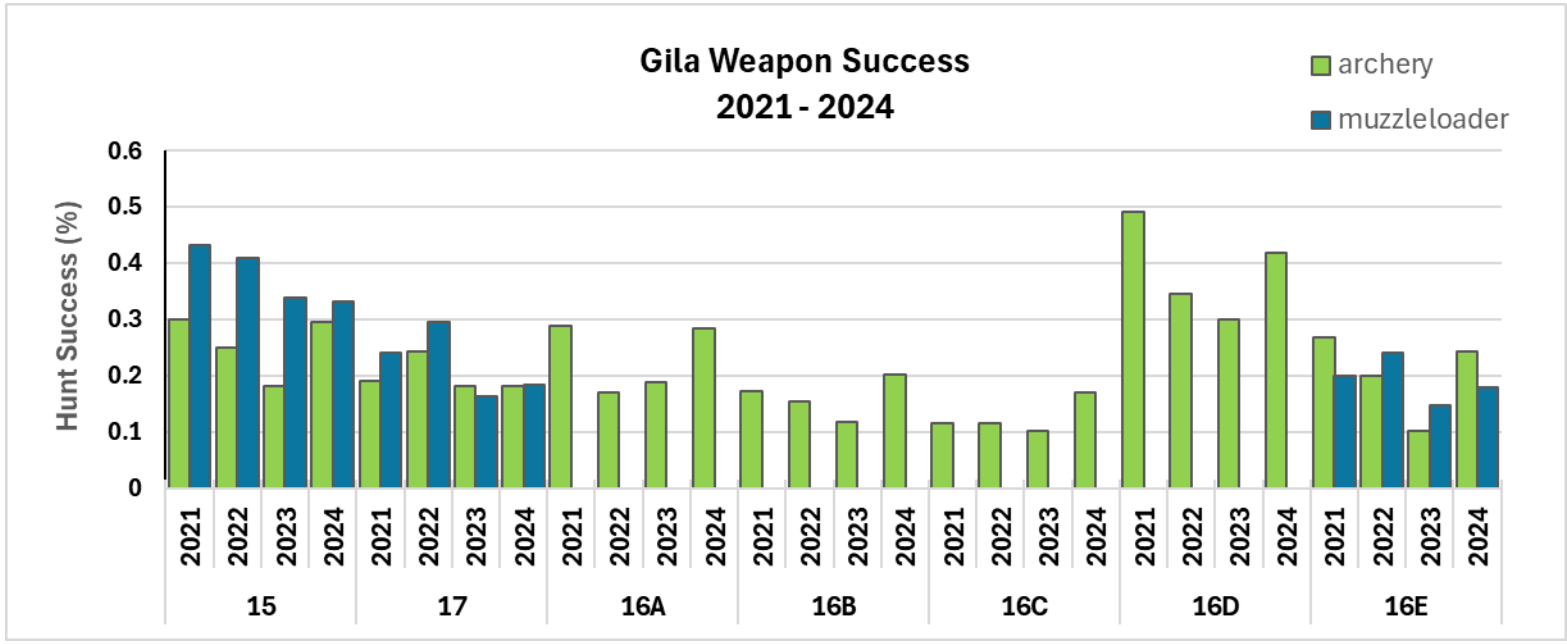
- Migration duration (ave)
  - Spring: 5 days
  - Fall 8 days

- Migration length 2.24 – 9.21mi (5.7mi ave)

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Gila Weapon Success
2021 - 2024
muzzleloader
rifle
Hunt Success (%)
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0
2021
2022
2023
2024
15
17
16A
16B
16C
16D
16E


Gila Weapon Success
2021 - 2024
archery
muzzleloader
Hunt Success (%)
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0
2021
2022
2023
2024
15
17
16A
16B
16C
16D
16E

Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E):

NMSU Research Findings

- Several research projects between 2019 – 2024
- Utilized nearly 900 GPS collars on adult females and ~500 collars on calves
- Investigating elk mortality / survival, habitat use, and behavior

- Major Findings: Adult Female
  - Annual survival was found to be lower (~76%) than previously estimated (~81%)
  - #1 cause of mortality was hunter harvest
  - Other contributors to mortality were predation / exposure to predators, age, and drought severity (specifically within the most recent 1-3 months, and prior year)

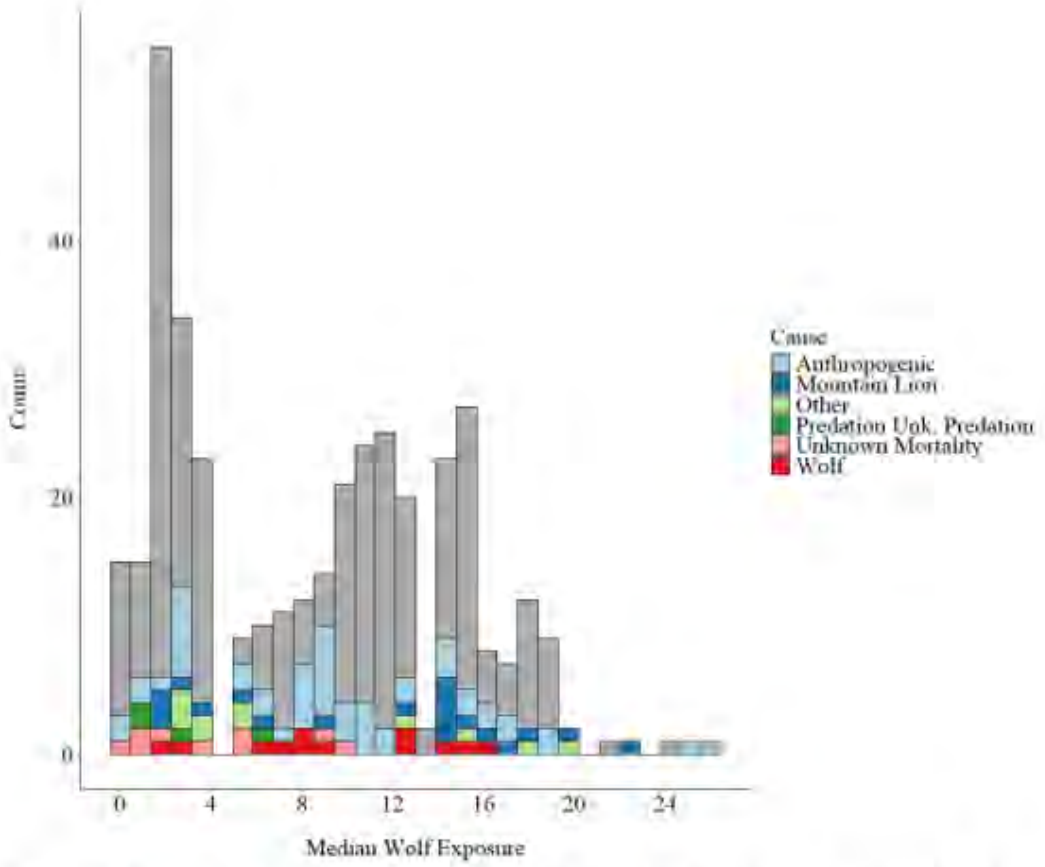
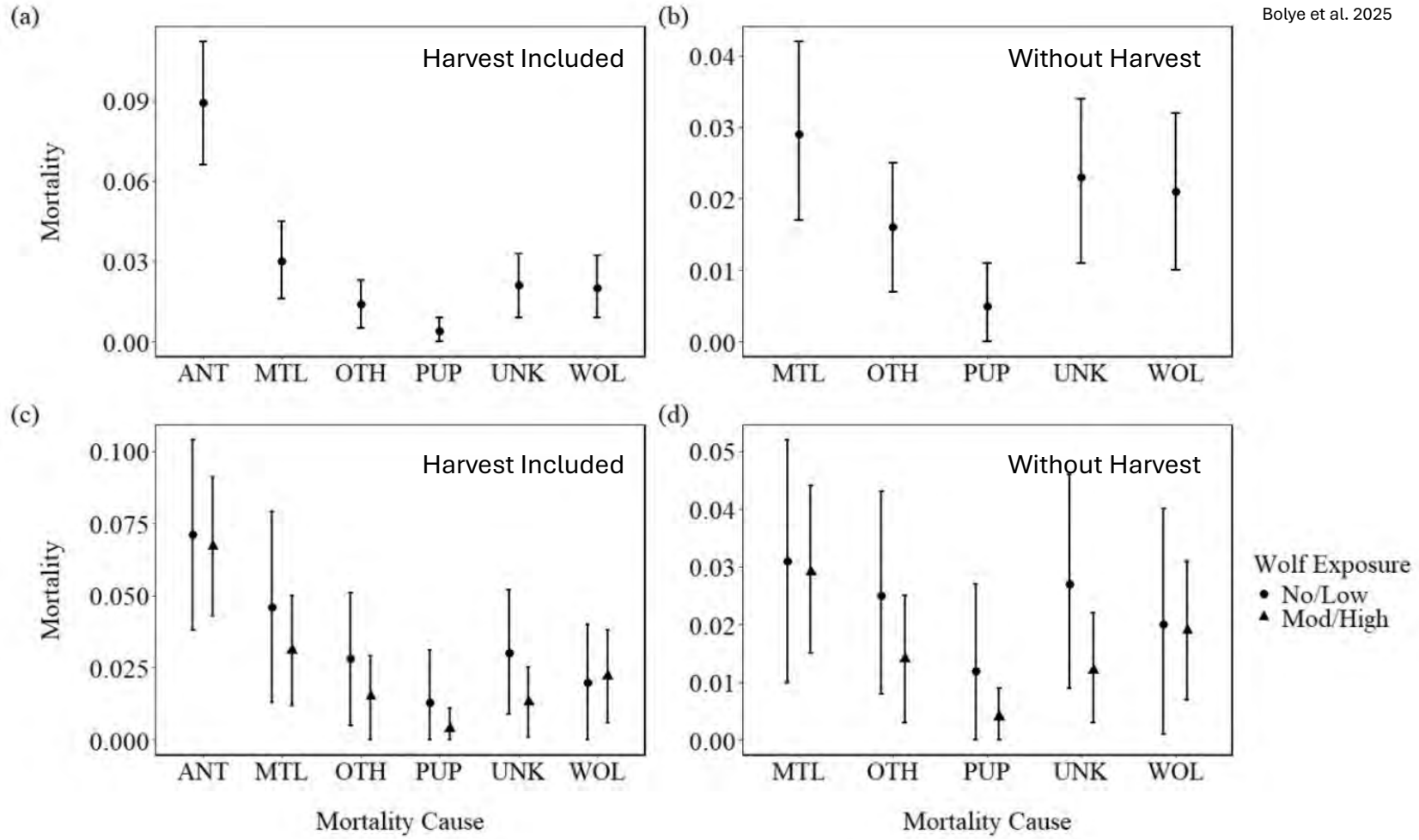


Figure S1. Count of available (gray bars) collared adult female elk with associated number of mortalities per median Mexican wolf exposure. Individuals were captured in New Mexico, USA (2019–2023). Anthropogenic represents mortalities associated with hunter harvest and roadkill. Other sources include malnutrition and disease related mortalities. Predation unknown predator includes mortalities where we were unable to identify the predator species that had the highest contribution towards the mortality event.

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- **<u>Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E):</u>** NM Adult female mortality probability



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Figure B11. Mean mortality probabilities of adult female elk (≥ 1 year old) and 85% credible intervals during a biological year (May–April) in New Mexico, USA (2019–2022). (a) anthropogenic mortality was included; (b) anthropogenic mortality was excluded; (c) mortality probability by Mexican wolf exposure when anthropogenic mortality was included; (d) mortality probability by Mexican wolf exposure when anthropogenic mortality was excluded. ANT = anthropogenic mortality, MTL = mountain lion predation, OTH = other sources of mortality (e.g., malnutrition and disease), PUP = predation unknown predator, UNK = unknown mortality, and WOL = Mexican wolf predation.

Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A-E):

NMSU Research Findings

- Major Findings: Calf Survival
  - Annual survival rates much lower than expected during study (2019-2023)
    - Summer ~26% / Winter ~80%
  - Summer calf mortality was driven by: life stage, sex (females survived less), weight at birth, and monsoon precip from prior year.
  - Winter calf mortality was driven by: sex, (females survived less) weight at birth, drought severity, and predation

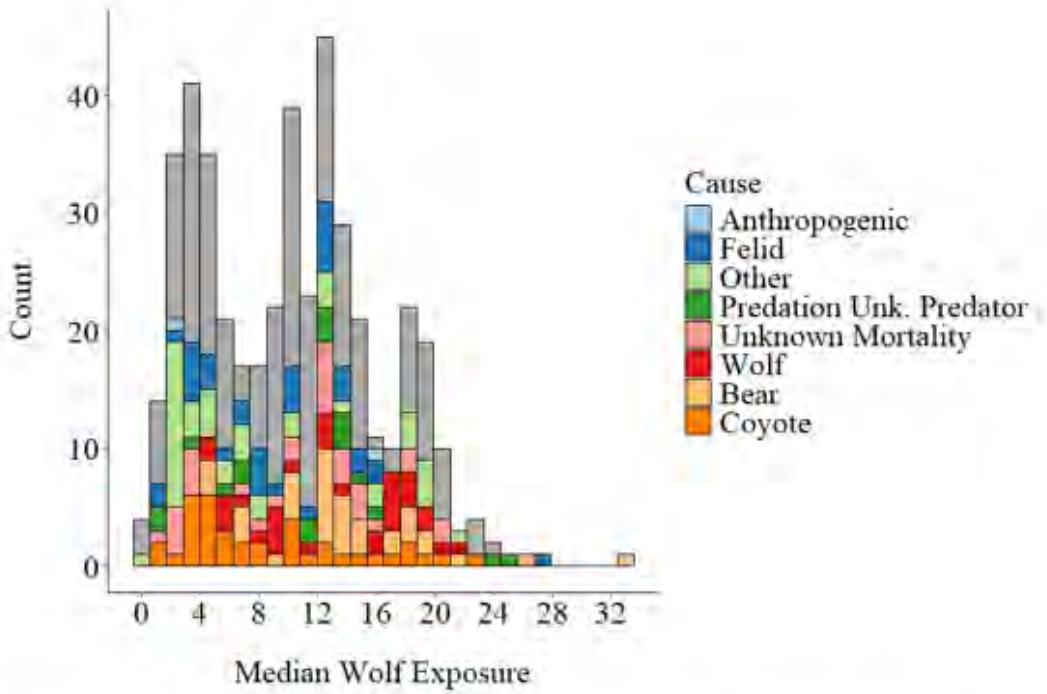
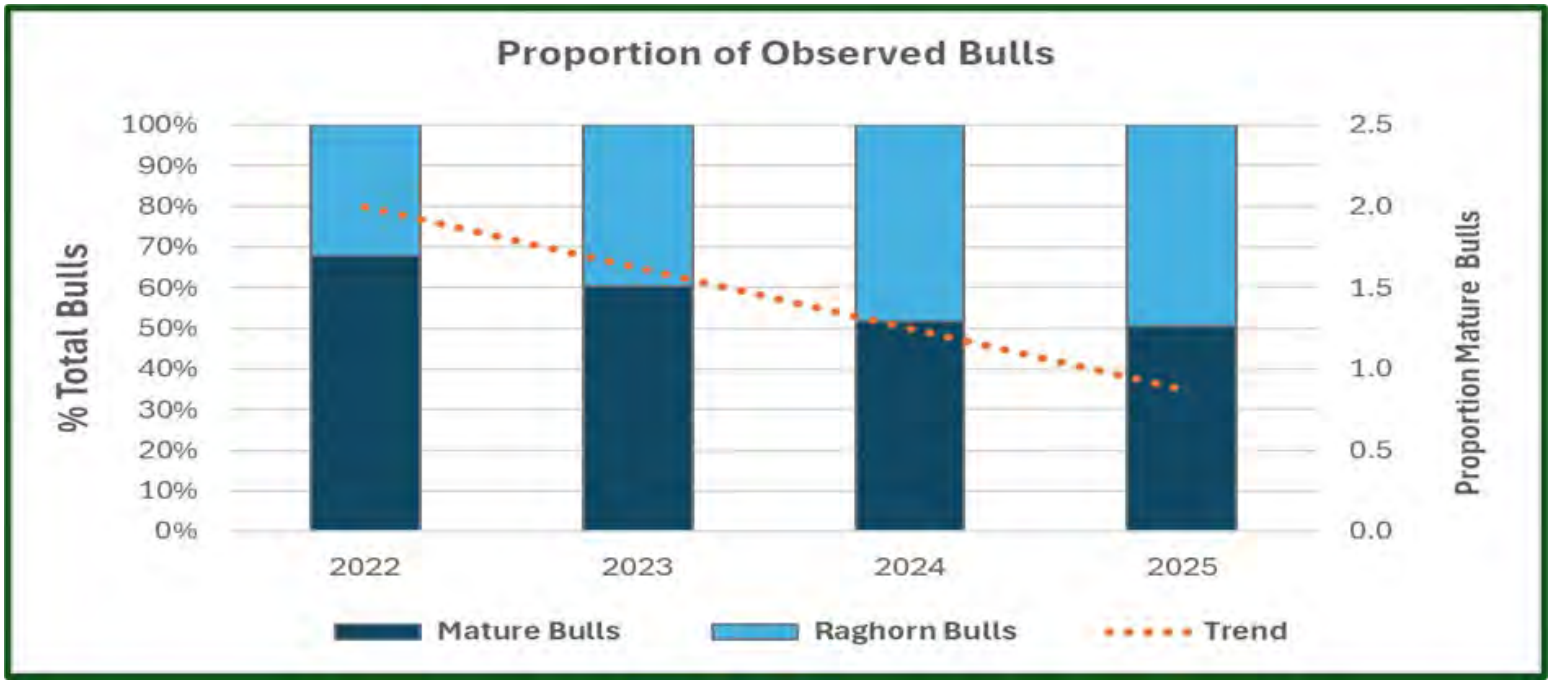
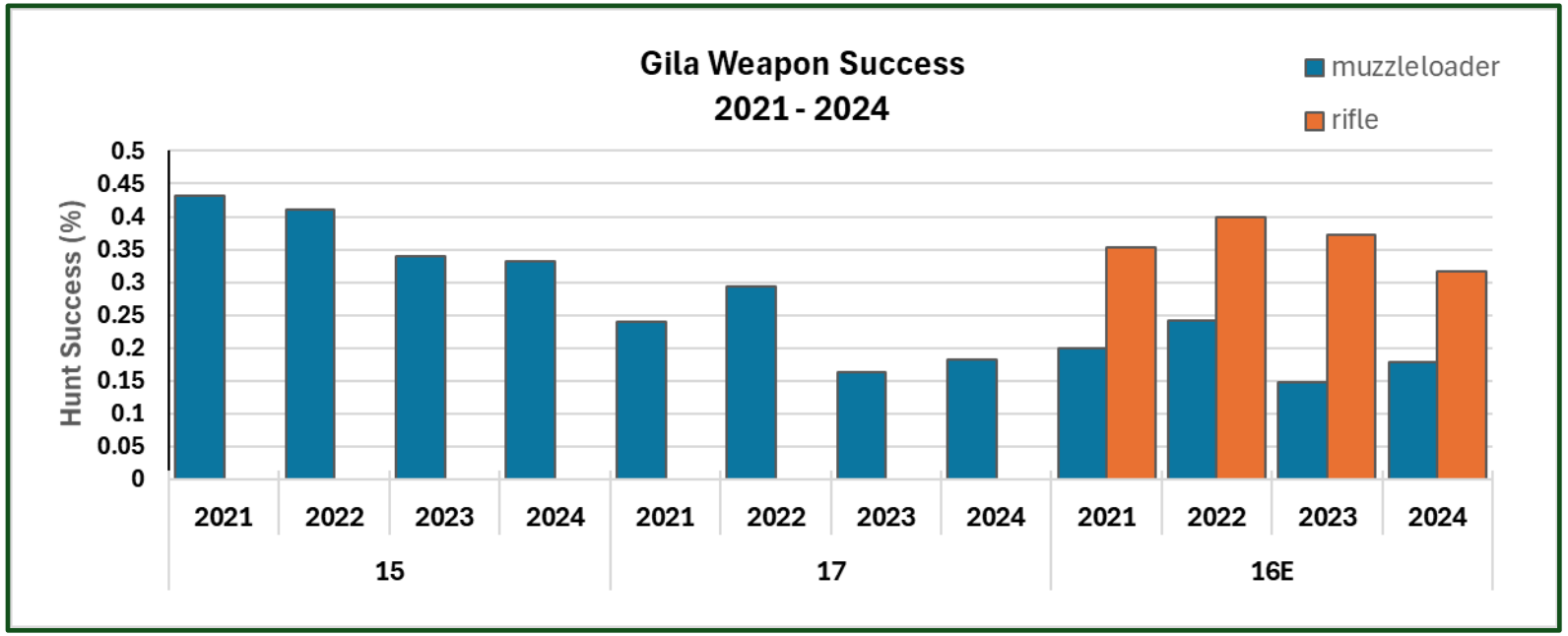
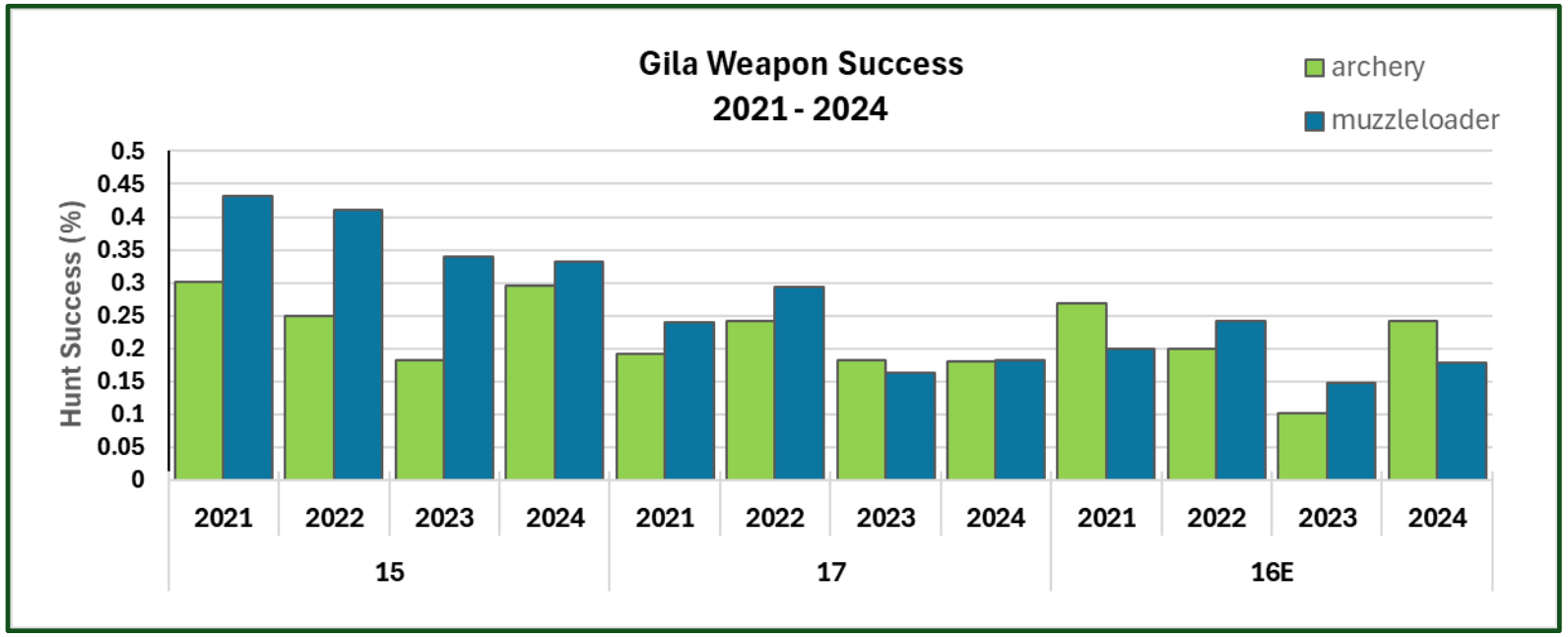


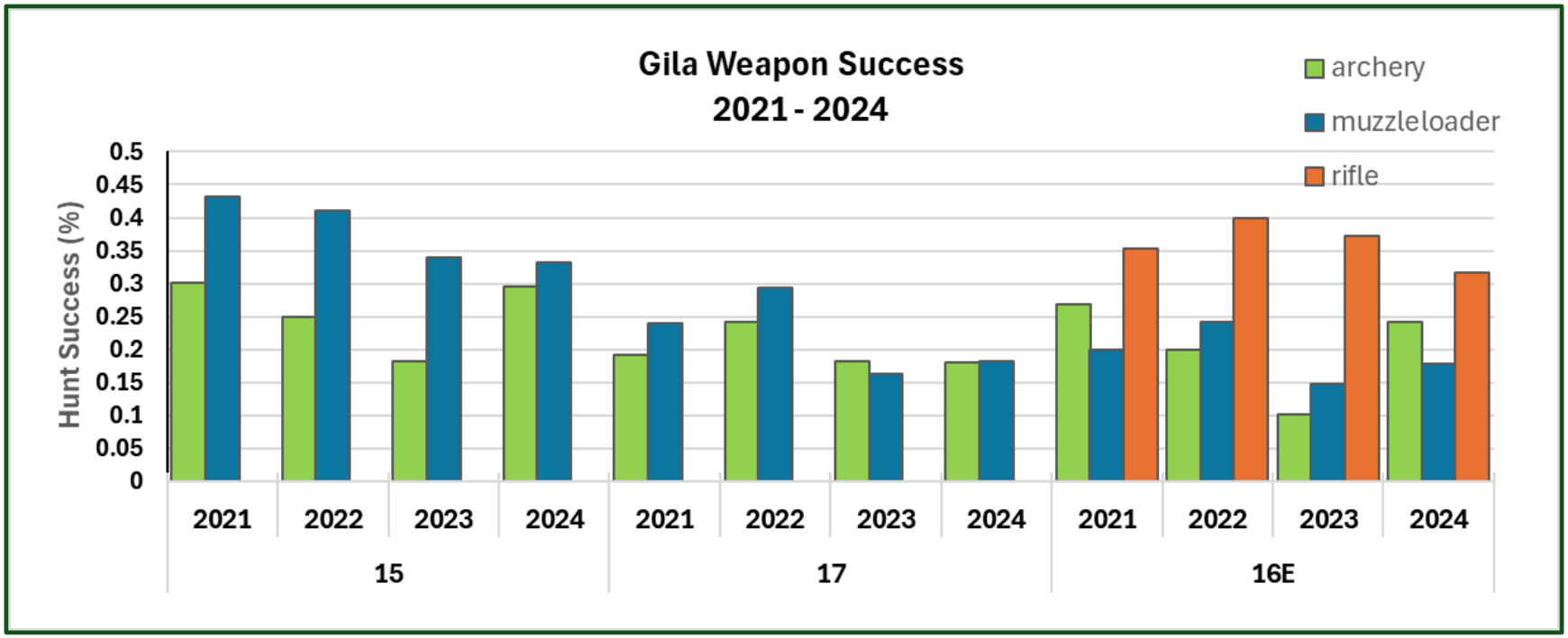
Figure S5. Count of available (gray bars) collared elk calves with associated number of mortalities per median wolf exposure. Individuals were captured in New Mexico, USA (2019–2023). Anthropogenic represents mortalities associated with hunter harvest and roadkill. Felid represents predation from either mountain lions or bobcats. Other sources include malnutrition and disease related mortalities. Predation unknown predator includes mortalities where we were unable to identify the predator species that had the highest contribution towards the mortality even.

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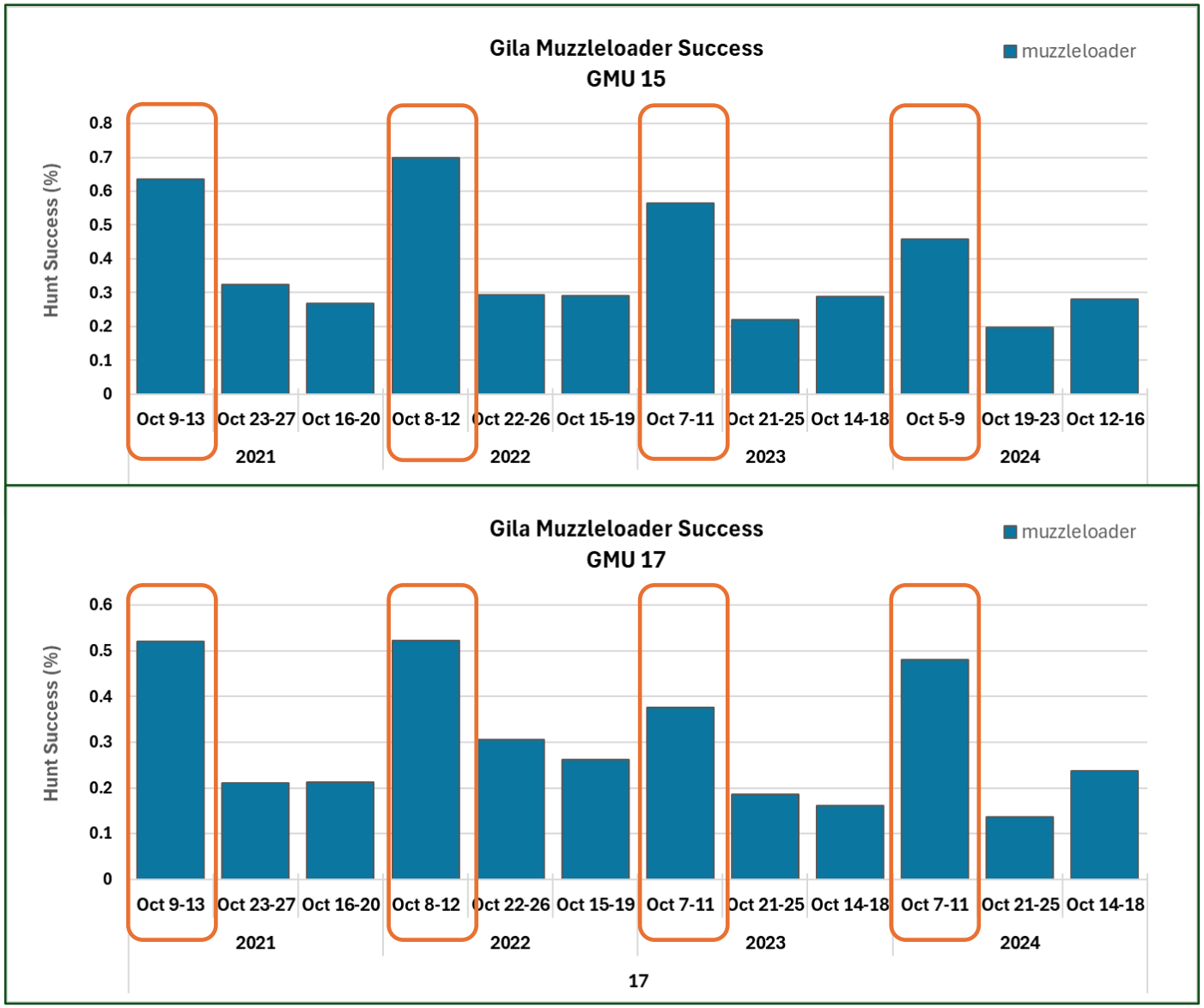

Proportion of Observed Bulls
% Total Bulls
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
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2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0
Proportion Mature Bulls
2022
2023
2024
2025
Mature Bulls
Raghorn Bulls
Trend


Gila Weapon Success
2021 - 2024
muzzleloader
rifle
Hunt Success (%)
0.5
0.45
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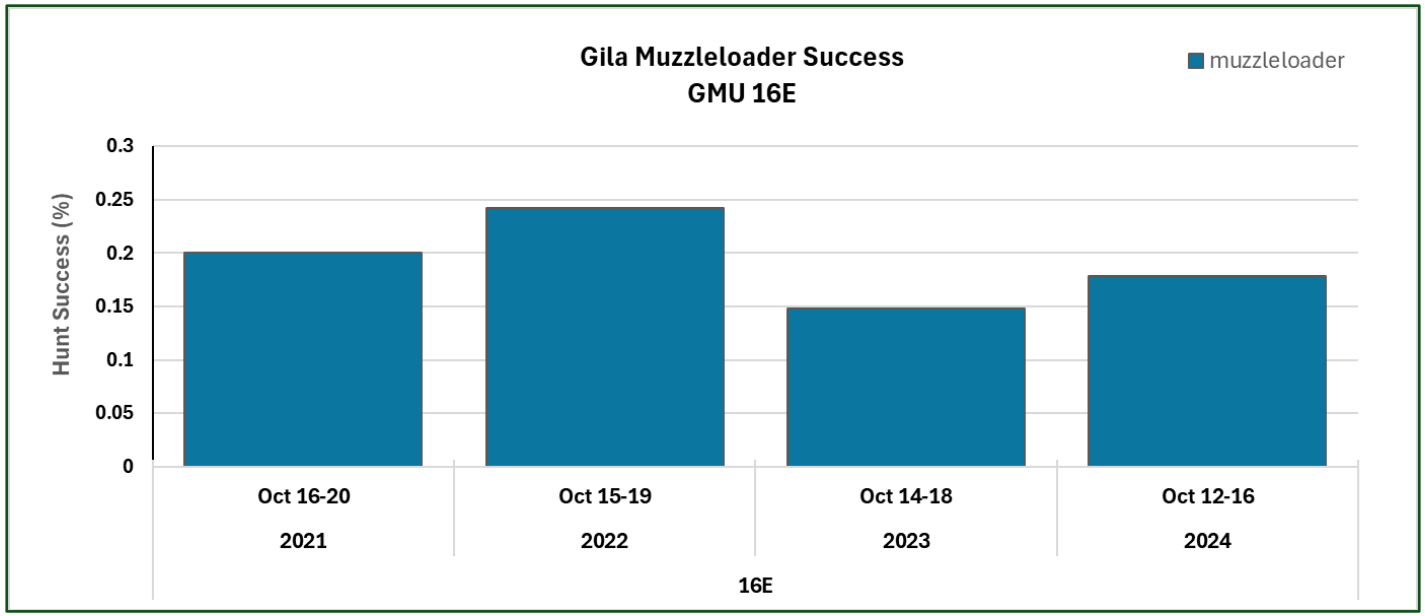

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muzzleloader
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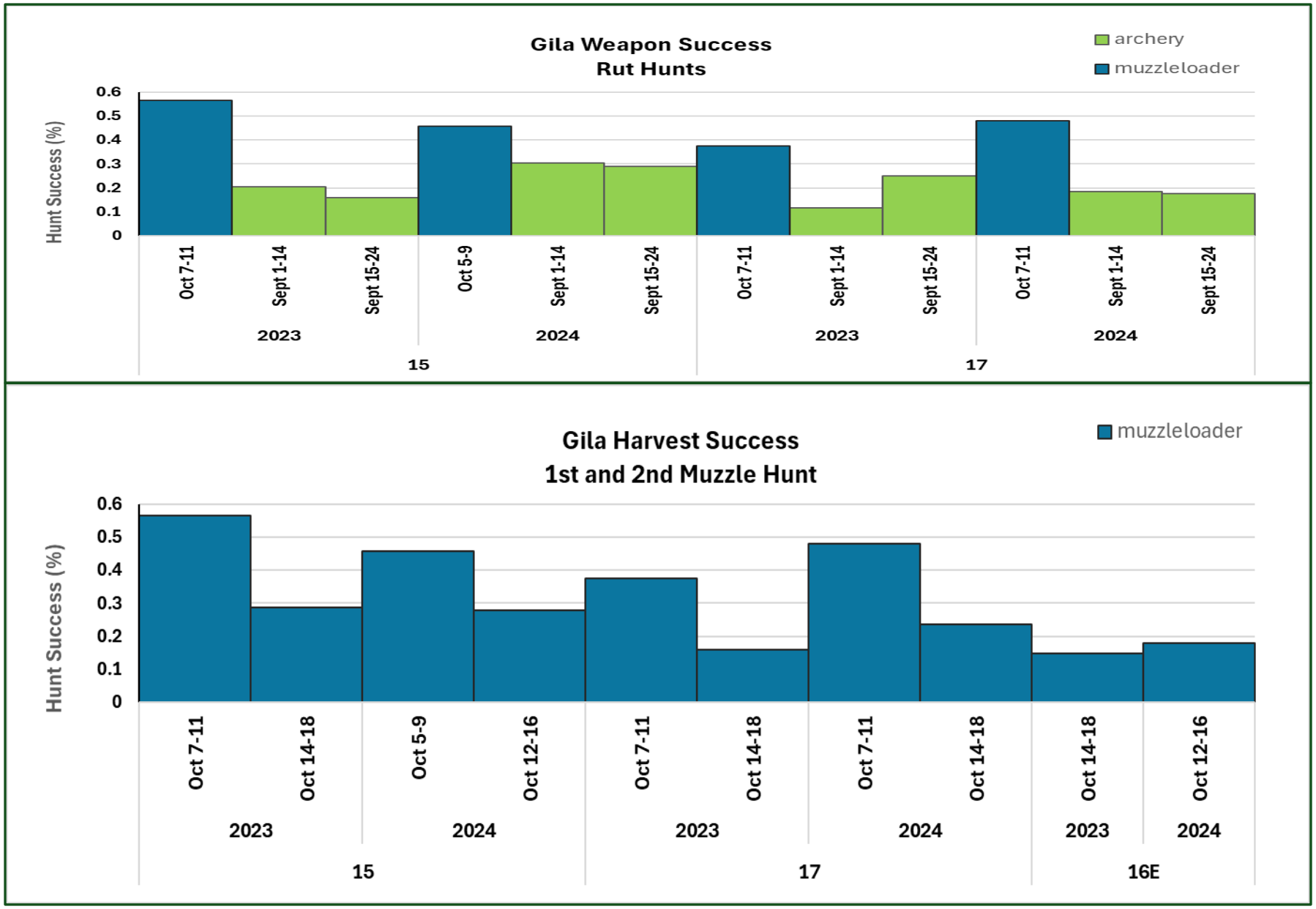

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October Muzzleloader Success – GMUs 15 & 17

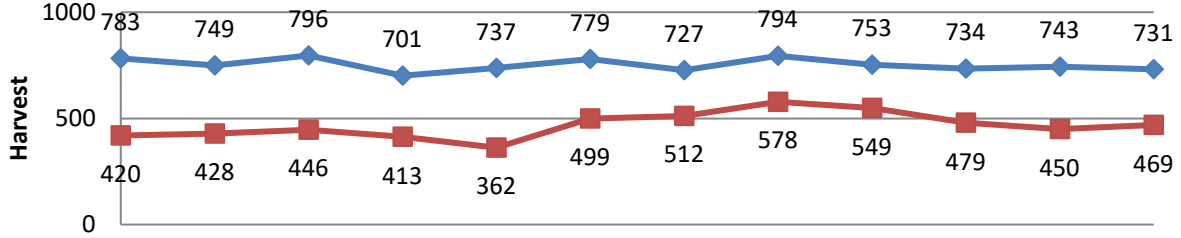


October Muzzleloader Success – GMU 16E

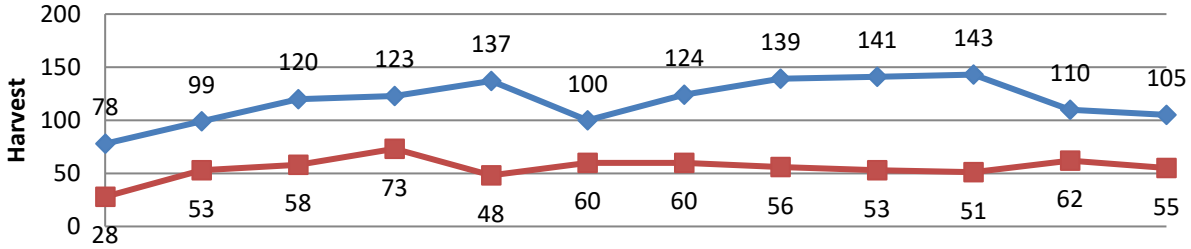



Gila Weapon Success
Rut Hunts
archery
muzzleloader
Hunt Success (%)
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0.5
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0.3
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Oct 7-11
Sept 1-14
Sept 15-24
Oct 5-9
Sept 1-14
Sept 15-24
Oct 7-11
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Sept 15-24
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2024
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Gila Harvest Success
1st and 2nd Muzzle Hunt
muzzleloader
Hunt Success (%)
0.6
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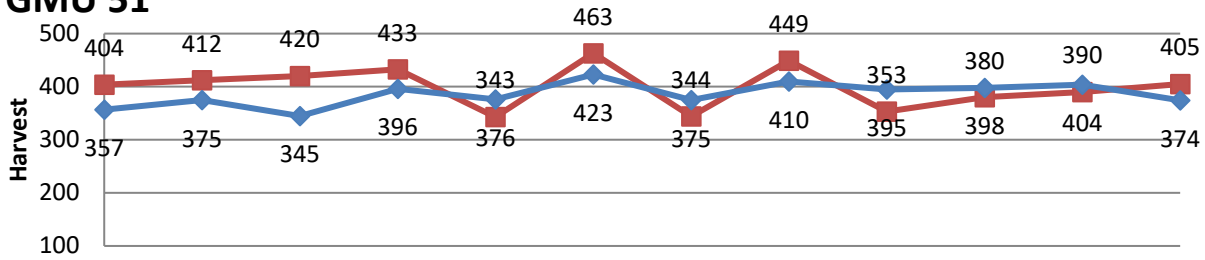
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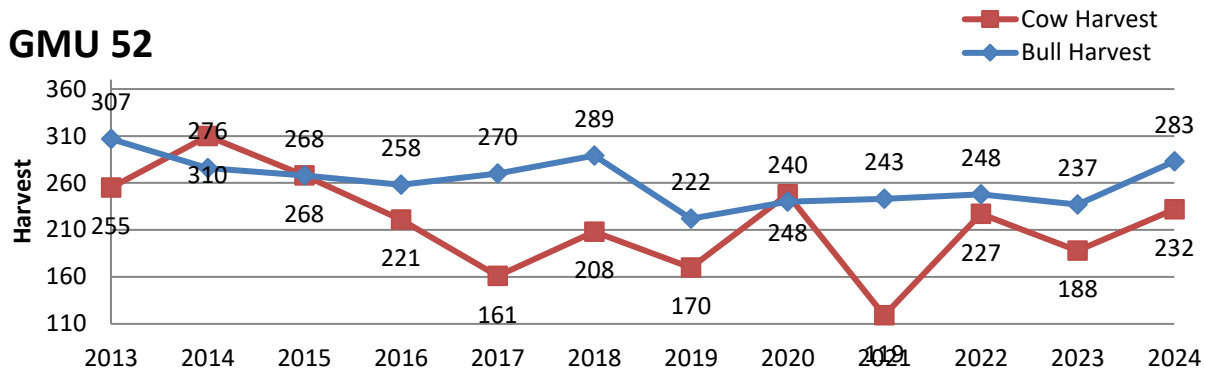
GMU 5B



GMU 51



GMU 52



ELK PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SUMMARY

Date of update: 6/23/2026

**The Department remains actively engaged in reviewing biological data and considering public input as the rule development process progresses. Please check back regularly for updates and additional information as decisions are finalized.*

ELK BIOLOGY

Elk population growth is driven by both juvenile and adult female survival. Several factors influence the survival of adult females; the largest influential factor is hunter harvest. Calf survival can vary annually and is often influenced by environmental factors and predation. Because elk population performance is mostly driven by these factors, and not adult male mortality, the Department can maintain relatively high levels of mature bull (MB) harvest throughout the state. Although much of the elk harvest within New Mexico is male-bias, many opportunities to harvest antlerless (A) elk are available, and antlerless harvest is used as a tool to manage populations where productivity is high. The Department aims to maintain harvest of both male and female elk within estimated sustainable limits, depending on the goals of the herd unit.

The Department uses two primary management strategies to meet diverse stakeholder interests: Optimal Opportunity hunts and Quality hunts. Optimal Opportunity hunts are designed to maximize hunter participation while maintaining overall population health. These hunts typically have higher license numbers, higher hunter density, and a younger average age of harvested bulls.

In contrast, Quality hunts are designated to provide a more limited, higher-quality hunting experience. These hunts generally feature lower hunter density, higher success rates, an older average age of harvested bulls, and/or more favorable season timing and length. Quality hunt designations are established by the State Game Commission and involve more restrictive license numbers.

For more information on elk biology and management in New Mexico, see this report: https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/download/elk-hunting-prospects/?wpdmdl=45657&refresh=699f44af07afe1772045487

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ELK HUNTING

General Statewide Proposed Changes

1) Adjust season dates where necessary
    a. Shifting start dates to maintain hunts beginning on Saturday or adjusting to calendar day starts for consistency.
    b. Evaluate season dates for hunt structure consistency across the state.
    c. Evaluate season dates to ensure harvest is biologically sustainable.
2) Consider aligning most primary management zone hunts to have a muzzleloader hunt first, followed by any-legal-weapon hunts. Early October hunts shift to muzzleloader to address increased male susceptibility to harvest.
3) Consider aligning hunt season start dates in GMUs containing both Primary Management Zone (PMZ) and Secondary Management Zone (SMZ).
4) Adjust some hunts to minimize overlap of weapons used for species hunted.
5) Designate the premium statewide elk hunt (currently ELK-1-700) as a Quality hunt.
6) Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting. For hunts where published

season dates are less than 6 days, hunters will no longer be able to buy a license once the hunt starts.
7) Assessed public/private land split in Primary Management Zones due to landownership changes over the last 4 years. No changes occurred.

Specific Proposed Changes

Northwest Region (Tables 1,2,3)
1) Increase antlerless ('A') licenses within GMU 2 December Youth Only (YO) and December 2C only rifle hunts. Licenses shall increase from 75 to 100 for each hunt.
2) Change early October Mature Bull ('MB') licenses from any legal weapon to muzzleloader hunts in GMU 5A (10 licenses) to align with new muzzleloader hunts within other PMZ units.

North Central Region (Tables 4,5,6)
1) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within the Sargent WMA to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB/A', 10 licenses.
2) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within the Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB/A', 10 licenses.
3) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 5B to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 56 licenses. Redistribute 37 December 'MB' rifle licenses to the muzzleloader hunt in GMU 5B. Muzzleloader hunts typically have lower success rates; thus, these licenses are redistributed at a higher ratio to increase hunt opportunity.
4) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 50 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 65 licenses. Redistribute 45 late October and early November 'MB' rifle licenses to new muzzleloader hunt in GMU 50 at a higher ratio to increase hunt opportunity.
5) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 51 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be Either-Sex ('ES'), 145 licenses. All licenses for this hunt were redistributed from the existing December muzzleloader hunt in GMU 51.
6) Increase 'A' licenses within GMU 51 for both mid and late November hunts from 251 to 265 licenses.

Southwest Region (Tables 10,11,12)
1) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 12 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 35 licenses.
2) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMUs 16A, 16B/22, 16C, and 16D to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 35 licenses for each GMU. Within GMU 16A, a total of 15 licenses shall be redistributed at a higher ratio to the new muzzleloader hunt to increase hunt opportunity. Although overall 'MB' licenses will increase slightly within the Greater Gila elk herd, anticipated harvest should be stable or slightly decrease as muzzleloader hunters, on average, have lower success rates. Additionally, shifting rifle 'MB' hunts later in the season will decrease bull susceptibility to harvest during rut and increase potential for older age class bulls.
3) Reduce 'A' rifle licenses within GMU 16A, 16C, 16D, and 16E by 27-30% and shift cow hunts earlier in the season to reduce adult female mortality in the Greater Gila elk herd unit. Elevated adult female mortality and low calf recruitment within the Greater Gila elk herd, combined with persistent drought conditions, have contributed to declining population performance in this

region.
4) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 21A to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 15 licenses.

Southeast Region (Tables 13,14,15)
1) Increase 'A' licenses within both late season (Jan/Feb) cow hunts within GMU 34 from 200 to 230 licenses to increase harvest on adult females.

Northeast Region (Tables 16,17,18)
1) Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 49 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 20 licenses. A total of 13 October 'MB' rifle licenses shall be redistributed to new muzzleloader hunt in GMU 49 at a higher ratio to increase hunt opportunity.

Secondary Management Zones (Table 19)
1) Create new 'A' late-season rifle hunt in GMUs 29/30 to address increased population within these units (20 licenses).
2) Create two new 'ES' rifle hunts within GMU 32 as elk have moved into this region and become more resident than seasonal (30 licenses total).
3) Increase 'ES' rifle licenses in GMU 38 as this elk population is becoming more established. Increase each 'ES' hunts from 10 to 20 licenses to increase public hunt opportunity.

Special Management Zones (Table 20)
1) Reduce 'A' licenses by 17% within the Valle Vidal (GMU 55A) to reduce adult female mortality.

Youth Encouragement (Table 21)
1) Eliminate all Youth Encouragement hunts within the Greater Gila elk herd unit (GMUs 15, 16A, 16C, 16D, 16E) to reduce harvest pressure on adult females. Population indices suggest these elk herds are declining as a result of low calf recruitment and high adult female mortality, further intensified by drought conditions. A portion of these licenses will be redistributed to other Youth Encouragement hunts throughout the state.
2) Create two new Youth Encouragement hunts of 75 licenses each within GMU 2 to increase harvest pressure on adult females and increase youth opportunity.
3) Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses within GMUs 34 and 36 to increase harvest pressure on adult females.
4) Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses within GMU 51.

PUBLIC INVOLVMENT

The Department continues to receive public comment. If you would like to comment on the proposals, please send an email to: DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov

PROPOSED HUNT DATES AND LICENSES

The following tables exhibit proposed hunt dates and license changes for statewide public elk hunts for the 2027-2030 hunt seasons. Hunts are organized by region, showing current and proposed licenses for each hunt period. Rows where proposed hunt license numbers have changed, or new hunts are proposed, are highlighted in yellow.

NORTHWEST REGION

Table 1. Overall license allocation

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	**A**	**ES-2**	**total licenses**
2	OOM	259	~~323~~ **382**	282	~~864~~ **923**
5A	OOM	250	250	65	565
9	OOM	228	0	281	509
10	OOM	206	324	368	898
Total		943	~~897~~ **956**	996	~~2836~~ **2895**

Table 2. Public Draw Licenses

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt period	Current licenses	Prop. licenses	bag limit
2	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	120	120	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	120	120	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	135	135	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Oct Rifle	85	85	MB
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/7-12/11	Dec Rifle	125	125	A
2 **youth only**	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/7-12/11	Dec Rifle	75	**100**	A
2C	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	2C only Rifle	75	**100**	A
5A public land only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	5	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	5	5	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**10**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	10	**0**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	10	10	A
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	10	10	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	10	10	A
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	10	10	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	10	10	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Mid Nov Rifle	10	10	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Mid Nov Rifle	10	10	A
9 Marquez/LBar WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	15	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	15	15	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	15	15	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Muzz	15	15	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Muzz	15	15	MB
9	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	82	82	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	82	82	ES
9 **mobility impaired**	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	21	21	MB
9	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Muzz	35	35	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Muzz	35	35	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Oct/Nov Muzz	21	21	MB

10	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	125	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	125	125	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	70	70	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	70	70	MB
10 **youth only**	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	120	120	A
10	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Dec Rifle	100	100	A

Table 3. Private Land Authorizations

open GMUs or areas	**2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons**			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3	**A**	**ES -2**	**Total**
2	39	~~48~~ **57**	42	~~129~~ **138**
5A	210	210	55	475
9	71	0	87	158
10	66	104	118	288
Total	386	~~362~~ **371**	302	~~1050~~ **1059**

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Table 4. Overall License Allocation

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3, MB/A	**A**	**ES-2**	**total licenses**
4	OOM	~~1060~~ **1080**	665	475	~~2200~~ **2220**
5B	OOM	~~367~~ **387**	188	160	~~715~~ **735**
50	OOM	~~331~~ **358**	117	156	~~604~~ **631**
51	OOM	970	~~909~~ **943**	434	~~2313~~ **2347**
52	OOM	685	406	500	1591
Total		~~3413~~ **3480**	~~2285~~ **2319**	1725	~~7423~~ **7524**

Table 5. Public Draw Licenses

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt period	Current licenses	Proposed licenses	bag limit
4:Sargent WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	10	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	10	10	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**10**	MB/A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	10	10	MB/A
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	10	10	MB/A
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	10	10	MB/A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	10	10	MB/A
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	10	10	A
4:Sargent WMA only, **youth only**	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	10	10	A
4:Humphries/ Rio Chama WMAs only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	10	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	10	10	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**10**	MB/A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	15	15	MB/A
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	15	15	MB/A
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Oct/Nov Rifle	10	10	A
4:Humphries/ Rio Chama WMAs only, **youth only**	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Oct/Nov Rifle	15	15	A
4: Rio Chama WMA only	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	20	20	A
5B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	76	76	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	75	75	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**56**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	86	86	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	59	59	A
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	86	86	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	59	59	A
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	87	87	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	Late Nov Rifle	59	59	A
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/14-12/18	Mid Dec Rifle	87	**50**	MB
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	60	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	55	55	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**65**	MB

50	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	120	**100**	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	125	**100**	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	42	42	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Late Nov Rifle	45	45	A
51	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	180	180	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	180	180	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**145**	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	220	220	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	220	220	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	220	220	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	251	**265**	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Late Nov Rifle	251	**265**	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/7	12/1-12/6	12/7/-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	252	252	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	11/30-12/4	Early Dec Muzzle	145	**0**	ES
52	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	230	230	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	230	230	ES
52 **mobility impaired**	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	50	50	MB
52	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	120	120	MB
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	50	50	A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	230	230	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	230	230	MB
52 **youth only**	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Early Nov Rifle	80	80	A
52 **mobility impaired**	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Mid Nov Rifle	56	56	A
52	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Mid Nov Rifle	73	73	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	115	115	A

Table 6. Private Land Authorizations

	2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons			
open GMUs or areas	**MB, ES-1, ES-3, MB/A**	**A**	**ES-2**	**Total**
4	990	600	435	2025
5B	~~21~~ **22**	11	9	~~41~~ **42**
50	~~86~~ **93**	30	41	~~157~~ **164**
51	165	~~155~~ **161**	74	~~394~~ **400**
52	55	32	40	127
Total	~~1317~~ **1325**	~~828~~ **834**	599	~~2744~~ **2758**

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Table 7. Overall License Allocation

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2	total licenses
6A	QHM	361	117	297	775
6B	QHM	50	250	50	350
6C	OOM	429	259	300	988
7	OOM	68	62	36	166
Total		908	688	683	2279

Table 8. Public Draw Licenses

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt period	Current licenses	Proposed licenses	bag limit
6A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	150	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	102	102	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	104	104	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	100	100	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	103	103	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	99	99	A
6B:	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	25	25	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	10	10	A
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	25	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	10	10	A
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	15	15	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	20	20	A
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	15	15	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	20	20	A
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	20	20	ES
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	15	15	A
6B **youth only**	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/30	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	35	35	A
6B	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	35	35	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Mid Nov Rifle	35	35	A
6B **youth only**	11/27-12/2	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	Late Nov Rifle	35	35	A
6B	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	35	35	A
6C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	150	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	105	105	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	155	155	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	105	105	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	105	105	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/30	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	110	110	A
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Late Nov Rifle	110	110	A
7	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	15	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	14	14	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct	24	24	MB

					Muzz			
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	30	30	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	50	50	A

Table 9. Private Land Authorizations

	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
open GMUs or areas	**MB, ES-1**	**A**	**ES-2**	**Total**
6A	54	18	45	117
6C	64	39	45	148
7	14	12	7	33
Total	132	69	97	298

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Table 10. Overall License Allocation

		total licenses by bag limit			
GMU	**management goals**	**MB, ES-1, ES-3**	**A**	**ES-2, MB-2, APRE/6**	**total licenses**
12	QHM	~~593~~ **628**	428	224	~~1245~~ **1280**
13	QHM	583	370	556	1509
15	QHM	923	~~641~~ **462**	769	~~2333~~ **2154**
16A	QHM	~~206~~ **227**	~~155~~ **114**	412	~~773~~ **752**
16B/22	QHM	~~222~~ **262**	0	394	~~616~~ **656**
16C	QHM	~~149~~ **191**	~~118~~ **84**	294	~~561~~ **569**
16D	QHM	~~148~~ **188**	~~114~~ **80**	171	~~433~~ **439**
16E	QHM	~~187~~ **213**	~~217~~ **159**	217	~~621~~ **589**
Greater Gila Totals (15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)		~~1835~~ **2004**	~~1245~~ **899**	2257	~~5337~~ **5160**
17	QHM	301	271	241	813
21A	OOM	~~107~~ **122**	31	117	~~255~~ **270**
21B	OOM	127	167	166	460
23	OOM	~~195~~ **180**	42	~~207~~ **222**	444
24	OOM	39	5	28	72
Lesser Gila Totals (21A, 21B, 23, 24)		~~468~~ **468**	245	~~518~~ **533**	~~1231~~ **1246**
southwest region total		~~3780~~ **3984**	~~2559~~ **2213**	~~3796~~ **3811**	~~10135~~ **10008**

Table 11. Public Draw Licenses

open GMUs or areas	**2027-2028 hunt dates**	**2028-2029 hunt dates**	**2029-2030 hunt dates**	**2030-2031 hunt dates**	**hunt period**	**Current licenses**	**Proposed licenses**	**bag limit**
12	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	36	36	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	35	35	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**35**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	35	35	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	60	60	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/30	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	80	80	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	80	80	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Late Nov Rifle	60	60	A
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	Nov/Dec Rifle	60	60	A

	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	64	64	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	Mid Dec Archery	25	25	APRE/6
13	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	202	202	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	148	148	ES
13 **youth only**	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	30	30	ES
13	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Muzz	86	86	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Muzz	126	126	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	Mid Nov Muzz	126	126	MB
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Muzz	117	117	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	Mid Dec Muzz	116	116	A
15	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	350	350	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	250	250	ES
15 **youth only**	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	25	25	ES
15	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Muzz	200	200	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Muzz	245	245	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Muzz	250	250	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Muzz	250	250	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Muzz	250	250	A
16A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	250	250	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	150	150	ES
16A **mobility impaired**	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	25	25	MB
16A	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**35**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	75	**60**	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	100	100	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	75	**55**	A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	75	**55**	A
16B/22	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	225	225	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	165	165	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**35**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	25	25	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	80	80	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	120	120	MB
16C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	144	144	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	100	100	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**35**	MB
16C **youth only**	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	25	25	ES

16C	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	35	35	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	65	65	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	50	**35**	A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	48	**35**	A
16D	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	90	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	60	60	ES
16D **mobility impaired**	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	25	25	MB
16D	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**35**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	55	55	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	50	50	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	50	**35**	A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	50	**35**	A
16E	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	90	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	60	60	ES
16E **youth only**	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	25	25	ES
16E	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	70	70	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	53	53	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	75	**55**	A
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	75	**55**	A
17	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	125	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	75	75	ES
17 **youth only**	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	25	25	ES
17	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Muzz	100	100	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Muzz	100	100	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	Mid Nov Muzz	25	25	MB
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	Mid Nov Muzz	25	25	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Muzz	100	100	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	Mid Dec Muzz	100	100	A
21A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	50	50	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	50	50	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	0	**15**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	15	15	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	35	35	MB
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	55	55	MB
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	30	30	A
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	Mid Dec Archery	15	15	MB
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	25	25	ES

21B	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	25	25	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	10	10	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	15	15	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	25	25	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	15	15	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/23-11/27	Late Nov Rifle	15	15	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	15	15	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	Mid Dec Rifle	20	20	A
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/21	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	Late Dec Archery	15	15	MB
23	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	125	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	75	75	ES
23 **youth only**	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	25	25	ES
23	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	75	75	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	75	75	MB
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	20	20	A
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/21	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	Late Dec Archery	15	15	MB
23: south of NM 78	12/18-12/26	12/16-12/24	12/15-12/23	12/14-12/22	Mid Dec Rifle	20	20	A
24: excluding	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	15	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	10	10	ES

Ft. Bayard management area	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	15	15	MB
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/21	12/15-12/19	12/14-12/18	Mid Dec Rifle	15	15	MB
24: including Ft. Bayard management area, **youth only**	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	5	5	ES
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	5	5	A

Table 12. Private Land Authorizations

open GMUs or areas	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3	**A**	**ES-2, MB-2, APRE/6**	**total**
12	~~338~~ **358**	244	128	~~710~~ **730**
13	215	137	206	558
15	203	~~141~~ **102**	169	~~513~~ **474**
16A	~~6~~ **7**	~~5~~ **4**	12	~~23~~ **22**
16B/22	2	0	4	6
16C	~~24~~ **31**	~~20~~ **14**	50	~~94~~ **95**
16D	~~18~~ **23**	~~14~~ **10**	21	~~53~~ **54**
16E	65	~~67~~ **49**	67	~~199~~ **181**
17	51	46	41	138
21A	2	1	2	5
21B	77	102	101	280
23	5	2	7	14
24	4	0	3	7
Total	~~1010~~ **1043**	~~779~~ **711**	811	~~2600~~ **2565**

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Table 13. Overall License Allocation

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	**A**	**ES-2, APRE/6/A**	**total licenses**
34	OOM	633	~~1892~~ **1964**	723	~~3248~~ **3320**
36	QHM	583	417	389	1389
Total		1216	2309	1112	4637

Table 14. Public Draw Licenses

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt period	Current licenses	Proposed licenses	bag limit
34	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	200	200	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	200	200	ES
34 **youth only**	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	75	75	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	120	120	A
34 **mobility impaired**	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	50	50	ES
34	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzzle	250	250	ES
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	150	150	ES
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	Late Nov Rifle	350	350	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	350	350	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	Mid Dec Rifle	350	350	A
	12/18-12/22	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	12/21-12/25	Late Dec Archery	200	200	APRE/6/A
	1/29-2/3	1/27-1/31	1/26-1/30	1/25-1/29	Late Jan Rifle	200	**230**	A
	2/5-2/9	2/3-2/7	2/2-2/6	2/1-2/5	Early Feb Rifle	200	**230**	A
36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	140	140	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	140	140	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	140	140	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	140	140	ES
	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Late Oct Rifle	140	140	ES
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Late Nov Rifle	100	100	A
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	Early Oct Rifle	100	100	A
	1/29-2/3	1/27-1/31	1/26-1/30	1/25-1/29	Late Jan Rifle	100	100	A

Table 15. Private Land Authorizations

open GMUs or areas	2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, 2030-31 hunt seasons			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3	**A**	**ES-2, APRE/6/A**	**total**
34	108	~~322~~ **334**	123	~~553~~ **565**
36	163	117	109	389
Total	271	~~439~~ **451**	232	~~942~~ **954**

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Table 17. Overall License Allocation

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	**A**	**ES-2**	**total licenses**
45	QHM	457	54	163	674
48	OOM	~~286~~ **326**	170	~~304~~ **262**	~~760~~ **758**
49	OOM	~~161~~ **168**	162	125	~~448~~ **455**
53	OOM	362	261	174	797
Total		~~1266~~ **1298**	647	~~766~~ **741**	~~2679~~ **2659**

Table 17. Public Draw Licenses

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	Proposed licenses	bag limit
45	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	75	75	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	73	73	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	136	136	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	140	140	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	140	140	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Early Nov Muzzle	49	49	A
48	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	80	80	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	80	80	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	60	60	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	75	75	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	64	64	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Early Nov Rifle	50	50	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	54	54	A
49	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	60	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	59	59	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Earl Oct Muzzle	0	**20**	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	77	**70**	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	76	**70**	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	77	77	A
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/14-11/18	Mid Nov Rifle	77	77	A
53	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	65	65	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	60	60	ES
53: excluding Cerro portion	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	50	50	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	80	80	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	131	131	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	94	94	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Late Nov Rifle	94	94	A

Table 18. Private Land Authorizations

open GMUs or areas	**2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons**			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3	**A**	**ES-2**	**Total**
45	41	5	15	61
48	~~112~~ **127**	66	~~119~~ **102**	~~297~~ **295**
49	8	8	6	22
53	101	73	49	223
Total	262	152	189	603

SECONDARY MANAGEMENT ZONES

Table 19. Public Draw Licenses

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt period	Current licenses	Proposed licenses	bag limit
14	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	10	10	ES
18	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	25	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	25	25	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	10	10	ES
28: McGregor range only, **military only**	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/7-12/11	Mid Dec Rifle	10	10	ES
28: McGregor range only	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	Mid Dec Rifle	10	10	ES
29, 30	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	20	20	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	20	20	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	20	20	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	30	30	ES
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Rifle	0	**20**	A
32	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	0	**15**	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	0	**15**	ES
37	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	40	40	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	30	30	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	30	30	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	30	30	MB
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	Late Nov Rifle	45	45	A
	12/4-12/8	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	12/7-12/11	Early Dec Archery	50	50	APRE/6
38	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	10	**20**	ES
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	10	**20**	ES
39, 43	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	30	30	ES
42, 47, 59	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	13	13	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	13	13	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	13	13	ES
56	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	5	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	5	5	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	10	10	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	10	10	A
57: Sugarite canyon state park only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery1	3	3	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	2	2	ES
57, 58	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	5	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	5	5	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	Early Oct Rifle	5	5	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	10	10	MB
	12/11-12/15	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	12/14-12/18	Mid Dec Rifle	10	10	A

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT ZONES

Table 20. Public Draw Licenses

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt period	Current licenses	Propos. licenses	bag limit
54: Colin Neblett WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	10	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	10	10	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	20	20	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	20	20	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Lat Oct Rifle	20	20	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	20	20	A
55A: ES Barker WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	5	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	5	5	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Rifle	10	10	MB
55A: Urraca WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	5	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	5	5	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	10	10	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	10	10	MB
	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	10	10	MB
	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Oct Rifle	15	15	A
	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	Late Oct Rifle	15	15	A
55A: Valle Vidal only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	Archery 1	25	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	Archery 2	25	25	ES
	10/9-10/13	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	10/5-10-9	Early Oct Muzz	20	20	MB
	10/16-10/20	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	10/12-10/16	Mid Oct Rifle	35	35	MB
	10/23-10/27	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	10/19-10/23	Late Oct Rifle	30	30	MB
55A: Valle Vidal only, **youth only**	10/30-11/3	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	10/26-10/30	Oct/Nov Rifle	20	20	MB
55A: Valle Vidal only, **youth only**	11/6-11/10	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	11/2-11/6	Early Nov Rifle	~~30~~	**25**	A
55A: Valle Vidal only	11/13-11/17	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	11/9-11/13	Mid Nov Rifle	~~30~~	**25**	A
	11/20-11/24	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	11/16-11/20	Late Nove Rifle	~~30~~	**25**	A

Table 21. Youth Encouragement Hunts

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	Hunt Period	Current licenses	Proposed licenses	bag limit
2	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	0	75	A
2	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	0	75	A
5B	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	20	20	A
6A	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	50	50	A
6A	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	50	50	A
6C	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	50	50	A
6C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	50	50	A
10	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	35	35	A
13	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	60	60	A

13	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	60	60	A
15	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	75	**0**	A
15	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	75	**0**	A
16A	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	75	**0**	A
16A	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	75	**0**	A
16C	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	75	**0**	A
16C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	75	**0**	A
16D	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	75	**0**	A
16D	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	75	**0**	A
16E	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	75	**0**	A
16E	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	75	**0**	A
17	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	60	60	A
17	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	60	60	A
34	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	125	**225**	A
36	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	80	**110**	A
36	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	80	**110**	A
49	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	50	50	A
51	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	105	**115**	A
51	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	105	**115**	A
52	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	50	50	A
53	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/30-12/4	Late Nov Rifle	60	60	A
53	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	Late Dec Rifle	60	60	A
					TOTAL LICENSES	1,960	1,540	
					LICENSE CHANGE		**-420**	**-21%**

Technical Information for Elk Rule Development

Overview of Elk Management & Data Collection

Elk in New Mexico are managed by **Herd Units** within the designated **Primary Management Zone (PMZ)**. Each Herd Unit is comprised of large geographic areas with contiguous elk habitat where elk populations are determined to be the largest and most concentrated. Herd Units consists of one or more **Game Management Units (GMUs)**, roughly equivalent to an elk population. These Primary Management Zones typically have larger elk populations and are managed under designated management frameworks: **Optimal Opportunity Management (OOM)**, and **Quality Hunt Management (QHM)**. The Department regularly monitors herd demographics through aerial classification surveys, and harvest licenses are allocated in a sustainable fashion based upon population estimates using herd specific demographic data, harvest, success, and hunter satisfaction ratings. Elk populations within **Secondary Management Zones (SMZ)** are not managed under specific Department goals and are more heavily influenced by hunting on private lands, where harvest licenses are available over-the-counter. The Department does not regularly survey elk demographics within SMZ, but does monitor harvest, success, and satisfaction ratings to determine population characteristics. **Special Management Zones (SpMZ)** are also areas of the state where populations are monitored through summarized harvest surveys, but elk hunt authorizations are issued to private landowners by the Department on a ranch-by-ranch basis through negotiations with regional wildlife biologists.

Composition surveys are flown annually throughout the state with a focus on Primary Management Zones' Herd Units to obtain ratio data (bull:cow, calf:cow, etc.) used in determining population trends. Hunter harvest surveys (mandatory for big game hunters since 2006), provide the Department with information regarding hunter success rates, harvest numbers, and hunter satisfaction, which are used in conjunction with herd ratio data to estimate population size and determine sustainable harvest limits. The Department monitors populations on an annual basis and adjusts licenses and management objectives as necessary on a four-year rule cycle with additional consideration from both public and internal input.

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PRIMARY MANAGEMENT ZONES

NORTHWEST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 2	Public	REG	ELK-2-100	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	120	109	91%	23%	19	6	3.73	7.67
		REG	ELK-2-101	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	120	110	92%	26%	27	1	3.94	6.01
		REG	ELK-3-102	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	125	118	94%	37%	44	0	3.56	3.93
		REG	ELK-1-103	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	75	69	92%	60%	41	0	4.25	3.24
		REG	ELK-1-104	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	100	94	94%	58%	0	52	3.98	2.70
		YOUTH	ELK-1-105	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	50	44	88%	40%	0	18	4.10	2.55
		REG	ELK-1-106	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	50	48	96%	67%	1	31	3.83	2.91
	Private	REG				MB	33	24	73%	92%	30	0	4.46	3.13
		REG				A	54	40	74%	78%	0	42	4.53	2.25
		REG				ES	135	107	79%	40%	35	15	3.58	4.43
		Jicarilla/San Juan Herd Unit Totals					**862**	**763**	**89%**	**52%**	**198**	**165**	**4.00**	**3.88**
GMU 5A	Public	REG	ELK-2-107	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	50%	3	0	4.00	7.00
		REG	ELK-2-108	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	3.75	5.00
		REG	ELK-1-109	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	10	9	90%	29%	2	0	3.14	2.71
		REG	ELK-1-110	rifle	Oct 8-12	A	10	6	60%	20%	0	2	3.00	2.40
		REG	ELK-1-111	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	10	9	90%	14%	1	0	3.29	4.00
		REG	ELK-1-112	rifle	Oct 15-19	A	10	5	50%	25%	0	2	3.25	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-113	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	10	9	90%	80%	4	0	4.40	2.60
		REG	ELK-1-114	rifle	Oct 22-26	A	10	10	100%	25%	0	2	2.75	2.88
		REG	ELK-1-115	rifle	Oct 29 - Nov 2	MB	10	7	70%	86%	9	0	4.71	2.29
		REG	ELK-1-116	rifle	Oct 29 - Nov 2	A	10	8	80%	13%	0	1	3.00	3.00
	Private	REG				MB	216	120	56%	71%	148	0	4.50	3.40
		REG				A	218	126	58%	74%	0	157	4.44	2.76
		REG				ES	60	37	62%	42%	21	3	4.14	5.58
		Lindrith Herd Unit Totals					**584**	**355**	**61%**	**62%**	**188**	**168**	**4.25**	**3.38**
GMU 9	Public	MARQUEZ WMA	ELK-2-117	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	2.25	7.00
		MARQUEZ WMA	ELK-2-118	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	3.25	5.50
		REG	ELK-2-122	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	117	109	93%	9%	9	1	2.83	6.93
		REG	ELK-2-123	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	117	111	95%	7%	7	0	2.67	5.92
		MARQUEZ WMA	ELK-3-119	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	4	4	100%	0%	0	0	4.00	2.50
		MARQUEZ WMA	ELK-3-120	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	MB	5	5	100%	25%	1	0	4.50	4.00
		MARQUEZ WMA	ELK-3-121	muzzleloader	Oct 22-26	MB	5	5	100%	25%	1	0	4.25	3.25
		MIP	ELK-3-124	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	ES	30	26	87%	29%	5	2	2.57	3.24
		REG	ELK-3-125	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	MB	50	46	92%	10%	4	0	2.46	4.10
		REG	ELK-3-126	muzzleloader	Oct 22-26	MB	50	45	90%	18%	7	0	3.03	3.34
		REG	ELK-3-127	muzzleloader	Oct 29 - Nov 2	MB	30	27	90%	18%	4	0	3.09	3.77
	Private	REG				MB	64	45	70%	80%	51	0	4.40	2.84
		REG				A	4	4	100%	33%	0	1	4.33	3.00
		REG				ES	88	54	61%	34%	29	0	3.70	4.98
		Mt. Taylor Herd Unit Totals					**574**	**490**	**85%**	**22%**	**119**	**4**	**3.09**	**5.01**
GMU 10	Public	REG	ELK-2-128	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	107	86%	8%	9	0	3.40	7.10
		REG	ELK-2-129	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	125	112	90%	7%	7	1	3.45	6.21
		REG	ELK-3-130	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	70	62	89%	11%	7	0	3.39	3.81
		REG	ELK-1-131	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	70	58	83%	20%	12	0	3.21	3.73
		YOUTH	ELK-1-132	rifle	Nov 12-16	A	120	115	96%	18%	0	19	3.36	3.54
		REG	ELK-1-133	rifle	Dec 17-21	A	100	91	91%	9%	0	8	3.03	3.64
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-506	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	35	33	94%	40%	3	10	3.13	3.47
	Private	REG				MB	72	43	60%	38%	27	0	3.74	3.86
		REG				A	88	59	67%	46%	0	36	3.46	3.31
		REG				ES	137	94	69%	30%	36	1	3.67	5.95
		Zuni Herd Unit Totals					**942**	**774**	**82%**	**19%**	**101**	**74**	**3.39**	**4.76**
Northwest Region Totals							**2962**	**2382**	**80%**	**39%**	**606**	**412**	**3.68**	**4.26**

Jicarilla/San Juan Herd Unit (GMU 2)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
2,300-2,900	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
140-200	**180-220**

Lindrith Herd Unit (GMU 5A)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
2,200-2,500	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
140-180	**170-200**

Mt. Taylot Herd Unit (GMU 9)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,000-2,100	26:100:28
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
40-100	**0**

Zuni Herd Unit (GMU 10)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,500-1,800	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
110-150	**140-160**

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

	Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 4	Public	SARGENT WMA	ELK-2-134	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	9	90%	56%	6	0	4.56	5.11
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-2-135	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	10	100%	30%	3	0	4.40	6.00
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-2-142	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	10	100%	0%	0	0	3.80	8.20
		HUM /RIO WMA	ELK-2-143	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	10	100%	44%	4	0	3.33	6.33
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-136	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB/A	10	10	100%	70%	7	0	4.70	2.70
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-137	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB/A	10	10	100%	90%	9	0	4.10	2.90
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-138	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB/A	10	8	80%	86%	8	0	4.43	2.43
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-139	rifle	Oct 29 - Nov 2	MB/A	10	10	100%	50%	4	0	4.13	2.50
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-140	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	10	10	100%	63%	0	5	4.38	2.00
		SARGENT YOUTH	ELK-1-141	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	10	9	90%	71%	0	6	4.43	3.00
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-144	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB/A	15	14	93%	31%	3	1	4.38	2.92
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-145	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB/A	15	14	93%	71%	8	3	4.07	3.00
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-146	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	10	7	70%	0%	0	0	3.71	3.71
		HUM / RIO YOUTH	ELK-1-147	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	15	13	87%	55%	0	7	4.18	2.36
		RIO CHAMA WMA	ELK-1-148	rifle	Nov 12-16	A	15	13	87%	60%	1	6	4.10	2.90
	Private	REG				MB/A	992	577	58%	69%	585	88	4.37	3.60
		REG				A	547	353	65%	65%	5	338	4.21	3.07
		REG				ES	410	225	55%	31%	93	26	4.06	4.99
	GMU 4 Totals						**2119**	**1312**	**62%**	**60%**	**734**	**479**	**4.25**	**3.71**
GMU 5B	Public	REG	ELK-2-149	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	76	71	93%	18%	10	3	3.68	8.69
		REG	ELK-2-150	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	70	93%	32%	23	0	4.17	6.28
		REG	ELK-1-151	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	86	79	92%	34%	25	0	3.72	3.43
		REG	ELK-1-152	rifle	Oct 15-19	A	59	54	92%	17%	1	9	3.48	3.70
		REG	ELK-1-153	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	86	70	81%	14%	10	0	3.12	4.12
		REG	ELK-1-154	rifle	Oct 29 - Nov 2	A	59	52	88%	26%	0	12	3.40	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-155	rifle	Nov 5-9	MB	87	78	90%	26%	21	0	3.42	4.22
		REG	ELK-1-156	rifle	Nov 12-16	A	59	53	90%	24%	1	11	3.47	3.44
		REG	ELK-1-157	rifle	Dec 17-21	MB	87	80	92%	46%	38	0	3.58	3.50
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-501	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	20	20	100%	47%	0	9	4.00	3.16
	Private	REG				MB	21	10	48%	60%	13	0	3.80	3.70
		REG				A	9	7	78%	71%	0	6	3.86	3.14
		REG				ES	8	7	88%	33%	2	0	3.33	6.50
	GMU 5B Totals						**732**	**651**	**89%**	**29%**	**143**	**51**	**3.60**	**4.59**
GMU 50	Public	REG	ELK-2-158	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	60	55	92%	13%	7	0	2.93	7.28
		REG	ELK-2-159	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	55	46	84%	18%	7	1	2.82	5.69
		REG	ELK-1-160	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	120	101	84%	22%	23	0	3.12	3.81
		REG	ELK-1-161	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	125	107	86%	12%	13	0	2.93	4.06
		REG	ELK-1-162	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	42	38	90%	17%	0	6	2.83	3.60
		REG	ELK-1-163	rifle	Nov 19-23	A	45	38	84%	54%	0	23	3.69	3.34
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-525	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	60	59	98%	40%	0	22	3.25	3.05
	Private	REG				MB	91	47	52%	30%	27	0	3.46	4.17
		REG				A	34	26	76%	71%	0	22	4.04	3.00
		REG				ES	94	69	73%	41%	20	15	3.41	4.52
	GMU 50 Totals						**726**	**586**	**81%**	**28%**	**97**	**89**	**3.19**	**4.27**
GMU 51	Public	REG	ELK-2-164	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	180	154	86%	20%	28	5	3.74	7.14
		REG	ELK-2-165	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	180	171	95%	37%	48	14	3.93	6.06
		REG	ELK-3-172	muzzleloader	Dec 3-7	ES	145	135	93%	32%	23	21	3.56	3.56
		REG	ELK-1-166	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	220	193	88%	34%	71	0	3.64	3.71
		REG	ELK-1-167	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	220	195	89%	26%	51	0	3.41	3.81
		REG	ELK-1-168	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	220	186	85%	21%	40	0	3.54	3.75
		REG	ELK-1-169	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	251	220	88%	27%	1	60	3.64	3.48
		REG	ELK-1-170	rifle	Nov 12-16	A	251	222	88%	23%	1	52	3.50	3.48
		REG	ELK-1-171	rifle	Nov 19-23	A	253	227	90%	33%	0	75	3.57	3.66
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-526	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	75	72	96%	33%	0	24	3.45	3.28
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-527	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	74	99%	45%	0	30	3.64	3.01
	Private	REG				MB	153	87	57%	62%	91	0	3.93	3.50
		REG				A	156	118	76%	60%	0	90	4.01	3.03
		REG				ES	101	72	71%	54%	43	8	4.03	5.53
	GMU 51 Totals						**2480**	**2126**	**86%**	**33%**	**398**	**380**	**3.35**	**4.08**
GMU 52	Public	REG	ELK-2-173	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	230	208	90%	28%	34	23	3.88	6.65
		REG	ELK-2-174	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	230	216	94%	15%	24	6	3.87	6.47
		MIP	ELK-3-175	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	50	44	88%	31%	13	0	3.09	3.94
		REG	ELK-3-176	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	120	112	93%	36%	35	1	3.98	3.88
		REG	ELK-3-177	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	A	50	44	88%	34%	0	15	3.72	3.39
		REG	ELK-1-178	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	230	188	82%	23%	49	0	3.64	3.94
		REG	ELK-1-179	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	230	185	80%	23%	47	0	3.56	3.77
		YOUTH	ELK-1-180	rifle	Nov 12-16	A	80	72	90%	44%	0	31	3.84	2.79
		MIP	ELK-1-181	rifle	Nov 19-23	A	56	53	95%	48%	0	22	3.25	2.89
		REG	ELK-1-182	rifle	Nov 19-23	A	73	59	81%	33%	1	21	3.72	3.31
		REG	ELK-1-183	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	115	107	93%	66%	1	67	4.08	2.65
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-528	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	50	48	96%	45%	0	21	3.86	2.86
	Private	REG				MB	56	35	63%	44%	24	0	3.62	3.74
		REG				A	31	25	81%	67%	0	20	4.08	3.08
		REG				ES	40	30	75%	47%	19	0	3.93	6.47
	GMU 52 Totals						**1641**	**1426**	**87%**	**32%**	**248**	**227**	**3.77**	**4.47**
North Central Region (Chama / San Antonio Herd Unit) Totals							**7698**	**6101**	**79%**	**36%**	**1620**	**1225**	**3.63**	**4.22**

Chama / San Antonio Herd Unit (GMU's 4,5B,50,51,52)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
25,300-29,000	38:100:35
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
1690-2200	**2070-2370**

JEMEZ REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 6A	Public	REG	ELK-2-184	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	150	138	92%	38%	48	4	4.19	6.91
		REG	ELK-2-185	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	102	94	92%	42%	38	2	4.31	5.97
		REG	ELK-3-186	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	104	94	90%	30%	28	0	3.83	3.87
		REG	ELK-1-187	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	100	87	87%	43%	39	1	3.85	3.51
		REG	ELK-1-188	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	103	81	79%	33%	32	0	3.63	3.41
		REG	ELK-1-189	rifle	Oct 29 - Nov 2	A	99	85	86%	43%	1	40	3.98	3.09
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-502	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	50	48	96%	49%	1	23	3.64	2.94
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-503	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	50	48	96%	57%	0	26	3.93	2.68
	Private	REG				MB	52	39	75%	67%	33	1	4.23	3.38
		REG				A	16	11	69%	73%	0	12	4.55	3.91
		REG				ES	41	31	76%	67%	25	1	4.70	5.30
		GMU 6A Totals					**867**	**756**	**87%**	**43%**	**245**	**111**	**4.02**	**4.40**
GMU 6B	Public	REG	ELK-2-190	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	24	96%	63%	16	0	4.75	7.38
		REG	ELK-2-191	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	25	100%	67%	16	0	4.63	4.29
		REG	ELK-3-192	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	ES	15	15	100%	73%	11	0	4.67	2.67
		REG	ELK-1-193	rifle	Oct 15-19	ES	15	13	87%	62%	9	0	4.54	3.69
		REG	ELK-1-194	rifle	Oct 22-26	ES	20	20	100%	78%	14	0	4.61	2.28
		YOUTH	ELK-1-195	rifle	Oct 29 - Nov 2	A	30	27	90%	58%	0	16	3.88	3.29
		REG	ELK-1-196	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	35	31	89%	33%	1	10	4.10	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-197	rifle	Nov 19-23	A	35	32	91%	43%	1	10	3.87	2.52
		YOUTH	ELK-1-198	rifle	Nov 26-30	A	30	27	90%	41%	0	12	4.41	2.48
		REG	ELK-1-199	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	35	32	91%	57%	0	18	4.29	2.82
		GMU 6B Totals					**265**	**246**	**93%**	**55%**	**68**	**65**	**4.34**	**3.46**
GMU 6C	Public	REG	ELK-2-201	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	150	143	95%	30%	34	8	3.85	6.89
		REG	ELK-2-202	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	105	99	94%	21%	17	2	3.98	5.95
		REG	ELK-3-203	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	155	143	92%	35%	50	0	3.55	3.77
		REG	ELK-1-204	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	105	90	86%	35%	32	0	3.76	3.42
		REG	ELK-1-205	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	105	92	88%	32%	30	0	3.63	3.06
		REG	ELK-1-206	rifle	Oct 29 - Nov 2	A	110	100	91%	22%	0	22	3.62	3.38
		REG	ELK-1-207	rifle	Nov 26-30	A	110	98	89%	31%	0	31	3.13	3.49
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-504	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	50	45	90%	29%	0	13	3.19	3.05
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-505	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	50	44	88%	31%	0	14	3.59	3.21
	Private	REG				MB	63	45	71%	70%	42	0	4.00	3.93
		REG				A	40	32	80%	36%	0	13	3.71	3.00
		REG				ES	44	42	95%	44%	19	0	3.85	6.41
		GMU 6C Totals					**1087**	**973**	**90%**	**33%**	**222**	**103**	**3.65**	**4.33**
GMU 7	Public	REG	ELK-2-208	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	12	80%	27%	4	0	3.64	8.09
		REG	ELK-2-209	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	14	13	93%	0%	0	0	3.42	8.08
		REG	ELK-3-210	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	24	24	100%	39%	9	0	3.74	3.61
		REG	ELK-1-211	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	30	26	87%	12%	3	0	3.68	3.84
		REG	ELK-1-212	rifle	Oct 22-26	A	50	47	94%	16%	0	7	3.40	3.91
	Private	REG				MB	14	9	64%	56%	8	0	3.67	3.44
		REG				A	30	19	63%	47%	0	13	3.53	2.65
		REG				ES	93	47	51%	42%	30	6	3.16	4.28
		GMU 7 Totals					**270**	**197**	**73%**	**29%**	**54**	**26**	**3.46**	**4.33**
		Jemez Region Totals					**2489**	**2172**	**87%**	**40%**	**589**	**305**	**3.87**	**4.13**

Jemez Mountains Herd Unit (GMU 6A-C, 7)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
6,100-7,100	48:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
360-475	**440-510**

SOUTHWEST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 12	Public	REG	ELK-2-213	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	36	34	94%	60%	15	1	3.80	6.24
		REG	ELK-2-214	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	35	32	91%	33%	11	0	3.60	6.43
		REG	ELK-2-222	archery	Dec 10-14	APRE/6	24	21	88%	5%	1	0	2.63	4.00
		REG	ELK-1-215	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	35	31	89%	45%	15	0	3.62	3.41
		REG	ELK-1-216	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	60	54	90%	39%	22	0	3.57	3.61
		REG	ELK-1-217	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	80	68	85%	40%	28	1	3.84	3.61
		REG	ELK-1-218	rifle	Nov 5-9	MB	80	73	91%	39%	26	0	3.59	3.25
		REG	ELK-1-219	rifle	Nov 19-23	A	60	53	88%	45%	0	23	4.00	3.09
		REG	ELK-1-220	rifle	Nov 26-30	A	60	46	77%	51%	0	27	3.88	2.88
		REG	ELK-1-221	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	64	56	88%	43%	0	25	3.65	2.92
	Private	REG				MB	230	131	57%	56%	125	0	3.95	3.69
		REG				A	322	245	76%	87%	0	277	4.76	1.97
		REG				ES	234	197	84%	56%	128	0	4.47	4.59
		Fence Lake Herd Totals					**1320**	**1041**	**79%**	**57%**	**371**	**355**	**4.14**	**3.45**

Fence Lake Herd Unit (GMU 12)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
4,000-5,900	41:100:46
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
320-550	**400-590**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 13	Public	REG	ELK-2-223	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	190	171	90%	17%	27	3	3.55	7.50
		REG	ELK-2-224	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	138	129	93%	20%	24	1	4.07	6.77
		YOUTH	ELK-3-225	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	ES	30	28	93%	54%	14	2	3.71	3.54
		REG	ELK-3-226	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	MB	80	77	96%	21%	16	0	3.44	4.09
		REG	ELK-3-227	muzzleloader	Oct 22-26	MB	117	108	92%	36%	39	0	3.48	3.89
		REG	ELK-3-228	muzzleloader	Nov 19-23	MB	117	106	91%	19%	20	0	3.30	3.86
		REG	ELK-3-229	muzzleloader	Dec 3-7	A	110	102	93%	22%	0	19	3.39	3.15
		REG	ELK-3-230	muzzleloader	Dec 10-14	A	108	99	92%	33%	0	29	3.78	3.31
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-507	muzzleloader	Nov 25-29	A	59	58	98%	20%	0	10	3.32	3.20
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-508	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	60	57	95%	35%	1	16	3.41	3.15
	Private	REG				MB	101	54	53%	52%	51	0	4.00	4.06
		REG				A	84	55	65%	53%	0	40	3.78	3.00
		REG				ES	226	146	65%	43%	90	3	3.93	5.26
		Datil Herd Unit Totals					**1420**	**1190**	**84%**	**30%**	**280**	**124**	**3.65**	**4.73**

Datil Herd Unit (GMU 13)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
3,000-3,900	40:100:37
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
210-310	**250-330**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 15	Public	REG	ELK-2-231	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	352	323	92%	25%	65	14	4.00	7.99
		REG	ELK-2-232	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	250	238	95%	25%	58	1	3.92	6.73
		YOUTH	ELK-3-233	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	ES	25	21	84%	70%	15	1	4.20	2.75
		REG	ELK-3-234	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	MB	200	188	94%	29%	54	0	3.88	3.97
		REG	ELK-3-235	muzzleloader	Oct 22-26	MB	245	229	93%	29%	63	0	3.79	3.74
		REG	ELK-3-236	muzzleloader	Nov 19-23	MB	251	226	90%	20%	46	0	3.41	4.12
		REG	ELK-3-237	muzzleloader	Dec 3-7	A	250	227	91%	30%	0	62	3.40	3.35
		REG	ELK-3-238	muzzleloader	Dec 10-14	A	250	236	94%	31%	0	68	3.54	3.22
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-509	muzzleloader	Nov 25-29	A	74	73	99%	69%	0	47	4.13	2.58
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-510	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	75	68	91%	51%	0	35	4.00	2.78
	Private	REG				MB	163	89	55%	44%	70	0	3.74	4.25
		REG				A	135	98	73%	54%	0	68	4.10	3.03
		REG				ES	186	133	72%	44%	78	1	4.23	5.74
		GMU 15 Totals					**2456**	**2149**	**88%**	**33%**	**449**	**297**	**3.80**	**4.74**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16A	Public	REG	ELK-2-239	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	250	235	94%	12%	24	4	3.45	7.97
		REG	ELK-2-240	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	150	139	93%	22%	29	2	3.92	6.60
		MIP	ELK-1-241	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	25	25	100%	50%	12	0	3.50	3.13
		REG	ELK-1-242	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	75	72	96%	41%	29	0	3.64	4.14
		REG	ELK-1-243	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	125	109	87%	38%	45	0	3.82	3.58
		REG	ELK-1-244	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	75	68	91%	26%	0	17	3.28	3.16
		REG	ELK-1-245	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	75	66	88%	34%	0	23	3.26	3.12
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-511	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	75	74	99%	55%	0	36	3.58	2.88
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-512	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	72	96%	27%	0	18	2.84	3.05
	Private	REG				MB	7	5	71%	40%	3	0	4.80	4.40
		REG				A	3	3	100%	33%	0	1	3.00	2.33
		REG				ES	12	10	83%	67%	7	0	4.56	5.78
		GMU 16A Totals					**947**	**878**	**93%**	**29%**	**149**	**101**	**3.55**	**5.17**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16B/22	Public	REG	ELK-2-246	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	224	209	93%	16%	27	5	3.40	7.32
		REG	ELK-2-247	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	165	154	93%	15%	21	2	3.37	6.63
		REG	ELK-1-248	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	25	23	92%	55%	13	0	3.77	3.36
		REG	ELK-1-249	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	135	117	87%	18%	21	0	3.10	3.79
		REG	ELK-1-250	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	160	130	81%	17%	21	0	3.17	3.62
	Private	16B REG				MB	3	3	100%	33%	1	0	4.67	5.00
		16B REG				ES	4	3	75%	33%	1	0	3.33	6.67
		22 REG				A	4	4	100%	0%	0	0	1.75	3.50
		22 REG				ES	19	5	26%	40%	8	0	4.60	4.80
		GMU 16B/22 Totals					**739**	**648**	**88%**	**25%**	**113**	**8**	**3.55**	**5.24**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16C	Public	REG	ELK-2-251	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	144	130	90%	12%	13	1	2.68	7.19
		REG	ELK-2-252	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	100	91	91%	12%	11	0	2.95	7.02
		YOUTH	ELK-1-253	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	25	23	92%	33%	7	1	3.29	3.38
		REG	ELK-1-254	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	50	45	90%	33%	14	0	2.79	3.62
		REG	ELK-1-255	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	91	81	89%	16%	12	0	3.32	3.65
		REG	ELK-1-256	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	50	41	82%	14%	0	6	2.51	3.51
		REG	ELK-1-257	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	48	42	88%	22%	0	9	3.44	3.17
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-513	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	75	68	91%	26%	0	17	3.29	3.28
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-514	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	68	91%	40%	0	20	3.24	2.69
	Private	REG				MB	30	18	60%	39%	12	0	3.61	3.67
		REG				A	19	11	58%	89%	0	14	4.33	3.22
		REG				ES	49	36	73%	14%	7	0	3.61	6.14
		GMU 16C Totals					**756**	**654**	**87%**	**21%**	**76**	**68**	**3.09**	**4.85**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16D	Public	REG	ELK-2-258	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	90	89	99%	36%	27	2	4.12	7.26
		REG	ELK-2-259	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	61	60	98%	33%	20	0	4.32	6.90
		MIP	ELK-1-260	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	25	24	96%	63%	16	0	4.08	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-261	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	55	54	98%	47%	25	0	3.85	3.09
		REG	ELK-1-262	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	50	46	92%	50%	25	0	3.78	3.41
		REG	ELK-1-263	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	50	46	92%	43%	0	18	3.85	3.23
		REG	ELK-1-264	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	50	46	92%	34%	1	14	3.32	2.88
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-515	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	75	74	99%	54%	0	34	3.94	2.60
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-516	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	71	95%	46%	1	27	3.32	2.93
	Private	REG				MB	16	12	75%	75%	12	0	4.25	3.17
		REG				A	16	14	88%	31%	0	5	3.85	3.38
		REG				ES	22	11	50%	64%	14	0	4.09	5.91
		GMU 16D Totals					**585**	**547**	**94%**	**45%**	**142**	**101**	**3.87**	**4.23**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16E	Public	REG	ELK-2-265	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	90	83	92%	23%	17	1	3.61	6.69
		REG	ELK-2-266	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	54	90%	17%	9	1	3.65	6.63
		REG	ELK-3-268	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	MB	70	64	91%	24%	16	0	3.31	3.74
		YOUTH	ELK-1-267	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	25	23	92%	70%	13	2	3.35	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-269	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	70	57	81%	39%	26	0	3.35	3.24
		REG	ELK-1-270	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	75	67	89%	32%	0	18	3.30	2.40
		REG	ELK-1-271	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	75	67	89%	40%	0	26	3.53	2.81
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-517	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	74	69	93%	34%	0	23	3.18	3.15
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-518	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	72	96%	25%	0	14	2.94	3.19
	Private	REG				MB	60	31	52%	43%	25	0	3.27	3.97
		REG				A	50	27	54%	38%	0	19	3.92	2.65
		REG				ES	74	42	57%	38%	26	0	3.95	5.28
		GMU 16E Totals					**798**	**656**	**82%**	**32%**	**133**	**103**	**3.42**	**4.05**
		Greater Gila Herd Unit Totals					**6281**	**5532**	**88%**	**31%**	**1063**	**676**	**3.55**	**4.04**

Greater Gila Herd Unit (GMU 15, 16A-E)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
21,200-23,300	33:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
1100-1400	**1300-1400**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 17	Public	REG	ELK-2-272	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	107	86%	26%	30	0	3.59	7.71
		REG	ELK-2-273	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	73	97%	22%	12	2	3.83	6.30
		YOUTH	ELK-3-274	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	ES	25	24	96%	52%	10	2	4.00	3.04
		REG	ELK-3-275	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	MB	100	94	94%	26%	23	0	3.35	3.46
		REG	ELK-3-276	muzzleloader	Oct 22-26	MB	100	88	88%	30%	28	0	3.59	3.77
		REG	ELK-3-277	muzzleloader	Nov 19-23	MB	25	22	88%	37%	8	0	3.53	3.37
		REG	ELK-3-278	muzzleloader	Nov 19-23	A	25	22	88%	30%	0	7	3.30	3.05
		REG	ELK-3-279	muzzleloader	Dec 3-7	A	100	90	90%	27%	2	21	3.38	3.45
		REG	ELK-3-280	muzzleloader	Dec 10-14	A	100	94	94%	25%	0	22	3.25	3.39
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-519	muzzleloader	Nov 25-29	A	60	60	100%	17%	1	7	2.64	3.49
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-520	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	59	58	98%	21%	0	8	2.88	2.85
	Private	REG				MB	41	25	61%	39%	15	0	3.17	3.83
		REG				A	36	33	92%	68%	0	23	3.68	2.35
		REG				ES	39	28	72%	44%	15	1	3.41	5.26
		San Mateo Herd Unit Totals					**910**	**818**	**90%**	**29%**	**146**	**94**	**3.40**	**4.29**

San Mateo Herd Unit (GMU 17)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,600-2,400	51:100:38
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
110-180	**130-200**

GMU 21A	Public	REG	ELK-2-281	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	50	46	92%	16%	7	0	4.11	6.11
		REG	ELK-2-282	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	50	48	96%	23%	9	1	3.48	6.23
		REG	ELK-2-287	archery	Dec 17-21	MB	15	15	100%	9%	1	0	2.91	3.36
		REG	ELK-1-283	rifle	Oct 9-13	MB	15	14	93%	38%	5	0	3.38	3.54
		REG	ELK-1-284	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	35	31	89%	23%	7	0	3.62	3.62
		REG	ELK-1-285	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	55	53	96%	28%	15	0	3.16	3.48
		REG	ELK-1-286	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	30	30	100%	30%	0	8	3.00	3.67
	Private	REG				MB	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	4.00	2.00
		REG				A	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	1.00	1.00
		REG				ES	2	2	100%	0%	0	0	5.00	5.00
		GMU 21A Totals					**255**	**242**	**95%**	**24%**	**45**	**9**	**3.44**	**4.53**

GMU 21B	Public	REG	ELK-2-288	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	23	92%	48%	9	2	3.38	6.00
		REG	ELK-2-289	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	23	92%	38%	9	0	3.95	6.33
		REG	ELK-2-297	archery	Dec 17-21	MB	15	13	87%	0%	0	0	1.78	4.22
		REG	ELK-1-290	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	10	7	70%	17%	1	0	2.33	2.17
		REG	ELK-1-291	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	15	15	100%	40%	6	0	3.13	3.47
		REG	ELK-1-292	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	25	24	96%	38%	8	0	3.76	3.33
		REG	ELK-1-293	rifle	Nov 19-23	A	15	13	87%	33%	0	5	2.83	3.08
		REG	ELK-1-294	rifle	Nov 26-30	A	15	11	73%	0%	0	0	2.50	3.50
		REG	ELK-1-295	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	15	15	100%	15%	0	2	2.69	4.08
		REG	ELK-1-296	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	20	17	85%	31%	0	6	3.50	3.06
	Private	REG				MB	42	25	60%	88%	35	0	3.54	2.63
		REG				A	47	24	51%	50%	0	24	3.58	1.96
		REG				ES	108	63	58%	55%	45	10	4.08	4.58
		GMU 21B Totals					**377**	**273**	**72%**	**44%**	**113**	**48**	**3.48**	**3.93**

GMU 23	Public	REG	ELK-2-298	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	120	96%	25%	27	2	3.38	7.58
		REG	ELK-2-299	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	69	92%	23%	13	2	3.44	6.56
		REG	ELK-2-304	archery	Dec 17-21	MB	15	14	93%	14%	1	0	3.57	4.43
		REG	ELK-3-301	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	MB	74	70	95%	16%	11	0	3.02	4.02
		YOUTH	ELK-1-300	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	25	24	96%	63%	14	2	3.92	3.04
		REG	ELK-1-302	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	75	68	91%	32%	21	1	3.14	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-303	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	20	19	95%	56%	0	9	3.71	3.00
	Private	REG				MB	3	1	33%	100%	3	0	5.00	1.00
		REG				A	3	1	33%	100%	0	3	5.00	1.00
		REG				ES	28	14	50%	54%	14	0	4.00	5.46
		GMU 23 Totals					**443**	**400**	**90%**	**29%**	**103**	**20**	**3.37**	**5.40**

GMU 24	Public	REG	ELK-2-305	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	13	87%	11%	1	0	3.44	6.56
		REG	ELK-2-306	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	10	100%	25%	2	0	3.88	4.75
		REG	ELK-3-307	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	MB	15	14	93%	8%	1	0	2.83	3.50
		REG	ELK-1-308	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	15	14	93%	15%	2	0	3.08	3.31
		YOUTH FT BAYARD	ELK-1-309	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	5	5	100%	40%	1	1	4.40	3.40
		YOUTH FT BAYARD	ELK-1-310	rifle	Oct 22-26	A	5	4	80%	50%	0	3	3.75	2.25
	Private	REG				MB	0	0	0%	0%	0	0	N/A	N/A
		REG				A	7	4	57%	25%	0	2	3.00	2.75
		REG				ES	33	22	67%	59%	15	5	4.45	3.23
		GMU 24 Totals					**105**	**86**	**82%**	**31%**	**22**	**10**	**3.67**	**3.77**
		Lesser Gila Herd Unit Totals					**1180**	**1001**	**85%**	**32%**	**283**	**87**	**3.49**	**4.41**
		Southwest Region Totals					**9791**	**8541**	**87%**	**30%**	**1772**	**982**	**3.52**	**4.37**

Lesser Gila Herd Unit (GMU 21A-B, 23, 24)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,300-4,400	33:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
80-280	**70-280**
1820-2720	**2150-2800**

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 34	Public	REG	ELK-2-311	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	200	188	94%	43%	79	4	3.98	6.79
		REG	ELK-2-312	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	200	191	96%	51%	93	5	4.39	5.85
		REG	ELK-2-321	archery	Dec 17-21	APRE/6/A	201	186	93%	13%	8	16	3.57	3.89
		REG	ELK-3-316	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	ES	250	211	84%	50%	89	30	3.89	3.69
		YOUTH	ELK-1-313	rifle	Oct 8-12	A	75	73	97%	72%	49	3	4.25	2.90
		YOUTH	ELK-1-314	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	120	112	93%	66%	1	73	4.15	3.21
		MIP	ELK-1-315	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	50	46	92%	67%	27	5	4.00	2.96
		REG	ELK-1-317	rifle	Oct 22-26	ES	150	135	90%	64%	79	13	4.15	3.02
		REG	ELK-1-318	rifle	Nov 26-30	A	350	304	87%	38%	2	115	3.62	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-319	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	350	315	90%	42%	2	127	3.72	3.14
		REG	ELK-1-320	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	350	315	90%	46%	3	142	3.72	2.94
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-521	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	80	78	98%	67%	0	49	3.89	2.53
	Private	REG				A	281	190	68%	63%	4	166	4.22	2.76
		REG				ES	541	323	60%	65%	305	33	4.21	4.01
	Sacramento Herd Unit Totals						**3198**	**2667**	**83%**	**50%**	**742**	**782**	**3.95**	**3.71**

Sacramento Herd Unit (GMU 34)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
7,400-8,600	52:100:39
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
500-660	**610-710**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 36	Public	REG	ELK-2-322	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	134	125	93%	45%	46	11	4.08	6.61
		REG	ELK-2-323	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	132	128	97%	36%	40	5	4.25	6.58
		REG	ELK-3-324	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	140	124	89%	50%	67	0	3.87	3.31
		REG	ELK-1-325	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	140	122	87%	64%	84	0	4.46	3.21
		REG	ELK-1-326	rifle	Oct 29 - Nov 2	MB	140	123	88%	50%	63	0	3.62	3.37
		REG	ELK-1-327	rifle	Nov 26-30	A	100	93	93%	46%	2	40	3.80	2.73
		REG	ELK-1-328	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	100	89	89%	59%	2	51	3.79	2.89
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-522	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	60	60	100%	59%	1	28	3.47	2.53
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-523	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	60	58	97%	62%	0	34	3.87	2.02
	Private	REG				MB	135	74	55%	75%	99	0	4.38	2.90
		REG				A	190	122	64%	84%	5	154	4.40	2.52
		REG				ES	288	146	51%	60%	142	20	4.24	4.22
	Ruidoso Herd Unit Totals						**1619**	**1264**	**78%**	**57%**	**550**	**342**	**4.06**	**3.81**
South Central Region Totals							**4817**	**3931**	**82%**	**54%**	**1292**	**1125**	**4.01**	**3.76**

Ruidoso Herd Unit (GMU 36)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
5,400-8,500	66:100:43
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
370-640	**450-690**
870-1300	**1060-1400**

NORTHEAST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 45	Public	REG	ELK-2-329	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	74	71	96%	32%	19	1	3.41	6.32
		REG	ELK-2-330	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	73	69	95%	30%	18	1	3.28	6.26
		REG	ELK-3-331	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	136	125	92%	27%	32	0	3.12	3.60
		REG	ELK-3-334	muzzleloader	Nov 12-16	A	49	46	94%	26%	0	11	3.13	3.41
		REG	ELK-1-332	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	140	105	75%	17%	21	0	3.11	3.94
		REG	ELK-1-333	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	140	115	82%	13%	17	0	2.95	3.82
	Private	REG				MB	38	28	74%	44%	15	0	3.28	3.76
		REG				A	26	23	88%	35%	0	8	3.00	3.35
		REG				ES	83	42	51%	21%	14	2	2.95	4.74
		Pecos Herd Unit Totals					**759**	**624**	**82%**	**24%**	**135**	**23**	**3.13**	**4.35**

Pecos Herd Unit (GMU 45)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,100-2,100	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
80-150	**90-160**

GMU 48	Public	REG	ELK-2-335	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	93	80	86%	22%	17	1	3.49	7.34
		REG	ELK-2-336	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	92	81	88%	17%	12	1	3.41	6.44
		REG	ELK-3-337	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	MB	50	36	72%	29%	13	0	3.61	3.32
		REG	ELK-1-338	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	74	63	85%	40%	27	0	3.51	3.53
		REG	ELK-1-339	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	50	41	82%	22%	10	0	3.53	3.31
		REG	ELK-1-340	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	50	43	86%	57%	0	24	3.81	2.68
		REG	ELK-1-341	rifle	Dec 3-7	A	54	50	93%	63%	0	32	4.06	2.73
	Private	REG				MB	92	34	37%	50%	46	0	3.85	3.94
		REG				A	68	32	47%	66%	0	45	3.78	2.84
		REG				ES	79	39	49%	21%	16	0	3.87	5.79
		White Peak Herd Unit Totals					**702**	**499**	**71%**	**36%**	**141**	**104**	**3.66**	**4.58**

Whites Peak Herd Unit (GMU 48)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,200-2000	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-140	**90-150**

GMU 49	Public	REG	ELK-2-342	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	60	52	87%	17%	7	2	3.13	7.52
		REG	ELK-2-343	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	59	58	98%	27%	14	1	3.71	6.47
		REG	ELK-1-344	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	77	69	90%	48%	33	0	3.98	3.23
		REG	ELK-1-345	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	76	63	83%	33%	22	0	3.64	3.42
		REG	ELK-1-346	rifle	Nov 5-9	A	77	68	88%	52%	1	37	3.74	2.64
		REG	ELK-1-347	rifle	Nov 12-16	A	77	71	92%	36%	0	26	3.56	3.38
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-524	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	50	49	98%	19%	0	9	3.35	3.13
	Private	REG				MB	8	6	75%	50%	4	0	3.50	2.50
		REG				A	14	11	79%	40%	0	5	3.90	2.70
		REG				ES	36	23	64%	35%	8	5	3.52	4.22
		Penasco Herd Unit Totals					**534**	**470**	**88%**	**35%**	**89**	**86**	**3.61**	**4.06**

Penasco Herd Unit (GMU 49)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,100-2,400	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-200	**40-100**

GMU 53	Public	REG	ELK-2-348	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	65	56	86%	7%	5	0	2.91	7.05
		REG	ELK-2-349	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	52	87%	9%	3	1	2.91	6.54
		REG	ELK-3-350	muzzleloader	Oct 8-12	ES	50	38	76%	21%	5	4	3.15	3.85
		REG	ELK-1-351	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	80	67	84%	5%	4	0	2.72	4.18
		REG	ELK-1-352	rifle	Oct 22-26	MB	131	114	87%	11%	11	1	3.28	3.93
		REG	ELK-1-353	rifle	Nov 12-16	A	94	75	80%	9%	1	6	2.81	3.84
		REG	ELK-1-354	rifle	Nov 19-23	A	94	83	88%	15%	0	11	2.91	4.02
		SUNSHINE RD N	ELK-1-355	rifle	Jan 7-22 '23	A	40	37	93%	3%	0	1	1.70	6.13
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-529	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	59	59	100%	6%	0	3	2.62	3.20
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-530	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	59	53	90%	8%	0	3	2.45	3.53
	Private	REG				MB	68	39	57%	20%	12	0	2.86	4.00
		REG				A	66	47	71%	29%	0	17	2.43	4.05
		REG				ES	74	53	72%	22%	15	0	2.78	5.94
		Ute Herd Unit Totals					**940**	**773**	**82%**	**12%**	**57**	**48**	**2.80**	**4.56**
		Northeast Region Totals					**2935**	**2366**	**81%**	**27%**	**423**	**260**	**3.30**	**4.39**

Ute Herd Unit (GMU 53)

popn. est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,400-2,900	34:100:24
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-160	**90-180**
290-650	**310-590**

Secondary Management Zones

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 14	Public	REG	ELK-1-356	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	10	10	100%	0%	0	0	2.29	4.29
	Private	REG				A	9	5	56%	25%	2	0	4.25	2.00
		REG				ES	32	19	59%	21%	7	0	3.16	6.32
		GMU 14 Totals					**51**	**34**	**67%**	**17%**	**9**	**0**	**3.10**	**5.27**
GMU 18	Public	REG	ELK-2-357	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	25	100%	9%	1	1	2.96	7.55
		REG	ELK-2-358	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	24	96%	33%	7	0	3.62	6.19
		REG	ELK-1-359	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	8	80%	38%	4	0	2.75	2.63
	Private	REG				A	7	4	57%	25%	0	2	2.50	3.25
		REG				ES	58	48	83%	42%	17	5	3.09	3.88
		GMU 18 Totals					**125**	**109**	**87%**	**32%**	**29**	**8**	**3.12**	**5.07**
GMU 28	Public	MIL	ELK-1-361	rifle	Dec 10-14	ES	10	9	90%	78%	8	0	4.78	2.22
		REG	ELK-1-362	rifle	Dec 10-14	ES	10	10	100%	80%	6	2	3.60	2.40
		GMU 28 Totals					**20**	**19**	**95%**	**79%**	**14**	**2**	**4.16**	**2.32**
GMU 30	Public	REG	ELK-2-363	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	8	80%	43%	4	0	3.86	8.43
		REG	ELK-2-364	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	9	90%	44%	4	0	4.22	5.44
		REG	ELK-1-365	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	10	100%	80%	8	0	4.60	2.40
		REG	ELK-1-366	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	20	16	80%	60%	10	1	3.93	2.20
	Private	REG				A	4	2	50%	0%	0	0	NA	NA
		REG				ES	43	33	77%	41%	12	5	3.56	3.47
		GMU 30 Totals					**97**	**78**	**80%**	**51%**	**38**	**6**	**3.89**	**3.78**
GMU 32	Private	REG				A	9	2	22%	100%	0	9	4.50	1.50
		REG				ES	81	34	42%	76%	62	0	4.50	2.76
		GMU 32 Totals					**90**	**36**	**40%**	**78%**	**62**	**9**	**4.50**	**2.69**
GMU 37	Public	REG	ELK-2-367	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	40	33	83%	43%	16	0	3.63	6.87
		REG	ELK-2-368	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	30	29	97%	25%	7	0	3.75	6.25
		REG	ELK-2-372	archery	Dec 3-7	APRE/6	50	48	96%	3%	1	0	3.15	4.03
		REG	ELK-3-369	muzzleloader	Oct 1-5	MB	30	30	100%	47%	14	0	3.60	4.37
		REG	ELK-1-370	rifle	Oct 15-19	MB	30	23	77%	45%	13	0	3.64	3.36
		REG	ELK-1-371	rifle	Nov 26-30	A	45	40	89%	26%	0	10	3.53	3.09
	Private	REG				A	57	37	65%	41%	0	23	3.78	2.89
		REG				ES	205	130	63%	59%	95	19	3.96	3.53
		GMU 37 Totals					**487**	**370**	**76%**	**41%**	**146**	**52**	**3.71**	**4.05**
GMU 38	Public	REG	ELK-1-373	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	9	90%	56%	6	0	3.89	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-374	rifle	Oct 8-12	ES	10	8	80%	25%	3	0	2.25	3.13
	Private	REG				A	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	3.00	1.00
		REG				ES	83	52	63%	39%	30	2	3.63	4.22
		GMU 38 Totals					**104**	**70**	**67%**	**39%**	**38**	**2**	**3.49**	**3.88**
GMU 42	Private	REG				A	46	13	28%	73%	0	28	4.09	2.55
		REG				ES	122	55	45%	58%	58	11	3.83	3.38
		GMU 42 Totals					**168**	**68**	**40%**	**61%**	**58**	**39**	**3.88**	**3.23**
GMU 43	Public	REG	ELK-1-378	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	30	28	93%	31%	8	1	3.08	3.58
	Private	REG				A	0	0	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
		REG				ES	11	3	27%	33%	4	0	4.33	4.00
		GMU 43 Totals					**41**	**31**	**76%**	**31%**	**12**	**1**	**3.21**	**3.62**
GMU 47	Private	REG				A	29	17	59%	75%	0	20	4.38	2.50
		REG				ES	110	36	33%	56%	46	12	4.06	2.85
		GMU 47 Totals					**139**	**53**	**38%**	**62%**	**46**	**33**	**4.16**	**2.74**
GMU 56	Public	REG	ELK-2-379	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	5	100%	25%	1	0	4.50	4.75
		REG	ELK-2-380	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	4	80%	50%	3	0	5.00	5.50
		REG	ELK-1-381	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	11	11	100%	100%	11	0	4.91	2.00
		REG	ELK-1-382	rifle	Oct 8-12	A	10	7	70%	50%	0	3	4.25	2.75
	Private	REG				A	152	88	58%	87%	2	130	4.56	2.03
		REG				ES	318	144	45%	67%	170	40	4.45	3.16
		GMU 56 Totals					**501**	**259**	**52%**	**75%**	**186**	**172**	**4.51**	**2.78**
GMU 57/58	Public	57 / SUGARITE	ELK-2-383	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	3	2	67%	0%	0	0	4.50	8.50
		57 / SUGARITE	ELK-2-384	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	2	2	100%	100%	1	1	4.00	3.50
		57 / 58	ELK-1-385	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	5	5	100%	60%	3	0	4.40	2.60
		57 / 58	ELK-1-386	rifle	Oct 8-12	MB	10	9	90%	63%	6	0	3.88	2.75
		57 / 58	ELK-1-387	rifle	Dec 10-14	A	10	6	60%	40%	0	3	4.40	3.60
	Private	57 REG				A	122	40	33%	84%	0	95	4.65	2.32
		57 REG				ES	254	93	37%	66%	139	22	4.27	3.96
		58 REG				A	50	29	58%	61%	2	28	3.86	2.25
		58 REG				ES	97	49	51%	65%	55	6	4.13	3.48
		GMU 57/58 Totals					**553**	**235**	**42%**	**62%**	**206**	**154**	**4.19**	**3.18**
GMU 59	Private	REG				A	12	6	50%	100%	0	12	4.33	1.50
		REG				ES	56	22	39%	52%	25	3	4.05	3.29
		GMU 59 Totals					**68**	**28**	**41%**	**63%**	**25**	**15**	**4.11**	**2.89**
GMU 42/47/59	Public	public	ELK-2-375	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	10	100%	20%	2	0	3.20	6.20
		public	ELK-2-376	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	8	80%	13%	1	0	3.63	5.75
		public	ELK-1-377	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	7	70%	50%	3	1	3.83	3.17
		GMU 42/47/59 Totals					**30**	**25**	**83%**	**25%**	**6**	**1**	**3.50**	**5.29**
		Secondary Management Zones Totals					**5872**	**3395**	**58%**	**51%**	**1769**	**1217**	**3.82**	**3.63**

Special Management Zones

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 46	Private	private				A	471	269	57%	44%	0	191	3.59	2.83
		private				ES	884	433	49%	44%	290	80	3.63	3.94
		GMU 46 Totals					**1355**	**702**	**52%**	**44%**	**290**	**270**	**3.62**	**3.52**
GMU 54	Public	COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-2-388	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	20	18	90%	0%	0	0	3.17	5.33
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-2-389	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	20	18	90%	7%	1	0	3.00	5.94
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-3-390	muzzleloader	Oct 9-13	MB	40	36	90%	4%	1	0	2.52	3.78
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-391	rifle	Oct 16-20	MB	40	35	88%	11%	3	0	2.64	3.25
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-392	rifle	Oct 23-27	MB	40	37	93%	7%	2	0	3.17	3.21
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-393	rifle	Nov 6-10	A	40	38	95%	27%	0	7	3.12	3.04
	Private	REG				A	129	74	57%	89%	2	113	4.66	1.88
		REG				ES	111	56	50%	60%	59	6	4.33	3.24
		GMU 54 Totals					**440**	**312**	**71%**	**42%**	**69**	**127**	**3.67**	**3.20**
GMU 55	Public	ES BARKER WMA	ELK-2-394	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	4.00	4.67
		ES BARKER WMA	ELK-2-395	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	3.25	7.50
		URRACA WMA	ELK-2-397	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	3.25	5.00
		URRACA WMA	ELK-2-398	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	4	80%	25%	1	0	3.25	4.00
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-2-404	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	26	23	88%	35%	9	0	4.00	8.57
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-2-405	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	23	92%	22%	5	0	4.39	7.22
		URRACA WMA	ELK-3-399	muzzleloader	Oct 9-13	MB	10	9	90%	25%	2	0	3.38	4.25
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-3-406	muzzleloader	Oct 9-13	MB	20	19	95%	82%	15	0	4.00	3.24
		ES BARKER WMA	ELK-1-396	rifle	Oct 9-13	MB	10	8	80%	43%	4	0	3.71	3.57
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-400	rifle	Oct 16-20	MB	10	9	90%	25%	2	0	2.63	3.13
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-401	rifle	Nov 6-10	MB	10	9	90%	14%	1	0	1.43	3.43
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-402	rifle	Nov 13-17	A	15	14	93%	0%	0	0	1.90	2.70
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-403	rifle	Nov 27 - Dec 1	A	15	14	93%	20%	0	2	2.70	3.20
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-407	rifle	Oct 16-20	MB	35	31	89%	68%	21	0	4.07	3.36
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-408	rifle	Oct 23-27	MB	40	39	98%	53%	21	0	3.92	3.74
		V VIDAL YOUTH	ELK-1-409	rifle	Oct 30 - Nov 3	MB	20	18	90%	53%	10	0	3.53	5.76
		V VIDAL YOUTH	ELK-1-410	rifle	Nov 6-10	A	35	33	94%	22%	1	5	4.00	3.52
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-411	rifle	Nov 13-17	A	40	37	93%	29%	0	11	3.53	3.21
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-412	rifle	Nov 20-24	A	45	39	87%	43%	1	14	3.80	3.03
	Private	55A REG				A	378	236	62%	59%	5	202	4.20	2.83
		55A REG				ES	712	317	45%	61%	377	40	4.46	3.79
		55B REG				A	61	38	62%	70%	0	42	4.43	1.89
		55B REG				ES	76	33	43%	94%	60	9	4.75	2.81
		GMU 55 Totals					**1603**	**966**	**60%**	**67%**	**536**	**325**	**4.34**	**3.01**
		Special Management Zones Totals					**3398**	**1980**	**58%**	**51%**	**895**	**722**	**3.88**	**3.24**

Special Authorizations

	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Enhancement Auctions/Raffle	ELK-1-5010		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.00	31.00
NonProfit	ELK-1-550		TBD	ES	2	1	50%	100%	2	0	5.00	5.00
Premium Statewide Draw Elk	ELK-1-700		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.00	6.00
Special Authorizations Totals					**4**	**3**	**75%**	**100%**	**4**	**0**	**5.00**	**14.00**

Population Management Hunts

	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9000	archery	Sept 10-14	ES	4	3	75%	0%	0	0	1.33	3.66
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9001	archery	Sept 10-14	ES	4	1	25%	0%	0	0	2.00	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9002	archery	Sept 17-21	ES	4	3	75%	0%	0	0	3.00	3.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9003	archery	Sept 17-21	ES	4	4	100%	25%	1	0	3.25	3.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9004	archery	Sept 24-28	ES	4	4	100%	0%	0	0	3.50	3.25
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9005	archery	Sept 24-28	ES	4	1	25%	0%	0	0	5.00	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9006	archery	Oct 1-5	ES	4	4	100%	0%	0	0	3.25	4.25
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9007	archery	Oct 1-5	ES	4	3	75%	0%	0	0	2.66	3.66
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9008	archery	Oct 8-12	ES	4	4	100%	0%	0	0	2.25	3.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9009	archery	Oct 8-12	ES	4	3	75%	0%	0	0	2.00	3.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9010	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	A	4	4	100%	25%	1	0	3.50	4.25
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9011	muzzleloader	Oct 15-19	A	4	1	25%	0%	0	0	4.00	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9012	muzzleloader	Oct 22-26	ES	4	4	100%	0%	0	0	2.50	4.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9013	muzzleloader	Oct 22-26	ES	4	3	75%	25%	0	1	3.00	3.33
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9014	muzzleloader	Nov 5-9	A	5	3	60%	20%	0	1	3.66	2.33
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9015	muzzleloader	Nov 5-9	A	5	1	20%	0%	0	0	3.00	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9016	muzzleloader	Nov 19-23	ES	5	3	60%	0%	0	0	1.66	3.33
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9017	muzzleloader	Nov 19-23	ES	5	4	80%	20%	0	1	3.75	3.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9018	muzzleloader	Dec 3-7	A	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	1.00	3.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9019	muzzleloader	Dec 3-7	A	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	1.00	2.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9020	muzzleloader	Dec 17-21	ES	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	1.00	2.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9021	muzzleloader	Dec 17-21	ES	5	1	20%	0%	0	0	4.00	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9022	muzzleloader	Dec 31-Jan 4 '23	A	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	2.50	2.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9023	muzzleloader	Dec 31-Jan 4 '23	A	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	4.50	4.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9024	muzzleloader	Jan 14-18 '23	ES	5	2	40%	20%	1	0	3.50	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9025	muzzleloader	Jan 14-18 '23	ES	5	4	80%	20%	1	0	3.25	3.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9026	muzzleloader	Jan 28-Feb 1 '23	A	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	3.50	3.25
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9027	muzzleloader	Jan 28-Feb 1 '23	A	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	5.00	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9028	muzzleloader	Feb 4-8 '23	ES	5	5	100%	20%	0	1	3.40	3.40
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9029	muzzleloader	Feb 4-8 '23	ES	5	4	80%	20%	1	0	3.75	4.75
Garcia pop. mgmt				A	17	16	27%	27%	0	5	3.13	2.53
Population Management Hunt Totals					**153**	**101**	**66%**	**7%**	**5**	**9**	**2.99**	**3.55**

STATEWIDE TOTALS

Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
38024	**30057**	**79%**	**39%**	**8975**	**6256**	**3.71**	**4.21**

STATEWIDE SUCCESS & SATISFACTION

	Rifle	Archery	Muzzleloader
PUBLIC:			
Success	36%	24%	31%
Satisfaction	3.55	3.69	3.52
PRIVATE:			
Success	62%	38%	52%
Satisfaction	4.08	3.98	3.78

*REG = Regular, MIP =Mobility Impaired, MIL = Military Only, YOUTH = Youth Only, YOUTH ENC. = Youth Encouragement

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PRIMARY MANAGEMENT ZONES

NORTHWEST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted	
GMU 2	Public	REG	ELK-2-129	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	120	110	92%	19%	15	5	3.37	7.63	
		REG	ELK-2-130	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	120	115	96%	29%	26	6	3.85	6.40	
		REG	ELK-3-131	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	135	125	93%	34%	43	0	3.79	3.62	
		REG	ELK-1-132	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	86	76	88%	54%	42	0	3.97	3.54	
		REG	ELK-1-133	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	125	117	94%	46%	0	53	3.80	3.03	
		YOUTH	ELK-1-134	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	75	74	99%	58%	0	42	3.99	2.66	**Jicarilla/San Juan Herd Unit (GMU 2)**
		REG	ELK-1-135	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	75	70	93%	57%	1	38	3.95	2.72	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	38	26	68%	73%	28	0	3.69	3.00	2,300-2,900 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	75	56	75%	80%	3	56	4.45	2.56	**sustainable harvest**
		REG				ES	130	103	79%	40%	34	16	3.90	5.38	bulls / cows
	Jicarilla/San Juan Herd Unit Totals						**979**	**872**	**89%**	**49%**	**192**	**217**	**3.88**	**4.05**	**140-200 / 180-220**
GMU 5A	Public	REG	ELK-2-136	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	2.20	9.20	
		REG	ELK-2-137	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	20%	1	0	3.00	5.00	
		REG	ELK-1-138	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	10	8	80%	57%	5	0	3.71	2.86	
		REG	ELK-1-139	rifle	Oct 7-11	A	10	8	80%	0%	0	0	3.00	3.17	
		REG	ELK-1-140	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	10	9	90%	67%	4	0	4.17	2.83	
		REG	ELK-1-141	rifle	Oct 14-18	A	10	9	90%	29%	0	2	3.29	3.14	
		REG	ELK-1-142	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	10	8	80%	29%	3	0	3.57	2.63	
		REG	ELK-1-143	rifle	Oct 21-25	A	10	8	80%	38%	0	4	3.00	2.63	
		REG	ELK-1-144	rifle	Oct 28-Nov 1	MB	10	8	80%	0%	0	0	3.00	4.20	**Lindrith Herd Unit (GMU 5A)**
		REG	ELK-1-145	rifle	Oct 28-Nov 1	A	10	8	80%	25%	0	1	2.25	2.75	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	205	105	51%	68%	137	0	4.29	3.17	2,200-2,500 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	217	138	64%	71%	2	149	4.32	2.78	**sustainable harvest**
		REG				ES	52	27	52%	21%	10	0	3.21	5.88	bulls / cows
	Lindrith Herd Unit Totals						**564**	**346**	**61%**	**33%**	**161**	**157**	**3.31**	**3.86**	**140-180 / 170-200**
GMU 9	Public	MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-2-146	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	14	93%	31%	2	2	4.31	5.77	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-2-147	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	15	15	100%	21%	3	0	3.64	5.79	
		REG	ELK-2-151	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	82	74	90%	12%	7	2	3.11	6.88	
		REG	ELK-2-152	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	83	78	94%	9%	5	1	2.69	6.30	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-148	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	15	14	93%	45%	5	0	3.09	3.18	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-149	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	15	14	93%	25%	3	0	3.50	3.58	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-150	muzzleloader	Oct 21-25	MB	16	16	100%	21%	3	0	3.71	3.86	
		MIP	ELK-3-153	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	20	19	95%	18%	3	0	2.12	3.88	
		REG	ELK-3-154	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	36	32	89%	14%	5	0	2.86	3.86	
		REG	ELK-3-155	muzzleloader	Oct 21-25	MB	35	29	83%	15%	5	0	2.62	3.92	**Mt. Taylot Herd Unit (GMU 9)**
		REG	ELK-3-156	muzzleloader	Oct 28-Nov 1	MB	22	19	86%	11%	2	0	2.79	4.11	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	66	45	68%	87%	57	0	4.42	2.49	1,000-2,100 / 26:100:28
		REG				A	7	5	71%	60%	0	4	4.20	2.00	**sustainable harvest**
		REG				ES	89	69	78%	43%	35	3	3.86	4.86	bulls / cows
	Mt. Taylor Herd Unit Totals						**516**	**443**	**86%**	**29%**	**136**	**12**	**3.35**	**4.32**	**40-100 / 0**
GMU 10	Public	REG	ELK-2-157	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	126	113	90%	11%	11	1	3.16	7.63	
		REG	ELK-2-158	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	127	112	88%	8%	9	0	3.29	6.44	
		REG	ELK-3-159	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	70	63	90%	15%	9	0	3.30	3.96	
		REG	ELK-1-160	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	70	60	86%	28%	19	0	3.60	3.91	
		YOUTH	ELK-1-161	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	121	109	90%	23%	3	21	3.65	3.53	
		REG	ELK-1-162	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	100	87	87%	20%	0	17	3.15	3.65	**Zuni Herd Unit (GMU 10)**
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-105	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	36	35	97%	31%	0	9	3.03	3.10	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	63	38	60%	51%	32	0	4.03	3.84	1,500-1,800 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	88	65	74%	37%	3	28	3.49	3.13	**sustainable harvest**
		REG				ES	141	79	56%	38%	36	14	3.59	5.36	bulls / cows
	Zuni Herd Unit Totals						**942**	**761**	**81%**	**26%**	**121**	**91**	**3.43**	**4.46**	**110-150 / 140-160**
Northwest Region Totals							**3001**	**2422**	**81%**	**34%**	**609**	**477**	**3.49**	**4.17**	**430-630 / 490-580**

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

	Type*		Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 4	Public	SARGENT WMA	ELK-2-163	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	10	100%	60%	4	2	4.10	6.80
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-2-164	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	9	90%	50%	4	0	4.25	6.00
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-2-171	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	8	80%	25%	1	1	3.25	8.63
		HUM /RIO WMA	ELK-2-172	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	9	90%	38%	3	0	3.25	5.50
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-165	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB/A	10	9	90%	89%	9	0	4.78	2.11
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-166	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB/A	10	8	80%	75%	8	0	4.25	2.50
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-167	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB/A	10	9	90%	44%	4	0	3.78	3.44
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-168	rifle	Oct 28-Nov 1	MB/A	11	9	82%	43%	4	0	3.71	3.14
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-169	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	10	8	80%	13%	0	1	4.00	3.00
		SARGENT YOUTH	ELK-1-170	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	10	9	90%	13%	0	1	3.13	3.88
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-173	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB/A	15	13	87%	75%	9	1	4.33	2.58
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-174	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB/A	15	15	100%	23%	2	1	3.31	3.92
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-175	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	10	9	90%	43%	0	3	4.14	2.86
		HUM / RIO YOUTH	ELK-1-176	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	15	15	100%	57%	1	7	3.93	3.14
		RIO CHAMA WMA	ELK-1-177	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	20	20	100%	25%	0	4	3.00	3.56
	Private	REG				MB/A	938	484	52%	73%	597	72	4.38	3.48
		REG				A	478	301	63%	71%	3	327	4.18	2.98
		REG				ES	399	193	48%	33%	93	29	4.15	5.08
	GMU 4 Totals						**1991**	**1138**	**57%**	**47%**	**743**	**450**	**3.88**	**4.03**
GMU 5B	Public	REG	ELK-2-178	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	77	67	87%	18%	7	6	3.34	8.15
		REG	ELK-2-179	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	70	93%	13%	6	2	3.46	6.32
		REG	ELK-1-180	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	87	81	93%	42%	30	0	3.62	3.59
		REG	ELK-1-181	rifle	Oct 14-18	A	59	47	80%	24%	0	11	3.53	3.37
		REG	ELK-1-182	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	86	70	81%	18%	14	0	3.27	3.87
		REG	ELK-1-183	rifle	Oct 28-Nov 1	A	61	55	90%	19%	0	10	3.60	3.85
		REG	ELK-1-184	rifle	Nov 4-8	MB	87	79	91%	17%	13	0	2.91	3.84
		REG	ELK-1-185	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	59	57	97%	37%	0	20	3.88	3.82
		REG	ELK-1-186	rifle	Dec 16-20	MB	87	78	90%	33%	26	1	3.17	3.51
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-100	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	20	18	90%	56%	0	10	4.19	3.31
	Private	REG				MB	20	8	40%	63%	13	0	4.00	4.25
		REG				A	10	10	100%	20%	0	2	3.20	3.50
		REG				ES	10	5	50%	20%	2	0	2.40	7.00
	GMU 5B Totals						**738**	**645**	**87%**	**29%**	**110**	**62**	**3.43**	**4.49**
GMU 50	Public	REG	ELK-2-187	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	62	57	92%	26%	8	5	2.83	7.15
		REG	ELK-2-188	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	56	48	86%	13%	5	1	2.63	5.55
		REG	ELK-1-189	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	120	101	84%	16%	17	0	2.69	3.76
		REG	ELK-1-190	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	125	109	87%	6%	6	0	2.48	3.96
		REG	ELK-1-191	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	42	38	90%	22%	0	8	2.97	3.78
		REG	ELK-1-192	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	45	43	96%	9%	0	3	2.74	4.03
	Private	REG				MB	78	41	53%	33%	25	0	3.10	4.36
		REG				A	28	20	71%	47%	1	11	3.84	3.58
		REG				ES	101	82	81%	38%	18	15	3.21	4.51
	GMU 50 Totals						**657**	**539**	**82%**	**23%**	**79**	**43**	**2.94**	**4.52**
GMU 51	Public	REG	ELK-2-193	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	181	166	92%	21%	23	12	3.55	7.14
		REG	ELK-2-194	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	181	172	95%	30%	42	9	3.79	6.27
		REG	ELK-3-201	muzzleloader	Dec 2-6	ES	147	136	93%	38%	21	29	3.73	3.64
		REG	ELK-1-195	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	220	193	88%	33%	67	0	3.83	3.68
		REG	ELK-1-196	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	221	190	86%	34%	69	0	3.81	3.68
		REG	ELK-1-197	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	221	181	82%	24%	45	0	3.38	3.62
		REG	ELK-1-198	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	252	226	90%	25%	3	52	3.34	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-199	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	253	227	90%	30%	1	69	3.28	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-200	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	253	224	89%	21%	0	49	3.34	3.71
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-124	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	105	98	93%	41%	1	36	3.79	2.99
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-125	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	105	102	97%	59%	0	59	3.83	2.84
	Private	REG				MB	162	95	59%	69%	106	0	4.36	3.36
		REG				A	151	102	68%	45%	0	65	3.81	3.37
		REG				ES	88	68	77%	41%	26	9	3.74	5.73
	GMU 51 Totals						**2540**	**2180**	**86%**	**36%**	**404**	**390**	**3.68**	**4.10**
GMU 52	Public	REG	ELK-2-202	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	230	198	86%	23%	29	19	3.64	6.83
		REG	ELK-2-203	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	231	213	92%	18%	26	12	3.63	6.38
		MIP	ELK-3-204	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	50	50	100%	36%	15	0	3.10	3.52
		REG	ELK-3-205	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	120	108	90%	26%	26	0	3.64	4.07
		REG	ELK-3-206	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	A	51	50	98%	24%	0	10	3.12	3.98
		REG	ELK-1-207	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	234	206	88%	20%	42	0	3.40	3.92
		REG	ELK-1-208	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	230	192	83%	22%	46	0	3.59	3.88
		YOUTH	ELK-1-209	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	80	74	93%	32%	1	23	3.37	3.49
		MIP	ELK-1-210	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	57	53	93%	24%	0	12	2.57	3.39
		REG	ELK-1-211	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	73	65	89%	19%	0	13	3.35	3.44
		REG	ELK-1-212	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	115	105	91%	54%	1	57	3.81	3.05
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-126	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	50	49	98%	53%	1	23	4.02	2.67
	Private	REG				MB	56	33	59%	76%	42	0	4.00	3.42
		REG				A	32	25	78%	60%	0	19	4.00	2.60
		REG				ES	39	28	72%	22%	8	0	3.26	7.48
	GMU 52 Totals						**1648**	**1449**	**88%**	**34%**	**237**	**188**	**3.50**	**4.14**
North Central Region (Chama / San Antonio Herd Unit) Totals							**7574**	**5951**	**79%**	**34%**	**1573**	**1134**	**3.49**	**4.26**

Chama / San Antonio Herd Unit (GMU's 4,5B,50,51,52)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
25,300-29,000	38:100:35
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
1690-2200	**2070-2370**

JEMEZ REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 6A	Public	REG	ELK-2-213	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	150	134	89%	21%	22	8	3.50	7.31
		REG	ELK-2-214	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	102	96	94%	29%	23	5	3.98	6.33
		REG	ELK-3-215	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	104	97	93%	43%	43	0	4.22	3.40
		REG	ELK-1-216	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	100	87	87%	43%	41	0	3.94	3.19
		REG	ELK-1-217	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	103	94	91%	44%	42	0	4.02	3.40
		REG	ELK-1-218	rifle	Oct 28-Nov 1	A	101	88	87%	38%	0	34	3.43	3.04
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-101	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	51	49	96%	43%	0	20	3.77	2.61
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-102	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	50	46	92%	73%	0	36	4.16	2.18
	Private	REG				MB	48	35	73%	66%	32	0	4.23	3.23
		REG				A	20	17	85%	75%	0	14	4.19	2.75
		REG				ES	41	34	83%	39%	16	0	3.97	5.82
		GMU 6A Totals					**870**	**777**	**89%**	**47%**	**219**	**117**	**3.95**	**3.93**
GMU 6B	Public	REG	ELK-2-219	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	22	88%	32%	7	1	3.95	8.05
		REG	ELK-2-220	archery	Sept 1-15	A	10	9	90%	11%	0	1	3.67	7.22
		REG	ELK-2-221	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	25	100%	80%	20	0	4.80	5.84
		REG	ELK-2-222	archery	Sept 15-25	A	10	9	90%	14%	0	1	3.86	5.14
		REG	ELK-3-223	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	ES	15	14	93%	92%	12	1	4.38	2.08
		YOUTH	ELK-3-224	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	A	20	16	80%	27%	0	4	4.18	3.73
		REG	ELK-1-225	rifle	Oct 14-18	ES	15	15	100%	87%	13	0	4.93	2.00
		REG	ELK-1-226	rifle	Oct 14-18	A	20	17	85%	69%	0	13	4.56	3.06
		YOUTH	ELK-1-227	rifle	Oct 21-25	ES	20	20	100%	85%	16	1	4.70	2.50
		REG	ELK-1-228	rifle	Oct 21-25	A	15	13	87%	36%	0	5	3.91	2.91
			ELK-1-229	rifle	Oct 28- Nov 1	A	35	31	89%	41%	0	12	4.07	2.96
			ELK-1-230	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	35	34	97%	32%	0	10	3.45	2.97
			ELK-1-231	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	36	34	94%	38%	1	11	3.72	3.34
			ELK-1-232	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	35	30	86%	48%	0	14	4.08	3.20
			ELK-1-233	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	35	31	89%	54%	0	17	4.61	3.07
		GMU 6B Totals					**351**	**320**	**91%**	**50%**	**69**	**91**	**4.19**	**3.87**
GMU 6C	Public	REG	ELK-2-234	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	150	143	95%	30%	18	6	3.59	7.67
		REG	ELK-2-235	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	105	99	94%	21%	9	1	3.61	6.68
		REG	ELK-3-236	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	155	143	92%	35%	49	0	3.81	3.78
		REG	ELK-1-237	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	105	90	86%	35%	36	0	3.92	3.54
		REG	ELK-1-238	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	105	92	88%	32%	44	0	3.80	3.31
		REG	ELK-1-239	rifle	Oct 28- Nov 1	A	110	100	91%	22%	0	35	3.81	3.30
		REG	ELK-1-240	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	110	98	89%	31%	0	39	3.56	3.48
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-103	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	50	45	90%	29%	1	20	4.09	2.78
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-104	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	50	44	88%	31%	0	32	4.15	2.41
	Private	REG				MB	63	45	71%	70%	46	0	3.86	3.23
		REG				A	40	32	80%	36%	0	18	3.69	3.42
		REG				ES	44	42	95%	44%	7	0	3.15	7.41
		GMU 6C Totals					**1087**	**973**	**90%**	**35%**	**210**	**149**	**3.75**	**4.25**
GMU 7	Public	REG	ELK-2-241	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	13	87%	50%	3	3	4.08	7.67
		REG	ELK-2-242	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	14	10	71%	11%	1	0	2.89	6.22
		REG	ELK-3-243	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	24	21	88%	35%	7	0	3.24	3.82
		REG	ELK-1-244	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	30	27	90%	35%	10	0	3.88	3.50
		REG	ELK-1-245	rifle	Oct 21-25	A	51	45	88%	16%	0	7	3.37	3.71
	Private	REG				MB	12	7	58%	71%	9	0	3.00	4.43
		REG				A	20	11	55%	64%	0	13	4.55	3.18
		REG				ES	108	63	58%	48%	41	9	3.77	4.00
		GMU 7 Totals					**274**	**197**	**72%**	**41%**	**71**	**32**	**3.60**	**4.57**
Jemez Region Totals							**2582**	**2267**	**88%**	**43%**	**569**	**389**	**3.87**	**4.16**

Jemez Mountains Herd Unit (GMU 6A-C, 7)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
6,100-7,100	48:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
360-475	**440-510**

SOUTHWEST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 12	Public	REG	ELK-2-246	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	36	31	86%	37%	12	1	3.83	6.07
		REG	ELK-2-247	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	35	33	94%	47%	16	0	3.59	6.06
		REG	ELK-2-255	archery	Dec 9-13	APRE/6	25	24	96%	0%	0	0	3.15	4.25
		REG	ELK-1-248	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	35	32	91%	55%	18	0	4.03	3.45
		REG	ELK-1-249	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	60	53	88%	39%	23	0	4.08	3.75
		REG	ELK-1-250	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	81	74	91%	32%	24	0	3.49	3.62
		REG	ELK-1-251	rifle	Nov 11-15	MB	80	74	93%	16%	12	0	3.33	4.19
		REG	ELK-1-252	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	60	54	90%	48%	1	23	3.80	3.39
		REG	ELK-1-253	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	60	48	80%	44%	0	24	3.74	3.14
		REG	ELK-1-254	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	64	53	83%	49%	0	29	3.80	3.14
	Private	REG				MB	241	134	56%	62%	149	0	4.21	3.77
		REG				A	325	117	36%	73%	0	231	4.20	2.80
		REG				ES	234	108	46%	46%	100	4	4.31	5.36
		Fence Lake Herd Totals					**1336**	**835**	**63%**	**42%**	**354**	**312**	**3.81**	**4.08**

Fence Lake Herd Unit (GMU 12)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
4,000-5,900	41:100:46
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
320-550	400-590

GMU 13	Public	REG	ELK-2-256	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	204	175	86%	20%	33	3	3.68	7.51
		REG	ELK-2-257	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	150	138	92%	19%	23	3	3.78	6.82
		YOUTH	ELK-3-258	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	ES	30	28	93%	39%	11	1	3.96	3.32
		REG	ELK-3-259	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	87	71	82%	19%	16	0	3.46	4.15
		REG	ELK-3-260	muzzleloader	Oct 21-25	MB	126	114	90%	19%	22	0	3.49	4.08
		REG	ELK-3-261	muzzleloader	Nov 18-22	MB	126	111	88%	12%	14	0	3.37	3.99
		REG	ELK-3-262	muzzleloader	Dec 2-6	A	117	106	91%	27%	2	26	3.24	3.38
		REG	ELK-3-263	muzzleloader	Dec 9-13	A	117	108	92%	23%	1	23	3.79	3.35
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-106	muzzleloader	Nov 25-29	A	40	36	90%	37%	0	12	3.53	3.03
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-107	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	24	23	96%	52%	0	11	3.86	3.10
	Private	REG				MB	86	60	70%	47%	40	0	4.14	4.19
		REG				A	73	46	63%	52%	0	38	4.02	3.11
		REG				ES	189	116	61%	43%	77	3	4.00	5.28
		Datil Herd Unit Totals					**1369**	**1132**	**83%**	**32%**	**238**	**122**	**3.72**	**4.25**

Datil Herd Unit (GMU 13)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
3,000-3,900	40:100:37
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
210-310	250-330

GMU 15	Public	REG	ELK-2-264	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	349	322	92%	21%	52	13	3.46	7.97
		REG	ELK-2-265	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	251	235	94%	16%	33	4	3.77	6.80
		YOUTH	ELK-3-266	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	ES	25	23	92%	57%	14	0	4.26	3.00
		REG	ELK-3-267	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	199	181	91%	29%	52	1	3.78	3.93
		REG	ELK-3-268	muzzleloader	Oct 21-25	MB	245	217	89%	22%	49	0	3.77	4.00
		REG	ELK-3-269	muzzleloader	Nov 11-15	MB	250	225	90%	18%	37	0	3.44	4.21
		REG	ELK-3-270	muzzleloader	Dec 2-6	A	250	227	91%	30%	1	65	3.59	3.70
		REG	ELK-3-271	muzzleloader	Dec 9-13	A	252	237	94%	27%	0	56	3.48	3.72
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-108	muzzleloader	Nov 25-29	A	75	71	95%	54%	0	37	3.94	2.72
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-109	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	75	68	91%	37%	2	21	3.88	3.16
	Private	REG				MB	142	102	72%	42%	58	0	3.89	4.26
		REG				A	96	76	79%	62%	0	57	3.99	3.49
		REG				ES	150	108	72%	40%	57	1	4.00	6.08
		GMU 15 Totals					**2359**	**2092**	**89%**	**35%**	**355**	**256**	**3.79**	**4.39**

GMU 16A	Public	REG	ELK-2-272	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	251	234	93%	15%	27	9	3.60	8.58
		REG	ELK-2-273	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	150	134	89%	22%	28	2	3.49	6.44
		MIP	ELK-1-274	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	27	23	85%	62%	15	0	3.52	3.33
		REG	ELK-1-275	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	76	68	89%	57%	41	0	3.82	3.85
		REG	ELK-1-276	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	100	90	90%	41%	38	0	4.04	3.45
		REG	ELK-1-277	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	76	67	88%	43%	1	28	3.90	3.28
		REG	ELK-1-278	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	75	67	89%	56%	0	36	4.10	2.93
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-110	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	75	73	97%	68%	1	46	3.94	2.37
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-111	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	72	96%	54%	1	29	3.57	2.89
	Private	REG				MB	7	4	57%	100%	7	0	5.00	2.25
		REG				A	6	5	83%	100%	0	6	4.80	2.40
		REG				ES	12	9	75%	44%	4	1	3.89	7.56
		GMU 16A Totals					**930**	**846**	**91%**	**55%**	**163**	**158**	**3.97**	**4.11**

GMU 16B/22	Public	REG	ELK-2-279	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	225	197	88%	11%	18	3	3.36	7.50
		REG	ELK-2-280	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	165	153	93%	13%	17	1	3.02	6.57
		REG	ELK-1-281	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	25	21	84%	45%	11	0	4.05	3.80
		REG	ELK-1-282	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	80	64	80%	24%	18	0	3.29	3.86
		REG	ELK-1-283	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	120	101	84%	21%	21	0	3.23	3.82
	Private	16B REG				MB	2	2	100%	0%	0	0	4.00	5.00
		16B REG				ES	5	5	100%	40%	2	0	3.40	8.00
		22 REG				A	2	1	50%	0%	0	0	5.00	5.00
		22 REG				ES	22	6	27%	17%	4	0	3.00	4.50
		GMU 16B/22 Totals					**646**	**550**	**85%**	**19%**	**91**	**5**	**3.60**	**5.34**

GMU 16C	Public	REG	ELK-2-284	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	144	127	88%	16%	19	1	3.21	8.29
		REG	ELK-2-285	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	100	92	92%	5%	4	0	3.33	6.48
		YOUTH	ELK-1-286	rifle	Oct 7-11	ES	25	22	88%	38%	9	0	3.57	3.29
		REG	ELK-1-287	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	35	30	86%	27%	8	0	3.73	3.54
		REG	ELK-1-288	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	65	53	82%	28%	16	0	3.15	4.30
		REG	ELK-1-289	rifle	Dec 2-9	A	50	48	96%	23%	0	9	2.80	3.25
		REG	ELK-1-290	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	48	46	96%	18%	1	6	2.80	3.88
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-112	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	75	75	100%	25%	0	17	2.86	3.17
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-113	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	71	95%	12%	0	7	2.73	3.53
	Private	REG				MB	23	14	61%	60%	10	0	3.20	4.10
		REG				A	21	19	90%	64%	0	8	4.00	3.45
		REG				ES	60	56	93%	16%	9	0	3.68	6.64
		GMU 16C Totals					**721**	**653**	**91%**	**28%**	**76**	**49**	**3.25**	**4.49**

GMU 16D	Public	REG	ELK-2-291	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	90	85	94%	35%	25	3	3.77	8.18
		REG	ELK-2-292	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	59	98%	25%	13	0	4.23	6.62
		MIP	ELK-1-293	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	25	24	96%	65%	16	0	4.65	2.83
		REG	ELK-1-294	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	55	48	87%	50%	28	0	3.90	3.58
		REG	ELK-1-295	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	50	49	98%	36%	17	0	4.02	3.70
		REG	ELK-1-296	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	50	44	88%	51%	0	20	3.89	3.29
		REG	ELK-1-297	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	51	49	96%	65%	0	31	4.02	2.91
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-114	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	75	71	95%	61%	0	42	4.14	2.77
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-115	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	71	95%	43%	0	27	3.35	2.93
	Private	REG				MB	16	11	69%	82%	13	0	4.09	3.82
		REG				A	11	8	73%	57%	0	6	4.14	3.57
		REG				ES	21	11	52%	9%	2	0	3.36	6.00
		GMU 16D Totals					**579**	**530**	**92%**	**48%**	**114**	**130**	**3.96**	**4.18**

GMU 16E	Public	REG	ELK-2-298	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	90	84	93%	14%	10	2	3.24	7.39
		REG	ELK-2-299	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	52	87%	7%	3	0	2.89	5.85
		REG	ELK-3-301	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	70	61	87%	15%	9	0	3.41	3.70
		YOUTH	ELK-1-300	rifle	Oct 7-11	ES	25	23	92%	57%	13	1	3.61	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-302	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	53	51	96%	28%	14	0	3.26	3.26
		REG	ELK-1-303	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	75	65	87%	32%	2	18	3.64	2.98
		REG	ELK-1-304	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	75	63	84%	29%	0	19	3.20	3.40
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-116	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	77	72	94%	36%	1	21	3.48	3.03
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-117	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	70	93%	41%	0	26	3.47	2.78
	Private	REG				MB	43	23	53%	73%	30	0	4.14	4.05
		REG				A	57	37	65%	50%	0	26	3.82	2.88
		REG				ES	66	40	61%	39%	25	0	4.00	5.08
		GMU 16E Totals					**766**	**641**	**84%**	**35%**	**107**	**114**	**3.51**	**3.95**
		Greater Gila Herd Unit Totals					**6001**	**5312**	**89%**	**37%**	**906**	**711**	**3.68**	**3.78**

Greater Gila Herd Unit (GMU 15, 16A-E)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
21,200-23,300	33:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
1100-1400	1300-1400

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 17	Public	REG	ELK-2-305	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	110	88%	12%	9	3	3.20	8.35
		REG	ELK-2-306	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	76	74	97%	25%	17	0	3.53	6.82
		YOUTH	ELK-3-307	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	ES	25	24	96%	38%	9	0	3.50	3.67
		REG	ELK-3-308	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	101	95	94%	16%	15	0	3.16	3.90
		REG	ELK-3-309	muzzleloader	Oct 21-25	MB	101	92	91%	19%	18	0	3.28	4.05
		REG	ELK-3-310	muzzleloader	Nov 18-22	MB	25	20	80%	24%	5	0	3.76	3.76
		REG	ELK-3-311	muzzleloader	Nov 18-22	A	26	23	88%	5%	0	1	3.47	3.89
		REG	ELK-3-312	muzzleloader	Dec 2-6	A	100	96	96%	15%	0	14	3.11	3.77
		REG	ELK-3-313	muzzleloader	Dec 9-13	A	100	96	96%	24%	0	20	3.28	3.34
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-118	muzzleloader	Nov 25-29	A	33	33	100%	7%	0	2	2.93	3.39
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-119	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	24	23	96%	0%	0	0	2.70	3.60
	Private	REG				MB	36	26	72%	23%	8	0	3.54	3.92
		REG				A	33	31	94%	39%	0	13	3.23	3.42
		REG				ES	45	28	62%	44%	18	2	3.85	6.07
		San Mateo Herd Unit Totals					**850**	**771**	**91%**	**21%**	**99**	**54**	**3.32**	**4.43**
GMU 21A	Public	REG	ELK-2-314	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	50	49	98%	15%	6	1	3.35	8.67
		REG	ELK-2-315	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	50	43	86%	15%	7	0	3.46	7.13
		REG	ELK-2-320	archery	Dec 16-20	MB	15	13	87%	13%	1	0	2.50	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-316	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	15	15	100%	43%	6	0	3.86	3.36
		REG	ELK-1-317	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	35	30	86%	23%	7	0	3.23	3.96
		REG	ELK-1-318	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	55	51	93%	21%	10	0	3.23	3.70
		REG	ELK-1-319	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	30	25	83%	47%	0	10	3.35	3.06
	Private	REG				MB	3	3	100%	100%	3	0	5.00	3.33
		REG				ES	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	5.00	6.00
		GMU 21A Totals					**254**	**230**	**91%**	**31%**	**40**	**11**	**3.66**	**4.69**
GMU 21B	Public	REG	ELK-2-321	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	26	22	85%	41%	7	1	3.00	5.24
		REG	ELK-2-322	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	23	92%	10%	2	0	3.35	5.45
		REG	ELK-2-330	archery	Dec 16-20	MB	14	10	71%	33%	1	0	1.33	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-323	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	10	10	100%	44%	4	0	3.67	2.33
		REG	ELK-1-324	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	16	14	88%	36%	5	0	3.27	3.09
		REG	ELK-1-325	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	25	23	92%	28%	5	0	3.17	3.44
		REG	ELK-1-326	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	15	14	93%	22%	0	2	3.78	3.11
		REG	ELK-1-327	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	15	11	73%	33%	0	4	3.33	3.22
		REG	ELK-1-328	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	15	12	80%	50%	0	8	3.25	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-329	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	20	15	75%	50%	0	9	3.50	3.07
	Private	REG				MB	45	28	62%	88%	37	0	4.04	2.50
		REG				A	40	24	60%	58%	0	23	4.08	2.58
		REG				ES	105	69	66%	49%	44	6	3.97	4.33
		GMU 21B Totals					**371**	**275**	**74%**	**42%**	**106**	**54**	**3.36**	**3.46**
GMU 23	Public	REG	ELK-2-331	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	114	91%	19%	18	4	3.09	8.22
		REG	ELK-2-332	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	71	95%	13%	5	3	3.08	6.56
		REG	ELK-2-337	archery	Dec 16-20	MB	15	15	100%	8%	1	0	3.23	3.38
		REG	ELK-3-334	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	75	72	96%	23%	15	0	3.24	3.81
		YOUTH	ELK-1-333	rifle	Oct 7-11	ES	25	25	100%	74%	12	5	4.00	2.96
		REG	ELK-1-335	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	75	66	88%	27%	18	0	3.31	3.78
		REG	ELK-1-336	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	20	19	95%	67%	0	13	3.78	3.11
		REG	ELK-1-338	rifle	Dec 16-24	A	20	19	95%	44%	0	7	3.13	4.25
	Private					MB	4	4	100%	75%	3	0	4.50	3.50
		REG				A	6	3	50%	100%	0	6	4.67	1.33
		REG				ES	34	15	44%	33%	11	0	4.20	5.07
		GMU 23 Totals					**474**	**423**	**89%**	**44%**	**83**	**39**	**3.66**	**4.18**
GMU 24	Public	REG	ELK-2-339	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	15	100%	10%	0	1	3.40	7.80
		REG	ELK-2-340	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	9	90%	0%	0	0	3.13	6.00
		REG	ELK-3-341	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	15	9	60%	11%	2	0	3.22	3.78
		REG	ELK-1-342	rifle	Dec 16-20	MB	15	11	73%	9%	1	0	2.45	3.73
		YOUTH FT BAYARD	ELK-1-343	rifle	Oct 7-11	ES	5	4	80%	50%	3	0	4.25	2.25
		YOUTH FT BAYARD	ELK-1-344	rifle	Oct 21-25	A	5	5	100%	100%	0	5	4.20	2.80
	Private	REG				MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	2.00	3.00
		REG				A	4	3	75%	67%	0	3	3.33	2.67
		REG				ES	38	12	32%	67%	22	3	3.33	3.42
		GMU 24 Totals					**108**	**69**	**64%**	**35%**	**28**	**12**	**3.26**	**3.94**
		Lesser Gila Herd Unit Totals					**1207**	**997**	**83%**	**38%**	**256**	**115**	**3.49**	**4.07**
		Southwest Region Totals					**9427**	**8212**	**87%**	**32%**	**1500**	**1002**	**3.55**	**4.13**

San Mateo Herd Unit (GMU 17)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,600-2,400	51:100:38
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
110-180	**130-200**

Lesser Gila Herd Unit (GMU 21A-B, 23, 24)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,300-4,400	33:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
80-280	**70-280**
1820-2720	**2150-2800**

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 34	Public	REG	ELK-2-345	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	200	184	92%	31%	49	9	4.10	6.89
		REG	ELK-2-346	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	200	190	95%	37%	64	6	4.18	6.21
		REG	ELK-2-355	archery	Dec 16-20	APRE/6/A	200	180	90%	22%	23	12	3.65	3.74
		REG	ELK-3-350	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	ES	251	222	88%	52%	99	23	4.18	3.55
		YOUTH	ELK-1-347	rifle	Oct 7-11	A	76	70	92%	91%	64	2	4.70	2.48
		YOUTH	ELK-1-348	rifle	Oct 7-11	ES	120	110	92%	70%	1	77	4.11	2.52
		MIP	ELK-1-349	rifle	Oct 7-11	ES	51	47	92%	77%	35	1	4.23	2.53
		REG	ELK-1-351	rifle	Oct 21-25	ES	150	135	90%	60%	69	13	4.35	3.26
		REG	ELK-1-352	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	350	309	88%	39%	0	122	3.72	3.24
		REG	ELK-1-353	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	351	308	88%	37%	5	105	3.65	3.25
		REG	ELK-1-354	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	350	297	85%	51%	1	156	4.01	3.07
		REG	ELK-1-356	rifle	Jan 27-31 '24	A	200	165	83%	56%	0	96	3.88	2.88
		REG	ELK-1-357	rifle	Feb 3-7 '24	A	201	180	90%	45%	0	76	3.66	2.90
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-120	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	125	124	99%	74%	3	82	4.13	2.52
	Private	REG				A	294	217	74%	64%	1	180	4.05	2.57
		REG				ES	576	344	60%	64%	316	44	4.25	4.02
	Sacramento Herd Unit Totals						**3695**	**3082**	**83%**	**54%**	**731**	**1004**	**4.05**	**3.48**

Sacramento Herd Unit (GMU 34)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
7,400-8,600	52:100:39
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
500-660	**610-710**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 36	Public	REG	ELK-2-358	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	139	124	89%	36%	35	12	3.91	7.76
		REG	ELK-2-359	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	141	127	90%	28%	31	4	3.94	6.66
		REG	ELK-3-360	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	ES	140	129	92%	52%	65	5	3.98	3.16
		REG	ELK-1-361	rifle	Oct 14-18	ES	140	124	89%	71%	77	14	4.29	3.05
		REG	ELK-1-362	rifle	Oct 28-Nov 1	ES	140	120	86%	59%	65	13	4.04	3.14
		REG	ELK-1-363	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	100	82	82%	52%	1	45	3.68	3.01
		REG	ELK-1-364	rifle	Dec9-13	A	100	90	90%	59%	2	52	3.93	3.10
		REG	ELK-1-365	rifle	Jan 27-31 '24	A	101	86	85%	77%	2	65	4.18	2.51
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-121	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	79	76	96%	68%	2	48	4.13	2.45
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-122	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	80	78	98%	68%	0	49	3.66	2.32
	Private	REG				A	218	133	61%	77%	2	167	4.37	2.52
		REG				ES	403	202	50%	68%	247	22	4.28	3.56
	Ruidoso Herd Unit Totals						**1781**	**1371**	**77%**	**60%**	**530**	**497**	**4.03**	**3.60**
South Central Region Totals							**5476**	**4453**	**81%**	**57%**	**1261**	**1500**	**4.04**	**3.54**

Ruidoso Herd Unit (GMU 36)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
5,400-8,500	66:100:43
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
370-640	**450-690**
870-1300	**1060-1400**

NORTHEAST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 45	Public	REG	ELK-2-366	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	75	63	84%	29%	14	6	3.59	7.56
		REG	ELK-2-367	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	73	61	84%	31%	20	0	3.67	5.96
		REG	ELK-3-368	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	137	122	89%	21%	26	0	2.95	4.00
		REG	ELK-3-371	muzzleloader	Nov 11-15	A	49	45	92%	2%	0	1	2.14	3.79
		REG	ELK-1-369	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	140	117	84%	16%	19	0	3.01	3.73
		REG	ELK-1-370	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	142	118	83%	11%	14	0	3.03	3.86
	Private	REG				MB	34	19	56%	42%	14	0	3.89	4.11
		REG				A	39	25	64%	36%	0	14	3.28	3.48
		REG				ES	72	41	57%	40%	19	9	3.63	3.98
		Pecos Herd Unit Totals					**761**	**611**	**80%**	**25%**	**128**	**30**	**3.24**	**4.49**

Pecos Herd Unit (GMU 45)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,100-2,100	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
80-150	**90-160**

GMU 48	Public	REG	ELK-2-372	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	81	74	91%	21%	9	7	3.22	7.15
		REG	ELK-2-373	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	80	71	89%	17%	11	1	3.18	5.82
		REG	ELK-3-374	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	60	53	88%	13%	7	0	3.27	4.22
		REG	ELK-1-375	rifle	Oct 14-19	MB	75	63	84%	30%	20	0	3.32	3.50
		REG	ELK-1-376	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	66	58	88%	21%	14	0	3.24	3.69
		REG	ELK-1-377	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	50	44	88%	34%	0	15	3.37	3.42
		REG	ELK-1-378	rifle	Dec 2-6	A	54	46	85%	63%	0	32	3.93	3.30
	Private	REG				MB	89	47	53%	51%	44	0	3.76	3.64
		REG				A	53	42	79%	64%	1	33	4.31	2.29
		REG				ES	71	52	73%	43%	20	7	3.60	6.62
		White Peak Herd Unit Totals					**679**	**550**	**81%**	**36%**	**126**	**94**	**3.52**	**4.36**

Whites Peak Herd Unit (GMU 48)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,200-2000	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-140	**90-150**

GMU 49	Public	REG	ELK-2-379	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	60	54	90%	35%	17	3	3.60	7.73
		REG	ELK-2-380	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	59	57	97%	33%	16	3	3.96	6.38
		REG	ELK-1-381	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	77	62	81%	37%	26	0	3.81	3.56
		REG	ELK-1-382	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	76	63	83%	30%	21	1	3.58	3.75
		REG	ELK-1-383	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	77	73	95%	28%	0	19	2.88	3.86
		REG	ELK-1-384	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	77	68	88%	30%	0	22	3.52	3.54
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-123	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	50	50	100%	36%	0	17	3.26	3.15
	Private	REG				MB	6	4	67%	0%	0	0	4.50	4.50
		REG				A	7	7	100%	43%	0	3	3.43	3.86
		REG				ES	42	29	69%	42%	9	7	3.65	4.12
		Penasco Herd Unit Totals					**531**	**467**	**88%**	**31%**	**87**	**75**	**3.62**	**4.44**

Penasco Herd Unit (GMU 49)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,100-2,400	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-200	**40-100**

GMU 53	Public	REG	ELK-2-385	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	65	56	86%	6%	3	0	3.08	7.35
		REG	ELK-2-386	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	61	55	90%	9%	4	0	2.98	6.71
		REG	ELK-3-387	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	ES	50	44	88%	22%	8	1	3.03	3.89
		REG	ELK-1-388	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	81	72	89%	6%	5	0	2.70	4.33
		REG	ELK-1-389	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	131	103	79%	12%	13	0	2.84	3.93
		REG	ELK-1-390	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	94	78	83%	8%	0	6	2.80	3.80
		REG	ELK-1-391	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	94	76	81%	8%	0	6	2.44	3.87
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-127	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	60	54	90%	7%	0	3	2.30	3.00
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-128	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	60	54	90%	23%	0	10	3.13	3.33
	Private	REG				MB	50	33	66%	10%	5	0	2.79	4.24
		REG				A	61	39	64%	31%	0	17	3.17	3.06
		REG				ES	72	40	56%	20%	13	0	2.74	5.26
		Ute Herd Unit Totals					**879**	**704**	**80%**	**14%**	**50**	**44**	**2.83**	**4.40**
		Northeast Region Totals					**2850**	**2332**	**82%**	**27%**	**391**	**243**	**3.30**	**4.43**

Ute Herd Unit (GMU 53)	
popn. est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,400-2,900	34:100:24
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-160	**90-180**
290-650	**310-590**

Secondary Management Zones

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 14	Public	REG	ELK-1-392	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	9	90%	25%	2	0	3.25	3.25
	Private	REG				A	2	0	0%	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
		REG				ES	42	28	67%	24%	6	3	3.64	5.68
		GMU 14 Totals					**54**	**37**	**69%**	**25%**	**8**	**3**	**3.45**	**4.47**
GMU 18	Public	REG	ELK-2-393	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	21	84%	6%	1	0	2.76	6.12
		REG	ELK-2-394	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	23	92%	14%	2	1	2.90	6.95
		REG	ELK-1-395	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	9	90%	78%	7	1	4.33	3.11
	Private	REG				A	7	6	86%	0%	0	0	3.00	4.17
		REG				ES	98	72	73%	35%	25	7	3.20	4.35
		GMU 18 Totals					**165**	**131**	**79%**	**27%**	**35**	**9**	**3.24**	**4.94**
GMU 28	Public	MIL	ELK-1-396	rifle	Dec 9-13	ES	10	10	100%	50%	5	0	4.10	3.10
		REG	ELK-1-397	rifle	Dec 9-13	ES	9	8	89%	86%	6	1	3.71	2.43
		GMU 28 Totals					**19**	**18**	**95%**	**68%**	**11**	**1**	**3.91**	**2.76**
GMU 29/30	Public	REG	ELK-2-398	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	20	17	85%	20%	4	0	3.27	10.13
		REG	ELK-2-399	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	20	20	100%	32%	6	0	3.42	7.11
		REG	ELK-1-400	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	20	17	85%	94%	18	0	4.38	1.63
		REG	ELK-1-401	rifle	Oct 14-18	ES	30	29	97%	41%	11	1	3.55	3.55
	Private	29 REG				A	2	2	100%	0%	0	0	2.50	4.50
		30 REG				A	11	3	27%	33%	0	4	3.00	3.33
		30 REG				ES	69	48	70%	58%	26	12	3.60	3.62
		GMU 30 Totals					**172**	**136**	**79%**	**40%**	**64**	**16**	**3.39**	**4.84**
GMU 32	Private	REG				A	14	4	29%	100%	0	14	4.25	2.25
		REG				ES	86	39	45%	95%	79	2	4.77	2.51
		GMU 32 Totals					**100**	**43**	**43%**	**97%**	**79**	**16**	**4.51**	**2.38**
GMU 37	Public	REG	ELK-2-402	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	40	36	90%	26%	8	2	3.57	7.94
		REG	ELK-2-403	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	30	27	90%	28%	8	0	3.76	6.80
		REG	ELK-2-407	archery	Dec 2-6	APRE/6	50	47	94%	0%	0	0	3.23	4.05
		REG	ELK-1-404	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	30	26	87%	73%	22	0	4.00	2.92
		REG	ELK-1-405	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	30	22	73%	48%	14	0	3.81	3.38
		REG	ELK-1-406	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	45	39	87%	28%	0	12	2.86	2.53
	Private	REG				A	57	30	53%	62%	0	34	4.14	2.66
		REG				ES	224	133	59%	60%	96	30	4.13	3.59
		GMU 37 Totals					**506**	**360**	**71%**	**40%**	**147**	**78**	**3.69**	**4.23**
GMU 38	Public	REG	ELK-1-408	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	12	12	100%	60%	5	1	3.60	3.60
		REG	ELK-1-409	rifle	Oct 14-18	ES	10	10	100%	63%	4	1	2.75	3.25
	Private	REG				A	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	3.00	2.00
		REG				ES	101	61	60%	48%	38	10	3.82	3.85
		GMU 38 Totals					**125**	**85**	**68%**	**55%**	**48**	**12**	**3.29**	**3.18**
GMU 42	Private	REG				A	29	5	17%	100%	6	23	5.00	1.60
		REG				ES	148	85	57%	53%	66	7	3.96	3.79
		GMU 42 Totals					**177**	**90**	**51%**	**76%**	**72**	**30**	**4.48**	**2.69**
GMU 39/43	Public	REG	ELK-1-410	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	30	30	100%	48%	10	3	3.37	2.96
	Private	REG				ES	19	7	37%	57%	8	3	4.43	4.29
		GMU 43 Totals					**49**	**37**	**76%**	**53%**	**18**	**6**	**3.90**	**3.62**
GMU 46	Private	private				A	353	134	38%	61%	3	205	3.95	2.75
		private				ES	951	445	47%	47%	316	98	3.82	4.19
		GMU 46 Totals					**1304**	**579**	**44%**	**54%**	**319**	**304**	**3.88**	**3.47**
GMU 47	Private	REG				A	12	9	75%	33%	0	4	3.89	2.44
		REG				ES	111	41	37%	73%	73	5	4.55	3.20
		GMU 47 Totals					**123**	**50**	**41%**	**53%**	**73**	**9**	**4.22**	**2.82**
GMU 56	Public	REG	ELK-2-414	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	5	100%	20%	1	0	3.40	4.80
		REG	ELK-2-415	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	4.00	6.25
		REG	ELK-1-416	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	11	11	100%	80%	8	0	3.60	2.40
		REG	ELK-1-417	rifle	Oct 14-18	A	10	10	100%	20%	1	1	3.50	3.40
	Private	REG				A	223	107	48%	80%	2	169	4.57	2.14
		REG				ES	312	142	46%	68%	156	44	4.11	3.34
		GMU 56 Totals					**566**	**280**	**49%**	**45%**	**168**	**214**	**3.86**	**3.72**
GMU 57/58	Public	57 / SUGARITE	ELK-2-418	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	3	3	100%	33%	1	0	3.67	5.00
		57 / SUGARITE	ELK-2-419	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	2	2	100%	0%	0	0	3.00	6.50
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-2-420	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	67%	3	0	4.00	6.67
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-2-421	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	50%	2	0	4.00	2.50
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-422	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	5	4	80%	100%	5	0	4.50	2.00
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-423	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	10	9	90%	67%	7	0	3.44	2.67
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-424	rifle	Dec 9-13	A	11	9	82%	56%	0	6	4.33	3.22
	Private	57 REG				A	117	61	52%	67%	2	77	4.52	2.30
		57 REG				ES	294	87	30%	64%	166	24	4.43	3.75
		58 REG				A	56	25	45%	71%	2	36	4.67	2.21
		58 REG				ES	112	42	38%	65%	59	11	4.40	3.25
		GMU 57/58 Totals					**620**	**251**	**40%**	**58%**	**246**	**153**	**4.09**	**3.64**
GMU 59	Private	REG				A	22	11	50%	55%	0	12	4.18	2.00
		REG				ES	64	24	38%	58%	32	5	3.67	4.00
		GMU 59 Totals					**86**	**35**	**41%**	**56%**	**32**	**17**	**3.92**	**3.00**
GMU 42/47/59	Public	public	ELK-2-411	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	13	12	92%	10%	1	0	2.70	5.10
		public	ELK-2-412	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	13	12	92%	27%	3	0	3.64	7.18
		public	ELK-1-413	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	13	11	85%	55%	7	0	3.45	3.64
		GMU 42/47/59 Totals					**39**	**35**	**90%**	**31%**	**11**	**0**	**3.26**	**5.31**
		Secondary Management Zones Totals					**6107**	**3328**	**54%**	**52%**	**1931**	**1372**	**3.81**	**3.67**

Special Management Zones

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 54	Public	COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-2-425	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	10	100%	0%	0	0	2.50	6.60
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-2-426	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	10	100%	11%	1	0	3.44	5.22
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-3-427	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	20	18	90%	0%	0	0	2.50	3.94
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-428	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	20	18	90%	0%	0	0	3.08	3.85
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-429	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	20	14	70%	0%	0	0	3.78	3.44
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-430	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	20	18	90%	27%	0	3	3.36	2.91
	Private	REG				A	127	67	53%	88%	0	108	4.60	1.88
		REG				ES	134	56	42%	69%	86	2	4.69	3.80
		GMU 54 Totals					**361**	**211**	**58%**	**24%**	**87**	**114**	**3.49**	**3.95**
GMU 55	Public	ES BARKER WMA	ELK-2-431	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	5	100%	33%	1	0	2.00	12.00
		ES BARKER WMA	ELK-2-432	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	2.20	5.40
		URRACA WMA	ELK-2-434	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	25%	1	0	2.75	8.00
		URRACA WMA	ELK-2-435	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	2.00	6.00
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-2-441	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	23	92%	18%	3	1	3.55	9.55
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-2-442	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	24	96%	21%	5	0	3.46	7.29
		URRACA WMA	ELK-3-436	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	10	9	90%	0%	0	0	1.50	3.38
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-3-443	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	20	19	95%	42%	8	0	3.21	3.95
		ES BARKER WMA	ELK-1-433	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	10	9	90%	25%	2	0	1.50	3.25
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-437	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	10	7	70%	25%	1	0	3.50	4.25
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-438	rifle	Nov 4-8	MB	10	9	90%	0%	0	0	2.00	4.50
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-439	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	15	12	80%	13%	0	1	2.38	2.63
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-440	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	15	12	80%	11%	0	1	2.56	3.78
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-444	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	35	29	83%	46%	16	0	3.00	3.29
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-445	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	30	27	90%	27%	8	0	2.58	3.96
		V VIDAL YOUTH	ELK-1-446	rifle	Oct 21 - Nov 1	MB	20	17	85%	59%	12	0	4.18	3.12
		V VIDAL YOUTH	ELK-1-447	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	30	27	90%	38%	1	10	3.38	2.65
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-448	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	30	26	87%	48%	0	13	3.61	3.04
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-449	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	30	26	87%	50%	0	13	4.05	3.00
		CWD Incentive	ELK-1-605	rifle		MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	3.00	5.00
	Private	55A REG				A	426	235	55%	60%	0	259	4.32	2.71
		55A REG				ES	692	335	48%	89%	378	33	4.31	3.68
		55B REG				A	68	38	56%	62%	4	55	4.38	1.51
		55B REG				ES	119	47	39%	63%	71	3	4.38	3.36
		GMU 55 Totals					**1641**	**950**	**58%**	**36%**	**513**	**389**	**3.07**	**4.55**
		Special Management Zones Totals					**2002**	**1161**	**58%**	**30%**	**600**	**503**	**3.28**	**4.25**

Special Authorizations

	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Enhancement Auctions/Raffle	ELK-1-500		TBD	MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	5.00	1.50
Big Game Enhancement	ELK-1-501		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	5.00	3.00
Premium Statewide Draw Elk	ELK-1-700		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.00	30.00
Special Authorizations Totals					**4**	**4**	**100%**	**100%**	**3**	**0**	**5.00**	**15.75**

Population Management Hunts

	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9001	archery	Sept 9-6	ES	4	2	50%	0%	0	0	2.50	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9002	archery	Sept 9-6	ES	4	3	75%	0%	0	0	2.00	1.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9003	archery	Sept 9-13	ES	4	2	50%	0%	0	0	1.00	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9004	archery	Sept 9-13	ES	4	2	50%	25%	1	0	3.50	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9005	archery	Sept 16-20	ES	4	2	50%	0%	0	0	3.50	4.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9006	archery	Sept 16-20	ES	4	3	75%	25%	1	0	2.75	3.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9007	archery	Sept 23-27	ES	4	2	50%	25%	1	0	4.00	2.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9008	archery	Sept 23-27	ES	4	3	75%	0%	0	0	1.33	3.66
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9009	archery	Sept 90-Oct 4	ES	4	2	50%	0%	0	0	1.00	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9010	archery	Sept 90-Oct 4	ES	4	1	25%	0%	0	0	5.00	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9011	archery	Oct 7-11	ES	4	2	50%	0%	0	0	2.50	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9012	archery	Oct 7-12	ES	4	4	100%	0%	0	0	3.33	2.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9013	archery	Oct 14-18	ES	4	3	75%	0%	0	0	3.00	4.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9014	archery	Oct 14-18	ES	4	4	100%	25%	0	1	2.25	2.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9015	archery	Oct 21-25	ES	4	1	25%	0%	0	0	4.00	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9016	archery	Oct 21-25	ES	4	2	50%	25%	0	1	2.25	4.25
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9017	muzzleloader	Nov 4-8	A	5	4	80%	20%	0	1	2.00	3.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9018	muzzleloader	Nov 4-8	A	5	3	60%	0%	0	0	2.50	2.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9019	muzzleloader	Nov 18-22	ES	5	4	80%	20%	1	0	3.66	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9020	muzzleloader	Nov 18-22	ES	5	3	60%	0%	0	0	2.00	3.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9021	muzzleloader	Dec 2-6	A	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	2.00	3.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9022	muzzleloader	Dec 2-6	A	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	3.33	3.33
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9023	muzzleloader	Dec 16-20	ES	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	3.00	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9024	muzzleloader	Dec 16-20	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	1.00	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9025	muzzleloader	Dec 30 - Jan 3 '24	A	5	2	40%	20%	0	1	3.50	3.50
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9026	muzzleloader	Dec 30 - Jan 3 '25	A	5	2	40%	0%	0	0	2.50	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9027	muzzleloader	Jan 13-17 '24	ES	5	3	60%	20%	1	0	2.00	3.33
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9028	muzzleloader	Jan 13-17 '24	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	2.00	4.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9029	muzzleloader	Jan 27-31	A	5	1	20%	0%	0	0	3.00	5.00
Middle Rio Grande	ELK-1-9030	muzzleloader	Jan 27-31	A	5	2	40%	20%	0	1	5.00	1.00
Mesa De Los Viejos Pop. Mgmt	ELK-1-9038	rifle	Mar 9-13 '24	A	50	48	96%	70%	1	34	4.14	1.94
Mesa De Los Viejos Pop. Mgmt	ELK-1-9039	rifle	Mar 9-13 '24	A	50	36	72%	42%	1	20	3.82	2.32
LVNWR (YOUTH)		rifle	various	A	16	16	100%	100%	0	16	4.52	2.48
Population Management Hunt Totals					**250**	**179**	**72%**	**13%**	**7**	**75**	**2.84**	**3.52**

STATEWIDE TOTALS

Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
38578	**29945**	**78%**	**39%**	**8008**	**6705**	**3.69**	**4.28**

STATEWIDE SUCCESS & SATISFACTION

	Rifle	Archery	Muzzleloader
PUBLIC:			
Success	39%	21%	28%
Satisfaction	3.60	3.38	3.38
PRIVATE:			
Success	65%	34%	49%
Satisfaction	4.06	3.74	3.59

*REG = Regular, MIP =Mobility Impaired, MIL = Military Only, YOUTH = Youth Only, YOUTH ENC. = Youth Encouragement

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PRIMARY MANAGEMENT ZONES

NORTHWEST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted	
GMU 2	Public	REG	ELK-2-129	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	121	113	93%	30%	29	4	3.66	7.33	
		REG	ELK-2-130	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	120	110	92%	20%	21	1	3.73	6.46	
		REG	ELK-3-131	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	137	131	96%	24%	30	0	3.26	4.12	
		REG	ELK-1-132	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	87	78	90%	37%	30	0	3.51	3.63	
		REG	ELK-1-133	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	126	109	87%	48%	2	53	3.71	3.11	
		YOUTH	ELK-1-134	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	75	71	95%	39%	0	26	3.69	3.02	**Jicarilla/San Juan Herd Unit (GMU 2)**
		REG	ELK-1-135	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	75	69	92%	50%	0	35	3.86	2.61	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	37	27	73%	85%	32	0	4.15	3.59	2,300-2,900 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	79	63	80%	74%	0	58	4.39	2.39	**sustainable harvest**
		REG				ES	128	94	73%	43%	41	10	4.01	5.00	bulls / cows
	Jicarilla/San Juan Herd Unit Totals						**985**	**865**	**88%**	**45%**	**185**	**187**	**3.80**	**4.13**	**140-200 / 180-220**
GMU 5A	Public	REG	ELK-2-136	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	5	100%	40%	2	0	4.00	5.40	
		REG	ELK-2-137	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	20%	1	0	3.00	5.40	
		REG	ELK-1-138	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	10	7	70%	43%	4	0	3.71	3.43	
		REG	ELK-1-139	rifle	Oct 5-9	A	10	10	100%	29%	0	2	3.43	3.86	
		REG	ELK-1-140	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	10	8	80%	0%	0	0	3.63	3.63	
		REG	ELK-1-141	rifle	Oct 12-16	A	10	8	80%	0%	0	0	2.83	4.00	
		REG	ELK-1-142	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	10	9	90%	33%	3	0	3.22	3.78	
		REG	ELK-1-143	rifle	Oct 19-23	A	10	6	60%	40%	0	3	3.40	4.00	
		REG	ELK-1-144	rifle	Oct 26-30	MB	10	9	90%	0%	0	0	1.86	4.00	**Lindrith Herd Unit (GMU 5A)**
		REG	ELK-1-145	rifle	Oct 26-30	A	10	8	80%	0%	0	0	1.75	3.50	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	201	118	59%	68%	133	0	4.23	3.43	2,200-2,500 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	206	127	62%	75%	2	149	4.32	2.52	**sustainable harvest**
		REG				ES	44	23	52%	55%	23	0	4.09	5.14	bulls / cows
	Lindrith Herd Unit Totals						**541**	**343**	**63%**	**31%**	**168**	**155**	**3.34**	**4.01**	**140-180 / 170-200**
GMU 9	Public	MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-2-146	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	14	93%	44%	2	2	3.78	7.44	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-2-147	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	15	14	93%	17%	2	0	3.25	6.33	
		REG	ELK-2-151	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	82	77	94%	22%	14	2	3.49	5.81	
		REG	ELK-2-152	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	83	76	92%	15%	9	1	2.92	6.23	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-148	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	15	14	93%	36%	4	0	3.45	4.18	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-149	muzzleloader	Oct 12-16	MB	15	15	100%	22%	2	0	3.89	3.56	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-150	muzzleloader	Oct 19-23	MB	15	14	93%	18%	2	0	3.73	3.64	
		MIP	ELK-3-153	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	21	19	90%	7%	1	0	2.36	4.14	
		REG	ELK-3-154	muzzleloader	Oct 12-16	MB	35	32	91%	27%	9	0	3.30	4.00	
		REG	ELK-3-155	muzzleloader	Oct 19-23	MB	35	32	91%	27%	9	0	2.90	4.43	**Mt. Taylot Herd Unit (GMU 9)**
		REG	ELK-3-156	muzzleloader	Oct 26-30	MB	22	21	95%	6%	1	0	2.69	3.56	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	67	55	82%	83%	55	0	4.63	2.83	1,000-2,100 / 26:100:28
		REG				A	10	8	80%	50%	0	5	3.88	2.38	**sustainable harvest**
		REG				ES	88	63	72%	58%	43	7	4.11	4.97	bulls / cows
	Mt. Taylor Herd Unit Totals						**518**	**454**	**88%**	**31%**	**153**	**17**	**3.46**	**4.54**	**40-100 / 0**
GMU 10	Public	REG	ELK-2-157	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	109	87%	17%	16	3	3.34	6.92	
		REG	ELK-2-158	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	126	116	92%	15%	16	1	3.64	6.36	
		REG	ELK-3-159	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	70	60	86%	11%	7	0	3.80	4.15	
		REG	ELK-1-160	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	70	63	90%	23%	14	0	3.09	3.93	
		YOUTH	ELK-1-161	rifle	Nov 9-13	A	121	108	89%	20%	0	20	3.00	3.33	
		REG	ELK-1-162	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	100	78	78%	14%	1	10	2.88	3.67	**Zuni Herd Unit (GMU 10)**
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-105	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	35	32	91%	29%	0	10	3.39	3.52	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	63	39	62%	53%	32	0	4.11	3.39	1,500-1,800 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	86	61	71%	41%	1	32	3.50	3.81	**sustainable harvest**
		REG				ES	161	114	71%	36%	51	3	3.66	5.44	bulls / cows
	Zuni Herd Unit Totals						**957**	**780**	**82%**	**26%**	**140**	**80**	**3.44**	**4.45**	**110-150 / 140-160**
Northwest Region Totals							**3001**	**2442**	**81%**	**33%**	**646**	**439**	**3.51**	**4.28**	**430-630 / 490-580**

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

	Type*		Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 4	Public	SARGENT WMA	ELK-2-163	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	9	90%	56%	4	1	4.67	5.11
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-2-164	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	10	100%	60%	6	0	4.50	4.80
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-2-171	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	10	100%	30%	3	0	4.10	6.10
		HUM /RIO WMA	ELK-2-172	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	10	100%	30%	3	0	3.40	6.30
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-165	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB/A	10	10	100%	80%	8	0	4.80	1.90
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-166	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB/A	10	9	90%	88%	8	0	4.25	2.63
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-167	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB/A	10	10	100%	90%	9	0	4.80	2.60
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-168	rifle	Oct 26-30	MB/A	10	9	90%	78%	6	2	4.22	2.22
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-169	rifle	Nov 2-6	A	10	10	100%	40%	0	4	3.50	3.20
		SARGENT YOUTH	ELK-1-170	rifle	Nov 2-6	A	10	9	90%	29%	0	2	4.14	3.14
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-173	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB/A	15	14	93%	62%	8	1	4.38	3.38
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-174	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB/A	15	14	93%	46%	6	0	4.08	2.92
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-175	rifle	Nov 2-6	A	10	9	90%	50%	0	4	3.75	3.13
		HUM / RIO YOUTH	ELK-1-176	rifle	Nov 2-6	A	15	14	93%	42%	0	5	4.00	2.33
		RIO CHAMA WMA	ELK-1-177	rifle	Nov 9-13	A	20	18	90%	54%	0	8	3.92	3.23
	Private	REG				MB/A	892	534	60%	73%	545	85	4.39	3.51
		REG				A	528	362	69%	67%	4	343	4.28	2.87
		REG				ES	386	238	62%	37%	122	13	4.23	4.71
	GMU 4 Totals						**1981**	**1299**	**66%**	**56%**	**731**	**469**	**4.19**	**3.56**
GMU 5B	Public	REG	ELK-2-178	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	75	71	95%	20%	13	1	3.59	7.26
		REG	ELK-2-179	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	74	99%	11%	7	1	3.54	6.75
		REG	ELK-1-180	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	86	77	90%	15%	12	0	2.95	3.81
		REG	ELK-1-181	rifle	Oct 12-16	A	59	54	92%	22%	0	11	3.00	3.39
		REG	ELK-1-182	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	86	76	88%	31%	24	0	3.10	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-183	rifle	Oct 26-30	A	59	51	86%	20%	0	12	3.43	3.51
		REG	ELK-1-184	rifle	Nov 2-6	MB	88	77	88%	15%	11	0	2.87	3.91
		REG	ELK-1-185	rifle	Nov 9-13	A	59	49	83%	38%	0	18	3.77	3.46
		REG	ELK-1-186	rifle	Dec 21-25	MB	87	81	93%	26%	20	0	3.35	3.18
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-100	rifle	Nov 30-Dec4	A	20	20	100%	35%	0	6	3.71	2.76
	Private	REG				MB	19	10	53%	70%	13	0	3.80	3.50
		REG				A	13	10	77%	56%	0	7	3.89	2.78
		REG				ES	19	13	68%	25%	4	0	3.75	6.58
	GMU 5B Totals						**745**	**663**	**89%**	**30%**	**105**	**55**	**3.44**	**4.20**
GMU 50	Public	REG	ELK-2-187	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	61	54	89%	13%	6	1	3.04	7.48
		REG	ELK-2-188	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	55	52	95%	9%	4	0	2.61	5.66
		REG	ELK-1-189	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	121	98	81%	21%	22	0	2.86	3.62
		REG	ELK-1-190	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	126	112	89%	9%	10	0	2.58	3.85
		REG	ELK-1-191	rifle	Nov 2-6	A	42	37	88%	21%	0	8	3.24	3.42
		REG	ELK-1-192	rifle	Nov 16-20	A	45	40	89%	39%	0	15	3.79	2.97
	Private	REG				MB	76	31	41%	35%	22	0	3.00	4.04
		REG				A	35	25	71%	41%	1	11	3.95	2.91
		REG				ES	99	72	73%	56%	40	11	3.29	4.23
	GMU 50 Totals						**660**	**521**	**79%**	**27%**	**106**	**46**	**3.15**	**4.24**
GMU 51	Public	REG	ELK-2-193	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	180	168	93%	21%	19	15	3.71	7.31
		REG	ELK-2-194	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	180	164	91%	27%	34	10	3.73	6.38
		REG	ELK-3-201	muzzleloader	Dec 7-11	ES	146	131	90%	27%	18	18	3.32	3.73
		REG	ELK-1-195	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	220	197	90%	39%	80	0	3.76	3.73
		REG	ELK-1-196	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	221	199	90%	26%	53	0	3.41	3.89
		REG	ELK-1-197	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	221	187	85%	21%	43	0	3.29	3.84
		REG	ELK-1-198	rifle	Nov 2-6	A	251	226	90%	27%	0	61	3.46	3.42
		REG	ELK-1-199	rifle	Nov 9-13	A	251	228	91%	36%	0	76	3.48	3.32
		REG	ELK-1-200	rifle	Nov 16-20	A	253	232	92%	25%	0	58	3.21	3.52
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-124	rifle	Nov 30-Dec4	A	105	102	97%	36%	1	33	3.41	3.00
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-125	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	105	101	96%	35%	2	32	3.28	3.35
	Private	REG				MB	153	100	65%	61%	87	2	4.14	3.65
		REG				A	146	92	63%	69%	0	95	4.22	2.80
		REG				ES	91	63	69%	47%	36	6	4.19	5.76
	GMU 51 Totals						**2523**	**2190**	**87%**	**35%**	**374**	**405**	**3.62**	**4.12**
GMU 52	Public	REG	ELK-2-202	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	232	210	91%	28%	42	17	3.91	6.51
		REG	ELK-2-203	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	230	215	93%	16%	29	6	3.67	6.22
		MIP	ELK-3-204	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	49	49	100%	20%	9	0	3.15	3.57
		REG	ELK-3-205	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	121	112	93%	25%	26	0	3.42	3.86
		REG	ELK-3-206	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	A	50	46	92%	17%	0	8	3.39	3.61
		REG	ELK-1-207	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	231	212	92%	29%	58	0	3.57	3.77
		REG	ELK-1-208	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	232	211	91%	32%	64	0	3.63	3.60
		YOUTH	ELK-1-209	rifle	Nov 9-13	A	80	74	93%	60%	0	44	4.24	2.71
		MIP	ELK-1-210	rifle	Nov 16-20	A	59	56	95%	41%	0	20	3.13	3.20
		REG	ELK-1-211	rifle	Nov 16-20	A	73	66	90%	37%	1	23	3.50	3.23
		REG	ELK-1-212	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	115	104	90%	58%	1	62	4.26	2.76
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-126	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	50	50	100%	70%	0	33	4.28	1.94
	Private	REG				MB	53	39	74%	63%	33	0	4.24	3.45
		REG				A	30	22	73%	59%	0	18	4.18	2.32
		REG				ES	41	32	78%	55%	21	1	4.16	6.06
	GMU 52 Totals						**1646**	**1498**	**91%**	**41%**	**283**	**232**	**3.78**	**3.78**
North Central Region (Chama / San Antonio Herd Unit) Totals							**7555**	**6171**	**82%**	**38%**	**1599**	**1208**	**3.64**	**3.98**

Chama / San Antonio Herd Unit (GMU's 4,5B,50,51,52)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
25,300-29,000	38:100:35
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
1690-2200	**2070-2370**

JEMEZ REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 6A	Public	REG	ELK-2-213	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	150	135	90%	41%	51	8	4.17	7.39
		REG	ELK-2-214	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	102	91	89%	44%	35	6	4.23	5.79
		REG	ELK-3-215	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	104	95	91%	39%	38	0	3.89	3.53
		REG	ELK-1-216	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	102	90	88%	53%	49	0	3.88	3.53
		REG	ELK-1-217	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	106	87	82%	44%	43	0	3.95	3.52
		REG	ELK-1-218	rifle	Oct 26-30	A	100	91	91%	40%	0	35	4.01	3.63
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-101	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	50	49	98%	50%	0	22	3.77	2.55
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-102	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	50	50	100%	65%	0	30	3.85	2.54
	Private	REG				MB	53	34	64%	82%	42	0	4.06	2.85
		REG				A	19	16	84%	50%	0	10	4.06	3.44
		REG				ES	53	43	81%	40%	18	1	4.18	6.38
		GMU 6A Totals					**889**	**781**	**88%**	**50%**	**276**	**112**	**4.00**	**4.10**
GMU 6B	Public	REG	ELK-2-219	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	22	88%	57%	11	2	4.52	7.10
		REG	ELK-2-220	archery	Sept 1-15	A	10	10	100%	10%	0	1	4.10	7.60
		REG	ELK-2-221	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	23	92%	59%	14	0	4.64	4.77
		REG	ELK-2-222	archery	Sept 15-25	A	10	10	100%	0%	0	0	4.25	5.13
		REG	ELK-3-223	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	ES	15	14	93%	38%	5	0	4.54	3.85
		YOUTH	ELK-3-224	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	A	20	17	85%	23%	0	4	3.69	3.54
		REG	ELK-1-225	rifle	Oct 12-16	ES	15	15	100%	73%	10	1	4.60	3.47
		REG	ELK-1-226	rifle	Oct 12-16	A	20	19	95%	56%	0	9	4.88	2.63
		YOUTH	ELK-1-227	rifle	Oct 19-23	ES	20	20	100%	79%	14	1	4.32	3.16
		REG	ELK-1-228	rifle	Oct 19-23	A	15	13	87%	78%	0	8	4.67	2.89
		REG	ELK-1-229	rifle	Oct 26-30	A	35	31	89%	41%	0	12	4.11	3.07
		REG	ELK-1-230	rifle	Nov 2-6	A	35	32	91%	50%	0	15	4.07	2.64
		REG	ELK-1-231	rifle	Nov 16-20	A	35	30	86%	29%	1	8	3.18	3.04
		REG	ELK-1-232	rifle	Nov 23-27	A	35	32	91%	32%	1	7	3.41	3.27
		REG	ELK-1-233	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	35	34	97%	32%	0	9	3.93	2.96
		GMU 6B Totals					**350**	**322**	**92%**	**44%**	**57**	**78**	**4.19**	**3.94**
GMU 6C	Public	REG	ELK-2-234	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	152	133	88%	17%	19	3	3.60	8.03
		REG	ELK-2-235	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	106	94	89%	23%	20	2	3.78	6.31
		REG	ELK-3-236	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	155	142	92%	27%	37	1	3.28	3.77
		REG	ELK-1-237	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	105	83	79%	33%	30	0	3.47	3.78
		REG	ELK-1-238	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	105	83	79%	24%	24	0	3.42	3.46
		REG	ELK-1-239	rifle	Oct 26-30	A	111	102	92%	31%	1	28	3.52	3.47
		REG	ELK-1-240	rifle	Nov 23-27	A	110	97	88%	49%	0	46	3.99	3.29
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-103	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	50	44	88%	32%	2	13	3.54	2.71
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-104	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	51	49	96%	58%	1	26	3.78	2.96
	Private	REG				MB	63	34	54%	68%	43	0	4.26	3.65
		REG				A	35	33	94%	61%	1	20	3.82	2.76
		REG				ES	46	40	87%	31%	12	2	3.62	6.03
		GMU 6C Totals					**1089**	**934**	**86%**	**38%**	**191**	**143**	**3.67**	**4.18**
GMU 7	Public	REG	ELK-2-241	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	15	100%	54%	5	2	3.77	5.69
		REG	ELK-2-242	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	15	15	100%	29%	4	0	3.36	5.86
		REG	ELK-3-243	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	24	22	92%	25%	5	0	3.20	3.85
		REG	ELK-1-244	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	30	25	83%	18%	5	0	3.00	3.91
		REG	ELK-1-245	rifle	Oct 19-23	A	50	43	86%	11%	0	5	2.89	4.13
	Private	REG				MB	14	9	64%	57%	6	0	3.29	3.86
		REG				A	36	30	83%	57%	0	20	4.47	2.80
		REG				ES	122	85	70%	55%	42	19	3.64	3.95
		GMU 7 Totals					**306**	**244**	**80%**	**38%**	**67**	**46**	**3.45**	**4.26**
Jemez Region Totals							**2634**	**2281**	**87%**	**42%**	**591**	**378**	**3.83**	**4.12**

Jemez Mountains Herd Unit (GMU 6A-C, 7)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
6,100-7,100	48:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
360-475	**440-510**

SOUTHWEST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 12	Public	REG	ELK-2-246	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	36	33	92%	48%	15	1	3.65	6.45
		REG	ELK-2-247	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	35	34	97%	38%	12	0	3.75	6.16
		REG	ELK-2-255	archery	Dec 7-11	APRE/6	25	20	80%	0%	0	0	3.19	3.50
		REG	ELK-1-248	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	35	34	97%	50%	16	0	4.25	3.66
		REG	ELK-1-249	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	61	54	89%	35%	18	1	3.38	3.83
		REG	ELK-1-250	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	81	74	91%	35%	27	0	3.63	3.68
		REG	ELK-1-251	rifle	Nov 9-13	MB	80	75	94%	32%	22	0	3.63	3.83
		REG	ELK-1-252	rifle	Nov 16-20	A	60	53	88%	29%	0	16	3.33	3.51
		REG	ELK-1-253	rifle	Nov 23-27	A	60	55	92%	43%	0	22	3.43	3.26
		REG	ELK-1-254	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	64	57	89%	46%	0	27	3.94	3.06
	Private	REG				MB	250	166	66%	62%	152	0	3.91	3.91
		REG				A	316	183	58%	69%	2	212	4.21	2.80
		REG				ES	208	147	71%	56%	112	3	4.25	5.07
		Fence Lake Herd Totals					**1311**	**985**	**75%**	**42%**	**378**	**282**	**3.73**	**4.06**

Fence Lake Herd Unit (GMU 12)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
4,000-5,900	41:100:46
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
320-550	**400-590**

GMU 13	Public	REG	ELK-2-256	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	202	189	94%	23%	37	4	3.45	8.22
		REG	ELK-2-257	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	149	137	92%	19%	24	1	3.65	6.43
		YOUTH	ELK-3-258	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	ES	30	27	90%	46%	12	0	3.88	3.08
		REG	ELK-3-259	muzzleloader	Oct 12-16	MB	86	74	86%	17%	14	0	3.23	4.23
		REG	ELK-3-260	muzzleloader	Oct 19-23	MB	127	117	92%	22%	24	0	3.54	4.05
		REG	ELK-3-261	muzzleloader	Nov 16-20	MB	126	116	92%	20%	22	0	3.32	4.00
		REG	ELK-3-262	muzzleloader	Dec 7-11	A	117	105	90%	27%	0	27	3.61	3.26
		REG	ELK-3-263	muzzleloader	Dec 14-18	A	116	106	91%	23%	0	21	3.43	3.69
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-106	muzzleloader	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	60	56	93%	23%	0	12	3.88	3.06
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-107	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	44	43	98%	45%	0	17	3.53	3.00
	Private	REG				MB	94	74	79%	36%	33	0	4.15	4.32
		REG				A	73	56	77%	51%	1	35	4.18	3.31
		REG				ES	190	137	72%	47%	82	4	3.94	5.16
		Datil Herd Unit Totals					**1414**	**1237**	**87%**	**31%**	**249**	**121**	**3.68**	**4.29**

Datil Herd Unit (GMU 13)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
3,000-3,900	40:100:37
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
210-310	**250-330**

GMU 15	Public	REG	ELK-2-264	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	350	329	94%	30%	82	17	3.94	7.91
		REG	ELK-2-265	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	250	240	96%	29%	59	7	4.08	6.69
		YOUTH	ELK-3-266	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	ES	25	25	100%	46%	11	0	3.96	3.13
		REG	ELK-3-267	muzzleloader	Oct 12-16	MB	200	181	91%	28%	52	0	3.69	3.95
		REG	ELK-3-268	muzzleloader	Oct 19-23	MB	246	223	91%	20%	44	1	3.51	4.04
		REG	ELK-3-269	muzzleloader	Nov 16-20	MB	250	236	94%	18%	39	0	3.32	4.05
		REG	ELK-3-270	muzzleloader	Dec 7-11	A	250	232	93%	29%	2	61	3.76	3.61
		REG	ELK-3-271	muzzleloader	Dec 14-18	A	250	240	96%	38%	1	80	3.71	3.65
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-108	muzzleloader	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	75	73	97%	47%	0	26	4.06	3.06
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-109	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	75	72	96%	41%	0	25	3.95	2.97
	Private	REG				MB	153	102	67%	33%	48	0	3.66	4.25
		REG				A	107	85	79%	71%	0	73	4.50	3.27
		REG				ES	160	117	73%	46%	72	0	4.13	6.42
		GMU 15 Totals					**2391**	**2155**	**90%**	**37%**	**411**	**291**	**3.87**	**4.38**

GMU 16A	Public	REG	ELK-2-272	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	251	230	92%	26%	51	9	3.85	8.08
		REG	ELK-2-273	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	150	137	91%	30%	37	5	3.96	6.84
		MIP	ELK-1-274	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	25	20	80%	58%	14	0	4.47	3.47
		REG	ELK-1-275	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	75	69	92%	62%	43	0	4.14	3.55
		REG	ELK-1-276	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	100	93	93%	33%	30	0	3.32	3.70
		REG	ELK-1-277	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	75	69	92%	58%	0	38	3.70	2.87
		REG	ELK-1-278	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	75	67	89%	53%	0	37	3.61	3.16
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-110	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	75	74	99%	71%	0	50	3.99	2.43
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-111	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	72	96%	60%	0	36	3.74	2.97
	Private	REG				MB	6	5	83%	40%	2	0	3.60	4.80
		REG				A	6	5	83%	60%	1	2	2.60	2.80
		REG				ES	12	10	83%	40%	5	0	4.70	8.90
		GMU 16A Totals					**925**	**851**	**92%**	**49%**	**184**	**178**	**3.81**	**4.47**

GMU 16B/22	Public	REG	ELK-2-279	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	225	203	90%	17%	31	4	3.36	7.93
		REG	ELK-2-280	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	165	150	91%	23%	35	0	3.37	6.50
		REG	ELK-1-281	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	25	24	96%	50%	11	0	3.32	3.68
		REG	ELK-1-282	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	80	72	90%	19%	13	0	3.09	3.83
		REG	ELK-1-283	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	120	99	83%	21%	23	0	3.02	3.86
	Private	16B REG				MB	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	2.00	4.50
		16B REG				ES	4	4	100%	33%	1	0	1.67	10.00
		22 REG				ES	20	10	50%	20%	4	0	3.20	4.60
		GMU 16B/22 Totals					**641**	**564**	**88%**	**29%**	**120**	**4**	**2.88**	**5.61**

GMU 16C	Public	REG	ELK-2-284	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	144	140	97%	20%	23	2	3.39	7.89
		REG	ELK-2-285	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	100	96	96%	15%	13	1	3.16	7.11
		YOUTH	ELK-1-286	rifle	Oct 5-9	ES	25	24	96%	73%	11	5	3.77	3.77
		REG	ELK-1-287	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	35	25	71%	20%	6	0	2.95	3.95
		REG	ELK-1-288	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	65	57	88%	25%	15	0	2.98	3.98
		REG	ELK-1-289	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	50	40	80%	18%	0	8	2.53	3.79
		REG	ELK-1-290	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	48	40	83%	50%	0	22	3.25	3.69
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-112	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	75	72	96%	29%	0	18	3.36	3.44
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-113	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	76	66	87%	28%	0	18	2.91	3.14
	Private	REG				MB	24	18	75%	39%	9	0	3.44	5.33
		REG				A	18	16	89%	73%	1	11	4.07	3.67
		REG				ES	53	41	77%	38%	19	0	3.93	5.18
		GMU 16C Totals					**713**	**635**	**89%**	**36%**	**97**	**85**	**3.31**	**4.58**

GMU 16D	Public	REG	ELK-2-291	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	91	89	98%	49%	37	4	4.12	7.12
		REG	ELK-2-292	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	58	97%	35%	19	2	4.14	6.07
		MIP	ELK-1-293	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	25	22	88%	73%	18	0	4.23	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-294	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	55	47	85%	54%	29	0	3.87	3.39
		REG	ELK-1-295	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	50	46	92%	35%	16	0	3.47	3.74
		REG	ELK-1-296	rifle	Dec7-11	A	50	47	94%	52%	0	23	3.71	2.95
		REG	ELK-1-297	rifle	Dec14-18	A	50	45	90%	33%	0	14	3.70	3.08
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-114	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	75	74	99%	62%	0	43	3.97	2.81
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-115	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	74	99%	38%	1	24	3.37	3.25
	Private	REG				MB	19	12	63%	70%	11	0	4.50	3.10
		REG				A	14	11	79%	64%	0	9	4.27	2.73
		REG				ES	20	13	65%	46%	9	0	3.54	6.46
		GMU 16D Totals					**584**	**538**	**92%**	**51%**	**140**	**120**	**3.91**	**3.98**

GMU 16E	Public	REG	ELK-2-298	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	90	86	96%	29%	20	4	3.54	7.40
		REG	ELK-2-299	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	54	90%	19%	8	1	2.83	4.91
		REG	ELK-3-301	muzzleloader	Oct 12-16	MB	71	65	92%	18%	11	0	3.25	3.98
		YOUTH	ELK-1-300	rifle	Oct 5-9	ES	25	24	96%	55%	13	0	3.82	3.77
		REG	ELK-1-302	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	53	52	98%	20%	9	0	3.02	4.24
		REG	ELK-1-303	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	75	68	91%	18%	0	11	3.04	3.42
		REG	ELK-1-304	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	75	71	95%	25%	1	15	3.15	3.37
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-116	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	75	73	97%	33%	0	23	3.00	3.12
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-117	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	68	91%	39%	0	24	3.07	3.04
	Private	REG				MB	49	25	51%	67%	31	0	3.96	3.58
		REG				A	38	30	79%	48%	0	18	3.93	3.14
		REG				ES	72	45	63%	41%	29	0	4.23	5.39
		GMU 16E Totals					**758**	**661**	**87%**	**34%**	**121**	**96**	**3.40**	**4.11**
		Greater Gila Herd Unit Totals					**6012**	**5404**	**90%**	**39%**	**1074**	**773**	**3.53**	**3.88**

Greater Gila Herd Unit (GMU 15, 16A-E)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
21,200-23,300	33:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
1100-1400	**1300-1400**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 17	Public	REG	ELK-2-305	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	119	95%	19%	19	2	3.61	8.04
		REG	ELK-2-306	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	71	95%	18%	11	1	3.77	6.74
		YOUTH	ELK-3-307	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	ES	26	25	96%	48%	11	1	3.68	3.24
		REG	ELK-3-308	muzzleloader	Oct 14-18	MB	100	92	92%	24%	21	0	3.20	3.76
		REG	ELK-3-309	muzzleloader	Oct 21-25	MB	100	93	93%	14%	13	0	3.06	4.27
		REG	ELK-3-310	muzzleloader	Nov 18-22	MB	25	25	100%	21%	4	0	3.89	3.58
		REG	ELK-3-311	muzzleloader	Nov 18-22	A	25	23	92%	11%	0	2	3.06	3.39
		REG	ELK-3-312	muzzleloader	Dec 2-6	A	101	92	91%	20%	0	16	3.41	3.56
		REG	ELK-3-313	muzzleloader	Dec 9-13	A	101	98	97%	12%	0	10	3.30	3.64
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-118	muzzleloader	Nov 25-29	A	38	37	97%	3%	0	1	3.22	3.56
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-119	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	23	21	91%	13%	0	2	3.81	3.06
	Private	REG				MB	41	33	80%	55%	22	0	3.79	3.94
		REG				A	36	34	94%	43%	1	13	3.13	3.23
		REG				ES	38	29	76%	45%	17	0	3.38	5.76
	San Mateo Herd Unit Totals						**854**	**792**	**93%**	**25%**	**119**	**49**	**3.45**	**4.27**

San Mateo Herd Unit (GMU 17)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,600-2,400	51:100:38
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
110-180	**130-200**

GMU 21A	Public	REG	ELK-2-314	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	50	49	98%	31%	12	2	3.76	6.80
		REG	ELK-2-315	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	50	41	82%	24%	9	2	3.47	6.47
		REG	ELK-2-320	archery	Dec 21-25	MB	15	14	93%	8%	1	0	3.08	3.54
		REG	ELK-1-316	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	15	12	80%	10%	1	0	3.10	3.80
		REG	ELK-1-317	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	35	30	86%	30%	9	0	4.19	3.78
		REG	ELK-1-318	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	55	47	85%	27%	13	0	3.55	3.52
		REG	ELK-1-319	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	30	29	97%	44%	0	12	3.74	3.33
	Private	REG				MB	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	4.50	5.00
		REG				A	2	2	100%	100%	0	2	4.00	3.50
		REG				ES	3	3	100%	100%	3	0	5.00	2.00
	GMU 21A Totals						**257**	**229**	**89%**	**42%**	**49**	**19**	**3.84**	**4.18**

GMU 21B	Public	REG	ELK-2-321	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	21	84%	16%	2	1	2.74	7.26
		REG	ELK-2-322	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	20	80%	0%	0	0	2.95	7.42
		REG	ELK-2-330	archery	Dec 21-25	MB	15	12	80%	22%	3	0	2.89	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-323	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	10	10	100%	60%	6	0	3.60	3.10
		REG	ELK-1-324	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	15	15	100%	21%	3	0	2.87	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-325	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	25	23	92%	35%	8	0	3.25	2.55
		REG	ELK-1-326	rifle	Nov 16-20	A	15	14	93%	50%	0	5	3.20	2.90
		REG	ELK-1-327	rifle	Nov 23-27	A	15	12	80%	18%	0	3	2.55	3.36
		REG	ELK-1-328	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	15	12	80%	25%	0	3	3.00	3.13
		REG	ELK-1-329	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	20	18	90%	43%	0	7	3.64	3.00
	Private	REG				MB	40	27	68%	81%	31	0	3.54	3.62
		REG				A	44	32	73%	73%	0	30	3.97	2.70
		REG				ES	114	69	61%	47%	51	2	3.85	4.87
	GMU 21B Totals						**378**	**285**	**75%**	**38%**	**104**	**50**	**3.23**	**3.94**

GMU 23	Public	REG	ELK-2-331	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	107	86%	31%	29	6	3.66	6.78
		REG	ELK-2-332	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	73	97%	18%	12	1	3.32	7.18
		REG	ELK-2-337	archery	Dec 21-25	MB	15	14	93%	9%	1	0	3.55	3.45
		REG	ELK-3-334	muzzleloader	Oct 12-16	MB	75	72	96%	14%	9	0	3.08	4.20
		YOUTH	ELK-1-333	rifle	Oct 5-9	ES	25	23	92%	50%	11	1	3.41	3.73
		REG	ELK-1-335	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	75	70	93%	31%	20	0	3.21	3.84
		REG	ELK-1-336	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	20	18	90%	50%	0	10	3.72	2.44
		REG	ELK-1-338	rifle	Dec 21-29	A	20	18	90%	20%	0	3	2.73	4.13
	Private	REG				MB	4	3	75%	0%	0	0	3.33	5.00
		REG				A	7	4	57%	100%	0	7	4.50	1.00
		REG				ES	32	16	50%	64%	14	4	4.64	3.64
	GMU 23 Totals						**473**	**418**	**88%**	**35%**	**97**	**32**	**3.56**	**4.13**

GMU 24	Public	REG	ELK-2-339	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	14	93%	17%	1	1	3.23	5.42
		REG	ELK-2-340	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	8	80%	14%	0	1	3.29	6.43
		REG	ELK-3-341	muzzleloader	Oct 12-16	MB	15	12	80%	36%	5	0	2.27	3.36
		REG	ELK-1-342	rifle	Dec 21-25	MB	15	14	93%	27%	3	0	2.18	3.27
		YOUTH FT BAYARD	ELK-1-343	rifle	Oct 5-9	ES	5	4	80%	25%	1	0	2.75	3.00
		YOUTH FT BAYARD	ELK-1-344	rifle	Oct 19-23	A	5	5	100%	100%	0	4	4.25	3.25
	Private	REG				MB	3	3	100%	50%	1	0	4.50	3.00
		REG				A	3	2	67%	100%	0	2	3.00	1.00
		REG				ES	36	11	31%	30%	10	0	3.40	4.00
	GMU 24 Totals						**107**	**73**	**68%**	**44%**	**21**	**8**	**3.21**	**3.64**
	Lesser Gila Herd Unit Totals						**1215**	**1005**	**83%**	**40%**	**272**	**109**	**3.46**	**3.97**
Southwest Region Totals							**10806**	**8438**	**78%**	**34%**	**1714**	**1053**	**3.53**	**4.10**

Lesser Gila Herd Unit (GMU 21A-B, 23, 24)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,300-4,400	33:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
80-280	**70-280**
1820-2720	**2150-2800**

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 34	Public	REG	ELK-2-345	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	201	186	93%	37%	56	16	4.15	7.22
		REG	ELK-2-346	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	200	187	94%	45%	76	9	4.30	5.71
		REG	ELK-2-355	archery	Dec 21-25	APRE/6/A	201	191	95%	16%	14	14	3.52	3.68
		REG	ELK-3-350	muzzleloader	Oct 12-16	ES	252	243	96%	45%	92	13	3.94	3.67
		YOUTH	ELK-1-347	rifle	Oct 5-9	A	75	68	91%	74%	53	2	4.31	3.04
		YOUTH	ELK-1-348	rifle	Oct 5-9	ES	120	116	97%	54%	1	62	3.93	2.65
		MIP	ELK-1-349	rifle	Oct 5-9	ES	50	46	92%	84%	35	4	4.23	2.98
		REG	ELK-1-351	rifle	Oct 19-23	ES	150	139	93%	70%	78	18	4.27	3.20
		REG	ELK-1-352	rifle	Nov 23-27	A	352	308	88%	50%	2	157	3.85	3.10
		REG	ELK-1-353	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	351	319	91%	40%	1	124	3.79	3.22
		REG	ELK-1-354	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	352	318	90%	42%	1	132	3.69	3.21
		REG	ELK-1-356	rifle	Jan 25-29 '25	A	200	186	93%	49%	2	83	3.82	2.59
		REG	ELK-1-357	rifle	Feb 1-5 '25	A	200	174	87%	44%	1	77	3.59	2.84
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-120	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	127	125	98%	58%	0	65	3.94	2.76
	Private	REG				APRE/6/A	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	2.00	2.00
		REG				A	362	273	75%	68%	1	236	4.09	2.80
		REG				ES	527	332	63%	64%	310	19	4.10	4.37
	Sacramento Herd Unit Totals						**3721**	**3212**	**86%**	**48%**	**723**	**1031**	**3.84**	**3.42**

Sacramento Herd Unit (GMU 34)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
7,400-8,600	52:100:39
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
500-660	**610-710**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 36	Public	REG	ELK-2-358	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	139	125	90%	41%	46	6	3.93	6.55
		REG	ELK-2-359	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	140	131	94%	36%	42	4	4.13	5.52
		REG	ELK-3-360	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	ES	141	133	94%	51%	56	12	3.82	3.59
		REG	ELK-1-361	rifle	Oct 12-16	ES	140	121	86%	60%	58	21	3.86	3.45
		REG	ELK-1-362	rifle	Oct 26-30	ES	141	126	89%	56%	59	16	3.73	3.13
		REG	ELK-1-363	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	101	94	93%	45%	1	39	3.64	3.01
		REG	ELK-1-364	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	100	87	87%	52%	2	46	3.96	2.95
		REG	ELK-1-365	rifle	Jan 25-29 '25	A	101	95	94%	63%	2	53	4.20	2.45
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-121	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	80	77	96%	59%	0	39	3.80	2.45
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-122	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	80	77	96%	66%	0	47	3.68	2.60
	Private	REG				A	159	102	64%	79%	2	122	4.29	2.13
		REG				ES	424	261	62%	67%	262	16	4.06	3.85
	Ruidoso Herd Unit Totals						**1746**	**1429**	**82%**	**56%**	**529**	**420**	**3.92**	**3.47**
South Central Region Totals							**5467**	**4641**	**85%**	**52%**	**1252**	**1451**	**3.88**	**3.45**

Ruidoso Herd Unit (GMU 36)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
5,400-8,500	66:100:43
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
370-640	**450-690**
870-1300	**1060-1400**

NORTHEAST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 45	Public	REG	ELK-2-366	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	75	70	93%	16%	10	1	3.94	7.83
		REG	ELK-2-367	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	73	69	95%	30%	21	0	3.75	5.69
		REG	ELK-3-368	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	136	119	88%	29%	38	0	3.09	3.65
		REG	ELK-3-371	muzzleloader	Nov 9-13	A	49	44	90%	27%	0	10	3.18	3.36
		REG	ELK-1-369	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	140	122	87%	30%	39	0	3.29	3.89
		REG	ELK-1-370	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	140	118	84%	9%	11	0	3.07	3.84
	Private	REG				MB	39	28	72%	12%	4	0	2.96	4.12
		REG				A	28	22	79%	45%	0	11	3.45	2.80
		REG				ES	85	59	69%	41%	27	6	3.82	5.18
		Pecos Herd Unit Totals					**765**	**651**	**85%**	**27%**	**150**	**28**	**3.39**	**4.49**

Pecos Herd Unit (GMU 45)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,100-2,100	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
80-150	**90-160**

GMU 48														
	Public	REG	ELK-2-372	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	80	74	93%	27%	15	3	3.52	7.38
		REG	ELK-2-373	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	79	74	94%	14%	10	0	3.40	6.62
		REG	ELK-3-374	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	MB	60	54	90%	23%	12	0	3.00	3.62
		REG	ELK-1-375	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	74	64	86%	19%	13	0	3.21	3.98
		REG	ELK-1-376	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	65	55	85%	31%	19	0	3.49	4.04
		REG	ELK-1-377	rifle	Nov 9-13	A	50	44	88%	40%	0	14	3.73	2.10
		REG	ELK-1-378	rifle	Dec 7-11	A	55	54	98%	61%	0	31	4.02	2.31
	Private	REG				MB	98	43	44%	46%	41	2	4.00	4.05
		REG				A	65	41	63%	80%	0	51	4.40	2.50
		REG				ES	79	39	49%	27%	18	2	3.81	6.68
		White Peak Herd Unit Totals					**705**	**542**	**77%**	**37%**	**128**	**102**	**3.66**	**4.33**

Whites Peak Herd Unit (GMU 48)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,200-2000	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-140	**90-150**

GMU 49														
	Public	REG	ELK-2-379	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	61	58	95%	24%	13	1	3.91	7.98
		REG	ELK-2-380	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	59	56	95%	26%	14	1	3.60	6.34
		REG	ELK-1-381	rifle	Oct 5-9	MB	77	71	92%	37%	27	0	3.78	3.24
		REG	ELK-1-382	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	77	71	92%	29%	22	0	3.41	3.82
		REG	ELK-1-383	rifle	Nov 2-6	A	78	74	95%	21%	0	15	3.40	3.31
		REG	ELK-1-384	rifle	Nov 9-13	A	77	69	90%	34%	0	22	3.02	3.15
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-123	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	50	48	96%	22%	0	9	3.12	2.93
	Private	REG				MB	6	5	83%	40%	2	0	3.40	3.80
		REG				A	7	6	86%	33%	0	2	4.50	2.83
		REG				ES	43	32	74%	32%	8	5	3.26	4.48
		Penasco Herd Unit Totals					**535**	**490**	**92%**	**30%**	**86**	**56**	**3.54**	**4.19**

Penasco Herd Unit (GMU 49)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,100-2,400	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-200	**40-100**

GMU 53														
	Public	REG	ELK-2-385	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	66	63	95%	4%	2	0	3.07	7.69
		REG	ELK-2-386	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	61	50	82%	7%	4	0	3.13	6.24
		REG	ELK-3-387	muzzleloader	Oct 5-9	ES	50	47	94%	12%	5	0	2.79	4.09
		REG	ELK-1-388	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	80	65	81%	9%	6	0	2.80	4.22
		REG	ELK-1-389	rifle	Oct 19-23	MB	131	109	83%	7%	8	0	2.90	4.02
		REG	ELK-1-390	rifle	Nov 9-13	A	94	82	87%	19%	0	14	3.11	3.90
		REG	ELK-1-391	rifle	Nov 16-20	A	95	82	86%	13%	0	10	2.56	3.53
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-127	rifle	Nov 30-Dec 4	A	60	56	93%	15%	0	8	2.98	3.43
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-128	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	60	54	90%	14%	0	7	2.83	3.74
	Private	REG				MB	58	32	55%	19%	11	0	2.90	3.94
		REG				A	64	47	73%	30%	1	18	3.26	3.59
		REG				ES	59	43	73%	24%	14	0	3.07	5.71
		Ute Herd Unit Totals					**878**	**730**	**83%**	**14%**	**52**	**56**	**2.95**	**4.51**
Northeast Region Totals							**2883**	**2413**	**84%**	**27%**	**415**	**243**	**3.39**	**4.38**

Ute Herd Unit (GMU 53)	
popn. est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,400-2,900	34:100:24
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-160	**90-180**
290-650	**310-590**

Secondary Management Zones

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 14	Public	REG	ELK-1-392	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	10	100%	33%	3	0	3.22	4.11
	Private	REG				A	4	2	50%	100%	0	4	5.00	2.00
		REG				ES	40	28	70%	36%	10	3	3.52	5.16
		GMU 14 Totals					**54**	**40**	**74%**	**56%**	**13**	**7**	**3.91**	**3.76**
GMU 18	Public	REG	ELK-2-393	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	26	24	92%	4%	1	0	2.79	9.25
		REG	ELK-2-394	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	24	96%	13%	3	0	2.91	8.17
		REG	ELK-1-395	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	9	90%	38%	3	0	2.75	3.50
	Private	REG				A	12	7	58%	57%	2	5	4.14	3.43
		REG				ES	80	61	76%	30%	16	8	2.84	4.46
		GMU 18 Totals					**153**	**125**	**82%**	**28%**	**25**	**13**	**3.09**	**5.76**
GMU 28	Public	MIL	ELK-1-396	rifle	Dec 14-18	ES	10	8	80%	43%	4	0	3.29	3.71
		REG	ELK-1-397	rifle	Dec 14-18	ES	10	10	100%	63%	3	2	3.50	2.63
		GMU 28 Totals					**20**	**18**	**90%**	**53%**	**7**	**2**	**3.39**	**3.17**
GMU 29/30	Public	REG	ELK-2-398	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	20	18	90%	25%	4	0	3.50	6.63
		REG	ELK-2-399	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	20	18	90%	12%	2	0	3.41	7.35
		REG	ELK-1-400	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	20	18	90%	56%	10	0	3.56	3.38
		REG	ELK-1-401	rifle	Oct 12-16	ES	30	26	87%	48%	13	1	3.64	3.80
	Private	30 REG				A	9	5	56%	40%	0	4	4.20	4.00
		30 REG				ES	82	59	72%	47%	29	8	3.43	3.83
		GMU 30 Totals					**181**	**144**	**80%**	**38%**	**59**	**13**	**3.62**	**4.83**
GMU 32	Private	REG				A	12	9	75%	89%	0	11	4.00	1.78
		REG				ES	80	39	49%	87%	66	2	4.47	2.76
		GMU 32 Totals					**92**	**48**	**52%**	**88%**	**66**	**13**	**4.24**	**2.27**
GMU 37	Public	REG	ELK-2-402	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	40	37	93%	37%	12	2	4.00	7.23
		REG	ELK-2-403	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	30	29	97%	32%	8	1	4.11	6.25
		REG	ELK-2-407	archery	Dec 7-11	APRE/6	50	48	96%	0%	0	0	2.48	4.10
		REG	ELK-1-404	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	30	28	93%	67%	19	0	3.44	3.04
		REG	ELK-1-405	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	30	29	97%	59%	13	0	4.23	3.41
		REG	ELK-1-406	rifle	Nov 23-27	A	45	41	91%	32%	0	13	3.14	3.24
	Private	REG				A	78	50	64%	68%	2	51	4.26	2.76
		REG				ES	249	175	70%	54%	114	16	3.82	3.51
		GMU 37 Totals					**552**	**437**	**79%**	**44%**	**168**	**83**	**3.68**	**4.19**
GMU 38	Public	REG	ELK-1-408	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	10	100%	57%	4	0	3.43	2.71
		REG	ELK-1-409	rifle	Oct 12-16	ES	10	10	100%	50%	4	1	4.20	3.90
	Private	REG				A	5	3	60%	67%	2	2	5.00	3.33
		REG				ES	80	46	58%	53%	37	5	3.78	3.69
		GMU 38 Totals					**105**	**69**	**66%**	**57%**	**46**	**8**	**4.10**	**3.41**
GMU 42	Private	REG				A	64	22	34%	64%	6	35	4.55	3.09
		REG				ES	168	82	49%	64%	86	16	3.97	3.58
		GMU 42 Totals					**232**	**104**	**45%**	**64%**	**92**	**51**	**4.26**	**3.33**
GMU 39/43	Public	REG	ELK-1-410	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	30	27	90%	48%	13	1	3.15	3.63
	Private	39 REG				ES	3	2	67%	0%	0	0	3.00	3.50
		43 REG				ES	20	6	30%	33%	7	0	2.83	4.33
		GMU 43 Totals					**53**	**35**	**66%**	**27%**	**20**	**1**	**2.99**	**3.82**
GMU 46	Private	private				A	286	166	58%	70%	3	193	4.20	2.23
		private				ES	1017	541	53%	49%	352	107	3.86	4.04
		GMU 46 Totals					**1303**	**707**	**54%**	**59%**	**355**	**300**	**4.03**	**3.14**
GMU 47	Private	REG				A	11	9	82%	100%	0	11	4.22	1.22
		REG				ES	91	38	42%	68%	55	5	4.11	3.19
		GMU 47 Totals					**102**	**47**	**46%**	**84%**	**55**	**16**	**4.17**	**2.21**
GMU 56	Public	REG	ELK-2-414	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	67%	3	0	3.33	5.00
		REG	ELK-2-415	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	75%	3	0	4.50	3.25
		REG	ELK-1-416	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	10	10	100%	80%	8	0	3.70	2.90
		REG	ELK-1-417	rifle	Oct 12-16	A	10	10	100%	0%	0	0	3.11	4.11
	Private	REG				A	213	119	56%	77%	2	163	4.35	2.12
		REG				ES	324	153	47%	72%	182	42	4.45	3.24
		GMU 56 Totals					**567**	**301**	**53%**	**62%**	**197**	**205**	**3.91**	**3.44**
GMU 57/58	Public	57 / SUGARITE	ELK-2-418	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	3	3	100%	33%	1	0	3.67	11.33
		57 / SUGARITE	ELK-2-419	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	2	2	100%	0%	0	0	4.00	6.00
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-2-420	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	5	100%	20%	1	0	3.00	5.40
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-2-421	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	25%	1	0	4.25	7.25
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-422	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	5	4	80%	75%	4	0	4.50	2.50
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-423	rifle	Oct 12-16	MB	10	10	100%	60%	6	0	3.40	3.20
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-424	rifle	Dec 14-18	A	10	10	100%	30%	0	3	3.70	2.90
	Private	57 REG				A	169	70	41%	84%	2	140	4.53	2.23
		57 REG				ES	259	117	45%	76%	168	20	4.49	4.17
		58 REG				A	56	31	55%	77%	0	43	4.35	1.90
		58 REG				ES	126	55	44%	57%	62	5	4.24	3.45
		GMU 57/58 Totals					**650**	**312**	**48%**	**49%**	**245**	**211**	**4.01**	**4.58**
GMU 59	Private	REG				A	16	9	56%	88%	0	12	4.25	2.13
		REG				ES	93	56	60%	65%	50	8	3.98	3.83
		GMU 59 Totals					**109**	**65**	**60%**	**76%**	**50**	**21**	**4.12**	**2.98**
GMU 42/47/59	Public	REG	ELK-2-411	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	13	13	100%	9%	1	0	3.18	6.73
		REG	ELK-2-412	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	13	10	77%	22%	3	0	3.33	6.33
		REG	ELK-1-413	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	13	12	92%	91%	11	0	3.91	2.64
	Private	42 REG				A	64	22	34%	64%	6	35	4.55	3.09
		42 REG				ES	168	82	49%	64%	86	16	3.97	3.58
		47 REG				A	11	9	82%	100%	0	11	4.22	1.22
		47 REG				ES	91	38	42%	68%	55	5	4.11	3.19
		59 REG				A	16	9	56%	88%	0	12	4.25	2.13
		59 REG				ES	93	56	60%	65%	50	8	3.98	3.83
		GMU 42/47/59 Totals					**482**	**251**	**52%**	**41%**	**211**	**88**	**3.95**	**3.64**
		Secondary Management Zones Totals					**4655**	**3874**	**83%**	**55%**	**2231**	**1431**	**3.83**	**3.63**

Special Management Zones

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 54	Public	COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-2-425	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	8	80%	13%	1	0	3.25	7.00
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-2-426	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	7	70%	17%	1	0	2.83	6.83
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-3-427	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	20	19	95%	0%	0	0	2.67	4.27
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-428	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	20	19	95%	9%	1	0	2.64	3.64
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-429	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	20	19	95%	18%	3	0	3.06	3.53
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-430	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	20	17	85%	30%	0	4	3.60	2.80
	Private	REG				A	37	16	43%	60%	0	21	3.93	2.13
		REG				ES	110	46	42%	67%	69	5	4.70	3.41
		GMU 54 Totals					**247**	**151**	**61%**	**27%**	**76**	**29**	**3.33**	**4.20**
GMU 55	Public	ES BARKER WMA	ELK-2-431	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	25%	0	1	2.50	8.25
		ES BARKER WMA	ELK-2-432	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	20%	1	0	2.40	4.80
		URRACA WMA	ELK-2-434	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	5	100%	25%	1	0	4.00	10.25
		URRACA WMA	ELK-2-435	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	3.60	7.00
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-2-441	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	24	96%	43%	10	0	3.87	8.35
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-2-442	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	24	96%	30%	7	0	4.22	6.87
		URRACA WMA	ELK-3-436	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	10	8	80%	0%	0	0	1.60	3.00
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-3-443	muzzleloader	Oct 7-11	MB	20	20	100%	37%	7	0	3.95	3.74
		ES BARKER WMA	ELK-1-433	rifle	Oct 7-11	MB	10	9	90%	13%	1	0	2.00	4.13
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-437	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	10	9	90%	29%	2	0	4.14	4.00
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-438	rifle	Nov 4-8	MB	10	9	90%	29%	2	0	1.86	3.57
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-439	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	15	13	87%	0%	0	0	3.80	3.40
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-440	rifle	Nov 25-29	A	15	14	93%	9%	0	1	2.73	3.27
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-444	rifle	Oct 14-18	MB	35	31	89%	43%	15	0	3.43	3.60
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-445	rifle	Oct 21-25	MB	30	26	87%	36%	10	0	3.56	3.73
		V VIDAL YOUTH	ELK-1-446	rifle	Oct 21 - Nov 1	MB	20	19	95%	63%	11	0	4.00	3.88
		V VIDAL YOUTH	ELK-1-447	rifle	Nov 4-8	A	30	29	97%	38%	0	10	3.42	3.19
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-448	rifle	Nov 11-15	A	30	25	83%	44%	0	10	3.78	3.72
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-449	rifle	Nov 18-22	A	30	29	97%	59%	0	17	4.15	2.67
		CWD Incentive	ELK-1-603	rifle		MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.00	5.00
	Private	55A REG				A	439	272	62%	65%	6	274	4.18	2.94
		55A REG				ES	666	367	55%	65%	403	29	4.36	3.68
		55B REG				A	21	14	67%	85%	2	15	4.77	1.62
		55B REG				ES	101	58	57%	78%	66	12	4.52	2.90
		GMU 55 Totals					**1563**	**1020**	**65%**	**39%**	**546**	**369**	**3.58**	**4.48**
Special Management Zones Totals							**1810**	**1171**	**65%**	**33%**	**622**	**399**	**3.46**	**4.34**

Special Authorizations

	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Big Game Enhancement	ELK-1-501		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	5.00	5.00
Elk Enhancement Auction	ELK-1-600		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	3.00	31.00
Elk Enhancement Raffle	ELK-1-605		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.00	21.00
Premium Statewide Draw Elk	ELK-1-700		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	3.00	7.00
Special Authorizations Totals					**4**	**4**	**100%**	**50%**	**2**	**0**	**4.00**	**16.00**

Population Management Hunts

	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
LVNWR (YOUTH)		rifle	various	A	23	20	87%	80%	1	17	4.15	1.80
Population Management Hunt Totals					**23**	**20**	**87%**	**80%**	**1**	**17**	**4.15**	**1.80**

STATEWIDE TOTALS

Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
38838	**31071**	**80%**	**40%**	**7910**	**6199**	**3.72**	**4.25**

STATEWIDE SUCCESS & SATISFACTION

	Rifle	Archery	Muzzleloader
PUBLIC:			
Success	38%	25%	27%
Satisfaction	3.53	3.69	3.48
PRIVATE:			
Success	66%	42%	49%
Satisfaction	4.12	3.99	3.95

*REG = Regular, MIP =Mobility Impaired, MIL = Military Only, YOUTH = Youth Only, YOUTH ENC. = Youth Encouragement

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PRIMARY MANAGEMENT ZONES

NORTHWEST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted	
GMU 2	Public	REG	ELK-2-129	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	120	106	88%	22%	19	6	3.26	7.83	
		REG	ELK-2-130	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	120	114	95%	17%	15	3	3.58	6.41	
		REG	ELK-3-131	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	135	126	93%	33%	41	1	3.61	3.64	
		REG	ELK-1-132	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	85	74	87%	53%	45	0	3.96	3.10	
		REG	ELK-1-133	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	125	109	87%	49%	3	53	3.88	3.16	
		YOUTH	ELK-1-134	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	75	69	92%	55%	0	38	3.61	2.89	Jicarilla/San Juan Herd Unit (GMU 2)
		REG	ELK-1-135	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	75	72	96%	53%	1	34	4.09	2.83	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	35	19	54%	84%	29	0	4.21	3.21	2,300-2,900 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	87	61	70%	79%	0	66	4.29	2.39	sustainable harvest
		REG				ES	169	141	83%	45%	50	19	3.64	4.69	bulls / cows
	Jicarilla/San Juan Herd Unit Totals						**1026**	**891**	**87%**	**49%**	**204**	**220**	**3.81**	**4.01**	**140-200 / 180-220**
GMU 5A	Public	REG	ELK-2-136	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	3.50	7.50	
		REG	ELK-2-137	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	3.75	5.25	
		REG	ELK-1-138	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	10	8	80%	14%	1	0	4.00	4.14	
		REG	ELK-1-139	rifle	Oct 11-15	A	10	10	100%	0%	0	0	3.86	2.86	
		REG	ELK-1-140	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	10	9	90%	50%	4	0	4.25	3.25	
		REG	ELK-1-141	rifle	Oct 18-22	A	10	6	60%	20%	0	2	2.80	2.40	
		REG	ELK-1-142	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	10	9	90%	13%	1	0	2.63	3.75	
		REG	ELK-1-143	rifle	Oct 25-29	A	10	7	70%	33%	0	3	3.67	3.33	
		REG	ELK-1-144	rifle	Nov 1-5	MB	10	9	90%	0%	0	0	3.00	4.33	Lindrith Herd Unit (GMU 5A)
		REG	ELK-1-145	rifle	Nov 1-5	A	10	7	70%	17%	0	1	2.83	3.50	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	203	121	60%	71%	143	0	4.51	2.82	2,200-2,500 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	217	155	71%	82%	4	169	4.42	2.54	sustainable harvest
		REG				ES	57	36	63%	21%	11	0	3.91	5.35	bulls / cows
	Lindrith Herd Unit Totals						**567**	**386**	**68%**	**25%**	**165**	**175**	**3.63**	**3.93**	**140-180 / 170-200**
GMU 9	Public	MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-2-146	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	13	87%	31%	3	1	3.92	5.54	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-2-147	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	15	15	100%	15%	2	0	3.85	4.54	
		REG	ELK-2-151	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	82	78	95%	11%	7	0	3.09	6.98	
		REG	ELK-2-152	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	83	74	89%	15%	9	2	3.03	5.62	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-148	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	21	21	100%	24%	4	0	2.12	3.35	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-149	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	MB	15	15	100%	57%	8	0	4.57	3.14	
		MARQUEZ/L-BAR WMA	ELK-3-150	muzzleloader	Oct 25-29	MB	15	14	93%	15%	2	0	3.38	3.00	
		MIP	ELK-3-153	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	15	14	93%	18%	2	0	3.82	3.82	
		REG	ELK-3-154	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	MB	35	33	94%	13%	4	0	3.10	4.27	
		REG	ELK-3-155	muzzleloader	Oct 25-29	MB	35	34	97%	9%	3	0	3.09	4.09	Mt. Taylot Herd Unit (GMU 9)
		REG	ELK-3-156	muzzleloader	Nov 1-5	MB	21	19	90%	20%	3	0	2.80	3.67	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	58	43	74%	79%	45	0	4.48	3.29	1,000-2,100 / 26:100:28
		REG				A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0.00	0.00	sustainable harvest
		REG				ES	94	62	66%	38%	27	8	4.02	4.87	bulls / cows
	Mt. Taylor Herd Unit Totals						**504**	**435**	**86%**	**27%**	**121**	**11**	**3.23**	**4.01**	**40-100 / 0**
GMU 10	Public	REG	ELK-2-157	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	124	114	92%	9%	5	5	3.19	8.58	
		REG	ELK-2-158	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	125	112	90%	3%	1	2	3.13	6.39	
		REG	ELK-3-159	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	70	63	90%	27%	18	0	3.46	4.02	
		REG	ELK-1-160	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	70	65	93%	33%	20	0	3.62	3.81	
		YOUTH	ELK-1-161	rifle	Nov 15-19	A	120	109	91%	30%	0	32	3.43	3.26	
		REG	ELK-1-162	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	100	89	89%	20%	1	17	3.37	3.53	Zuni Herd Unit (GMU 10)
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-105	rifle	Nov 29- Dec 3	A	34	33	97%	50%	0	15	3.67	2.60	popn est. / bull:cow:calf ratio
	Private	REG				MB	58	36	62%	56%	31	0	4.32	3.41	1,500-1,800 / 35:100:32
		REG				A	82	60	73%	54%	1	41	4.02	3.04	sustainable harvest
		REG				ES	165	109	66%	27%	36	5	3.13	5.84	bulls / cows
	Zuni Herd Unit Totals						**948**	**790**	**83%**	**31%**	**114**	**117**	**3.53**	**4.45**	**110-150 / 140-160**
Northwest Region Totals							**3045**	**2502**	**82%**	**33%**	**603**	**524**	**3.55**	**4.10**	**430-630 / 490-580**

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

	Type*		Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 4	Public	SARGENT WMA	ELK-2-163	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	9	90%	44%	3	1	4.22	6.67
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-2-164	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	10	100%	67%	6	0	4.44	4.89
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-2-171	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	8	80%	43%	4	0	2.86	7.00
		HUM /RIO WMA	ELK-2-172	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	7	70%	43%	4	0	3.57	4.86
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-165	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB/A	10	10	100%	67%	6	0	4.22	2.33
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-166	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB/A	10	7	70%	71%	7	0	4.71	1.86
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-167	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB/A	10	10	100%	75%	5	1	4.50	2.13
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-168	rifle	Nov 1-5	MB/A	10	9	90%	75%	4	2	3.63	1.88
		SARGENT WMA	ELK-1-169	rifle	Nov 1-5	A	10	9	90%	57%	0	4	3.43	2.14
		SARGENT YOUTH	ELK-1-170	rifle	Nov 1-5	A	10	10	100%	67%	0	6	3.78	2.11
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-173	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB/A	15	14	93%	54%	8	0	4.00	3.00
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-174	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB/A	15	15	100%	38%	5	0	3.77	3.62
		HUM / RIO WMA	ELK-1-175	rifle	Nov 1-5	A	10	10	100%	63%	0	5	4.38	3.25
		HUM / RIO YOUTH	ELK-1-176	rifle	Nov 1-5	A	15	14	93%	38%	0	5	3.46	2.54
		RIO CHAMA WMA	ELK-1-177	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	20	16	80%	38%	0	6	3.77	2.85
	Private	REG				MB/A	931	513	55%	76%	606	96	4.41	3.35
		REG				A	518	341	66%	70%	2	349	4.33	2.91
		REG				ES	384	227	59%	32%	88	29	4.06	5.00
	GMU 4 Totals						**2008**	**1239**	**62%**	**57%**	**748**	**506**	**3.97**	**3.46**
GMU 5B	Public	REG	ELK-2-178	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	76	65	86%	18%	8	5	3.48	7.83
		REG	ELK-2-179	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	65	87%	14%	9	0	3.36	6.69
		REG	ELK-1-180	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	86	75	87%	25%	21	0	3.39	3.70
		REG	ELK-1-181	rifle	Oct 18-22	A	59	53	90%	18%	0	9	3.31	3.62
		REG	ELK-1-182	rifle	oct 25-29	MB	86	78	91%	22%	15	0	3.44	4.08
		REG	ELK-1-183	rifle	Nov 1-5	A	59	55	93%	25%	1	13	3.41	3.57
		REG	ELK-1-184	rifle	Nov 1-5	MB	87	80	92%	17%	14	0	2.93	4.05
		REG	ELK-1-185	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	59	54	92%	35%	0	19	3.78	3.57
		REG	ELK-1-186	rifle	Dec 20-24	MB	87	81	93%	48%	39	0	3.60	3.23
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-100	rifle	Nov 29 - Dec 3	A	21	20	95%	61%	0	12	4.44	2.33
	Private	REG				MB	21	10	48%	80%	17	0	3.70	2.50
		REG				A	7	7	100%	71%	0	5	3.57	2.71
		REG				ES	31	13	42%	15%	2	2	4.00	5.77
	GMU 5B Totals						**754**	**656**	**87%**	**35%**	**127**	**64**	**3.57**	**4.13**
GMU 50	Public	REG	ELK-2-187	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	59	53	90%	14%	4	2	2.29	7.49
		REG	ELK-2-188	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	55	49	89%	20%	8	2	2.52	6.00
		REG	ELK-1-189	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	120	105	88%	20%	21	0	2.86	3.72
		REG	ELK-1-190	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	125	103	82%	13%	15	0	2.99	3.88
		REG	ELK-1-191	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	41	36	88%	32%	1	10	3.53	3.55
		REG	ELK-1-192	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	45	44	98%	38%	0	15	3.50	3.20
	Private	REG				MB	80	40	50%	39%	30	0	2.87	3.84
		REG				A	35	24	69%	52%	1	16	3.87	3.09
		REG				ES	114	84	74%	51%	33	19	3.53	3.83
	GMU 50 Totals						**674**	**538**	**80%**	**31%**	**113**	**65**	**3.11**	**4.29**
GMU 51	Public	REG	ELK-2-193	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	180	166	92%	24%	29	11	3.79	7.08
		REG	ELK-2-194	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	180	168	93%	18%	23	9	3.66	6.38
		REG	ELK-3-201	muzzleloader	Dec 6-10	ES	145	133	92%	39%	24	27	3.68	3.55
		REG	ELK-1-195	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	220	195	89%	45%	88	0	3.81	3.40
		REG	ELK-1-196	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	220	204	93%	35%	68	0	3.80	3.64
		REG	ELK-1-197	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	220	191	87%	28%	58	0	3.38	3.65
		REG	ELK-1-198	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	251	230	92%	27%	2	58	3.21	3.76
		REG	ELK-1-199	rifle	Nov 15-19	A	251	228	91%	26%	0	57	3.40	3.51
		REG	ELK-1-200	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	251	230	92%	37%	1	83	3.50	3.47
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-124	rifle	Nov 29 - Dec 3	A	103	100	97%	41%	0	38	3.88	2.95
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-125	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	105	101	96%	44%	1	41	3.81	3.16
	Private	REG				MB	155	109	70%	74%	111	0	4.23	3.08
		REG				A	152	104	68%	67%	0	96	4.02	3.17
		REG				ES	98	68	69%	34%	32	1	3.97	5.60
	GMU 51 Totals						**2531**	**2227**	**88%**	**39%**	**436**	**421**	**3.72**	**4.03**
GMU 52	Public	REG	ELK-2-202	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	230	204	89%	18%	27	9	3.63	7.15
		REG	ELK-2-203	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	230	215	93%	15%	28	4	3.53	6.79
		MIP	ELK-3-204	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	50	43	86%	27%	13	0	3.12	3.51
		REG	ELK-3-205	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	119	107	90%	20%	22	0	3.20	3.91
		REG	ELK-3-206	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	A	50	46	92%	13%	0	5	3.41	3.21
		REG	ELK-1-207	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	231	209	90%	34%	71	0	3.69	3.69
		REG	ELK-1-208	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	230	204	89%	28%	55	0	3.54	3.84
		YOUTH	ELK-1-209	rifle	Nov 15-19	A	80	77	96%	25%	0	19	3.62	3.06
		MIP	ELK-1-210	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	55	51	93%	56%	0	27	3.56	3.04
		REG	ELK-1-211	rifle	Nov 15-19	A	73	64	88%	35%	0	23	3.57	3.22
		REG	ELK-1-212	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	115	106	92%	61%	1	64	3.97	2.71
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-126	rifle	Nov 29 - Dec 3	A	53	53	100%	57%	2	27	4.14	2.39
	Private	REG				MB	55	28	51%	81%	43	0	3.74	3.70
		REG				A	33	23	70%	73%	0	23	4.27	2.18
		REG				ES	40	28	70%	63%	19	6	3.81	6.59
	GMU 52 Totals						**1644**	**1458**	**89%**	**40%**	**281**	**207**	**3.65**	**3.93**
North Central Region (Chama / San Antonio Herd Unit) Totals							**7611**	**6118**	**80%**	**40%**	**1704**	**1263**	**3.61**	**3.97**

Chama / San Antonio Herd Unit (GMU's 4,5B,50,51,52)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
25,300-29,000	38:100:35
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
1690-2200	**2070-2370**

JEMEZ REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 6A	Public	REG	ELK-2-213	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	150	137	91%	34%	38	10	4.09	7.30
		REG	ELK-2-214	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	102	95	93%	39%	33	4	3.93	6.27
		REG	ELK-3-215	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	105	97	92%	39%	37	0	3.92	3.49
		REG	ELK-1-216	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	100	92	92%	51%	45	0	4.31	3.26
		REG	ELK-1-217	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	104	96	92%	33%	29	0	3.76	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-218	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	99	83	84%	49%	1	45	4.04	2.92
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-101	rifle	Nov 29 - Dec 3	A	50	49	98%	52%	0	24	4.00	2.50
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-102	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	51	51	100%	74%	0	35	4.28	2.51
	Private	REG				MB	53	36	68%	86%	46	0	4.31	3.14
		REG				A	17	14	82%	57%	0	10	4.29	2.93
		REG				ES	46	36	78%	31%	14	0	3.89	6.31
		GMU 6A Totals					**877**	**786**	**90%**	**50%**	**243**	**129**	**4.07**	**4.03**
GMU 6B	Public	REG	ELK-2-219	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	25	100%	45%	10	0	4.50	8.68
		REG	ELK-2-220	archery	Sept 1-15	A	10	9	90%	17%	0	1	4.33	5.50
		REG	ELK-2-221	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	25	100%	42%	10	0	4.08	5.92
		REG	ELK-2-222	archery	Sept 15-25	A	10	10	100%	38%	0	3	4.00	6.50
		REG	ELK-3-223	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	ES	15	14	93%	79%	12	0	4.21	2.64
		YOUTH	ELK-3-224	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	A	20	17	85%	31%	0	6	4.19	3.56
		REG	ELK-1-225	rifle	Oct 18-22	ES	15	15	100%	86%	11	1	5.00	2.36
		REG	ELK-1-226	rifle	Oct 18-22	A	20	18	90%	50%	0	9	4.50	2.75
		YOUTH	ELK-1-227	rifle	Oct 25-29	ES	20	20	100%	74%	14	0	4.16	2.95
		REG	ELK-1-228	rifle	Oct 25-29	A	15	13	87%	45%	0	6	4.27	2.73
		REG	ELK-1-229	rifle	Nov 1-5	A	35	31	89%	45%	1	15	3.77	2.97
		REG	ELK-1-230	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	35	33	94%	53%	0	18	4.13	2.94
		REG	ELK-1-231	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	35	31	89%	58%	1	15	4.00	2.83
		REG	ELK-1-232	rifle	Nov 29 - Dec 3	A	35	31	89%	53%	0	18	4.53	2.80
		REG	ELK-1-233	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	35	33	94%	55%	1	18	4.39	2.94
		GMU 6B Totals					**350**	**325**	**93%**	**51%**	**60**	**109**	**4.27**	**3.87**
GMU 6C	Public	REG	ELK-2-234	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	150	143	95%	14%	18	1	3.14	7.58
		REG	ELK-2-235	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	105	95	90%	12%	10	1	3.65	6.20
		REG	ELK-3-236	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	155	146	94%	23%	34	0	3.23	3.84
		REG	ELK-1-237	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	105	96	91%	41%	38	0	3.77	3.76
		REG	ELK-1-238	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	105	89	85%	33%	33	0	3.61	3.69
		REG	ELK-1-239	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	110	90	82%	30%	0	31	3.51	3.31
		REG	ELK-1-240	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	110	99	90%	29%	0	29	3.39	3.37
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-103	rifle	Nov 29 - Dec 3	A	50	49	98%	47%	0	20	3.65	2.86
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-104	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	50	46	92%	58%	0	28	3.31	2.71
	Private	REG				MB	61	36	59%	76%	44	0	3.97	3.56
		REG				A	39	32	82%	47%	0	18	4.06	3.22
		REG				ES	45	37	82%	34%	15	0	3.91	6.23
		GMU 6C Totals					**1085**	**958**	**88%**	**37%**	**192**	**129**	**3.60**	**4.19**
GMU 7	Public	REG	ELK-2-241	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	15	100%	8%	0	1	3.54	6.15
		REG	ELK-2-242	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	14	13	93%	25%	3	0	3.58	5.17
		REG	ELK-3-243	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	24	23	96%	38%	8	0	3.57	3.14
		REG	ELK-1-244	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	50	46	92%	18%	0	8	3.00	3.75
		REG	ELK-1-245	rifle	Oct 25-29	A	30	25	83%	20%	5	0	3.25	3.95
	Private	REG				MB	14	12	86%	91%	12	0	3.55	3.09
		REG				A	29	21	72%	67%	1	18	4.19	2.52
		REG				ES	89	35	39%	57%	31	20	3.91	3.83
		GMU 7 Totals					**265**	**190**	**72%**	**40%**	**60**	**47**	**3.57**	**3.95**
Jemez Region Totals							**2577**	**2259**	**88%**	**45%**	**555**	**413**	**3.88**	**4.01**

Jemez Mountains Herd Unit (GMU 6A-C, 7)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
6,100-7,100	48:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
360-475	**440-510**

SOUTHWEST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 12	Public	REG	ELK-2-246	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	36	30	83%	15%	4	1	3.46	6.73
		REG	ELK-2-247	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	35	31	89%	27%	6	3	3.23	6.20
		REG	ELK-2-255	archery	Dec 13-17	APRE/6	25	22	88%	15%	2	0	2.46	4.00
		REG	ELK-1-248	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	35	33	94%	58%	19	0	3.84	3.23
		REG	ELK-1-249	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	60	56	93%	44%	25	0	3.65	3.58
		REG	ELK-1-250	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	80	75	94%	40%	29	0	3.67	3.57
		REG	ELK-1-251	rifle	Nov 15-19	MB	80	77	96%	32%	23	0	3.38	3.76
		REG	ELK-1-252	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	60	54	90%	37%	0	21	4.12	3.47
		REG	ELK-1-253	rifle	Nov 29 - Dec 3	A	60	56	93%	60%	0	31	4.04	2.92
		REG	ELK-1-254	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	64	60	94%	58%	1	31	3.87	2.87
	Private	REG				MB	210	125	60%	52%	108	0	3.66	3.78
		REG				A	277	141	51%	66%	2	181	3.99	2.65
		REG				ES	214	92	43%	28%	54	2	2.95	5.76
		Fence Lake Herd Totals					**1236**	**852**	**69%**	**41%**	**271**	**271**	**3.56**	**4.04**

Fence Lake Herd Unit (GMU 12)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
4,000-5,900	41:100:46
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
320-550	**400-590**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 13	Public	REG	ELK-2-256	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	202	186	92%	12%	20	3	3.42	8.46
		REG	ELK-2-257	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	148	136	92%	14%	19	1	3.32	6.50
		YOUTH	ELK-3-258	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	ES	30	30	100%	70%	18	1	3.67	3.22
		REG	ELK-3-259	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	MB	86	75	87%	31%	23	0	3.66	4.06
		REG	ELK-3-260	muzzleloader	Oct 25-29	MB	126	113	90%	22%	26	0	3.38	3.95
		REG	ELK-3-261	muzzleloader	Nov 22-26	MB	126	107	85%	30%	34	0	3.41	3.62
		REG	ELK-3-262	muzzleloader	Dec 6-10	A	117	110	94%	30%	0	30	3.41	3.53
		REG	ELK-3-263	muzzleloader	Dec 13-17	A	116	109	94%	24%	0	24	3.40	3.44
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-106	muzzleloader	Nov 29 - Dec 3	A	58	54	93%	32%	0	16	3.66	3.04
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-107	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	51	49	96%	51%	0	23	4.02	2.98
	Private	REG				MB	85	69	81%	43%	36	0	4.18	4.18
		REG				A	72	48	67%	63%	0	44	4.26	2.83
		REG				ES	186	118	63%	48%	80	6	3.56	4.95
		Datil Herd Unit Totals					**1403**	**1204**	**86%**	**36%**	**255**	**148**	**3.64**	**4.21**

Datil Herd Unit (GMU 13)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
3,000-3,900	40:100:37
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
210-310	**250-330**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 15	Public	REG	ELK-2-264	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	350	322	92%	22%	48	22	3.13	8.39
		REG	ELK-2-265	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	250	235	94%	12%	17	12	2.90	7.00
		YOUTH	ELK-3-266	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	ES	25	24	96%	70%	16	1	4.43	2.87
		REG	ELK-3-267	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	MB	200	179	90%	27%	50	0	3.83	4.10
		REG	ELK-3-268	muzzleloader	Oct 25-29	MB	245	223	91%	24%	55	0	3.52	4.15
		REG	ELK-3-269	muzzleloader	Nov 15-19	MB	250	231	92%	22%	50	0	3.31	3.97
		REG	ELK-3-270	muzzleloader	Dec 6-10	A	250	232	93%	45%	1	98	4.06	3.38
		REG	ELK-3-271	muzzleloader	Dec 13-17	A	250	236	94%	44%	1	96	3.97	3.46
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-108	muzzleloader	Nov 29-Dec 3	A	74	71	96%	49%	0	32	3.98	2.78
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-109	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	74	72	97%	53%	0	33	3.72	2.93
	Private	REG				MB	164	104	63%	48%	76	0	4.05	4.13
		REG				A	122	93	76%	77%	0	91	4.35	3.04
		REG				ES	168	113	67%	30%	45	1	3.05	6.46
		GMU 15 Totals					**2422**	**2135**	**88%**	**40%**	**358**	**386**	**3.72**	**4.36**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16A	Public	REG	ELK-2-272	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	250	229	92%	17%	33	8	3.00	8.39
		REG	ELK-2-273	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	150	138	92%	11%	12	3	3.05	7.52
		MIP	ELK-1-274	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	25	23	92%	67%	15	0	4.29	2.62
		REG	ELK-1-275	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	75	70	93%	54%	38	0	4.02	3.57
		REG	ELK-1-276	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	100	95	95%	44%	43	0	3.56	3.54
		REG	ELK-1-277	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	76	71	93%	48%	0	33	3.86	2.89
		REG	ELK-1-278	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	75	66	88%	40%	0	26	3.72	3.39
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-110	rifle	Nov 29-Dec 3	A	78	76	97%	65%	0	47	4.07	2.52
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-111	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	72	96%	53%	0	36	3.71	3.02
	Private	REG				MB	6	6	100%	50%	3	0	3.33	4.67
		REG				A	4	3	75%	100%	0	4	3.33	3.00
		REG				ES	12	9	75%	22%	3	0	3.89	7.67
		GMU 16A Totals					**926**	**858**	**93%**	**48%**	**146**	**158**	**3.65**	**4.40**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16B/22	Public	REG	ELK-2-279	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	225	200	89%	13%	25	1	3.04	7.69
		REG	ELK-2-280	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	165	155	94%	15%	22	0	2.82	6.35
		REG	ELK-1-281	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	25	18	72%	43%	8	0	3.64	3.00
		REG	ELK-1-282	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	79	63	80%	30%	20	0	3.28	3.78
		REG	ELK-1-283	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	120	105	88%	15%	16	0	3.07	3.93
	Private	16B REG				MB	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	2.00	4.50
		16B REG				ES	4	3	75%	67%	3	0	4.00	8.67
		22 REG				A	3	3	100%	67%	0	2	2.33	4.67
		22 REG				ES	19	9	47%	67%	11	2	4.11	5.11
		GMU 16B/22 Totals					**642**	**558**	**87%**	**41%**	**106**	**5**	**3.14**	**5.30**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16C	Public	REG	ELK-2-284	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	144	128	89%	5%	6	1	2.43	8.26
		REG	ELK-2-285	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	100	88	88%	6%	6	0	2.66	7.68
		YOUTH	ELK-1-286	rifle	Oct 11-15	ES	25	25	100%	59%	13	0	3.36	3.50
		REG	ELK-1-287	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	35	30	86%	11%	4	0	2.89	3.89
		REG	ELK-1-288	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	65	54	83%	15%	8	0	2.83	4.31
		REG	ELK-1-289	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	50	44	88%	31%	0	13	3.23	3.69
		REG	ELK-1-290	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	48	46	96%	21%	0	8	2.79	3.62
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-112	rifle	Nov 29-Dec3	A	74	71	96%	23%	2	11	2.98	3.42
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-113	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	73	97%	19%	1	9	2.65	3.63
	Private	REG				MB	23	13	57%	25%	5	0	3.00	4.58
		REG				A	21	17	81%	47%	0	10	3.94	3.29
		REG				ES	50	41	82%	16%	7	0	2.97	8.29
		GMU 16C Totals					**710**	**630**	**89%**	**23%**	**52**	**53**	**2.98**	**4.85**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16D	Public	REG	ELK-2-291	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	90	85	94%	16%	11	3	3.11	8.45
		REG	ELK-2-292	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	55	92%	12%	7	0	2.92	7.08
		MIP	ELK-1-293	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	25	23	92%	67%	14	1	3.81	2.81
		REG	ELK-1-294	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	55	52	95%	61%	32	0	3.86	2.98
		REG	ELK-1-295	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	50	43	86%	67%	30	0	4.18	3.33
		REG	ELK-1-296	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	50	40	80%	49%	0	23	4.03	3.03
		REG	ELK-1-297	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	50	49	98%	60%	1	27	4.13	2.42
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-114	rifle	Nov 29-Dec 3	A	79	78	99%	71%	0	56	4.05	2.39
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-115	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	72	96%	62%	0	42	4.11	2.83
	Private	REG				MB	19	12	63%	67%	13	0	4.17	3.50
		REG				A	13	10	77%	80%	0	10	3.90	2.60
		REG				ES	20	11	55%	36%	7	0	3.36	6.18
		GMU 16D Totals					**586**	**530**	**90%**	**54%**	**114**	**161**	**3.80**	**3.97**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 16E	Public	REG	ELK-2-298	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	90	78	87%	19%	7	8	3.06	7.49
		REG	ELK-2-299	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	51	85%	12%	6	1	2.57	6.80
		REG	ELK-3-301	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	MB	70	61	87%	18%	11	0	2.89	3.76
		YOUTH	ELK-1-300	rifle	Oct 11-15	ES	25	25	100%	52%	9	3	3.61	3.30
		REG	ELK-1-302	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	53	46	87%	47%	21	0	3.55	3.39
		REG	ELK-1-303	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	75	65	87%	23%	0	15	2.84	3.38
		REG	ELK-1-304	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	75	72	96%	42%	0	27	3.42	3.18
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-116	rifle	Nov 29- Dec 3	A	75	73	97%	46%	0	29	3.30	3.11
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-117	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	75	68	91%	24%	0	17	3.08	3.25
	Private	REG				MB	47	24	51%	75%	35	0	4.21	3.88
		REG				A	47	33	70%	58%	0	27	3.67	2.52
		REG				ES	74	48	65%	40%	28	0	3.80	5.13
		GMU 16E Totals					**766**	**644**	**84%**	**38%**	**117**	**127**	**3.33**	**4.10**
		Greater Gila Herd Unit Totals					**6052**	**5355**	**88%**	**41%**	**893**	**890**	**3.44**	**3.85**

Greater Gila Herd Unit (GMU 15, 16A-E)

popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
21,200-23,300	33:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
1100-1400	**1300-1400**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 17	Public	REG	ELK-2-305	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	120	96%	14%	15	1	3.50	7.90
		REG	ELK-2-306	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	68	91%	21%	14	0	3.57	6.72
		YOUTH	ELK-3-307	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	ES	25	21	84%	63%	14	0	4.05	3.32
		REG	ELK-3-308	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	MB	100	89	89%	29%	27	0	3.41	3.82
		REG	ELK-3-309	muzzleloader	Oct 25-29	MB	100	97	97%	22%	21	0	3.48	4.00
		REG	ELK-3-310	muzzleloader	Nov 22-26	MB	25	25	100%	26%	6	0	3.70	4.04
		REG	ELK-3-311	muzzleloader	Nov 22-26	A	25	24	96%	13%	0	2	3.25	3.13
		REG	ELK-3-312	muzzleloader	Dec 6-10	A	99	88	89%	14%	0	12	3.34	3.41
		REG	ELK-3-313	muzzleloader	Dec 13-17	A	100	94	94%	16%	0	12	3.35	3.78
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-118	muzzleloader	Nov 29- Dec 3	A	51	44	86%	16%	0	7	3.55	3.26
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-3-119	muzzleloader	Dec 26-30	A	33	28	85%	36%	0	9	3.86	3.00
	Private	REG				MB	41	23	56%	52%	21	0	3.74	4.09
		REG				A	37	31	84%	30%	0	11	3.80	3.30
		REG				ES	42	31	74%	38%	15	0	3.93	5.86
		San Mateo Herd Unit Totals					**878**	**783**	**89%**	**28%**	**133**	**54**	**3.61**	**4.26**
GMU 21A	Public	REG	ELK-2-314	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	50	48	96%	5%	2	0	3.16	7.95
		REG	ELK-2-315	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	50	46	92%	16%	8	0	3.36	6.66
		REG	ELK-2-320	archery	Dec 20-24	MB	15	13	87%	0%	0	0	2.00	3.56
		REG	ELK-1-316	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	15	13	87%	46%	7	0	4.31	2.92
		REG	ELK-1-317	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	35	29	83%	25%	7	1	3.25	3.75
		REG	ELK-1-318	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	55	50	91%	24%	11	0	2.83	4.24
		REG	ELK-1-319	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	30	30	100%	37%	0	10	3.30	3.74
	Private	REG				MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	5.00	1.00
		REG				A	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	4.00	5.00
		REG				ES	3	2	67%	0%	0	0	4.50	5.50
		GMU 21A Totals					**256**	**234**	**91%**	**25%**	**37**	**11**	**3.57**	**4.43**
GMU 21B	Public	REG	ELK-2-321	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	24	96%	18%	3	1	3.23	8.45
		REG	ELK-2-322	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	21	84%	32%	6	1	3.05	6.21
		REG	ELK-2-330	archery	Dec 21-25	MB	15	11	73%	13%	1	0	2.13	3.88
		REG	ELK-1-323	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	10	10	100%	80%	8	0	3.70	2.80
		REG	ELK-1-324	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	15	14	93%	27%	3	0	3.00	3.09
		REG	ELK-1-325	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	25	19	76%	29%	7	0	3.47	2.88
		REG	ELK-1-326	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	15	11	73%	43%	0	4	3.86	1.86
		REG	ELK-1-327	rifle	Nov 29-Dec 3	A	15	11	73%	27%	0	4	2.91	3.09
		REG	ELK-1-328	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	15	15	100%	36%	0	5	3.79	3.43
		REG	ELK-1-329	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	20	19	95%	23%	0	3	2.54	3.08
	Private	REG				MB	47	30	64%	79%	36	0	3.55	3.00
		REG				A	52	30	58%	52%	0	26	3.79	2.86
		REG				ES	95	66	69%	48%	36	6	3.51	4.64
		GMU 21B Totals					**374**	**281**	**75%**	**39%**	**100**	**50**	**3.27**	**3.79**
GMU 23	Public	REG	ELK-2-331	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	125	114	91%	9%	4	5	2.74	8.22
		REG	ELK-2-332	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	75	70	93%	8%	3	2	2.61	6.68
		REG	ELK-2-337	archery	Dec 20-24	MB	15	15	100%	8%	1	0	3.31	3.69
		REG	ELK-3-334	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	MB	75	71	95%	15%	10	0	2.92	3.92
		YOUTH	ELK-1-333	rifle	Oct 11-15	ES	25	25	100%	65%	14	1	4.22	2.87
		REG	ELK-1-335	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	75	65	87%	14%	9	0	2.95	4.21
		REG	ELK-1-336	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	20	18	90%	31%	0	4	3.54	2.77
		REG	ELK-1-338	rifle	Dec 20-28	A	20	16	80%	8%	0	1	3.15	4.62
	Private					MB	5	3	60%	67%	3	0	3.00	4.33
		REG				A	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	3.00	3.00
		REG				ES	26	11	42%	30%	7	0	3.30	5.00
		GMU 23 Totals					**462**	**409**	**89%**	**23%**	**52**	**14**	**3.16**	**4.48**
GMU 24	Public	REG	ELK-2-339	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	15	14	93%	50%	4	0	3.75	7.50
		REG	ELK-2-340	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	9	90%	33%	2	0	3.17	4.67
		REG	ELK-3-341	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	MB	15	13	87%	33%	5	0	3.50	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-342	rifle	Dec 20-24	MB	15	14	93%	29%	4	0	2.43	3.50
		YOUTH FT BAYARD	ELK-1-343	rifle	Oct 11-15	ES	5	5	100%	50%	2	0	4.25	3.75
		YOUTH FT BAYARD	ELK-1-344	rifle	Oct 25-29	A	5	5	100%	50%	0	2	3.50	2.50
	Private	REG				MB	1	1	100%	NaN	0	0	NaN	NaN
		REG				A	2	2	100%	50%	0	1	3.50	3.00
		REG				ES	43	22	51%	58%	14	8	3.47	3.84
		GMU 24 Totals					**111**	**85**	**77%**	**44%**	**31**	**11**	**3.45**	**4.05**
		Lesser Gila Herd Unit Totals					**1203**	**1009**	**84%**	**33%**	**220**	**87**	**3.36**	**4.19**
Southwest Region Totals							**10772**	**8351**	**78%**	**34%**	**1501**	**1179**	**3.51**	**4.13**

San Mateo Herd Unit (GMU 17)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,600-2,400	51:100:38
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
110-180	**130-200**

Lesser Gila Herd Unit (GMU 21A-B, 23, 24)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,300-4,400	33:100:27
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
80-280	**70-280**
1820-2720	**2150-2800**

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 34	Public	REG	ELK-2-345	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	200	182	91%	38%	66	3	4.02	7.55
		REG	ELK-2-346	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	200	187	94%	41%	73	4	4.27	6.15
		REG	ELK-2-355	archery	Dec 20-24	APRE/6/A	200	175	88%	20%	19	14	3.58	3.56
		REG	ELK-3-350	muzzleloader	Oct 18-22	ES	251	234	93%	47%	90	20	3.88	3.62
		YOUTH	ELK-1-347	rifle	Oct 11-15	A	75	74	99%	76%	50	7	4.36	2.72
		YOUTH	ELK-1-348	rifle	Oct 11-15	ES	120	115	96%	56%	1	58	3.89	3.00
		MIP	ELK-1-349	rifle	Oct 11-15	ES	50	45	90%	73%	31	1	3.95	2.30
		REG	ELK-1-351	rifle	Oct 25-29	ES	150	131	87%	61%	71	14	4.03	3.16
		REG	ELK-1-352	rifle	Nov 29-Dec 3	A	350	309	88%	48%	1	147	3.72	3.05
		REG	ELK-1-353	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	350	313	89%	35%	0	112	3.40	3.21
		REG	ELK-1-354	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	350	315	90%	49%	2	159	3.69	3.26
		REG	ELK-1-356	rifle	Jan 24-28 '26	A	200	174	87%	49%	1	75	3.64	2.91
		REG	ELK-1-357	rifle	Feb 7-11 '26	A	200	179	90%	44%	4	76	3.49	2.93
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-120	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	128	123	96%	47%	2	54	3.55	3.03
		REG				A	381	281	74%	74%	5	263	4.32	2.77
		REG				ES	529	339	64%	60%	264	36	4.25	4.34
	Sacramento Herd Unit Totals						**3734**	**3176**	**85%**	**51%**	**681**	**1044**	**3.85**	**3.55**

Sacramento Herd Unit (GMU 34)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
500-660	**610-710**

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 36	Public	REG	ELK-2-358	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	140	133	95%	35%	38	8	3.97	6.15
		REG	ELK-2-359	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	140	131	94%	37%	42	5	4.06	5.87
		REG	ELK-3-360	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	ES	139	127	91%	54%	67	7	4.01	3.15
		REG	ELK-1-361	rifle	Oct 18-22	ES	140	124	89%	64%	70	11	4.07	2.94
		REG	ELK-1-362	rifle	Nov 1-5	ES	140	132	94%	56%	60	14	3.82	3.34
		REG	ELK-1-363	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	101	93	92%	51%	0	46	3.84	3.27
		REG	ELK-1-364	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	100	90	90%	55%	0	52	3.72	2.80
		REG	ELK-1-365	rifle	Jan 24-28 '26	A	100	90	90%	49%	1	41	3.74	2.35
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-121	rifle	Nov 29-Dec 3	A	85	82	96%	68%	1	55	3.89	2.42
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-122	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	80	77	96%	68%	0	50	3.70	2.73
	Private	REG				A	161	96	60%	74%	2	116	4.20	2.48
		REG				ES	425	225	53%	70%	268	25	4.06	3.67
	Ruidoso Herd Unit Totals						**1751**	**1400**	**80%**	**57%**	**549**	**429**	**3.92**	**3.43**
South Central Region Totals							**5485**	**4576**	**83%**	**54%**	**1230**	**1473**	**3.89**	**3.49**

Ruidoso Herd Unit (GMU 36)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
5,400-8,500	66:100:43
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
370-640	**450-690**
870-1300	**1060-1400**

NORTHEAST REGION

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 45	Public	REG	ELK-2-366	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	75	68	91%	28%	18	2	3.97	6.45
		REG	ELK-2-367	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	73	70	96%	42%	27	2	4.06	5.52
		REG	ELK-3-368	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	136	127	93%	22%	26	0	2.97	3.66
		REG	ELK-3-371	muzzleloader	nov 15-19	A	49	43	88%	8%	0	3	2.53	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-369	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	145	119	82%	23%	28	1	3.17	3.89
		REG	ELK-1-370	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	140	117	84%	20%	24	0	3.16	3.99
	Private	REG				MB	35	23	66%	26%	9	0	3.17	3.74
		REG				A	29	25	86%	39%	0	10	2.96	3.78
		REG				ES	99	67	68%	38%	34	3	3.72	4.68
		Pecos Herd Unit Totals					**781**	**659**	**84%**	**27%**	**166**	**22**	**3.30**	**4.37**

Pecos Herd Unit (GMU 45)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,100-2,100	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
80-150	**90-160**

GMU 48	Public	REG	ELK-2-372	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	80	71	89%	18%	8	5	3.23	7.92
		REG	ELK-2-373	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	80	72	90%	10%	7	0	3.02	6.40
		REG	ELK-3-374	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	60	54	90%	27%	14	0	3.49	3.39
		REG	ELK-1-375	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	75	65	87%	27%	20	0	3.63	3.56
		REG	ELK-1-376	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	64	50	78%	28%	15	0	3.14	3.95
		REG	ELK-1-377	rifle	Nov 15-19	A	50	45	90%	37%	0	17	3.59	3.22
		REG	ELK-1-378	rifle	Dec 6-10	A	54	49	91%	50%	0	25	3.76	2.96
	Private	REG				MB	97	44	45%	56%	53	0	4.12	4.30
		REG				A	65	42	65%	60%	2	36	4.23	2.45
		REG				ES	76	40	53%	26%	19	0	3.61	6.68
		White Peak Herd Unit Totals					**701**	**532**	**76%**	**34%**	**137**	**82**	**3.58**	**4.48**

Whites Peak Herd Unit (GMU 48)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,200-2000	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-140	**90-150**

GMU 49	Public	REG	ELK-2-379	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	60	59	98%	27%	12	2	3.78	8.90
		REG	ELK-2-380	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	59	56	95%	22%	11	2	3.78	6.39
		REG	ELK-1-381	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	77	65	84%	33%	23	0	3.46	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-382	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	76	60	79%	33%	23	0	3.48	3.89
		REG	ELK-1-383	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	77	75	97%	29%	1	20	3.10	3.53
		REG	ELK-1-384	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	77	70	91%	17%	1	11	2.91	3.83
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-123	rifle	Nov 29-Dec 3	A	49	49	100%	41%	1	16	3.61	3.39
	Private	REG				MB	10	7	70%	57%	6	0	3.86	3.86
		REG				A	4	3	75%	33%	0	1	3.00	3.33
		REG				ES	43	31	72%	41%	4	12	3.28	3.72
		Penasco Herd Unit Totals					**532**	**475**	**89%**	**34%**	**81**	**64**	**3.43**	**4.45**

Penasco Herd Unit (GMU 49)	
popn est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,100-2,400	35:100:32
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-200	**40-100**

GMU 53	Public	REG	ELK-2-385	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	65	61	94%	9%	5	0	2.81	6.79
		REG	ELK-2-386	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	60	55	92%	11%	4	1	3.15	6.26
		REG	ELK-3-387	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	ES	50	42	84%	17%	6	1	2.47	4.00
		REG	ELK-1-388	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	80	66	83%	10%	7	0	2.73	4.07
		REG	ELK-1-389	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	131	107	82%	5%	6	0	2.86	4.11
		REG	ELK-1-390	rifle	Nov 15-19	A	94	83	88%	18%	1	12	3.07	4.04
		REG	ELK-1-391	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	94	78	83%	33%	0	27	3.00	3.52
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-127	rifle	Nov 29-Dec 3	A	59	51	86%	24%	0	12	3.02	2.86
		YOUTH ENC.	ELK-1-128	rifle	Dec 26-30	A	59	51	86%	20%	0	9	2.93	3.10
	Private	REG				MB	79	43	54%	34%	26	0	3.54	3.68
		REG				A	67	55	82%	37%	1	22	3.42	3.46
		REG				ES	64	39	61%	24%	15	0	2.89	5.68
		Ute Herd Unit Totals					**902**	**731**	**81%**	**20%**	**72**	**84**	**2.99**	**4.30**
Northeast Region Totals							**2916**	**2397**	**82%**	**29%**	**456**	**253**	**3.32**	**4.40**

Ute Herd Unit (GMU 53)	
popn. est.	bull:cow:calf ratio
1,400-2,900	34:100:24
sustainable harvest	
bulls	cows
70-160	**90-180**
290-650	**310-590**

Secondary Management Zones

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 14	Public	REG	ELK-1-392	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	8	80%	38%	4	0	3.88	3.13
	Private	REG				A	2	1	50%	100%	0	2	5.00	3.00
		REG				ES	35	24	69%	42%	10	4	3.67	3.63
		GMU 14 Totals					**47**	**33**	**70%**	**60%**	**14**	**6**	**4.18**	**3.25**
GMU 18	Public	REG	ELK-2-393	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	25	100%	23%	5	0	2.18	6.77
		REG	ELK-2-394	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	22	88%	20%	5	0	2.85	5.50
		REG	ELK-1-395	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	10	100%	33%	2	1	4.22	3.67
	Private	REG				A	7	5	71%	80%	1	4	3.80	2.40
		REG				ES	82	62	76%	36%	21	7	3.02	4.37
		GMU 18 Totals					**149**	**124**	**83%**	**38%**	**34**	**12**	**3.21**	**4.54**
GMU 28	Public	MIL	ELK-1-396	rifle	Dec 13-17	ES	10	9	90%	88%	6	2	4.00	2.75
		REG	ELK-1-397	rifle	Dec 13-17	ES	10	9	90%	43%	3	0	3.14	2.57
		GMU 28 Totals					**20**	**18**	**90%**	**65%**	**9**	**2**	**3.57**	**2.66**
GMU 29/30	Public	REG	ELK-2-398	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	20	20	100%	50%	9	1	3.35	7.85
		REG	ELK-2-399	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	20	20	100%	53%	10	0	3.84	6.05
		REG	ELK-1-400	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	20	18	90%	50%	10	0	3.78	3.67
		REG	ELK-1-401	rifle	Oct 11-15	ES	30	26	87%	38%	10	0	3.58	3.54
	Private	30 REG				A	19	16	84%	50%	0	10	2.94	3.25
		30 REG				ES	71	50	70%	43%	28	1	3.53	3.67
		GMU 30 Totals					**180**	**150**	**83%**	**47%**	**68**	**12**	**3.50**	**4.67**
GMU 32	Private	REG				A	16	12	75%	75%	0	12	4.58	1.75
		REG				ES	94	46	49%	93%	76	10	4.47	2.38
		GMU 32 Totals					**110**	**58**	**53%**	**84%**	**76**	**22**	**4.53**	**2.06**
GMU 37	Public	REG	ELK-2-402	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	40	36	90%	29%	11	0	3.88	8.29
		REG	ELK-2-403	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	30	28	93%	44%	12	1	3.85	5.81
		REG	ELK-2-407	archery	Dec 6-10	APRE/6	50	47	94%	8%	3	0	3.28	3.98
		REG	ELK-1-404	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	30	27	90%	63%	19	0	4.26	3.52
		REG	ELK-1-405	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	30	29	97%	75%	22	0	3.93	2.86
		REG	ELK-1-406	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	45	35	78%	67%	0	23	3.78	2.59
	Private	REG				A	74	50	68%	71%	1	49	4.31	2.79
		REG				ES	222	132	59%	61%	114	17	3.99	3.62
		GMU 37 Totals					**521**	**384**	**74%**	**52%**	**183**	**90**	**3.91**	**4.18**
GMU 38	Public	REG	ELK-1-408	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	10	8	80%	29%	1	1	3.00	3.57
		REG	ELK-1-409	rifle	Oct 18-22	ES	10	10	100%	11%	1	0	2.78	3.78
	Private	REG				A	2	1	50%	0%	0	0	2.00	3.00
		REG				ES	133	59	44%	60%	63	14	4.19	3.82
		GMU 38 Totals					**155**	**78**	**50%**	**25%**	**65**	**15**	**2.99**	**3.54**
GMU 42	Private	REG				A	63	34	54%	74%	4	43	4.32	2.12
		REG				ES	187	108	58%	73%	118	16	4.18	3.01
		GMU 42 Totals					**250**	**142**	**57%**	**73%**	**121**	**58**	**4.25**	**2.56**
GMU 39/43	Public	REG	ELK-1-410	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	30	30	100%	63%	13	4	3.96	3.26
	Private	39 REG				ES	9	6	67%	67%	6	0	3.50	3.00
		43 REG				ES	19	9	47%	22%	4	0	3.22	3.56
		GMU 43 Totals					**58**	**45**	**78%**	**51%**	**23**	**4**	**3.56**	**3.27**
GMU 46	Private	private				A	311	171	55%	64%	7	184	4.09	2.32
		private				ES	986	568	58%	49%	366	94	3.85	4.00
		GMU 46 Totals					**1297**	**739**	**57%**	**57%**	**374**	**277**	**3.97**	**3.16**
GMU 47	Private	REG				A	11	4	36%	100%	0	11	4.50	1.75
		REG				ES	89	33	37%	68%	54	3	4.32	4.10
		GMU 47 Totals					**100**	**37**	**37%**	**84%**	**54**	**14**	**4.41**	**2.92**
GMU 56	Public	REG	ELK-2-414	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	5	100%	60%	2	1	4.60	7.20
		REG	ELK-2-415	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	25%	1	0	3.00	8.50
		REG	ELK-1-416	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	10	10	100%	67%	6	0	3.56	2.33
		REG	ELK-1-417	rifle	Oct 18-22	A	10	9	90%	38%	0	3	3.25	2.38
	Private	REG				A	240	134	56%	84%	2	197	4.56	2.12
		REG				ES	335	184	55%	77%	202	42	4.54	3.22
		GMU 56 Totals					**605**	**347**	**57%**	**58%**	**213**	**243**	**3.92**	**4.29**
GMU 57/58	Public	57 / SUGARITE	ELK-2-418	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	3	2	67%	0%	0	0	5.00	7.00
		57 / SUGARITE	ELK-2-419	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	2	1	50%	0%	0	0	5.00	5.00
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-2-420	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	3.50	4.00
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-2-421	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	40%	2	0	3.80	7.40
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-422	rifle	Oct 1-5	MB	5	5	100%	100%	5	0	3.60	2.00
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-423	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	10	9	90%	67%	7	0	4.11	3.22
		57/58 exc. SUGARITE	ELK-1-424	rifle	Dec 13-17	A	10	9	90%	67%	0	7	4.00	2.33
	Private	57 REG				A	203	85	42%	76%	2	148	4.36	2.43
		57 REG				ES	311	131	42%	59%	154	21	4.35	3.94
		58 REG				A	71	29	41%	83%	2	56	4.28	2.24
		58 REG				ES	113	53	47%	60%	58	6	4.10	3.68
		GMU 57/58 Totals					**738**	**333**	**45%**	**50%**	**230**	**239**	**4.19**	**3.93**
GMU 59	Private	REG				A	17	7	41%	57%	5	5	3.71	2.00
		REG				ES	73	42	58%	60%	38	5	4.10	3.62
		GMU 59 Totals					**90**	**49**	**54%**	**58%**	**43**	**10**	**3.90**	**2.81**
GMU 42/47/59	Public	REG	ELK-2-411	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	13	13	100%	27%	3	0	3.73	7.00
		REG	ELK-2-412	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	13	12	92%	40%	3	1	2.80	5.10
		REG	ELK-1-413	rifle	Oct 1-5	ES	13	13	100%	64%	7	0	3.45	2.45
	Private	42 REG				A	63	34	54%	74%	4	43	4.32	2.12
		42 REG				ES	187	108	58%	73%	118	16	4.18	3.01
		47 REG				A	11	4	36%	100%	0	11	4.50	1.75
		47 REG				ES	89	33	37%	68%	54	3	4.32	4.10
		59 REG				A	17	7	41%	57%	5	5	3.71	2.00
		59 REG				ES	73	42	58%	60%	38	5	4.10	3.62
		GMU 42/47/59 Totals					**479**	**266**	**56%**	**44%**	**232**	**83**	**3.90**	**3.46**
		Secondary Management Zones Totals					**4799**	**3964**	**83%**	**56%**	**2340**	**1503**	**3.87**	**3.42**

Special Management Zones

		Type*	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
GMU 54	Public	COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-2-425	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	10	9	90%	13%	0	1	3.13	6.88
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-2-426	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	10	8	80%	0%	0	0	3.71	6.14
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-3-427	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	20	20	100%	13%	2	0	3.00	3.56
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-428	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	20	15	75%	25%	4	0	2.92	3.00
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-429	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	20	18	90%	27%	4	0	4.07	4.20
		COLIN NEBLETT S	ELK-1-430	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	20	18	90%	25%	0	3	3.58	3.83
	Private	REG				A	43	24	56%	88%	2	36	4.42	2.58
		REG				ES	84	35	42%	73%	46	12	4.55	3.88
		GMU 54 Totals					**227**	**147**	**65%**	**33%**	**58**	**52**	**3.67**	**4.26**
GMU 55	Public	ES BARKER WMA	ELK-2-431	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	3.00	6.50
		ES BARKER WMA	ELK-2-432	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	3.40	5.80
		URRACA WMA	ELK-2-434	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	5	4	80%	50%	3	0	4.50	7.75
		URRACA WMA	ELK-2-435	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	2.75	7.00
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-2-441	archery	Sept 1-14	ES	25	25	100%	20%	5	0	3.84	8.88
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-2-442	archery	Sept 15-24	ES	25	25	100%	57%	12	0	4.14	5.10
		URRACA WMA	ELK-3-436	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	10	7	70%	17%	0	1	2.00	2.50
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-3-443	muzzleloader	Oct 11-15	MB	20	18	90%	29%	6	0	3.24	4.41
		ES BARKER WMA	ELK-1-433	rifle	Oct 11-15	MB	10	8	80%	38%	4	0	3.25	2.75
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-437	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	10	7	70%	14%	1	0	2.29	4.57
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-438	rifle	Nov 8-12	MB	10	10	100%	10%	1	0	2.50	3.80
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-439	rifle	Nov 15-19	A	15	14	93%	0%	0	0	1.38	3.38
		URRACA WMA	ELK-1-440	rifle	Nov 22-26	A	15	13	87%	11%	0	1	3.33	3.89
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-444	rifle	Oct 18-22	MB	35	31	89%	47%	16	0	3.33	3.60
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-445	rifle	Oct 25-29	MB	29	26	90%	38%	10	0	3.79	3.92
		V VIDAL YOUTH	ELK-1-446	rifle	Nov 1-5	MB	20	19	95%	41%	7	0	3.41	3.82
		V VIDAL YOUTH	ELK-1-447	rifle	Nov 1-5	A	30	25	83%	26%	0	7	4.04	3.52
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-448	rifle	Nov 8-12	A	29	26	90%	48%	1	10	3.76	3.14
		VALLE VIDAL	ELK-1-449	rifle	Nov 15-19	A	30	30	100%	45%	0	13	3.97	3.41
		CWD Incentive	ELK-1-603	rifle		MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.00	6.00
	Private	55A REG				A	439	272	62%	65%	6	274	4.18	2.94
		55A REG				ES	666	367	55%	65%	403	29	4.36	3.68
		55B REG				A	21	14	67%	85%	2	15	4.77	1.62
		55B REG				ES	101	58	57%	78%	66	12	4.52	2.90
		GMU 55 Totals					**1561**	**1014**	**65%**	**37%**	**544**	**363**	**3.53**	**4.37**
		Special Management Zones Totals					**1788**	**1161**	**65%**	**35%**	**601**	**416**	**3.60**	**4.31**

Special Authorizations

	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Big Game Enhancement	ELK-1-501		TBD	MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	3.50	10.00
Elk Enhancement Auction	ELK-1-600		TBD	MB	1	0	Na	Na	Na	Na	Na	Na
Elk Enhancement Raffle	ELK-1-605		TBD	MB	1	0	Na	Na	Na	Na	Na	Na
Premium Statewide Draw Elk	ELK-1-700		TBD	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.00	4.00
Special Authorizations Totals					**5**	**3**	**60%**	**100%**	**3**	**0**	**4.25**	**7.00**

Population Management Hunts

	Hunt Code	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Garcia Mgmt Hunt		rifle	various	A	11	11	100%	82%	0	9	4.73	1.64
LVNWR (YOUTH)		rifle	various	A	24	20	83%	85%	1	19	4.75	1.35
Population Management Hunt Totals					**24**	**20**	**83%**	**85%**	**1**	**19**	**4.75**	**1.35**

STATEWIDE TOTALS

Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bulls	Estimated Harvest Cows	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
39022	**31351**	**80%**	**40%**	**7644**	**6666**	**3.67**	**4.23**

STATEWIDE SUCCESS & SATISFACTION

	Rifle	Archery	Muzzleloader
PUBLIC:			
Success	43%	20%	31%
Satisfaction	3.58	3.37	3.55
PRIVATE:			
Success	67%	33%	56%
Satisfaction	4.14	3.72	4.03

*REG = Regular, MIP =Mobility Impaired, MIL = Military Only, YOUTH = Youth Only, YOUTH ENC. = Youth Encouragement

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Section 2: Elk Aerial Survey Data 2022 to 2025

Table 1: Aerial Survey Data 2022

	2022 Surveys									
HERD UNIT (GMUs flown)	Mature Bulls	Raghorns	Spikes	Cows	Calves	Unknowns	Total	Calf:Cow	Bull:Cow	Spike:Cow
Northcentral Herd (4, 50, 51, 52)	110	184	137	1152	433	9	2020	38	37	12
Jemez Herd (6B)	140	200	57	891	227	0	1514	25	45	6
Mount Taylor Herd (9)	22	34	19	144	64	0	283	44	52	13
Fence Lake Herd (12)	20	18	10	99	71	0	218	72	48	10
Datil Herd (13)	16	12	1	69	28	0	126	41	42	1
San Mateo - Magdalena Herd (17)	6	4	3	53	12	0	78	23	25	6
Greater Gila Herd (15, 16A-E)	197	93	128	1546	476	61	2421	31	27	8
Lesser Gila Herd (21A-B, 23)	20	12	13	130	42	0	217	32	35	10
Sacramento Herd (34)	162	141	70	636	289	4	1302	45	59	11
Ruidoso Herd (36)	82	99	113	387	140	0	821	36	76	29
GMU 37	24	9	0	107	49	0	189	46	31	0
Valle Vidal Herd (55A)	27	25	12	239	21	0	324	9	27	5
Whites Peak (48)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Penasco (49)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ute/San Cristobal (53)	8	0	3	92	20	0	123	22	12	3
Mescalero	145	58	27	313	100	1	644	32	73	9
Statewide Totals	**979**	**889**	**593**	**5858**	**1972**	**75**	**10298**	**34**	**42**	**10**

Table 2: Aerial Survey Data 2023

	2023 Surveys									
HERD UNIT (GMUs flown)	Mature Bulls	Raghorns	Spikes	Cows	Calves	Unknowns	Total	Calf:Cow	Bull:Cow	Spike:Cow
Northcentral Herd (4, 50, 51, 52)	105	138	89	933	291	1	1557	31	36	10
Jemez Herd (6B)	46	52	23	325	97	0	543	30	37	7
Mount Taylor Herd (9)	13	3	9	71	28	0	124	39	35	13
Fence Lake Herd (12)	14	2	4	83	34	0	137	41	24	5
Datil Herd (13)	16	11	9	115	62	0	213	54	31	8
San Mateo - Magdalena Herd (17)	10	2	4	32	24	0	72	75	50	13
Greater Gila Herd (15, 16A-E)	134	88	63	710	295	0	1289	42	40	9
Lesser Gila Herd (21A-B, 23)	1	0	0	9	4	0	14	44	11	0
Sacramento Herd (34)	145	78	78	554	216	0	1070	39	54	14
Ruidoso Herd (36)	170	95	127	725	302	0	1419	42	54	18
GMU 37	35	6	8	167	78	0	294	47	29	5
Valle Vidal Herd (55A)	28	13	9	115	31	0	196	27	43	8
Whites Peak (48)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Penasco (49)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ute/San Cristobal (53)	3	3	6	41	11	0	64	27	29	15
Mescalero	311	37	66	671	213	7	1298	32	62	10
Zuni	4	1	2	37	21	0	65	57	19	5
Statewide Totals	**1036**	**529**	**497**	**4588**	**1707**	**8**	**8355**	**37**	**45**	**11**

Table 3: Aerial Survey Data 2024

	2024 Surveys								
HERD UNIT (GMUs flown)	Mature Bulls	Raghorns	Spikes	Cows	Calves	Total	Calf:Cow	Bull:Cow	Spike:Cow
Northcentral Herd (4, 50, 51, 52)	130	184	150	989	456	1909	46	47	15
Jemez Herd (6B)	85	73	30	490	45	723	9	38	6
Mount Taylor Herd (9)	20	13	17	146	61	257	42	34	12
Fence Lake Herd (12)	12	0	5	49	23	89	47	35	10
Datil Herd (13)	17	4	4	75	25	125	33	33	5
San Mateo - Magdalena Herd (17)	13	13	1	88	20	135	23	31	1
Greater Gila Herd (15, 16A-E)	86	80	75	659	205	1105	31	37	11
Lesser Gila Herd (21A-B, 23)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sacramento Herd (34)	76	52	55	399	145	727	36	46	14
Ruidoso Herd (36)	105	95	76	458	147	881	32	60	17
GMU 37	14	24	11	53	18	120	34	92	21
Valle Vidal Herd (55A)	37	52	33	171	52	345	30	71	19
Whites Peak (48)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Penasco (49)	13	26	36	113	34	222	30	66	32
Ute/San Cristobal (53)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mescalero	193	90	50	658	146	1137	22	51	8
Zuni	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statewide Totals	**801**	**706**	**543**	**4348**	**1377**	**7775**	**32**	**49**	**13**

Table 4: Aerial Survey Data 2025

	2025 Surveys								
HERD UNIT (GMUs flown)	Mature Bull	Raghorns	Spikes	Cows	Calves	Total	Calf:Cow	Bull:Cow	Spike:Cow
Northcentral Herd (4, 50, 51, 52)	133	130	92	1159	394	1908	34	31	8
Jemez Herd (6B)	127	89	33	630	219	1098	35	40	5
Mount Taylor Herd (9)	21	29	20	264	83	417	31	27	8
Fence Lake Herd (12)	10	20	8	129	47	214	36	29	6
Datil Herd (13)	18	17	9	165	50	259	30	27	5
San Mateo - Magdalena Herd (17)	23	30	23	127	39	242	31	60	18
Greater Gila Herd (15, 16A-E)	120	117	82	1135	224	1678	20	28	7
Lesser Gila Herd (21A-B, 23)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sacramento Herd (34)	95	33	36	305	60	529	20	54	12
Ruidoso Herd (36)	149	96	48	599	180	1072	30	49	8
GMU 37	9	6	1	40	13	69	33	40	3
Valle Vidal Herd (55A)	39	23	17	168	53	300	32	47	10
Whites Peak (48)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Penasco (49)	4	4	8	36	16	68	44	44	22
Ute/San Cristobal (53)	4	2	6	37	12	61	32	32	16
Mescalero	180	85	29	546	131	971	24	54	5
Zuni	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statewide Totals	932	681	412	5340	1521	8886	31	40	10

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ELK HUNTING OVERVIEW

New Mexico offers world class elk hunting throughout the state and is considered a premier hunting destination, known for productive elk herds across diverse landscapes with ample public land access and opportunity. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (Department) offers many elk hunting opportunities on both public and private properties with rifle, muzzleloader, or archery hunting options. Between 2020 and 2024, approximately 38,000 licenses were sold to hunters annually, resulting in an average harvest of ~8,550 bulls and ~6,600 cows. Average hunt success across all weapons and license types was 39.4%. Visit our Harvest Report Information page for detailed annual reports.

Within New Mexico there are several elk herd units, defined as contiguous tracts of suitable elk habitat where distinct elk populations inhabit the landscape. Elk herd units are located primarily within the mountainous regions of the state and provide the geographic basis for which biologists monitor and manage populations (Figure 1). Although elk populations persist outside of these regions, the majority of the elk in New Mexico exist within these defined herd units. Many of these herd units span across several GMUs, each containing specific annual harvest regulations and license allotments (Figure 2).

The Department provides elk hunting opportunities on public lands through public draw licenses, and hunting opportunity on privately owned properties through the Elk Private Land Use System (EPLUS). The EPLUS program was created in recognition of the important benefits that private lands contribute to the elk populations and hunting opportunities in New Mexico.

Elk are managed across the state in three categorical zones, each having different management goals. These management zones are Primary, Secondary, and Special (Figure 2), each designated within distinct, non-overlapping, geographic areas. Within Primary Management Zones, the Department actively monitors herd productivity and recommends license adjustments to manage elk herds within a range of sustainable population metrics and harvest strategies. Population sizes and sustainable harvest limits are determined through annual survey efforts and harvest reporting using various statistical models. These monitoring strategies are aimed at maintaining stable elk populations and ensuring appropriate harvest. The total number of elk licenses issued in each Game Management Unit (GMU) are divided between the public draw and the EPLUS system based on the percentage of public vs private land in the Primary Management Zone of each GMU. Licenses issued through the public draw are subject to a quota set by the state's legislature (see below for more information). Public draw licenses are valid on legally accessible public land, and private land (with written permission) in the GMU for which the license is issued.

Secondary Management Zones are areas within the state where elk are present, but are adjacent to, or outside of, core habitat and thus no specific elk management goals are set by the Department. Within these zones, some surface land ownership is private, and hunt access and permission are limited to private properties the hunter has written permission. Landowners willing to allow elk hunting on their property must enroll in the EPLUS system. Elk licenses for enrolled private lands in Secondary Management Zones are issued over-the-counter and are available for purchase with an appropriate ranch code.

Special Management Zones are regions outside both Primary and Secondary Management Zones and elk authorizations are issued to private landowners by the Department on a ranch-by-ranch basis. Private property owners who are qualified participants in the EPLUS program are issued

authorizations for elk hunts to be distributed by the landowner. These private property authorizations can then be converted to licenses by the hunter. Depending on how the landowner enrolled their property in the EPLUS program and where that property is located, authorizations may be valid for the entire GMU, like public draw licenses (Primary Zone, Unit-Wide), or they may be limited to the ranch boundaries where the hunter has written permission (Secondary and Special Zones). For more information on EPLUS licenses, visit the EPLUS webpage. The Department monitors elk herds in Primary and some in Special Management Zones using aerial helicopter surveys and hunter harvest information. However, not all elk herds are at densities or in habitat types that are conducive to aerial surveys. In Secondary and some Special Management Zones, elk herds are monitored using data provided through mandatory harvest reporting. As such, harvest reporting is an invaluable tool in assessing elk population performance resulting in informed management recommendations. These metrics, surveys and hunter harvest reports, are used to recommend license adjustments to best manage each herd.

Opportunity vs. Quality Hunt Designations

In Primary Management Zones the Department sets goals for each herd unit and makes management recommendations to the State Game Commission to achieve that goal. The Department manages these herd units under one of two designations; Optimal Opportunity Management (OOM or 'opportunity') or Quality Hunt Management (QHM or 'quality') described below:

- Optimal Opportunity Management (OOM): Hunts designated as 'opportunity' maximize hunter opportunity without negative impacts to overall population viability. The number of licenses issued for each GMU are designed to stay well within a sustainable harvest limit while allowing ample hunting opportunities. Depending on the GMU, weapon type, and hunt timing, there is the potential for increased hunting pressure. There is also typically an increased chance at drawing a tag. These opportunity areas have a sufficient number of bulls, but fewer older age class males compared to 'quality' hunt areas due to increased hunting pressure.

- Quality Hunt Management (QHM): Hunts designated as 'quality' offer desirable season structure, lower hunter density, an increased chance for success, and an ability to choose from a wider selection of legal animals due to decreased hunt pressure. These hunts typically have fewer licenses, resulting in a relatively high success rate for hunters. However, demand for these licenses is high and there is a lower chance of drawing a tag.

Opportunity and Quality Hunt designations are listed in the Hunting Rules and Information Booklet under the "Fee Type" for each listed hunt.

Draw System and License Quotas

Unlike many western states, New Mexico does not have a preference point system where applicants gain advantage points for every year they are unsuccessful in the draw. The draw is completely random, meaning that a hunter applying for the public draw for the first time has the same chance as a hunter that has applied for 20 years or more. However, as directed by the New Mexico state legislature, residents of the state are guaranteed the majority of elk licenses available through the public draw; 84% are allocated to residents, 10% to residents and nonresidents applying with a New Mexico registered outfitter, and 6% to nonresidents applying without a registered outfitter. Additionally, all draw licenses for antlerless elk, as well as all hunts on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are issued only to New Mexico residents. Private land authorizations allocated or sold over the counter through the EPLUS system are not subject to the legislative quota.

ELK RULE DEVELOPMENT

The Department's "Elk Rule" outlines season dates and license numbers and opens every 4 years, allowing the Department to make management recommendations based on changes in elk populations and public input. When the elk rule is open for changes, the Department develops management recommendations based on biological metrics, hunter harvest data, and management objectives. Recommendations and harvest objectives are assessed for each herd unit separately and consider both ecological capacity and social desires. The Department solicits public input on these recommendations and adjusts harvest limits and season dates where necessary. The following is a breakdown of how hunting rules are set in New Mexico and ways in which the public can be involved.

1) The Department proposes initial recommendations to the public and Commission based on biological, survey, and harvest data.
2) These initial recommendations are presented at public meetings, typically in each region of the state.
3) The Department solicits and compiles formal written and emailed comments about proposals from all stakeholders.
4) Based on this input, the Department may modify the recommendations if the majority of stakeholders desire a particular change (or no change) if it does not negatively impact a population or management objective.
5) The Department makes final recommendations to the Commission who then votes to adopt the rule based on biological data and public input submitted during the open rule period.

The Elk Rule for the 2023-2026 hunting seasons was open for public comment and passed in October 2022. The next elk rule will open in 2026 and changes to the rule will be available for comment ahead of the 2027-2030 rule cycle. The Department appreciates feedback, and encourages those interested to remain engaged with the Department's rulemaking process and submit official comments when rules are open. For a list of proposals that the Commission may be currently considering, please visit this webpage:
http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/

Figure 1) New Mexico Elk Herd Units; defined as contiguous tracts of suitable elk habitat where distinct elk populations occupy the landscape. Population monitoring, estimates, and management considerations are conducted for each herd unit separately.

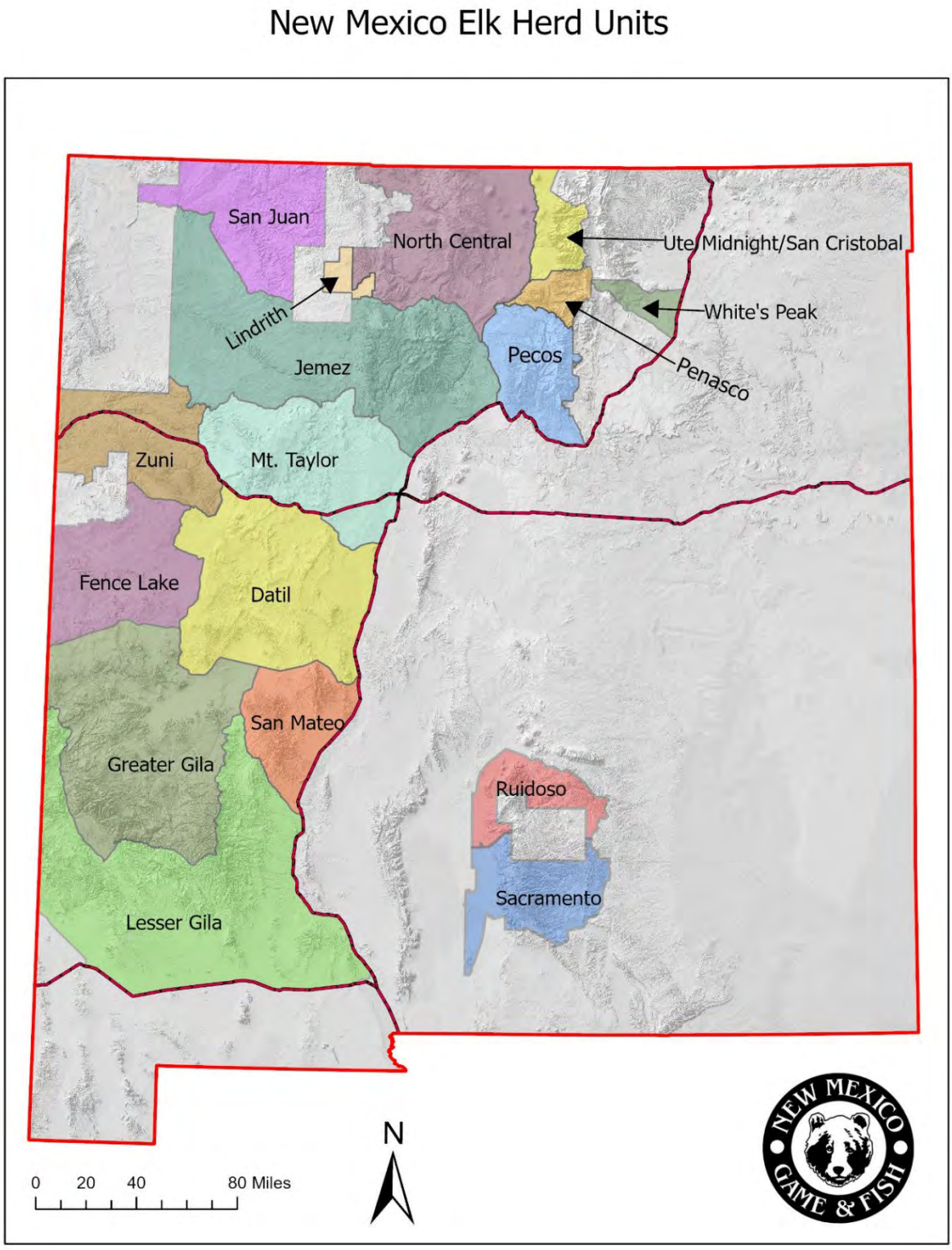
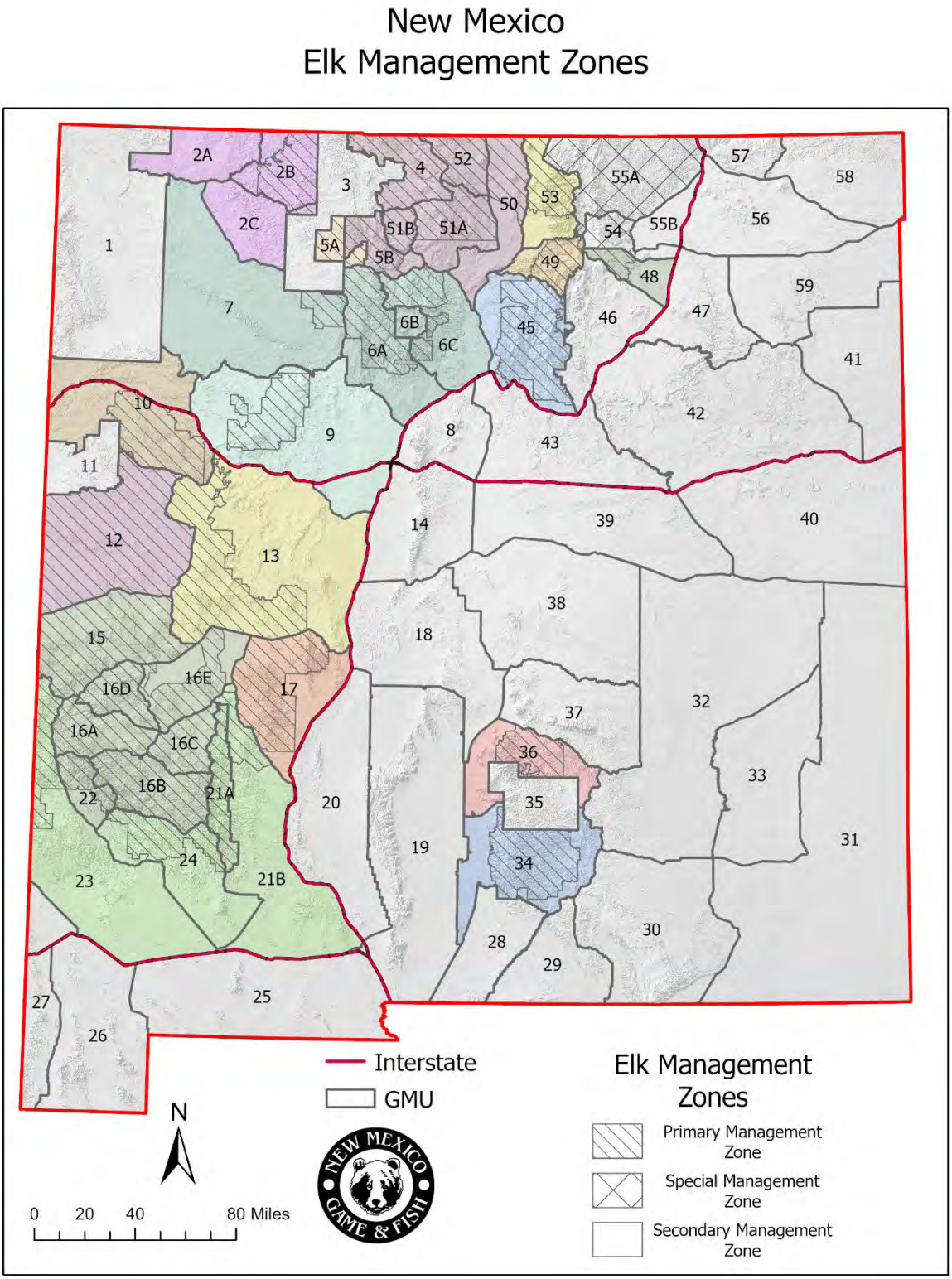


Figure 2) New Mexico Game Management Units (GMU) and Elk Management Zones.



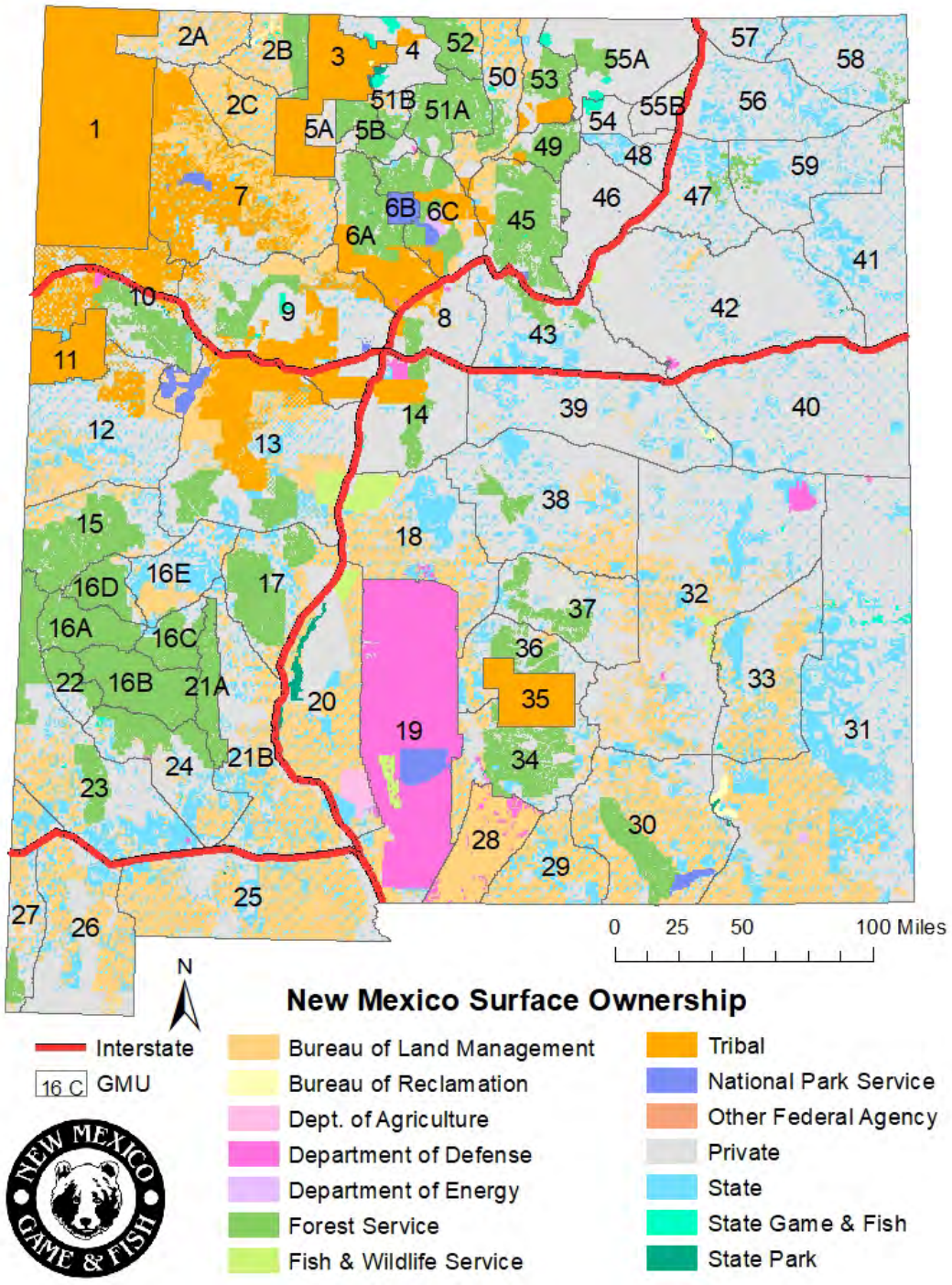
LAND OWNERSHIP

Approximately 11% of the land mass in New Mexico designated as tribal land. The Department does not manage wildlife nor issue hunting licenses valid for hunting on tribal lands. Hunters will need to contact tribal wildlife agencies for opportunities on tribal lands. Of the remaining area, approximately 50% is public land and 50% is privately owned. Public lands available for elk hunting in New Mexico include both state and federally owned and managed properties (Figure 1). Each jurisdiction has different rules for access and recreation.

Additional information about rules for each land ownership type and each GMU can be found on the Department's website.

Information regarding federally owned (public), state, and private properties in New Mexico can be access by following the links at the end of this document.

Figure 3) New Mexico Surface Ownership and Game Management Units



ELK BIOLOGY, SURVEYS, AND POPULATION TRENDS

Elk population sizes fluctuate over time in response to environmental, biological, and anthropogenic (human caused) influences. Population trends are largely driven by survival and mortality rates of adult females and calves. Adult males are certainly important for elk populations, but proportionally fewer males do not reduce the reproductive potential of the population because the same number of females can be bred by the remaining males. Weather, disease, predation, and human-induced mortality impact elk; however, availability of forage and concealment cover can lessen or intensify the effect of these individual factors. It is important for Department biologists to understand the biology and productivity of each elk herd to provide meaningful management recommendations. For this reason, the Department monitors elk herds using a combination of aerial helicopter surveys and hunter harvest reports.

Aerial helicopter surveys are completed annually after the end of archery season and before the first rifle or muzzleloader season begins (end of September through early October). The timing of these surveys is imperative, as they occur during the breeding period (rut) when all age and sex classes of elk are intermixed. Surveying during other times of the year yields biased information and leads to incorrect population estimates. During surveys, elk groups are briefly circled by the helicopter for crews to obtain a total count and breakdown of each age and sex class. This information is then used in population models to generate estimates of the total number of elk in each herd which ultimately leads to informed recommendations on how many elk can be harvested sustainably.



Within many Primary Management Zones the Department conducts aerial surveys annually. However, outside of Primary Management Zones, the Department does not regularly conduct aerial surveys and relies primarily on hunter harvest reports to monitor populations. Harvest data informs biologists of the mortality and survival rates for elk in these herds, otherwise estimated with classification surveys. For this reason, the Department can use hunter harvest data as an index to the status and trajectory of an elk population where aerial surveys are not feasible. Separate, harvest-based population models are used for areas where annual survey data is lacking, such as Secondary Management Zones. Both aerial surveys and hunter harvest reporting allow the Department to assess elk population status and productivity. It is critical that the Department obtain reliable aerial survey and hunter harvest data to develop sustainable harvest estimates and management recommendations best suited for each herd. Populations and sustainable harvest are calculated every 4 years using 5 years of demographic and harvest data. This schedule is designed to capture annual variability in population performance and align with the Elk Rule development cycle.

HUNTING PROSPECTS



Throughout much of the state elk populations are stable or slightly increasing in size. Whether hunters are looking for a backcountry experience on foot or by horseback, or prefer to hunt nearer to Forest Service roads and glass from their vehicles, New Mexico's landscape can accommodate every hunting style. Although some hunts are more difficult than others, hunters have an opportunity for success in any unit that offers licenses.

In addition to accommodating a variety of hunting styles, the Department has designated some units as primitive weapon units. In these units, the Department offers only public muzzleloader and bow hunts. The primitive weapons units are GMUs 9, 13, 15 and 17. Other units provide rifle hunting opportunities in addition to muzzleloader and bow hunts. The Department also offers youth only, mobility impaired, and youth encouragement hunts throughout many of the state's Primary Management Zone hunt units. See the most current hunting rules and information booklet for more information on these and all of the different license types offered for elk hunting.

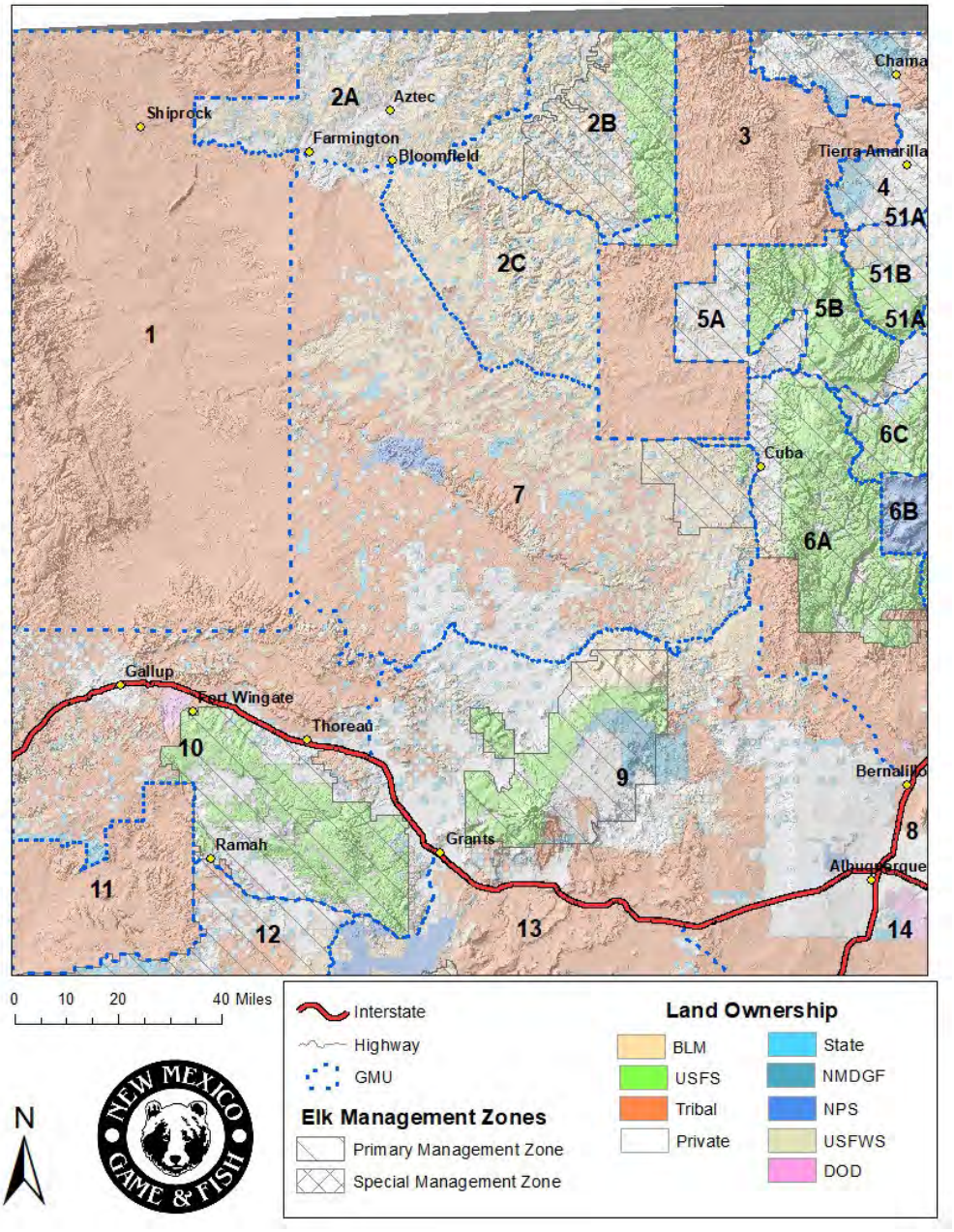
What to expect for the 2025-2026 season

Wildfires that burned in mosaic patterns with limited high severity, combined with abundant monsoonal rains in 2022 and 2023, have produced an abundance of grasses and forbs in disturbed areas. These benefits will likely persist for many years. Antler growth was considered good during the 2023 and 2024 annual surveys with observations of large mature bulls. Harvest success in many GMUs was slightly higher in 2024, partially due to increased herd sizes as elk congregated around limited water and forage resources. Winter snowpack for the 2024-25 season was low, potentially impacting spring forage production. However, late spring storms across the state have improved spring water availability and forage abundance. Elk antler growth has potential to be good for the 2025-26 season if monsoonal rains are present and persist through the summer. Hunters are advised to track precipitation patterns in hunt areas throughout the summer and fall. Rut behavior tends to be delayed in dryer years as bulls remain on high-elevation summer range longer to maximize intake of forage. Daytime temperatures during dry years also contribute to rut timing with high temperatures delaying initiation of breeding behaviors.

Hunt Description by Region

The following provides a brief description of elk hunting within each geographic region and each herd unit or GMU. Downloadable PDF files for each GMU can be found in the hyperlink below each GMU title. Each GMU hyperlink map contains the names of all appropriate USFS and BLM topographic quad maps to assist hunters in both planning and navigation of their hunts. Hunters may also access our interactive GMU map to see more detailed landowner and topographic information as well as download shapefiles.

Northwest Region – San Juan, Lindrith, Mt. Taylor and Zuni Herds

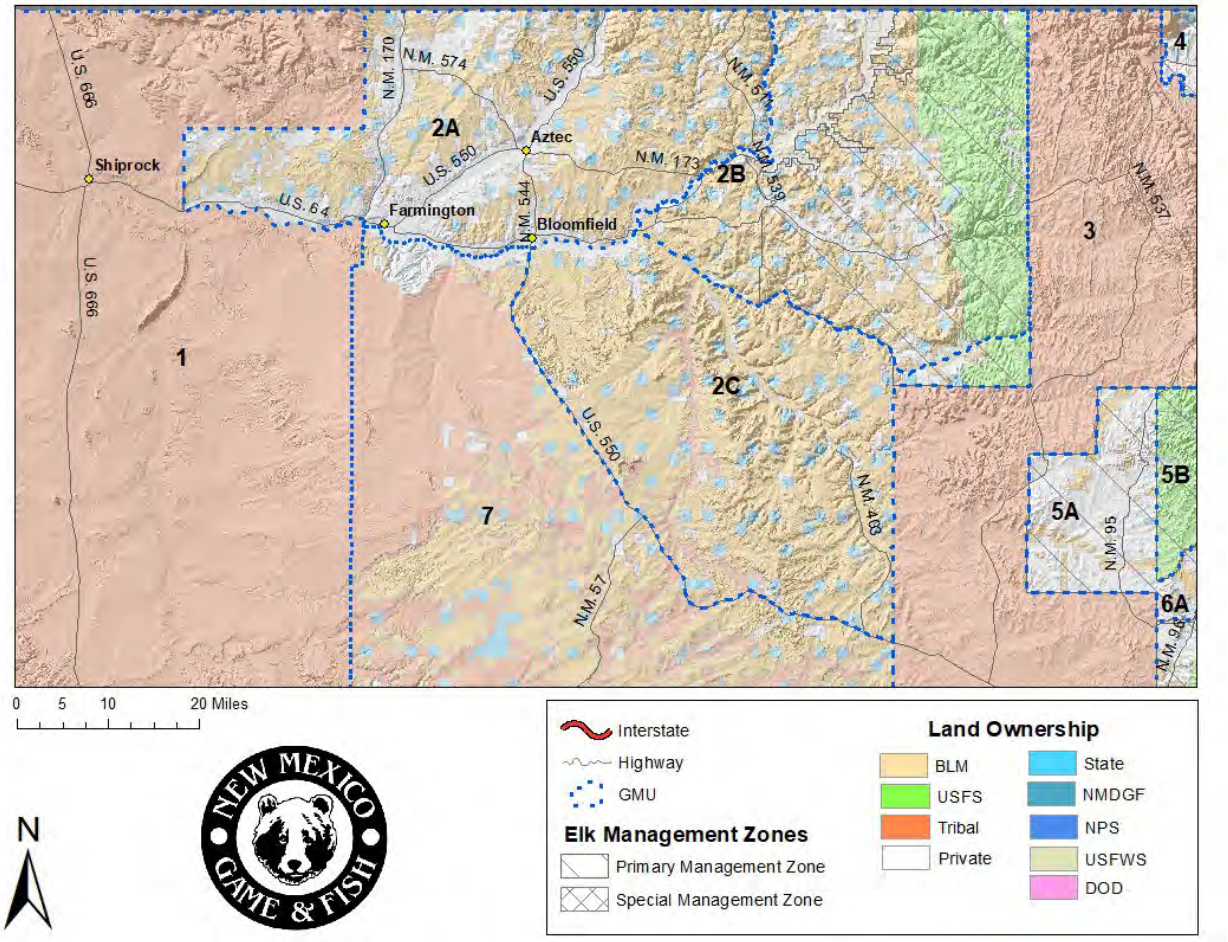


Elk populations in this region are managed under the opportunity framework. The majority of GMUs within this region have steady or slightly increasing herd sizes as well as moderate to high hunter satisfaction. The northwest offers opportunities for all hunters regardless of hunting style, weapon preference, or physical abilities. Rugged back-country hunts are available in some GMUs containing wilderness areas in addition to mobility impaired hunts in the Mt. Taylor (GMU 9) area. Some herds in the mountainous regions of the northwest are migratory due to snowpack at high elevation, having distinct summer and winter ranges. Although not all herds have been sampled, the Mt. Taylor herd has been documented to migrate. See more information in the Mt. Taylor herd unit section below (Fig 4).

San Juan Herd (GMU 2)

Opportunity Management

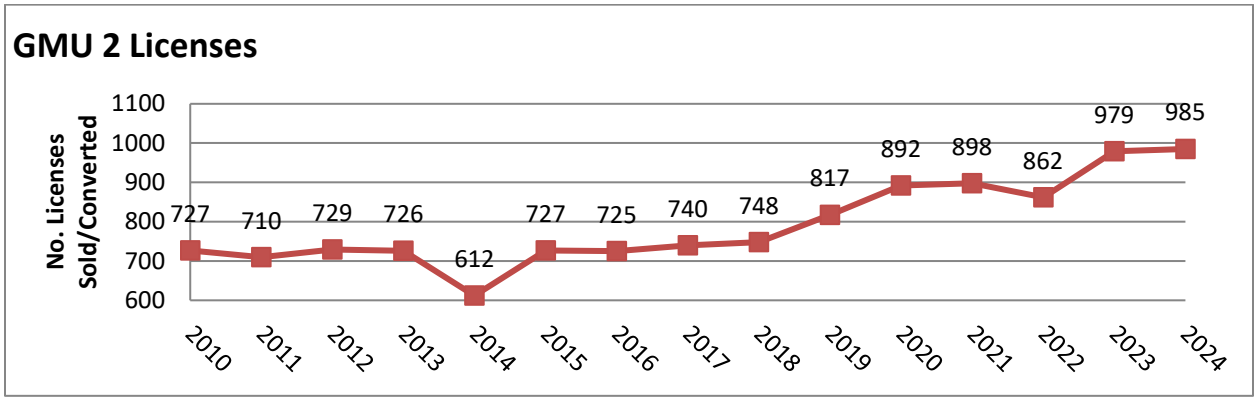
Unit Maps: 2A, 2B, 2C

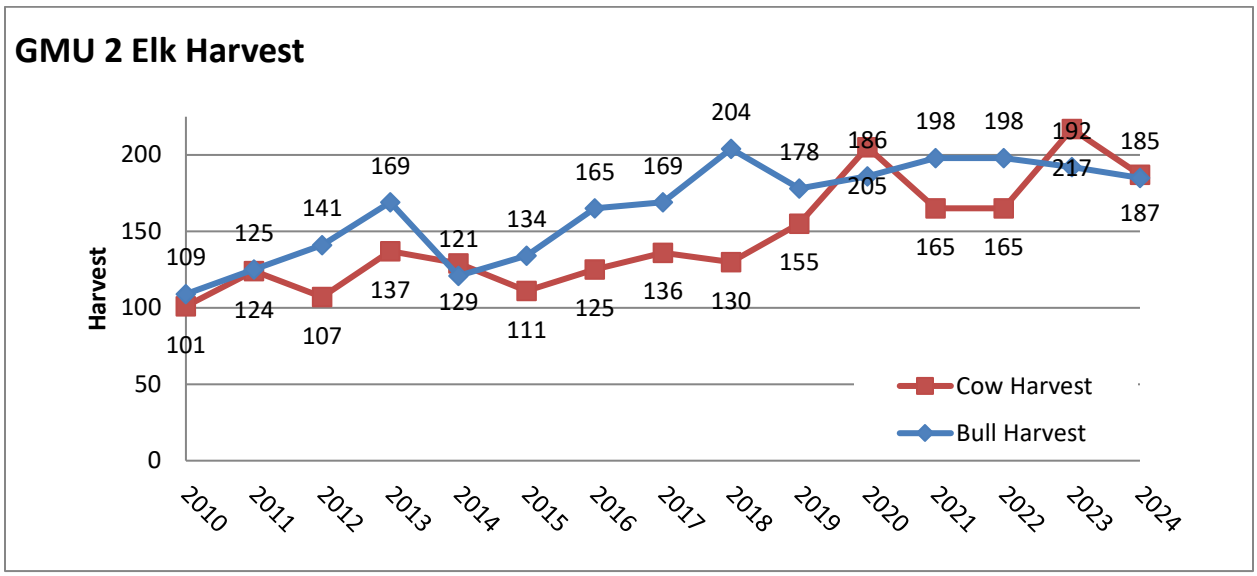


BIOLOGY – GMU 2 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the San Juan herd. This elk herd is partially migratory with some movements occurring from the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to the east in the spring. It is also likely that some elk move into the area for the winter from the North. Because of the more dispersed nature of the San Juan Herd unit, aerial surveys are not successful and therefore not conducted regularly. Rather, the population is monitored using hunter harvest data. The San Juan herd has been stable to slightly increasing and elk can be found throughout these GMUs.

HUNTING – These units are 78% public land and a network of roads provides for very good access throughout the unit. Habitat is characterized by sagebrush flats, canyons, mesas and rimrock with the eastern side of the unit reaching approximately 7,500 feet and offering some opportunity to hunt in ponderosa pine habitat along the higher ridges. Hunter success and number of elk harvested have been slightly increasing through time.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
2,300 - 2,900	35:100:32	140 – 200 Males
Stable to Slightly Increasing		180 – 220 Females





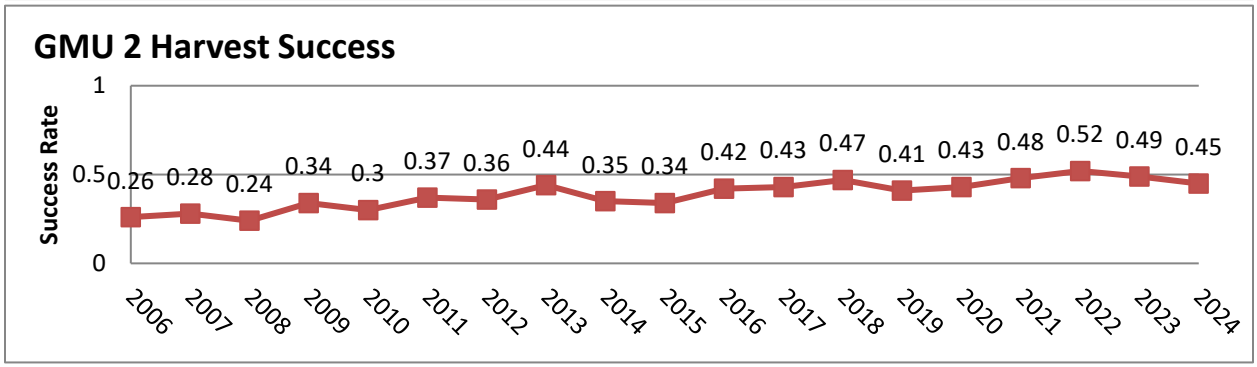
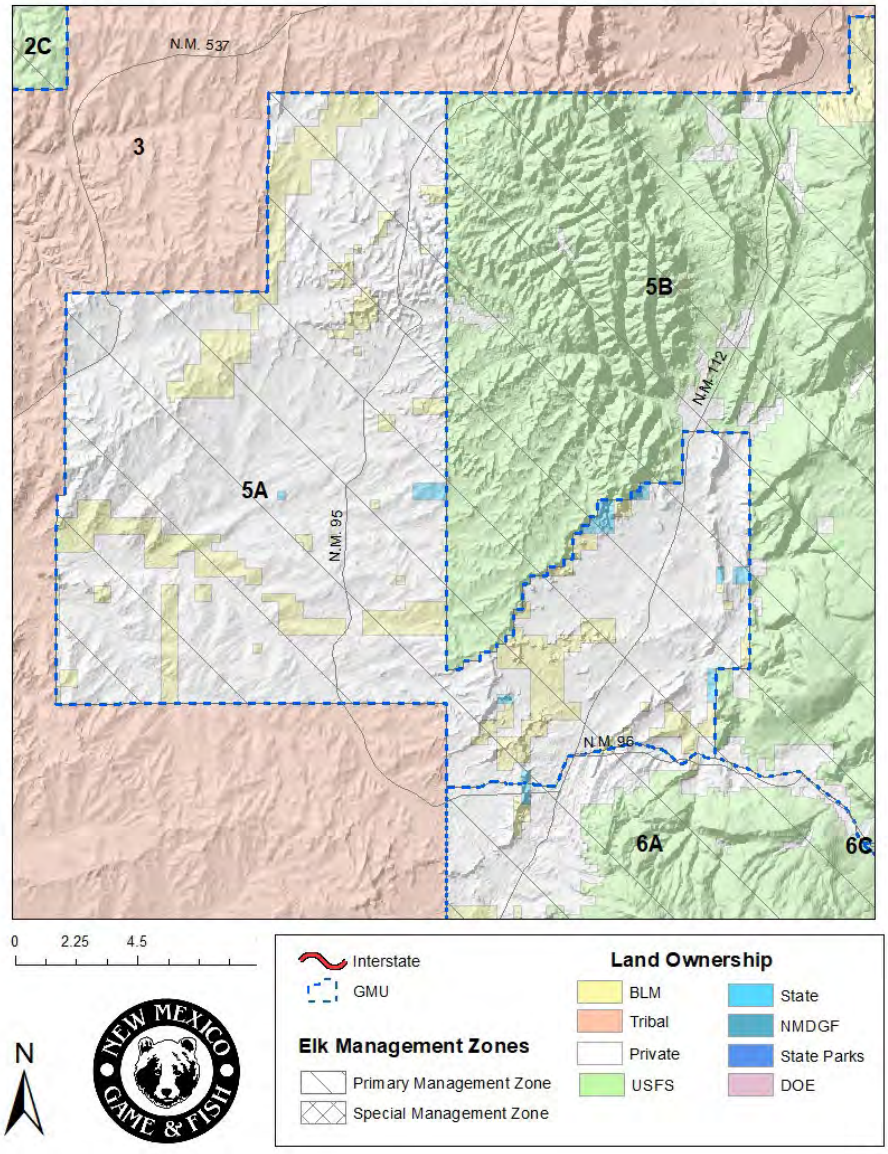


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Lindrith Herd (GMU 5A)

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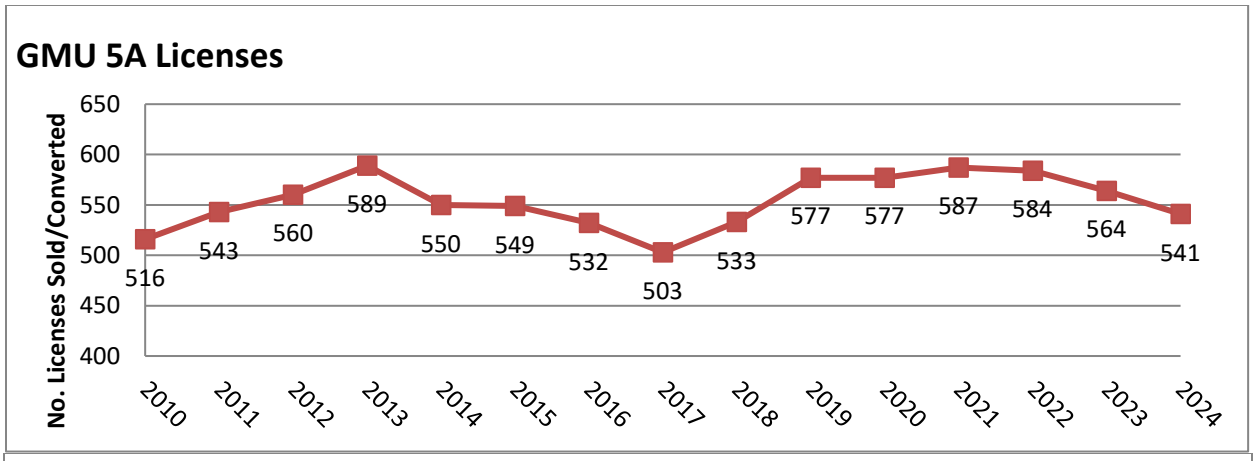
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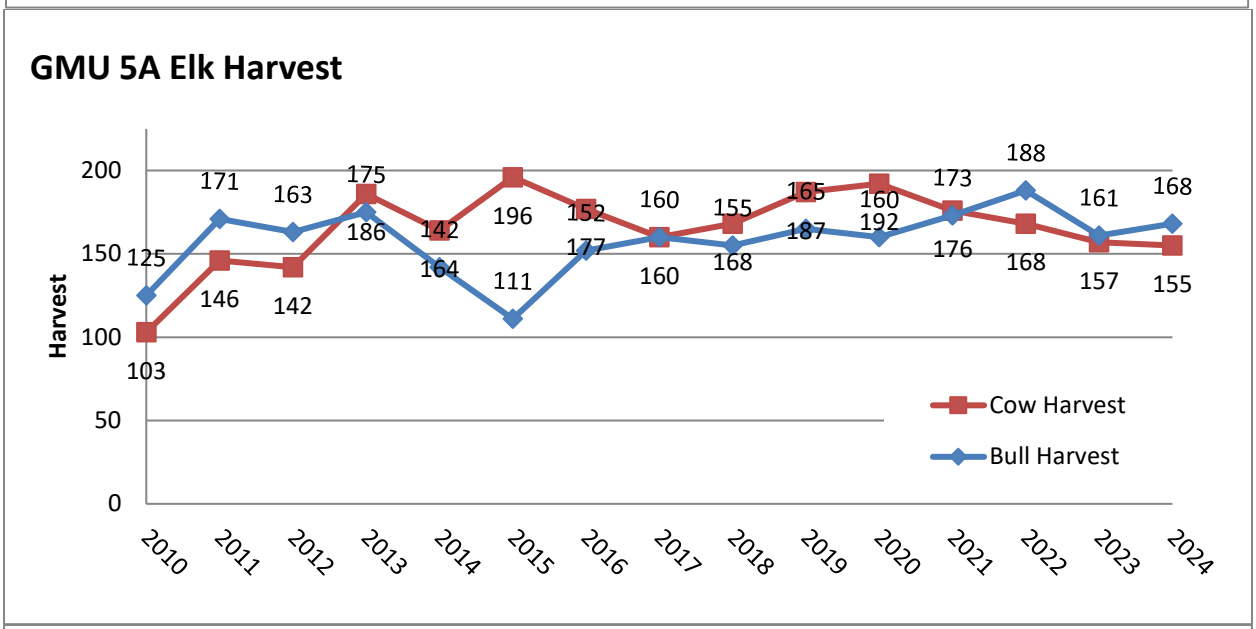


BIOLOGY – GMU 5A is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Lindrith herd. Elk in the Lindrith herd are a mix of year-round residents and migratory individuals who move seasonally throughout the area. Aerial surveys are not conducted regularly, thus, herd productivity is monitored using hunter harvest data. The Lindrith herd is considered stable.

HUNTING – This unit is 16% public land and draw hunting opportunities are on BLM property. Hunters should be aware that not all public land is legally accessible and the Department recommends acquiring BLM maps prior to hunting to become familiar with access restrictions. Habitat is predominately sagebrush intermixed with pinyon-juniper forests. Hunter success and satisfaction ratings are both typically high for this herd.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
2,200 – 2,500	35:100:32	140 – 180 Males
Stable		170 – 200 Females





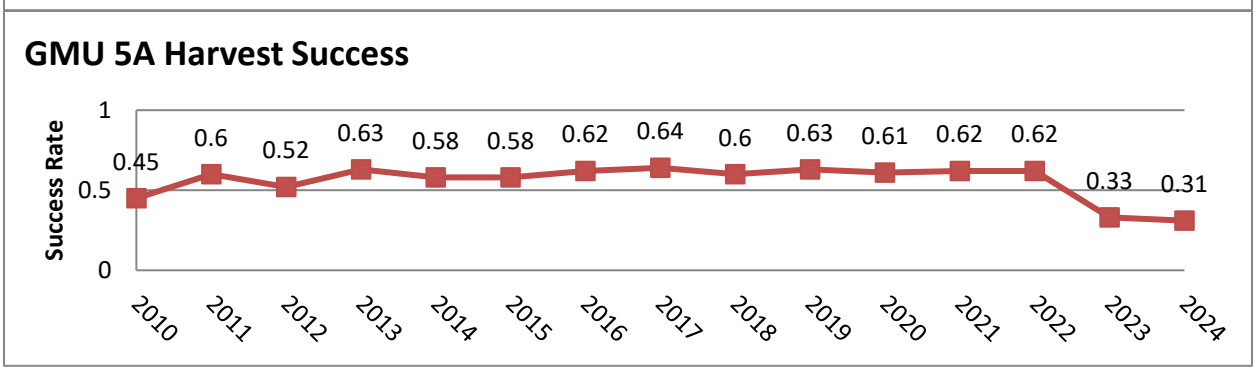
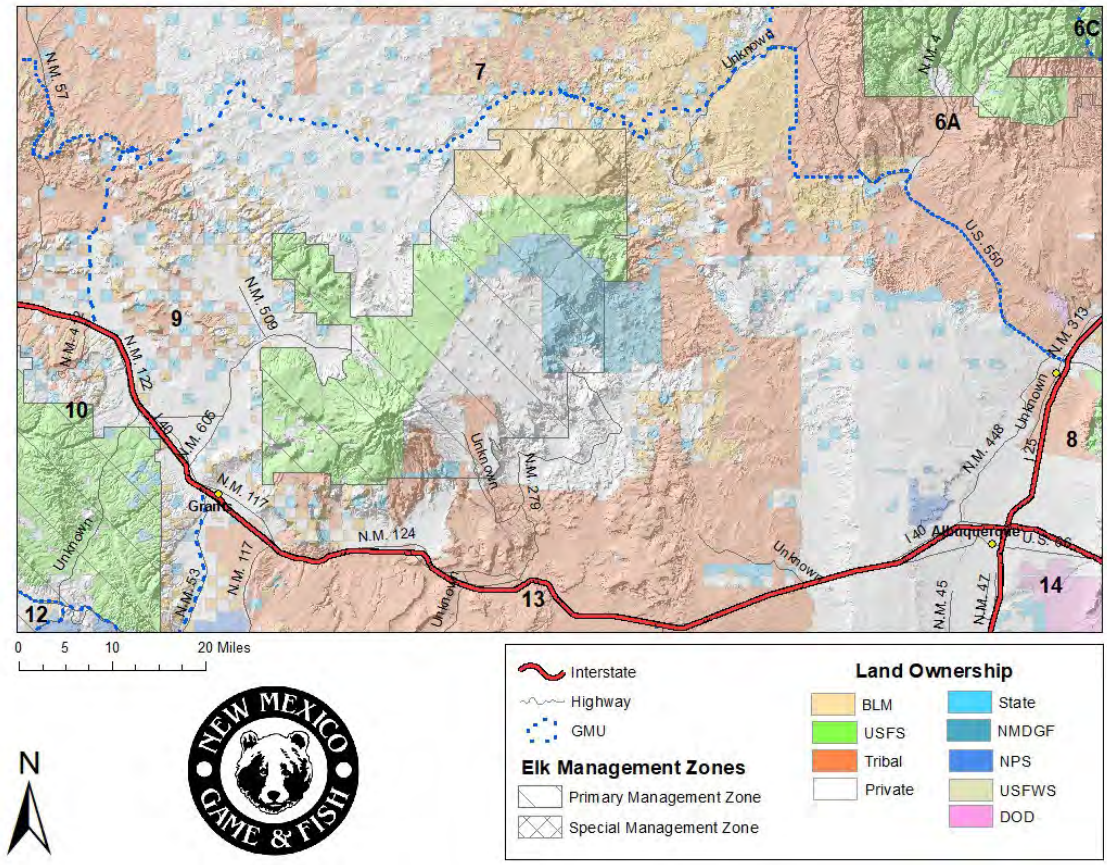


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Mt. Taylor Herd (GMU 9)

Opportunity Management

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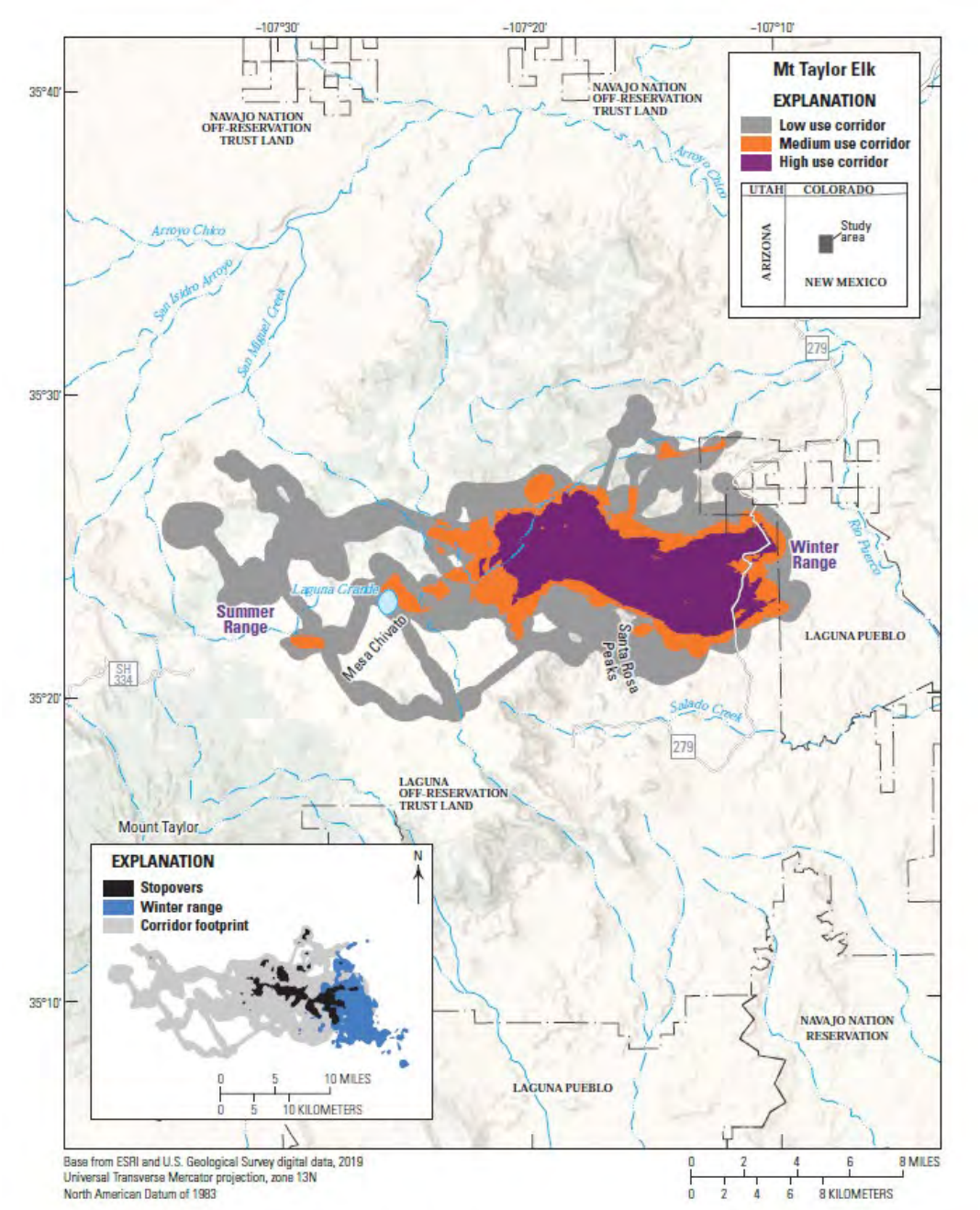


BIOLOGY – GMU 9 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Mt. Taylor herd. The Mt. Taylor herd has declined from historic numbers because of sustained low calf survival beginning in 2009. Low calf recruitment has resulted in the Department taking efforts to increase productivity for the Mt. Taylor herd including several habitat improvement projects on critical calving and summer seasonal ranges. Although these management actions have improved calf recruitment since 2018 the herd still remains below objective. The removal of antlerless licenses and limiting hunts to primitive weapon types are intended to buffer this herd from negative harvest effects while populations rebound. The Mt. Taylor herd is monitored annually via aerial surveys.

RESEARCH (MIGRATION) – This herd is known to migrate to lower elevations adjacent to Mt. Taylor in the winter. The Department affixed GPS collars to elk beginning in 2016 as part of a larger project examining reasons for sustained low calf survival. This migratory pathway does not encompass the entirety of the Mt. Taylor herd though, and other elk are likely to migrate along different pathways. This segment of the herd migrates from the northeastern foothills to the northern plateau of Mt. Taylor. While the average migration route was 8.2 miles, most of this travel occurred once individuals were on the northern plateau. The distance from winter to summer range was relatively short with individuals climbing approximately 1,500 to 2,000 feet in just more than 2 miles north of the Santa Rosa Peaks. Most elk spent only a short period, less than 30 days, on the winter range, but a few remained for an extended period of up to 201 days.

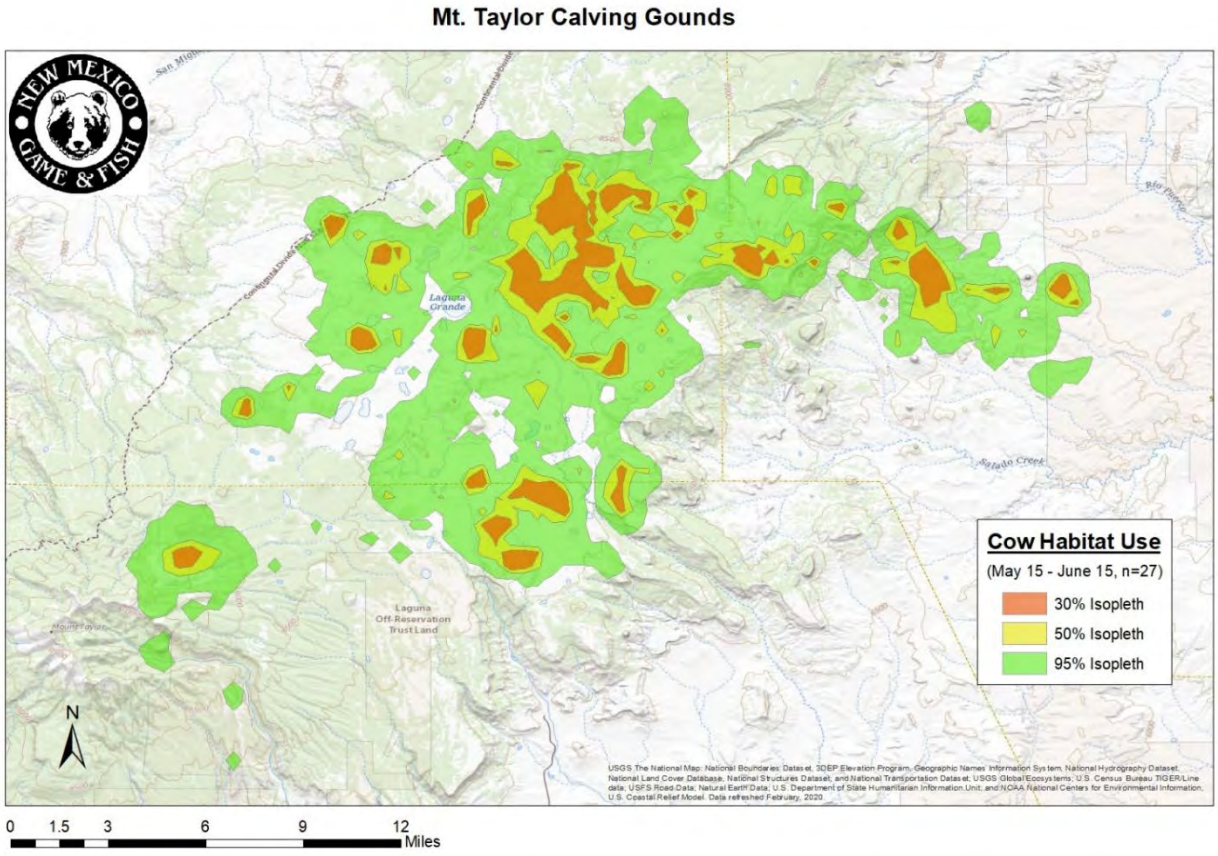
The winter range land cover was primarily mixed salt desert scrub and semidesert grassland, while the summer range was dominated by oak (*Quercus* spp.), pinyon-juniper woodland, and ponderosa pine forests with interspersed grassland openings. The Mt. Taylor elk herd likely does not have major landscape challenges interfering with their ability to migrate, because they move across public lands and several large private ranches. For more information on this project, including migration stop and end dates, sample size, and summaries on the corridors see Volume 2 of the Ungulate Migrations of the Western US.

Figure 4. Mt Taylor elk herd unit movement corridors and seasonal ranges. From USGS Ungulate Migrations of the Western United States, Vol. 2 (pg 138).



RESEARCH (LOW RECRUITMENT) – Observed herd sized and indices of population performance (i.e. calf:cow ratios) for the Mt. Taylor elk herd suggested a decrease in calf survival and recruitment beginning in 2009. As a result of declining population, the Department began reducing licenses for antlerless elk in 2013 (by 38%), 2016 (additional 20%), and were ultimately eliminated in 2018. Mature bull licenses were also reduced 25% in 2018 to help buffer the population from additional mortality. The NMDGF investigated several potential factors which could have contributed to the declining population beginning in 2014. Harvested elk were tested for infectious diseases, including Bovine Virus Diarrhea, and Bovine Trichomoniasis; however, tests results were negative. Beginning in 2015 the Department deployed VHF tracking devices on newborn calves to determine survival rates and cause of death. Investigations of calf mortality continued through 2019 and determined high levels of calf mortality due to predation and obstacles impeding movement on the landscape (i.e. net-wire livestock fencing in calving habitat). Between 2016 – 2019, a total of 40 adult cow elk were fitted with GPS collars to determine habitat use and track seasonal movements. Body condition and pregnancy status of capture cow elk were measured at this time, informing biologists that pregnancy rates were normal (~90%) and body conditions were sufficient to produce healthy calves (10.4% ingesta-free body fat) indicating that reproduction was not a leading contributor to low calf numbers. Collaring efforts of both calves and adult cows within this herd have highlighted both obstacles to calf survival and important habitats for elk during the calving period (Fig. 5). With this information, the Department has taken steps to improve important calving habitats and summer range including livestock fence removal/modification, forest thinning, predation management, and wildlife water installations.

Figure 5. Mt. Taylor elk calving habitat. Isolated GPS collar data from adult cow elk from 2016-2019 during calving season (May 15 – June 15). Heatmap indicates high (red), moderate, (yellow), and low (green) use areas.



HUNTING – This unit is 27% public land, and a network of Forest Service roads provide several access points for hunters. Arid shrub and grasslands with interspersed pinyon-juniper forests are found in lower elevations and scrub oak and ponderosa pine forests are found at higher elevations. In recent years, success rates have been lower than the statewide average and total license numbers and harvest has also declined since 2011. Sustainable harvest levels should rise as herds rebound, allowing for increased licenses once populations have become more stable.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
1,000 – 2,100	26:100:28	40 – 100 Males
Stabilizing		0 Females

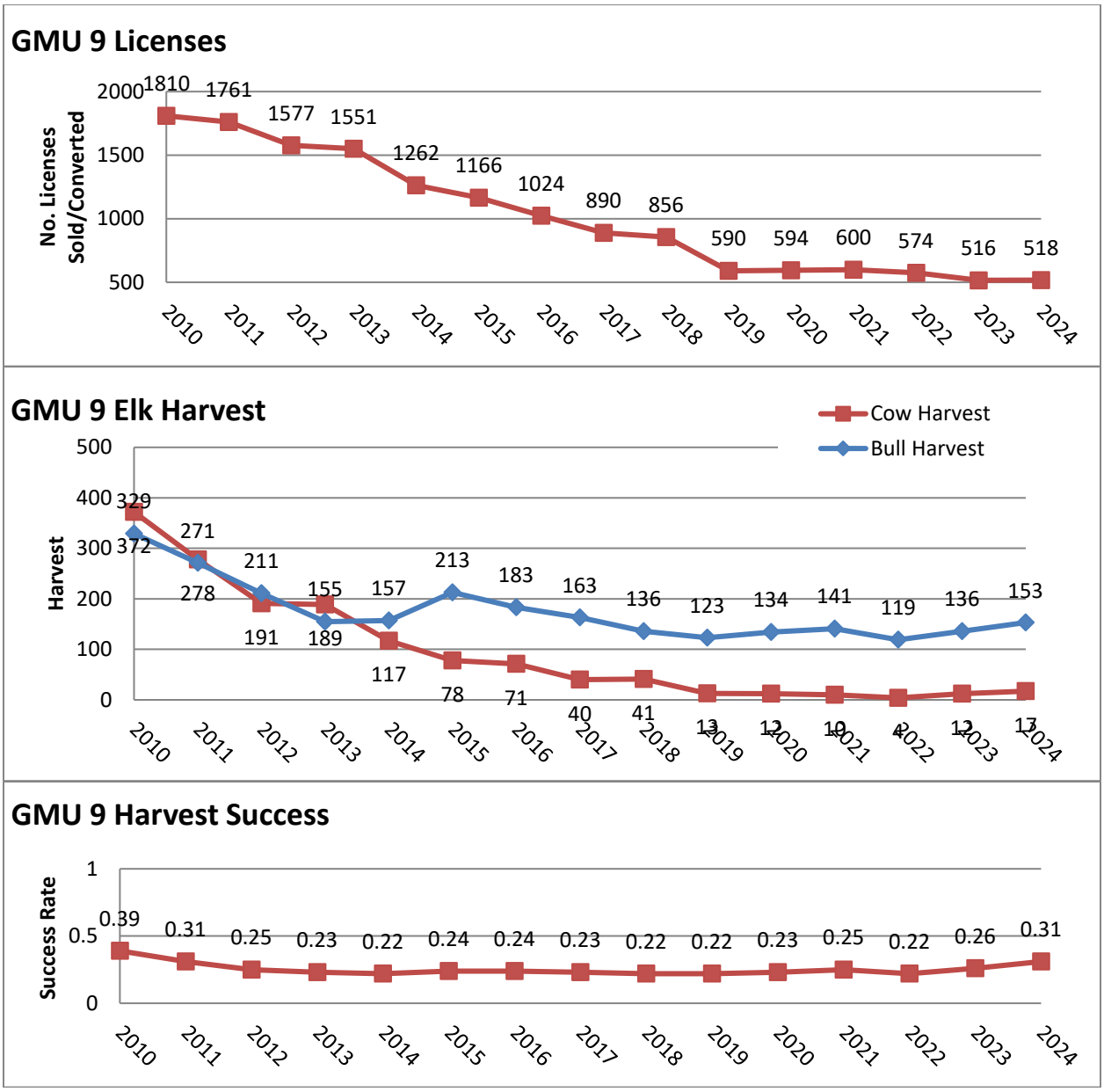
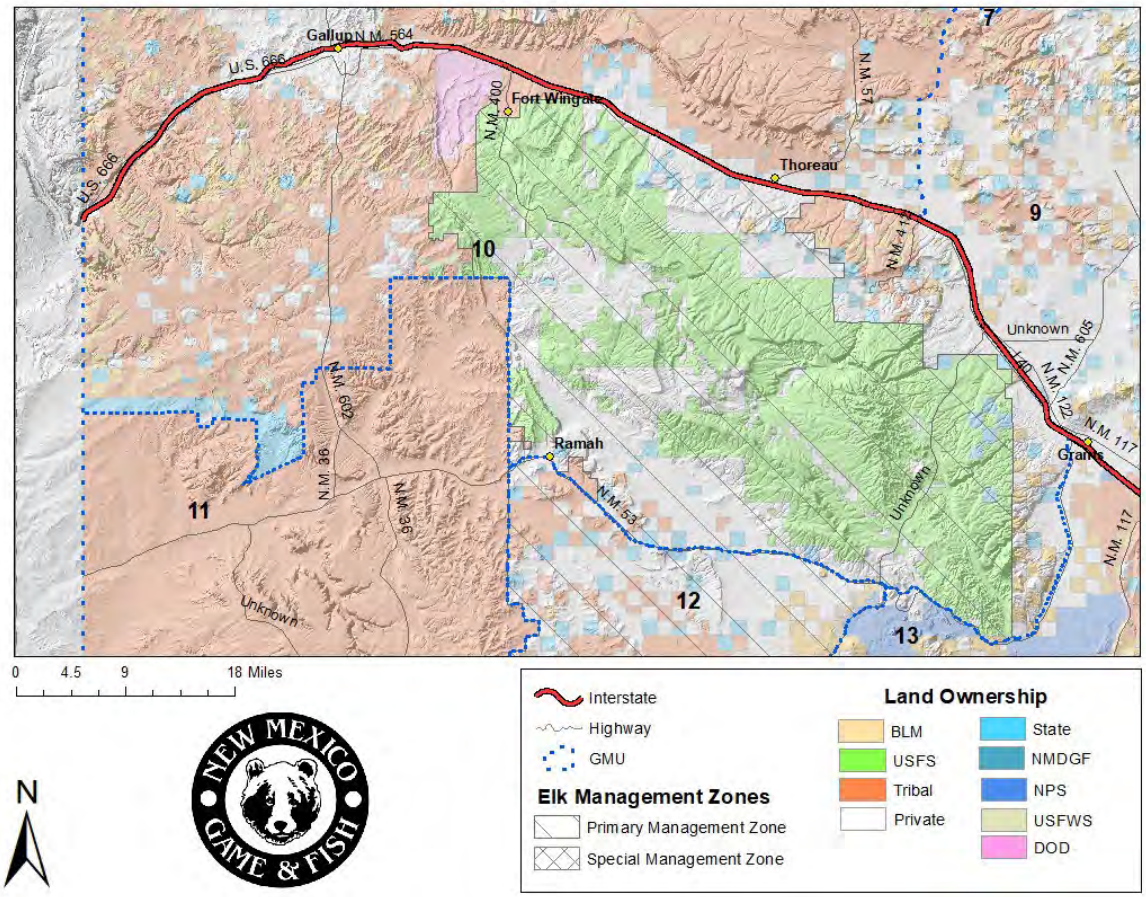


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Zuni Herd (GMU 10)

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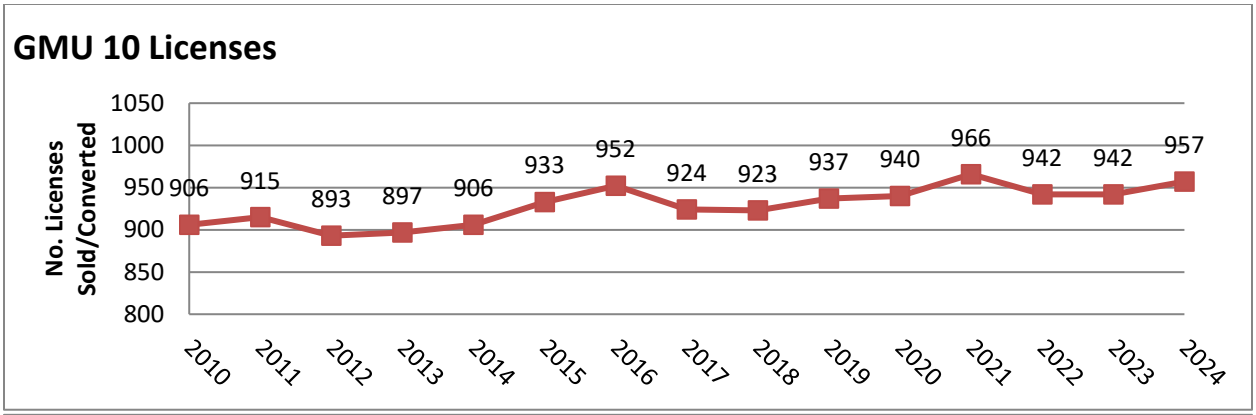
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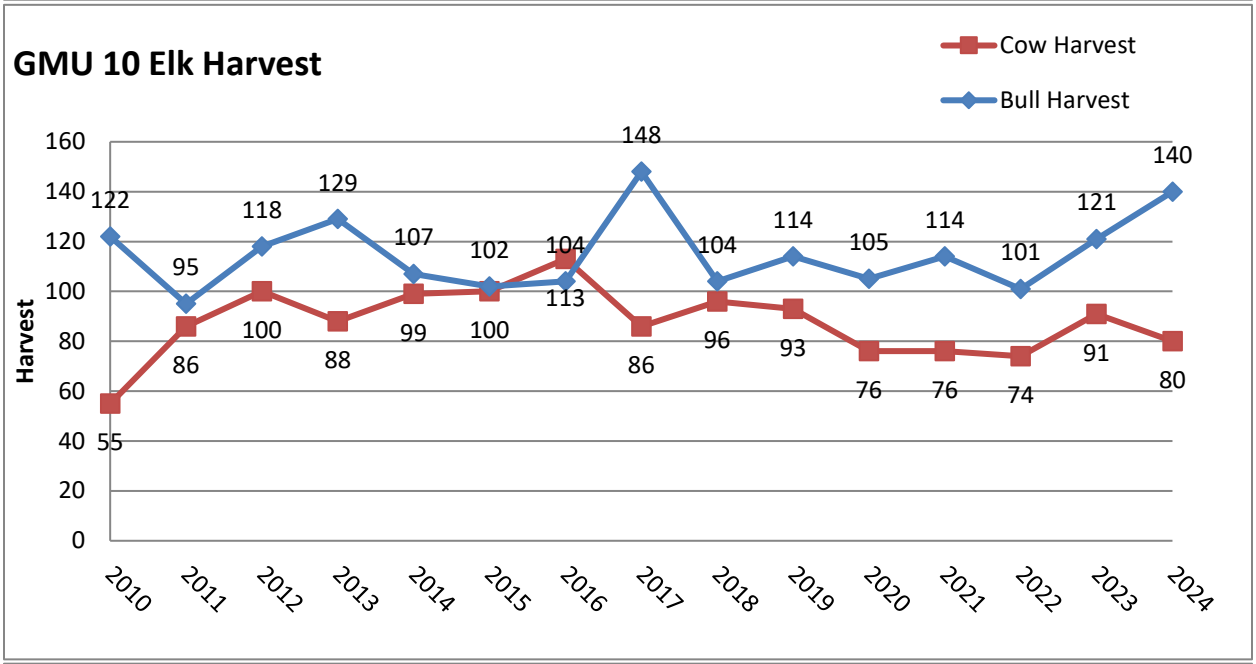


BIOLOGY – GMU 10 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Zuni herd. Elk are moderately mobile in this unit with varying movement patterns in search of scattered resources. Precipitation patterns often influence elk landscape use and quality of forage, as well as sources of water for wildlife in this semi-arid landscape. Elk in this herd unit are not surveyed regularly; thus, the herd is monitored using a combination of survey and hunter harvest data.

HUNTING – This unit is 34% public land, and a network of Forest Service roads provide several access points for hunters. Much of the western half of the unit is tribal land and is inaccessible to public hunters. Low elevation basins in this unit are dominated by arid shrub and grasslands with some pinyon-juniper forests found interspersed throughout. Ponderosa forests provide thermal relief to elk at higher elevations in the Zuni mountains during summer months. Elk within this hunt unit tend to inhabit the landscape in clusters where resources are readily available.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
1,500 – 1,800	35:100:32	110 – 150 Males
Stable		140 – 160 Females





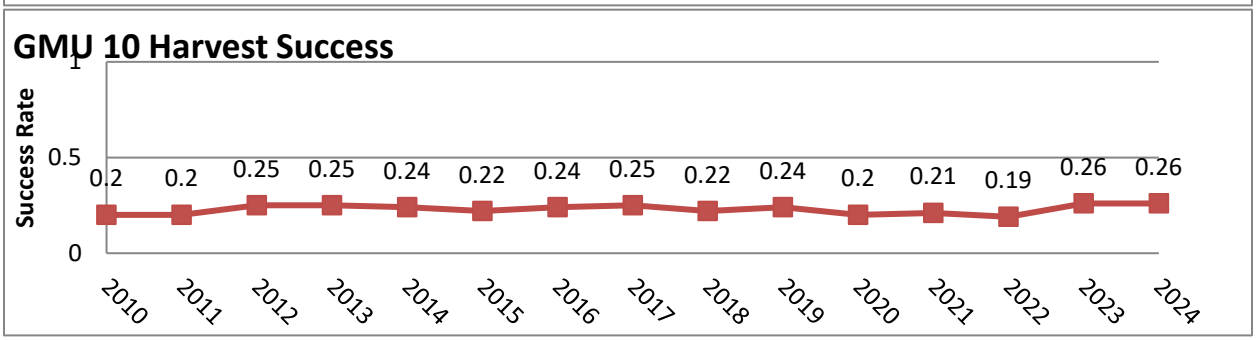
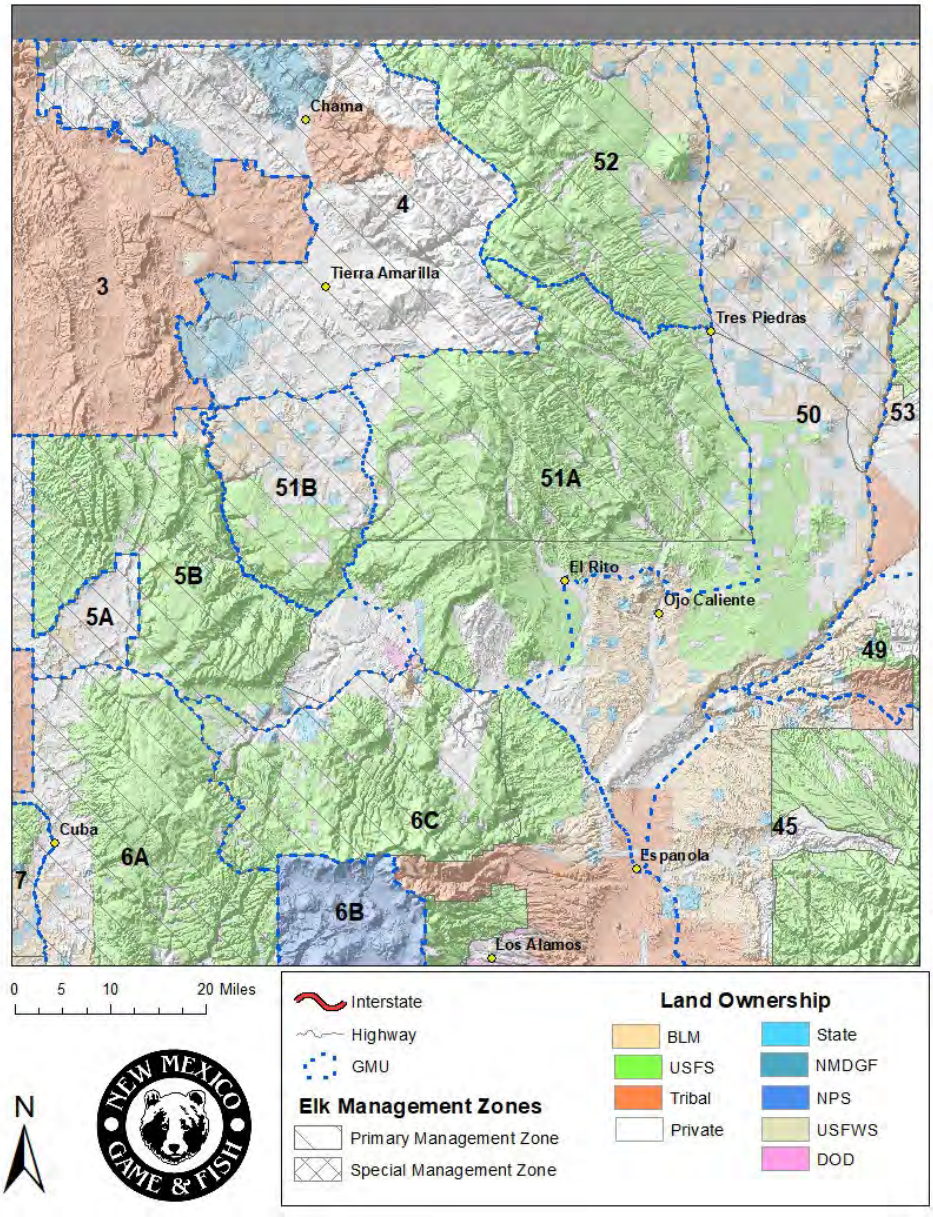


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Northcentral Region – Northcentral Herd (GMUs: 4, 5B, 50, 51, and 52)

Opportunity Management



The Northcentral herd is managed under the optimal opportunity framework, and is mostly within the Primary Management Zone.
The herd is stable. The Northcentral region offers a diverse landscape with quality elk habitat ranging from low elevation grasslands/sagebrush steppe to aspen and mixed conifer in the Carson and Sante Fe National Forests. Portions of this herd are migratory or partially migratory, with many elk moving from high elevation summer range in the San Juan Mountains of southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico to lower elevation winter range near Chama NM, San Antonio Mountain, Taos plateau, and adjacent Wildlife Management Areas (Fig. 6-7). The herd is monitored annually via aerial surveys.

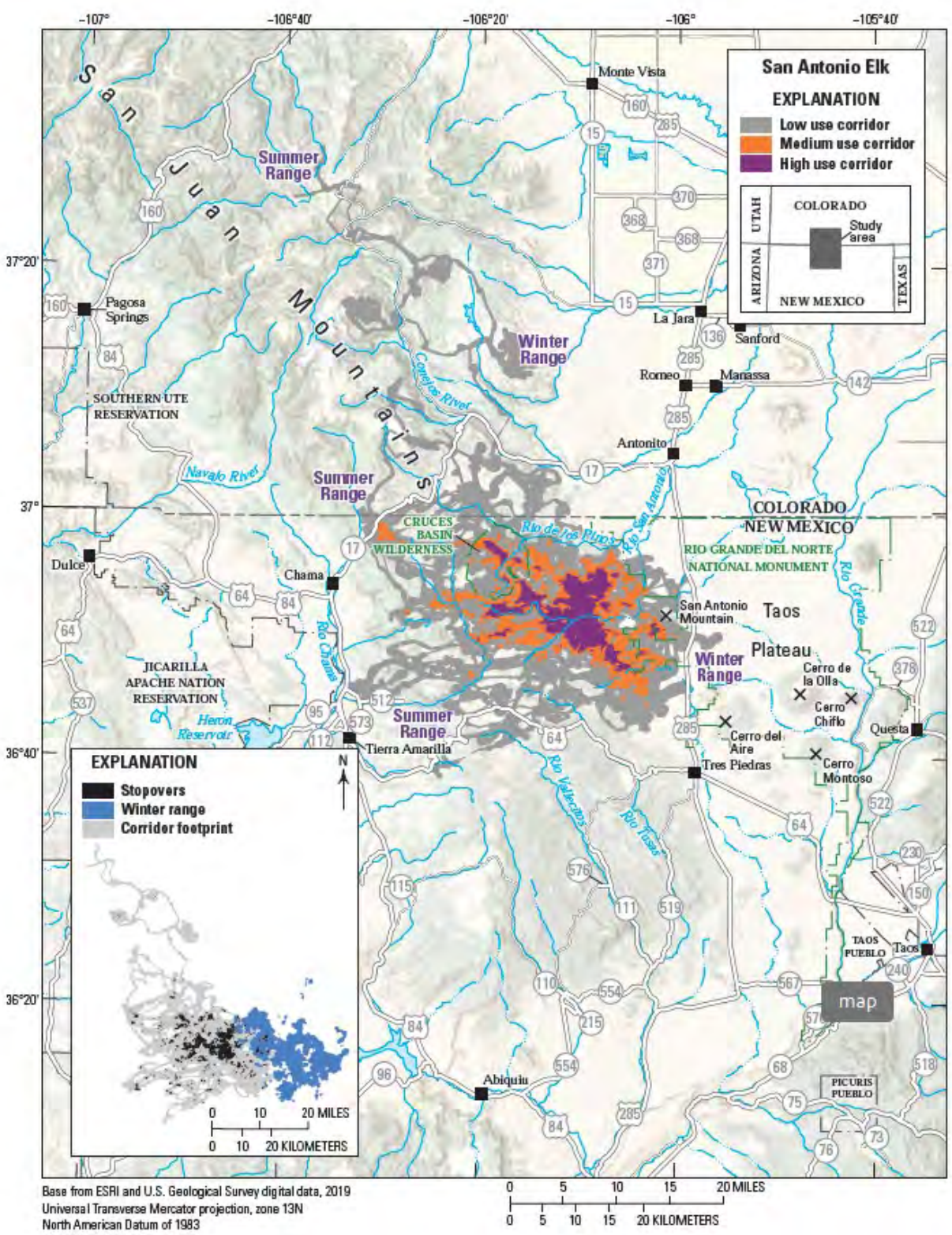
Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
25,300 – 29,000*	38:100:35	1,690 – 2,200 Males
Stable		2,070 – 2,370 Females

*Note: The Northcentral elk herd estimates and metrics are reported at the population level (across GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51, and 52).

RESEARCH (MIGRATION)– As part of an effort to map seasonal movements for big game in New Mexico, elk in the Northcentral herd were sampled beginning in 2020. Two segments of the herd received GPS collars, one near San Antonio Mountain and another near the Rio Chama WMA.

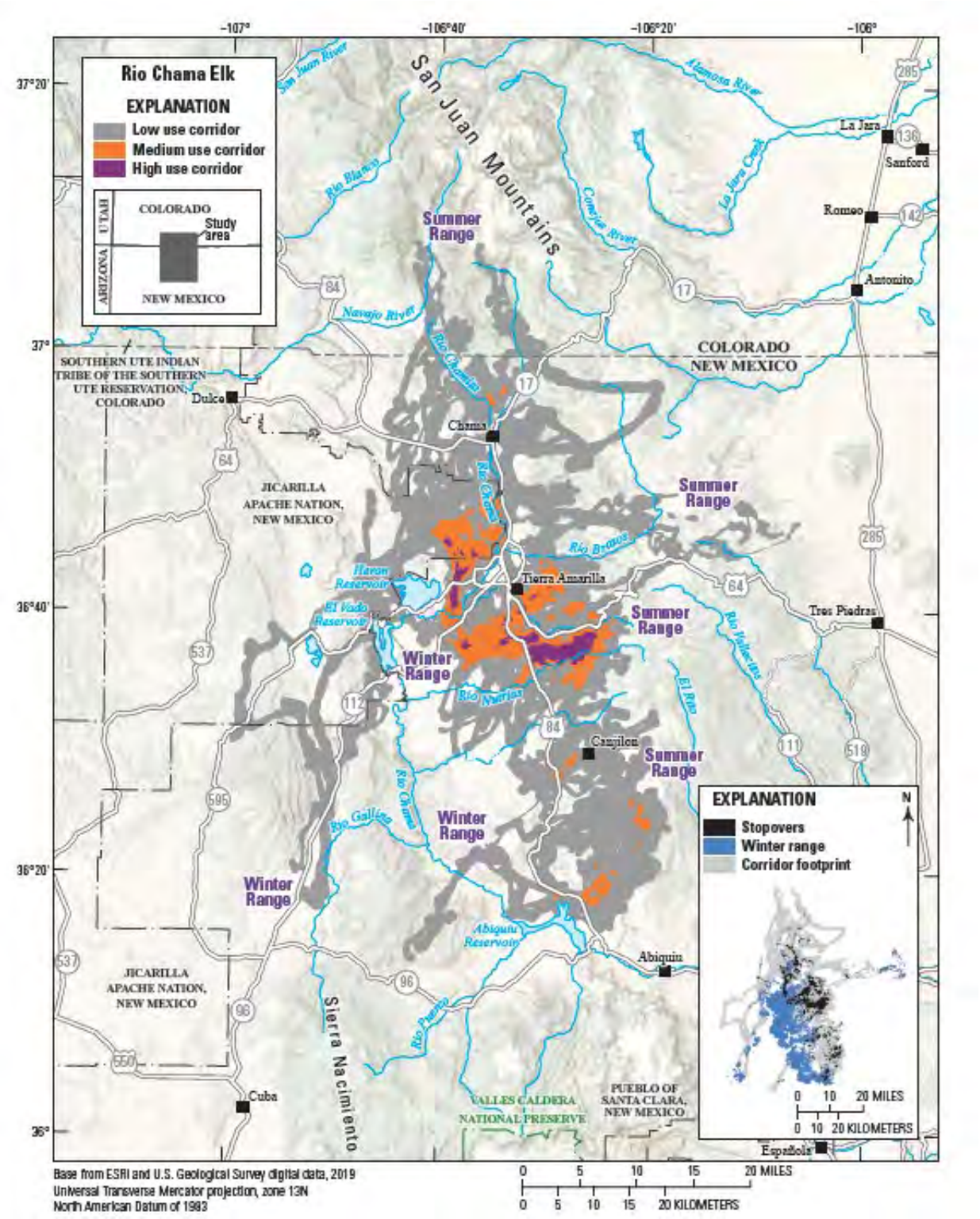
The San Antonio segment of the Northcentral elk herd migrates from the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument to the southern San Juan Mountains of north-central New Mexico and south-central Colorado (7,000–11,500 ft [2,134–3,505 m] elevation). Managed by the BLM, the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument contains the Taos Plateau and a portion of the Rio Grande. Data collected from the herd in 2020–2021 by GPS collars indicate that elk winter near San Antonio Mountain or east of U.S. Highway 285 on the Taos Plateau, with some elk wintering as far east as the Rio Grande. Other elk herds also winter on the Taos Plateau, including herds from the eastern side of the Rio Grande Gorge that are not featured in this report. Critical winter range consists primarily of sagebrush steppe, with pinyon-juniper dominating the volcanic cones of Cerro de la Olla, Cerro del Aire, Cerro Montoso, and Cerro Chiflo scattered across the monument land. The area north of the volcanic cones is rich in *Ceratoides lanata* (winterfat), providing nutrition high in protein during the harsh winters. Key terrestrial habitats across the herd's ranges include intermountain basins, big sagebrush shrubland, Rocky Mountain alpine montane wet meadow, and Rocky Mountain montane mixed-conifer forest and woodland. Migrations typically begin in early spring, with elk taking extended stopovers in the eastern foothills and slopes of the San Juan Mountains, primarily along the Rio San Antonio. By late spring, many of the elk continue their migration towards the western slopes of the San Juan Mountains or north into Colorado. Some elk travel to lower elevation foothills along the western slopes of the San Juan Mountains before retracing some of their movements to settle on their high-elevation summer range. Summer range habitats are typically mid- to high-elevation mixed conifer and aspen forests with interspersed montane meadows. The crossing of U.S. Highway 285 may create an obstacle to elk migrations. For more information on this project see Volume 3 of the Ungulate Migrations of the Western US report

Figure 6. Seasonal ranges and movement corridors of the San Antonio elk herd. From USGS Ungulate Migrations of the Western United States, Vol 3 (pg 98)



The Rio Chama segment of the Northcentral elk herd inhabits north-central New Mexico, near Tierra Amarilla. This herd's winter range is predominately west of U.S. Highway 84 between the Heron and Abiquiu Reservoirs. The Rio Chama elk herd migrates through a mosaic of private, public, and Jicarilla Apache Nation, New Mexico lands, using three primary migration corridors: the northern and eastern corridors near Heron Reservoir and the northeastern corridor near Abiquiu Reservoir. Elk using the northern corridor near Heron Reservoir follow a variety of routes; some elk only migrate approximately 6 mi (9.7 km) to summer along the Rio Chama and other elk migrate more than 30 mi (48.3 km) to southern Colorado. The eastern migration corridors are approximately 10 mi (16.1 km) and cross U.S. Highways 84 and 64 south of Tierra Amarilla before settling in the western San Juan Mountains. Elk near the Abiquiu Reservoir commonly migrate northeast and cross State Route 84 into the San Juan Mountains to their summer range southeast of Canjilon, New Mexico. The herd faces several challenges, such as crossing State Route 112 and U.S. Highways 84 and 64, increasing density of housing subdivisions in some areas along their migration, and fencing, especially taller fencing that elk cannot jump. For more information see Volume 4 of the Ungulate Migrations of the Western US report.

Figure 7. Seasonal ranges and movement corridors of the Rio Chama elk herd. From USGS Ungulate Migrations of the Western United States, Vol 4 (pg 64).

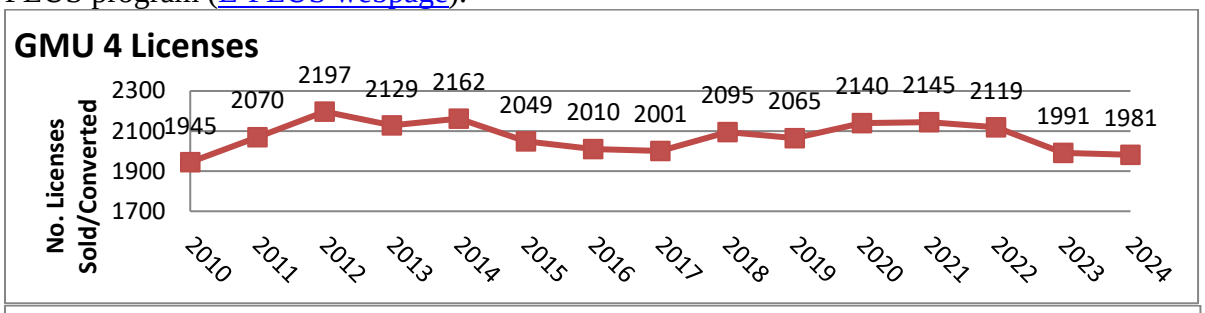


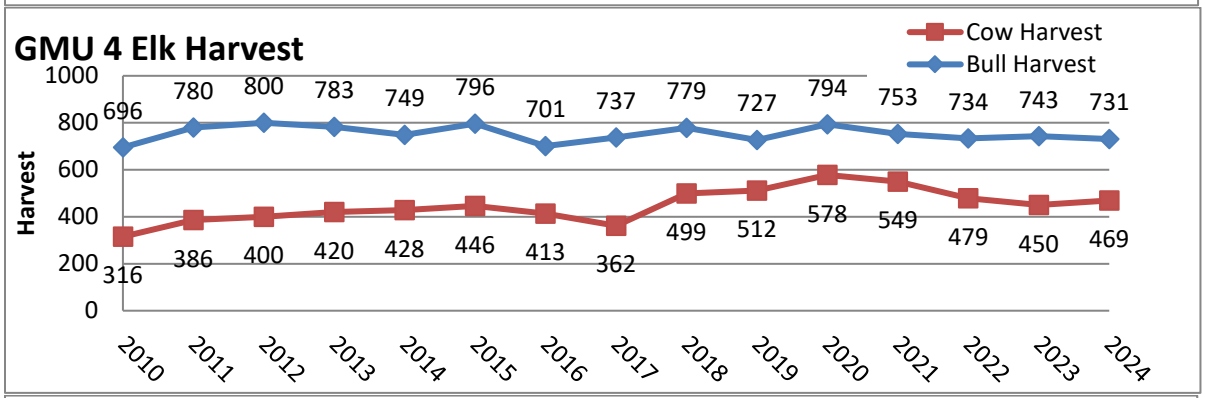
GMU 4 (part of the Northcentral Herd; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 4

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 4 are part of the Northcentral herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Animals can be found throughout the unit due to its varied topography, persistent water availability, and the accessibility of undeveloped habitat within WMA's. Productive and varied habitats here provide stable resources to support a productive herd. Some seasonal movements occur between this unit and the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to the west as well as movement between seasonal ranges east within Carson National Forest and north into Colorado (see figures above for more information).

HUNTING – This unit consists of 13% public land and all public hunts are restricted to one of 3 Wildlife Management Areas: the Edward Sargent WMA, Humphries WMA, and Rio Chama WMA. All WMA hunts are restricted to New Mexico residents only. Access in WMAs is limited to either foot traffic or travel by horseback. These WMAs offer great elk hunting in scrub oak and mixed conifer habitats. There is ample opportunity for harvesting either bulls or cows. Success and satisfaction ratings for elk hunters in GMU 4 are among the highest in the state. Most licenses sold in this unit are through private land hunts. Non-residents or hunters wishing to hunt private lands in GMU 4 can purchase authorizations issued to landowners through the E-PLUS program (E-PLUS webpage).





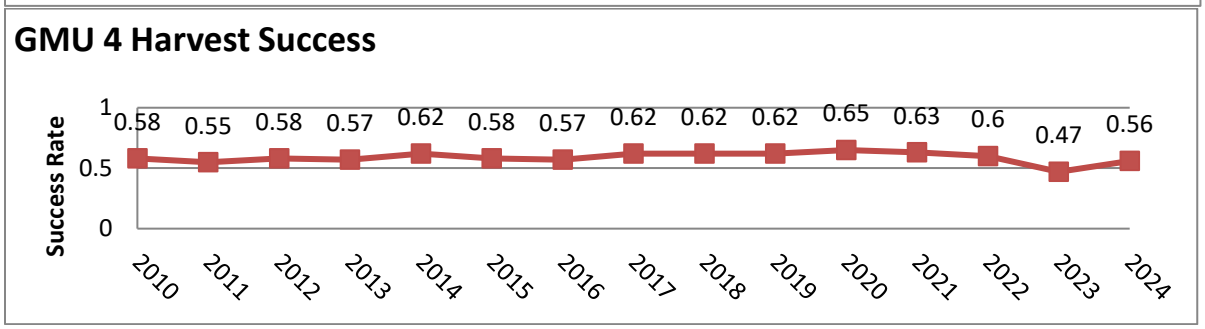


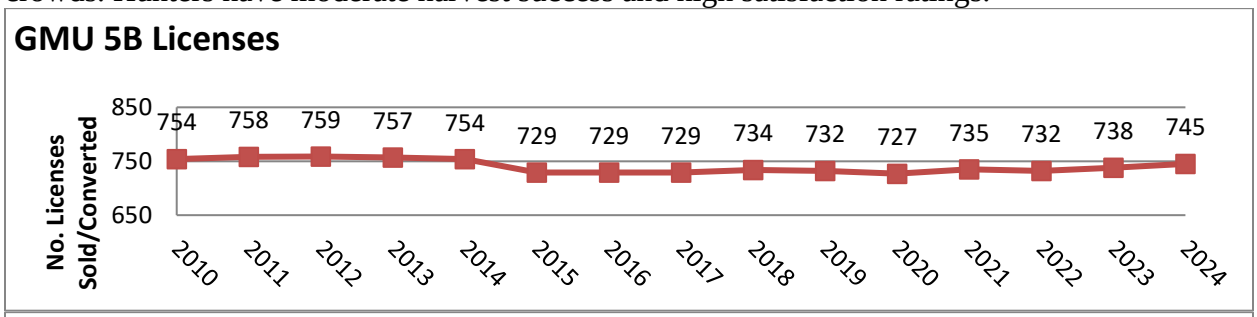
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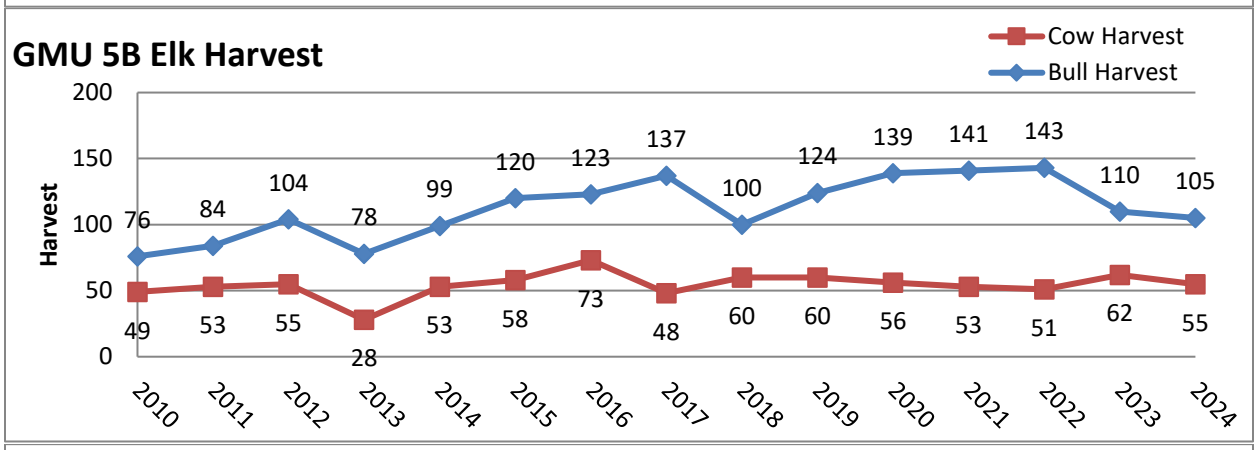
GMU 5B (part of the Northcentral Herd; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 5B

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 5B are part of the Northcentral herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). The habitat types in GMU 5B vary with lower elevation semi-arid grass/scrubland in the east near Abiquiu Reservoir, pinyon-juniper mesas in the foothill regions, and conifer forests on higher elevation ridgelines. Elk densities in this unit are lower than other areas within the Northcentral herd and elk are scattered. Moderate sized herds can be found where conditions are favorable. Movement patterns are largely dependent upon forage and water availability and can vary from year to year with more elk pushed into this unit during more severe winter conditions.

HUNTING – This unit is 81% public land, and a network of Forest Service roads allows for good access throughout. The southern portion of the rugged Chama River Canyon Wilderness is found in this unit for those looking for more challenging pursuit opportunities away from crowds. Hunters have moderate harvest success and high satisfaction ratings.





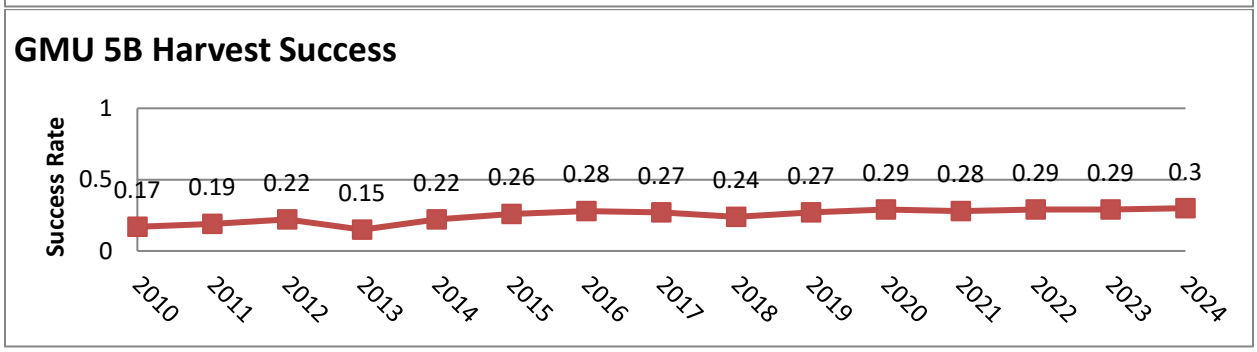


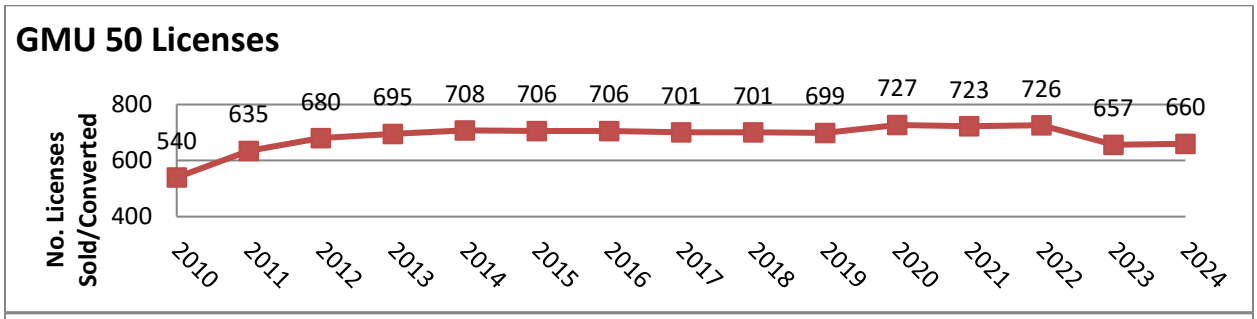
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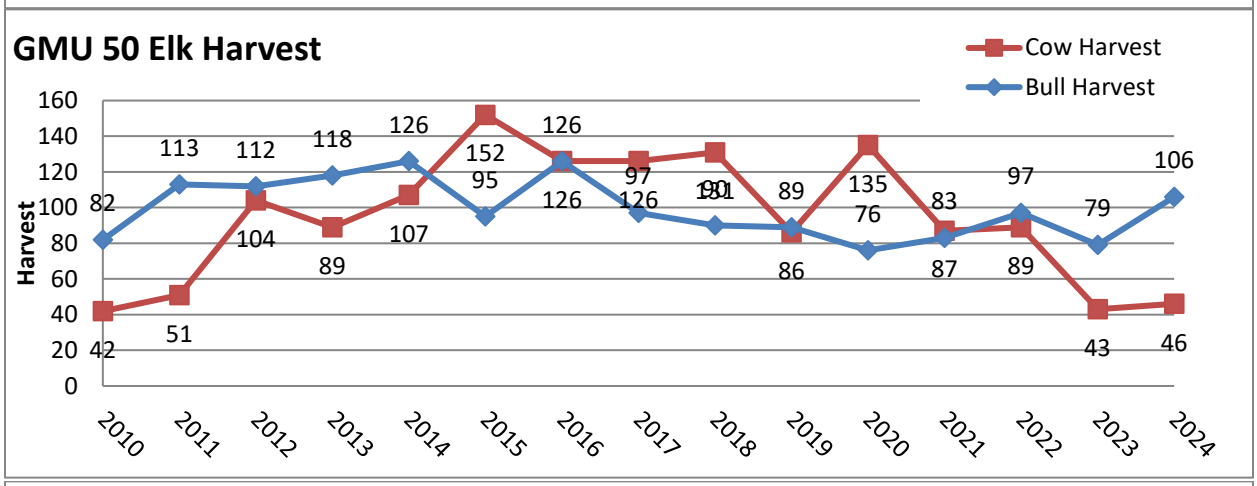
GMU 50 (part of the Northcentral Herd; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 50

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 50 are part of the Northcentral herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). In this unit, the lower elevation semi-arid grasslands and sagebrush flats offer suitable winter habitat with close proximity to escape terrain found on volcanic cones and in pinyon-juniper woodlands. Some elk move out of the adjacent high elevation summer range into lower elevation winter range in this GMU, however there are also resident animals present. See figures above for information on some migratory movements in this GMU.

HUNTING – This unit is 68% public land with excellent road access. Although this unit does not contain a large resident herd, some small pockets of elk can be found here year-round and it serves as winter range for elk that have moved out of the surrounding mountains. Hunter success rates are moderate.





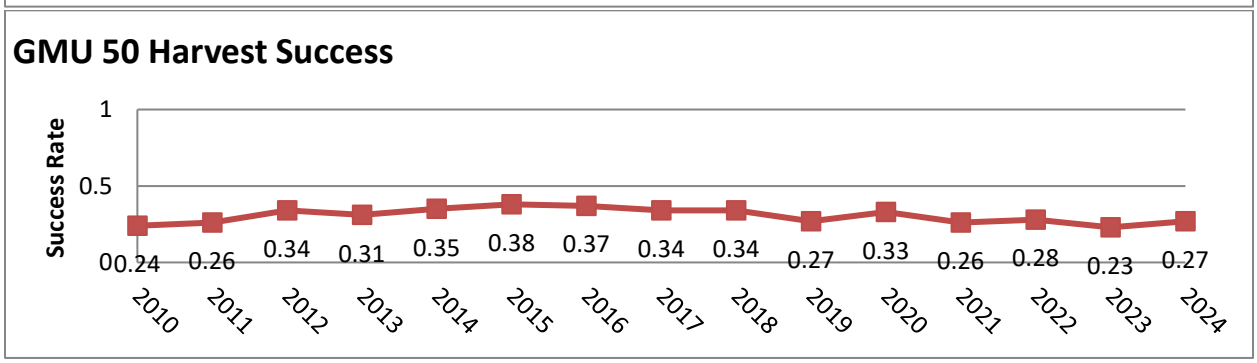


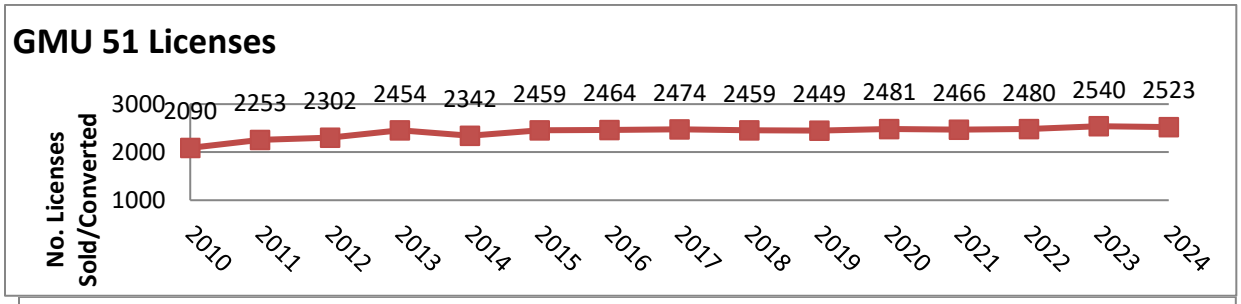
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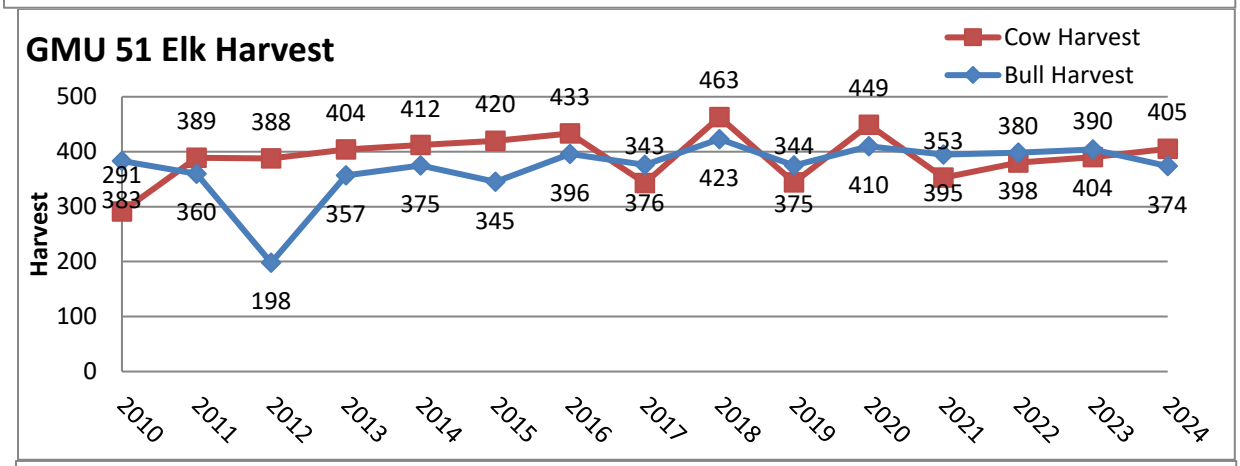
GMU 51 (part of the Northcentral Herd; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 51

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 51 are part of the Northcentral herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Resident and migratory elk can be found in this unit. Migratory individuals move seasonally between low elevation sagebrush flats and mesa habitats to high elevation mixed conifer and aspen forests. There are some resident elk along riparian corridors and adjacent to irrigated agricultural lands. See figures above for information on some migratory movements in this GMU.

HUNTING – This unit is 82% public land with good road access. Population management hunts may occur occasionally to address winter elk concentrations in the lower elevation winter range of this GMU. Overall success rates are moderate to good and the unit offers ample public and private hunting opportunity. Varied habitat and elevation between seasonal ranges offer good opportunity to find elk throughout early and late season hunts.





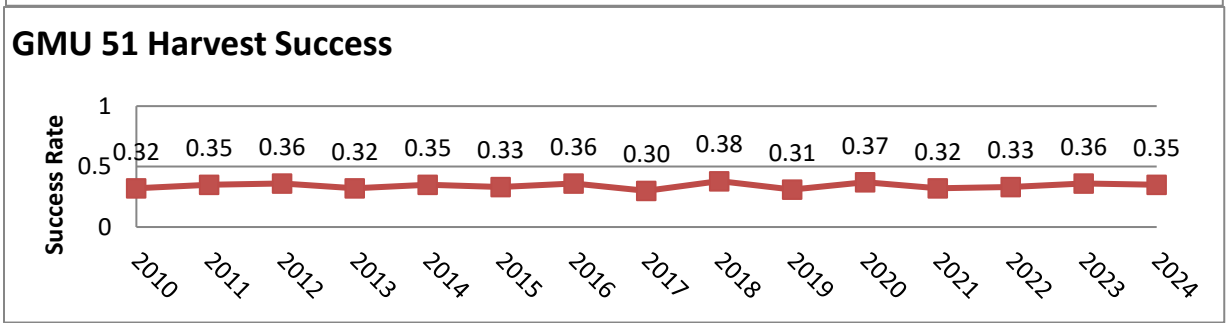


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GMU 52 (part of the Northcentral Herd; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 52

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 52 are part of the Northcentral herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Variable habitat types between low and high elevation offer suitable year-round elk habitat. Pinyon-juniper woodlands and sagebrush flats are found in some lower elevations with mixed conifer and aspen forests at higher elevations. Elk make migratory movements from high to low elevations when snowpack accumulates. See figures above for information on some migratory movements in this GMU.

HUNTING – This unit is 92% public land with good road access. The Cruces Basin Wilderness Area is found in this unit for those looking for more rugged pursuit opportunities away from roads. Varied habitat and elevation between seasonal ranges offer good opportunity to find elk throughout early and late season hunts.

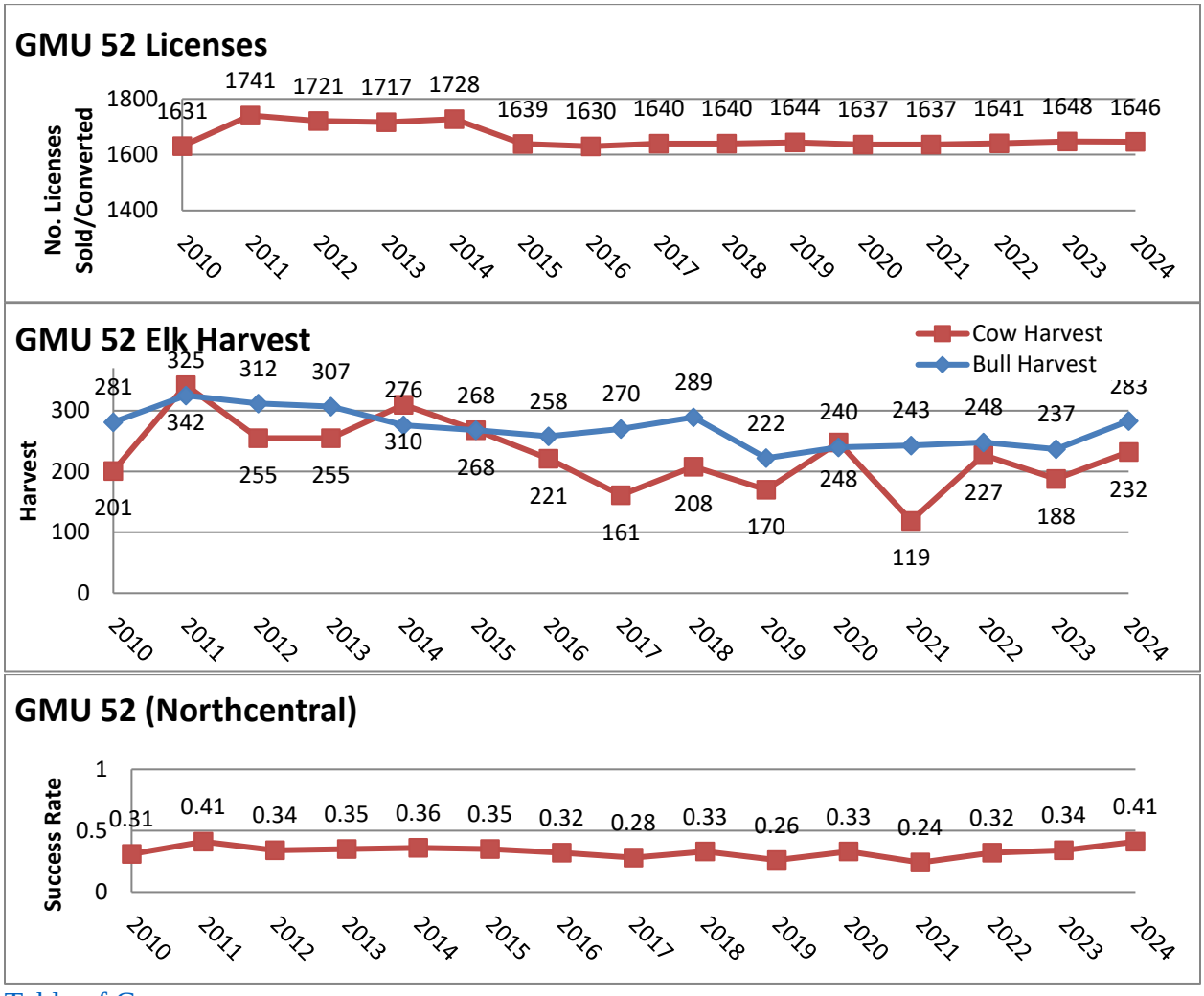
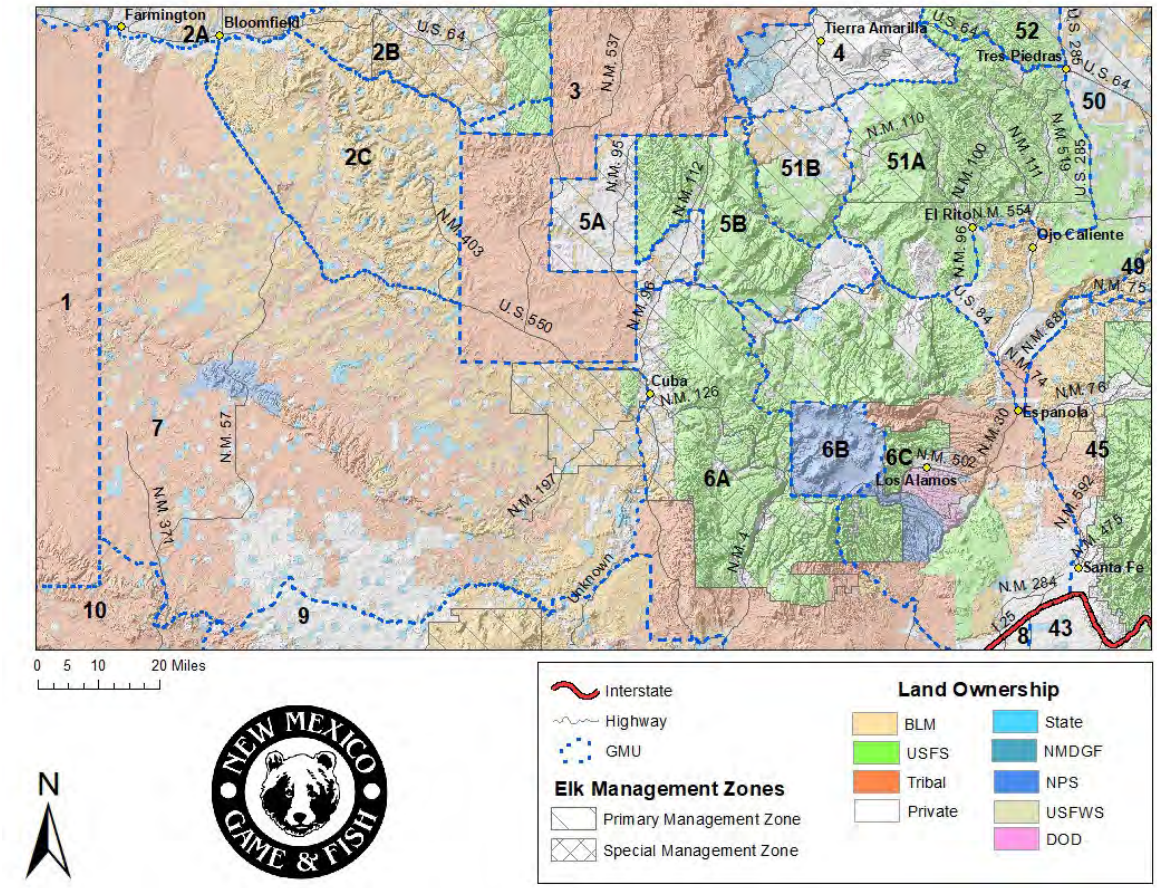


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Jemez Region - Jemez Herd (GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C, and 7)

Combination of Opportunity and Quality Management, depending on GMU



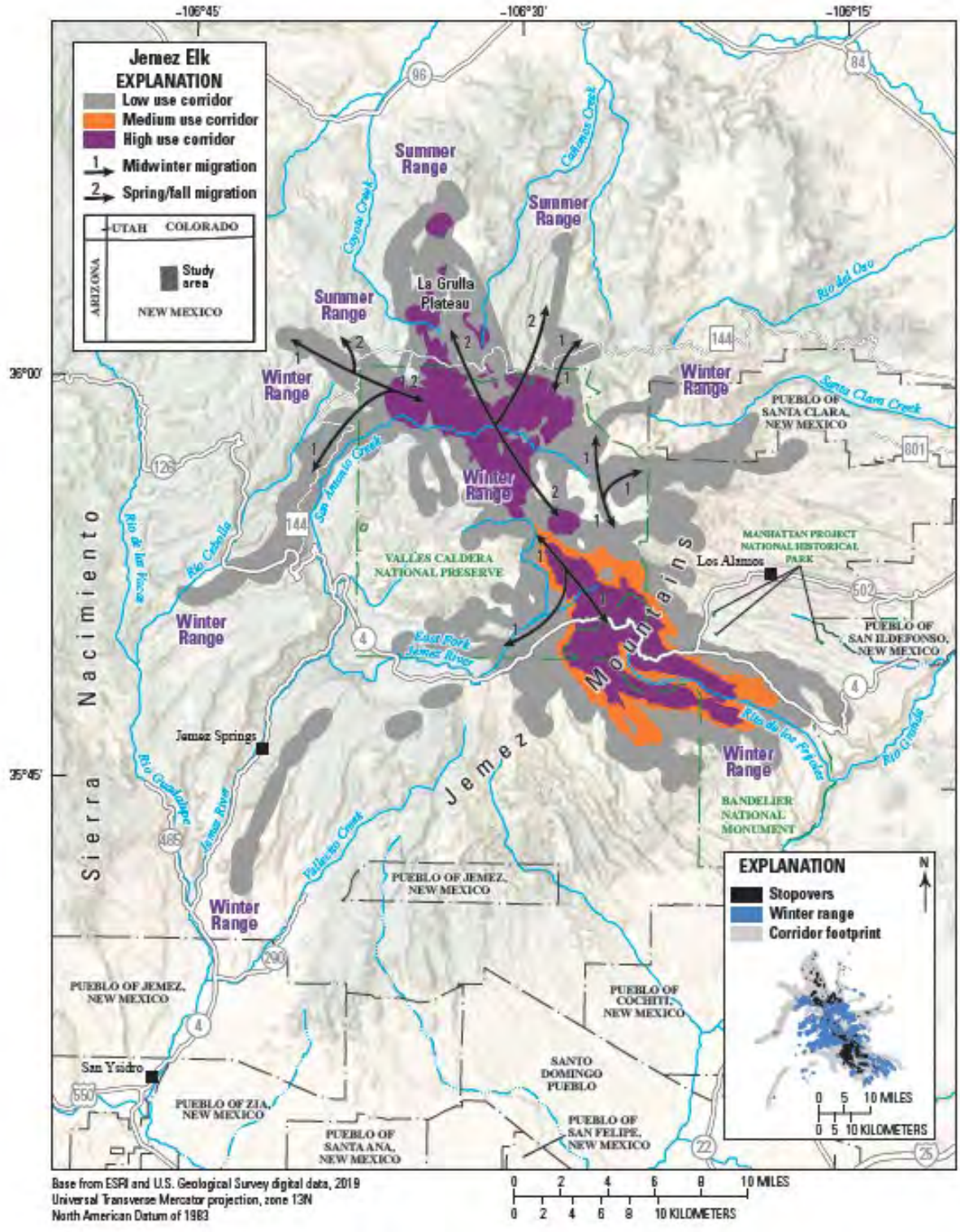
The Valles Caldera and surrounding forests offer premier elk habitat with sprawling montane meadows, vast forests, varied topography, and persistent water sources. Prescribed burning, recent wildfires, and landscape treatment efforts have further enhanced elk habitat in the area. Seasonal movements of elk in the Jemez region are primarily elevational, and dependent upon winter severity, where elk transition to lower mesa tops and surrounding foothills/mountains when winter conditions are more severe (Fig 8). The Jemez herd is considered stable with hunter success and satisfaction ratings moderate to high, depending on the GMU. Recent research has indicated calf survival in this region to be the largest contributor to growth potential, with wide fluctuation of calf survival in areas with limited predator harvest; thus hunter harvest is managed to be conservative in some GMUs to buffer populations from additive mortality (Bernal 2012; APPENDIX A). The Jemez herd is surveyed annually, and the population size is estimated using aerial survey and hunter harvest data.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
6,100 – 7,100*	48:100:27	360 - 475 Males
Stable		440 – 510 Females

*Note: Elk populations within the Jemez herd unit are estimated at the regional level and are calculated across GMUs 6A-C and 7.

RESEARCH (MIGRATION)– Elk in the Jemez were fitted with GPS collars beginning in 2015 as part of a large landscape study evaluating the impacts of wildfire and habitat treatments on wildlife use. New Mexico State University and the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit partnered with the Valles Caldera National Preserve to oversee the work. Though not the focus of the study, GPS collar information yielded seasonal movement data that was analyzed to identify migratory patterns of a segment of the Jemez herd. The Jemez elk herd primarily resides in the Jemez Mountains in the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The Jemez elk are only partially migratory; some residents remain year-round in the Valles Caldera National Preserve and others exhibit two distinct seasonal movement patterns. The first movement pattern occurs during midwinter (January–February) when numerous elk move to the lower elevation slopes of the Valles Caldera National Preserve, primarily southeast towards Bandelier National Monument. The second movement is more typical of a spring and fall migratory movement; elk migrate north to La Grulla Plateau for the summer and return to the Valles Caldera National Preserve for the winter. The primary challenge for migrants is crossing State Route 4 when traveling to Bandelier National Monument. See Volume 4 of the Ungulate Migrations of the Western United States report.

Figure 8. Seasonal movements and ranges for the Jemez elk herd. From USGS Ungulate Migrations of the Western United States, Vol 4 (pg. 62)



GMU 6A (part of the Jemez Herd; quality management)

Unit Map: 6A

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 6A are part of the Jemez herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Habitat in this unit ranges from sagebrush, scrub oak and pinyon-juniper forests in the lower elevations to ponderosa pine forests and sub-alpine habitats at the highest elevations. Prescribed burning as well as recent wildfires along the eastern and southern Jemez provide ample elk foraging habitat. Many elk in this unit are found in high elevation open meadows, aspen forests, and mixed conifer during summer months. During winter months, some elk migrate to lower elevations when snowpack accumulates. See above for detailed information on some migratory movements.

HUNTING – This unit is 48% public land, and a network of Forest Service roads allows for good access throughout. The San Pedro Parks Wilderness is found in this unit for those looking for a backcountry experience. Much of the landscape is defined by deep drainages and canyons dividing large, forested mesas. Due to the rugged topography of this GMU, travelling from one region to another is often indirect and can be time consuming; hunters should plan accordingly when deciding which areas to focus.

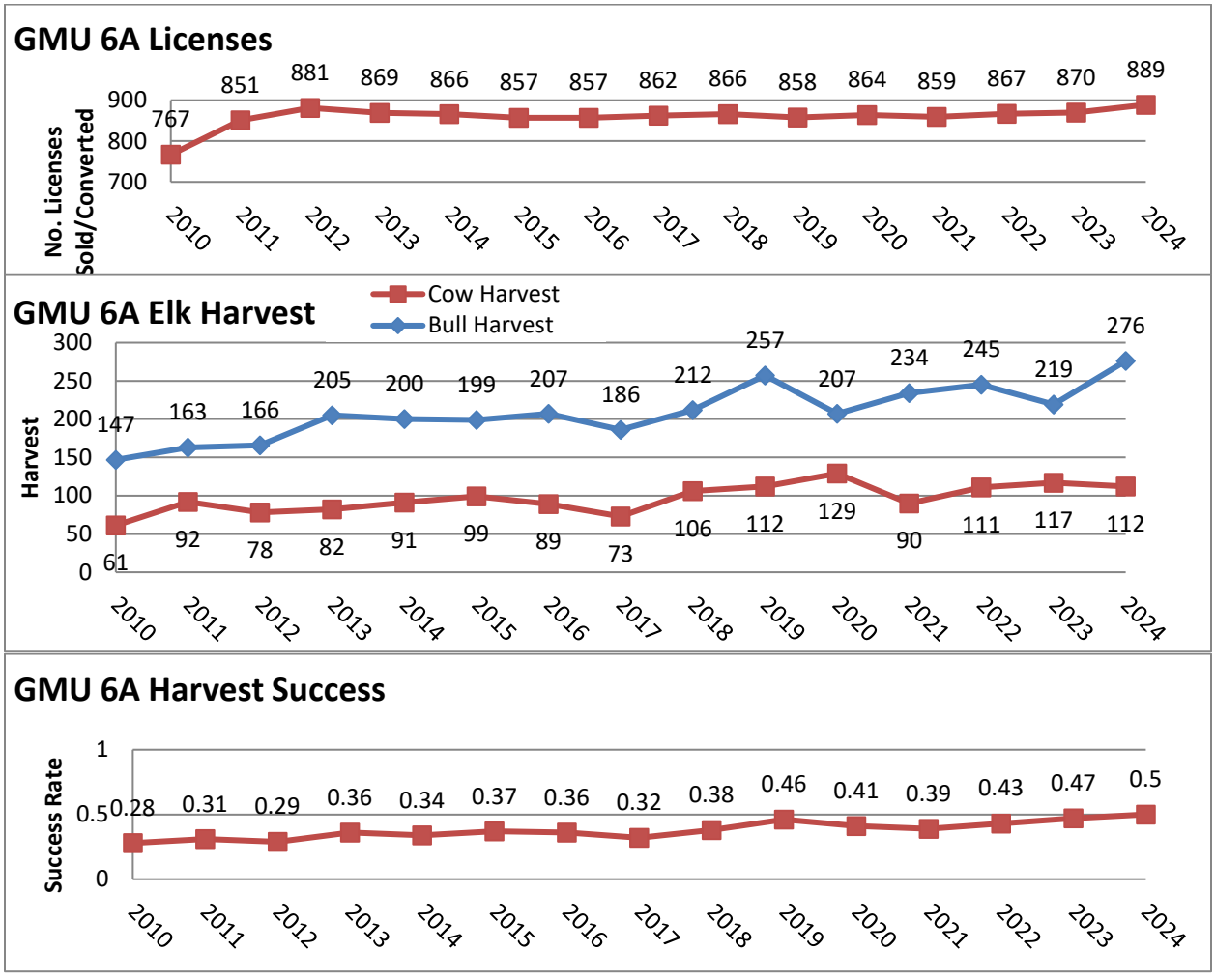


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GMU 6B (part of the Jemez Herd; quality management)

Unit Map: 6B

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 6B are part of the Jemez herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). The unit is managed as The Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) and is characterized by conifer forests ridges separated by vast grassland valleys. The VCNP is prime elk habitat and is known for its abundant elk. Premier elk habitat in the VCNP, in combination with recent fires and habitat treatments in the area, provides ample opportunity for elk to thrive. Seasonal movements occur between high elevation montane meadows and surrounding forests, to lower elevation mesas and drainages when snowpack accumulates. Although, during milder winters, some elk will remain within the VCNP year-round. See above for detailed information on some migratory movements.

HUNTING – This unit is almost exclusively public land and is administered by the National Park Service as the Valles Caldera National Preserve. As such, hunters must follow some specific regulations and should visit the Valles Caldera National Preserve hunt rules webpage for the most up to date information. The VCNP restricts some vehicular access so hunters should be aware that there are few accessible roads. Hunter success rates and satisfaction are higher than average in this GMU, resulting in these draw tags being highly competitive.

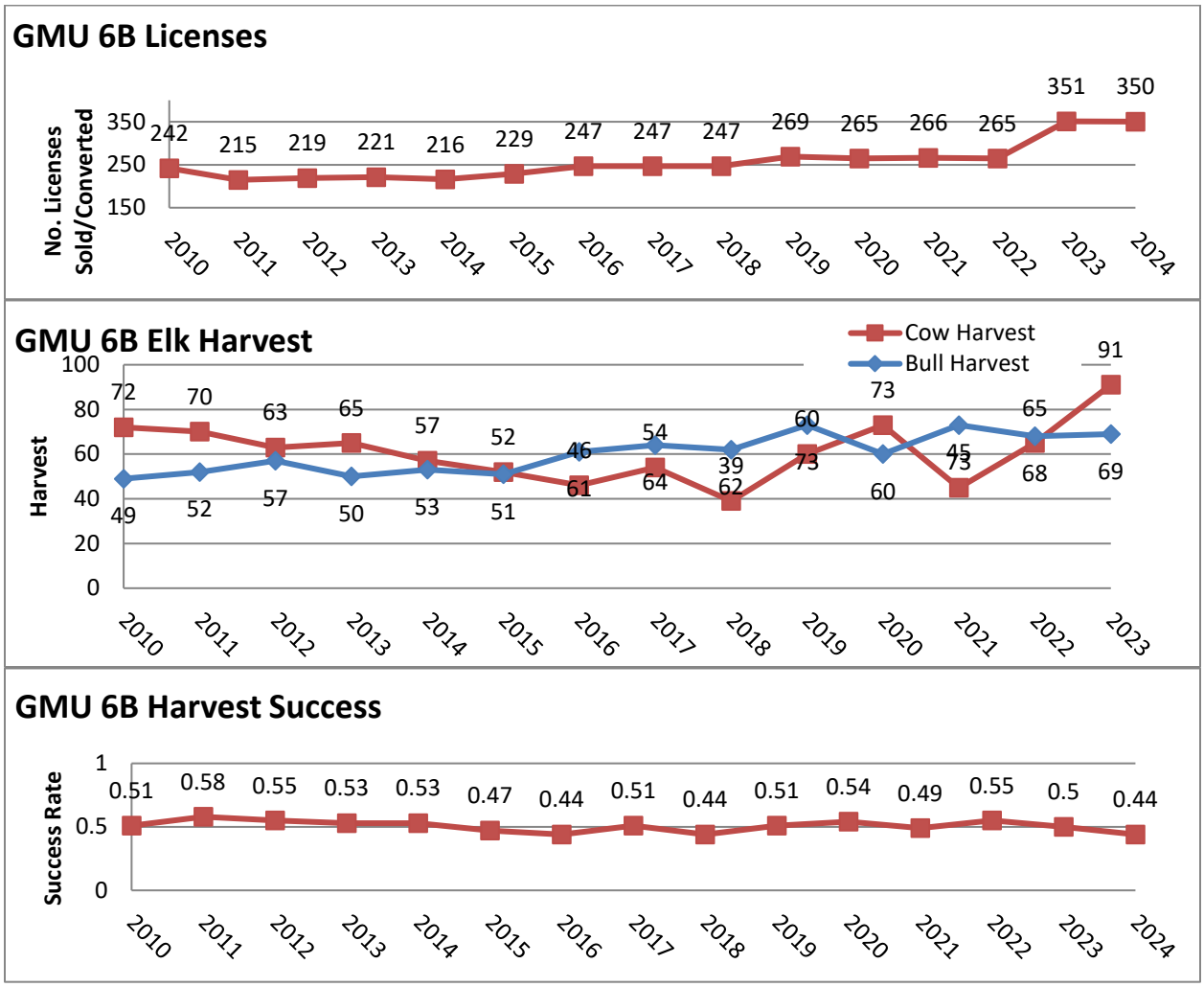


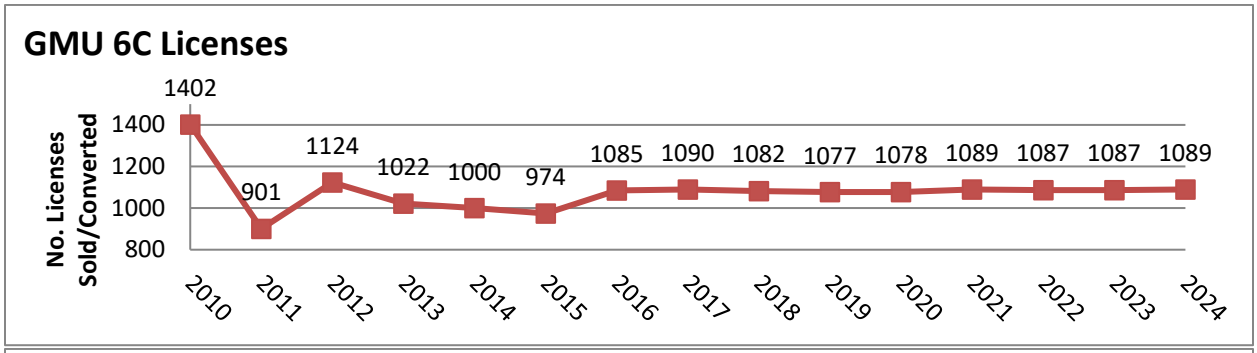
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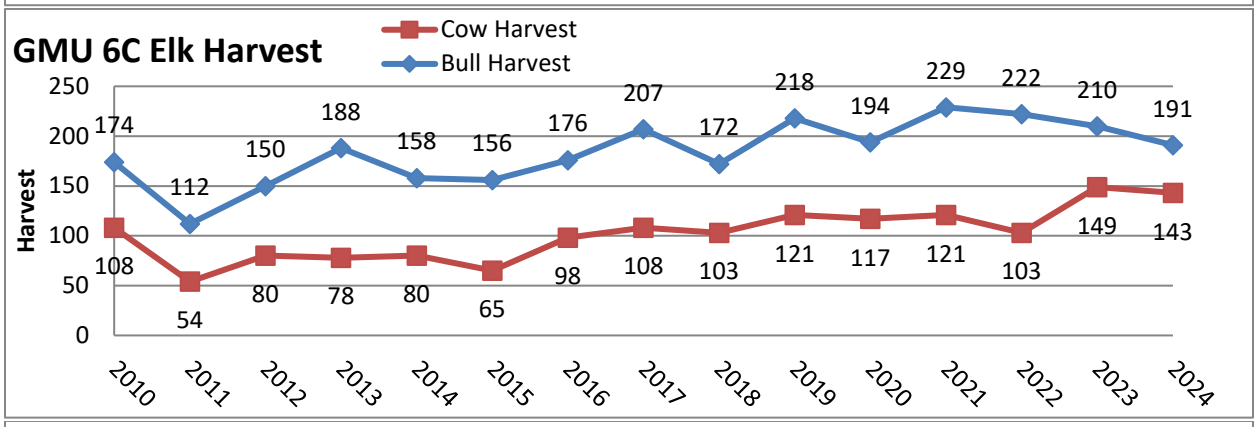
GMU 6C (part of the Jemez Herd; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 6C

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 6C are part of the Jemez herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Vegetation communities in this unit range from sagebrush, scrub oak and pinyon-juniper forests in the lower elevations to ponderosa pine forests and sub-alpine habitats at the highest elevations; providing year-round elk habitat. Seasonal movements occur from high to lower elevations as snow accumulation pushes elk off winter range. Recent wildfires have opened up some areas and elk are readily utilizing these burn scars. See above for detailed information on some migratory movements.

HUNTING – This unit is 54% public land, and a network of Forest Service roads allows for good access throughout. The Dome Wilderness is found in this unit for those looking for rugged hunting opportunities. Although the elk population is stable to increasing in this unit, there are generally fewer elk in this unit than are found in GMUs 6A and 6B. However, hunter success and satisfaction have been increasing over the past 10 years.





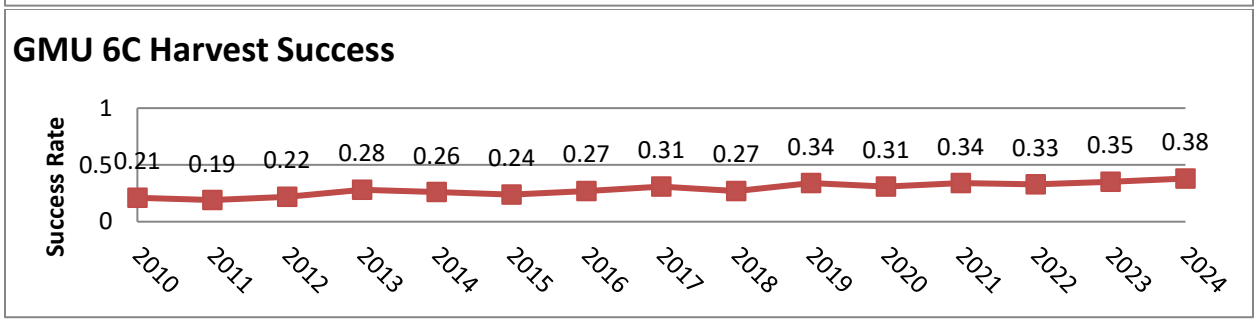


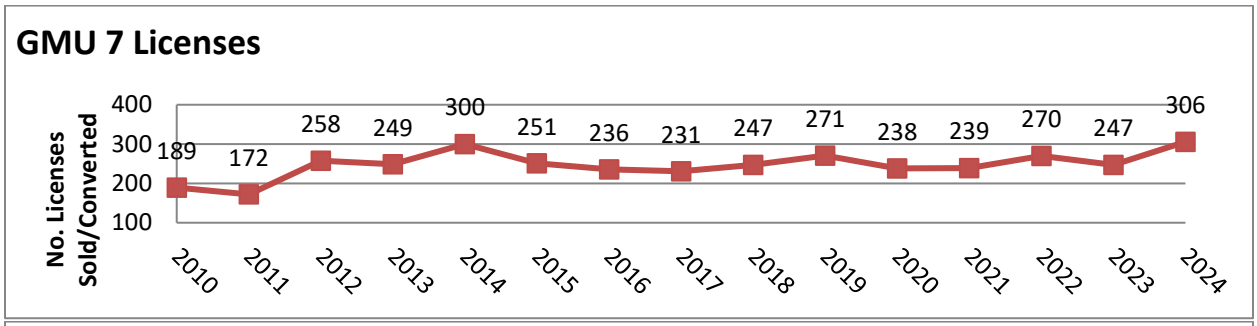
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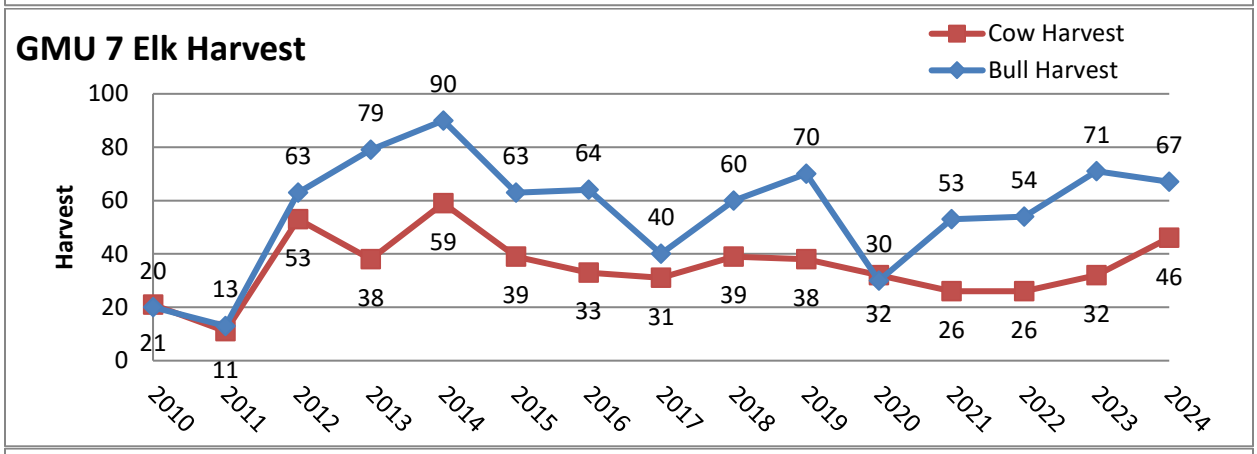
GMU 7 (Jemez Herd; quality management)

Unit Map: 7

BIOLOGY –Elk in GMU 7 are considered part of the Jemez herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Habitat type is dominated by lower elevation semi-arid grass/scrubland with interspersed pinyon-juniper woodlands. Elk densities in this unit are low and herds are scattered throughout the unit; however, moderate sized herds can be found where conditions are favorable. Movement patterns here are largely dependent upon forage and water availability and can vary from year to year.

HUNTING – This unit is largely tribal land (48%) intermixed with public land (36%). Public lands within this unit have limited access, thus good maps or the latest GPS technology with land status software is advised. Hunter success and satisfaction within this unit are moderate and have remained stable.





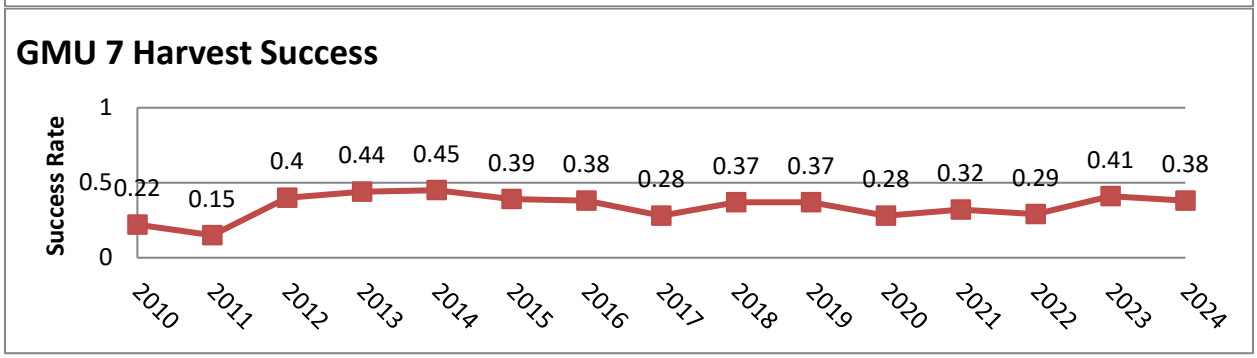
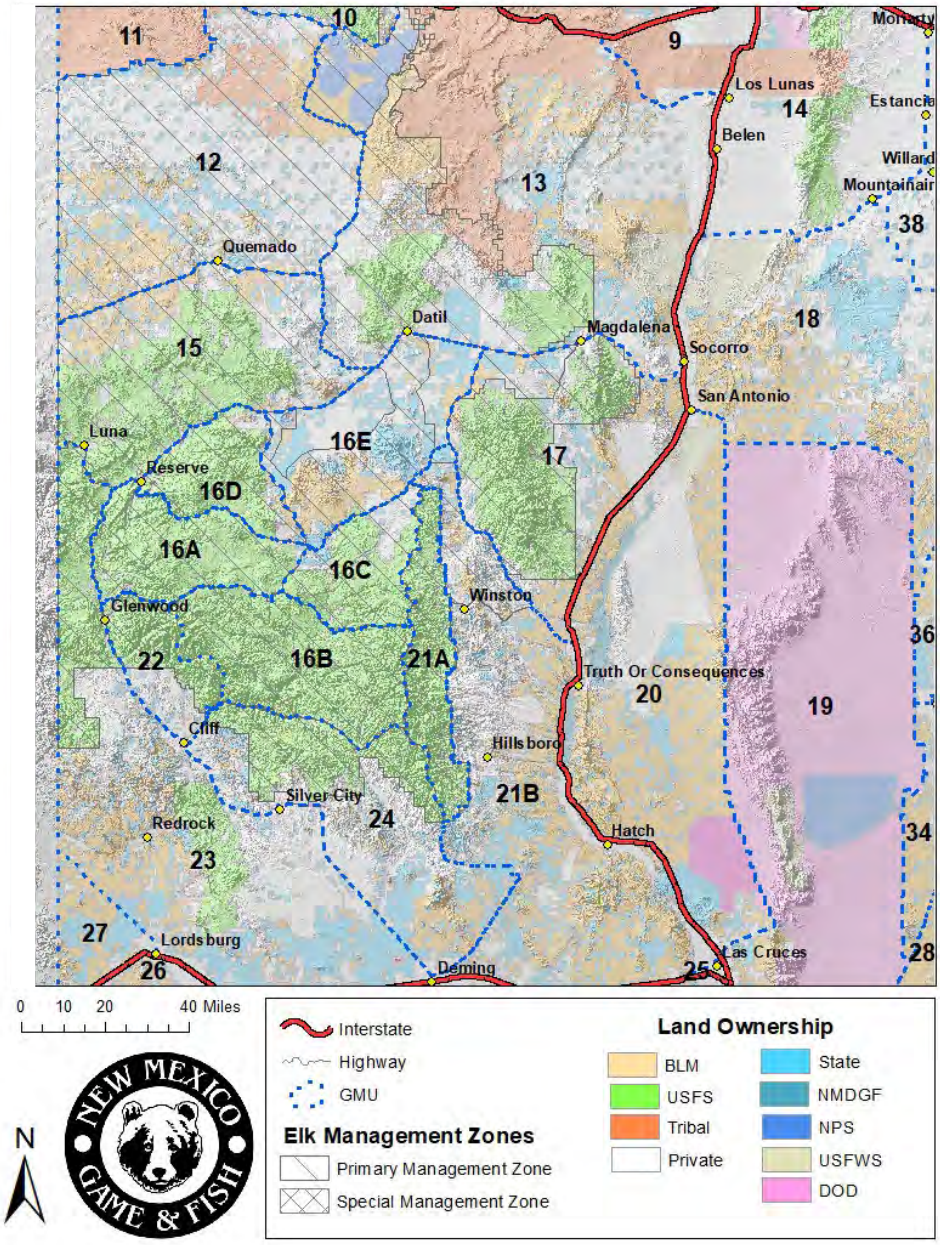


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Southwest Region – Fence Lake, Datil, Greater Gila, San Mateo/Magdalena, and Lesser Gila Herds

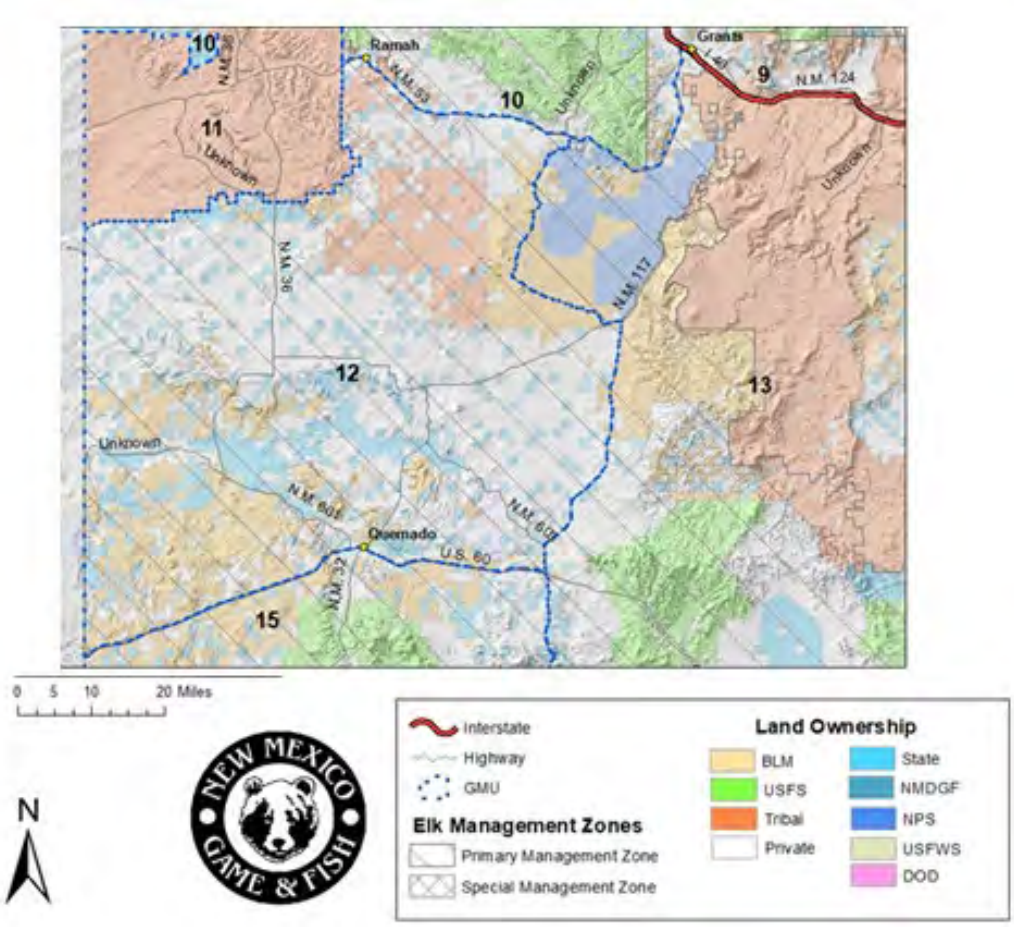


Southwestern New Mexico provides some of the largest expanses of premier elk habitat within the state. Large tracts of undeveloped Forest Service and Wilderness areas, as well as montane forest ecosystems provide for large concentrations of elk. The Department has identified many of the GMUs in the Southwest Area as "Quality" units. Hunters who draw a license in the southwest should do their preseason scouting knowing that the southwest area is primarily dry. Water and forage are limiting factors, which can be useful to keep in mind when assessing where elk might be located. Hunters can acquire maps and find established water sources to determine the best place to scout on the ground. Understanding what areas received monsoon rains the preceding July – September will likewise help guide hunters to areas being used by elk as the animals move into different areas depending on these rain events. As an example, elk in the Wahoo Mountains in the north part of GMU 21A could move to five units within a few miles (21A, 21B, 16C, 16E and 17) depending on moisture events. Typically, elk are more dispersed and in smaller groups during wetter years as resources are more abundant and spatially available.

Fence Lake Herd (GMU 12)

Quality Management

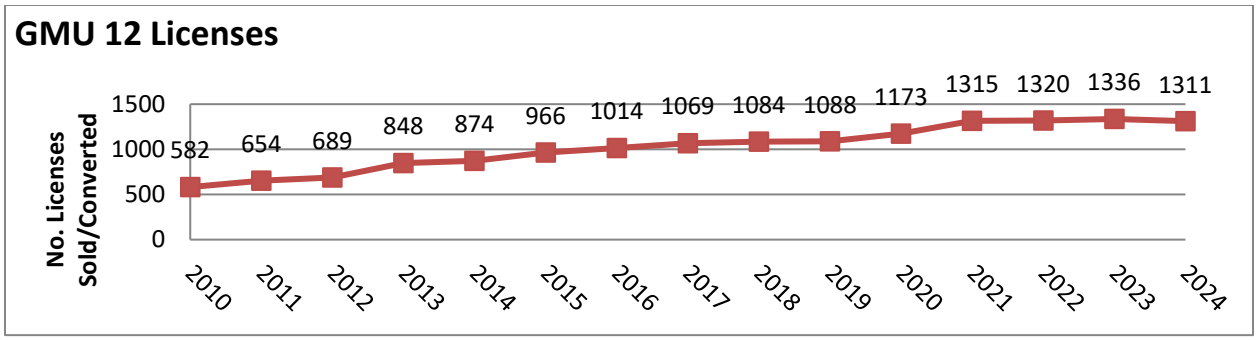
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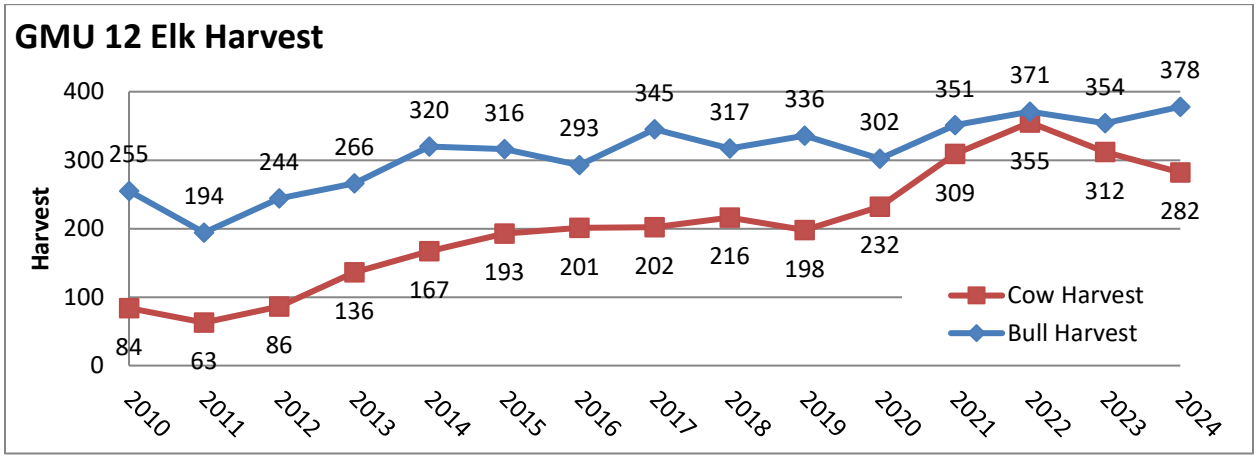


BIOLOGY – GMU 12 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Fence Lake herd. It was moved into the Primary Management Zone in 2019 as a result of herd productivity, population size, and increased interest by stakeholders to include this herd in the PMZ. The landscape has large, open drainages with forested mesas interspersed throughout. Habitat in this unit ranges from sagebrush and semi-arid grasslands in low elevations to pinyon-juniper and ponderosa woodlands on mesa tops. Elk are most often found in clusters dispersed across the unit where resources are most readily available, which can vary depending upon precipitation patterns. The Fence Lake herd is monitored annually using a combination of aerial surveys and hunter harvest data.

HUNTING – This unit is a checkerboard of private, public, and tribal land with 39% of the unit being public land. Public hunting opportunities can be found on BLM and NM State Trust Land. However, not all public land is legally accessible so public hunters should be prepared with good maps and/or GPS with land status software. Hunter success and satisfaction for this unit are higher than average and have been stable. Elk populations within this unit are stable in size, however, they are dispersed across the landscape in clusters near available resources and are thus more dispersed in years of abundant moisture and forage.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
4,000 – 5,900	41:100:46	320 – 550 Males
Stable		400 – 590 Females





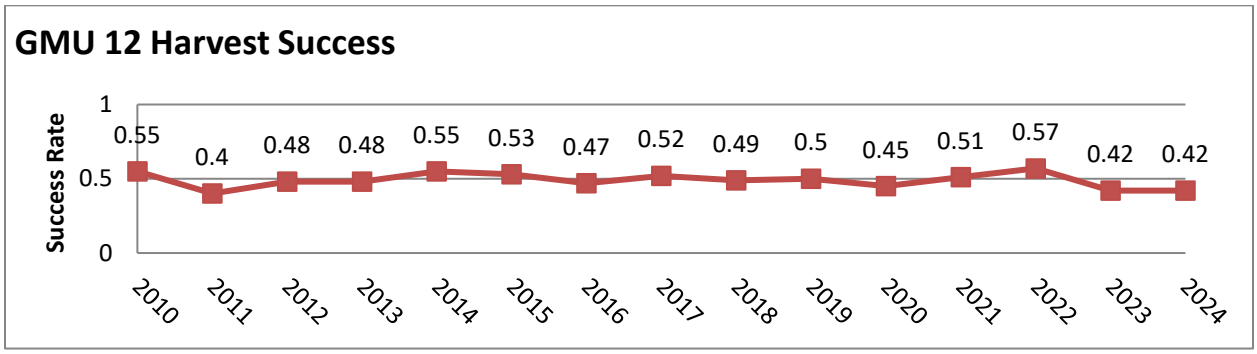
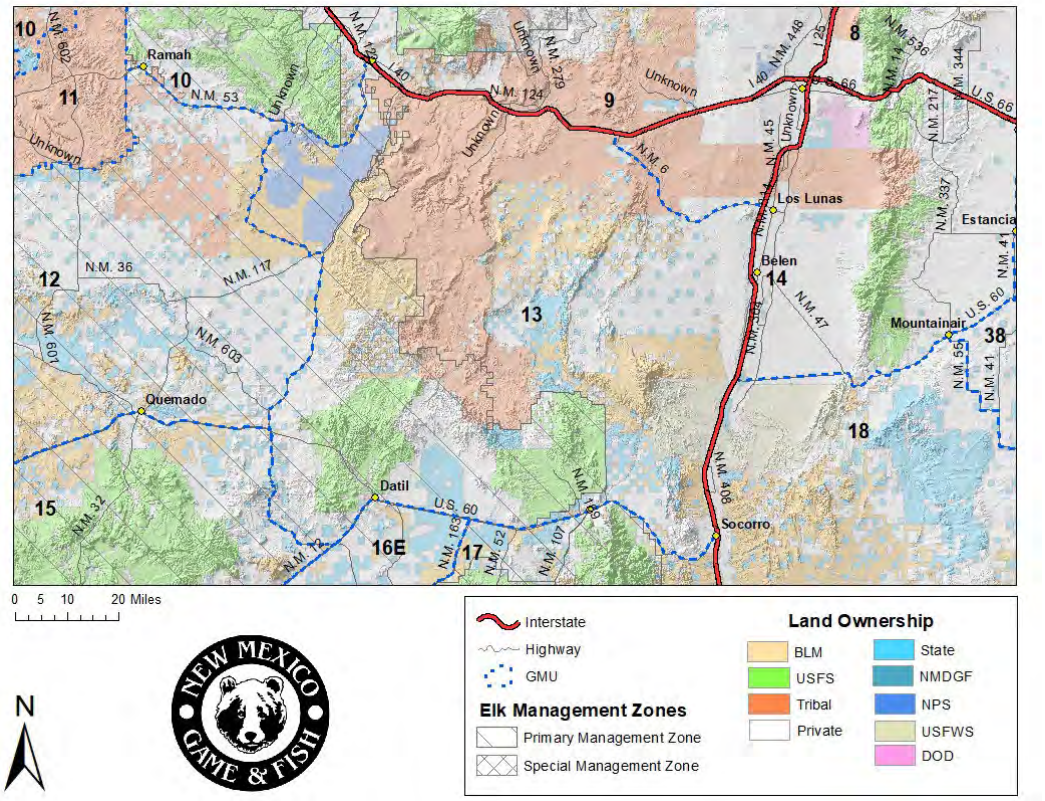


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Datil Herd (GMU 13)

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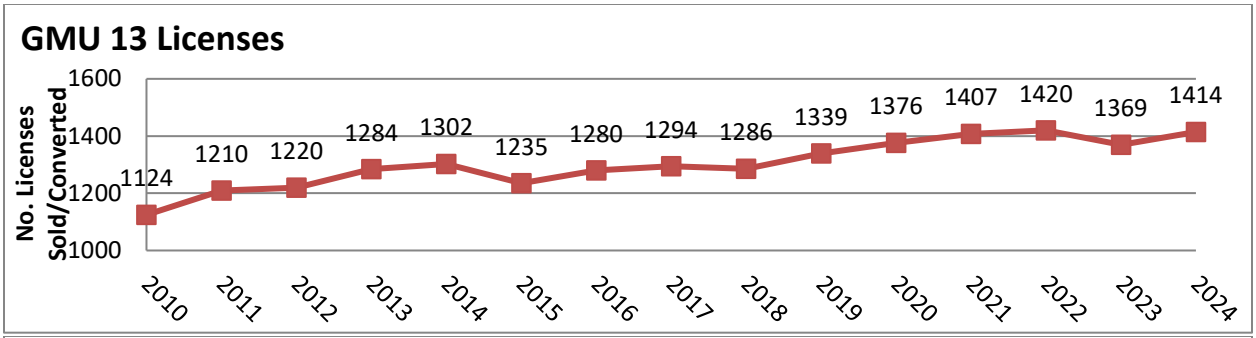
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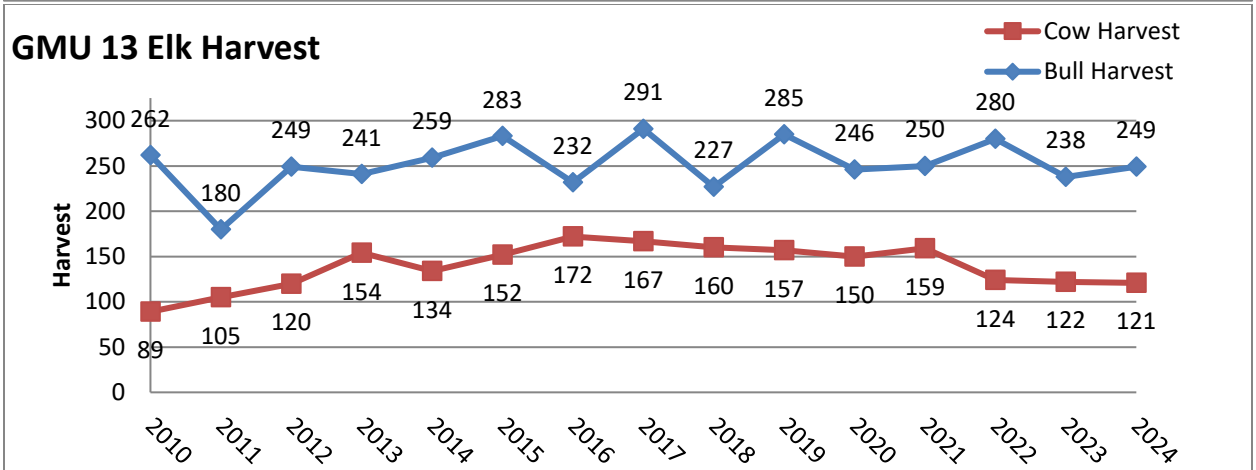


BIOLOGY – GMU 13 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Datil herd. Habitats range across an elevational gradient from plains and grasslands at low elevation to pinyon-juniper woodlands and ponderosa pine forests at higher elevations. Resource availability is the primary driver for elk movements throughout the year, where moderate sized herds can be found in clusters where resources are available. The Datil herd is considered stable, with ample resources to support healthy populations. Elk are monitored annually using a combination of aerial surveys and hunter harvest data.

HUNTING – This unit is designated as a primitive weapon unit and hunting opportunities are provided through muzzleloader and bow hunts only. It is comprised of 39% public land with good road access throughout the unit. Although portions of the Cibola National Forest occupy the southern portion of this unit, much of the public land is BLM or state land. Up to date maps or GPS will aid hunters navigating this unit. There are two wilderness areas for those seeking more rugged pursuit opportunities - the West Malpais Wilderness and the Cebolla Wilderness. This is an extremely large unit with localized elk concentrations as well as some more mobile herds following available resources and water sources.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
3,000 – 3,900	40:100:37	210 – 310 Males
Stable		250 – 33 Females





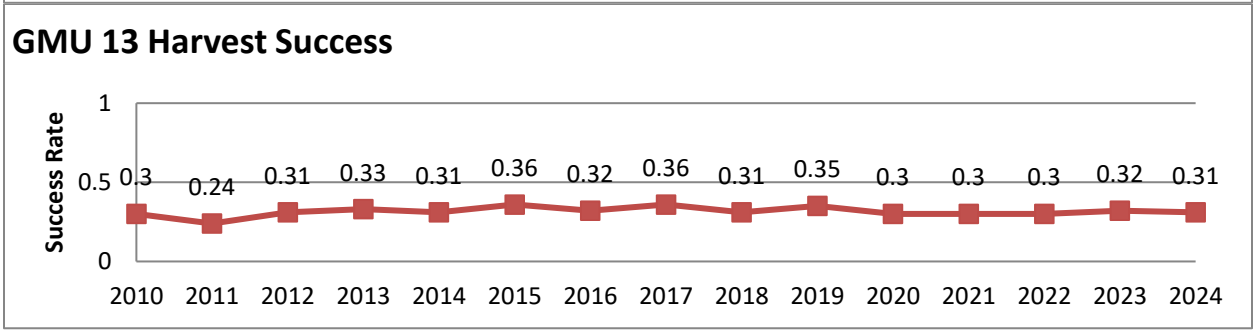
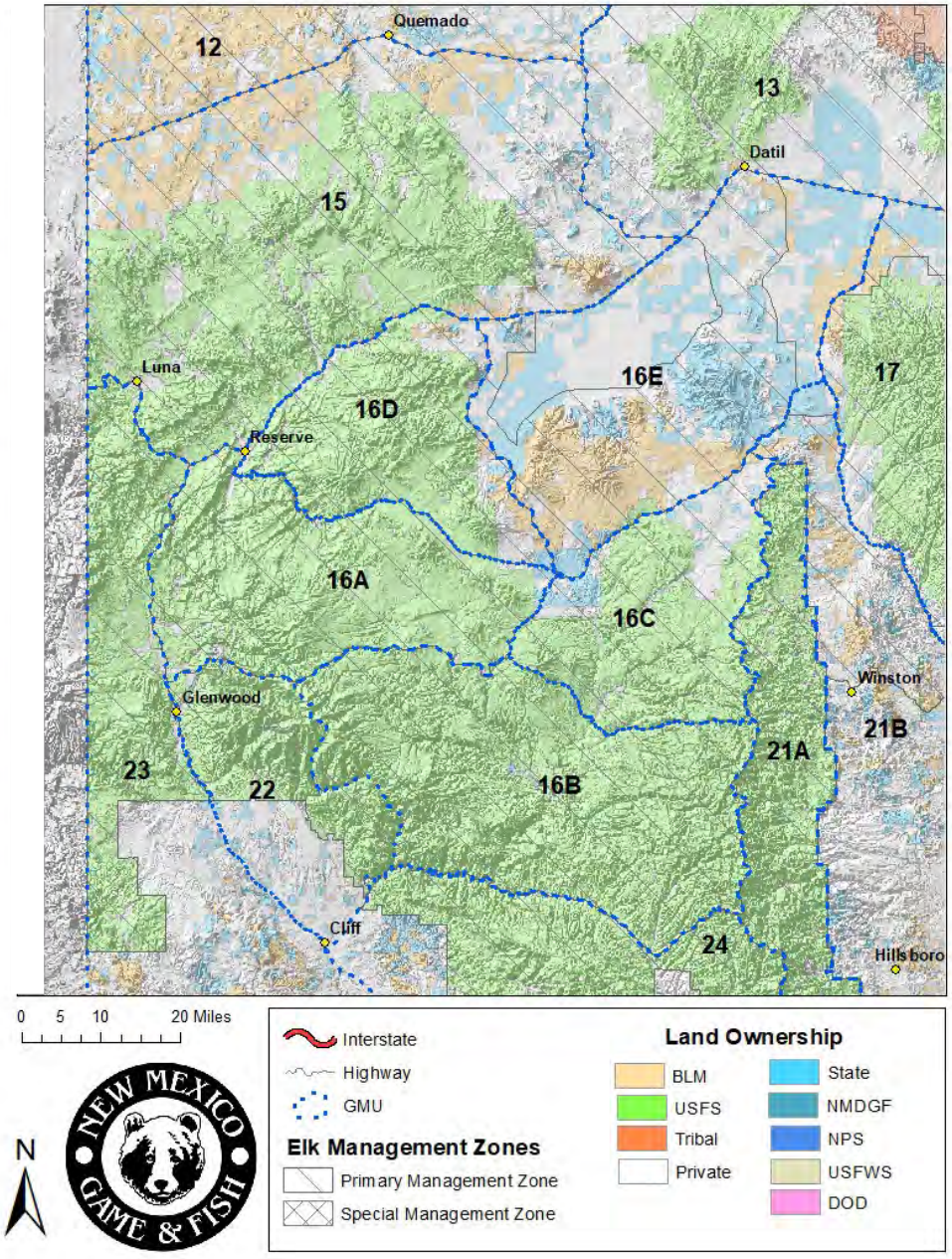


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Greater Gila Herd (GMUs 15, 16A, 16B/22, and 16C-E)

Quality Management



The Greater Gila elk herd unit spans across several GMUs in the Gila National Forest, a large contiguous tract of public land. The majority of this herd is found on public land, with some limited exceptions, and has moderate to good hunter access via a network of forest service roads. Elk utilize a variety of habitats across the greater region and exhibit sporadic movement behaviors in search of available resources (Fig 9) but no migratory behavior has been observed. The Gila Wilderness Area and Aldo Leopold Wilderness Areas provide expansive regions of rugged and remote elk habitat and hunting opportunities. Licenses in these units are highly coveted and draw odds are generally low. Elk population trends are monitored using a combination of aerial surveys as well as hunter harvest information. The Greater Gila herd population size is estimated across GMUs 15, 16A, 16B/22, and 16C-E. The herd is slightly decreasing, and the Department has partnered with NMSU researchers to investigate the various factors which could be contributing to this decline.

RESEARCH – Beginning in 2012 various research projects have occurred throughout the Greater Gila herd unit to determine factors contributing to changes in population productivity, predation rates, behavioral change and adaptation, habitat selection and quality (Tatman et al. 2012, Pitman 2013, Pitman et al. 2014, Farley 2022, Thompson 2022, Martinez 2024, Pitman et al. 2024; APPENDIX A). The various investigations have highlighted the many ecological challenges these elk herds must overcome and give insight to how elk are learning to adapt

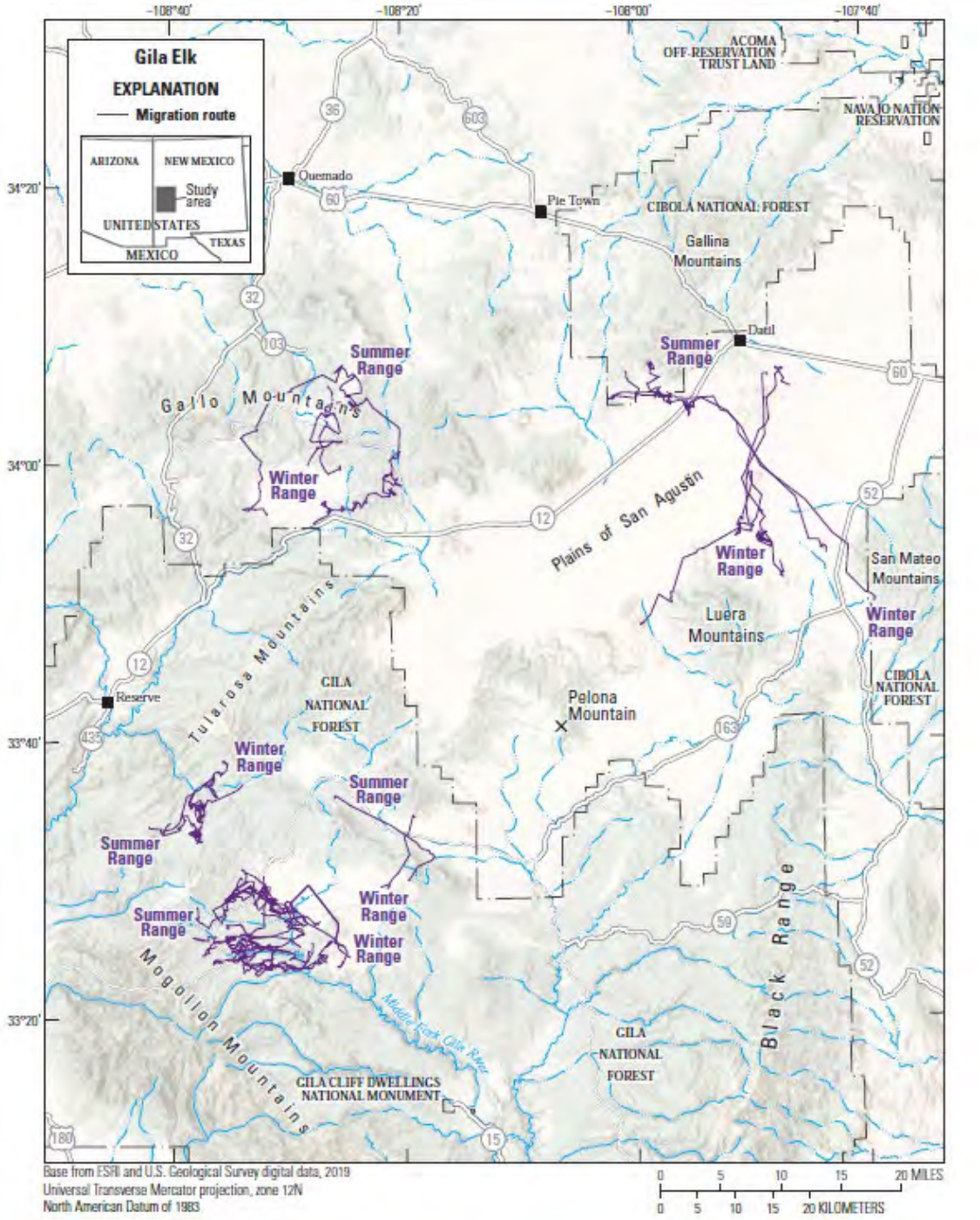
through behavioral shifts and resilience. These projects have been partnerships between the NMDGF and Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at NMSU and are focused around determining ecological factors influencing populations dynamics of elk to scientifically inform management recommendations.

In addition to projects aimed at elk population demographics, GPS collar technology allowed for the analysis of elk movement information to identify whether this herd migrates. The Gila elk herd consists of multiple sub-herds throughout the Gila and Cibola National Forests. The lower elevations of the Gila National Forest are dominated by various subshrubs, shrubs, and bunch grasses, with the higher elevations consisting primarily of pinyon-juniper woodland, ponderosa pine and mixed conifer forests. The sub-herds are predominantly nonmigratory, with only approximately 3.4% of the 353 collared elk exhibiting migratory behavior, primarily in the Gallo and Mogollon Mountains. Migratory movements may be more common during years of increased snowpack, as the low geographic elevation of the region may mitigate the consequences of remaining at high elevation during winter months in years with low snowpack. Two individuals had longer migrations across the Plains of San Agustin, however their winter and summer ranges were at similar elevations. See Volume 2 of the Ungulate Migrations of the Western US report.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
21,200 – 23,300*	33:100:27	1,100 – 1,400 Males
Slightly decreasing		1,300 – 1,400 Females

*Note: Elk populations within the Greater Gila herd unit are estimated at the regional level and population estimates are calculated across GMUs 15, 16A, 16B/22, and 16C-E.

Figure 9. Seasonal movements of elk within the Greater Gila elk herd. From USGS Ungulate Migrations of the Western United States, Vol 2 (pg 134).



GMU 15 (part of the Greater Gila Herd; quality management)

Unit Map: 15

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 15 are part of the Greater Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). The landscape offers a variety topography, offering quality year-round elk habitats. Habitats range across an elevational gradient from plains and grasslands at low elevation to pinyon-juniper woodlands and ponderosa pine forests at higher elevations. Seasonal movements are very limited in this herd; likely due to the lack of heavy snow accumulation

HUNTING – This unit is designated as a primitive weapon unit and hunting opportunities are provided through muzzleloader and bow hunts only. This unit is 78% public land with great road access throughout. Success rates and satisfaction ratings are above average. This unit offers quality elk habitat and hunters can find high elk densities throughout. GMU 15 also offers a unique hunting opportunity to pursue mature bulls late in the season. During this time, bulls can be found on extremely rugged terrain while they rest after the rut.

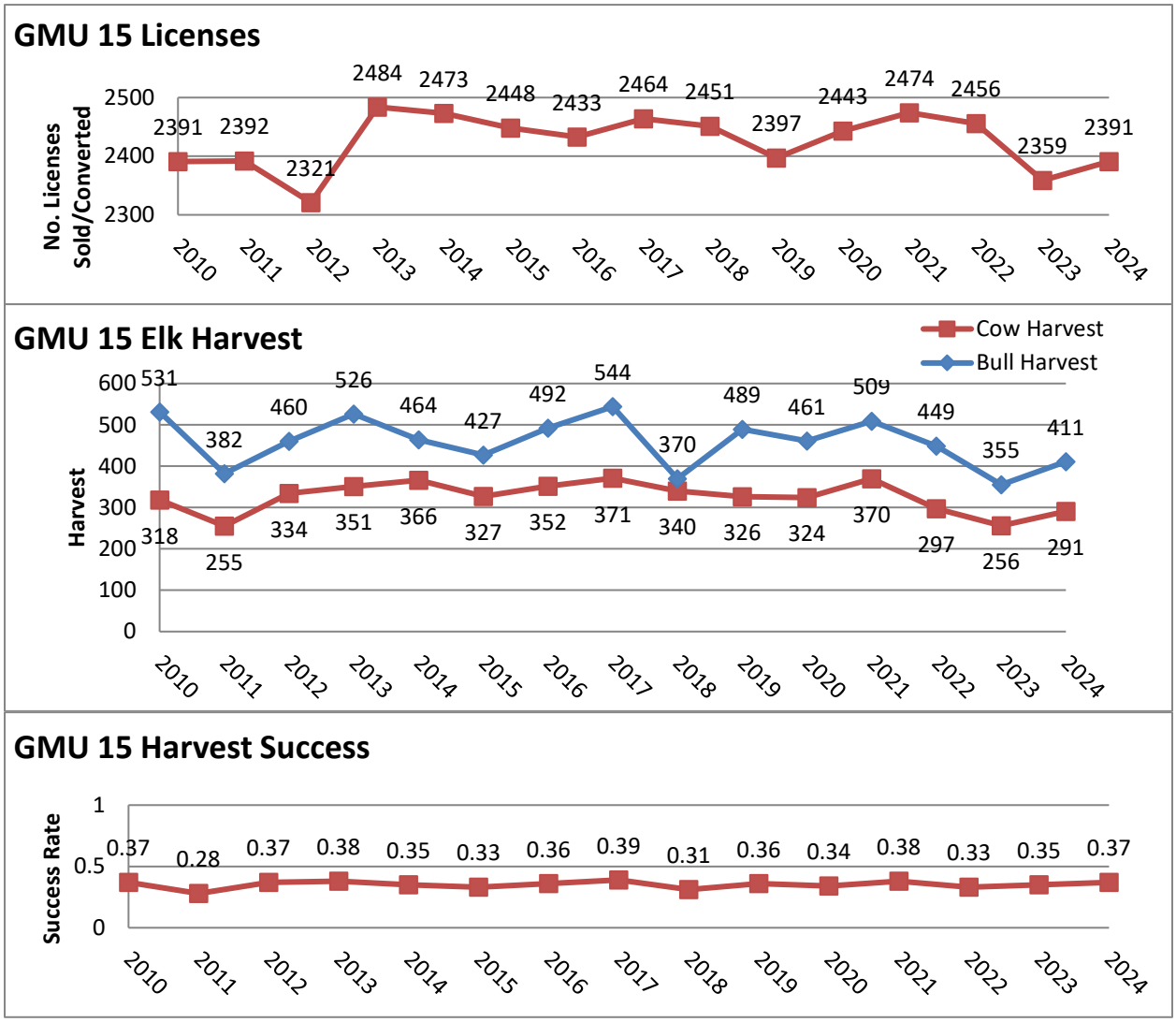


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GMU 16A (part of the Greater Gila Herd; quality management)

Unit Map: 16A

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 16A are part of the Greater Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Lower elevations are characterized by plains and grasslands with ponderosa pine forests at higher elevations. The landscape is predominantly mountainous with large, deep drainages and some lower elevation meadows and foothills. Seasonal movements are very limited in this herd; likely due to the lack of heavy snow accumulation.

HUNTING –This unit is comprised of 97% public land with great road access throughout. Even with a good road network, there are still roadless areas allowing hunters the ability to get away from other people. This is often characterized as one of the best units in the state because of the abundant elk habitat and resources providing healthy herds and potential to harvest an older age class bull.

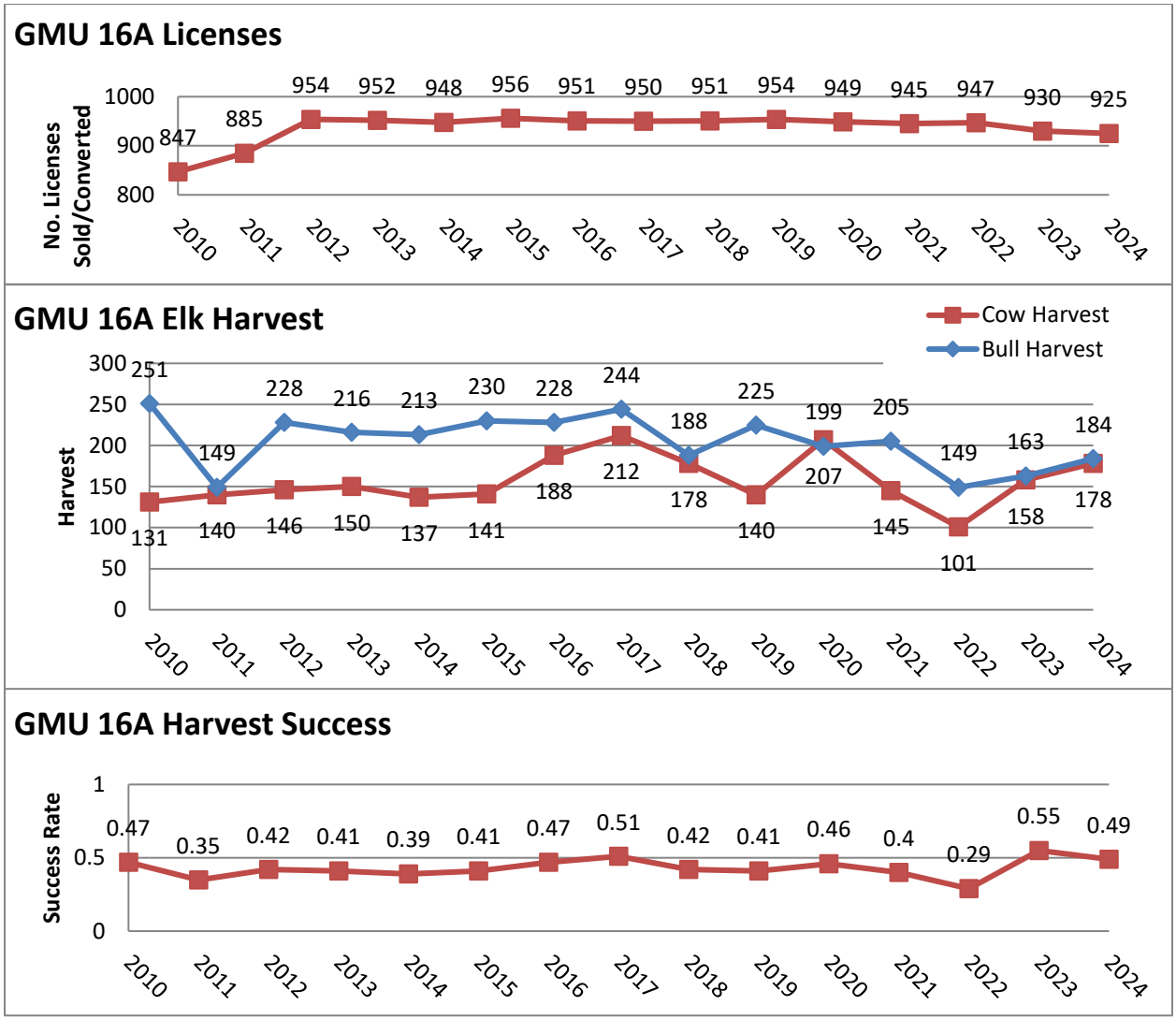


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GMU 16B/22 (part of the Greater Gila Herd Unit; quality management)

Unit Maps: 16B, 22

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMUs 16B and 22 are part of the Greater Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). The habitat is dominated by ponderosa pine forests with some grasslands interspersed throughout. The landscape is very rugged – especially within wilderness areas. Seasonal movements are very limited in this herd; likely due to the lack of heavy snow accumulation.

HUNTING – These units are 99% public land with much of the area falling in the Gila and Aldo Leopold Wilderness Areas. Road access is limited to nonexistent. Hunters should be prepared to hunt this unit with livestock or on foot. Some hunters choose to venture deep into the backcountry for multi-day excursions in pursuit of elk. These units are ideal for the hunter wishing to experience the solitude of a backcountry elk hunt. Hunter success is slightly below average for the state. The rugged and roadless nature of these units provide ample opportunity for hunters wishing to harvest an older age class bull. Hunter satisfaction remains above average.

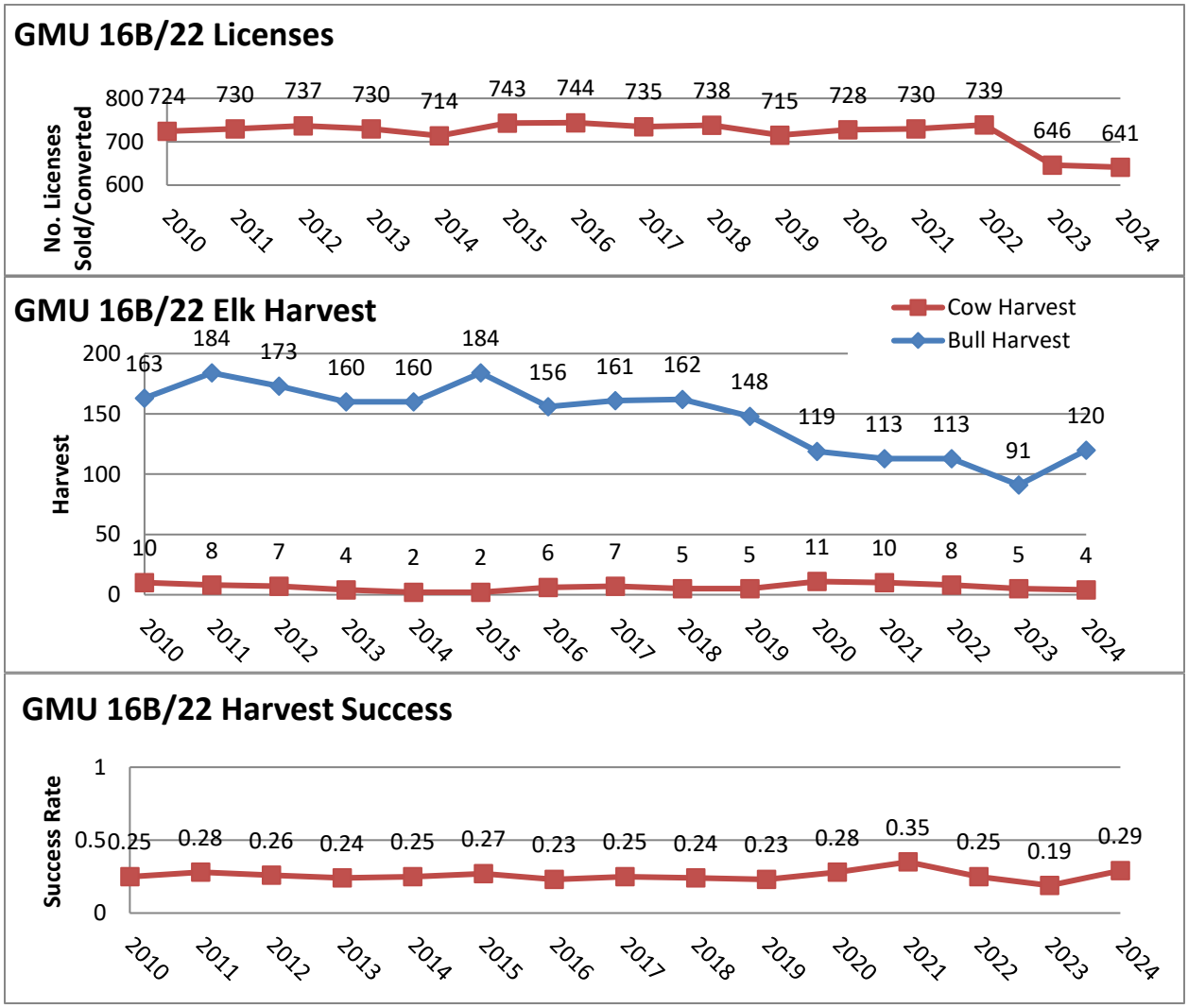


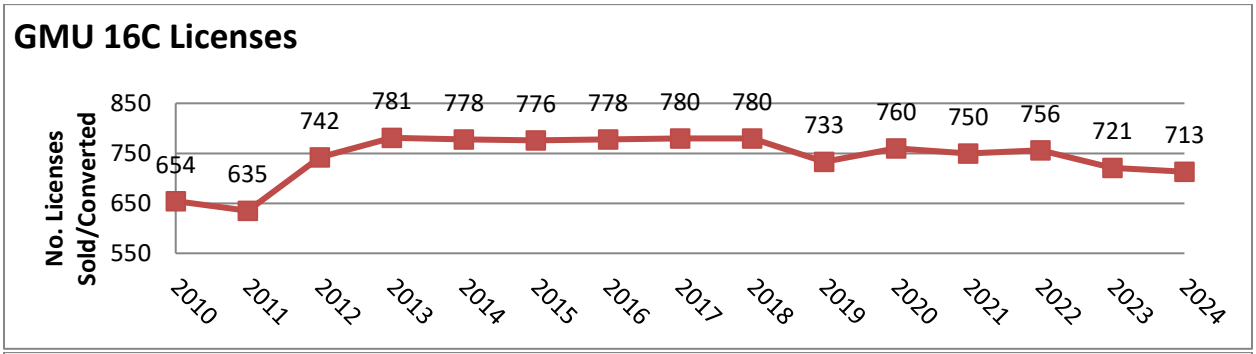
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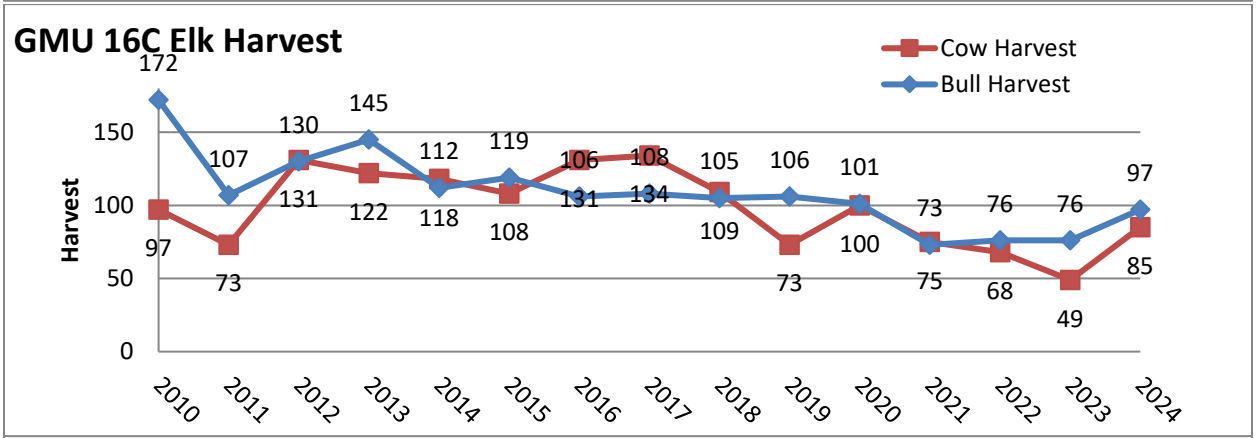
GMU 16C (part of the Greater Gila Herd; quality management)

Unit Map: 16C

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 16C are part of the Greater Gila herd where population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Like much of the region, the habitats range across an elevational gradient from plains and grasslands at low elevation to pinyon-juniper woodlands and ponderosa pine forests at higher elevations. Resource availability, often driven by precipitation patterns, typically determines movement patterns of elk across this unit during summer and fall seasons. Seasonal movements are very limited in this herd; likely due to the lack of heavy snow accumulation.

HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 83% public land with good road access. Hunters should stay flexible and scout during August and September to determine where moisture events have occurred to determine best places to hunt during the season. Moisture during this time often dictates the availability of resources and often elk.





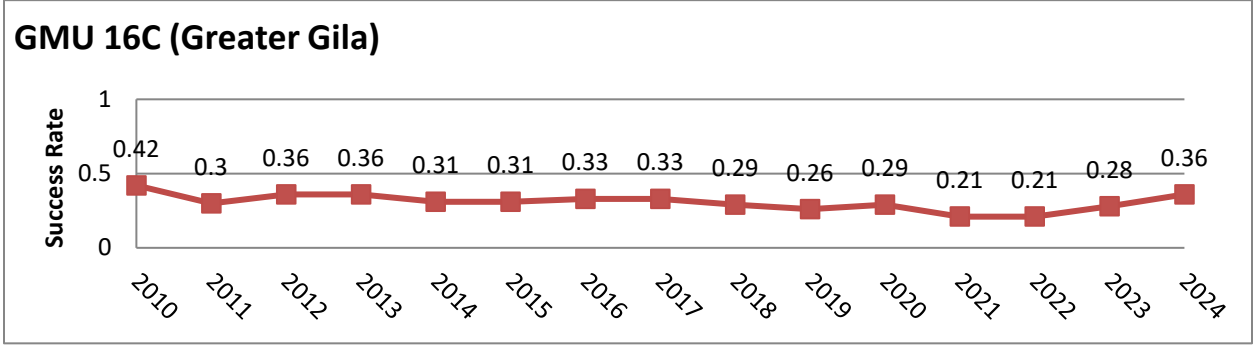


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GMU 16D (part of the Greater Gila Herd; quality management)

Unit Map: 16D

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 16D are part of the Greater Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Like the rest of the region, habitats range across an elevational gradient from plains and grasslands at low elevation to pinyon-juniper woodlands and ponderosa pine forests at higher elevations. The landscape is predominantly mountainous with extensive foothills and some lower elevation meadows. Seasonal movements are very limited in this herd; likely due to the lack of heavy snow accumulation

HUNTING – This unit is 88% public land with good road access. Topography within the unit offers varied elk habitat from low elevation winter range to high mountain ridgelines, with many drainage and foothills areas to provide escape terrain. This is often characterized as one of the best units in the state because of the abundant elk habitat and resources. This unit has high elk densities and the hunter will be able to not only find elk, but they will have the flexibility to focus on older age class bulls, if desired. Hunter satisfaction and harvest rates are consistently higher than average.

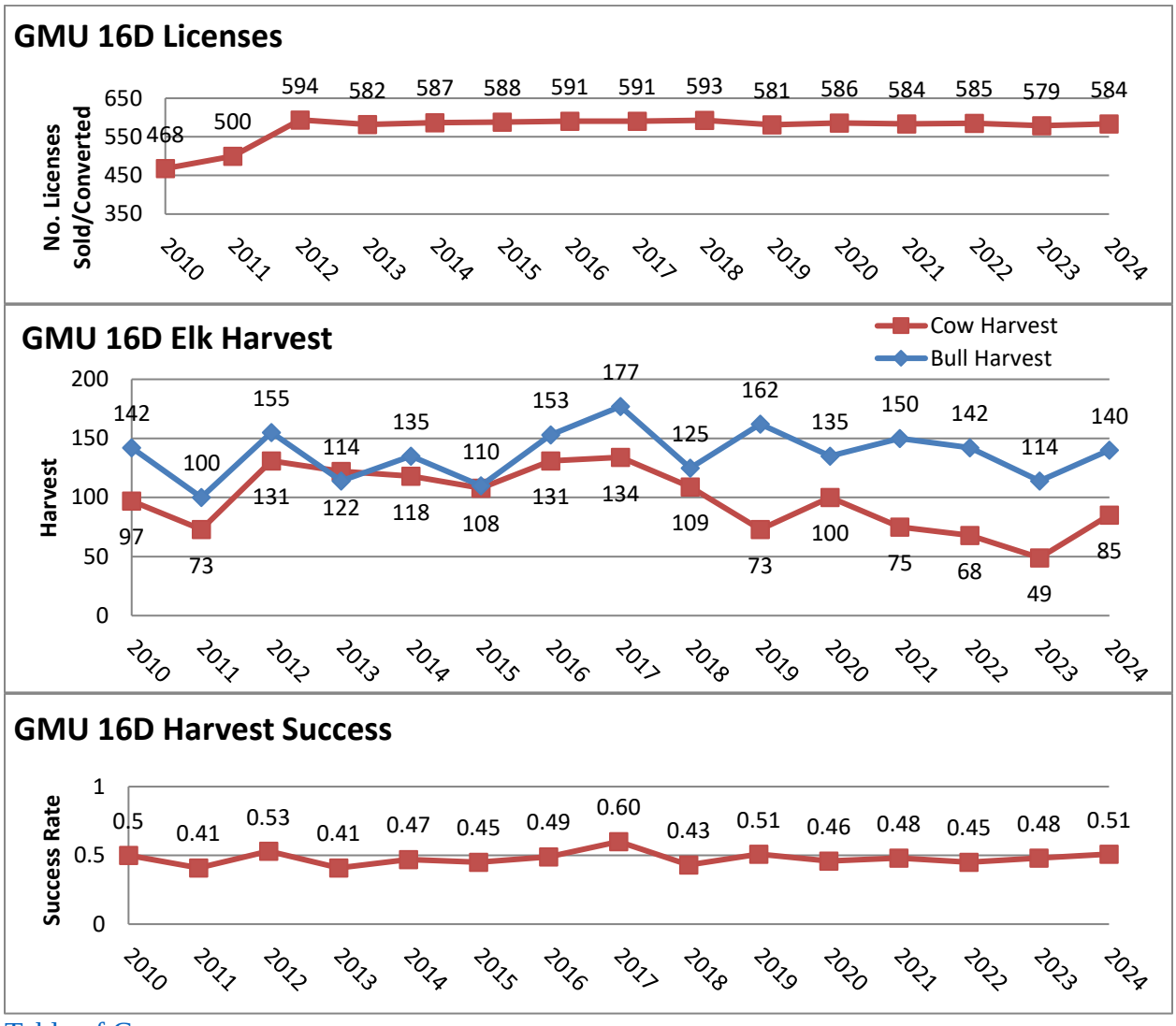


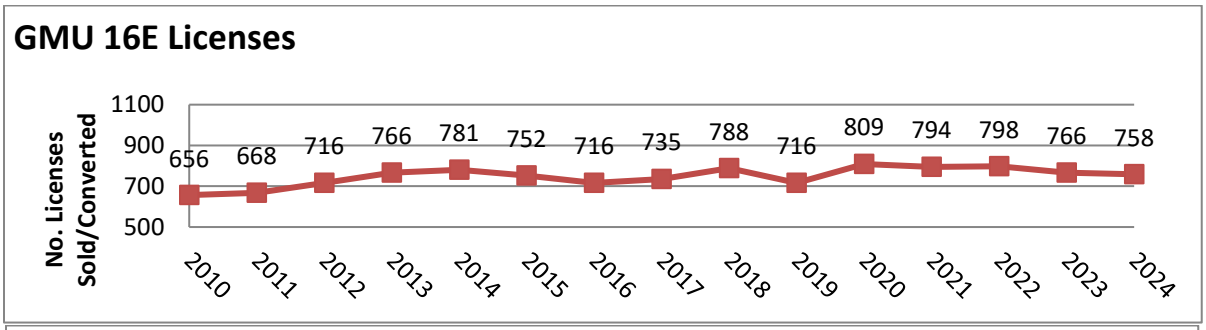
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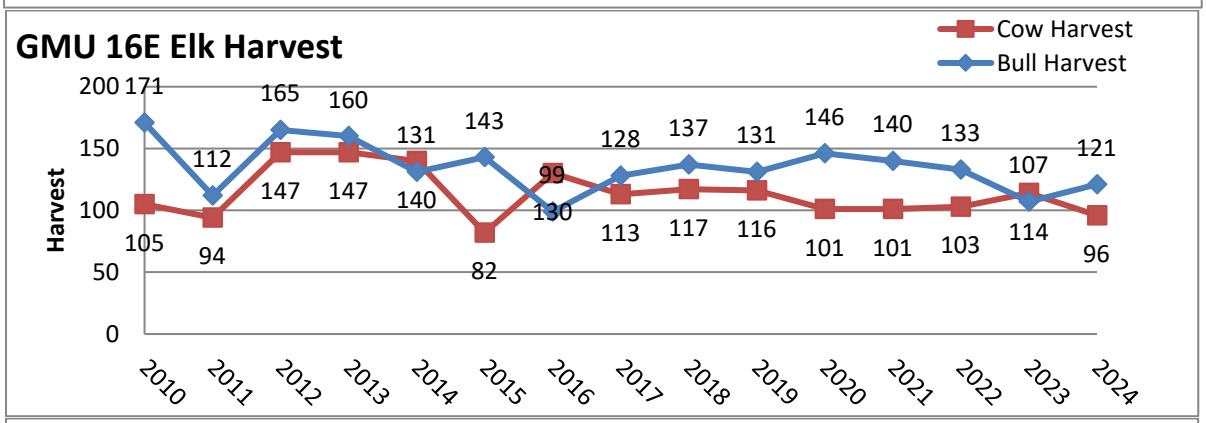
GMU 16E (part of the Greater Gila Herd Unit; quality management)

Unit Map: 16E

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 16E are part of the Greater Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). The unit is dominated by large amounts of open grassland country while Luera and Pelona Mountains offer some topography and timber where elk often find cover. Resource availability can determine elk concentrations and are typically driven by precipitation patterns.

HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 63% public land but has limited road access. State, BLM, and private properties checkerboard the unit; thus, navigation skills or a GPS with land status will benefit hunters. An often-productive technique for hunting this area is to use optics to scan the vast landscape before pursuing target groups. Elk move regularly in this based on moisture events and hunter pressure so hunters should be prepared to relocate if they aren't seeing elk.





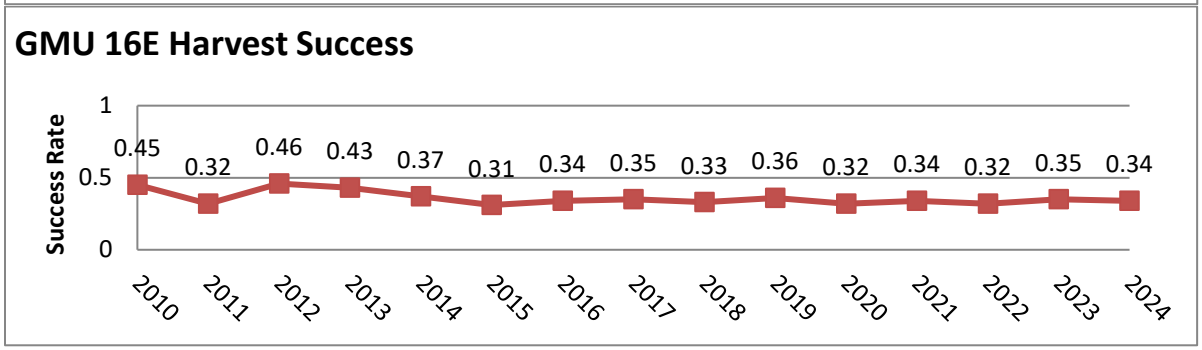
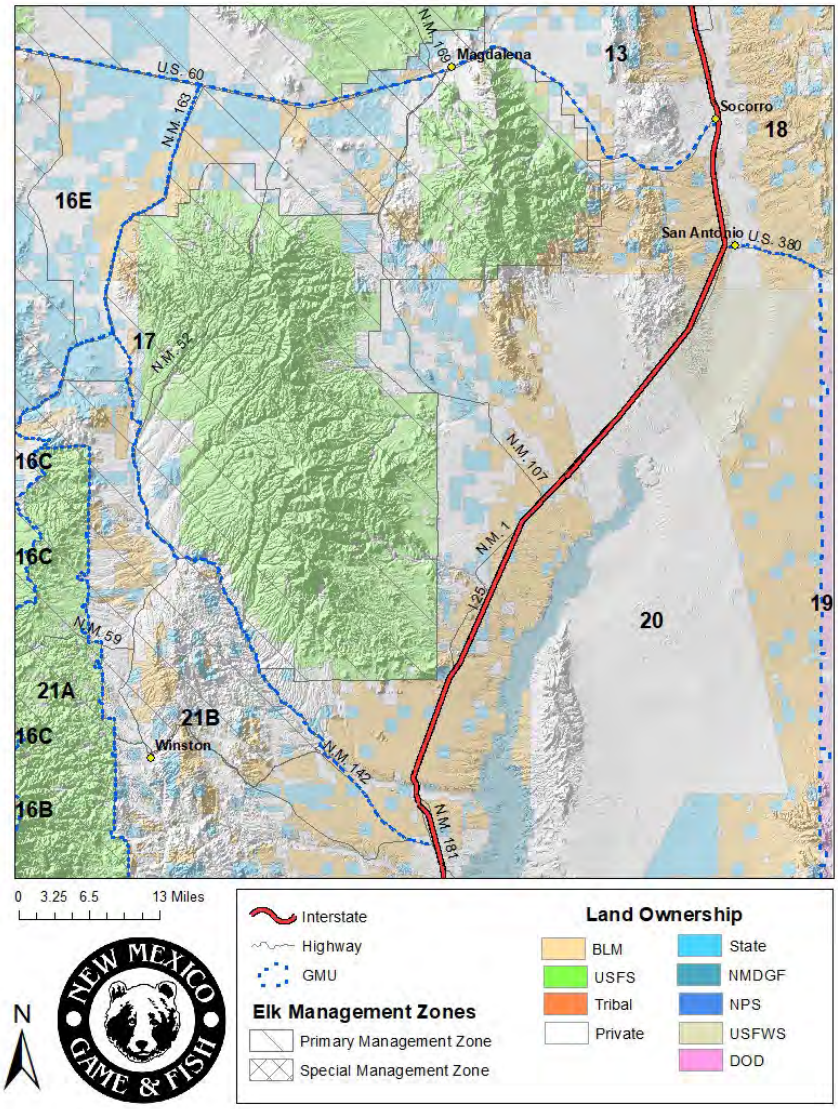


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San Mateo/Magdalena Herd (GMU 17)

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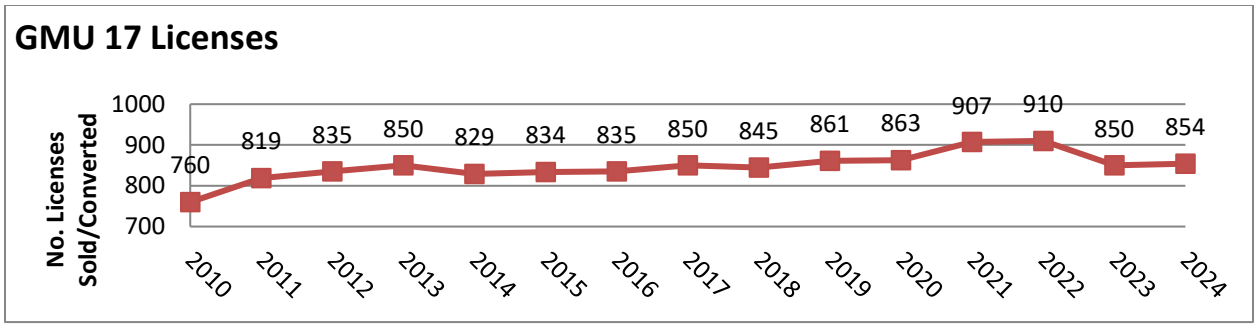
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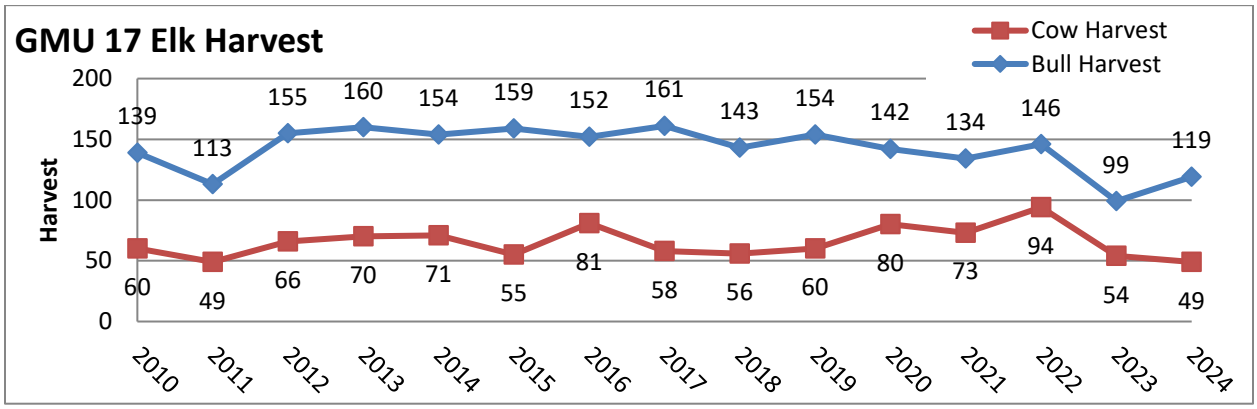


BIOLOGY – GMU 17 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the San Mateo/Magdalena herd. The habitats range across an elevational gradient from plains and grasslands at low elevation to pinyon-juniper woodlands and ponderosa pine forests at higher elevations. Wildfires along the eastern slopes of Mt. Withington, Blue Mountain, and northern San Mateo mountains provide new growth and forage for elk. The herd is surveyed annually and population sizes are estimated using a combination of annual composition data as well as annual hunter harvest data.

HUNTING – This hunt unit offers hunting opportunities with primitive weapons so hunters will find only muzzleloader and bow hunts. The unit is comprised of 74% public land with a network of Forest Service roads providing good access. This unit has a higher bull to cow ratio allowing the hunter to focus on older age class bulls, if desired. Both the San Mateo and Magdalena Mountains have extremely rugged country including the Apache Kid and Mt. Withington Wilderness Areas. The Department offers a late season bull hunt, and these hunters should focus in the extremely rugged country where bulls congregate during the winter.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
1,600 – 2,400	51:100:38	110 – 180 Males
Stable		130 – 200 Females





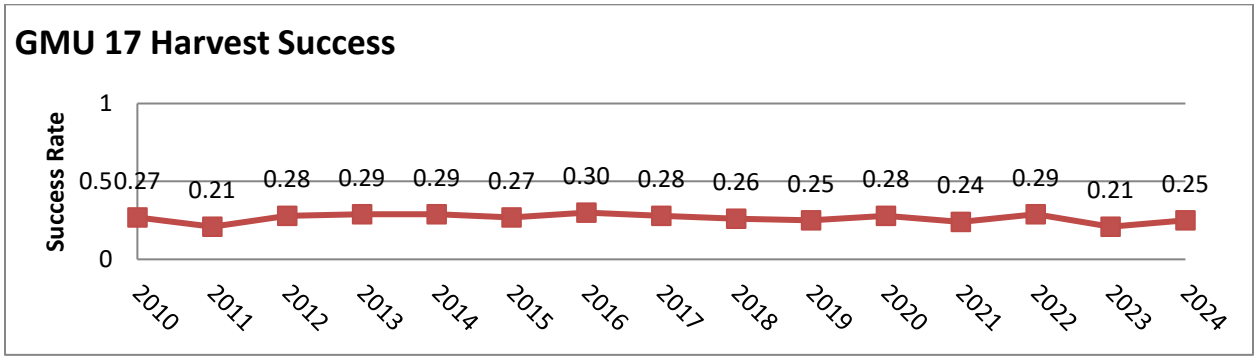
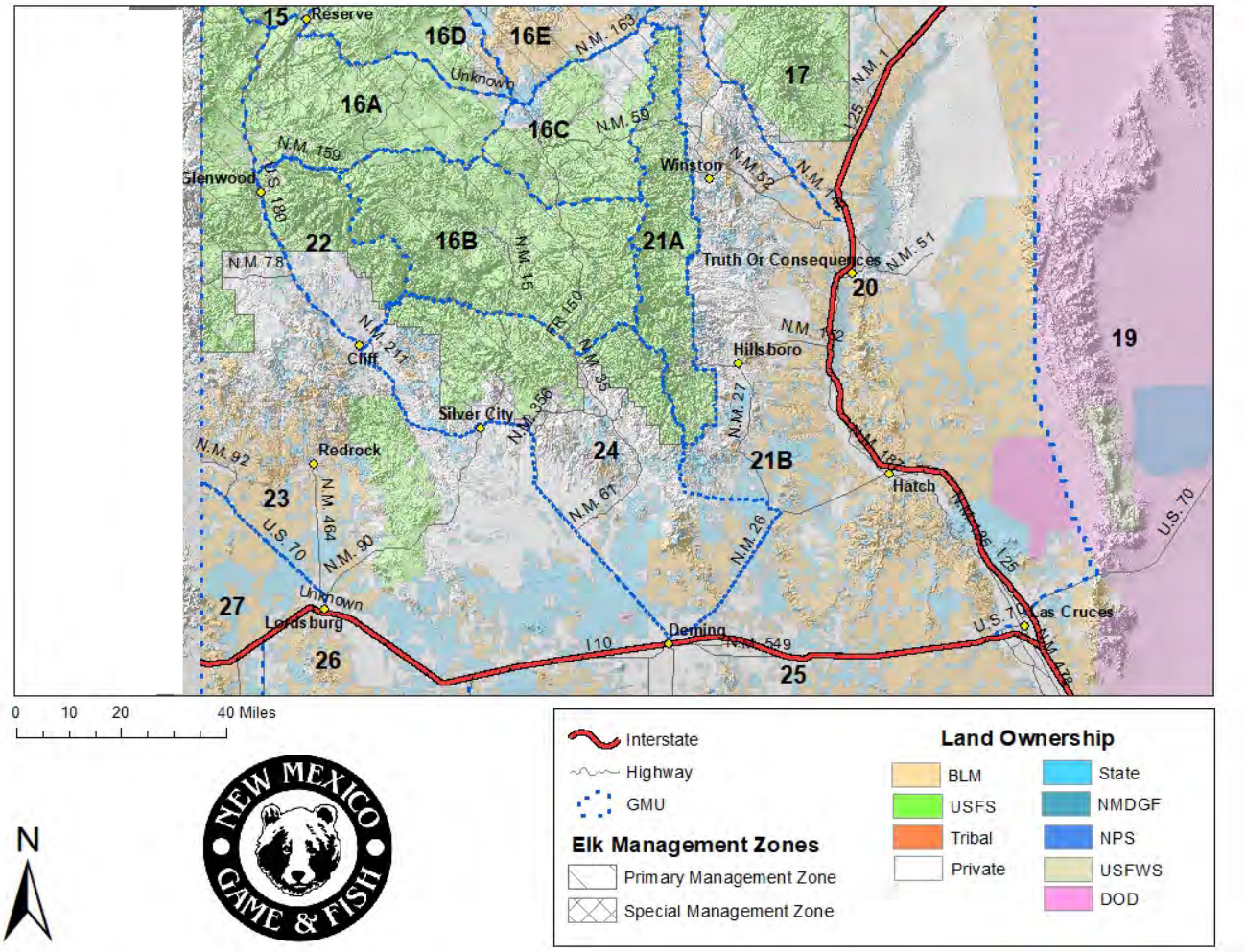


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Lesser Gila Herd (GMUs 21A, 21B, 23 and 24)

Opportunity Management



The Lesser Gila elk herd unit spans across a combination of National Forest, BLM, State, and private properties. Only GMU 21A is managed entirely within the Primary Management Zone, all other units are combined Primary and Secondary Management Zones. Although public property contributes most of the land, much of it lies outside the Primary Management Zone and thus public draw permits are more limited than other regions. Elk are surveyed regularly, but not in every segment of the population so hunter harvest information is important for monitoring the Lesser Gila herd. Population size estimates are made across all GMUs within the Lesser Gila herd, which is considered stable to slightly increasing.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
1,300 – 4,400*	39:100:27	80 – 280 Males
Stable		70 – 280 Females

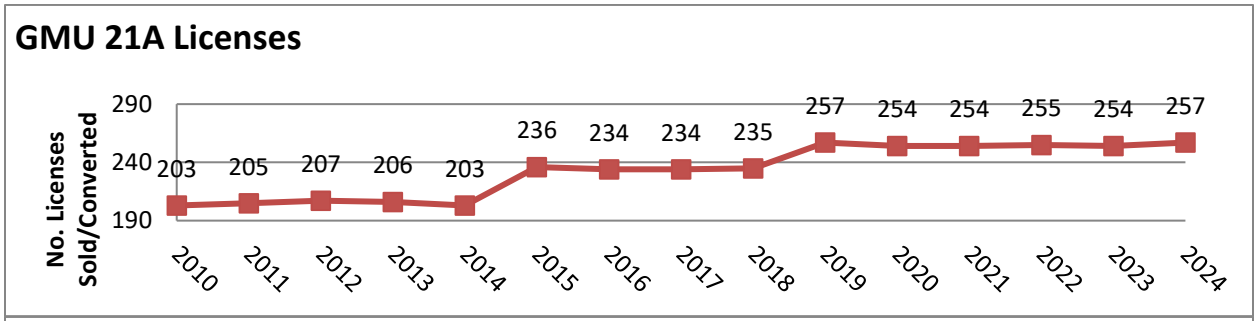
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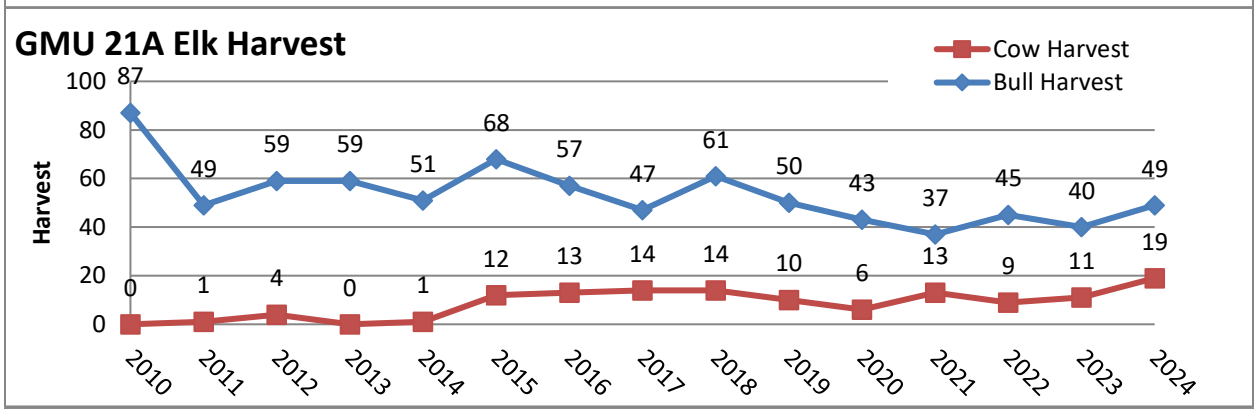
GMU 21A (part of the Lesser Gila Herd; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 21A

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 21A are part of the Lesser Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). The habitat is dominated by ponderosa pine and scrub oak forests throughout. Portions of this unit, especially within the Aldo Leopold Wilderness area, are extremely rugged. Elk are typically found in lower densities; however, localized groups can be found where resources are plentiful. Much of the southern portion of the unit burned in the 2013 Silver fire, providing early growth forests with plentiful forage during normal precipitation years.

HUNTING – GMU 21A is 98% public land and contains a portion of the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Area. Road access is limited, but Forest Service roads and trailheads provide several starting points. Hunters may have better success using livestock to get into the roadless areas and will need to stay flexible to find mobile concentrations of elk as they will move across the landscape.





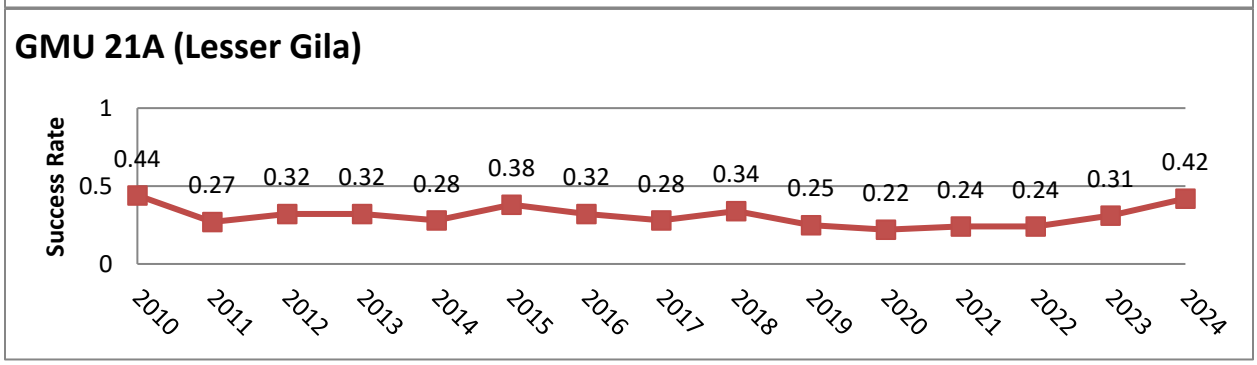


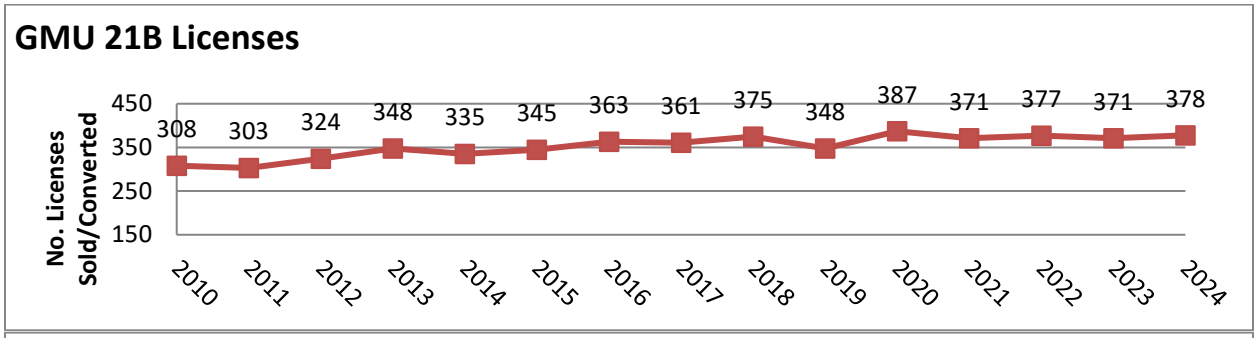
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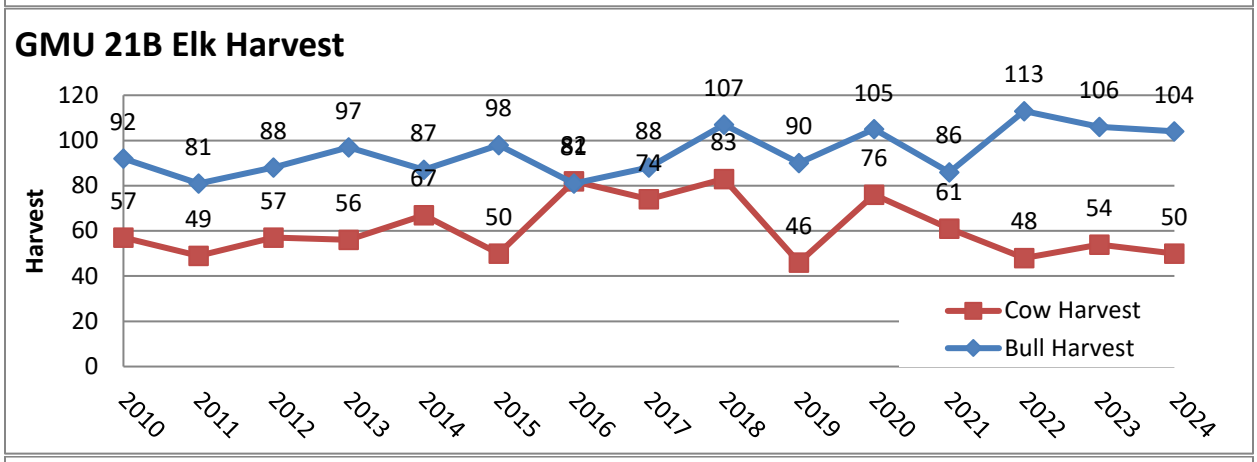
GMU 21B (part of the Lesser Gila Herd Unit; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 21B

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 21B are part of the Lesser Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). The unit is dominated by arid shrub and grasslands and deserts. Clusters of elk are typically found where precipitation and moisture support localized forage and water resources.

HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 63% public land (BLM and State land only) spread across the landscape in pockets and access is limited. Elk move throughout the unit depending on moisture events and hunting pressure. Good knowledge of the landscape is helpful. Hunters should expect to be familiar with ownership boundaries and carry maps or GPS software with updated landownership.





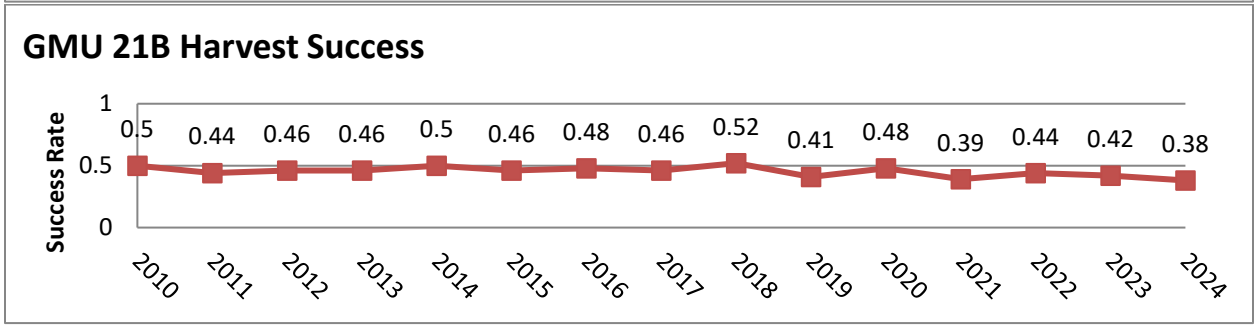


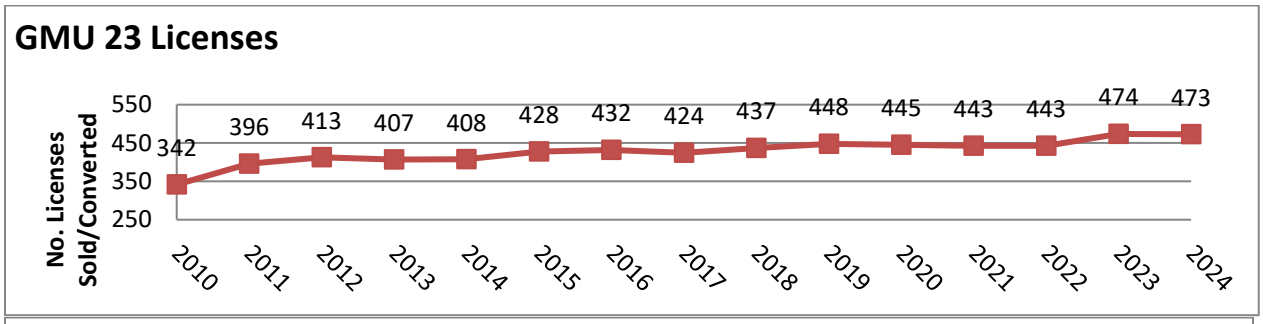
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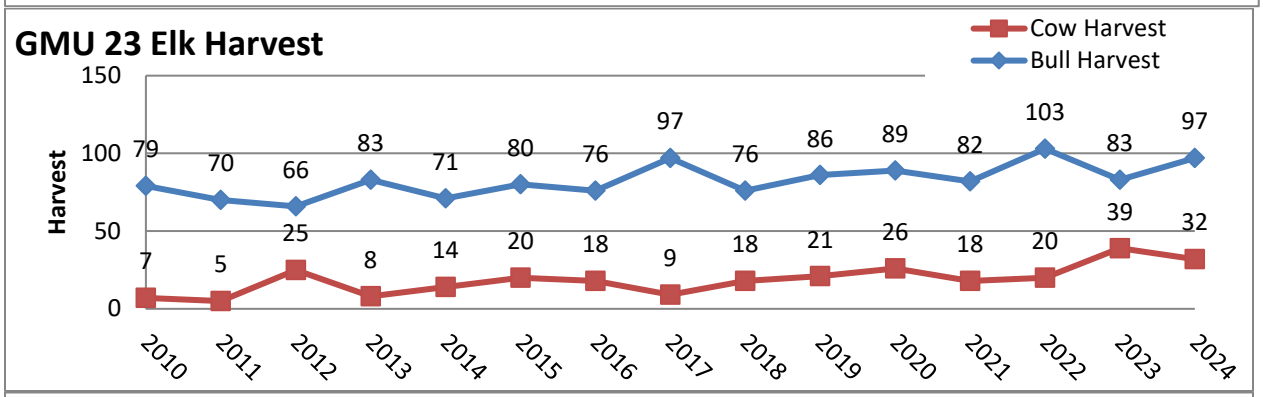
GMU 23 (part of the Lesser Gila Herd Unit; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 23

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 23 are part of the Lesser Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Ponderosa pine forests with some grasslands are found on the northern end of this unit while desert habitats and arid shrublands dominate the southern portion. Elk populations are localized. However, elk have expanded in this unit over the past 20 years.

HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 63% public land that can be accessed through the network of Forest Service and BLM roads. The Blue Ridge Wilderness is found in this unit providing an opportunity to get away from roads. Hunters should be flexible and look for elk where rain events have more recently occurred. Elk have been expanding in this unit and there are portions in the south that have potential to hold older age class bulls.





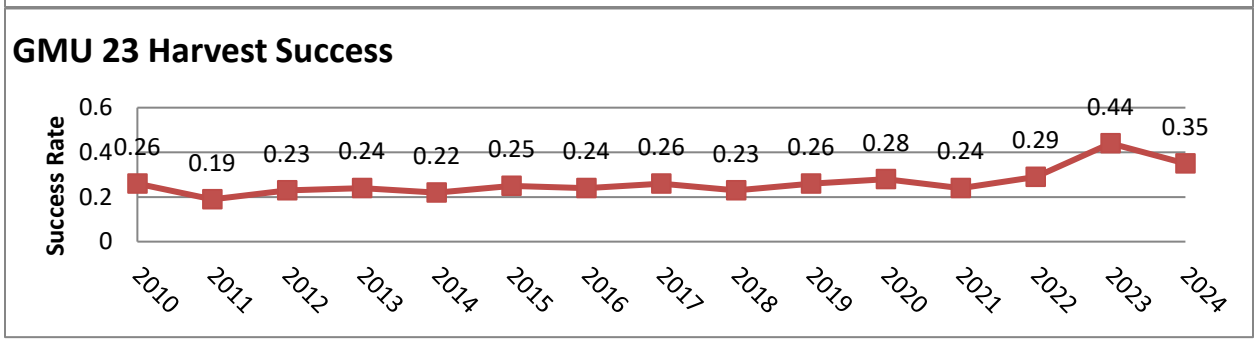


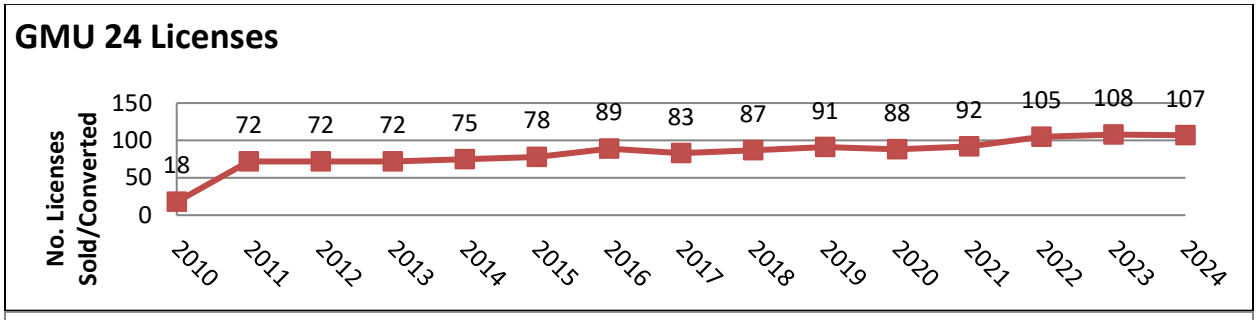
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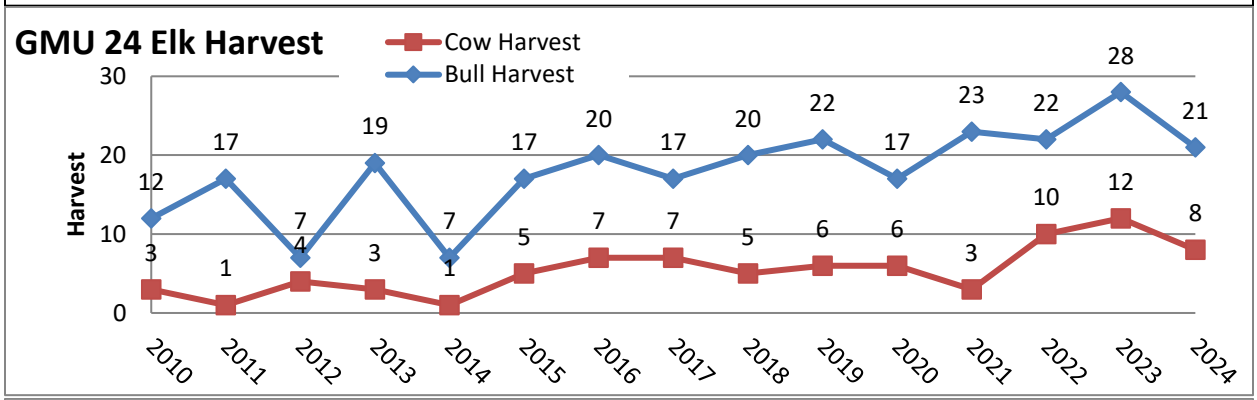
GMU 24 (part of the Lesser Gila Herd Unit; opportunity management)

Unit Map: 24

BIOLOGY – Elk in GMU 24 are part of the Greater Gila herd and population estimates include several GMUs (see regional description). Ponderosa pine forests with some grasslands are found on the northern end of this unit while desert habitats and arid shrublands dominate the southern portion. Resource availability, primarily driven by precipitation and moisture, dictate locations and movement of elk across the landscape.

HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 63% public land with good road access. Overall the unit has relatively low elk densities. Elk are generally found in small, local pockets on public land. Success rates are moderate.





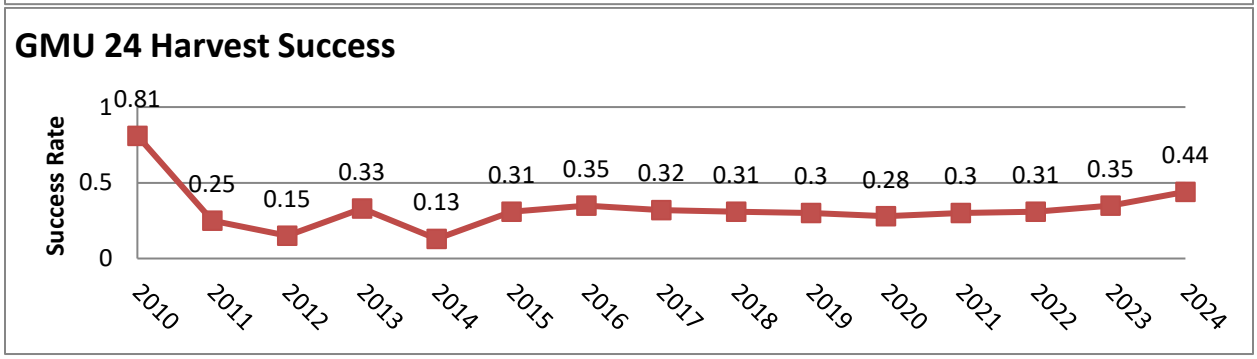
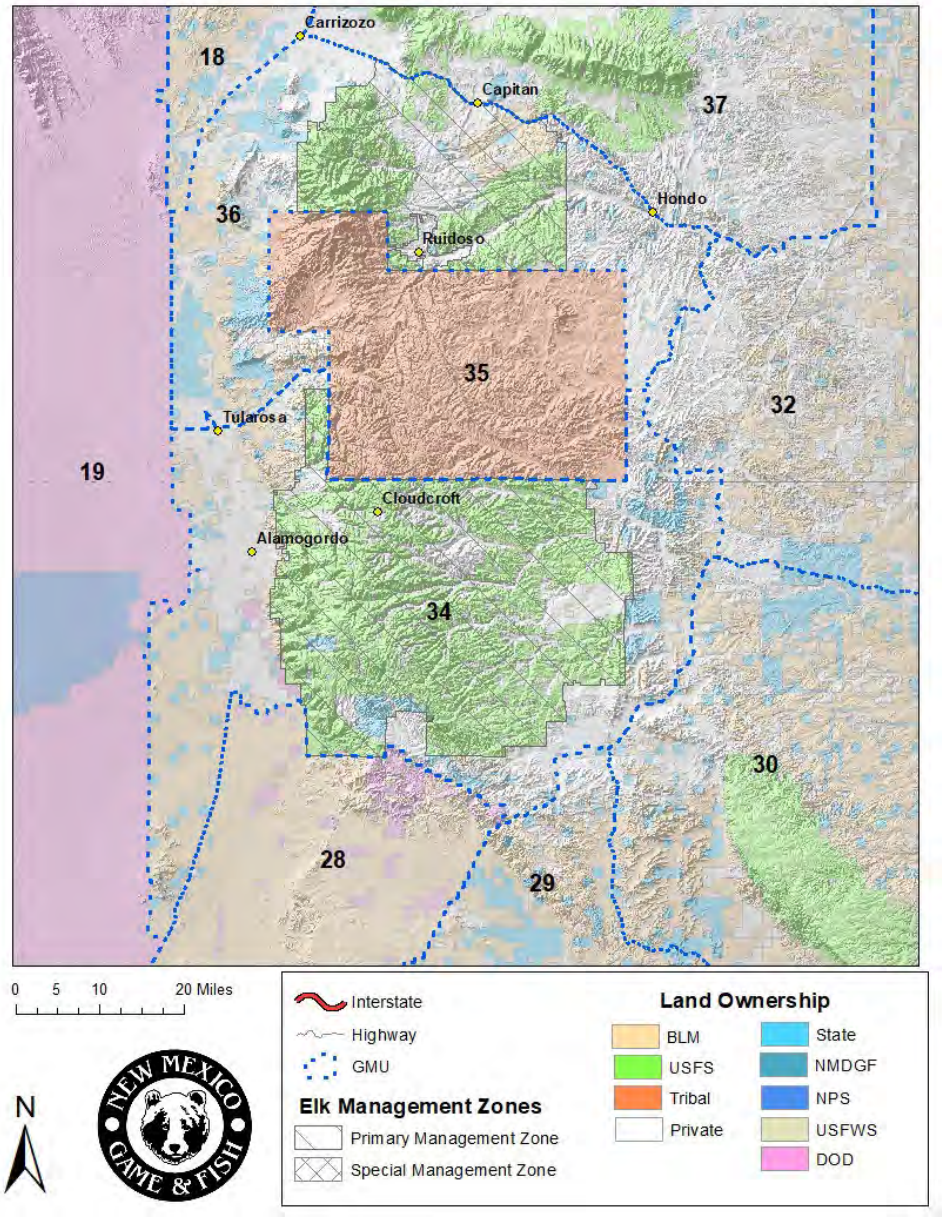


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Southeast Region – Sacramento and Ruidoso Herds

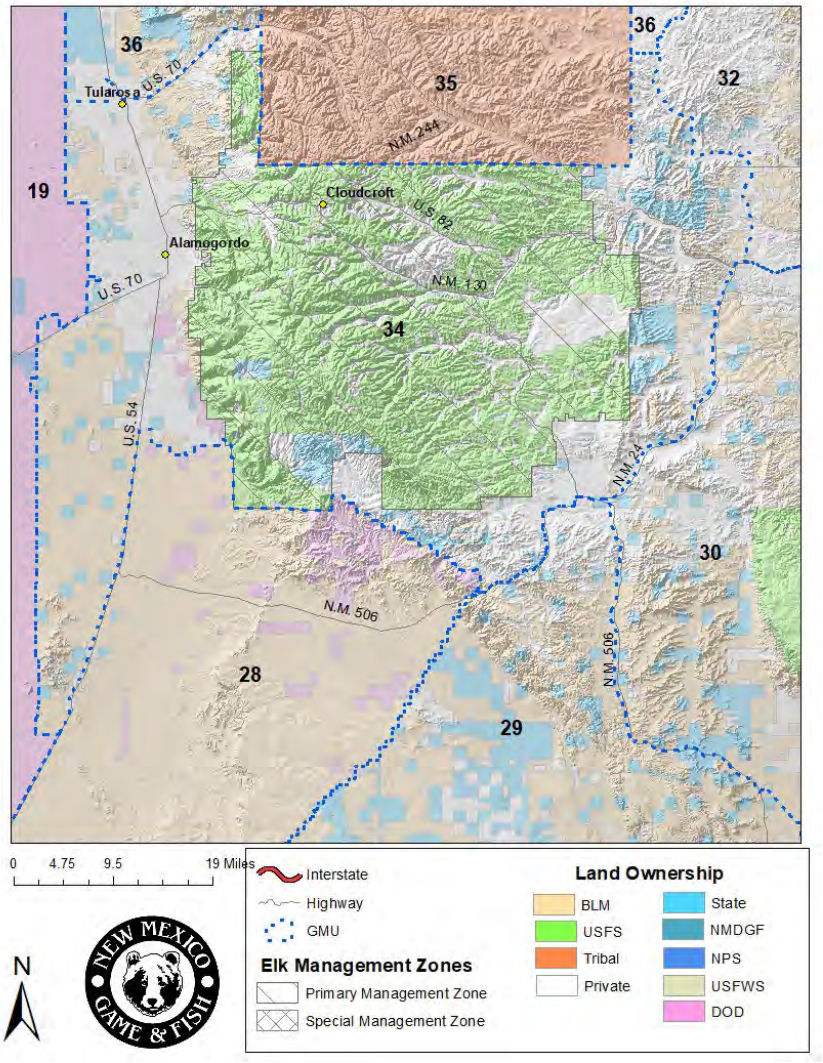


The Southeast Region of New Mexico is a popular destination for both resident and nonresident elk hunters. The popularity of the southeast can be attributed to high harvest success rates and the opportunity to harvest older age class bulls. Although public draw licenses are available outside GMUs 36 and 34, the majority of elk hunting occurs on the Lincoln National Forest within the PMZ in these two units. Roads on forest service lands provide good access to some quality areas, and if a hunter wants to get further away from people, there are two wilderness areas with large elk populations: the White Mountain Wilderness in GMU 36 and the Capitan Wilderness in GMU 37. The Sacramento and Ruidoso herds consistently have some of the highest bull to cow ratios in the state as well as one of the most productive elk herds in the state. Beginning in 2022, NMDGF has collaborated with biologists from the Mescalero Apache Division of Resource Management and Protection to better understand elk populations and management across the Sacramento Mountains. By incorporating datasets, investigating movement across jurisdictions, and monitoring adjacent populations in tandem, biologists are able to consider management strategies for elk across one large contiguous mountain range, rather than distinct populations separated by landownership boundaries.

Sacramento Herd (GMU 34)

Opportunity Management

Unit Map: 34



BIOLOGY – GMU 34 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Sacramento herd. Most likely the Sacramento herd is part of a larger herd complex that includes the Ruidoso herd (GMU 36) to the north and encompasses Mescalero tribal land in-between. However, since Mescalero tribal lands split these two units, 34 and 36, the Department considers each GMU on its own for purposes of generating population estimates and making management recommendations. Elevations in GMU 34 range from 4,300-9,700 feet and the habitat is creosote/mesquite and pinyon-juniper woodlands in lower elevations with mixed conifer forests in higher elevations. Heavy snowfall in the high elevations will cause elk to move to lower elevations. However, the climate in this region is typically milder than that of the northern mountains and snowfall events aren't always severe enough to spur elk movement during winter months. Elk populations are monitored annually via aerial surveys; population sizes are estimated using a combination of survey data and annual hunter harvest data. The herd is increasing, despite the higher female harvest in recent years.

HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 67% public land and road access is excellent throughout. A large portion of the unit falls within the Lincoln National Forest. This unit is managed as an opportunity area and has one of the highest bull to cow ratios in the state. Hunter success in this unit is consistently high with older-age class males taken annually. Hunters should be aware that Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected in this unit and are advised to check the regulations for transporting their elk carcass (Carcass transport regulations webpage).

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
7,400 – 8,600	52:100:39	500 – 660 Males
Increasing		610 – 710 Females

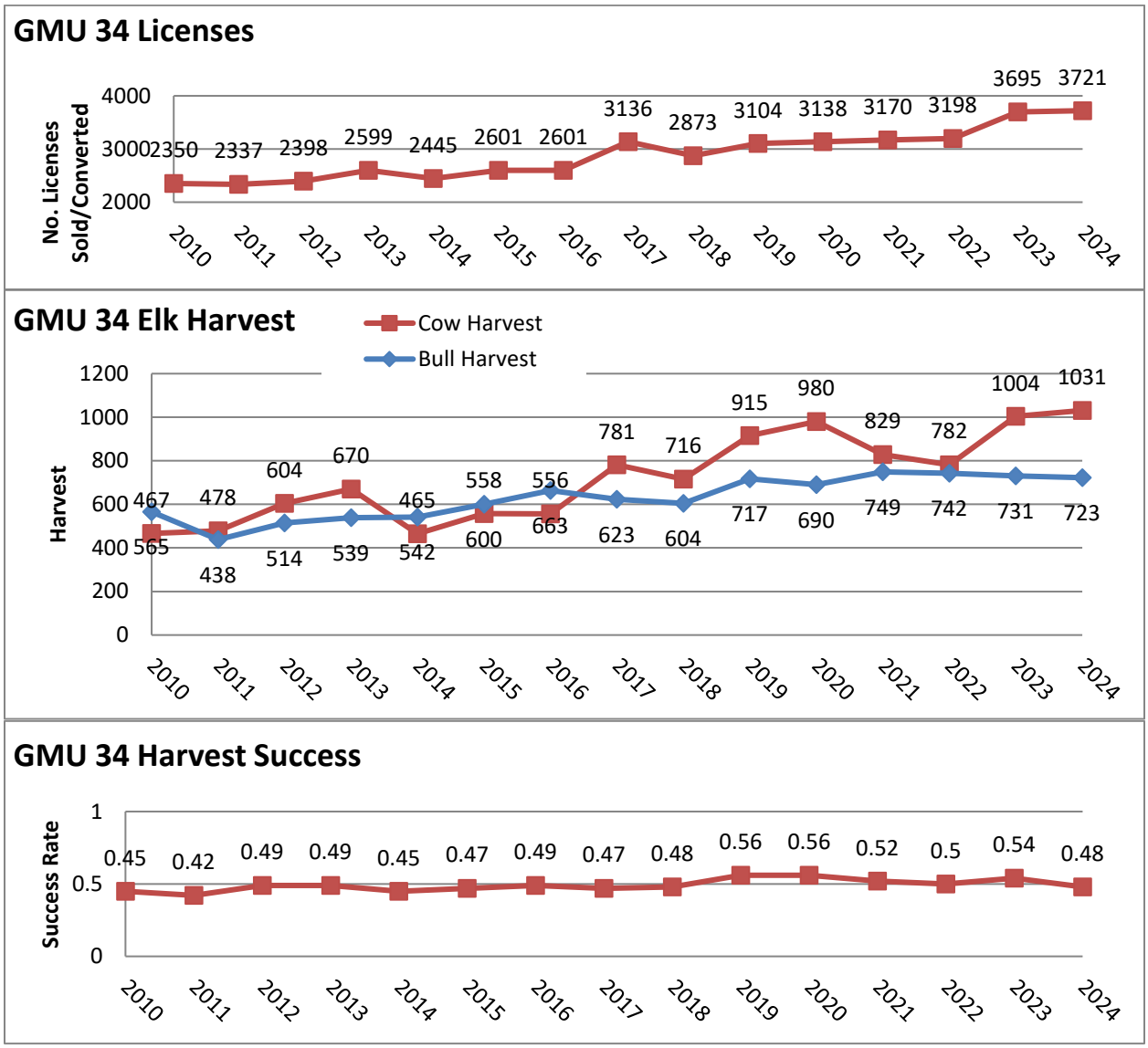
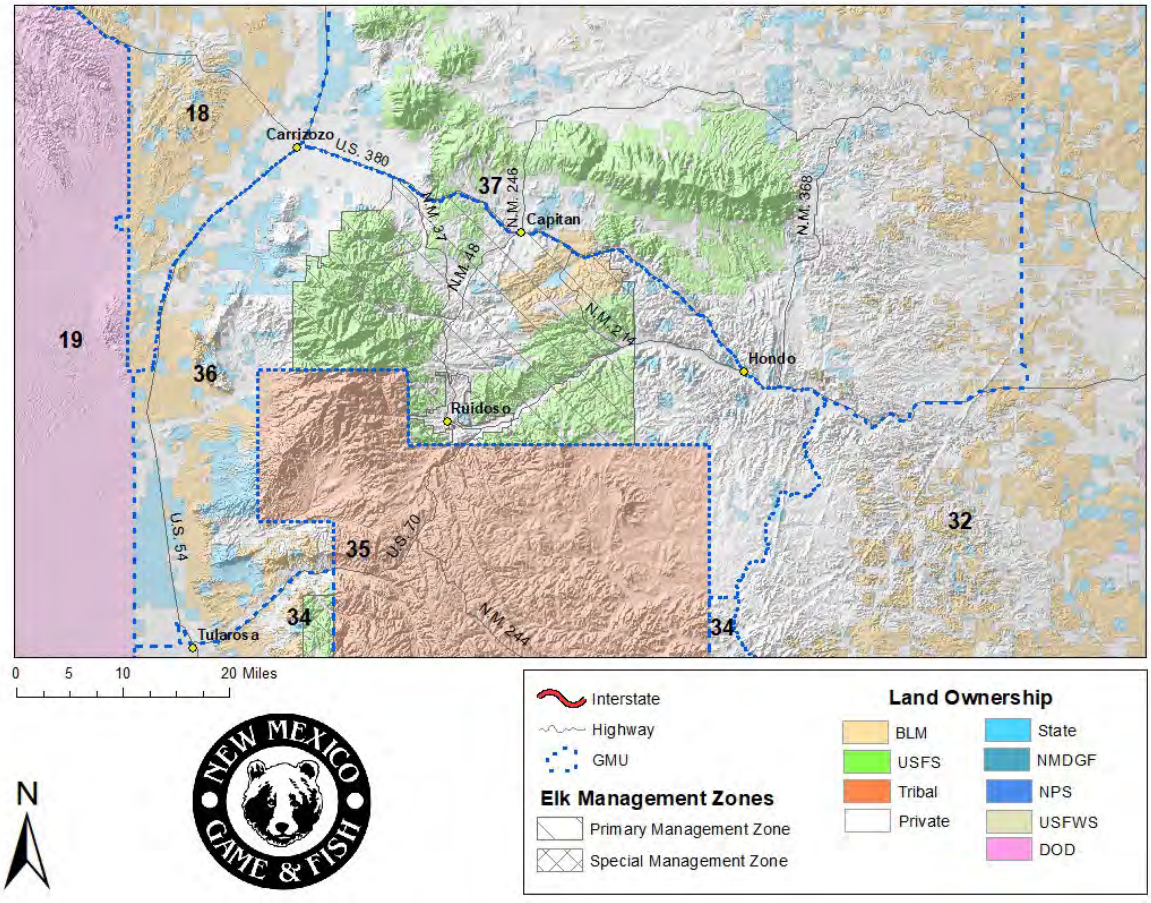


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Ruidoso Herd (GMU 36)

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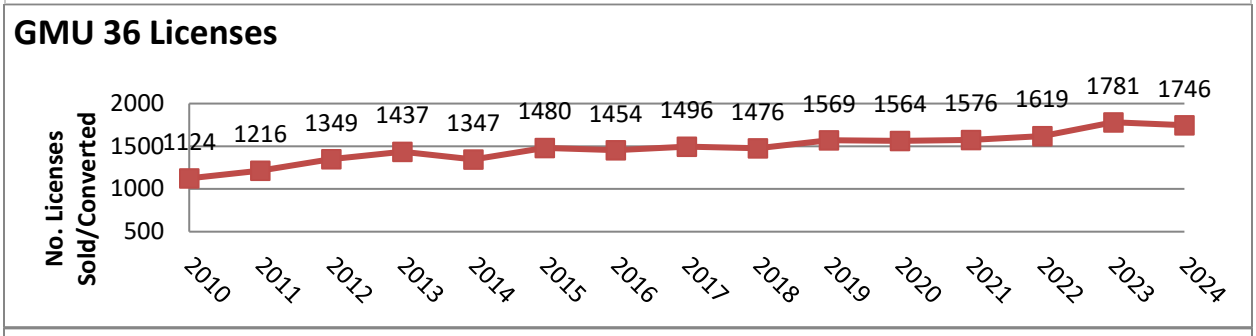
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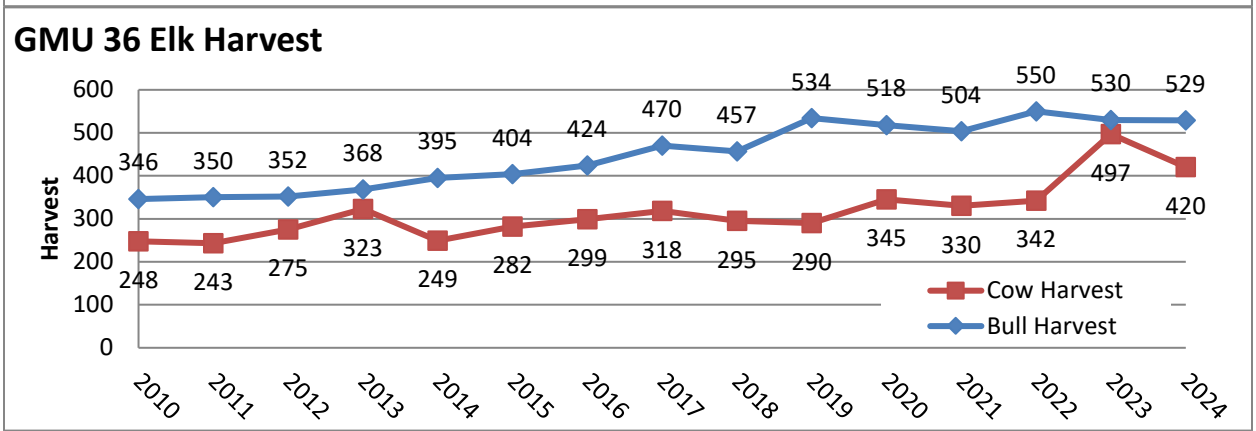


BIOLOGY – GMU 36 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Ruidoso herd. Most likely the Ruidoso herd is part of a larger herd complex that includes the Sacramento herd (GMU 34) to the south and encompasses Mescalero tribal land in between. However, since Mescalero tribal lands split these two units, 34 and 36, the Department considers each GMU on its own for purposes of generating population estimates and making management recommendations. Elevations in this unit range from 4,800-10,800 feet and the habitat ranges from pinyon-juniper woodlands in the lower elevations to high elevation oak woodlands and mixed conifer forests. Heavy snowfall in the high elevations will push elk down to lower elevations, but due to a mild climate these snowfalls don't always occur. As such, these elk do not migrate as regularly as some herds in northern New Mexico. The White Mountain Wilderness is ideal for those looking to get away from roads. Elk populations are monitored annually via aerial surveys and population sizes are estimated using a combination of survey and annual hunter harvest data. The herd is increasing.

HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 53% public land and road access is good. This unit is managed as a quality area, and success rates are consistently high. This unit has one of the highest bull to cow ratios in the state, and large, older-age class bulls are harvested every year. With the highest bull to cow ratios in the state, bull hunters should be able to observe quite a few males and can be picky about their harvest. Hunter success rates are consistently higher than average in this unit.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
5,400 -8,500	66:100:43	370 – 640 Males
Slightly Increasing		610 – 710 Females





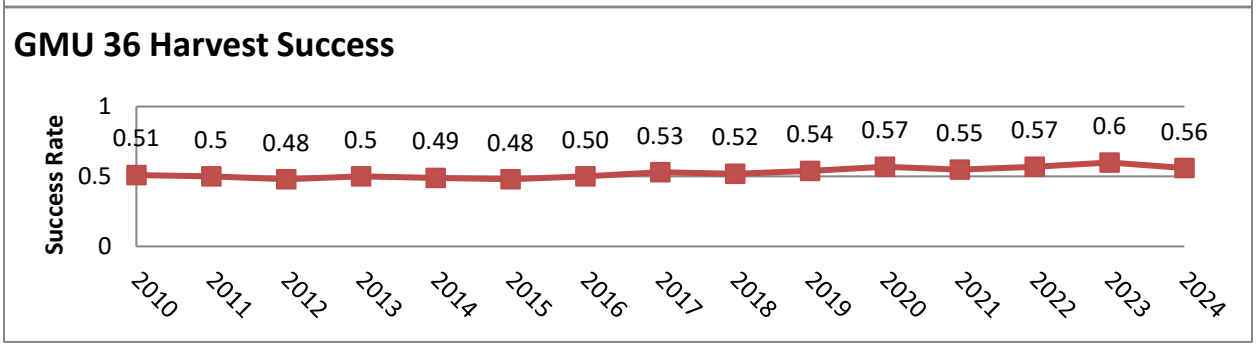
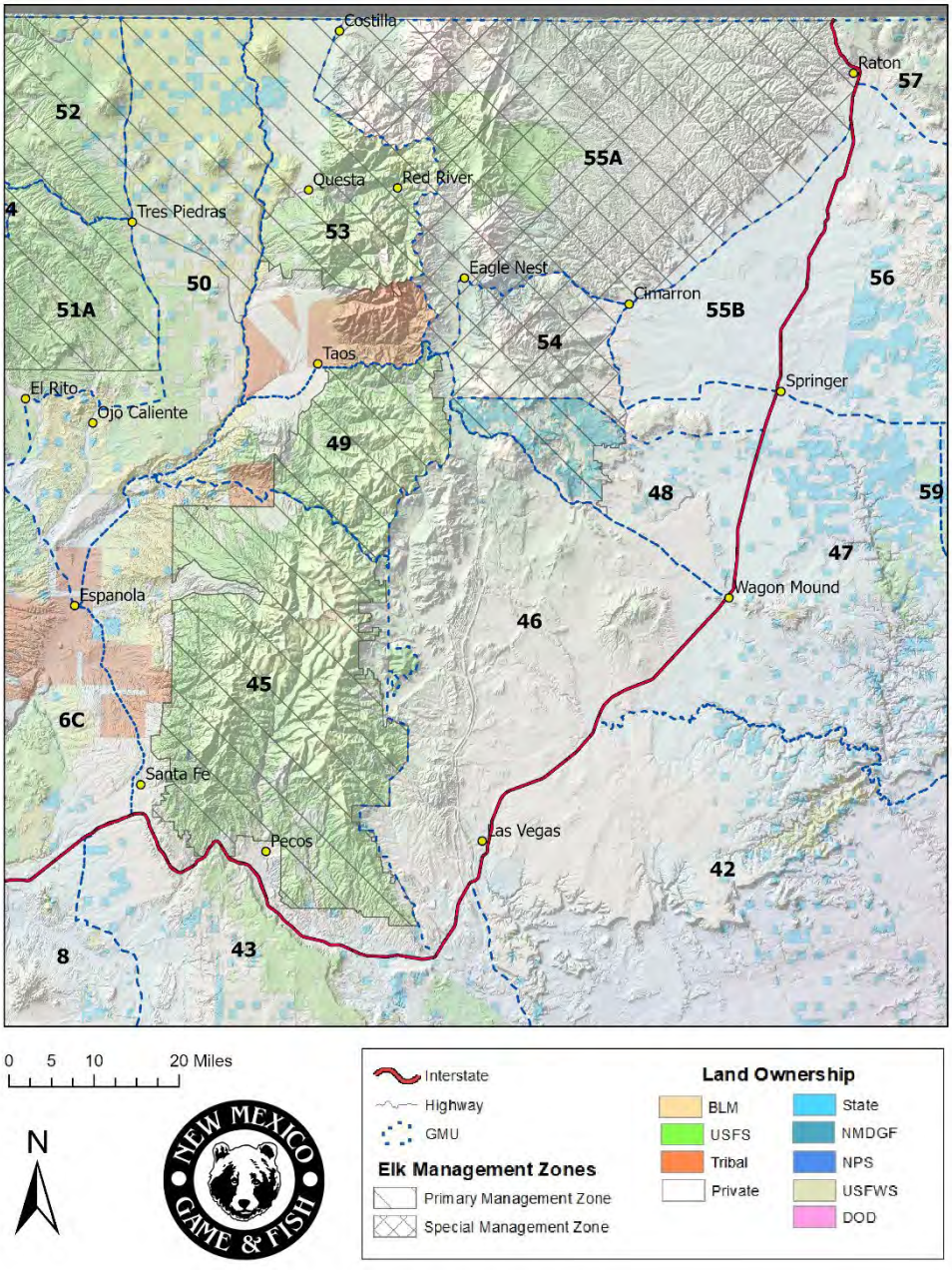


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Northeast Region – Pecos, Whites Peak, and Peñasco Herds

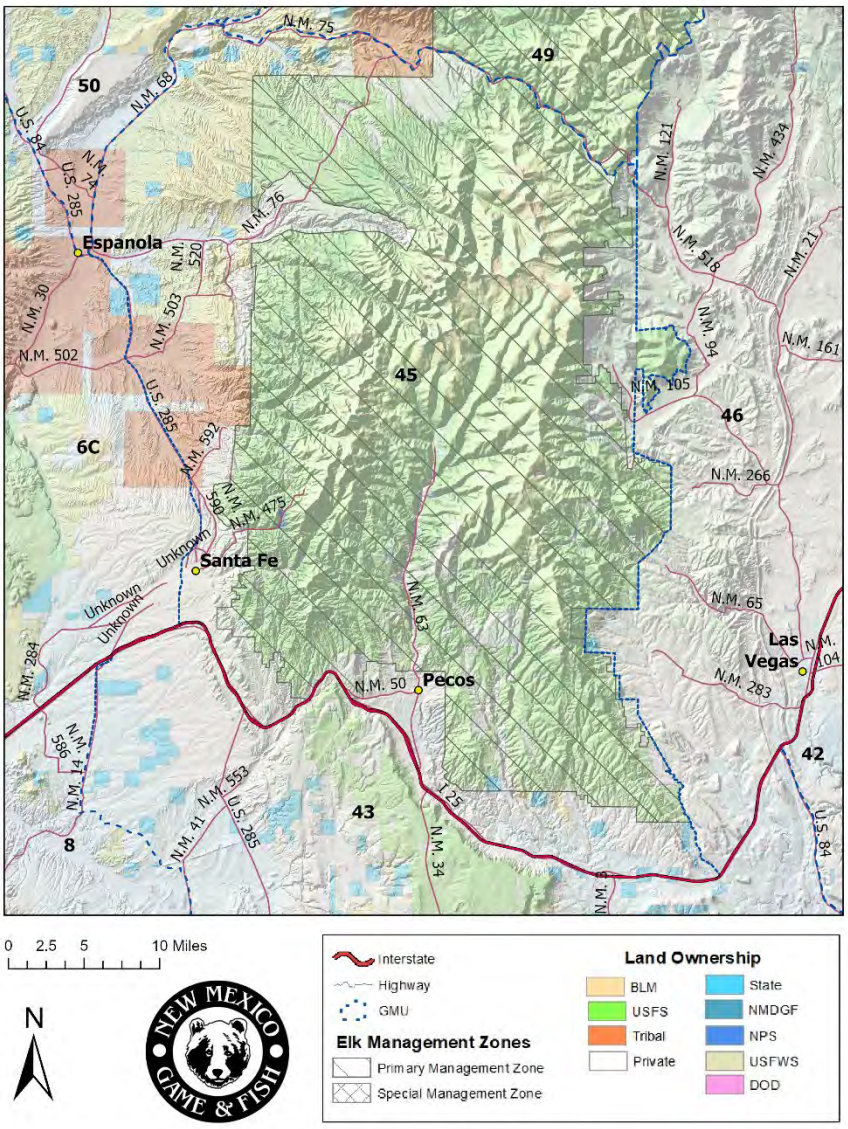


The Northeast Region offers a variety of elk hunting opportunities with habitats ranging from eastern plains to alpine, and it can accommodate everyone's unique hunting style. Elk populations are healthy and most herds are stable to increasing. Habitats range from semi-arid grass and scrubland to sub-alpine forests within high elevation wilderness areas. Much of the hunting opportunities within these herds is offered in predominately public land areas with moderate to good access (with the exception of GMUs in Special Management Zones). Although the Northeast doesn't receive as much attention for producing large antlered elk, those who draw a license stand a good chance at harvesting an elk and some older-age class bulls may be taken.

Pecos Herd (GMU 45)

Quality Management

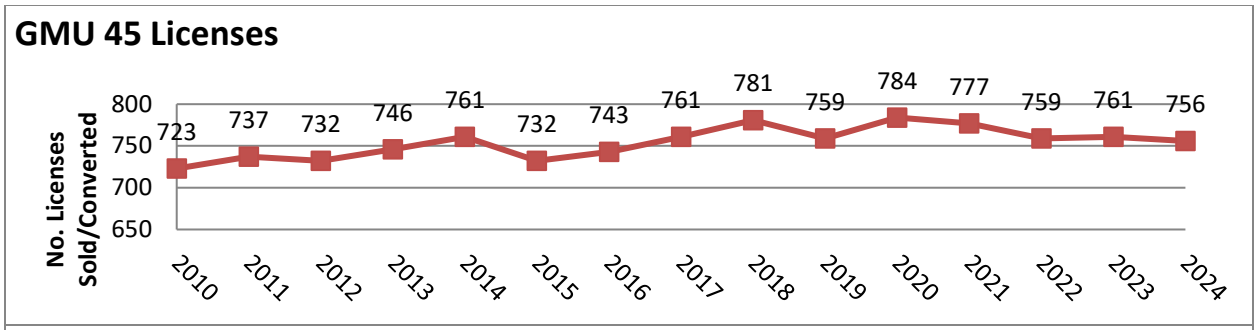
Unit Map: 45

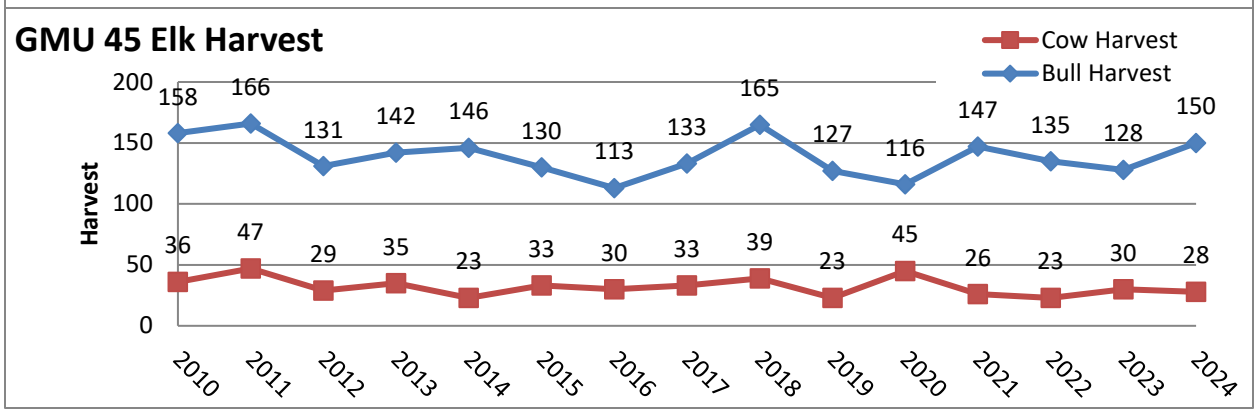


BIOLOGY – GMU 45 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Pecos herd. Habitats range from pinyon-juniper woodlands in the lower elevations to high elevation mixed-conifer forests and alpine meadows. Snow accumulation forces elk to migrate annually from the higher elevations to lower elevations in the surrounding regions during winter months. Due to the dense tree cover in most of the unit, aerial surveys are not productive and not flown often. The herd is assessed mostly based on hunter harvest data. The Pecos herd is considered stable.

HUNTING – This unit is 74% public land and contains some of the highest peaks in New Mexico. Road access to this unit is good in some places while the Pecos Wilderness Area restricts vehicular access for a large portion of the north half of the unit. This unit has good numbers of elk throughout. However, the rugged and high elevation terrain can make the hunt difficult. Success rates for this herd are average to good.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
1,100 – 2,100	35:100:32	80 – 150 Males
Stable		90 – 160 Females





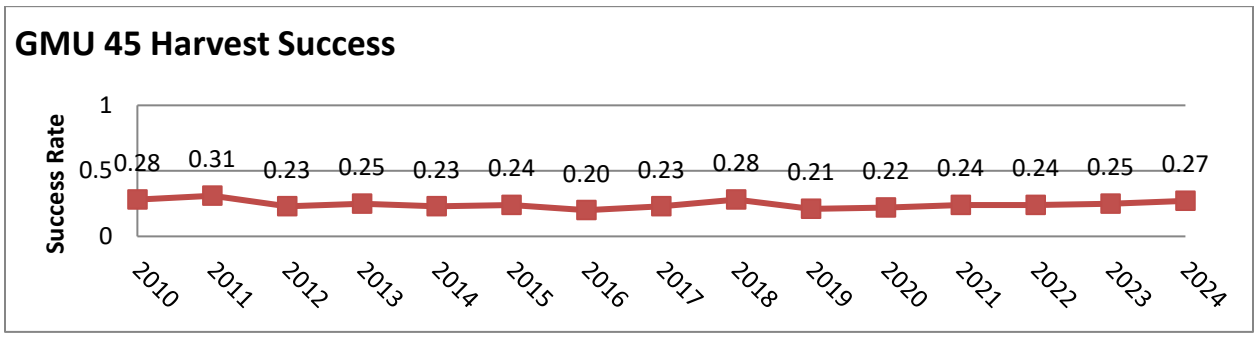
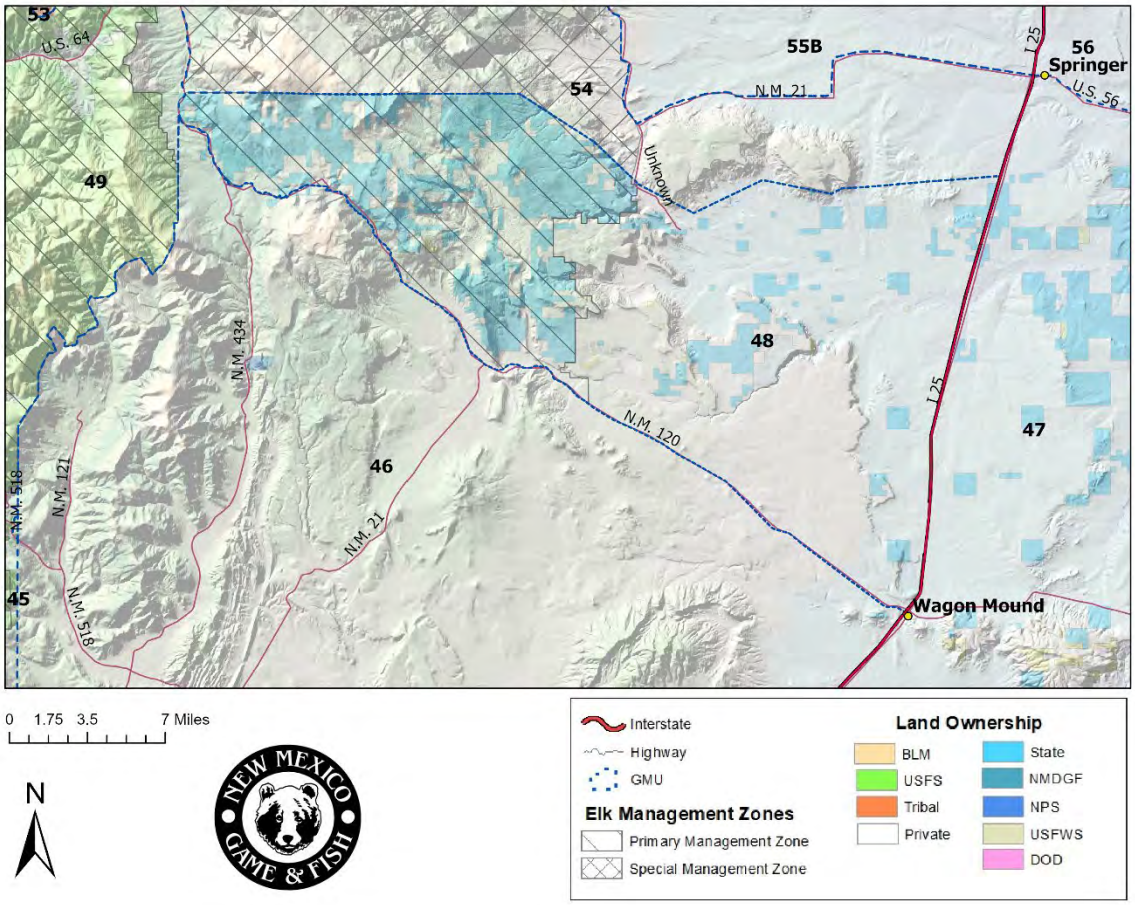


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Whites Peak Herd (GMU 48)

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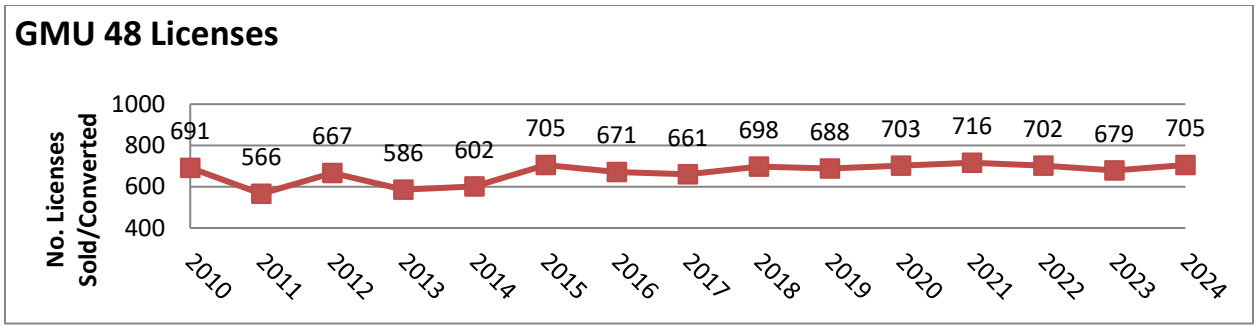
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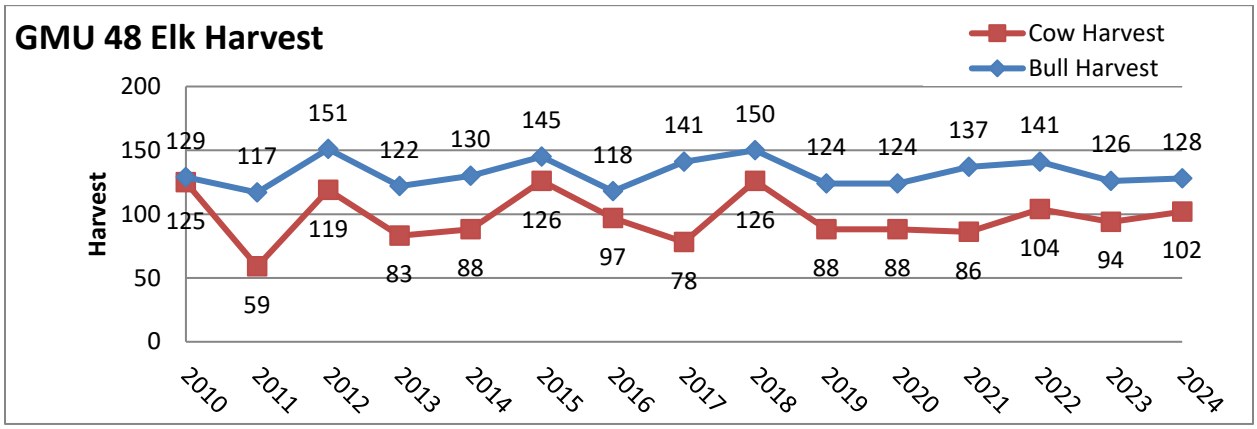


BIOLOGY – GMU 48 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Whites Peak herd. The habitat ranges from plains and grasslands to mixed conifer forests at the higher elevations of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Topography is varied and includes both steep cliff-lined drainages, rolling foothills, and flat open country. Elk are concentrated on the western side of the unit. The herd is not surveyed regularly but hunter harvest metrics indicate the population is stable.

HUNTING – This unit is 29% public land and access can be difficult due to the checkerboarded nature of the private land and NM State Trust Land. Although some State Trust Lands are accessible for hunting, these designations may change. For more information regarding specific State Trust Lands, visit the State Land Office webpage. Success rates hover near average.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
1,200 – 2,000	35:100:32	70 – 140 Males
Stable		90 – 150 Females





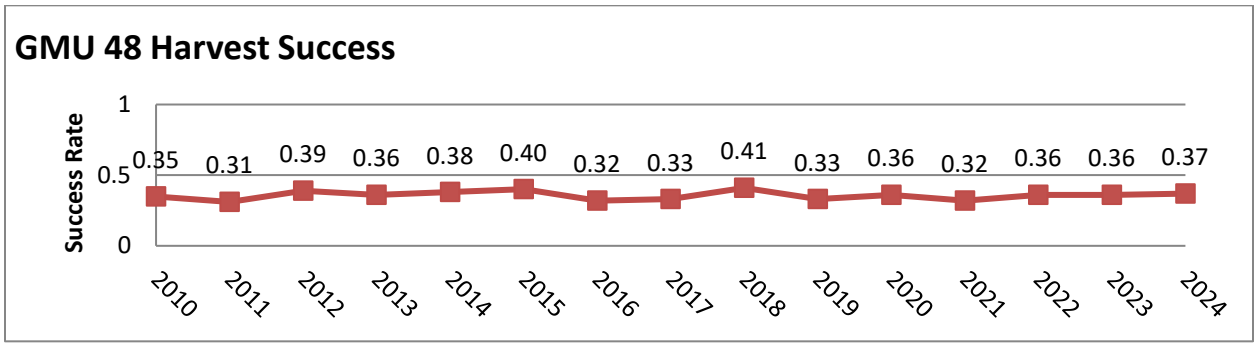
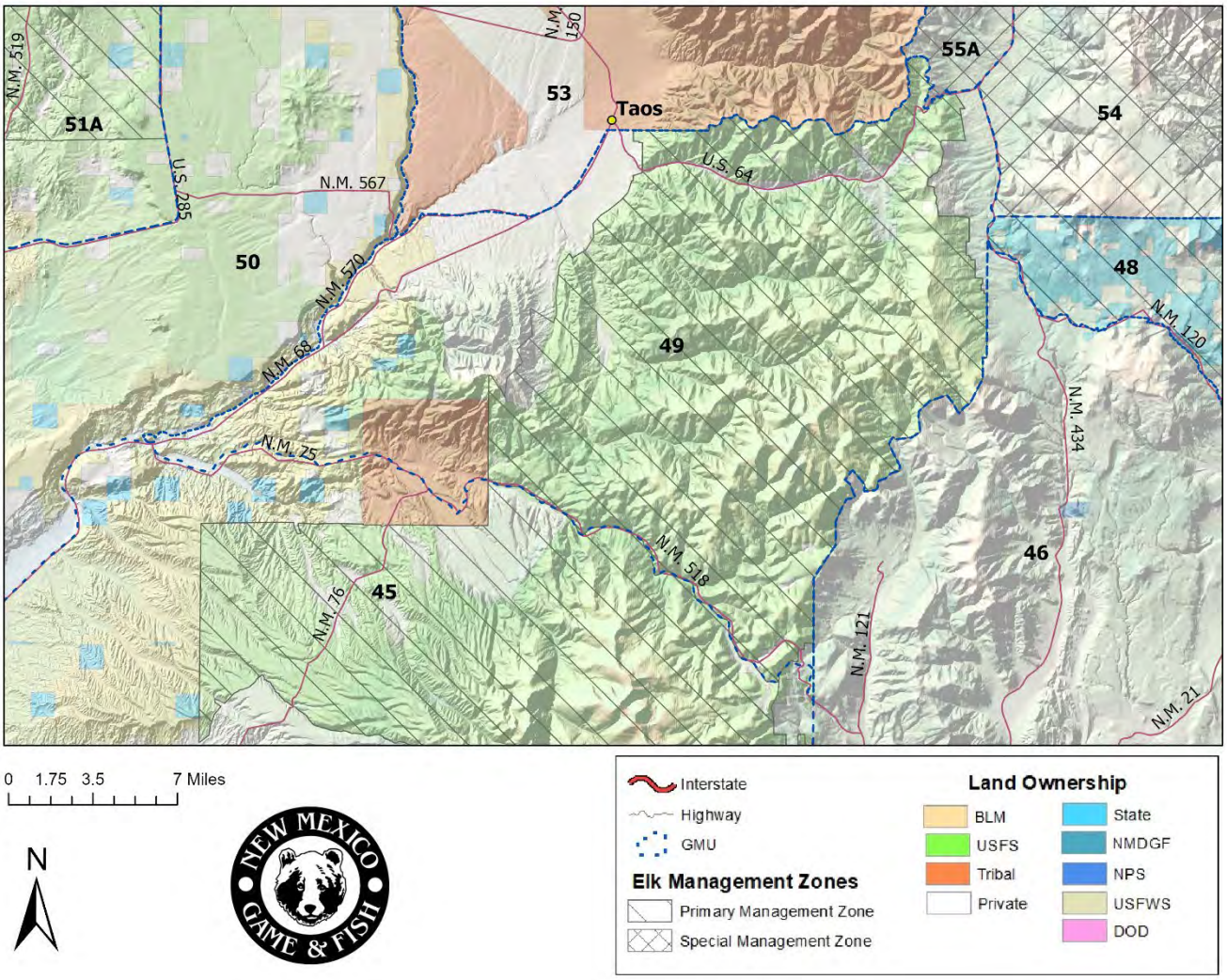


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Peñasco Herd (GMU 49)

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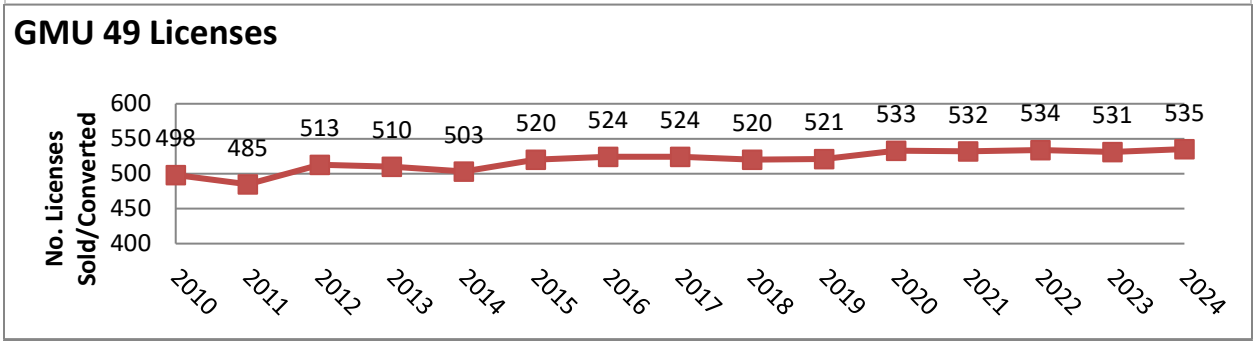
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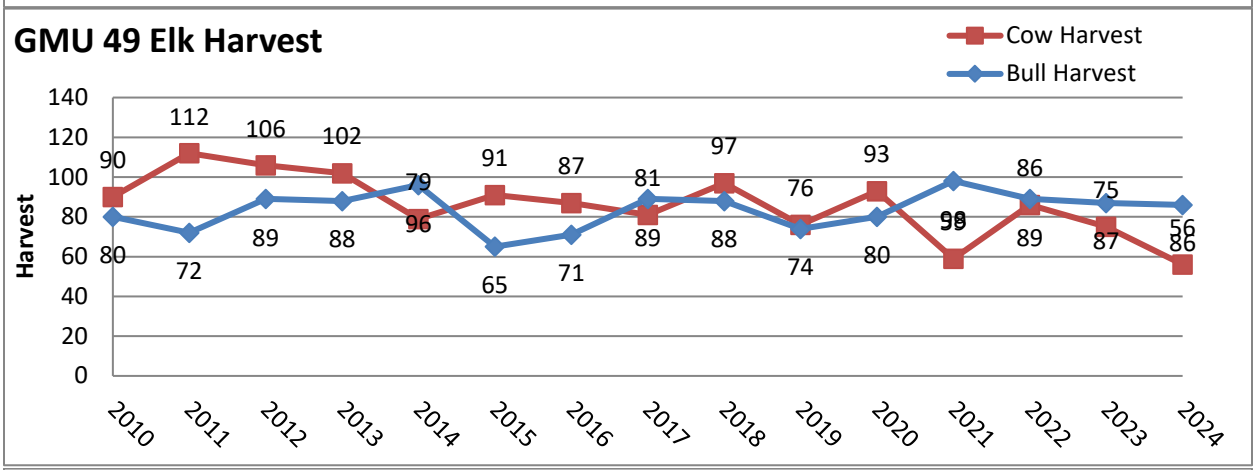


BIOLOGY – GMU 49 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Peñasco herd. Similar to other units in the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range, this unit contains some high elevation habitat. Habitat ranges from pinyon-juniper woodlands in the lower elevations to high elevation mixed conifer forests and upper montane forest habitats. Seasonal movements between high elevation summer range and lower elevation winter range occurs during heavy snow months. The herd is monitored using hunter harvest data along with periodic aerial surveys, and is considered stable to slightly increasing.

HUNTING – This unit is 78% public land, and road access is good throughout Carson National Forest. The majority of this hunt unit is comprised of National Forest lands with mountainous topography, providing a variety of elk habitats and escape terrain. Herd productivity in this unit is stable with hunter satisfaction ratings above the state average.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
1,100 – 2,400	35:100:32	70 – 200 Males
Stable to Slightly Increasing		40 – 100 Females





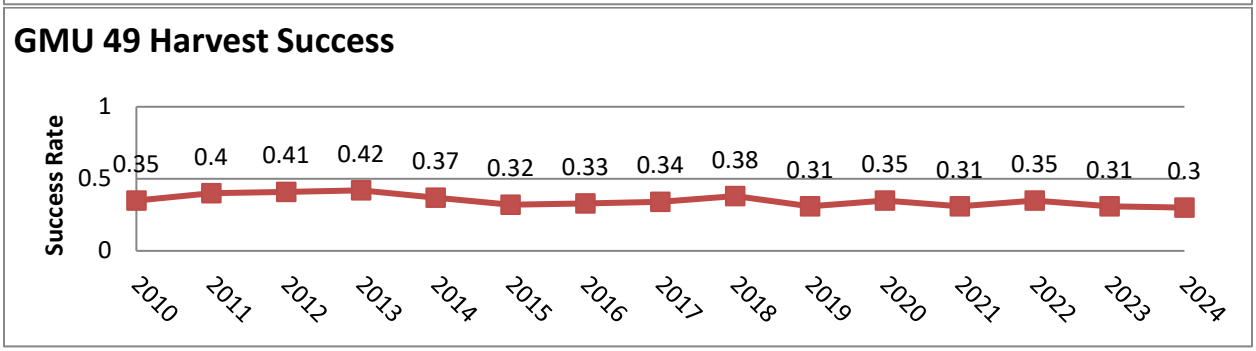
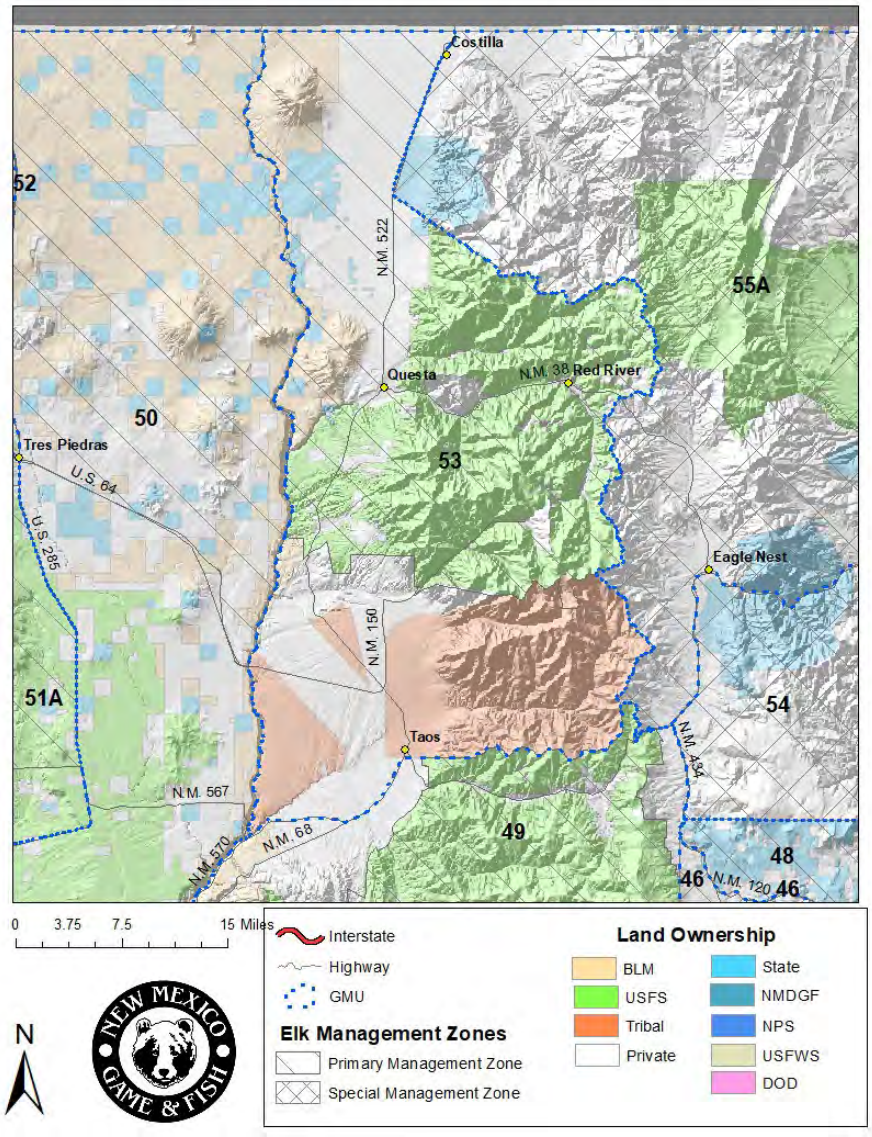


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Ute/Midnight/San Cristobal Herd (GMU 53)

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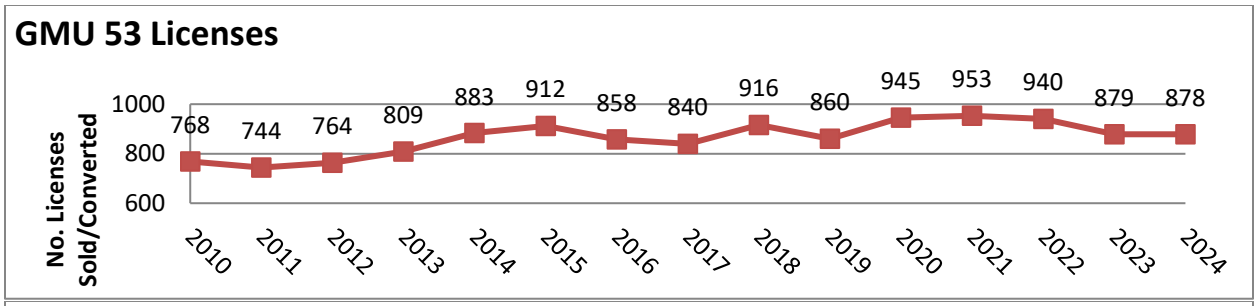
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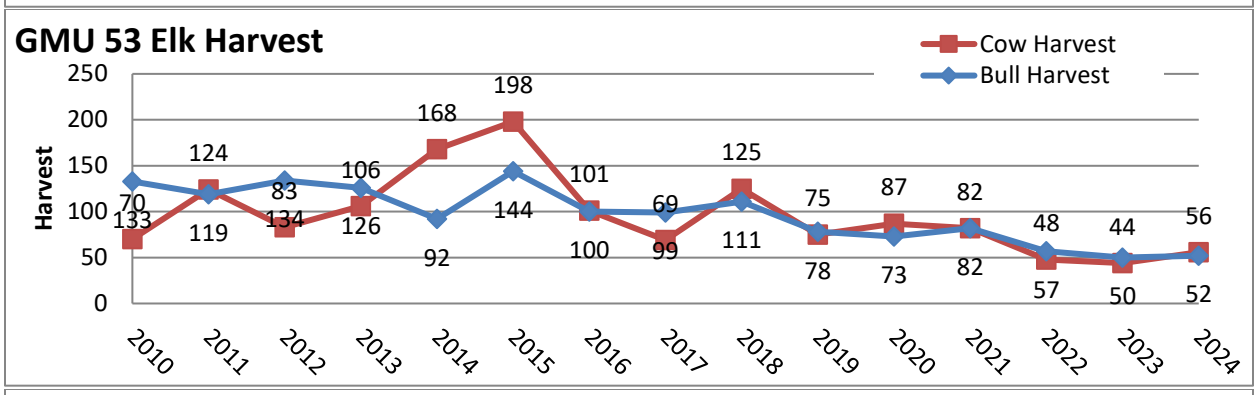


BIOLOGY – GMU 53 is considered a standalone elk herd unit, the Ute/Midnight/San Cristobal herd. The habitat ranges from scrub oak at the lower elevations to high elevation mixed conifer forests and alpine meadows. Elk behavior and habitat use in this unit are influenced by annual snowfall with elk moving to lower elevations when snow accumulates. The herd is monitored annually and population size estimates are generated using aerial surveys and hunter harvest data. The observed calf:cow ratio is lower than the statewide average, but the herd is still considered stable.

HUNTING – This unit is 47% public land with good road access. There are also 3 roadless wilderness areas (the Columbine-Hondo, Latir Peak, and Wheeler Peak Wilderness areas) for hunters wanting to get away from crowds. Due to the steep nature of the terrain, the hunt can be physically taxing. Hunters should consider hiking away from the roads for the best chance at encountering elk and having a successful hunt.

Population Estimate (2022)	Bull:Cow:Calf	Sustainable Harvest Est.
1,400 – 2,900	34:100:24	70 – 160 Males
Stable		90 – 180 Females





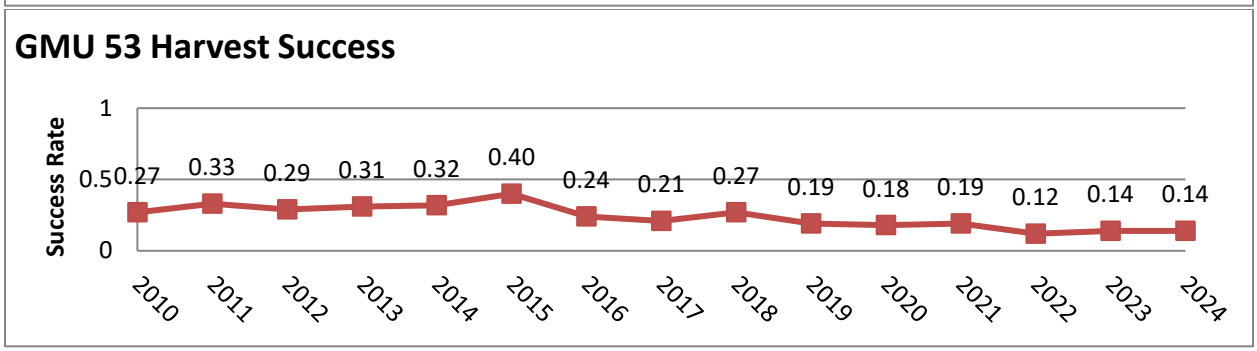


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Secondary Management Zone GMUs

The following GMUs are designated as Secondary Management Zones (SMZ) where the Department does not designate specific management objectives (i.e. opportunity or quality management). In these areas hunters can find opportunities through the public draw or through private landowner authorizations. For private land hunts, elk licenses are available over the counter; however, hunters must obtain and present an active SMZ ranch code to purchase a license and must also have written permission to hunt on that land. Private land elk licenses are only valid on private, deeded lands within the SMZ where hunters have been given written permission to hunt. Some GMUs throughout the state combine both Primary and Secondary Management Zones and hunters are advised to be familiar with management zone boundaries and property boundaries.

Elk populations and herd productivity are not surveyed regularly by the Department in Secondary Management Zones. Populations in these regions are monitored through mandatory harvest reporting, which provide data used in population models to estimate population sizes.

GMU 14

Unit Map: 14

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – This unit opened to elk hunting for in 2019 and public opportunities are found in the Forest Service land in the Manzano Mountains. A network of Forest Service roads provides access. This unit is dominated by grass and shrublands at the lower elevations to mixed conifer forests at high elevations in the mountains. The elk population has been increasing in recent years but there is limited data on elk densities.

GMU 18

Unit Map: 18

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 57% public land that can be accessed through a network of BLM roads. This unit is dominated by pinyon-juniper woodlands and arid grasslands. Elk densities are low in this unit and found in localized pockets.

GMU 20

Unit Map: 20

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – Landownership within this unit is mixed within this unit, including both state parks and National Wildlife Refuge properties. Hunters are advised to use available navigation tools and recognize varied ownership and property boundaries. Habitat is typical of lowland sagebrush steppe and high desert creosote with limited forage and water availability. Populations within this unit have been shown to exploit resources within Bosque Del Apache NWR and riparian corridors present along the river, supporting localized populations and some harvest (DeVore et al. 2016, DeVore et al. 2018, APPENDIX A)

GMU 28

Unit Map: 28

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – This unit is located on McGregor Range, a tract of BLM land that is managed by the military. There are additional requirements for hunting on McGregor Range, so hunters should be familiar with these rules. Additionally, hunt dates are subject to change based on military operations and hunters applying for this unit should be flexible to accommodate last minute changes. Pinyon-juniper woodlands dominate this unit and success rates are very high. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected in this unit; hunters should check the requirements for transporting an elk carcass from this unit (Carcass transport regulations webpage).

GMU 29/30

Unit Map: 29, 30

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – These units are 75% public land which can be accessed through the Forest Service and BLM road system. The highest elk densities in this unit are in the Guadalupe Mountains which is characterized by pinyon-juniper woodlands. Success rates are high in this unit and some older age class bulls are harvested every year.

GMU 37

Unit Map: 37

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – This unit is comprised of 39% public land with good road access. The Capitan Mountain Wilderness is an area with options for roadless hunting. Elevations in this unit range from 6,000-9,500 feet and the habitats range from pinyon-juniper woodlands in the lower elevations to high elevation mixed conifer forests. This unit has consistently high success rates and produces some older-age class bulls.

GMU 38

Unit Map: 38

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – This unit is 27% public land with very good road access to the available public land. Habitats range from pinyon-juniper woodlands in the lower elevations to mixed conifer forests in the Gallinas Mountains. Elk densities and success rates are moderate in this unit. Hunters who get away from roads will have a better chance at encountering elk.

GMUs 39, 42, 47, 56, 57, 58 and 59

Unit Maps: 39, 42, 47, 56, 57, 58, 59

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – These units are dominated by private land with State Land Office properties checkerboarded throughout. Due to the checkerboarded nature, finding access points can be difficult and hunters should be familiar with landownership. A good GPS or map is recommended. Not all roads are open to the public, so hunters should identify which are county roads that are open to the public and which are private. This information can be found by contacting the counties. These units consist of large swaths of grassland broken by volcanic

cones, rivers, canyons and arroyos. Elk can be found throughout these units, but hunters will have to scout and hunt hard to find them in areas accessible to public license holders. The Sabinoso Wilderness Area in GMU 42 provides a large area of contiguous public land to hunt. Hunters experience average to good success in many of these units.

GMU 46

Unit Map: 46

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – Elk are found in good numbers throughout this unit, but the GMU is almost entirely private land and written permission must be obtained to hunt on private lands. Hunters must acquire an authorization number, hunt code, and ranch number from a landowner participating in the E-PLUS program. Habitats range from pinyon-juniper woodland in the lower elevations to high elevation aspen and mixed conifer forests.

GMU 55B

Unit Map: 55B

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – This hunt unit is almost exclusively private land with licenses issued through the E-PLUS system. If hunting elk on private land, hunters should consult the E-PLUS webpage for current requirements. Habitat in this unit is primarily low elevation grassland, irrigated cropland, and riparian corridors.

Special Management Zone GMUs

The following GMUs (or segments) are in Special Management Zones. These GMUs contain quality elk habitat, but a large proportion of the landscape is privately owned. For this reason, the Primary and Secondary Management Zone designations cannot be applied as in other areas with a higher proportion of public land. Authorizations within the Special Management Zone are determined on a ranch-by-ranch basis through a negotiation between the landowner and appropriate local department staff. Private landowners are issued private land elk authorizations for deeded acres enrolled in the E-PLUS program. All authorizations issued within the Special Management Zone are ranch-only and transferrable to other private lands within the same GMU and management zone with written permission from the landowner. A list of participating landowners and their contact information is available at the Department's private lands hunting webpage.

Elk populations are not surveyed by the Department in some Special Management Zones. When aerial survey data is unavailable the Department monitors populations through mandatory harvest reporting.

GMU 54

Unit Map: 54

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – This unit is largely private land with one Wildlife Management Area, the Colin Neblett WMA. If hunting on private land, hunters should consult the E-PLUS webpage for current requirements. A list of participating landowners and their contact information is available at the Department's private lands hunting webpage. The Colin Neblett Wildlife Management Area offers public draw hunts, but only to New Mexico residents. Habitats range from pinyon-juniper woodland in the lower elevations to high elevation mixed conifer forests. Access to the Colin Neblett is limited and hunters should be prepared to hike in steep terrain.

GMU 55A

Unit Map: 55A

BIOLOGY/HUNTING – The majority of GMU 55A is private but some public hunting opportunities are available through the draw on several Wildlife Management Areas (Urraca WMA, Elliott Barker WMA, Colin Neblett WMA) and on the Valle Vidal unit of the Carson National Forest. Public hunters should remember that WMAs are open to hunting for New Mexico residents only. Elk hunting on Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest is offered through the draw and is designated as a 'once-in-a-lifetime' license. These licenses are highly coveted. Mature bull hunters lucky enough to draw the 55A Valle Vidal license can pursue older-age class bulls and success rates for this hunt are high. Elk within this unit exhibit typical seasonal movements seeking lush forage in high elevation summer range, and easier access food sources during winter at low elevations (Fig 10).This unit contains the only once-in-a-lifetime elk license, and the Valle Vidal is considered to be one of the most prime hunting areas in the state. Northern mountain regions in New Mexico typically produce higher forage yield. Varied elevation and moisture gradients promote a mosaic of habitat types suitable for all stages of an elk's life history. The Department views the Valle Vidal as an irreplaceable land of ecological importance. Investigations into the selection of calf-rearing cows (Pitman et al. 2014), and impacts on calf survival from predation (Tatman 2016, Tatman et al. 2018; APPENDIX A) have helped biologists understand challenges faced by this herd and use this information to help guide management decisions.

Figure 10. Seasonal movements and ranges for the San Christobal elk herd in northern New Mexico. From USGS Ungulate Migrations of the Western United States, Vol 5 (pg. 80)

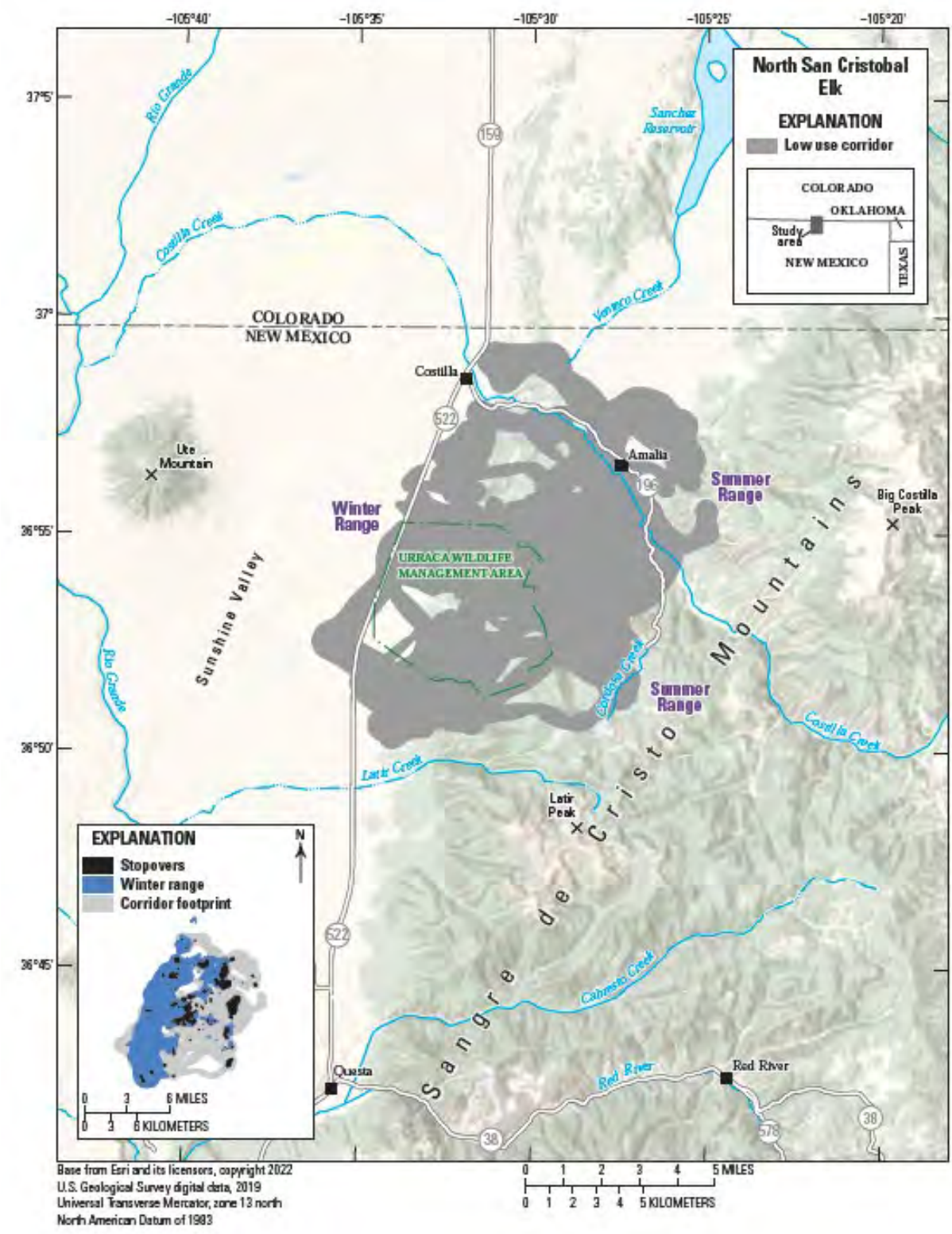


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Bureau of Land Management
https://www.blm.gov/node/7050

U.S. Forest Service
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System
https://www.fws.gov/locations?type=%5B%22National%20Wildlife%20Refuge%22%5D

National Park Service (Valles Caldera National Preserve)
https://www.nps.gov/vall/planyourvisit/need-to-know.htm

For more information on State owned lands

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Wildlife Management Areas
http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/state-game-commission-lands/

New Mexico State Land Office
https://www.nmstatelands.org/resources/recreational-access/hunting-access-information/

For more information on Privately owned lands

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/maps/eplus/

APPENDIX A: Referenced NM Elk Research

GMU 6B:

Bernal, Lance J. (2012) Investigations into possible factors affecting the recruitment of rocky mountain elk (Cervus elaphus) on the Valles Caldera National Preserve. M.S. Thesis, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, USA.

ABSTRACT: The Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) is a relatively new public land holding located in the Jemez Mountains in north-central New Mexico. For the past decade, low calf:cow ratios of elk (*Cervus elaphus*) have been recorded on the VCNP prompting concern by both the Valles Caldera Trust, the managing body for the VCNP and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) managers who are responsible for ensuring a sustainable elk population. These studies were done to look at possible factors that may be contributing to the low recruitment of elk on the VCNP as well as simulate how the population may respond to different management actions.

A serological survey was conducted on hunter-harvested elk from the VCNP during the 2010 and 2011 fall hunting seasons. We tested 119 (2010, n =74; 2011, n = 45) for brucellosis, bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV), infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), bluetounge (BT) and epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD), parainfluenza-3 (PI-3) and 5 serovars of Leptospirosis. Exposure rates were highest for PI-3 (34.5%) and IBR (10.1%) for total samples. Exposure for BVDV was found in 2.5% of the total samples. Exposure to EHD and BT was in 1.7% and 0.8% of the total samples. Exposure to the Leptospirosis serovars *hardjo* (n=2) and *canicola* (n=1) were found in the samples tested. All samples tested negative for Brucellosis. The low to medium positive exposure to all the diseases except brucellosis indicate these diseases are present within the VCNP elk population but are not likely causing the low recruitment rates.

A secondary study was done to address the hypothesis that the observed low calf:cow ratios on the VCNP may be the result of low survival rates. To determine cause-specific mortality and estimate survival, we radio marked elk calves (n =140) born within the VCNP from 2009-2011. Two approaches were done to estimate 14 day survival, overall summer survival (t = 13 weeks), and annual survival. First, biological covariates were used to model survival for 14 day post capture and weekly summer survival for all calves. This was done in order to compare survival estimates to other studies experiencing low calf;cow ratios in the western United States. Then, the data was re-analyzed by censoring calves (n = 9) which died the day after tagging. This would provide a more conservative survival estimate which would eliminate possible biases due to handling calves and its effect it could have on survival. Fourteen day survival was 0.57 (SE = 0.05, 95%CI: 0.48-0.66) when using uncensored data; survival was 0.64 (SE = 0.05, 95%CI 0.54-0.72) using censored data. Summer survival was estimated to be 0.37 (SE = 0.05, 95%CI 0.28-0.47) using uncensored data; summer survival was estimated 0.43 (SE = 0.05, 95%CI: 0.33-0.53) using censored data. Fall/winter survival (mid-August-April) ranged from 0.76-0.95 based on study year. Annual survival ranged from 0.32-0.55 with a mean of 0.42 using uncensored data; annual survival ranged from 0.32-0.59 with a mean of 0.46 using censored data. Predation accounted for 94.8% of the known deaths. Black bears (*Ursus americana*) were the highest source of predation (47.3%, n = 26) and overall mortality (40.6%). Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) were the second highest source of predation (41.8%, n = 23) and overall mortality (35.9%). The results using both uncensored and censored data are comparable to other studies which were experiencing low calf:cow ratios. Therefore is predation of elk calves is likely additive and causing suppressed recruitment rates in the elk population on

the VCNP. However, it is highly recommend a population estimate of the large predators prior to any large predator management action to ensure populations of large predators are not reduced to a level from which they cannot recover.

For the third part of this study the overall objective was to incorporate data that was available into the population simulation program POP-II, to model current population trends based the current data and then run simulated population trends based on possible management decisions. Data that was used included: summer survey data which used distance sampling to estimate population size and herd ratios; fall harvest numbers for adult male and adult female elk; and estimated summer survival rates of elk calves born on the VCNP. Models were developed based on current preseason mortality of neonatal elk with a reduction in harvest of adult males and females by 10%, both separately and collectively. Current harvest numbers were maintained while preseason mortality of neonates was reduced by 25% and 50%. Comparisons of the model output were then made for both the reduction of preseason mortality along with a reduction in harvests. Models showed that decreasing preseason mortality while maintaining current harvest rates would either stabilize or begin a positive increase in the population trend. The models also showed that making a 10% sex-specific (males only or females only) harvest reduction while maintaining current preseason mortality would maintain the current population trend. Making a 10% harvest reduction of either sexes or both sexes along with a reduction in preseason mortality should lead to positive population trends.

The work done for this study could be used as a possible guide to make adaptive management decisions in regards to the population trend of the elk herd in the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

GREATER GILA HERD

Tatman, Nicole & Ballard, Warren & Liley, Stewart & Gipson, Philip & Breck, Stewart & Cain III, James & Oakleaf, John & Bergman, David & Pitman, James. (2012). Elk calf mortality patterns in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area: New Mexico.

ABSTRACT: This year (2011) was the first of a 3-year study investigating elk calf survival and mortality patterns in the Gila National Forest of western New Mexico. Crews captured 37 elk calves from May 22 through June 19, 2011. Calves were captured by hand and equipped with an ear tag transmitter. As of November 2011 we observed 28 mortalities; 12 were attributed to black bear predation, 7 were coyote mortalities, 3 were mountain lion kills, 3 were killed by unknown predators, and 3 were unknown mortalities. When applicable, field necropsies were performed to search for subcutaneous hemorrhaging. Bite and scratch marks, along with tracks, scat and other site evidence were used to identify the predator species responsible. We monitored for the presence of Mexican wolves at mortality locations to help determine if wolf predation may have occurred. No radio-collared wolves were found in the immediate vicinity of any predated calf when we had the ability to scan for packs. However, diversionary feeding of one wolf pack was used during 2011 as a management action in response to an unrelated matter, and could have possibly impacted the fates of the 7 elk calves captured in this particular area. Future data collection will resume in May —August 2012 and 2013. We hope to identify causes and timing of mortalities of elk calves in the Gila National Forest that will assist wildlife biologists in making management decisions to best benefit elk populations in the area in the area.

Pitman, James & Cain III, James & Liley, Stewart & Gould, William & Tatman, Nicole & Ballard, Warren. (2014). Post-Parturition Habitat Selection by Elk Calves and Adult Female Elk in New Mexico. The Journal of Wildlife Management. 78. 10.1002/jwmg.776.

ABSTRACT: Neonatal survival and juvenile recruitment are crucial to maintaining viable elk (Cervus elaphus) populations. Neonate survival is known to be influenced by many factors, including bed-site selection. Although neonates select the actual bed-site location, they must do so within the larger calf-rearing area selected by the mother. As calves age, habitat selection should change to meet the changing needs of the growing calf. Our main objectives were to characterize habitat selection at 2 spatial scales and in areas with different predator assemblages in New Mexico. We evaluated bed-site selection by calves and calf-rearing area selection by adult females. We captured 108 elk calves by hand and fitted them with ear tag transmitters in two areas in New Mexico: the Valle Vidal and Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. In both study areas, we found that concealing cover structure and distance to that cover influenced bed-site selection of young calves (i.e., <2 weeks of age). Older calves (i.e., 3–10 weeks of age) still selected areas in relation to distance to cover, but also preferred areas with higher visibility. At the larger spatial scale of calf-rearing habitat selection by the adult female, concealing cover (e.g., rocks, shrubs, and logs) and other variables important to the hiding calves were still in the most supported models, but selection was also influenced by forage availability and indices of forage quality. Studies that seek to obtain insight into microhabitat selection of ungulate neonates should consider selection by the neonate and selection by the adult female, changes in selection as neonates age, and potential selection differences in areas of differing predation risk. By considering these influences together and at multiple scales, studies can achieve a broader understanding of neonatal ungulate habitat requirements. Published 2014. This article is a U.S. Government work and is in the public domain in the USA.

Pitman, James W. (2013) Microhabitat selection and mortality site characteristics of elk (Cervus canadensis) calves and adult elk calf-rearing habitat selection in areas of differing predation influences in New Mexico. M.S. Thesis, New Mexico State University, Las Cruses New Mexico, USA.

ABSTRACT: Elk (Cervus canadensis) in New Mexico have been free from wolf predation since extirpation of the Mexican grey wolf (Canis lupus baileyi) by the mid to late 1900s. The Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan was initiated with the goal of reestablishing these wolf populations. The initial recovery area, the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area, was designated in New Mexico and Arizona, with reintroductions beginning in 1998. However, the impacts of wolf reintroduction, along with existing predator impacts, on neonate survival and recruitment have not been assessed. The main purposes of this study are to characterize microhabitats selected for calf bedding sites and at cause-specific mortality sites, and determine if these characteristics are related to survival. Objectives were met by tracking tagged calves to bed site locations as well as at random sites and mortality sites. It was found that hiding cover structures and distance to cover were important in site selection of calves less than two weeks of age. Calves older than two weeks still selected areas in relation to cover but also preferred areas with higher visibility. When expanded to the larger spatial scale of calf-rearing habitat selection by the adult, selection was also influenced by forage availability. Surviving and non-surviving calves selected similar habitat variables as did calves in high and low wolf use areas. It was also found that decreasing visibility at the level of the standing adult increased the probability of mortality sites. I recommend that habitat improvement projects, such as burning and thinning, be implemented in only portions of the management area. This could help ensure management practices do not remove all areas of greater hiding cover needed by elk calves

early in life. However, burning or thinning in portions of the management area will open up forest stands and increase visibility that will benefit calves during the late summer. Knowledge of these relationships and implementation of management recommendations may help maintain optimal calf rearing habitat, reduce depredation impacts, and support sustainable populations in these areas.

Farley, Zachary J. (2022). Influences of Mexican gray wolves on elk behavior in relation to maternal constraints, multitasking, and predation risk. M.S. Thesis, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, USA.

ABSTRACT: The non-consumptive effects of predation can reduce prey fitness by reducing foraging time, increasing stress levels, and shifting habitat use to lower quality habitat resulting in reduced birth rates and decrease neonate survival. However, prey have the ability to increase their vigilance to avoid predation and decrease the non-consumptive effects of predation via behavioral changes, such as spatiotemporal avoidance of predators and multitasking. This study aims to quantify the effects of the Mexican gray wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) reintroduction to Arizona and New Mexico on elk (*Cervus canadensis*) behavior. We conducted behavioral observations on elk herds and adult females, with and without calves, across energetically and biologically important periods. We developed multiple spatiotemporal predation risk indices using a combination of GPS locations of collared Mexican wolves, elk killed by Mexican wolves, and landscape covariates. Using generalized linear mixed models implemented in a Bayesian framework, I compared *a priori* models, to determine the best predictors of multitasking and elk behavior at the individual and herd level. Predation risk from Mexican wolves was a top predictor in all datasets. Adult females showed strong increases in the probability of vigilance due to increasing predation risk whereas as herd behavior did not. At the individual and herd level, predation risk increased the probability of foraging and decreased resting. In a *post hoc* analysis, the effects of predation risk on the probabilities of foraging and resting differed across diurnal periods, at both scales, with an increased probability of foraging in relative high predation risk areas during a period of relative low wolf activity, midday. These results suggest elk are temporally avoiding the risk of predation by Mexican wolves by trading resting for foraging, a trade-off often not incorporated in behavioral studies. Increased estimated predation risk from Mexican wolves increased the probability of adult females multitasking suggesting that adult female elk may be offsetting reduced feeding time due to the non-consumptive effects of Mexican wolves. These results shed light on potentially important but often excluded behaviors and trade-offs elk may use to reduce the indirect effects of predation, contributes additional context to our understanding of predator-prey dynamics, and provides baseline data in an ecosystem exhibiting sustained population growth by a recolonizing predator.

Thompson, Cara J. (2022). Elk habitat selection in response to predation risk from Mexican gray wolves. M.S. Thesis, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, USA.

ABSTRACT: Predation is a primary limiting factor for prey and in addition to direct impacts (killing of prey), it establishes risk, which indirectly influences prey behavior and ecology. I evaluated the influence of Mexican gray wolves (*Canis lupus baileyi*) on habitat selection and spatio-temporal predator avoidance strategies of elk (*Cervus canadensis*). We fit 866 adult female elk with GPS collars across areas of varying wolf densities within the Mexican wolf experimental population area (MWEPA) of eastern Arizona and western New Mexico. Using step-selection functions I examined relative intensity of elk use in relation to landscape attributes, predator/prey diel activity, and multiple measures of risk, including predicted wolf presence—a function of wolf habitat selection, utilization distributions, and pack size—as well as openness, and predicted risky

places, modeled from attributes of locations where wolves killed elk. Wolf activity varied across seasons and exhibited higher activity midday and at night in fall and monsoon seasons than anticipated. Analyses revealed the effects of risk and wolf activity on elk habitat selection were variable, but across all seasons, relative use by elk was best explained by incorporating an interaction between diel period and predicted risky places. Elk utilized risky places at less risky times, particularly in times of nutritional deficit (April-Sept.) and in higher wolf presence. Additionally, elk exhibited a functional response indicating use of risky places varies relative to the level of exposure to Mexican wolf presence. These behaviors support evidence that in ecosystems where predators and prey are highly mobile and largely overlap in space, temporally responding to predictable and relatively static environmental characteristics which influence encounter and kill rates may better balance energetic trade-offs than spatially avoiding predator presence. Female elk also appear to be more willing to take chances and make trade-offs during the seasons they can best increase net fitness, suggesting both reactive and proactive approaches are utilized to mitigate risk.

Martinez, Samuel I. M. (2024). Kill rates and prey consumption of Mexican gray wolves (Canis lupus baileyi) and cougars (Puma concolor) in the southwest. M.S. Thesis, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, USA.

ABSTRACT: Large carnivores are considered to be a critical component for healthy functioning ecosystems, but their effects can be difficult to accurately quantify due to funding limitations, logistical constraints, and the cryptic behavior of large carnivores. Nearly 25 years since the reintroduction of Mexican gray wolves (*Canis lupus baileyi*) into the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (MWEPA) within Arizona and New Mexico, there remains a lack of data to characterize predation patterns and to assess their influence on prey species and established sympatric cougars (*Puma concolor*). I continuously monitored and investigated GPS clusters formed by Mexican wolves and cougars in overlapping ranges across the MWEPA to estimate seasonal kill and scavenging rates and diet composition for wolf packs and individual cougars. I estimated kill and scavenging rates using a year-round three season approach to characterize shifts in behaviors during hunting season for Mexican wolves, while I utilized the traditional two season approach for cougars. Kill rates of Mexican wolves (1.76 kills/week) and cougars (1.13 kills/week) peaked during summer months, coinciding with the ungulate neonate birth pulse. Wolves shifted predation behavior during the fall hunting season (0.93 kills/week) beginning in September, the period when active elk hunting begins throughout the MWEPA. Biomass acquired by Mexican wolves remained relatively constant during summer (48.25 kg/week/wolf) and winter (47.71 kg/week/wolf) seasons despite shifts in numerical kill rates, although kill rates decreased considerably during the hunting season (24.19 kg/week/wolf when diets were subsidized through scavenging opportunities. Pack sizes of Mexican wolves had varying influence on the relationship between ungulate kill rates, scavenging rates and sex and age specific kill rates prey. Kill rates increased during summer and winter with increasing pack sizes, while scavenging rates indicated a non-significant negative relationship. Scavenging rates of wolves decreased with increasing pack size. Elk (*Cervus canadensis*) made up the largest proportions of prey species killed overall for both Mexican wolves (84%) and cougars (80.7%). Additionally young of the year (YOY) elk calves were the most frequent unique prey item, making up 40.3% of Mexican wolf and 59.7% of cougar kills overall. Unlike cougars, Mexican wolves utilized highly abundant scavenging opportunities remaining after hunter harvest of elk, leading to a reduction in kill rate and a subsequent increase in scavenging rates. Diet overlap between wolves and cougars was high during the summer (PC = 0.88), when both species were predominantly preying on YOY, though we saw divergence in overlap during hunting season (PC = 0.54), when Mexican wolf scavenging

increased. Predictive modeling of wolves and cougar kills yielded mixed results, as wolf behavior can be unpredictable when attempting to characterize large family units based on the movement of a single individual. While our cougar models were highly accurate overall, modeling for wolves produced unreliable predictions in kill site identification. To accurately research wolf behavior in the future, field site investigations will continue to be required. Our findings in the field suggest that abundant anthropogenic scavenging opportunities subsidize wolf diets seasonally, reducing kill rates and increasing time between kills. These findings highlight the need for adjustments in sampling designs for future research of gray wolves to capture shifts in behaviors that influence their ecology at a population scale. As wolves continue to expand throughout North America and interactions between cougars and wolves become increasingly common, its critical to understand how not only apex predator reintroductions affect prey, but also sympatric carnivores.

James W. Pitman, James W. Cain III, William R. Gould, Nicole M. Tatman, and Stewart G. Liley "DIURNAL HABITAT SELECTION AND SURVIVAL OF ELK NEONATES," *The Southwestern Naturalist* 67(3), 205-215, (7 March 2024). https://doi.org/10.1894/0038-4909-67.3.205

ABSTRACT: Natural selection should favor development of behaviors that increase survival, including juvenile survival. Habitat characteristics (e.g., hiding cover, forage quality and availability), maternal habitat selection, and microhabitat selection by the calf may influence elk (*Cervus canadensis*) calf survival and recruitment. We assessed diurnal microhabitat selection of bed sites by elk calves and calf-rearing areas selected by adult females to determine if these characteristics were associated with calf survival. We radio-tagged 33 elk calves in west-central New Mexico in 2011 and 55 calves in north-central New Mexico in 2012. We tracked calves daily to locate calf bedding sites and collected data on selected physical features and vegetation characteristics at used and paired random sites. The paired differences in these characteristics were then associated with calf fate. At the calf selection scale, for every 1-m difference in the distance to nearest concealment cover, the odds that a site was from a surviving calf increased by 7.8%. Habitat selection by adult females also was associated with calf survival. The odds of a bed site being from a surviving calf increased by 1.9% for every 1% difference in percentage of grass cover. High levels of concealment cover at the bed site were related to calf survival status. When we expanded selection to the adult level, females with surviving calves selected areas with higher grass cover, suggesting adult selection for higher forage availability while still providing high concealment cover for the calf.

GMU 20:

DeVore, Ryan & Butler, Matthew & Wallace, Mark & Liley, Stewart & Mertz, Ashley & Sesnie, Steven & Gipson, Philip. (2016). Elk resource selection patterns in a semiarid riparian corridor. The Journal of Wildlife Management. 80. n/a-n/a. 10.1002/jwmg.1040.

ABSTRACT: Elk (Cervus elaphus) have depredated corn at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (BDANWR), New Mexico, USA, which has interfered with the refuge's ability to provide supplemental nutrition to overwintering sandhill cranes (Grus canadensis) and other waterbirds. To identify management options for minimizing cropland depredation, we examined elk resource selection patterns using negative binomial generalized linear mixed models. We used 8,244 global positioning system (GPS) locations collected from 9 adult female elk to model fine-scale resource use (sampling units were 100 × 100-m cells; n = 3,646) and corn field use (sampling units were corn fields; n = 18) by a resident herd along the Rio Grande River in central New Mexico, USA.

The fine-scale model suggested that elk use in cropland areas increased when alfalfa and corn were present and elk use was greatest 0.14 km from uncultivated areas. Elk use in uncultivated areas increased as canopy cover increased. Elk use exhibited a quadratic relationship with hiding cover, which varied with distance to cropland. We validated the fine-scale model with an independent sample of radio-marked adult female elk (n = 12; 1,106 locations). The fine-scale model was successful in predicting elk use; 84.1% (SE = 1.1) of radio-marked elk locations fell within high or medium-high use cells. Corn field use models indicated that elk use increased as the proportion of the corn field perimeter adjacent to alfalfa increased. Elk use of corn fields declined as distance to uncultivated areas and the proportion of other corn fields at the same growth stage increased. Probability of elk use peaked when corn reached heights of 1.4 m to 1.7 m and use varied with distance to uncultivated areas. Corn fields at these heights were in the late vegetative or tassel-milk growth stage, which are the stages at which damage to corn plants is most detrimental to yield. The average distance each elk moved per day during the corn growing season was 5,013 m (SD = 957) and varied among individuals (3,251–6,317 m). This is relatively large in relation to the size of the managed floodplain at BDANWR. Our results, couched in elk daily movements, can help direct crop management, vegetation manipulation, and timing of hazing efforts aimed at reducing elk use of crops. © 2016 The Authors. Journal of Wildlife Management Published by Wiley Periodicals, Inc. on behalf of The Wildlife Society.

DeVore, Ryan & Butler, Matthew & Wallace, Mark & Liley, Stewart. (2018). Population Dynamics Model to Inform Harvest Management of a Small Elk Herd in Central New Mexico. Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management. 9. 10.3996/012018-JFWM-008.

ABSTRACT: Crop depredation by wildlife is a frequent concern for natural resource managers and mitigation of this issue is often an important task for wildlife agencies. Elk Cervus elaphus and other ungulate species have depredated corn Zea mays at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, New Mexico, USA, interfering with the ability of the Refuge to provide sufficient supplemental nutrition to overwintering sandhill cranes Antigone canadensis and geese (Anatidae). We estimated annual adult survival and calf recruitment rates of elk from 2011 to 2013 at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Natural adult survival (excludes human-related mortalities) was high (mean ¼ 98.3%; 95% CI ¼ 95.0–100.0%). Calf recruitment was lower than in some populations, and ranged from 13.0 to 36.7 calves: 100 cows at time of recruitment (March and April) with a mean of 21.9 (SD ¼12.9). Using this information, we constructed a harvest management model to determine annual harvest quotas required to stabilize the growth of the elk herd on the Refuge. The female segment of the herd is growing at an annual rate of 9.0% (95% CI ¼ 1.1–24.1%). To stabilize the growth rate of the female elk population, 8.0% (95% CI ¼ 1.1–19.4%) of the cows would need to be harvested annually. We estimated an adult elk abundance of 40.0 (SE ¼ 4.57; 95% CI ¼ 33.8–52.6) in 2012 and 61.1 (SE ¼ 7.21; 95% CI ¼ 49.9–78.8) in 2013. Our harvest management model provides Refuge staff, who ultimately intend to improve corn yield, with valuable information needed to stabilize the elk herd. Further, our approach outlines a simple, easily implemented modeling technique that can be used for the management of other ungulate herds.

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Pitman, James & Cain III, James & Liley, Stewart & Gould, William & Tatman, Nicole & Ballard, Warren. (2014). Post-Parturition Habitat Selection by Elk Calves and Adult Female Elk in New Mexico. The Journal of Wildlife Management. 78. 10.1002/jwmg.776.

ABSTRACT: Neonatal survival and juvenile recruitment are crucial to maintaining viable elk (Cervus elaphus) populations. Neonate survival is known to be influenced by many factors, including bed-site selection. Although neonates select the actual bed-site location, they must do so within the larger calf-rearing area selected by the mother. As calves age, habitat selection should change to meet the changing needs of the growing calf. Our main objectives were to characterize habitat selection at 2 spatial scales and in areas with different predator assemblages in New Mexico. We evaluated bed-site selection by calves and calf-rearing area selection by adult females. We captured 108 elk calves by hand and fitted them with ear tag transmitters in two areas in New Mexico: the Valle Vidal and Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. In both study areas, we found that concealing cover structure and distance to that cover influenced bed-site selection of young calves (i.e., <2 weeks of age). Older calves (i.e., 3–10 weeks of age) still selected areas in relation to distance to cover, but also preferred areas with higher visibility. At the larger spatial scale of calf-rearing habitat selection by the adult female, concealing cover (e.g., rocks, shrubs, and logs) and other variables important to the hiding calves were still in the most supported models, but selection was also influenced by forage availability and indices of forage quality. Studies that seek to obtain insight into microhabitat selection of ungulate neonates should consider selection by the neonate and selection by the adult female, changes in selection as neonates age, and potential selection differences in areas of differing predation risk. By considering these influences together and at multiple scales, studies can achieve a broader understanding of neonatal ungulate habitat requirements. Published 2014. This article is a U.S. Government work and is in the public domain in the USA.

Tatman, Nicole. (2016). Predator-prey relationships between rocky mountain elk and black bears in northern New Mexico.

We conducted a 4-year study (2009–2012) evaluating the role of predation and nutrition in limiting the productivity of an elk (Cervus elaphus) population in northern New Mexico. In the years leading up to the initiation of the study, we observed low (<25:100) calf:cow ratios, suggesting calf recruitment was lower than desired. We sought to identify the reason for low recruitment by assessing the role of predation and nutrition in the population. We captured and fixed ear-tag radio transmitters to 245 elk calves (126M, 119F) to determine cause specific mortality. We quantified summer calf survival using Program MARK and annual survival using Cox Proportional Hazards models. During the second half of our study, we implemented spring black bear (Ursus americanus) harvest that included supplemental take by New Mexico Department of Game and Fish personnel and evaluated the response in calf survival. Across all years of our study we quantified how risk of mortality varied for juvenile elk both spatially and temporally by comparing the landscape surrounding black bear and mountain lion predation sites to sites where elk calves were captured. Simultaneously, we captured 9 black bears in 2011 and 2012 and equipped them with Global Positioning System (GPS) collars to quantify patterns of landscape use. Global positioning collars deployed on black bears obtained multiple locations per day and we evaluated bear habitat use in relation to presence of elk calves on the landscape. We also assessed the nutritional condition of adult female elk by quantifying herd-wide percent ingesta-free body fat (IFBF) and pregnancy rates. To achieve this, sport hunters harvested adult female elk from autumn through winter 2009–2012. We estimated autumn ingesta-free body fat (IFBF) using the Kistner subset score when possible (n = 1,130) or the kidney fat mass method (n = 284) when the Kistner score was not possible. We developed a set of models to explain IFBF of females through autumn and winter.The primary cause of death for calves across all years was black bear predation (57 of 140 non-anthropogenic mortalities). Predation was the primary cause of death for juveniles during their first 3 weeks of life, resulting in 84 of 92 non-anthropogenic mortalities. During this time,

black bears were the primary predator (n = 49), but coyotes (Canis latrans, n = 26) and mountain lions (Puma concolor, n = 4) were also predators. Black bear and mountain lion predation sites had higher percent canopy cover (64%, 95% CI=0.531–0.741) than capture sites (19%, 95% CI=0.152–0.220). For every 1% increase in canopy cover, a site was approximately 2 times more likely to be a black bear or mountain lion predation site than a capture site. We suspect that increased predation pressure in the forest edge environment likely influenced selective pressure on maternal elk to choose more open habitats postpartum because they were less risky for juvenile elk early in life. Annual calf survival was greater when spring black bear harvest was moderate to heavy (0.44–0.47) compared to low (0.33–0.35). For every additional bear harvested in spring, radio-tagged elk calves were 2.6% more likely to survive the summer. Though black bear predation is typically considered an additive form of mortality, when we only considered Ursid predation patterns we observed this predation on calves to be dependent on the size of the calf (P = 0.0403, P = 0.00251). This size-dependent predation suggests that ursid predation on elk calves may not have been entirely additive during our study. Black bears fixed with GPS-collars used a variety of vegetation types, demonstrating the generalist nature of black bears in New Mexico. Despite having a small sample size of GPS-collared bears during the calving season (n = 4), we found that black bears tended to have smaller home ranges that overlapped the calving area to a greater extent during the calving season compared to other seasons. This suggests that it is possible that black bears are keying in on elk calves during the calving period.Adult female elk were harvested by sport hunters from October through March 2009– 2012 (n = 1,808). Across years and age classes 82% (SE = 1%) of females were pregnant. Pregnancy rate was greatest for prime aged (2–14 years) females (88%, SE = 1%) and lower for young (<2 years, 11%, SE = 4%) and senescent (>14 years, 47%, SE = 5%) females ($\chi 2$ = 267.3, P < 0.001). Our herd-wide estimate of autumn IFBF was 11.41% (SE = 0.19) but varied by age class, pregnancy status, and lactation status. Prime-aged females that were pregnant had greater autumn IFBF (12.51%, SE = 0.51%) than females that were not pregnant (9.95%, SE = 0.21; F1,725 = 88.09; P < 0.001). Ingesta-free body fat decreased as winter progressed (F1,1408 = 58.37; P<0.001), with body fat being an average of 1.29% lower during winter than autumn, but this also depended upon age class and lactation status. We found that IFBF was best explained by a model incorporating both environmental (winter severity and harvest unit) and biological (pregnancy status, lactation status, herd-wide calf survival, and age) covariates. The range of variables deemed significant underscores the importance of considering multiple factors that may influence a large herbivore population and IFBF of adult females in particular. Simple models (those with a single predictor variable) performed worse than models that were more complex, suggesting that IFBF is influenced by a combination of environmental and biological factors.Low calf recruitment despite adequate condition and nutrition of adult females in the study area suggested that substantial black bear predation was limiting population productivity. Despite observing black bear predation that may have been partially compensatory, when spring bear harvest was heavy calves were 1.5 (95% CI = 0.97–2.32) times more likely to die compared to when black bears were heavily harvested (P = 0.068). Results from our study suggest that productivity could be increased by implementing a spring black bear harvest strategy, targeting hunting or removal efforts near calving areas. However, we were unable to sustain higher spring black bear harvest with hunter effort alone. We recommend that a combination of analysis of IFBF on hunter harvested adult female elk and an assessment of cause-specific neonatal survival can be used to assess the limiting nature of predation and nutrition in many settings.

Tatman, Nicole M., Stewart G. Liley, James W. Cain III, and James Pitman. (2018) Effects of calf predation and nutrition on elk vital rates. The Journal of Wildlife Management, Vol 82, Issue 7, pg 1417-1428.

ABSTRACT: Demographic data indicated a population of elk (*Cervus canadensis*) in northern New Mexico had reduced juvenile recruitment, resulting in a concern over quality hunting opportunities. Following several years of low calf:female ratios of <25:100, we conducted a 4-year study from 2009–2012 to identify reasons for poor recruitment and evaluated the role of predation and nutrition in limiting productivity. We captured and fixed ear-tag radio transmitters to 245 elk calves (126 males, 119 females) to determine cause-specific mortality and estimate calf survival. During the second half of our study, we implemented a new spring black bear (*Ursus americanus*) season resulting in higher spring black bear harvest and evaluated response in calf survival. We also quantified herd-wide nutritional condition and productivity. We estimated percent ingesta-free body fat (IFBF) and pregnancy rates by sampling 1,808 hunter-harvested female elk from autumn through winter. The primary cause of summer mortality for calves across all years was black bear predation. Estimates for annual calf survival were greater when spring black bear harvest was moderate to high (0.44–0.47) compared to periods with lower bear harvest (0.33–0.35). For every additional bear harvested in spring, radio-tagged elk calves were 2.4% more likely to survive the summer. Across years and age classes 82 ± 1% (SE) of females were pregnant. Pregnancy rate was greatest for prime-aged (2–14 yr) females (88 ± 1%). Our herd-wide estimate of IFBF for prime-aged adult female elk was 11.9 ± 0.19% but varied by pregnancy and lactation status. Our results that black bear predation was the primary cause of summer calf mortality and that adult females were in adequate nutritional condition suggested that black bear predation was limiting population productivity. Additionally, calf survival was higher in drought years, the same years when targeted spring black bear harvest was implemented. Our results demonstrated that productivity could be increased by implementing a spring black bear harvest strategy targeted around calving areas and could be applied in other areas experiencing low elk calf survival.

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I would like to know what changes you're planning on making with elk please

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To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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I am writing in regards to the elk change. As a guide and resident avid hunter. I would hope to see the board make a change to unit wide landowner tags. Alot of landowners abuse this system with absolutely no penalty even after contacting game and fish. Alot of these landowners dont even have a elk problem on thier property and sell thier tags to the highest bidder. I can guarantee if you made all elk tags ranch only you would have a bunch of landowners backout of the program. If a landowner really does have a problem they should call game and fish and it should be the departments job to contact a hunter who was succesfull in the draw to help the landowner with thier problem like how depridation hunts are ran. Since the dept has gone with the unit wide tags I have seen a tremendous drop in elk population. On top of a major human population problem in unit wide areas which isnt fair to resident hunters who have waited years to draw these hunts. The state issues 72% of the regions transferable elk permits to landowners, which is more than the 7 intermountain west states combined. I ask that you make a consideration in making a change to this program.

Thank you,
Josh Chavez

From: Roy Cunnyngham
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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There are not enough handicap elk hunts!My wife and I are both handicap and can not draw a handicap permit as there's only 25 permits given out!It's discouraging as our chances are so low!

From: david f panetti
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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I have not drawn a tag in over 10 years!!!

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Portable blinds that are used should be removed at the end of a hunting day or they are considered abandoned. Have had run ins where you have arrived in a area to hunt and because another hunter has set a blind they believe it's their area to hunt.

From: Brian Stanbrough
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
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I would love to see you guys reduce the number of tags in GMU 34 and GMU 36. I hunt or guide both of these units every year and no doubt there are still a lot of elk but we have no age class left. These used to both be prime units but due to over hunting and drought the number of quality bulls are diminishing rapidly. If NMDGF keeps this up with elk and deer in these units we're not going to have anything worth hunting in 10 years.

From: Craig Stabler
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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I am an applicant/hunter in New Mexico.

I DO NOT support changing the current SMZ (Special Management Zone) regulations in order to change date and weapon choices for the private lands that support our wildlife.

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From: JOEY ARAKAS
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
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darlene@huntuso.com 10:56 AM
To: Joseph Arakas >

Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov

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From: ARMOND SCHWARTZ
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
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I am an applicant/Hunter in New Mexico. Thank you, Armond Schwartz.
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From: Zach Bollinger
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc: Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
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Zach Bollinger
President
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From: Mitch Swisher
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc: Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
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From: Jeremy Ivie
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 11:19:31 AM

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To Whom it may concern

As a non-resident hunter in New Mexico, I oppose the proposed changes to hunting seasons in the secondary management areas. These changes are not based on biological data or wildlife management needs and therefore should not be implemented.

Landowners outside the primary management zone should retain the ability to manage and govern hunting activities on their own properties. The current approach respects private property rights while allowing for localized management decisions, and it should remain in place.

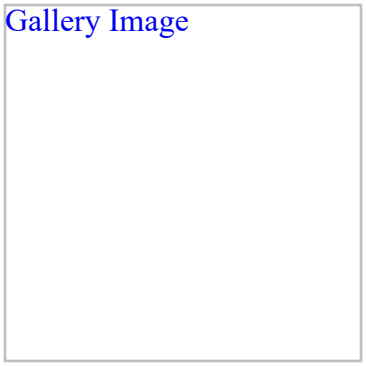
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From: Tracy Rushing
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; richard.stump@dgf.nm; fernando.clemente@nm.gov; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; christopher.witt@dgf.nm; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
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New Mexico Game Commissioner,

I have been hunting in New Mexico for over 20 years.

I oppose all the proposed Elk hunting rule changes.

Proposal #1 would reduce rifle hunting opportunities in several areas.

Proposal #2 would reduce private land hunts in Secondary Management Zones by having them follow the same dates and weapon restrictions as public draw hunts. This would eliminate many October 1 rifle hunting opportunities and reduce flexibility for landowners and outfitters.

Proposal #3 proposed changes would reduce overlap between weapon types, potentially changing hunt dates and weapon choices while limiting flexibility for hunters, landowners, and outfitters.

In general, If these proposals pass, it will reduce hunting opportunities in New Mexico.

Respectfully,
Tracy H Rushing

From: Josh Chavez
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:45:24 AM

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I think the rule change you need to make for elk is get rid of unit wide land owner tags. I have guided and hunted every unit in the state and this is by far the biggest problem. Alot of these landowners dont even have a problem with elk but are still making a fortune off these tags and creating crowding in the wilderness areas which make it harder for the people who were successful in the draw. Alot of times they keep thier gates locked and have even became confrontational about being on thier land regardless of them having a unit wide tag. If a landowner truly has a problem with elk on thier property then it should be the landowners responsibility to call game and fish and see if game and fish can contact a successful hunter who drew that unit to hunt thier place and help them with thier elk problem. I have seen a dramatic decline in our elk population and something needs to be done. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Josh Chavez

From: Leia Barnett
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 5 Year Rule Making Comment
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To whom it may concern,

As a lifelong resident of New Mexico and relatively new hunter, I am writing to ask the New Mexico Department of Wildlife to reform EPlus and stop giving away 13,000+ (about 30%) of our elk tags to private landowners. In 2022-23, only 65% of elk licenses went to residents despite the Department stating that in fact 84% should. Most states give 90% to residents. As a woman and a step-mother, I am interested in getting more women and youth interested in hunting, but the low draw odds make introducing new demographics difficult and the whole process demoralizing, adding to the attrition of New Mexican hunters. Eliminating unit-wide eplus tags is the logical first step in instituting the necessary reform to make the draw system serve all New Mexicans, not just private landowners and outfitters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leia Barnett

From: Jason Franken
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Against changing current SMZ (Special Management Zone) regulations
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 7:22:38 PM

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I am an applicant/hunter in New Mexico.

I DO NOT support changing the current SMZ (Special Management Zone) regulations in order to change date and weapon choices for the private lands that support our wildlife.

Jason Franken

From: WADE KEISLER
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc: Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; tirzio.lopez@dgfnm.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Change of elk hunting regulations
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026 1:30:33 AM

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Please do not make changes to the elk hunting regulations that will limit our ability to hunt with rifles in the early season. Many of us do not use muzzleloader or other hunting methods. Sincerely. Wade P. Keisler
Sent from my iPhone

From: Stacy Hendricks
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Change of private land permit hunting dates
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:34:59 PM

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Sent from my iPhone I’m a land owner and I oppose the change of hunting dates

From: aedrane@aol.com
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Harwood, Kyle, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Stump, Richard, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Changes to a secondary management area hunts
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 10:43:23 AM

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I oppose changes to seasons in the secondary management area. Allow me to share my perspective as a New Mexico long time land/Ranch" owner. The main incentive for me to make capital improvements to my Ranch regarding improved habitat for big game is the revenue derived from big game Hunts. The habitat improvements I spend money on increase the quantity of big game on my Ranch. This intern increases the number of big game on neighboring blm and state land. A positive impact for all hunters in the state.
Changes in the state, seasonal length (number of days) or restrictions affecting hunters, directly impacts our revenue, which intern decreases or in some cases can severely restrict us ranch owners ability to make these improvements to the habitat.

I am located in unit 36. We have 8200 deed acres and an equal amount of state and blm acreage. I appreciate the opportunity to provide an opinion.

Regards,
Alan Drane
281-387-8924

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From: Marshall Fisher
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Changes to Secondary Management Areas
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:56:38 PM

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To whom it may concern.
As a non resident hunter who spends thousands of dollars regularly in the state of New Mexico I opposed to changes in the secondary management areas. Thank you for your attention to this matter

From: TOM KAUZA
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Changes to the SMZ
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 4:02:34 PM

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Dear Sir:

I am an applicant/hunter in New Mexico.

I DO NOT support changing the current SMZ (Special Management Zone) regulations in order to change date and weapon choices for the private lands that support our wildlife.

I am from Michigan and treasure the NM hunts that I have participated in and the NM people that I have met.

Tom Kauza

From: tanner tuggle
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Elk Regs 2026
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:14:29 AM

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I think it would be beneficial for like a 2-3 year wait period for nonresidents if you draw an elk tag. With the increasing demands for tags, this would at least increase the odds slightly and give different individuals the chance to hunt New Mexico.

Thanks,
Tanner

From: Bill Stanley
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on proposed Elk rule changes
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 2:30:32 PM

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Your proposals for changes sound reasonable. What I don't hear you addressing is the imbalance between resident and non-resident opportunities. I have gone five years without drawing, and I don't have many years of hunting left. It's very frustrating, and I know many other New Mexican hunters who have had the same experience the past several years. I'm not greedy, I'm not looking for a trophy, I just want to hunt in some place where there isn't a ridiculous number of Texans buzzing around on ATVs, and mostly I want the opportunity to hunt.

I suggest that you do more to close roads before and during seasons, so that people get out and walk and don't drive the game into impossible to reach corners. I suggest you rebalance allocation of tags so that NM residents have a chance to hunt. I know this has revenue implications, but I'm already paying a lot of tax to the state.

Bill Stanley

From: Wild Trout
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment
Date: Monday, March 23, 2026 8:38:24 AM

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1. Definitely support adding unit 32 to the mix. Have seen elk in that unit
2. Increase tags in unit 38. There is a good population in that unit. Increase archery tags and rifle cow in that unit.
3. Make all private land cow hunts part of public draw. Then use access money to compensate landowners along with the ability for public draw applicants to negotiate trespass fee. Make them available to NM residents only. The big money for the landowners comes from bull tags. This would open up significant opportunities for NM residents to put meat in the freezer. AND also likely generate more money for the landowners. Assuming many of those tags go unused due to low demand

Jeff Young
Sandia Park

From: Jose Trujillo
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on elk rule change
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I think there should be alternating units that are not hunted in an annual cycle, then only hunted primitive weapon only. For example one unit in the north central region of units(4, 5b, 51, 52, 50) will not be hunted to begin the cycle . Then the following year that unit will only be allowable to hunt primitive weapon only. Then the following year return to its current state of hunts. This rotation will occur on each of these units and cycle through all units within the region annually. This cycle could occur in every elk region-northeast, northwest, Jemez. Etc. I believe this would increase hunt quality and productivity for the unit and the region it so associated with.

I believe there are currently to many tags available in the some units. This numbers should decrease. Unit 51 and 52 have too many tags and has decreased the quality of the hunt over the years.

The end of the bow hunt should extend an additional 2-4 days and push out the muzzleloader hunts another week later. It seems as if the peak of the rut is during the muzzleloader hunt. I believe some of this is due to climate change.

Reach out if you would like to discuss. Thank you.

From: ryan kuykendall
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Proposed Elk Hunting Rule Changes
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2026 8:54:30 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to provide comments regarding the proposed elk hunting rule changes.

First, I do not support Option 2 of the proposed changes. In my opinion, this option offers little biological benefit to the elk herds in the affected areas, and I believe the current structure is working well and should remain in place.

I am also concerned about the proposal that would result in four consecutive gun hunts in Unit 51. While I support the addition of an earlier muzzleloader hunt in this unit, I believe extending bull hunting pressure into November could negatively impact the long-term health and sustainability of elk herds in north-central New Mexico. Increased hunting pressure during this period may have unintended consequences for herd management and future bull quality.

As an alternative, I encourage the Commission to consider adopting a season structure similar to neighboring Unit 52, which I believe provides a more balanced approach to hunting opportunity and herd conservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. I appreciate the Commission's efforts to manage New Mexico's elk populations and provide quality hunting opportunities for future generations.

Respectfully,

Ryan Kuykendall

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Ryan Kuykendall
Owner
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From:	Ahlgrim, Brian J CIV USARMY ATEC (USA)
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Comments on Proposed Rule Changes for Elk - [UNCLASSIFIED]
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From:	Lance Bernal (Vermejo Park Ranch)
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Comments to the Elk Rule
Date:	Tuesday, June 23, 2026 4:42:52 PM

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Dear Department Personnel

Vermejo Park Ranch would like to provide comments to some of the proposed changes to the upcoming elk rule, in particular the alignment of the hunt dates and weapon types in GMUs that have both Primary and Secondary management zones. While this change does not pertain to Vermejo specifically, we feel that it could affect us and other private landowners/ private land managers in other parts of the state in the future.

Maintaining flexibility and working in collaboration with landowners helps the Wildlife Department manage the wildlife resources of this state. The flexibility that the Department of Wildlife gives landowners under the current system of allowing private land hunts to occur should be considered "win" for New Mexicans and wildlife. First, it helps distribute game across the landscape, from private land back on to public land prior to public hunting seasons, possibly giving public land hunters more opportunity. With that redistribution, landowners do not have to worry about that additional stress on their resources caused by elk herds and therefore may be more tolerant of elk herds on their property when they seek refuge from the public land pressure because they may have already conducted their hunts for the season. As a reminder, while seeking refuge from public pressure, elk herds use private land resources such as forage and water.

In conclusion, we would like you to consider removing the section of aligning hunt dates and weapon types from the current proposed Elk rule.

Sincerely,

Lance J Bernal

Natural Resources Manager/Wildlife Biologist

Vermejo Park Ranch

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From: Michelle Frost-Maynard
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc: Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments: New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association Comments on Proposed Four-Year Elk Rule Changes as of June 23, 2026
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 7:28:48 AM
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June 24, 2026

by email—DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov
New Mexico Wildlife Commission
c/o New Mexico Department of Wildlife

Re: New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association Comments on Proposed Four-Year Elk Rule Changes as of June 23, 2026

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

The New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association (NMCGA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Four-Year Elk Rule.

New Mexico's elk resource is one of the state's great wildlife success stories. That success depends not only upon sound wildlife management, but also upon the stewardship of private landowners, ranching families, public-land permittees, sportsmen, and the agencies responsible for managing New Mexico's lands and waters. As a result, elk management decisions affect both wildlife conservation and the working landscapes upon which elk populations depend.

NMCGA respectfully offers the following comments.

Proposed Changes to Hunt Start Dates
NMCGA is concerned that the proposed changes to elk hunt start dates may adversely affect ranching operations.

Many ranchers schedule essential fall livestock operations around hunting seasons on their private lands. Gathering cattle, shipping livestock, weaning calves, pregnancy testing, and other necessary management activities are often delayed until hunting activity has concluded in order to minimize conflicts among hunters, livestock, and ranch personnel.

Historically, many ranchers have preferred that hunts occur earlier in the fall because it allows hunting activity to conclude sooner and provides greater flexibility to complete livestock work before winter weather arrives. Shifting hunt dates later into the fall reduces that flexibility and may create unnecessary operational challenges for working ranches.

We respectfully request that the Commission carefully evaluate the impacts of proposed hunt date changes on ranching operations and retain hunt structures that provide landowners and ranchers adequate flexibility to conduct essential livestock management activities.

Late-Season Cow Hunts in Primitive Weapons Units
NMCGA also requests that the Commission consider authorizing the use of rifles during late-season cow elk hunts in primitive-weapons-only units.

These hunts are population-management hunts designed to help the Department achieve herd objectives while providing hunters an opportunity to harvest meat for their families. Because these hunts occur after the primary hunting seasons, allowing rifles would not diminish the primitive-weapons hunting experience available during the traditional fall hunting periods.

The use of rifles during these late-season hunts would likely increase hunter success, improve harvest efficiency, and assist the Department in achieving population objectives. It may also reduce the number of wounded and unrecovered animals. We have heard concerns from both landowners and hunters that limitations associated with primitive weapons, particularly following changes affecting muzzleloader optics, have reduced harvest effectiveness in some situations.

Allowing rifles for these late-season population-management hunts would provide the Department with an additional management tool while preserving the traditional primitive-weapons experience during regular hunting seasons.

Purpose Statement
Although not part of the proposed amendments, Cattle Growers once again encourages the Commission to review the purpose statement contained within the Four-Year Elk Rule.

The current purpose statement does not fully acknowledge that elk management occurs on lands managed for multiple uses, including livestock grazing, watershed protection, forestry, recreation, energy development, and wildlife conservation. Nor does it recognize the important role that private landowners and ranching families play in maintaining habitat, water developments, open space, and other resources that support elk populations throughout New Mexico.

We encourage the Commission to consider future revisions that recognize the multiple-use framework under which New Mexico's public lands are managed and the contributions of working landscapes to wildlife conservation. Such recognition would more accurately reflect the partnerships necessary to sustain healthy elk populations and healthy rural communities.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for your continued work on behalf of New Mexico's wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

Tracy Drummond
Wildlife Committee Chair
New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association

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To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Crossbows
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To Whom It May Concern,
For an individual who has a disability and unable to use conventional archery equipment. Approval to use a crossbow should be given before the draw. Currently you can not get approval until 30 days before your hunt if selected in the draw. This requires an individual to apply for archery hunts that he is not even sure he will be approved for. It also puts the individual at a disadvantage getting a guide.

Thanks for the consideration
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Wishing You Tight Lines, Drop Tines and Long Turkey Beards,

Bob Mansolino

From: Edwards, Travis
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Current Proposals (2027-2031)
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 4:43:55 PM

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Hello,
I have commented previously on the Elk proposals but see there is some updates as of 6/18 and wanted to comment further.

- I'm definitely pleased to see that all Youth Encouragement hunts in the Greater Gila units have been eliminated and that regular draw Antlerless tags have been reduced. Thank you for that! However, I think the department should go a step further and issue NO antlerless tags for this area. The herd is declining, wolf populations are growing. I feel that to be safe, no cows should be taken for the next 4 years. If after 4 years the herd is increasing, then we can start implementing cow tags. I feel that the department has a history of being a little slow to react to declining populations (Ibex) and I don't want that to happen with the Gila elk herd. Like I said, glad there is some significant reductions and appreciate that from the dept, but please just eliminate cow hunts completely. Chief Liley has said many times that Female hunts are only given to reduce a population or keep it stable. This herd is in decline and your data shows that, eliminate the cow tags. Just doesn't make sense to issue any for a declining herd.

- I'm also very pleased to see 2 public hunts have been added to unit 32. I have seen lots of Elk there the past few times out sheep hunting. One change I would like to see is for the 2nd hunt to be much later, like in December. The first hunt is fine on Oct 1 so it can correspond with the private hunt that starts, but would like to see the 2nd hunt pushed back when it's much cooler weather. This unit isn't like hunting Elk in the high timber, it's desert country with temperatures still being in the 80s or 90s in that unit through mid-October. Most Elk I've seen in this unit require some walking, it would be brutal packing out something with those temperatures.

- Since the department is going forward with private land caps for OTC deer and pronghorn, can we please add those in for the Secondary management zone Elk? I like the adjustments you are making to aligning start dates of hunts for units that have both primary and secondary zones, but I feel there should be a cap as well. Make it consistent with the other species.

- Lastly, I like the adjustment you are making with putting a muzzy hunt first in pretty much all units. Always was a little weird to me how some units have muzzy first and some don't. I like the consistency and it might make some units that were rifle only have a little better draw odds for that first muzzy hunt.

Thanks for taking my feedback! Appreciate all you do!

Travis Edwards

From: Thomas Austin
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Deer Elk Antelope Rule
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 11:09:18 AM

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I would like to see a cap on private land licenses based upon the biological benefit and carrying capacity the private land provides to the wildlife.

From: Glenn Sosebee
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do Not Change current SMZ regulations.
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:43:59 AM

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I am an applicant/hunter in New Mexico.

I DO NOT support changing the current SMZ (Special Management Zone) regulations in order to change date and weapon choices for the private lands that support our wildlife.

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Dr. Glenn Sosebee
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From: Augustus Guikema
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don"t change secondary management rules
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 5:42:46 PM

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Hello,

As a hunter in New Mexico who is a university student, I would like to not see a change in the secondary management dates. They allow us to hunt around school schedules when no other seasons are open.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Dave Mele
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Draw Hunts
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 11:43:45 AM

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Let's go to a point based system like most other states in the west. It works well in other states, other than those with special interests who does that hurt? It would give equal access to all for quality hunts.

From: Josh States
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Draw point system
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 3:34:13 PM

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I would like to see a draw-bonus point system enacted in New Mexico similar to the one in Arizona and other western states.
An applicant who failed to draw is awarded a single bonus point. The first round of the draw looks at applicants with multiple bonus points and awards tags to those applicants by lottery based on number of points held. Applicants may also accumulate bonus points over time ensuring a successful draw at a later date. Applicants may also choose to "buy a point" rather than enter the draw, thus stacking points while agreeing to not hunt that species this year.

Thank you,

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From: ryan wilson
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 1:53:20 PM

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In regards to the elk herd in the Sacramento Mountains, unit 34 was once an amazing unit full of elk and huge bulls. In the past 5 years of hunting and guiding I've noticed a rapid decline in sheer numbers and also in quality of bulls killed. The slaughter of cows is seriously affecting the herd quality and this must be stopped. 1,570 cow tags in the draw alone is absolutely unacceptable, and down right irresponsible wildlife management. This doesn't include either sex tags or private land tags. An additional 925 either sex tags means the potential to remove 2,495 cow elk from unit 34 alone. This amazing resource is being depleted, and at some point it will be too far depleted to rebound unless this issue is addressed before it's too late. New Mexico is known around the country for producing big bulls, and amazing elk hunting experiences, but if something isn't done to better manage this resource it will be lost.
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From: richard brookins
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 1:16:54 PM

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The elk tags seem to be fare but the outfitters think they own the forest over the years it seems game and fish officers look the other way when it comes to them. We need better enforcement and management.

From: Carl Hill
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk comment
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 2:07:45 PM

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Last year I came to archery hunt Elk from North Carolina. Great time but no success. I booked a gun hunt later that season and discovered that I am only allowed to hunt one time per year. I can understand one Elk per year, but only hunting once per year, seemed unreasonable. New Mexico could revenue more money if they allowed additional hunts to harvest one elk. Thanks for your consideration.
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From: Levi Northup
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk comment
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026 12:29:57 PM

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Hello, Concerning elk, no cow tags in the Gila would be a great way to combat wolf populations decimating the elk in and around the Gila region. In 16B last year I saw roughly 4 bulls for every cow……not good!

Thank you,
Levi
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From: Michael Martinez
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk comment
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Hello,

I really think as a hunter and guide of GMU 51 you guys need to switch the December muzzleloader hunt to rifle and lower the amount of tags and switch the first rifle bull hunt in early October from rifle to muzzleloader. If you guys did that it may help with the quality of bulls because they kill just about any legal bull and they never get a chance to get bigger. Please put that into consideration as it could really help with the quality/age class of bulls on the unit.

Thanks,
Michael Martinez

From: Gary Smith
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Comment
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How does New Mexico justify allocating only 6% of licenses to non-residents when those non-residents are hunting on Federal lands. Federal lands (National Forests and BLM) are owned by **all** U.S. citizens and supported by the tax dollars of **all** U.S. citizens. It is discriminatory and a violation of the Commerce Clause to deny non-residents equal access when hunting on Federal lands.

Judge Gary D. Smith

440-570-7696

From: Brent Taft
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Comments
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026 9:00:51 PM

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Hello,

I would love to see the elimination of E-Plus. New Mexico gives out more private land elk tags than any other state. It really isn't in line with the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, and isn't fair to the average New Mexico resident.

Thanks,
Brent

From: chad collard
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk draw suggestion.
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 7:19:10 PM

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Due to the HIGH number of people applying for Coveted New Mexico tags. It is extremely hard to get a tag. I know a person whose been drawing for over 15 years and no success.

I propose to make it more achievable to get a tag. If every person applying with an out of state elk application. Must be 18 years of age or older.

For New Mexico Residents they need to be at least 16 years of age or older and Possess a driver's license.

Because it's not fair to have young kids. Taking these coveted tags, in units that's not suitable for children. But yet those units are highly valued for elk hunters.

This would give adult hunters a better chance of drawing a coveted tag.

I've heard from a New Mexico Resident. He said he knows someone who applies for all his young kids. Just to get a tag, then he hunts on that tag. Just brings the kid along, and that kid doesn't even hunt. That's not fair to rob a tag from someone who really deserves to go.

Thank you for your time.

Chad Collard
573-864-9154

From:	Doug Neel
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Elk herd population in unit 34. The state continually kills more elk than the sustainable numbers that the elk biologists want each year. Sacramento herds are declining rapidly. I have a cabin and we are out in the field about 60 days a yea...
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From: Ben Clepper
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk hunt
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Hello,

My only concern with the archery elk hunt is timing of the rut. I only ask to consider extending the archery date into October. This would allow a better chance of success if the rut would come in later. The rut seemed to just get started this past season at the end of your archery dates.

Thanks
Ben

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From: Rob Van Winkle
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Hunt Proposal
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Please consider a point-based draw system and do away with the lottery system. Hunting, regardless of big game species, is a long cherished and important family tradition. Unfortunately, my two teenage boys never really got introduced and now have no interest in hunting. Why weren't they properly introduced? The lottery system. My father and I enter the draw for deer, elk, antelope and oryx every year. We used to go in on the same tags, recently we used separate tags hoping for increased odds. Neither have worked. At one point we went 8 years without drawing ANY hunt, we'd finally be drawn for one species then we'd go back into a period of 5-6 years before we drew another hunt. Yet during these times we knew of individuals, often Game Wardens and their spouses, that would be drawn for multiple hunts every year. I understand this will never be publicly discussed but internally the occurrence of a rigged system appears to be a well-guarded secret. Why can't NM do a point system similar to CO? It's understood that you can obtain a low-quality hunt with relative luck, if you choose to hunt quality units you know you'll be collecting points for a couple years before the hunting opportunity arises. But at least you know the opportunity is coming and you'll be able to hunt in a quality unit. In NM you can go 8 years then consider yourself fortunate to draw a low-quality deer hunt. Your system isn't fair, it's rigged and needs to be overhauled.

Respectfully,

Rob Van Winkle

From: SAM REEVES
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk hunt proposals
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I think the proposals make sense. Given that, why not be even more sensible and bring back the Senior Enhancement option. It was never explained, to my knowledge, why it was discontinued and the Junior Enhancement kept.
Thank you.
Sam Reeves

From: jeff ebling
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Hunting
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 7:37:52 PM

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Based on recent elk hunt experience in Sept-2024, when comparing this experience to past elk experience i the same unit, I would suggest the consideration of -

> To restrict or close a high percentage of road to motorized vehicles….The prevalence of hunters and guides/hunter running the trials and roads off the main gravel roads is at a unbelievable rate an negatively impacting the hunt experience and impacting game movement…..

> The reduction or modification to the introduction of wolves and the reduction of wolves. I believe the wolf population had reduce population numbers and cause elk in bugling season to modify their vocal behaviors….I had two (2) distinct days where a wolf pack came in to elk hunt/bugling within 50 yards. They had no human fear.

I can only imagine the difficulty of my suggestions but having UTV's or lifted vehicles come running up a trial 4-miles off a road is not a true hunting experience. Right or wrong the wolves have negatively impacted the early season bugle hunts and they have no fear.

All the best,

From: Dan Lewis
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk hunting changes
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 3:55:55 PM

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The proposed elk hunting changes would have a huge negative effect on the hunting operations at Cross D Ranch.
Please do not support them.

Thanks,
Dan S Lewis
CFO
Cross D Ranch

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From: Mike Hackett
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk hunting in New Mexico
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 2:14:48 PM

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I am very disappointed in the fact that as a nonresident I am unable to draw a cow elk tag any longer . I own property in New Mexico and pay property taxes there, but I am not a full-time resident.

I do not understand teh termination of nonresident draw tags for cow elk

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From: Donald Dean
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk hunting in NM
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 3:50:28 PM

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I fill like at 71 and NM Born and raised ,hunted most my life here, Disabled and. Not many opportunities left should Have more tags available to us . We put in don't draw then you have a lottery with tags! Those being places harder to
Hunt . Around cloud, Croft and Ruidoso, The elk are thicker, thin cattle and need to be thin. There's no reason there's not more tags available in the Sacramento mountains and Ruidosa area, especially for some of us older hunters that live in the area make these tags available to the older generation we still like to have fun and enjoy the outdoors. Another thing would be nice that would be considered as if you are born and raised in the state of New Mexico till young adulthood, and had to move slightly into Texas, you could still hunt your home state without being considered an out of stater so sons and fathers could continue to hunt together. Where he could attach to a fathers tag with proof of being born and raised in the state till graduation as a residents it only right. A father spends the time to teach them how to hunt that bond should not be broken , because of where he has to make his living as this is where he was born and raised . Thank you

From:	Charles T Morgan
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Elk Hunting Rule Changes
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Gentlemen:
I am writing to voice my opposition to elk hunting rule changes No 1,2 and 3. I feel this reduces flexibility and timing around weapons and hunt opportunities without much benefit in making the changes.

Please keep the voice of the hunters front and center as you make these decisions.

Thank you.

Terry Morgan

From: chris neary
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk hunting rule
Date: Friday, March 6, 2026 10:45:12 AM

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I suggest that an application for any elk hunt(s) would enter the applicant in the drawing for the premium elk-700 drawing.

I support standardizing the choices and opportunities available to public and private licensees. In areas and for species for which a months-long date range is available to private licensees within which they can choose hunt dates, public hunters should likewise be allowed to validate their licenses within that range of dates.

Chris Neary
Raton, NM
575 643 9016

From: Don
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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My only beef with the current rules is with primitive black powder hunting. I drew the first rifle hunt a couple years back which was immediately after primitive black powder hunt. I arrived at camp a couple days early to scout. All of the black powder hunters had 4 wheelers. U was hiking. The 4 wheelers pushed the elk so far back into the mountains that I could not teach them hiking. Primitive should be primitive. 4 wheelers and atvs should not be allowed during primitive season. My 2 cents.
Donald Ernst
Las Cruces

From: Steve Estrada
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk hunting with Muzzleloader
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 10:23:37 AM

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There are more Elk killed with Muzzleloaders without scopes than Elk killed with scopes, probably triple the amount because people are not making accurate shots and are hitting three or more elk and the Elk are strong animals and they go off and die from getting wounded, the only ones that profit from this is the wolves, if the ones that can afford long range muzzleloaders harvest their Elk with one shot so be it at least they didn't end up killing three or four Elk by making a bad shot! I don't have a long range Muzzleloader and don't intend on getting one but I do have a muzzleloader with a scope and have not used it since this new rule came into effect because I know it's so hard to make an accurate kill shot with open sights! Every year I talk to people that tell me the same thing after their muzzleloader hunts, I hit them but I couldn't find it! Same story over and over!
Sent from my iPhone

From: Edwards, Travis
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Hello,

I commented previously but wanted to provide another comment for the record. It's regarding something not proposed. I want the department to change how it allocates tags for public vs private. Below is my understanding of how it works and also provided a real world example for unit 52.

If a unit is 50% public (50,000 Acres) and 50% private (50,000 Acres) and let's say the department is giving 100 total Elk tags for that unit. 50 would go to the public draw and 50 would go to private/E-Plus. On the surface, this allocation seems fair based on land ownership. However, let's say only 25,000 acres of that 50,000 private acres is enrolled in E-Plus. That 25,000 acres would get ALL 50 of the private tags even though they are only 50% of the private land. The public land would get no additional tags. The end result is the E-Plus private land is getting more tags per acre then public.

The pic I attached is a real world example from 2025 tags for unit 52. Hopefully it makes sense. If the formula was changed to allocate based on Public Land vs Enrolled E-Plus Private instead of the current formula of Public Land vs All Private, unit 52 would have been given 145 more public tags then it was.

Unit 52					
All Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	1,766			
Public	247,944	1,514	0.0061	1659	145
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	126	0.0079	107	-19
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
Bull Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	730			
Public	247,944	630	0.0025	686	56
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	50	0.0031	44	-6
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
BOW ES Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	540			
Public	247,944	460	0.0019	507	47
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	40	0.0025	33	-7
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
Cow Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	496			
Public	247,944	424	0.0017	466	42
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	36	0.0023	30	-6
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		

I know the department sets tags numbers on a 4 year cycle, so I propose it uses the last years E-Plus enrolled acres to create the allocation % for the next 4 years.

Thank you for taking my comments!

Travis

From:	Travis Young
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
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Good afternoon.

I am writing to inform you all of my opposition to the proposed rule of aligning and consolidating dates and weapons. I believe this ordinance would negatively impact the industry which in turn negatively impacts the ecosystem. If you put pressure within management zones by consolidating dates and minimizing weapon choices, it would force hunters and guides within those zones to become more aggressive in their selection which harms the species. Less time or lesser weapon equals riskier shot selection. Wounded animals just means a growth in predator populations.

Instead lets foster a program that empowers the hunting guides within these management zones by implementing their skills and managerial oversight as it has been for years. Perhaps let's focus on the issues at hand which harm elk populations and reduce waste. Weather/Fire patterns and booming predator populations.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,

Travis Young
Passionate Elk Hunter

From: Kevin Rodden
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Recommendations
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1. Keep the current GMU 24 rifle elk hunt in the same current December timeframe.
2. Move the current youth only ES hunts in the SW part of the state to a later time frame. As an example, in GMU's 13, 15, 16C, 16E, 17, 23, and 24, these hunts are the first rifle/muzzleloader hunts and typically during the rut. Move the hunt code to coincide with the 1st bull hunt in each respective unit. As I previously recommended with the private land start dates email, we do not need to hunt elk when they are most vulnerable during the rut. We could still offer a separate hunt code so the youth will not compete with the "any person" hunt codes.
3. Similar to #3, move the mobility impaired hunts in 16A and 16D to the first bull hunt in each respective unit. Same logic as moving youth hunts.
4. Offer only 2 bull hunts in GMU's 16B/22, 21A, and 21B by removing the first bull hunt in each respective GMU. Since the Department is considering reducing bull harvest in the Greater Gila, do not move or offer these licenses in other hunts. Eliminate these licenses completely.
5. Do not allow any rifle or muzzleloader hunts until Oct. 10. This is a biological consideration which should come before social considerations. Hunting bull elk with a rifle or muzzleloader during the rut when they are the most vulnerable should not be allowed.
6. Reduce cow harvest in the Greater Gila region. Current drought conditions along with predator mortality from lions, bears and wolves have drastically impacted this herd over the past 8 years. During the last rule cycle, data suggested a reduction in cow harvest, however the Department did not take action appropriately. The Department is going to need to reduce cow harvest more drastically than if it had acted 4 years ago. These reductions could be done by reducing both Youth Encouragement and regular cow licenses.
7. Eliminate 4th choice designation. Simply offer any leftover licenses as the Department currently does in the July timeframe.
8. Currently, private landowners are offered the opportunity to be awarded additional elk authorization aside from their normal allocations with the incentive program. Landowners who perform habitat modifications that benefit elk are recognized through this incentive program. I recommend the Department offer the same opportunity to public hunters. Create a program that recognizes public hunters' contributions to improving public land. This would take coordination with land management agencies such as the US Forest Service and BLM. As an example, if a public hunter helps to install wildlife drinkers on the landscape, that hunter is recognized with an additional chance in the elk draw. Utah has a program called the Designated Hunter program. I would caution and recommend that this does not lead to a bonus or preference point draw system.

Thanks for your consideration.

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From: mario delgado
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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From: Aaron Livingston
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First of all, thanks for soliciting suggestions!

1. Adjust archery seasons for current climate change. I suggest bumping the seasons forward two weeks. This would increase opportunities for archery hunters to use calls for increased in harvest opportunity

2. Make the muzzleloader season primitive/traditional only. No inline muzzleloaders, and make it an either sex tag.

3. Increase youth encouragement hunt opportunities.

From: Garth Reader
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule and EPLUS
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026 10:08:36 AM

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I would like to respectfully submit my input to recent and potential rule openings regarding elk hunting in New Mexico. As a resident, avid outdoorsman and property owner I feel it is important to hear input from someone other than the "more tags for residents" crowd. I believe it is imperative that New Mexico should not lose sight of greater wildlife management (including elk) in the pursuit of satisfying the insatiable demand for resident tags. Current management strategies have proven to be effective resulting in relatively stable elk populations even in the face of environmental and other challenges.

Elk and other game species are scarce resources. There will be an ever-increasing number of applications for a fixed number of elk tags. Expectations need to be managed, especially those of resident hunters. New Mexico has its own unique challenges regarding elk management, including the amount of private lands encompassing elk habitat. Blindly following other western states' models as some have proposed is not a recipe for success.

It should be noted that the "Elk Rule" (Elk, 19.31.14 NMAC) is separate from the "EPLUS Rule" (Private Land Elk License Allocation, 19.30.5 NMAC). Only Elk, 19.31.14 NMAC is currently under review. While these rules are connected via private-land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches, these are two separate programs and should not be considered as one. However, changes in the number of private-land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches can have profound impacts on EPLUS.

Regarding 19.31.14 NMAC "Elk Rule"

I *support* all the New Mexico Department of Wildlife proposed changes relating to public draw hunts.

I *strongly support* the current methodology used for partitioning total licenses available between the public draw elk hunts and private lands elk authorizations. This represents a sound management strategy to optimize opportunity and hunter satisfaction across regions, herds and GMU's while supporting Department management goals. Modifying the partitioning strategy (by removing unenrolled, deeded acres) to reduce the fraction of private lands elk authorizations will result in negative impacts to habitat preservation, elk populations/distributions, hunter satisfaction, and state/local economics as well as increased crowding in public lands. It will not significantly increase the probability of success in the public draw. Modifications may also complicate future draw management due to changing partition rates. It should be noted that unenrolled, deed acres provide habitat for elk and other wildlife, are not accessible to public draw hunters and some are hunted in some GMUs by EPLUS hunters as allowed by rule.

I also *support* proposed eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and big-game sporting arms for private-land only elk hunts.

Regarding the potential opening of Private Land Elk License Allocation, 19.30.5 NMAC "EPLUS Rule"

I *strongly oppose* the opening of Private Land Elk License Allocation, 19.30.5 NMAC "EPLUS Rule". While this rule may be viewed as fundamentally flawed by some (which it is not), it is a reasonable, flexible and defensible approach for managing elk on private lands.

Opening of this rule to investigate and change the reappropriation of unconverted authorizations will only harm EPLUS, hunters and wildlife in general. Faced with the loss of authorizations, ranches that previously did not convert all their authorizations to keep hunting pressure low will now convert and hunt all their authorizations (or convert them and not hunt them at all). Furthermore, under the current rule, unconverted allocations go to the pool for small contributing ranches that do not qualify as a base ranch. Removing unconverted allocations from EPLUS would disproportionately hurt these smaller properties that contribute to wildlife and elk. Additionally, opening this rule would result in a misguided effort to eliminate it or significantly curtail it.

Below is a summary of potential impacts (both negative and positive) if private-land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches are reduced or if EPLUS is curtailed/eliminated. The ripple effect of reducing these authorizations/EPLUS may be profound and not supportive of sound management practice for elk (and other wildlife). It is admitted that some of these impacts are subjective and others are more objective, however without further details, it is apparent that negative impacts far outweigh the minimal positive impacts.

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Loss of property and gross receipt taxes	
Loss of revenue to the guiding industry	
Private Lands	
Increased elk damage to private property/increased payout to landowners	None
Increased animosity between landowners and various groups	
Increasing incidents of trespassing/poaching	
Public Lands	
Increased use of public lands	None

Conservation Impacts

Loss of Habitat: When the incentive for private landowners to manage their properties for wildlife is reduced, other more economically viable paths will be pursued. This will include selling off elk habitat and migration corridors for development or increased agricultural operations (including high fencing properties to protect them from elk). This will also impact riparian zones and man made water sources. State and Federal programs will most likely be unable to offset these losses given budgetary constraints. This not only impacts elk but other wildlife that depend upon private lands. Once habitat is lost, it is difficult if not impossible to recover.

Smaller elk populations: Loss of habitat will eventually lead to smaller elk populations.

Increased culling of unwanted elk: If lands are not being managed for wildlife (elk), then the demand for elk removal to accommodate other competing purposes will increase.

Hunting Impacts

Loss of access to private lands: Unit Wide ranches provided access to over 570,000 acres for all hunters. This is slightly larger than the total elk habitat acreage of GMU 16B/22[1] or the entirety of Ted Turner's Vermejo Park Ranch. Reducing private-land authorizations will force some ranches not to participate in the Unit Wide option thus reducing public access, especially at no cost.

Increased Resident License Fees: With the reduction in the non-resident hunting base, there will be a loss of revenue for the New Mexico Department of Wildlife. This budget shortfall will eventually need to be passed on to both resident and non-resident hunters alike and will require an increase in fees. These increases can be accomplished much more readily now with recent legislation.

Not all EPLUS tags will end up in the public draw: Of the over 13,300 authorizations that are in

the EPLUS system only a fraction of them would possibly convert to public draw. 30% (over 4,000) are issued over the counter in the secondary management zones where there is little to no public lands. Five percent (approximately 720 authorizations) are issued to special management ranches. These are typically large acreage ranches and have special management goals worked out with NMDGF. An additional 3% (around 430 authorizations) are issued for habitat incentive operations. This remaining 61% (about 8,200) could possibly end up in the public draw if EPLUS were eliminated, however it may not even be that high given management goals on a unit-by-unit basis. Additionally, the number of resident tags would be even less, most likely around 7,000 (84-89% of 8,200).

Increased number of tags available through the public draw/better draw odds: If EPLUS were eliminated, there could possibly be an additional 8,200 additional tags available in the public draw of which approximately 7,000 would be designated for residents. This would represent about a 37% overall increase. While this sounds significant, the overall number of applicants per resident tag would improve from approximately 3.7/tag to only 2.7/tag. This does not represent the true odds of drawing a particular hunt. This improvement may be offset by additional applications due to the unavailability of EPLUS and the misconception that draw odds are significantly improving. Additionally, moving unconverted authorizations into the public draw will not yield any meaningful improvements in draw odds.

Reduction in hunter satisfaction: Private-land authorizations provide a balanced and flexible tool to implement effective management of elk across private lands. It provides a direct means by which elk and hunters are dispersed across both private and public lands. Reducing EPLUS authorizations will reduce the number of hunters on private lands and increase the number of hunters on public lands. This imbalance of hunter pressure will force more elk onto private lands thus reducing public lands (and mainly resident) hunter success rates and satisfaction. In the 2022-2023 season, statewide success rates for elk on private lands were 68-72% greater and satisfaction ratings were 7-15% higher than compared to public lands.[2] Transferring allocations into the public draw would most likely necessitate an increase in hunt codes on public lands. More hunters, more competition, fewer elk, and reduced success/satisfaction.

Reduced option if unsuccessful in the public draw: Private-land authorizations give all hunters an option to hunt if they are unsuccessful in the public draw. One third of all private-land authorizations are utilized by resident hunters.

Monetary Impacts

Loss of funding for the New Mexico Department of Wildlife: Loss or curtailing of EPLUS will result in significant funding loss for the department due to the reductions in non-resident hunters and the higher license and tag fees they pay. Non-resident hunters significantly subsidize resident hunters.

Increased damage payments to landowners: Loss or curtailing of EPLUS will increase high fencing, damage payouts and potentially culling of unwanted elk. The funding for these efforts mainly comes from the New Mexico Department of Wildlife.

Loss of revenue from non-resident hunters: Non-resident hunters far outspend resident hunters. Local businesses including hotels, grocery stores, fuel, etc. are major recipients.

Loss of property and gross receipt taxes: Tax basis in many rural areas and across the state will

be reduced if EPLUS is curtailed or eliminated.

Loss of revenue to the guiding industry: Outfitters and guides bring in significant revenue catering to non-resident hunters.

Private Lands Impacts

Increased elk damage to private property/increased payout to landowners: Reduced hunting pressure on private lands will result in more elk and more elk damage.

Increased animosity between landowners and anti-EPLUS groups: As with stream access, the loss of EPLUS will fuel increased animosity between landowners and various groups. Many view this as a first step to force landowners to accept unfettered access by the public to hunt on private lands. Some landowners will never allow members of certain groups to access their land even for a fee.

Increasing incidents of trespassing: Removal of EPLUS as outlined above will cause a reduction of hunter success/satisfaction. Seeing elk on the other side of the fence on private lands will be too much of a temptation for some and trespass will become even more prevalent than it is today.

Other Input

To help manage resident hunter expectations and address complaints that some do not draw any hunt for many years changes to the public draw system could be pursued. While New Mexico has the fairest public draw system in the west, minor changes could enhance the resident hunter experience. Possible changes that could be considered include:

- Odd/Even application years
- Only allowed to draw one species per year
- Alternate application groups (Even birth year applicants can apply for Group A species during even years and Group B species during odd years. Odd birth year applicants can apply for Group B species during even years and Group A species during odd years.)
    - Group A species: Elk, Desert Bighorn sheep, Ibex, Barbary Sheep
    - Group B species: Deer, Pronghorn, Oryx, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
- Make all Quality/High Demand hunts once in a lifetime
- Two-three year sit out period for each species drawn

An additional consideration could be a change to manner and methods designating some rifle hunts as iron sights only.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Garth Reader

Los Alamos, NM

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[1] https://www.nmoutfitters.com/unit-wide-analysis.html

[2] https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/hunting/harvest/2023/2022-2023-Elk-Harvest-Report.pdf

From: cody creager
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule chance
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There should be no increase in any antlerless licenses in any unit in the entire state whatsoever. Why is the game commission so insistent on reducing the quality of hunts on public land?

There's no reason to shift elk hunt dates to start on Saturdays. It's much easier to remember first hunt starting on September 1st then it is moving at a different dates.

Do not take the unit 37 December mature bull rifle hunts away and give them to 5B there is absolutely no reason to do this there is so many people that like hunting 37. This is only going to take opportunity away from Southern New Mexico on a good hunt.

Do not increase cow licenses and unit 34 whatsoever. The Hunt quality in 34 has gone consistently downhill It used to be such a great world-renowned unit and now the bull age class is low and the numbers are low quit messing with a quality unit.

Instead of taking opportunity away from the youth by getting rid of youth encouragement hunts why don't you get rid of non-resident hunts and unit wide cow tags. It is clear that the game commission does not care about the youth's hunting opportunity and only about the opportunity of non-residents.

If you guys really cared about the hunting opportunity for New Mexico residents the ones that live here serve our communities serve in our law enforcement agencies the ones that are in the ambulances responding to your family's emergencies the ones that aren't leaving the state or staying here despite the expensive living conditions and high crime yet you give more opportunities to non-residents than you do our own people. The eplus program needs to be completely revamp there's absolutely no reason some small 10 acre property with a bunch of houses around and no elk that you can even hunt should be getting unit wide tags to be sold to the highest bidder and filled on public land competing against New Mexico residents that have waited our entire lives to draw. The people of New Mexico are getting really really fed up with this and it's going to be a big problem here soon. We're talking major protests at the Santa Fe office if this isn't fixed.

From: Kevin Davis
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule change feedback
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Good morning! I have no problem with items 1-7 as these are working to maintain healthy elk populations.

That said, I wouldn't mind seeing a greater restriction on antlerless tags, except in the case of areas requiring depredation for the health of the herd and/or property owners.

We need every cow to be bred and to survive winter. Having guided on the Floyd Lee Ranch for many years, and having assisted NMDG&F personnel in doing their annual calf mortality surveys on that ranch, I have seen first-hand the impact of antlerless tags across a unit, and how they can affect overall elk numbers.

I get it... it's a difficult balance for NMDG&F as more and more people are applying for hunts. And the health of the herd is just as important as their numbers. But if we allow elk-birthing machines to be hunted, it will clearly mean fewer elk.

Safe to say in areas where significant numbers of cows are harvested, predator numbers are NOT being equally reduced. This means pressure on newborn calves becomes exponentially higher. Calf mortality increases because there are fewer calves... and those fewer calves are enduring a higher level of predation.

Fewer calves being born, coupled with fewer calves surviving predation. Double whammy.

Regarding Items #8 and 9, I would like to see more information on the proposed changes. Can you provide?

As a guide and a resident bowhunter, I see the importance of the EPLUS system and how it directly benefits the elk population. I would hate to see anything change with the current system, because a healthy elk herd allows more hunters to draw tags.

EPLUS is valuable because it motivates landowners, both large and small, to maintain assets on their property that benefit the entire elk herd.

One doesn't need 1000+ acres to make a measurable positive impact on the elk population. I have worked hard to bring water into a very dry area with limited natural water resources. I've invested a lot of time and money building a system to capture and store enough water to sustain 12 months of supply for the local elk/deer population. That's why I'd hate to see the Primary Zone boundaries be restricted in any way.

I'm just a small SCR... only 110 acres. But my Primary Zone improvements have benefitted the local herd in Unit 13. That includes elk that live and forage on the public lands surrounding my property. Likewise, my improvements benefit the average Joe public land hunters because access to dependable water, feed, and cover are helping to maintain big game population numbers... and with them, quality hunting for those who draw a tag.

There will always be wealthy people who can afford to pay 15,000 dollars for a bull tag to hunt a large ranch in a Secondary Zone. But IMO we can't discount the value of the many SCRs who are working hard to benefit the herds. NMDG&F needs to protect the ability of both the average family hunter, and also the wealthier hunter, to enjoy a quality hunt. Both are important. If we undermine the motivation for SCRs to maintain their beneficial improvements, we're going to hurt everyone who hunts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my opinion.

Best,
Kevin Davis

From: Aria Smith
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ELK RULE CHANGE!!!!!
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To whom this may concern,

I oppose the aligning of the PMZ and SMZ hunt dates and weapon types.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aria Smith
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From: Chance Lee
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule change
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 9:07:06 AM

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed change regarding for the elk ruling.

As a resident of New Mexico, an active hunter, and a registered hunting guide, I do not support this proposal. Given my experience and professional involvement in the hunting community, I believe this change would not be beneficial.

Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective on this matter.

Best regards,

-Chance Lee

From: Jeff Leary
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule Changes - Hunt Dates for SMZ
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Hello

I own a ranch in Unit 36, that is in the Secondary Management Zone. Could you please explain what it would mean if the Hunt season start dates were aligned as described in number three, in the attachment below?

Thank you

Jeff Leary

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ELK HUNTING

General Statewide Proposed Changes

1) Adjust season dates where necessary
    a. Shifting start dates to maintain hunts beginning on Saturday or adjusting to calendar day starts for consistency.
    b. Evaluate season dates for hunt structure consistency across the state.
    c. Evaluate season dates to ensure harvest is biologically sustainable.
2) Consider aligning most primary management zone hunts to have a muzzleloader hunt first, followed by any-legal-weapon hunts. Early October hunts shift to muzzleloader to address increased male susceptibility to harvest.
3) Consider aligning hunt season start dates in GMUs containing both Primary Management Zone (PMZ) and Secondary Management Zone (SMZ).
4) Adjust some hunts to minimize overlap of weapons used for species hunted.
5) Designate the premium statewide elk hunt (currently ELK-1-700) as a Quality hunt.
6) Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting. For hunts where published

From: Terry Sowell
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule Changes - SMZ/PMZ hunt alignment
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As a non-resident hunter want to express my feelings **against** the proposed rule changes to align the hunt dates and weapon types in GMUs that contain primary and secondary management zone ranches.
I annually spend between $11,000 and $15,000 on hunting in New Mexico and this rule would negatively affect my decision to continue hunting elk in New Mexico.
Please do not allow these changes to be allowed.

Thanks,
Terry

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From: Kent Volz
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule Changes
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Please oppose these proposed changes. The changes will reduce hunting opportunities.

Kent Volz

From: Anastasios Pantelidis
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule changes
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 11:26:03 PM

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Dear Commissioner,

I respectfully oppose proposed Elk Rule changes #1, #2, and #3.

These changes would reduce rifle hunting opportunities, limit flexibility for private land hunts, and create unnecessary restrictions for hunters, landowners, and outfitters. I believe the current framework provides important flexibility while supporting effective wildlife management.

Please vote against proposals #1, #2, and #3.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Anastasios Pantelidis

From: Gary Poulain
To: Witt, Christopher, DGF; DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife, Marion, and I have hunted elk in NM for years now with rifles. We are now 70 years-old and retired. Our annual elk hunts are the highlight of our year now.
I now understand that there are proposed rule changes #1, #2, and #3 that may make it impossible to hunt the first elk bull season with rifles in the future on the private ranch that we hunt. Our eyesight makes it impossible for us to hunt with muzzleloaders and iron sights now. These rule changes would end our elk hunting in New Mexico. We oppose these rule changes. I hope you can continue the private land hunts as they have been in years past.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Gary L. Poulain

From: Rex Martensen
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
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I oppose aligning the PMZ and SMZ hunt dates and weapon types.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rex Martensen
Santa Fe, New Mexico

From: Paul Kruse
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule changes
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I wanted to write to you to opposing these changes that you are faced with. This will only reduce the hunting opportunity in NM..

From: Robert Nordstrum
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule Input
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Please allow **all sights** to be used on muzzleloaders. Currently only open or peep sights are allowed for muzzleloader hunting; this eliminates those with poor vision to hunt elk in muzzleloader only management areas.

From: N S
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule Proposal
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026 12:59:50 PM

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In regard to the elk rule under consideration for change, and with the recent publicity relative to the EPlus system, a suggestion would be to place all EPlus permits into the public draw as a **separate** hunt code and not combined with existing hunt codes.

This would allow a spread of applicants as they must now choose an EPlus hunt code as one of their choices and would allow a separate charge to be applied based on what landowners commonly receive as they sell their vouchers to the general public. It would also help in the ability to draw a permit should draw license numbers be decreased for management purposes.

Also, the Outfitter rule needs to end with those permits being placed back into the public draw and let the principles of a free market economy decide who can outfit/guide a hunt and who cannot. This would prevent less than desirables providing outfitting and guiding services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nathan Smith
Kirtland, NM

From: Jebb Norton
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule proposals
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I am a lifetime NM resident. I hunt primarily for meat, opting typically for late season resident only cow hunts. I also try for bow hunts, as hunting elk in the rut is one of my favorite things to do. I pour over spreadsheets and try to optimize my chances to draw an elk hunt- hunting cows, in late seasons, or non-ideal units. It has been 7 years since I drew an elk tag. This is unacceptable. I understand there is luck involved and science-based management dictates how many license can be given in each unit. I also understand thousands of tags are given to landowners through the EPlus system, including to small landowners who get unit-wide licenses despite little to no evidence of crop depredation and potentially zero elk encounters on their land. This needs to change.

Combining the eplus giveaways and draw numbers, residents only received 65% of elk licenses in 2022-23, a far cry from the 84% promised (which already lower than all other western states). NM can barely be said to even follow the lauded “North American model of wildlife conservation”, opting for a more European model which allows wealthy landowners to profit and hoard hunting opportunities at the expense of the rest of the state. This has to change. Eliminating unit-wide eplus tags is the logical first step. Reforming Eplus to allow control of elk for farmers who’s livelihood depends of farming makes sense- giving away almost 30% of the total elk tags in the state each year to private landowners be sold to the highest bidder does not make sense. We need to reform this antiquated and unfair system. Get rid of EPlus and get a depredation system that is more fair for NM residents.

Jebb Norton
Santa Fe County

From: Chris Smith
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 5:39:17 PM

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Please adjust the Muzzleloader hunts for MB or ES to late September or early October. Make limited number tags.

Bring back the late MB rifle hunts in November and December and cut the tags in October.

Manage VCNP herd better!

E-plus tags should be limited to Private land only in units that have more public land than private land. Eliminate E-plus unitwide tags in units like 15,16's,34,6A,6C, 45, 17, 51, and 36 that have huge public land and little private land. make them private land only.

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Chris Smith

From: Thomas Austin
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule
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I would like the addition of an archery elk hunt in unit 39/43

From: Tuffy Barnett
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule
Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026 10:25:44 AM

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Game Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the elk population in the south west corner of NM. I own and operate Mangas Outfitters and have hunted this area for over 30 years. For the past 25 years I have been a small cattle rancher in the Pie Town area and lease several ranches for hunting in Datil, Pie Town and Quemado. I am confident that my years of experience in this area validate my concerns.

1. Hunt dates - Continue to shift hunt dates so the hunts start on a Saturday.
2. Do NOT add a muzzleloader hunt, leave it rifle hunts Just cut the tags.
3. Yes combine primary and secondary hunt dates.
4. Yes minimize overlap of different weapons used for hunts.
5.Yes, continue to adjust ALL license numbers base on biological data and goal.
6. Yes, designate the Premium State Wide elk hunt as quality.
7.Yes, license should be purchased 1 day before hunting.
8.What boundaries would be adjusted? The boundaries in SW NM are acceptable.
9. Yes, reassess ranch boundaries every 4 years.

I agree with the proposal to limit tags on both private and public land in units 12, 13, 15, All 16's, and 17. Due to over hunting, drought and wolves this herd has been declining rapidly; as well as the quality of elk has gone from harvesting bulls scoring 340 plus to bulls now scoring less than 300.

Thank you for taking the time to collect and consider the responses.
Tuffy Barnett
Mangas Outfitters
5758386202

From: Chance Lee
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule
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I am writing to express my support to the proposed change regarding for the elk ruling.

As a resident of New Mexico, an active hunter, and a registered hunting guide, I do believe in the benefits this proposal has to offer. Given my experience and professional involvement in the hunting community, I believe this change would help wildlife thrive while allowing hunters still great opportunity.

Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective on this matter.

Best regards,

-Chance Lee

From: Thomas Austin
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rule
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 11:00:52 AM

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Dear department of wildlife

I would like to see secondary management zone hunt units have mirroring hunt dates with the public land hunts in those units with the changes you are trying to implement you already know private land hunters are using more than 5 days and are simply buying the tag once the animal has been harvested.

Austin

From: Edwards, Travis
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ELK RULE
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 3:19:44 PM

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Hello,

I wanted to comment on Elk Rule for the next 4 year cycle (2027 – 2030). I listened to the commission meeting on Feb 20th and heard what has been initially proposed.

- **Gila Elk Herd** – I was very pleased to hear the proposed reduction in cow tags in the Gila. I know you are still working on numbers, but I strongly recommend cutting ALL Cow tags in the Gila for the next 4 years. The reduction of the herd lately is quite alarming and I think getting ahead of it is crucial or we might find the herd crashing completely like the Mt Taylor herd did. The Gila is a worldwide famous area for elk and we don't want to loose that. Honestly, we don't have a good handle on what the wolf impact is on that herd, so better to be safe than sorry and cut all tags now. If landowners are having some issues, I think we should address through depredation tags. And after 4 years if the herd starts getting too big, cow tags can always be brought back.

- I like the idea of aligning the seasons with a muzzy hunt first. I would suggest keep it uniform and have a muzzy hunt in every unit and then 1 or 2 rifle hunts, all with the same dates.

- I think it was eluded to but not mentioned directly on the meeting, but we really need to make sure public land tags are given in Secondary Management zones. I'm thinking primarily of Unit 32. The last barbary sheep hunt I went on in Feb 2025 there, I saw over 100 elk! I saw more elk than deer and barbary combined! Everywhere we went, elk had been. I really worry they are having a detrimental effect on the deer in that dry country with limited forage. It also needs to be done in just being fair for the public land hunter. Looks like unit 32 sold 92 private land tags in 2024 for a unit that is at least 30% or more public. Just not fair to the public hunter.

- It was also brought up on the meeting the ability for private land hunters to pick any 5 days in secondary management zones while any public tags in the same unit are restricted to the hunt dates listed in the regulations. Again, I don't think that's fair. Just create lots of hunt codes/dates throughout Oct 1 – Dec 31 for the private land person to pick and provide some public hunts for all of those same dates. In GMUs where there is both primary and secondary zones, create sub units with different tag allotments OR restrict the private land unlimited tags

to the same dates as the dates for the public primary management zone. Again, make it fair.

- Lastly, I know E-Plus is a huge topic. I personally am sympathetic to the department in trying to appease private land owners to keep good habitat for elk, but also feel as a public land hunter we are getting the short end of the stick. I can't tell you how much it upsets me that when I finally get drawn for a great public land tag, I'm having to compete with a private land tag holder on the same public land because he bought a UW tag. Just doesn't seem right at all. That being said, I know this system is deeply rooted and changing it will be difficult. I just hope the department might be able to propose small things to chip away at the system and throw some bones to the public land hunter. Maybe start with the secondary management zone fairness I brought up already and then work on allocating public vs private tags based on enrolled acres, not un-enrolled acres. Maybe even start with giving 20% of the un-enrolled acre tags into the public draw, not the entire amount.

Really appreciate you guys taking my comments and thanks for all you do!

Thanks,

Travis Edwards

From: Thomas Austin
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rule
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To whom it may concern

I would like to see the addition of an archery elk hunt in unit 38, as private land hunters already have that opportunity.

Thomas Austin

From: Brianna Martinez
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rules Comments
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March 20, 2026

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

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Subject: Support for the E-PLUS Program

Dear Commissioners and Department Staff,

I am writing to express my support for the Elk Private Lands Use System (E-PLUS) administered by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The program represents a thoughtful and balanced approach to wildlife management that benefits landowners, hunters, and elk populations across the state.

Over the past decade, elk populations in many parts of New Mexico have increased significantly. While this is a testament to successful wildlife management, it has also led to increased pressure on private lands, agricultural operations, and rural communities. As elk numbers have grown, so have conflicts such as crop damage, fence damage, and competition with livestock for forage. Programs like E-PLUS are critical tools that help manage these growing populations while ensuring that landowners who provide valuable habitat are recognized and supported.

Given this increase in elk numbers, it would be appropriate to consider an increase in E-PLUS authorizations to better align with current herd levels. Expanding the number of E-PLUS tags would provide an effective management tool to help regulate elk populations while maintaining incentives for private landowners who support wildlife habitat and tolerate elk on their properties.

In addition, the ongoing and severe drought conditions affecting many parts of New Mexico make proactive population management even more important. Limited water and forage

resources place additional stress on wildlife, livestock operations, and rangelands. Addressing elk population levels through responsible harvest strategies, including the E-PLUS program, will help reduce pressure on already strained ecosystems and agricultural lands.

At the same time, it is important that the E-PLUS system be administered fairly and consistently for all participating landowners. The credibility and long-term success of the program depend on transparent and equitable allocation of authorizations. Many landowners have expressed concerns about apparent favoritism in the past, and ensuring that all landowners are treated equally under the program will strengthen trust and participation moving forward.

Although the E-PLUS program primarily applies to private lands, elk populations move freely across private, state, and federal landscapes. For that reason, it is also important that the Department consider the broader environmental impacts of elk population levels on federal lands. In many areas, increasing elk numbers contribute to heavy grazing pressure on forests, rangelands, and watersheds already stressed by drought. Proactive population management will help reduce the risk of long-term habitat degradation and protect the health of these public landscapes.

E-PLUS helps address the unique challenges associated with elk management on private lands by encouraging cooperation between the Department and landowners. By providing incentives for landowners to tolerate elk on their property, the program helps reduce conflicts such as crop damage while maintaining healthy elk herds. At the same time, it expands hunting opportunities and helps distribute hunting pressure more effectively across the landscape.

The program also supports rural economies by creating opportunities for landowners to participate in wildlife conservation while maintaining working agricultural operations. In many areas of New Mexico, elk spend a significant portion of the year on private lands, and E-PLUS recognizes the important role that landowners play in sustaining habitat and wildlife.

Programs like E-PLUS demonstrate that collaborative management between state agencies and private landowners can be both practical and effective. Maintaining strong incentives for landowners to participate helps ensure that elk remain a valued wildlife resource while minimizing conflicts and preserving access for hunters.

Thank you for your continued efforts to manage New Mexico’s wildlife resources responsibly. I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the E-PLUS program and encourage the Department to continue supporting and strengthening this successful partnership.

Sincerely,

Brianna Martinez

From: Billy Jalufka
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk rules modification
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 5:03:46 PM

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I wish non- residents could get a little better odds at drawing a license since the hunting lands are national forests. Seems like residents kill elk year after year when non-residents hardly ever get a chance. Just doesn't quite seem fair.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Shawn Foster
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rules
Date: Monday, July 6, 2026 9:03:15 PM

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Primarily, I do not oppose any of the current changes to the elk rules being considered. I do however find it very disturbing that the outspoken populace of the state of New Mexico wants change to the EPLUS system or put a different system in place and that isn't being put on the table. How do we get it put on the table?

Thanks
Shawn Foster

Sent from Outlook

From: Ray Valerio
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Rules
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I oppose changing rifle hunting to muzzle loader hunts. Areas where the land is too open. I think there will be a lot more wounded animals. I would love to continue Hunting first part of October gives us more flexibility for hunters, land orders, and outfitters. Thank you.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Daniel Hayes
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk thoughts
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 12:10:49 PM

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One thing I would like to see is a muzzleloader hunt added to the Sargent and humphries wma. Several rifle hunts, can we get a muz hunt before rifle hunts?

Also in the Gila all of the 16 subunits are all rifle. Can we get one or two units to have first hunt a muzzleloader ?

Also reduce the cow tags in the southwest! Between drought, no trapping, wolves and later youth encouragement hunts the herds have been dropping! They get chased hard from sept till Dec! Can we get the tags numbers reduced and then maybe bring the later youth encouragement hunts bundled same weekends as the other cow hunts!!? This might help with stress and pressure on the herd riding through the winter. Just a thought. Thanks

One other thing. Another thought take some money from habitat improvements stamp is clean up and repairs lots of ponds to hold water in the Gila units. Either got broke out of silted in. Don’t hold water for wildlife!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kenny Dearen
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk worries.
Date: Sunday, March 8, 2026 9:48:28 AM

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Good Morning,

I want to comment on the current elk proposal's.

I think completely stopping the cow elk hunts in certain units really needs to be done (15, 23, 16's, 10, 13 & 2) . I see that this is under consideration in the current proposal's and I think this is a fantastic thing.

I personally would like to the cow hunts completely stopped for 4 years or reduce them to half of what they are and only hunt cows on even years or odd years. Or only let youth hunters hunt cows. There are 500 cow tags for unit 15 alone....Holy smokes. Anymore your hard pressed to see 50 cows during any one week stretch down there.

I hope you save this treasure before it goes the way of the Mule deer.

Thanks

From: RustyFish
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:22:24 AM

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Better management and stop catering to land owners and out of state tag grabbers, period. You won't because you can't line your pockets with in state tag money like you can with out of state tag money. Stand up for us tax payers instead of giving EVERYTHING to guides and land owners.

Maybe stop having a rifle season during the rut, dummies.

I stopped putting in for all hunting in NM when I was 18 because of your "draw" system. I guess we shouldn't expect anything more from NM, it is last in EVERYTHING.

NMDGF has destroyed what NM had with bureaucratic BS.

Good luck you ruin everything

From: Trey Sullivan
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 1:45:49 PM

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All in all the elk are pretty well managed in the state, only thing I see is a lot of wounded elk on the bow hunts we reduce the amount of bow elk tags to compensate for this, also bows are a primitive weapon and should be like the muzzleloaders remove the adjustable sights !
Sent from my iPhone

From: Cole Burns
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 8:56:53 PM

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Good evening I highly support you limiting the antlerless elk tags in the units with declining population.
Thanks Cole

From: rod sullens
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 2:59:40 PM

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Sent from my iPhone I would love to hunt New Mexico elk, but non resident success rate is only 4 percent, and the application fee is non refundable, I’m 73 years old , time is running out, any suggestions? Thanks Rod sullens

From: Joshua Cochran
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 11:47:47 AM

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There shouldn't be more elk tags issued in the unit 36 and 34 with the already increased tag numbers

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From: Mark Bentley
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Eplus & Landowner permits
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 12:02:18 PM

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Too many being given to non residents. Many states are listening to their residents and cutting back non res opportunities. NM should do the same. We residents pay into the state coffer 365 days a year. Social media is covered with non residents posting harvest photos. Thx.

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From: Mitch Morris
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For Comment
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 7:30:16 AM

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Please consider removal of the unit-wide private land voucher system. If a private landowner is awarded hunting licenses for the habitat within their fences, the hunting should take place on that habitat.

Thank you,

Mitch Morris
Farmington, NM

From: Mitch Morris
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For Comment
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 7:25:23 AM

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Please consider reducing the availability of female elk licenses in the Gila region. Impacts due to large wildfire incidents, drought, and wolf predation have impacted herd dynamics.

Thank you,

Mitch Morris
Farmington, NM

From: Mitch Morris
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For Comment
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 7:33:29 AM

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Please consider removal of the 10% outfitter allocation of available licenses. Common public opinion is that the 2-day minimum "guide presence" is being abused.

Thank you,

Mitch Morris
Farmington, NM

From: STEPHENSON RICHARD JR
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc: Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 5:14:45 PM

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To: "stephensorichard@sbcglobal.net" <stephensorichard@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 01:24:43 PM EDT
Subject: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov

I am an applicant/hunter in New Mexico.

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From: DANA LANGDON
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Tirzio_Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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Gentlemen,

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D.L.

From: Npm1942
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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From: darlene@huntuso.com <darlene@huntuso.com>
To: Npm1942 <npm1942@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 01:41:56 PM EDT
Subject: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov

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From: Mark Wayne
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 1:55:53 PM

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To: "mwayne0524@aol.com" <mwayne0524@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 12:58:08 PM CDT
Subject: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov

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From:	todd5677@frontiernet.net
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc:	Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Fw: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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To: todd5677@frontiernet.net <todd5677@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 10:53:16 AM CDT
Subject: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov

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From: Don Leuthe
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; tirzio.lopez@dhf.nm.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 10:13:55 AM

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On Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 10:32 AM, darlene@huntuso.com <darlene@huntuso.com> wrote:

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From: David Shiflett
To: Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Cc: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:12:19 PM

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David M Shiflett, CCIM
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Knoxville, TN 37923
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Cell 865.567.7706

From: stanley grubb
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 3:02:59 AM

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To: "stanleygrubb@yahoo.com" <stanleygrubb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wed, May 27, 2026 at 7:33 AM
Subject: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov

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From: Potts, Amber
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: SMZ Regulations
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 8:45:45 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am an applicant/hunter in New Mexico.
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Very Truly Yours,

Thomas C. Hoffman, II
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From: Wild Trout
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Feedback
Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026 6:38:00 PM

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From: **Wild Trout** <jeff.young.elk@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Feb 21, 2026 at 6:33 PM
Subject: Feedback
To: <DGF-ELK-Rule@dgf.gov>

Thank you for the excellent presentation on the staus of our elk herds. Stewart did a great job as usual. I greatly appreciate all the efforts that go into managing our elk herds for the public.

1. Valle Vidal. I fully support reduction in cow tags. I spend alot of time there during the summer (and during hunts when I or someone in my family has had a tag_it is imperative that we keep that population healthy.
2. Greater Gila. Thank you for the efforts on the wolf study. I fully support a reduction in tags if necessary. Even if it means reducing YE tags. Those hunts are highly successful so it makes sense to consider a reduction.
3. You might consider adding some 6 APRE archery tags to areas that would be reduced. So as to continue hunter opportunity.
4. Related to eplus. A compromise may be to move all eplus cow tags to the public draw BUT ONLY for NM residents. Then those drawing the tag would negotiate a trespass fee perhaps being reduced through open gate money. The private landowners could keep all the bull tags. That's where the big money is anyway.

Again, thank you for your efforts. Good job with the muzzle scope restrictions.

Jeff Young
Sandia Park

From: John Lovisone
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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Date: May 27, 2026 at 12:09:09 PM EDT
To: lovisonej@aol.com

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From: Hayne Haigler
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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From: DocHunter48
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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To: dochunter48@gmail.com
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From: Ronald Pohl
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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From: darlene@huntuso.com
Date: May 27, 2026 at 12:48:14 PM EDT
To: Ron Pohl <ronpohl@mac.com>
Subject: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov

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From: dwetzel56 (null)
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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Date: May 27, 2026 at 2:01:59 PM EDT
To: dwetzel56@aol.com

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From: Paul Wohler
To: Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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From: G Purnell
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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Date: May 27, 2026 **NM Game Commission**

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From: Scott Lysenko
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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Date: Wed, May 27, 2026, 2:24 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
To: <DGF-Elk-Rule@dhf.nm.gov>

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Date: Wed, May 27, 2026, 12:10 PM
Subject: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
To: Scott Lysenko <scottlysenko@gmail.com>

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From: Karl Wolfe
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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From: Ian Weaver
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:05:30 PM

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Subject: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
To: <wtvian@gmail.com>

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Ian Weaver
Weaver's True Value
TV #02114
D.I.B #6780
330-695-6825

From: ARMOND SCHWARTZ
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:47:53 AM

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To: ratbubba@aol.com
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From: Ryan Dauman
To: Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 10:19:58 AM

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From: Randy Denny
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 10:06:15 AM

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I DO NOT support changing the current SMZ (Special Management Zone) regulations in order to change date and weapon choices for the private lands that support our wildlife.

Sincerely,

Randy W. Denny

LTC, US Army (Retired)

From: Landon Hawkins
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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From: Ann Hogoboom
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From: Gary Poulain
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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To: <gary.poulain@gmail.com>

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From: Steve Duessel
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
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From: Albert Sancehz
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: public input for elk hunts
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 2:00:23 PM
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From: Tanner Cox
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Game management
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 9:25:11 PM

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Hello,

My name is Tanner Cox and I'm a lifelong resident of the state of New Mexico. It has recently come to my attention NMGF intends to change non primary elk zones on private property to align with hunting seasons in that unit that occur in primary zone areas. This would do away with a more liberal season that allows such ranches to better manage the wildlife on their property.

This rule change also provides no biological and or population management value from the state perspective and serves no real purpose. I'm not aware of any valid data presented by the state on the reasoning of this proposal. This portion of the new elk rules should be tabled and kept as is, with no change.

Thank you for the work and effort you provide the State of New Mexico. I realize you can have a thankless job/ position at times and your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanner Cox
Resident of NM

From: Jordan Stailey
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gila Elk Herd Trends and Management Recommendations
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 8:33:00 PM

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Hello New Mexico Department of Game & Fish Team,

I'm writing as a long-time hunter with extensive time in the Gila who is increasingly concerned about observed trends in elk abundance and herd structure in this region.

Based on consistent on-the-ground observations over the last decade, I've seen a clear downward trend in elk numbers in the Gila, with the rate of decline accelerating over the past five seasons. This appears to go beyond normal inter-annual variation and suggests declining recruitment and/or adult survival. Group sizes are smaller, encounter rates are lower, and mature bull availability is noticeably reduced compared to what the Gila historically supported.

More specifically, I have personally hunted GMUs 16D and 16A in recent seasons and have observed substantially reduced elk numbers and encounter rates in both units. In addition, I've heard consistent anecdotal reports from outfitters and fellow hunters with long-term experience in 16B, and many of us believe elk in 16C have been particularly hard hit relative to surrounding units. While anecdotal, these reports are consistent across multiple seasons and observers and align with what I'm personally seeing in the field.

I believe the Gila can recover to a much higher-quality elk system if management becomes more conservative in the short term and more responsive to annual biological indicators moving forward. In that context, I strongly encourage the department to evaluate the following actions:

- Substantially reduce antlerless harvest, restricting cow hunts to youth New Mexico residents only until calf recruitment and overall population indices demonstrate sustained recovery.
- Reinstate antler point restrictions to protect younger age classes and rebuild bull age structure and breeding dynamics.
- Prohibit thermal optics for scouting or harvest, as their use materially increases detection efficiency and effective harvest pressure, particularly during late-season periods when animals are most vulnerable.
- Reduce unit-wide landowner authorizations, which currently add non-trivial pressure across entire units and are not always well-aligned with localized herd conditions.
- Implement more adaptive, year-to-year quota adjustments tied directly to harvest success, post-season population surveys, calf:cow ratios, drought indices, and collar data, rather than maintaining relatively static tag levels during periods of apparent decline.
- Evaluate rotational rest strategies, including temporarily closing specific units or individual hunts within units on a rotating basis to allow localized herds time to recover — an idea many hunters in the region have discussed as a potential conservation tool.

I want to be clear that this message is not intended as criticism of the department or the complexity of the job you're tasked with. I recognize the competing pressures between biological objectives, hunter opportunity, landowner interests, and public demand. That said, from the perspective of those of us who spend significant time in the field, current harvest pressure and tag structures appear increasingly misaligned with herd condition in the Gila, particularly given ongoing drought stress on habitat and recruitment.

Most serious hunters I speak with would support fewer tags and more conservative management in the short term if it meaningfully improves long-term herd health, age-class structure, and overall quality of the Gila elk population.

I would appreciate any insight you're willing to share regarding current population objectives for GMUs 16A–16D, recent trend data (abundance and recruitment), and what specific metrics are driving current quota decisions. I'm also happy to provide more detailed field observations if useful.

Respectfully,
Jordan Stailey

From: Eddy Hix
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] He
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 6:16:27 AM

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From: rushin4@mchsi.com
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] hunting regulation proposed change
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Tracy Rushing

From: Gianni Vecchiarelli
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hunting
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:34:40 PM

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Thanks,

Gianni

From: JAY ROMER
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am a hunter and I do not support
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 4:00:29 AM

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Jay Romer

From: Kenny Myers
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am not in like what is being proposed
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 6:26:11 PM

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I really don’t see or understand what the purpose of these proposals is try to accomplish. If there is good reason for these proposals I would like to know what they are. I am completely against these.

Sent from my iPad

From: John Hendrix
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I DO NOT support changing the current SMZ Regs
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:29:55 AM

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John L. Hendrix
2000 Atwood Dr.
Anchorage, Alaska 99517
9073659945

From: William Minton
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I do not support changing the rules
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 6:27:55 PM

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From: info@compasswestoutfitters.com
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Cc: "Kerrie Romero"
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Opposition to Secondary Unit Management Changes
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 2:40:15 PM

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I am writing regarding the proposed changes to the elk management plan, specifically for the ranches we manage, in Units 34 and 36. I write as both a business owner and a resident. When the program changed to inside and outside the core (with strong support) (now called secondary and primary management areas), the intent was to remove the tags issued to specific lands and replace them with a simple authorization number for the ranches outside the core. This allowed for the individual management of the private lands and prevented the issuance of tags that would not be used that season.

A proposed change to the existing system for the secondary management area is under consideration. These changes are in a unit that is already over population goals, to the point where the Department of Wildlife is adding additional cow tags in 2027. The proposal is not from state biologists, who decided that secondary management areas were not to be managed by the state, but by private owners as they see fit. These proposed changes apply only to areas with both primary and secondary management land within the unit boundaries.

I manage over 100,000 acres in Unit 34 alone **and oppose the changes to the secondary management areas**. These changes will negatively affect the areas we manage and the public lands around them. Don't take away our rights to manage populations in the secondary management areas; that's why those areas were created.

As for the economic impact (from my business alone) on the local rural Otero County lands I manage for ranchers:

Oct 1-5: 8 hunts potentially lost. $96,000 not going to ranch owners, and an additional $ 58,000 not going to local outfitters, guides, cooks, and support staff. This lost money, as a rule, is spent 100% in New Mexico, used to support New Mexico families

Oct 7-11: 8 more hunts potentially lost. $96,000 not going to ranch owners, and an additional $58,000 not going to local outfitters, guides, cooks, and support staff; as a rule, 100% being spent in New Mexico, to support New Mexico families

Oct 13-17, 8 additional hunts potentially lost. That's $96,000 not going to ranches and an additional $58,000 not going to local outfitters or guides, 100% being spent in New Mexico, to support New Mexico families.

$228,000 not going to landowners/ranchers who supply water year-round to wildlife, who operate under the recommended cattle allotment in order to protect wildlife habitat, manage predators, repair and maintain over 20 dirt tanks, removal of cedar and juniper overgrowth in order to foster elk habitat and install and maintain 24,000 feet of wildlife-friendly fence (removing nearly 30,000 feet of non-wildlife-friendly net wire).

$18,000 in CRS taxes from the sale of elk licenses not going to Otero County

$174,000 in loss in outfitter, guide, cook, and wrangler wages

$10,875 in CRS taxes from guided hunts in Otero County

$402,000 in total revenue lost to NM rural families.

Smile! It's almost hunting season!

Chris Guikema
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"I do not hunt for the joy of killing but for the joy of living, and the inexpressible pleasure of mingling my life however briefly, with that of a wild creature that I respect, admire and value." -John Madson

From: Victor Vigil
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Increase the tags in 42,47, and 59
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:09:23 AM

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Increase the tags in 42,47, and 59 or break it into two separate units 42 and 47 then add unit 41 to unit 59. The number of elk in our area has increased as is evident by the number of elk on game cameras and the numbers you see now just driving around.

Ray Vigil
Mosquero. NM
575-571-6928

From: Christy Miller
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Input for public hearing
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 12:30:44 PM

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Hello,

I would like for you to consider a point based system, similar to Colorado. I have put in for elk, turkey, and oryx the last four years and have not ever been successful. I'm paying fees every year, some of which are nonrefundable. Without a point based system, there is no inherent fairness. Hunting in New Mexico is wonderful and the land is pretty well maintained. I would like the opportunity to have a hunt but the current system seems to be more for monetary gain rather than fairness for all citizens. I reached out to the commissioners last year but only one person responded to me and she is no longer on the board, but was very much in favor of this request.

Thank You for considering,

Christy Miller
505-440-2211

Sent from my iPhone

From: KC hendricks
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Landowner against proposed hunt changes
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:25:02 PM

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Hello I am a landowner in unit 36, me and every other landowner in the area are very against these proposed changes to hunt dates. Being able to spread out our hunters from oct 1 to dec 31 has been very beneficial for us. This allows us to spread out the hunt pressure in order to better manage the elk numbers. We have been running 35 hunts a year on the ranch and if we were limited to the few season dates that align with public hunts we could never be able to continue this. The elk herds growth throughout the state has been fueled by landowners that provide year-round feed and water. There is also the issue of the later season hunts, in large the vast majority of cows don't move onto the ranch till the winter months, you can easily drive through the ranch and count 2-300 elk any morning in december.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed changes and keep using the system that has been working well. We are in the secondary management zone and from what ive seen all the local landowners have done a good job managing the elk herd without getting greedy. We enjoy the elk but there needs to be a financial benefit for feeding/watering them on private property.

Thanks, KC Hendricks

From: JUDY MEDEIROS
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] LNFAOA Comments on the Proposed Elk Rule
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 5:06:14 PM

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May 20, 2026

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Elk Rule Changes on behalf of the members of the Lincoln National Forest Allotment Owners Association. For years, the large elk numbers impacting our grazing allotments have been a concern and discussed during our meetings. However, during our April 23, 2026 meeting, we discussed our concerns with Travis Zaffarano and Bob Osborn regarding the continuing expanding elk herds affecting the grazing allotments in the Lincoln National Forest encompassing the Smokey Bear, the Sacramento, and the Guadalupe Ranger Districts.

These Rocky Mountain elk are an introduced, non-native and invasive species in this forest, and the adverse impact on the forest's resources of these herds has been especially difficult during our prolonged drought in these high elevation desert mountains. Elk inhabit our forest allotments all year due to the mild winters, and their activity depletes the available forage by the time cattle are to be moved to the forest in the spring. This lack of forage is well documented by the forest service who use this documentation to determine the cattle stocking rate on our allotments. This practice essentially gives elk preference over our livestock, and some of the allotment owners have had their livestock stocking numbers reduced because of the very large elk herd forage depletion. The elk herds also adversely impact our livestock water availability especially since the drought has caused some of our members to have to haul water onto the allotment. Also, the elk consume large amounts of salt, mineral, and forage that allotment owners provide and pay for. The forest service also requires that we have intact perimeter fences which the elk, especially in large numbers, do not respect. The bottom line is that the large elk herds in the Lincoln National Forest continue to expand due to resources that allotment owners provide and then are exceeding the forest's ability to accommodate their numbers and a reasonable number of livestock.

Elk biologists attempt to estimate the number of elk in the Lincoln, but the only means for counting them seems to be by aerial count. The Lincoln is a dense conifer forest, and this method is inadequate to achieve the reliable numbers that are needed for determining how many hunting licenses to allow. Many of our members would be glad to assist in helping determine more accurate on-the-ground elk numbers on their allotments (individually or in cooperation with the elk biologists).

Therefore, Units 34, 36, 29 and 30 are of great concern to our members, but the herds are expanding into increasingly more of the lowlands too.

The Proposed Changes to Elk Hunting, #5) b. and c. pertain specifically to our areas. In b., the

suggestion is “Possible slight increases in the San Juan, Northcentral, Sacramento, and Ruidoso herd units.” We recommend that the term “slight” be changed to “higher increases” because the herds are very large in the Sacramento and Ruidoso areas; and in addition, the Mescalero herd and the elk that live in Ruidoso are protected which contribute to the herd’s expanding size. Increasing the number of licenses is warranted based on our outlined concerns.

In the Proposed changes to the elk hunting rule #5) c., it states “Consider establishing elk hunts in GMU 32 to address an increasing elk population in the area”. This will be beneficial for our members in that area because they have been mentioning their concerns with the increasing numbers of elk in areas that have never had this species of elk before. The same situation applies to GMU 37 because our members in that area have mentioned that elk are increasing at an alarming rate, and members tell us that GMUs 29 and 30 are experiencing the same impact. Therefore, license increases are warranted in these areas.

The Lincoln National Forest’s large and expanding elk herd numbers must be brought under control by greatly increasing the hunting licenses to protect the forest resources for the benefit of the elk and our livestock. Thank you for considering our member’s concerns and suggestions.

Judyann Medeiros
Lincoln National Forest Allotment Owners Association President

From: Arias, Arthur A
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More tags needed for unit 30
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 10:19:37 AM

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Due to the big increase in elk in unit 30 please provide more tags for either sex elk in 30 I believe currently there is 90 tags for this year. I believe it needs to have at least another 50 more tags added please considered. Thanks

From: Karl Brosigs
To: kyle.hardwood@dgf.nm.gov; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Stump, Richard, DGF; DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Elk proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 8:49:23 AM

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Hello all,

We own and operate the Three Rivers ranch on the west side of Unit 36. We have a strong resident population of elk and are a major wintering ground for elk coming off the White Mountain Wilderness.
For a number of years, we have been encouraged by the game dept to shoot more elk in order to control the expansion of the elk herd. This is a big job and shortening our season would make this job more and more difficult to do. We need all the hunting time we can get.
Overgrazing by wintering elk is harmful to the ranch and shortening the season will hit the pocketbook of our outfitting business.
Please consider leaving the season as is

Thank you,

Karl Brosig

From:	Clay
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] new Elk Rule Proposal
Date:	Monday, June 22, 2026 9:04:27 AM

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To all concerned

I own 2T Picacho and we ranch and operate close to 70k acres in Lincoln/Chaves Counties.
I do not understand the thinking behind the proposed elk rule change. We are completely within the SMZ and are absolutely covered in elk. We have so many now that if we remove cattle from a pasture, we go and pick up all of our salt blocks to try to get the elk to go away.

I admittedly haven't killed enough elk the last few years but sure can't see how shortening the season up is going to help anything. We for sure need the 90 days like we currently have to achieve any management goals at all.

Before the current rule and season, you guys used to issue me 20 permits per year on just a 34k acre place. Then it changed to the current deal. I was told under this current plan that now we could kill all the elk we wanted as the state had decided there were too many in the SMZ. I agree 100%. Our numbers have increased exponentially and therefore our quality has gone done accordingly.

We are actively trying to kill more elk to better manage the herd quantity and quality.

I would very much appreciate if you guys would consider just leaving things as they are.

I am free to answer any questions about the way we do things.

Thanks

Clay Taylor
432-448-0226
2T Partnership LTD.
Pecos Industrial Park LLC.
CKR Land LLC.
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From: Alexander Castellanos
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Mexico Elk Hunts
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026 4:06:44 AM

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I am writing today asking for the proposed changes to the elk hunting seasons and weapons not be made. The existing rules and seasons works well and has allowed more opportunities for New Mexico than other states.

Thank you

Alexander Castellanos

From:	Jonathan Pool
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] New Mexico Elk Proposed Rule Change
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Dear Board Members;

The proposed Elk season modification needs to be reconsidered. The proposed change would drastically change how landowners manage their hunts. Early season bull hunts would be in competition with antlerless hunts resulting in more hunting pressure and more herd stress. My family travels to New Mexico 1 -3 times each year. Sometimes a family member has an October bull hunt, while another may have a January cow hunt. We have been doing this for +30 years.

Let's not ignore the economic reality for many of these drought stricken areas. Many landowners host elk herds year round- at the expense of running fewer cattle. Shortening their season, which will reduce hunter participation, may force the shift back to cattle. Reducing the available elk habitat.

I urge you to continue allowing landowners to operate under the current guidelines.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Pool, CPA
7185 Navajo Road, Suite L
San Diego, CA 92119
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From: Kyle Klain
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc: newmexico@backcountryhunters.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM BHA Comments on Proposed Rule Changes - Elk
Date: Friday, March 20, 2026 10:10:46 AM
Attachments: NM BHA - Elk - 2026 Big Game Rulemaking .docx

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Dear Commissioners and Department Staff,

Please find attached a set of summaries and comments from the New Mexico chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers regarding the proposed elk rule changes currently under consideration.

These materials reflect our perspective as public land hunters and speak to the importance of maintaining fair chase, equitable access, and biologically sound management as elk populations and hunting pressures continue to evolve across the state.

We appreciate the Department's continued commitment to science-based decision making and the opportunity to provide input.

Respectfully,

Kyle Klain
Policy Chair
New Mexico Chapter
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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From: Barry Farnum
To: Stump, Richard, DGF; DGF-Elk-Rule; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM Elk Proposed rule change
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To The Department of NM Game and Fish

I respectfully disagree with the proposed changes to the elk rule that standardize hunt dates.

It seems to me that doing this would create massive pressure on the elk in a shorter time than if spread out over a longer period.

Not to mention, more hunters in the same area at the same time gives more opportunity for accidents.

I hope the commission does not go through with the new proposed changes and preserves the existing nontraditional hunt dates. These proposed date changes would negatively impact landowner tag value and hunt quality.

Thank You,
Barry Farnum

From: John Anderson
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM ELK PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
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To the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and Members of the State Game Commission:

I respectfully oppose portions of the proposed elk rule changes that further standardize hunt dates across the state.

One of the strengths of New Mexico's elk management system has been the flexibility provided through private land authorizations and the availability of nontraditional hunt dates. These hunts help distribute hunting pressure across a broader portion of the season and provide opportunities for hunters to avoid the crowding associated with the most popular hunt periods.

By consolidating and aligning hunt structures and dates across units, the proposal reduces the value of these nontraditional hunting opportunities and concentrates more hunters into the same timeframes. This may increase hunting pressure, reduce hunt quality, and diminish one of the key benefits historically associated with landowner authorizations.

I am concerned that the Department has not fully evaluated the cumulative impact of public draw licenses, private land authorizations, and the loss of flexible hunting dates. While the stated goal may be consistency, the practical effect could be more hunters in the field at the same time and fewer opportunities to spread hunting pressure across the season.

I encourage the Commission to preserve as many nontraditional hunt dates as possible and carefully consider the impact these changes will have on landowner tag value, hunter distribution, and overall hunt quality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John Anderson

From:	GT Nunn
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc:	Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] NM Elk Rule
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To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM Game Commission
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:54:20 PM

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I am an applicant/hunter in New Mexico.

I DO NOT support changing the current SMZ (Special Management Zone) regulations in order to change date and weapon choices for the private lands that support our wildlife.

Deputy Patrick Stanley
Williamstown, KY

From: Randy Scott
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM Game Commission
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From: Anastasios Pantelidis
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NM hunting
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From:	Kerrie Romero
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc:	Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] NMCOG Official Stance Regarding Elk Rule PMZ/SMZ Hunt Alignment
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Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman & Commissioners,

Please accept the attached letter as the official position of the New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides as it pertains to the following bullet points of the Elk Proposed Rule Changes:

- Consider aligning hunt season start dates in GMUs containing both Primary Management Zone (PMZ) and Secondary Management Zone (SMZ).
- Adjust some hunts to minimize overlap of weapons used for species hunted.

Please feel free to reach out if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

Kerrie Cox Romero - Executive Director
Cell: 505-440-5258
New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides



From: Dari Alexander
To: Stump, Richard, DGF; DGF-Elk-Rule; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] no changes to secondary management zones
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 8:54:48 AM

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As a female non resident hunter, I hunt the secondary management areas and any changes to this program will limit my ability to hunt in New Mexico and more importantly will limit revenue in the state coffers. No changes are needed at this time.
Respectfully,
Dari Alexander

From: Keys Outfitting
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No changes to the secondary management areas
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I live in Colorado and am a licensed guide in NM. I guide and hunt secondary management areas. The proposed changes will limit both my employment and recreational opportunities. PLEASE DO NOT make these changes that will have a heavy toll on me and others like me.

Joe Keys
970-216-7899

From: Jake Vollink
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident Elk
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:34:17 AM

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Hi, I will try and keep this concise. I realize the reasons for the price increases for non resident hunting. But I cannot help but wonder to what extent will this go on. These tags are now getting so expensive for the common working class person it will phase them out of the draw. Maybe that is the point, to only allow the wealthy to hunt the state as non residents and keep more people out of the draw and increase some draw odds above 2%. I just would like to see something do e for the working class person to still have opportunity. The united states is quickly going to a European model where the rich and wealthy are the only ones who will be hunting.

Thanks Jake

From: Roger Carpenter
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident hunt opportunity
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 11:41:28 AM

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Year ago I hunted Barker as a non resident Several years. I only saw locals on the weekends. During weekdays never saw locals . Now no non residents can hunt the management units. Suggest making them Quality hunt for non-residence and allow hunting to start on Monday after opening weekend for local residents. That would increase money for state and offer additional hunting for non resident without impacting local hunting pressure

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Michael Carroll
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non resident tag allocation concern
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 11:28:47 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a non-resident of New Mexico and have been applying unsuccessfully for the last handful of years. I apply for big game tags all over the West and this year am not going to apply in New Mexico. My reasoning is that I can and have obtained non resident elk licenses in numerous other Western States. I appreciate that New Mexico allows non-resident hunting. However, with many of New Mexico's current non resident tag allocation going to non resident guided draw tags (10% of non resident tags), my chances of drawing as an unguided non resident hunter are very low (6% of non resident tags). I understand the importance of supporting resident guides, but the non resident tag allocation seems significantly out of balance. I would encourage New Mexico to look at the non resident unguided tag allocations and find ways to increase those tags from the guided pool. Due to low draw success, unfortunately I will not be contributing any of my money towards New Mexico this year. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

I am writing this email, because I took the NM elk survey and did not see the above mentioned issue anywhere in the survey.

Sincerely,

Michael Carroll

From: Robert Gutierrez
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Non residents
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 10:42:17 PM

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How is it that the Hushin people are here hunting every year? It's ridiculous how we can't get drawn but they get drawn year in and year out. Something needs to change, I guess the state likes the money but I'm not surprised.

From: John Sestak
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Not for this regulation
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:52:53 PM

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John Sestak

New Lenox,IL.

From: Jonna Schafer
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OCCA Comments on the NMDGF Rule development information for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related rules.
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 8:51:46 AM

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April 14, 2026

New Mexico Department of Wildlife
Attn: Rule Development
1 Wildlife Way
Sante Fe, NM 80507

RE: Rule development information for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related rules.

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Darrell Brown, President of the Otero County Cattleman's Association (OCCA) and I am writing on behalf of OCCA's membership in regards to the proposed rule development information for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related rules.

Please see below our comments and desires as per the proposed rule:

Deer--GMU 29 and GMU 30, more particularly from the Guadalupe Mountains to the west:
According to the Deer Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, prepared by Orrin Duvuvuei, Deer program Manager, and updated in May of 2025: *"When drought is prolonged, or when seasonal precipitation does not come at optimal times, deer will have reduced body condition and recruitment will be lower. This can result in higher mortality rates from all causes. Three consecutive years of above-average rainfall are often needed for mule deer populations to experience significant growth in this ecoregion (Heffelfinger 2006)."* This same study prepared by Orrin Duvuvuei also states in regards to the Guadalupe Mountains Deer Management Zone that: *"Deer densities and the resulting population size in the Guadalupe Mountains are considered low."*
GMU areas 29 and 30 have been in a continual drought for many years with the most recent years being classified as being in the severe category. However, 2025 saw average to above average moisture throughout the area. As stated above, deer densities are recognized as being low in these hunting units and that three consecutive years of above-average rainfall are needed to increase mule deer populations. With this being said, OCCA proposes that all deer hunting is postponed in these two GMU's for at least a five year period to observe and document the status of the recovery of the mule deer.

Elk---GMU 34:
According to the Elk Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, prepared by Travis Zaffarano, Elk Program Manager, updated on June 5, 2025*: "The herd is increasing,*

despite the higher female harvest in recent years." As a cattle organization, many of our members are negatively affected by the excessive numbers of elk in Unit 34. Not only is there destruction of fencing and infrastructure, which is costly to replace or repair, it is also time consuming which takes away from other duties. Ranchers are being extremely harmed by the reduction in total cattle numbers. Elk are consuming vast amounts of the forage and are in competition with the cattle for this forage. Cattle are a valuable source of income for local families and communities as well as an important and necessary food source for our country. OCCA supports the concept of 5) b. of the proposed rules, *"Possible slight increases in the San Juan, Northcentral, Sacramento, and Ruidoso herd units."* However, OCCA believes and proposes that there should be a substantial increase in draw license numbers for GMU 34 not a "slight" one.

Oryx---GMU 29 and GMU 30, more particularly from the Guadalupe Mountains to the west:
Oryx are admittedly an invasive, non-native species and have well expanded beyond what was expected at the beginning of their introduction. They have no known natural predators in this area. Oryx tend to be aggressive toward other animals as well as humans at times. This aggression negatively affects both domestic and wild animals. Not only are they in competition with other animals so far as water and forage, they can be and often are very destructive to fences and other infrastructure. This destruction to physical improvements and the disruption of domestic animals natural actions is costly to those that are trying to make a living from the off-range lands inhabited by these introduced animals. As per the New Mexico Department of Wildlife's website, it states that*: "Unprotected species damage habitat and compete with native wildlife."* OCCA believes that Oryx both damage habitat as well as compete with native wildlife. Therefore, OCCA proposes that off-range Oryx become classified as a nuisance and/or a non-protected animal.

Pronghorn Antelope---GMU 29:
Antelope numbers located in Unit 29 have been declining. Drought and predation have contributed to this reduction. OCCA proposes the Unit 29 is returned to ranch only hunts as it has been in the past plus encourages the removal of natural predators to the antelope.

Even though off-road vehicle (ORV) driving is not included in these proposed rules, OCCA wants to take the opportunity to express our thoughts. OCCA believes that ORV driving goes hand in hand with hunting all species of animals on state and federal lands. Driving off-road or off of designated trails can lead to soil erosion, which degrades the land and ground cover. It can negatively affect water quality by increasing sediment runoff. This was very evident by what occurred in the Sacramento Mountains on the Lincoln National Forest last year. The New Mexico Department of Wildlife, the New Mexico State Land Office, the Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Forest Service should work together to ensure that the rules of off-road driving are judiciously enforced.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments.

Sincerely,

/s/Darrell Brown
President of the Otero County Cattleman's Association
PO Box 111
Pinon, New Mexico 88344

575-687-2650

From: Logan McGarrah
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Elk PMZ / SMZ Hunt alignment
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Commissioners,

Thank you for your time in regards to the rule making cycle this year. I am writing to urge you to oppose the alignment of hunt start dates for elk in the PMZ and SMZ. It seems as if this proposal was done to appease a few complainers and is not rooted in science nor does it align with the department's goals.

I personally feel the entire state should be an active management zone for elk, however the department shirks its role in managing them in many areas. The department's stated goal for the SMZ is "no management, no herd expansion" . I disagree with that goal, and am somewhat pleased to see a step towards more management outside the PMZ, but this proposal is not providing that in a meaningful way, it simply quiets the complainers and leaves the underlying problem. I urge you to direct the department to remove this portion of the elk proposal and seek other more meaningful management directives for the SMZ.

Highest Regards- Logan McGarrah

From:	Ethan Wood
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Opposition to Elk Rule SMZ/PMZ Alignment
Date:	Monday, June 22, 2026 9:38:41 AM

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Hello,

My name is Ethan Wood and I'm a lifelong resident of the state of New Mexico. It has recently come to my attention NMGF intends to change non primary elk zones on **private property** to align with hunting seasons in that unit that occur in primary zone areas. This would do away with a more liberal season that allows such ranches to better manage the wildlife on their property.

This rule change also provides no biological and or population management value from the state perspective and serves no real purpose. I'm not aware of any valid data presented by the state on the reasoning of this proposal. This portion of the new elk rules should be tabled and kept as is, with no change.

Thank you for the work and effort you provide the State of New Mexico. I realize you can have a thankless job/ position at times and your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Wood

Resident of NM

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Chad Wright
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Opposition to ELK Rule SMZ/PMZ Alignment
Date:	Sunday, June 21, 2026 11:10:40 AM

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Hello,

My name is Chad Wright and I'm a lifelong resident of the state of New Mexico. It has recently come to my attention NMGF intends to change non primary elk zones on **private property** to align with hunting seasons in that unit that occur in primary zone areas. This would do away with a more liberal season that allows such ranches to better manage the wildlife on their property.

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Respectfully submitted,

Chad Wright

Resident of NM

Chad Wright
Owner
Broken Arrow Outfitters
Hobbs, NM 88240
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From: Matalina Smith
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to hunting rule changes
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 9:07:21 AM

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To whom it might concern:

I am a lifelong New Mexico resident and land owner. It has come to my attention NMGF intends to change non primary elk zones on private property to align with hunting seasons in that unit that occur in primary zone areas. This would do away with a more liberal season that allows ranch owners to better manage the wildlife on our properties.

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Respectfully,

Matalina Smith
Alamocita Ranch Co.

From: Randy Strombeck
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] opposition to new hunting proposals
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 10:04:51 AM

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To whom it may concern,
I am opposed to the new Elk hunting proposals #1, #2 and #3.
Sincerely,
Randall Strombeck

From: Kara Armstrong
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to proposed changing of Elk Rule
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 11:22:32 AM

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As a non resident hunter spending 12-15,000 every year in NM l am opposed to changes in the secondary management area

Regards,

Kara Armstrong

From:	Richard Eskildson
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Elk Rule Changes (Proposals #1, #2, #3)
Date:	Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:56:40 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Elk Rule changes, specifically proposals #1, #2, and #3.

These changes would significantly limit hunting opportunities in New Mexico by reducing rifle hunts in favor of muzzleloader hunts, eliminating key October 1 rifle opportunities on private land, and restricting overall flexibility for hunters, landowners, and outfitters due to weapon type overlaps.

I urge you to vote against these proposals and protect our hunting opportunities.

Sincerely,

From: James Sloan
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Out of state elk license
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 5:25:40 AM

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Sirs, I have put in the draw for Valles Caldera for several years. Not any longer because you have lowered the out of state chances of a tag to 10% without an outfitter. I have hunted there one time for myself and one time with a buddy and I can tell you we spent a lot of money in your state while the residents who hunted there would drive there from home, tag out, and drive right back with minimum expenditures. I thought the Caldera was a NATIONAL PRESERVE, not a New Mexico park. We now hunt in Colorado.
Sent from my iPad

From: Hughes, Jeremy Matthew
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Policy Recommendations
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I would like to formally raise two policy recommendations for consideration.

First, when only a portion of eligible private acreage is enrolled in EPLUS, allocating 100% of the private tag quota appears misaligned with actual participation levels. A proportional allocation system—where tag numbers correspond directly to enrolled acreage—would better reflect equity and biological intent. Any remaining tags could then be returned to the public draw, improving opportunity for resident hunters.

Second, in primary zones, EPLUS tags are not season-restricted in the same proportion as public draw tags. This allows concentration of private tags during peak hunting windows, potentially diminishing the experience for draw hunters who may have waited decades for opportunity. Aligning EPLUS tag season distribution with public draw percentages (e.g., proportional allocation across archery, early rifle, late rifle seasons) would promote fairness and better distribute hunting pressure.

Additionally, I encourage consideration of eliminating the outfitter pool and reallocating those tags to a 90% resident / 10% non-resident framework. The current structure creates the perception—and in many cases the reality—of preferential access based on financial means. A resident-priority allocation would align more closely with public sentiment and the principle that wildlife is held in trust for the citizens of the state.

These changes would significantly improve trust in the system and ensure broader opportunity for the majority of hunters.

Please advise on the appropriate process for formally proposing these reforms or participating in public comment opportunities. I would welcome the chance to assist constructively

Jeremy Hughes
Talent Acquisition Specialist
ALDSCT/SIGMA
505-500-7000

From: Breaux, James (NSLX)
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Changes ~ Secondary Management Areas
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As a non-resident hunter (Texas resident) that spends a good chunk of cash every year in New Mexico, I am vehemently opposed to proposed changes in the secondary management areas.

Thank you,

James Breaux



From: Gregory Buntain
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed changes to 19.31.14 NMAC (Elk Rule) and the potential opening of 19.30.5 NMAC (EPLUS Rule).
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026 3:04:26 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to offer my comments on the proposed changes to 19.31.14 NMAC (Elk Rule) and the potential opening of 19.30.5 NMAC (EPLUS Rule).

Overall, I support the Department's proposed changes to the Elk Rule relating to public draw hunts. I also support maintaining the current methodology used to partition elk licenses between public draw hunts and private-land elk authorizations. This approach has proven to be an effective management tool that balances hunter opportunity, wildlife conservation, and landowner participation. In a state like New Mexico, where a significant portion of elk habitat occurs on private land, this balance is particularly important.

I do not support opening the EPLUS Rule for reconsideration. The current program provides a reasonable and flexible framework for managing elk on private lands while maintaining habitat and dispersing hunting pressure across both public and private lands. Reducing private-land authorizations or curtailing EPLUS would likely lead to unintended consequences, including reduced incentives for private landowners to maintain wildlife habitat, increased elk concentrations and hunting pressure on public lands, and lower overall hunter satisfaction.

In addition, the EPLUS program contributes significantly to wildlife management funding and to rural economies through nonresident hunting activity. Weakening the program could reduce these benefits while offering only modest improvements in public draw odds.

If the goal is to address concerns among resident hunters who go many years without drawing a tag, I encourage the Department to consider potential adjustments to the public draw system itself rather than altering the EPLUS program. Options such as limits on how often certain species can be drawn, sit-out periods, or other draw-management approaches could help manage expectations while preserving the existing elk management framework.

Thank you for your service and for considering public input on this important issue.

Respectfully,

Gregory Buntain

1118 Big Rock Loop

Los Alamos, NM

Sent from Greg's iPad

From: John Hubbard
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Changes to the Elk Rule
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As a non-resident hunter that spends a considerable amount of money every year in New Mexico on tag fees and licenses, l am opposed to any changes to weapon regulation in the secondary management area.

Sincerely,

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From: John Gnatkowski
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Elk Hunt Changes
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Good Evening,

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to vote against any proposed season changes when it deals with private land elk hunts. Elk numbers have increased exponentially over the last few years and the demand to hunt them has as well. As a landowner, I guide and/or oversee 100% of elk hunts on my property. I think this is the most effective way to ensure state regulations and laws, and private property conservation practices and easements are followed without falter.

If SMZ hunts are forced to align with the draw hunts, there is no way that I can be present on every hunt. The draw hunts are conducted during our fall cattle work (weaning, vaccinating, pregging and cattle movement). I have always been completely hands on and present when others are hunting on my private land; holding SMZ hunts during the draw hunts would make this impossible for me and my crew.

v/r,

John Gnatkowski
Hall-Gnatkowski, Inc

From: J K
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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To whom it may concern

We, as Felix Canyon and Felix River Ranch hereby oppose the proposed changes to Elk hunting rules and dates regarding Hunts in SMZ which we are part of. The existing dates and regulations benefit the needs of the ranching community regarding flexibility a d coordination with livestock operations. Furthermore is it beneficial to be able to deconflict with public Deer and Sheep hunters. Since there is no public Elk hunting in GMU 32 anyways there is no immediate need to line up with public land hunt dates.

Respectfully,

Jens Klingshirn

Manager

From: khcasabonne
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Elk Rule Changes
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Hello,

I've read through the proposed elk rule changes. I oppose the change to align the secondary hunts with the primary zone hunts as described in point three. This would limit opportunities for hunters and land owners. This could also lead to lost revenue for both NMDGF and land owners through fewer license sales. The current system of picking the hunt dates allows for some flexibility, creating more opportunities for hunters to harvest an elk.

Sincerely,

Kellen Casabonne

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From: dsheft82@pvtn.net
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Elk Rule comments
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Some of the Department recommendations do not track with the data available to the public on the website and in presentations. The majority of the primary zone units show cow harvest below "minimum" sustainable levels indicating more licenses should be issued. This is true even in some of the Gila units where the Department is proposing license decreases. Data needs to be updated and/or corrected to show why some of the Department proposals are actually legitimate. In units such as 34 cow hunts should be prioritized (held first) over bull hunts until herd management objectives are met.

I support requiring secondary zone ranches to register with the Department.

David L. Heft
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From: Larry Kerr
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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I am 73-years-old and I grew up in New Mexico hunting in Carson National Forest east and north of Navajo Dam between Blanco and Dulce.

During my teen years, access to the forest was wide open. Not today. Only the oil and gas companies have access to the roads in the forest. Virtually every huntable canyon is behind locked gates. If you have a buddy with a key to those gates, you can easily get into the remote areas and harvest your elk. I have heard that these clowns even shoot their game animals from the road.

If you do not have friends in the oil and gas service business, you are forced to camp outside the gate and walk in for miles to get to where the elk are bugling. I was 72-years-old on my last hunt. I was able to walk in, but there was no way I could have brought out an elk if I had shot one.

My hunting partner was 78. He walked in less than a mile and decided after that hunt that it is not possible to do this again.

New Mexico does a good job offering youth hunts, but the NMDGF needs to consider the needs for the few of us in the so-called golden years who still want to hunt. Our chances of drawing out are marginal at best, but it does not matter if we do draw out because we have little chance of harvesting elk in areas closed to all but the lucky few with gate keys.

I suspect that very few guys my age are writing to you about this issue. They may lack the physical conditioning to actively hunt anymore and they don't feel they have a voice in the regulatory process. I still want to hunt and so do some of my friends who have hunted with me since we were in high school.

Access for the elderly is a simple fix: along with the license, issue a permission slip allowing the oil or gas operators to issue a key or code for getting in during the hunt period.

Making the draw automatic for elderly hunters would also help. We just don't have enough years left to wait season after season for that one lucky day. All of my friends who can still hunt have given up because the draw is so iffy.

I suspect I will be dead and gone before NMDGF addresses this issue, but I needed to speak up before senility makes it impossible to do so. LK

From: Mitch Hibbard
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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Good Afternoon, Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

As a ranch owner in the SMZ, I want to be clear—we oppose these proposed changes to elk hunt dates.

Our operation depends on those early October hunts. The income isn't extra—it's what allows us to offset elk damage and actively manage the population on our property. Without those hunts, we lose both the revenue and one of the most effective tools we have to keep exploding elk numbers in check.

The SMZ was set up for this exact purpose—give landowners the ability to apply pressure and move elk back into the PMZ. Reducing those opportunities works against that goal.

For us, this isn't theoretical. It directly affects our ability to operate, maintain our land, and properly manage elk.

We appreciate your consideration.

Thank you.

Mitch Hibbard
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From: Kelsey Pazera
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
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Please Reform EPlus and stop giving away 13,000+ (about 30%) or our elk tags to private landowners. In 2022-23 only 65% of elk licenses went to residents despite the DGF stating 84% should. Most states give 90% to residents. Please make reform of this and eliminate unit-wide eplus tags as the logical first step

Thank you!

From: Mike Mechenbier
To: kerriecoxromero@gmail.com; DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; kyl.harwood@dgf.nm.gov; gtnunn@aol.com
Cc: Accounting
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Mike Mechenbier and I am the owner/operator of 4 Daughters Ranch which is located west of Belen, NM. The ranch encompasses approximately 330 sections and is primarily deeded land (however, there is a small amount of BLM and State lands scattered throughout). I sincerely apologize for the late submittal of these comments, but I appreciate you taking the time to consider my viewpoints.

Over the years, we have submitted an abundance of data documenting the wildlife enhancement projects we have implemented on the ranch including water infrastructure, friendly wildlife fencing, food plots, and invasive species eradication. We have also gone to the expense of hiring a wildlife biologist for the past 20 years to consult on these projects and have done numerous game surveys. We are currently in the midst of doing a collared elk survey in which the results will be available in late fall of 2026. All of this data, as well as the studies, are on file with the NMDGF.

Over the years, we have participated in the Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program, Private Land Deer Incentive Program, and the Elk Private Lands Use System with all hunts being strictly monitored and guided. I think it is pertinent for you to know that 100% of the revenue generated through these hunts goes directly to El Ranchito de Los Ninos, a children's home located in Los Lunas, NM.

Points to consider RE: flexibility in ranch hunt scheduling:

1. Loss of incentive to manage habitat for wildlife or provide water. Currently neither USFS nor BLM does much, if any, management specifically for large game species. What they do is constrained by other issues (i.e., placing "habitat improvements" in areas where access is more easily enforced rather than where needed, etc.). So, the most progressive and significant habitat improvements in NM are associated with private lands. Taking away flexibility in hunt scheduling reduces the financial incentives to do significant habitat improvements. Why make the investment if the opportunity to

recover some of the cost is compromised?

2. The above is very much recognized by public-land hunters, who tend to hunt along boundaries of wildlife enterprises when possible. Large game produced on ranches does not stay there - it disperses onto adjacent public and private lands where the majority is harvested. Harvest on the enterprises themselves is usually minor.
3. The same is true for water. Having water on continuously rather than simply when livestock are present is a significant cost. Losing preferred hunt timing will affect incentive to provide that water.
4. Livestock stocking. Wildlife enterprises invariably decrease stocking levels to well below what range capacity is in order to provide forage for wildlife. If potential wildlife-related revenues are decreased (as they certainly would be by limiting flexibility in hunt timing), the incentive to do that disappears. In fact, the incentive to increase livestock stocking would increase to compensate for lost wildlife-related revenues to the detriment of wildlife populations.
5. Related to livestock stocking - many landowners exclude livestock from areas specifically to enhance wildlife value. These areas are typically very high-quality wildlife habitat. Again, incentive to do that is lost.
6. Adjacent ownership hunt timing. Proposed changes would affect non-Tribal entities only. How does that result in more efficient law enforcement? Many secondary management zone enterprises are adjacent to Pueblo hunting enterprises.
7. The "enforcement" justification. This could actually work just the opposite of what has been contended. Specifically, there would be less enforcement associated with secondary hunt zones because the emphasis would be on the concurrent primary hunt zone hunts. The result would be increased trespass and other issues which are already problematic on private lands. As noted above, hunting wildlife enterprise borders is a preferred option for public land hunters because they understand that production is better on well managed habitat.
8. Loss of wildlife-related revenue. Many ranches are barely getting by given drought, limited livestock production, etc. Wildlife enterprises often are the only thing that keeps ranches relatively solvent. Limiting that option increases the likelihood of selling and subdivision. The latter would have a significant deleterious impact on the overall quality of wildlife habitat as well as on the numbers of human-wildlife conflicts; both of which would be highly problematic to wildlife populations.

These are only a few of the most obvious issues; there are many others.

As I told everyone a long time ago, landowners needed to get in front of the anti-privatelands views driven by New Mexico Wildlife Federation and others before it was too late. Unfortunately, it is likely too late given the political climate of the state.

Thank you for your consideration in taking the time to read my comments.

Mike Mechenbier

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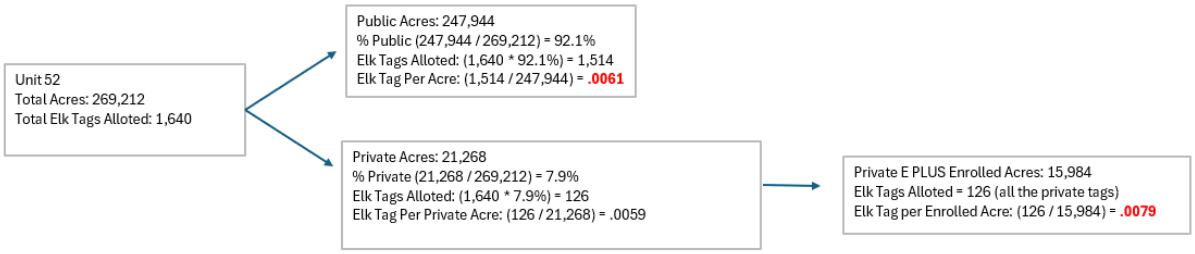
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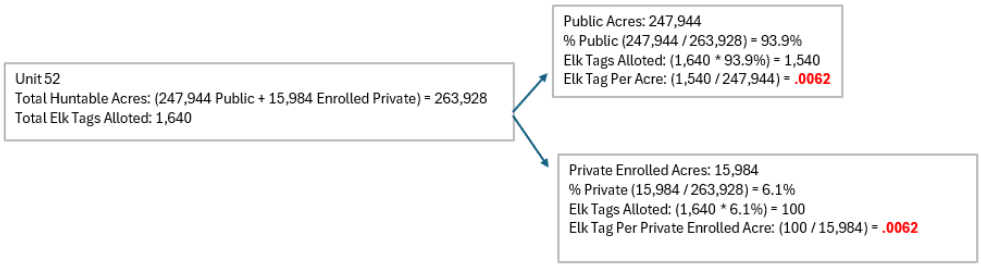
I apologize for the multiple emails. The data I provided previously was incorrect. Below is the corrected and hopefully accurate based on the public numbers available. Sorry about that.

Unit 52					
All Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	1,640			
Public	247,944	1,514	0.0061	1541	27
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	126	0.0079	99	-27
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
Bull Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	680			
Public	247,944	630	0.0025	639	9
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	50	0.0031	41	-9
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
BOW ES Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	500			
Public	247,944	460	0.0019	470	10
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	40	0.0025	30	-10
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
Cow Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	460			
Public	247,944	424	0.0017	432	8
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	36	0.0023	28	-8
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		

Current Formula



Updated Formula



Thanks,
Travis

From: Edwards, Travis
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 1:20 PM
To: DGF-ELK-Rule@dgf.nm.gov
Subject: Elk proposals

Hello,

I commented previously but wanted to provide another comment for the record. It's regarding something not proposed. I want the department to change how it allocates tags for public vs private. Below is my understanding of how it works and also provided a real world example for unit 52.

If a unit is 50% public (50,000 Acres) and 50% private (50,000 Acres) and let's say the department is giving 100 total Elk tags for that unit. 50 would go to the public draw and 50 would go to private/E-Plus. On the surface, this allocation seems fair based on land ownership. However, let's say only 25,000 acres of that 50,000 private acres is enrolled in E-Plus. That 25,000 acres would get ALL 50 of the private tags even though they are only 50% of the private land. The public land would get no additional tags. The end result is the E-Plus private land is getting more tags per acre then public.

The pic I attached is a real world example from 2025 tags for unit 52. Hopefully it makes sense. If the formula was changed to allocate based on Public Land vs Enrolled E-Plus Private instead of the current formula of Public Land vs All Private, unit 52 would have been given 145 more public tags then it was.

Unit 52					
All Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	1,766			
Public	247,944	1,514	0.0061	1659	145
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	126	0.0079	107	-19
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
Bull Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	730			
Public	247,944	630	0.0025	686	56
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	50	0.0031	44	-6
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
BOW ES Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	540			
Public	247,944	460	0.0019	507	47
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	40	0.0025	33	-7
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		
Cow Tags	**Acres**	**Elk tag alloted**	**Elk tag per "Huntable Acre"**	**Allocation if Formula changed to allot based on Public vs Enrolled Private**	**Net Change**
Total	269,212	496			
Public	247,944	424	0.0017	466	42
Percent Public	92.10%				
Private Enrolled in EPLUS	15,984	36	0.0023	30	-6
Private NOT Enrolled in EPLUS	5,284	0	0.0000		

I know the department sets tags numbers on a 4 year cycle, so I propose it uses the last years E-Plus enrolled acres to create the allocation % for the next 4 years.

Thank you for taking my comments!

Travis

From: Joshua Cochran
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Elk
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 11:50:20 AM

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If they do increase tags make them youth hunts

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On Fri, Feb 20, 2026 at 11:47 AM, Joshua Cochran <muddinalways@yahoo.com> wrote:

> There shouldn't be more elk tags issued in the unit 36 and 34 with the already increased tag numbers
>
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From:	Barry Farnum
To:	Stump, Richard, DGF; DGF-Elk-Rule; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Re: NM Elk Proposed rule change
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One more thought,

There are six of us who make an annual trip to New Mexico to hunt in either October or January. We always stop in Hatch for green chilies and a Sparkies green chili burger. We stay at your hotels, purchase food, gas, drinks, and ice. A & M processors handle our meat processing. Major Taxidermy has done 2 of my bulls and 3 of my brothers. So we spend a lot of money in New Mexico, and we are happy to.

The Ranch we Hunt is the I Bar X. The Hendricks family has become great friends, and we all look forward to seeing them every year. Dinners and laughs fill our week.

I'm not sure how many more years I have to hunt, but New Mexico has been, and I hope it continues to be my favorite hunt of the year.

Thank You,
Barry Farnum

On Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 08:54:20 PM PDT, Barry Farnum <farnumelectric@yahoo.com> wrote:

To The Department of NM Game and Fish

I respectfully disagree with the proposed changes to the elk rule that standardize hunt dates.

It seems to me that doing this would create massive pressure on the elk in a shorter time than if spread out over a longer period.

Not to mention, more hunters in the same area at the same time gives more opportunity for accidents.

I hope the commission does not go through with the new proposed changes and preserves the existing nontraditional hunt dates. These proposed date changes would negatively impact landowner tag value and hunt quality.

Thank You,
Barry Farnum

From: Seth Heath
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reduce Cow Tags
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 12:43:11 PM

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On the Gila hunts, we need to reduce the cow tags in 16C due to wolf predation and overharvest.

It sure seems like the rut is going later, and there are a lot more bulls rutting during the rifle hunts.

I'd like to see fewer rifle hunts and more archery and ML in some units to increase opportunity while maintaining harvest rates.

Thanks,

Seth Heath
Tijeras, NM

From: Rod McClanahan
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Requested Change in Muzzleloader Elk Rehulation
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 5:50:44 PM

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I am 74 years old. My main elk hunting budd
y is 75. We only apply to hunt elk in Unit 15. With aging, our eye sight is getting worse such that we are experiencing more challenges in being able to use open iron sites on our muzzleloaders to hunt elk. We are proposing that the NMDGF consider allowing persons 70 and older to be able to use red dot sites, with no magnification, on muzzleloaders for hunting elk in Unit 15. The current regulations descriminate against older persons being able to hunt elk into their older years. Additionally, crippling rates would be reduced by allowing the use of red dot sites.

From: Sean Hill
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resident comments for Elk Rules
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 3:31:03 PM

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I hunt elk exclusively in unit 16A. I've hunted it with family & friends for over 30 years. Between my own tags and the tags of family & friends (I'll go with almost anyone to the Gila), I have a ton of time spent both scouting & hunting elk in 16A.
2025 was by far the worst year I have ever experienced, but the decline in overall elk population and quantity of bulls over 340" is very shocking.

I am also an official measurer for Boone & Crockett & Pope & Young Club.

Major issues I encountered in September 2025 were as follows, in order of importance to me that Game & Fish & the Forest Service can help improve are as follows:

1. With 2 archery seasons and the number of tags, hunting enjoyment has greatly declined. There is too much pressure when there are up to 12 hunters chasing the same herd bull all over the place, never letting them get a break.
    a. Please go back to 3 seasons and leave 1 day between each for people to mobilize in and out of camping spots.
2. Blown out pond dams all over force elk to travel farther to water.
    a. Please repair blown out pond dams.
3. Hunters and non-hunters camping during hunting seasons too close to water holes.
    a. Need more enforcement.
4. Wolves – I've seen at least one wolf every trip I've taken in unit 16A over the last 3 decades, however in 2025 it was almost every day, no matter which part of the unit I was in. Nobody could ever convince me that the wolf population is not 10X what is claimed. This has become a major problem. I also saw 6 dead bovine cows that appear to have been killed by predators and 4 elk carcasses, just in SS Basin/T-Bar Ridge area alone. I can not say which predators, but wolves were thick in this area, but I also saw 2 bears. None of the bear scat I saw had any type of fur in it. It looked like the bears were eating lots of grass and juniper berries.

5. ATV's & Side x sides that have been making new roads into elk bedding habitat infuriates me. Some of this I believe is happening in the spring & summer months with shed hunters and turkey hunters, along with elk & deer hunters. Then we get the average non-hunter that goes to enjoy the beautiful Gila Nat'l Forest in the summer on their Side x Side and they drive everywhere they see tracks.
    a. Did you know there is now a road on the NW corner of Canyon Creek Mountain that goes all the way to the top of the mountain?! I have hiked to the top on foot way too many times to count and in 2025 I hiked up from SW corner and ran into a side x side at the top on the NW side. PLEASE CLOSE THAT DAMN ROAD!
6. Please get the Forest Service to fix the potholes on the paved road from Reserve. This road was way better before it was paved, but I understand the cost of maintenance.

I sincerely thank you for reading and considering my comments.

Thank you,

Sean Hill

From: william robinson
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rule change
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 8:48:21 AM

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I am an applicant/hunter in New Mexico.

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From: Michael Martinez
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rule Comment
Date: Monday, May 25, 2026 8:31:56 PM

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Hello,

You guys should really consider splitting elk into 51B like you guys did for deer. Make it its own unit entirely to prevent over crowding and less confusion when referring to maps it says A and B a lot do people don't know thier tag is good for both units because they see 51B on maps which refers only to deer hunting and vise versa for 51A. Also you guys should create more quality late season bull elk hunts in northern New Mexico like in units 51 or 6A and 6C.

Thanks,
Michael Martinez

From: Chuck Thompson
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] rules
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:36:20 AM

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Charles Thompson is my name, I'm a non resident hunter from Michigan. I;ve hunted the first muzzleloader hunt in unit 15 for many years & have been successful several years. With the rule on no scopes on our muzzleloaders has greatly impacted my ability to harvest a bull elk. I'm 75 yrs. young & my eye sight is not what it used to be. My endurance is still good in the higher altitudes, but seeing the game when the shot is to be made is a real problem. I wish the dept. would allow scopes back on our firearms if the hunter is over a certain age. I pay a lot of money to hunt elk in your beautiful state. It's getting to the point where I don't feel I have a fair chance to harvest a elk anymore because of the removal of optics on my muzzleloader. Please reconsider this rule. Thank You.

From: Tom Assalley
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ruling
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:27:18 AM

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From: Tim Barraclough
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Secondary Management Zone change
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2026 2:23:42 PM

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I am against the modification of the hunt dates for the secondary elk units versus the primary elk units for several reasons and the main reason is that the change is not a biological decision.

1. Secondary zones were created to prevent the spread of elk herds into undesirable locations, and this was a biological and socially acceptable method to reduce future conflicts in areas that are not historical elk units.
    a. Some ranches also only have elk on them during parts of the open season and changing hunt dates or reducing hunt dates will reduce harvest and not be in alignment with the management goal.
    b. There is no biological reason to reduce the hunt dates

2. The change is just a basic case of “petty jealousy” by a group of unknown individuals that are upset that they cannot hunt the regular units during the same seasons. The reasoning should not be based on “petty jealousy” but on biological reasoning, for which the commission is responsible. The Department has instituted two management plans, one for the primary zone and one for the secondary zone and there is not a logical reason to change one zone to suit the other. The requested change is to placate a group of people that have not grown up enough to act as adults and are acting like adolescents that cannot get their way and are jealous

that one group gets something they do not. It is time that the commission act on biological reasoning and on current management plans that have and are working and not on complaints from people that cannot grow up and accept management based on biological reasoning.

3. My information also indicates that the Game and Fish Department did not request this change and it has no merit either biologically or necessary for law enforcement. The decision to place this in the regulation came from somewhere out of the Game and Fish Department.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Barraclough

1971 BS Wildlife Management NMSU
1973 MS Wildlife Management NMSU
1973 employed by NM Game and Fish
1998 retired from NM Game and Fish

From: 2lees@comcast.net
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMZ reg change
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 7:32:38 AM

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From: Doug Appling
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Cc: Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMZ Regulations
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 7:56:36 AM

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W. DOUGLAS APPLING

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S22 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone
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From: Andrew Nicholas
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMZ Regulations
Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026 8:24:24 AM

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From: Charles T Morgan
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMZ Regulations
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Charles Terry Morgan

From: David Hand
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMZ
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:31:44 AM

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David Hand
Chief Executive Officer
KDHand Farms LLC

From: mn.mccormick4@gmail.com
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMZ
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 8:35:58 AM

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Mike McCormick

From: Lon Hamby
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMZ
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 10:55:45 AM

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Thanks, Lon Hamby

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bobby Duran
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMZ/PMZ elk hunt alignment proposal
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 10:12:04 AM

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Good morning NMDOW

My name is Bobby Duran. I am a New Mexico resident that is **strongly opposed** to the current elk rule proposal to align season dates and weapons of the Primary (PMZ) and Secondary (SMZ) management zones in units that contain both types of zones.

I am a strong believer and supporter of the current New Mexico Department of Wildlife EPLUS system as is today. I have been a Wildlife Biologist in New Mexico for 18 years for Federal, State and Tribal agencies. The creation of the Secondary Management Zone was created to allow landowners to manage elk on private land in areas that were not of primary concern to New Mexico Department of Wildlife game managers. The secondary zones are not managed by NMDOW for elk populations and the hunt seasons of the SMZ allow landowners an appropriate timeframe to handle elk depredations or harvests to manage numbers on their private land.A lot of these areas were never considered CORE habitat areas for elk and therefore were not a priority to the Department. Changes in climate or hunting pressure have moved elk populations into ares that were once not occupied or the elk move into these areas only during certain times of the year. Aligning the season dates between PMZ and SMZ is not practical in most units. Aligning the dates and weapons in SMZ to match PMZ would have a very detrimental consequence to private ranches that supply great habitat for our elk herds. New Mexico landowners have done a tremendous job of supplying water during these tough drought years for elk, as well as food and cover. They are great stewards of the land and the wildlife and this proposed alignment would be a negative impact on the management of elk in Secondary Management Zones. **I fully and strongly oppose the current proposal to align season dates and weapons of the PMZ and SMZ.**

Sincerely,

Bobby Duran
New Mexico Resident Hunter

From: Alexander Castellanos
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Management Zone
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:20:30 AM

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Thanks,

Alex Castellanos

From: Kent Volz
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Zone Management Regulations
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 8:45:36 PM

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From: JD & KASSI Whittington
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tags
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026 11:03:36 AM

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Hello,
My name is JD Whittington and I'm a lifelong hunter It has recently come to my attention NMGF intends to change non primary elk zones on **private property** to align with hunting seasons in that unit that occur in primary zone areas. This would do away with a more liberal season that allows such ranches to better manage the wildlife on their property.
This rule change also provides no biological and or population management value from the state perspective and serves no real purpose. I'm not aware of any valid data presented by the state on the reasoning of this proposal. This portion of the new elk rules should be tabled and kept as is, with no change.
Thank you for the work and effort you provide the State of New Mexico. I realize you can have a thankless job/ position at times and your dedication is greatly appreciated.
Respectfully submitted,
Ethan Wood
Resident of NM

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From: Peter Romero
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unit 32
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 12:03:27 PM

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I have noticed that the last couple of times I have been in Unit 32 I have seen elk in that unit. I was thinking that maybe include this with Unit 37 and have a Unit 32/37 hunt that way people who wanted to hunt unit 32 had an option. I don't know if there is enough elk there to justify a stand alone hunt in Unit 32 but I think a possible combination would work well.
Thanks

--
Peter Romero
Shop Teacher
Moriarty/Edgewood Middle School
MHS Track and Field Head Coach (Boys and Girls)

From: Cody Young
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unit 38
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026 7:56:15 PM

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Hello,

I've been listening to all of the commission meetings and enjoy the sound science and the presentations. I was fortunate enough to spend 30+ days scouting/hunting in unit 38 for deer. While in the Gallinas I was surprised to find elk densities high enough to rival 36 and 34. I was even more surprised to find just 20 total tags in the unit. They're some of the highest success rates for all elk. If it hasn't been done so already, I think the department should go to 38 and reassess tag distribution based on the density and hunter success rates.

-Cody Young

From: raeljon23@gmail.com
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Upcoming Proposed Rule Changes - NMDGF
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:23:52 PM

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Hello DGF,

I would like to submit my input on some of the upcoming change proposals for the next rule cycle.

ELK:

- I agree with the requirement to purchase a license no less than 1 day prior to a hunt.
- I agree with not allowing a license to be purchased once a hunt date has started.
- I agree with taking away early rifle and replacing with muzzleloader hunts.
    - However, we must find a way to keep an eye on hunters continuing to use scopes on muzzleloaders and hiding them after harvesting their animal.
- After continuing to hunt in the Gila units for the past 15 years and seeing a decrease in numbers, I agree with the need to reduce bull elk licenses to allow the herd to grow back to healthy numbers.
    - Possibly add in minimum antler requirement to allow for mature bulls to grow. (4x4 or better?)
- Comment:
    - I would also like to comment on the amount of cattle being allowed to openly graze in the Unit 16 areas. I now see them in areas that they were not previously allowed. I was told by a Forest Service Ranger that the cattle association was called to get the ranchers to gather their cattle and those requests were completely ignored. This definitely impacted our recent hunts in Sept and also December and January. I know that they roam were they find food and water. But just as we are required to abide by hunting rules for the benefit of the ranchers and animals, so too should the ranchers abide by grazing rules.

DEER:

- I agree with the requirement to purchase a license no less than 1 day prior to a hunt.
- I agree with not allowing a license to be purchased once a hunt date has started.
- I agree with finding better ways to manage private land deer licenses.
- I agree with reductions in 2B licenses and making that unit a Quality unit.

- Less opportunity to draw, but a better overall hunt when drawn.
- Quality over Quantity.

Thank you!

Jonathan Rael
Raeljon23@gmail.com
505-450-1204

From:	Jeff Pavlick
To:	DGF-Elk-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] writing to oppose eplus changes
Date:	Monday, June 22, 2026 4:56:52 PM

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To whom it may concern. I am writing to oppose the changes to the current eplus system. Over the last twenty plus years i have had the pleasure to hunt the great state of New Mexico for elk from Sept thru January all of which offered amazing opportunities as a hunter and guide. The program in place is truly one of the best in place in ANY of the western big game states and would be a shame to regress at this point in time to some other system.

Thanks for your attention
Jeff Pavlick
412-551-5624

From: pmrcustoms
To: Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Harwood, Kyle, DGF; DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Youth Elk Hunts in Gila and Unit 34
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 11:12:34 AM

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First I want to say I completely agree with cutting tags in the Gila, the part I wanted to see changed from the proposal is the part where all Youth Encouragements hunts are gone in the Gila. I would like to see the cow hunts in the draw eliminated and move those to the Youth Encouragement instead. So instead of there being 35 tags in the draw for Cow hunts, move those instead to allow for 35 youth encouragement hunts instead. Thanks for taking this into consideration.

Second I agree with allowing for more cow hunts (youth encouragement hunts) in Unit 34 but what I would like to see instead, is that same proposed number allowed but to split it up to where there is a Thanksgiving Break Hunt with half the tags and a Christmas Break Hunt with the other half of the tags instead of all the existing tags and all the new tags being jammed into one hunt. Putting that many tags in one hunt is going to make a crowding issue and not as enjoyable for the youth in Unit 34. Thanks

From: Matthew Watkins
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Youth hunt availability.
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 7:19:46 PM

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Hello, I am writing to respond to the survey. One main thing I would like to talk about is youth hunts. I have two boys, one who has passed his hunter safety, and the younger brother chomping at the bit. My only suggestion is to have more youth hunts.

Last year, my 9 year old son was successful in both the draw, and his elk hunt, which was so awesome! But, the particular unit I put him in for didn't have a youth option for elk, so he luckily got drawn in the general population. I understand we have to be careful about population management. One suggestion I have, is to limit the age of the youth. For example, if you need to really limit the number of hunters within a specific unit, maybe have a cut off of age 13 for that unit, or whatever age you deem appropriate.

I would just like our youth to have more opportunities to get out and hunt, regardless of if they're successful or not. With current society, kids are not experiencing the outdoors like they used to, so for the ones that are interested in the outdoors, let's give them more opportunity to draw.

Thank you for your time and efforts you put into wildlife management and hunting experiences!

Matt Watkins

From: Liley, Stewart, DGF
To: Tatman, Nicole, DGF; Zaffarano, Travis, DGF
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 8:42:17 AM

Public comment for elk rule

Stewart Liley, Chief
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From: Sloane, Michael B., DGF <michael.sloane@dgf.nm.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:16 PM
To: Liley, Stewart, DGF <Stewart.Liley@dgf.nm.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]

Comment for Elk rule

Michael B. Sloane
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From: Ernesto Nunez <myikani07@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 5:35 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Good morning Commissioner Sloane,

I've been pondering the timing of the Elk hunts, particularly the archery and muzzleloader seasons. I believe that shifting these hunt dates 2 to 4 weeks later in the year could better align with the elk mating patterns, which have been impacted by warming trends over the years. It seems that the rut coincides with the muzzleloader season based on feedback from fellow hunters and guides. I think this timing would enhance opportunities for archery hunting and provide a better challenge for later season hunters. As an avid bow hunter with a modest track record over the past 15 years, I've found immense joy in pursuing elk in the mountains of New Mexico. I wanted to share my thoughts on this matter that has been on my mind for a while. I appreciate the hard work you all put into maintaining our state's natural beauty and outdoor experiences. I would love to hear your perspective on this suggestion.

I sent this out to a few of the other commissioners late last year but couldn't get your email until Commissioner Witt sent it to me. No worries I just wanted to get this in front of your eyes and thoughts and now is as good time as any. I plan to attend the meeting this Wednesday and hope to have an opportunity to speak to this more during the session. I have learned that the Big Game Hunting seasons are reviewed every 5 years and this year was the year was the cycle year. Maybe there is a way to reset that for the 26'/27' season if it makes sense.

Thank you for your time and everything you do to keep hunting,

fishing and the outdoors going in New Mexico!!

Ernest Nunez

Ernest Nunez
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From: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
To: DGF-Pronghorn-Rule; DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Elk Pronghorn Deer
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 11:12:44 AM

Nicole Tatman
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New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
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From: Richard Romero <muleydo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 4:46 AM
To: DGF-Deer-Rule <DGF-Deer-Rule@dgf.nm.gov>
Cc: Richard Romero <muleydo@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Pronghorn Deer

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Elk: Roll over 50% of E-Plus landowner licenses into public draw and allow that percentage access to hunt those properties.
The elk are public property, not the landowners.

Cut down total public land licenses across the board that warrant it.

Do away with or cut down allocation of Outfitter elk draw licenses.

Deer: Do away with OTC licenses.

Manage deer herd for majority of hunt availability and select more viable units for age structure

Do away with late youth hunts in 2B or manage for 2 point harvest and limit numbers

Antelope: Do away with OTC hunts or NOT make them unlimited. The herd in NE NM has been decimated

For all elk, deer and antelope collectively, look into specifically Unit 4 Q/HD deer/ elk hunts for which individuals and or family units appear to draw licenses consistently.

LASTLY AND PLEASE CONSIDER:

Impose a one or two year waiting period for those who draw a license for any specific game animal. That would increase the number of tags available for those species every draw cycle!

Thank-you. RR

Sent from my iPhone

From: ISPA, DGF
To: Zaffarano, Travis, DGF
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Elk and deer
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:09:30 AM

Good Morning
Please see below
Thanks

Michaela Wolfe
Public Relations Coordinator Supervisor
1 Wilflife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507
(888)-248-6866

-----Original Message-----
From: ryan wilson <ryan_wilson_fishing@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2026 11:40 AM
To: ISPA, DGF <ispa@dgf.nm.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk and deer

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I see in the proposed changes there's nothing addressing the outright slaughter of elk in unit 34. 34 was once an amazing unit full of elk and huge bulls. In the past 5 years of hunting and guiding I've noticed a rapid decline I in sheer numbers and also in quality of bulls killed. The slaughter of cows is seriously affecting the herd quality and this must be stopped. 1,570 cow tags in the draw alone is absolutely unacceptable, and down right irresponsible wildlife management. This doesn't include either sex tags or private land tags. An additional 925 either sex tags means the potential to remove 2,495 cow elk from unit 34 alone. This amazing resource is being depleted, and at some point it will be too far depleted to rebound unless this issue is addressed before it's too late. New Mexico is known around the country for producing big bulls, and amazing elk hunting experiences, but if something isn't done to better manage this resource it will be lost.

From: Paul Kruse
To: DGF-Elk-Rule; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Please forward email asap to: NM Game Commission at DGF-Elk-Rule@dgf.nm.gov and Tirzio.Lopez@dgf.nm.gov
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 12:35:35 PM

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From: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
To: DGF-Elk-Rule
Subject: phone call comment
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 10:02:12 AM

Sandra got a phone call from Jim Hazelwood in Datil, NM. He did not have access to an email but wanted his comment included. It is:

Add scopes back to muzzleloaders.

Nicole Tatman
Big Game Program Manager
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
Cell: (505) 469-3966

Meeting Date: August 21, 2026 **Agenda Number:** X

Presenter: Stewart Liley **Corroborator:** N/A

Agenda Title: Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes on the Elk Rule (19.31.14 NMAC) for the 2027-2030 hunting seasons.

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will present biological data and proposed changes to the elk Rule (19.31.14 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information, and management goals.

The Department is proposing the following changes to the 2027-2030 elk rule:

General Statewide proposed changes

- Adjust season dates where necessary
- Shifting start dates to maintain hunts beginning on Saturday or adjusting to calendar day starts for consistency.
- Adjust some hunts to minimize overlap of weapons used for species hunted.
- Designate the premium statewide elk hunt (currently ELK-1-700) as a Quality hunt.
- Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting. For hunts where published season dates are less than 6 days, hunters will no longer be able to buy a license once the hunt starts.
- Assessed public/private land split in Primary Management Zones due to landownership changes over the last 4 years. No changes occurred.

Specific Proposed changes

Northwest Region

- Increase antlerless ('A') licenses within GMU 2 December Youth Only (YO) and December 2C only rifle hunts. Licenses shall increase from 75 to 100 for each hunt.
- Change early October Mature Bull ('MB') licenses from any legal weapon to muzzleloader hunts in GMU 5A (10 licenses) to align with new muzzleloader hunts within other PMZ units.

North Central Region

- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within the Sargent WMA to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB/A', 10 licenses.
- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within the Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB/A', 10 licenses.
- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 5B to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 56 licenses. Redistribute 37 December 'MB' rifle licenses to the muzzleloader hunt in GMU 5B. Muzzleloader hunts typically have lower success rates; thus, these licenses are redistributed at a higher ratio to increase hunt opportunity.
- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 50 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be 'MB', 65 licenses. Redistribute 45 late October and early November 'MB' rifle licenses to new muzzleloader hunt in GMU 50 at a higher ratio to increase hunt opportunity.
- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 51 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be Either-Sex ('ES'), 145 licenses. All licenses for this hunt were redistributed from the existing December muzzleloader hunt in GMU 51.

- Increase ‘A’ licenses within GMU 51 for both mid and late November hunts from 251 to 265 licenses.

Southwest Region

- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 12 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be ‘MB’, 35 licenses.
- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMUs 16A, 16B/22, 16C, and 16D to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be ‘MB’, 35 licenses for each GMU. Redistribute 15 ‘MB’ rifle licenses from GMU 16A to new muzzleloader hunt at a 1:1.5 ratio. Although overall ‘MB’ licenses will increase slightly within the Greater Gila elk herd, anticipated harvest should be stable or slightly decrease as muzzleloader hunters, on average, have lower success rates. Additionally, pushing rifle ‘MB’ hunts later in the season will decrease bull susceptibility to harvest during rut. Similar redistributions of rifle hunt licenses shall occur in GMUs 16B/22, 16C, and 16D.
- Reduce ‘A’ rifle licenses within GMU 16A, 16C, 16D, and 16E by 27-30% and shift cow hunts earlier in the season to reduce adult female mortality in the Greater Gila elk herd unit. Elevated adult female mortality and low calf recruitment within the Greater Gila elk herd, combined with persistent drought conditions, have contributed to declining population performance in this region.
- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 21A to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be ‘MB’, 15 licenses.

Southeast Region

- Increase ‘A’ licenses within both late season (Jan/Feb) cow hunts within GMU 34 from 200 to 230 licenses to increase harvest on adult females.

Northeast Region

- Create a new muzzleloader hunt within GMU 49 to begin after archery and before rifle hunt seasons. Bag limit shall be ‘MB’, 20 licenses. A total of 13 October ‘MB’ rifle licenses shall be redistributed to new muzzleloader hunt in GMU 49 at a higher ratio to increase hunt opportunity.

Secondary Management Zones

- Create new ‘A’ late-season rifle hunt in GMUs 29/30 to address increased population within these units (20 licenses).
- Create two new ‘ES’ rifle hunts within GMU 32 as elk have moved into this region and become more resident than seasonal (30 licenses total).
- Create 2 new ‘ES’ bow hunts with 20 licenses each in GMU 38 as this elk population is becoming more established.

Special Management Zones

- Reduce ‘A’ licenses by 17% within the Valle Vidal (GMU 55A) to reduce adult female mortality.

Youth Encouragement

- Eliminate all Youth Encouragement hunts within the Greater Gila elk herd unit (GMUs 15, 16A, 16C, 16D, 16E) to reduce harvest pressure on adult females. Population indices suggest these elk herds are declining as a result of low calf recruitment and high adult female mortality, further intensified by drought conditions. A portion of these licenses will be redistributed to other Youth Encouragement hunts throughout the state.
- Create two new Youth Encouragement hunts of 75 licenses each within GMU 2 to increase harvest pressure on adult females and increase youth opportunity.
- Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses within GMUs 34 and 36 to increase harvest pressure on adult females.
- Increase Youth Encouragement hunt licenses within GMU 51.

2. Background Information

The elk rule (19.31.14 NMAC) is re-evaluated every 4 years and changed based on population data, harvest data, management goals, and public feedback. The Department has reached out to the public for input.

Elk population growth is driven by both juvenile and adult female survival. Several factors influence the survival of adult females; the largest influential factor is hunter harvest. Calf survival can vary annually and is often influenced by environmental factors and predation. Because elk population performance is mostly driven by these factors, and not adult male mortality, the Department can maintain high levels of mature bull (MB) harvest throughout the state. Differences in management strategies (i.e. Optimal Opportunity vs Quality Hunt Management) determine the level of adult male harvest in each population. Although much of the elk harvest within New Mexico is male-biased, many opportunities to harvest antlerless (A) elk are available, and antlerless harvest is used as a tool to manage populations where productivity is high. The Department aims to maintain harvest of both male and female elk within estimated sustainable limits, depending on the goals of the herd unit.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The process as presented to the Commission meets the Conservation Services Program Objectives 1, 2 and 5 of the Department's Strategic Plan: FY 2019 – FY 2023

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The Department has held 2 hybrid in person/virtual public meetings in Las Cruces and Albuquerque (18 people signed the attendance sheet indicating they were present and 22 attended virtually). Public comments will be summarized and presented during the meeting. Proposed changes to the elk rule have been posted on the Department's website.

6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

"Move to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.14 NMAC as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives."

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 ~~game and fish~~.
[19.31.14.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.1 NMAC, 4/1/2027~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

19.31.14.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state wildlife ~~game~~ 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~~2023~~]

19.31.14.4 DURATION: April 1, 2027~~2023~~ through March 31, 2031~~2027~~.
[19.31.14.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.4 NMAC, 4/1/2027~~2023~~]

19.31.14.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2027~~2023~~, 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~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

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 ~~game and fish~~.

D. "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of wildlife ~~game and fish~~.

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~~2023~~]

19.31.14.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state wildlife ~~game~~ 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~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

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-2-257~~ ELK-13-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-3-259~~ ELK-13-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-265~~ ELK-15-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-3-267~~ ELK-15-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-273~~ ELK-16A-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-1-274~~ ELK-16A-R1-MB-MOB, ~~ELK-1-275~~ ELK-16A-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-280~~ ELK-C16B-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-1-281~~ ELK-C16B-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-1-282~~ ELK-C16B-R1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-285~~ ELK-16C-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-1-287~~ ELK-16C-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-292~~ ELK-16D-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-1-293~~ ELK-16D-R1-MB-MOB, ~~ELK-1-294~~ ELK-16D-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-299~~ ELK-16E-B2-ES-PUB, ~~ELK-3-301~~ ELK-16E-M1-MB-PUB, ~~ELK-2-306~~ ELK-17-B2-ES-PUB, and ~~ELK-3-308~~ 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~~2023~~]

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 ~~game~~ 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 ~~elk~~.

(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:~~Elk incentive programs~~: 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~~Elk~~ 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 ~~game~~ 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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~	~~hunt code~~	~~licenses~~	~~bag limit~~
~~5B~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-100~~	~~20~~	~~A~~
~~6A~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-101~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~6A~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-102~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~6C~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-103~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~6C~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-104~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~10~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-105~~	~~35~~	~~A~~
~~13~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-3-106~~	~~60~~	~~A~~
~~13~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-3-107~~	~~60~~	~~A~~
~~15~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-3-108~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~15~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-3-109~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16A~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-110~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16A~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-111~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16C~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-112~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16C~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-113~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16D~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-114~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16D~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-115~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16E~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-116~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~16E~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-117~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~17~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-3-118~~	~~60~~	~~A~~
~~17~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-3-119~~	~~60~~	~~A~~
~~34~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-120~~	~~125~~	~~A~~
~~36~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-121~~	~~80~~	~~A~~
~~36~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-122~~	~~80~~	~~A~~
~~49~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-123~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~51~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-124~~	~~105~~	~~A~~
~~51~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-125~~	~~105~~	~~A~~
~~52~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-126~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
~~53~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-127~~	~~60~~	~~A~~
~~53~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~12/26-12/30~~	~~ELK-1-128~~	~~60~~	~~A~~

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-	50	A

					R1-A-YE		
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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~	~~hunt code~~	~~licenses~~	~~bag limit~~
~~statewide~~	~~9/1/2023-1/31/2024~~	~~9/1/2024-1/31/2025~~	~~9/1/2025-1/31/2026~~	~~9/1/2026-1/31/2027~~	~~ELK-1-700~~	~~1~~	~~MB~~

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**
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

[19.31.14.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.12 NMAC, 4/1/2027~~2023~~]

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~~2023~~]

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)~~	~~2300-2900~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~140-200~~	~~180-220~~
~~Lindrith (GMU 5A)~~	~~2200-2500~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~140-180~~	~~170-200~~
~~Mt. Taylor (GMU 9)~~	~~1000-2100~~	~~26:100:28~~	~~40-100~~	~~0~~
~~Zuni (GMU 10)~~	~~1500-1800~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~110-150~~	~~140-160~~

~~**GMU**~~	~~**management goals**~~	~~**total licenses by bag limit**~~			
		~~**MB, ES-1, ES-3**~~	~~**A**~~	~~**ES-2**~~	~~**total licenses**~~
~~2~~	~~OOM~~	~~259~~	~~323~~	~~282~~	~~864~~
~~5A~~	~~OOM~~	~~250~~	~~250~~	~~65~~	~~565~~
~~9~~	~~OOM~~	~~228~~	~~0~~	~~281~~	~~509~~
~~10~~	~~OOM~~	~~206~~	~~324~~	~~368~~	~~898~~
~~Total~~		~~943~~	~~897~~	~~996~~	~~2836~~

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. ~~The state game commissioned owned~~ Water Canyon WMA shall be open to licensed public draw elk hunters during established seasons.

~~open GMUs or areas~~	~~2023 2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024 2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025 2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026 2027 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 2 129~~	~~120~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~ELK 2 130~~	~~120~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7 10/11~~	~~10/5 10/9~~	~~10/11 10/15~~	~~10/10 10/14~~	~~ELK 3 131~~	~~135~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14 10/18~~	~~10/12 10/16~~	~~10/18 10/22~~	~~10/17 10/21~~	~~ELK 1 132~~	~~85~~	~~MB~~
	~~12/9 12/13~~	~~12/14 12/18~~	~~12/13 12/17~~	~~12/12 12/16~~	~~ELK 1 133~~	~~125~~	~~A~~
~~2 youth only~~	~~12/9 12/13~~	~~12/14 12/18~~	~~12/13 12/17~~	~~12/12 12/16~~	~~ELK 1 134~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~2C~~	~~12/2 12/6~~	~~12/7 12/11~~	~~12/6 12/10~~	~~12/5 12/9~~	~~ELK 1 135~~	~~75~~	~~A~~
~~5A public land only~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~ELK 2 136~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~ELK 2 137~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7 10/11~~	~~10/5 10/9~~	~~10/11 10/15~~	~~10/10 10/14~~	~~ELK 1 138~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/7 10/11~~	~~10/5 10/9~~	~~10/11 10/15~~	~~10/10 10/14~~	~~ELK 1 139~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
	~~10/14 10/18~~	~~10/12 10/16~~	~~10/18 10/22~~	~~10/17 10/21~~	~~ELK 1 140~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14 10/18~~	~~10/12 10/16~~	~~10/18 10/22~~	~~10/17 10/21~~	~~ELK 1 141~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
	~~10/21 10/25~~	~~10/19 10/23~~	~~10/25 10/29~~	~~10/24 10/28~~	~~ELK 1 142~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21 10/25~~	~~10/19 10/23~~	~~10/25 10/29~~	~~10/24 10/28~~	~~ELK 1 143~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
	~~10/28 11/1~~	~~10/26 10/30~~	~~11/1 11/5~~	~~10/31 11/4~~	~~ELK 1 144~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/28 11/1~~	~~10/26 10/30~~	~~11/1 11/5~~	~~10/31 11/4~~	~~ELK 1 145~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
~~9 Marquez/LBar WMA only~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~ELK 2 146~~	~~15~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~ELK 2 147~~	~~15~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7 10/11~~	~~10/5 10/9~~	~~10/11 10/15~~	~~10/10 10/14~~	~~ELK 3 148~~	~~15~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14 10/18~~	~~10/12 10/16~~	~~10/18 10/22~~	~~10/17 10/21~~	~~ELK 3 149~~	~~15~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21 10/25~~	~~10/19 10/23~~	~~10/25 10/29~~	~~10/24 10/28~~	~~ELK 3 150~~	~~15~~	~~MB~~
~~9~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~ELK 2 151~~	~~82~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~ELK 2 152~~	~~82~~	~~ES~~
~~9 mobility impaired~~	~~10/7 10/11~~	~~10/5 10/9~~	~~10/11 10/15~~	~~10/10 10/14~~	~~ELK 3 153~~	~~21~~	~~MB~~
~~9~~	~~10/14 10/18~~	~~10/12 10/16~~	~~10/18 10/22~~	~~10/17 10/21~~	~~ELK 3 154~~	~~35~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21 10/25~~	~~10/19 10/23~~	~~10/25 10/29~~	~~10/24 10/28~~	~~ELK 3 155~~	~~35~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/28 11/1~~	~~10/26 10/30~~	~~11/1 11/5~~	~~10/31 11/4~~	~~ELK 3 156~~	~~21~~	~~MB~~
~~10~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~ELK 2 157~~	~~125~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~ELK 2 158~~	~~125~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7 10/11~~	~~10/5 10/9~~	~~10/11 10/15~~	~~10/10 10/14~~	~~ELK 3 159~~	~~70~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14 10/18~~	~~10/12 10/16~~	~~10/18 10/22~~	~~10/17 10/21~~	~~ELK 1 160~~	~~70~~	~~MB~~
~~10 youth only~~	~~11/11 11/15~~	~~11/9 11/13~~	~~11/15 11/19~~	~~11/14 11/18~~	~~ELK 1 161~~	~~120~~	~~A~~
~~10~~	~~12/2 12/6~~	~~12/7 12/11~~	~~12/6 12/10~~	~~12/5 12/9~~	~~ELK 1 162~~	~~100~~	~~A~~

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-	15	MB

					PUB		
	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**~~	~~**2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons**~~			
	~~**MB, ES-1, ES-3**~~	~~**A**~~	~~**ES-2**~~	~~**Total**~~
~~2~~	~~39~~	~~48~~	~~42~~	~~129~~
~~5A~~	~~210~~	~~210~~	~~55~~	~~475~~
~~9~~	~~71~~	~~0~~	~~87~~	~~158~~
~~10~~	~~66~~	~~104~~	~~118~~	~~288~~
~~Total~~	~~386~~	~~362~~	~~302~~	~~1050~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~
~~bows only~~	~~2, 5A, 9, 10~~	~~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~~
	~~2, 10~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~muzzle-loading rifles and bows~~	~~9, mobility impaired~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
	~~9~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~2, 10~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~5A~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/11-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31~~

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	2, 5A, 9, 10	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	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, 5A	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:

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~~north central region population information~~			~~sustainable harvest pursuant to goals~~	
~~herd unit~~	~~population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)~~	~~bull:cow:calf ratio~~	~~bulls~~	~~cows~~

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, ES-1, ES-3, MB/A	A	ES-2	total licenses
4	OOM	1060	665	475	2200
5B	OOM	367	188	160	715
50	OOM	331	117	156	604
51	OOM	970	909	434	2313
52	OOM	685	406	500	1591
Total		3413	2285	1725	7423

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, M-ES, MB/A	A	B-ES	total licenses
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	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 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-2-163	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-164	10	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-165	10	MB/A
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-166	10	MB/A
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-167	10	MB/A
	10/28-11/1	10/26-10/30	11/1-11/5	10/31-11/4	ELK-1-168	10	MB/A
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-169	10	A
4:Sargent WMA only, youth only	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-170	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-2-171	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-172	10	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-173	15	MB/A
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-174	15	MB/A
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-175	10	A
4:Humphries/ Rio Chama WMAs only, youth only	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-176	15	A
4: Rio Chama WMA only	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/8-11/12	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-177	20	A
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-178	76	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-179	75	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-180	86	MB

5B	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-181	59	A
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-182	86	MB
	10/28-11/1	10/26-10/30	11/1-11/5	10/31-11/4	ELK-1-183	59	A
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/1-11/5	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-184	87	MB
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/8-11/12	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-185	59	A
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-1-186	87	MB
50	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-187	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-188	55	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-189	120	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-190	125	MB
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/8-11/12	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-191	42	A
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-192	45	A
51	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-193	180	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-194	180	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-195	220	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-196	220	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-197	220	MB
	11/4-11/8	11/2-11/6	11/8-11/12	11/7-11/11	ELK-1-198	251	A
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-199	251	A
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-200	252	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-3-201	145	ES
52	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-202	230	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-203	230	ES
52 **mobility impaired**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-204	50	MB
52	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-205	120	MB
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-206	50	A
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-207	230	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-208	230	MB
52 **youth only**	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-209	80	A
52 **mobility impaired**	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-210	56	A
52	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/15-11/19	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-211	73	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-212	115	A

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-	42	A

					A-PUB		
	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	**2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons**			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3, MB/A	**A**	**ES-2**	**Total**
4	990	600	435	2025
5B	21	11	9	41
50	86	30	41	157
51	165	155	74	394
52	55	32	40	127
Total	1317	828	599	2744

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~
~~bows only~~	~~4, 5B, 50, 51, 52~~	~~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~~	~~52~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~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~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/11-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31~~
	~~52~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~

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	9/1-9/14	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	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~~	~~6100-7100~~	~~48:100:27~~	~~360-475~~	~~440-510~~

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

~~GMU~~	~~management goal~~	~~total licenses by bag limit~~			
		~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2~~	~~total licenses~~
~~6A~~	~~QHM~~	~~361~~	~~117~~	~~297~~	~~775~~
~~6B~~	~~QHM~~	~~50~~	~~250~~	~~50~~	~~350~~
~~6C~~	~~OOM~~	~~429~~	~~259~~	~~300~~	~~988~~
~~7~~	~~OOM~~	~~68~~	~~62~~	~~36~~	~~166~~
~~Total~~		~~908~~	~~688~~	~~683~~	~~2279~~

GMU	**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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-2-213~~	~~150~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-214~~	~~102~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-215~~	~~104~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-216~~	~~100~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-217~~	~~103~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-218~~	~~99~~	~~A~~
~~6B:~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-219~~	~~25~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-220~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-221~~	~~25~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-222~~	~~10~~	~~A~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-223~~	~~15~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-224~~	~~20~~	~~A~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-225~~	~~15~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10-12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-226~~	~~20~~	~~A~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-227~~	~~20~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-228~~	~~15~~	~~A~~
~~6B youth only~~	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-229~~	~~35~~	~~A~~
~~6B~~	~~11/4-11/8~~	~~11/2-11/6~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~11/7-11/11~~	~~ELK-1-230~~	~~35~~	~~A~~
	~~11/18-11/22~~	~~11/16-11/20~~	~~11/22-11/26~~	~~11/21-11/25~~	~~ELK-1-231~~	~~35~~	~~A~~
~~6B youth only~~	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/23-11/27~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-232~~	~~35~~	~~A~~

~~6B~~	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~11/30-12/4~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-233~~	~~35~~	~~A~~
~~6C~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-234~~	~~150~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-235~~	~~105~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-236~~	~~155~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-237~~	~~105~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-238~~	~~105~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-239~~	~~110~~	~~A~~
	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/23-11/27~~	~~11/22-11/26~~	~~11/21-11/25~~	~~ELK-1-240~~	~~110~~	~~A~~
~~7~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-241~~	~~15~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-242~~	~~14~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-243~~	~~24~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-244~~	~~30~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-245~~	~~50~~	~~A~~

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-PUB	104	MB
	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-PUB	105	MB
	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~~	**~~2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons~~**			
	~~MB, ES-1~~	**~~A~~**	**~~ES-2~~**	**~~Total~~**
~~6A~~	~~54~~	~~18~~	~~45~~	~~117~~
~~6C~~	~~64~~	~~39~~	~~45~~	~~148~~
~~7~~	~~14~~	~~12~~	~~7~~	~~33~~
~~Total~~	~~132~~	~~69~~	~~97~~	~~298~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 hunt dates~~
~~bows only~~	~~6A, 6C, 7~~	~~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 & bows~~	~~6A, 6C, 7~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~6A, 6C, 7~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~

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	9/1-9/14	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 & 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 (GMU 12)~~	~~4000-5900~~	~~41:100:46~~	~~320-550~~	~~400-590~~
~~Datil (GMU 13)~~	~~3000-3900~~	~~40:100:37~~	~~210-310~~	~~250-330~~
~~Greater Gila (GMUs 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)~~	~~21200-23300~~	~~33:100:27~~	~~1100-1400~~	~~1300-1400~~
~~Lesser Gila (GMUs 21A, 21B, 23, 24)~~	~~1300-4400~~	~~33:100:27~~	~~80-280~~	~~70-280~~
~~San Mateo (GMU 17)~~	~~1600-2400~~	~~51:100:38~~	~~110-180~~	~~130-200~~

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 (GMU 12)	4000-5900	36:100:31	245-411	300-440
Datil (GMU 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 (GMU 17)	1800-2600	36:100:31	110-180	135-195

~~**GMU**~~	~~**management goals**~~	~~**total licenses by bag limit**~~			
		~~**MB, ES-1, ES-3**~~	~~**A**~~	~~**ES-2, MB-2, APRE/6**~~	~~**total licenses**~~
~~12~~	~~QHM~~	~~593~~	~~428~~	~~224~~	~~1245~~
~~13~~	~~QHM~~	~~583~~	~~370~~	~~556~~	~~1509~~
~~15~~	~~QHM~~	~~923~~	~~641~~	~~769~~	~~2333~~
~~16A~~	~~QHM~~	~~206~~	~~155~~	~~412~~	~~773~~
~~16B/22~~	~~QHM~~	~~222~~	~~0~~	~~394~~	~~616~~
~~16C~~	~~QHM~~	~~149~~	~~118~~	~~294~~	~~561~~
~~16D~~	~~QHM~~	~~148~~	~~114~~	~~171~~	~~433~~
~~16E~~	~~QHM~~	~~187~~	~~217~~	~~217~~	~~621~~
~~Greater Gila Totals (15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)~~		~~1835~~	~~1245~~	~~2257~~	~~5337~~
~~17~~	~~QHM~~	~~301~~	~~271~~	~~241~~	~~813~~
~~21A~~	~~OOM~~	~~107~~	~~31~~	~~117~~	~~255~~
~~21B~~	~~OOM~~	~~127~~	~~167~~	~~166~~	~~460~~
~~23~~	~~OOM~~	~~195~~	~~42~~	~~207~~	~~444~~
~~24~~	~~OOM~~	~~39~~	~~5~~	~~28~~	~~72~~
~~Lesser Gila Totals (21A, 21B, 23, 24)~~		~~468~~	~~245~~	~~518~~	~~1231~~
~~southwest region total~~		~~3780~~	~~2559~~	~~3796~~	~~10135~~

GMU	**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	1247
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	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 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-2-246	36	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-247	35	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-248	35	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-249	60	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-250	80	MB
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-251	80	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-252	60	A
	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/29-12/3	11/28-12/2	ELK-1-253	60	A
	12/2-12/6	11/30-12/4	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-254	64	A
	12/9-12/13	12/7-12/11	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-2-255	25	APRE/6
13	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-256	202	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-257	148	ES
13 youth only	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-258	30	ES
13	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-259	86	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-3-260	126	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-3-261	126	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-3-262	117	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-3-263	116	A
15	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-264	350	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-265	250	ES
15 youth only	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-266	25	ES
15	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-267	200	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-3-268	245	MB
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-3-269	250	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-3-270	250	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-3-271	250	A
16A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-272	250	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-273	150	ES
16A mobility-impaired	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-274	25	MB
16A	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-275	75	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-276	100	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-277	75	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-278	75	A
16B/22	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-279	225	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-280	165	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-281	25	MB

	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-282	80	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-283	120	MB
16C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-284	144	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-285	100	ES
16C **youth only**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-286	25	ES
16C	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-287	35	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-288	65	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-289	50	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-290	48	A
16D	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-291	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-292	60	ES
16D **mobility-impaired**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-293	25	MB
16D	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-294	55	MB

	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-295	50	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-296	50	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-297	50	A
16E	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-298	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-299	60	ES
16E **youth only**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-300	25	ES
16E	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-301	70	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-302	53	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-303	75	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-304	75	A
17	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-305	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-306	75	ES
17 **youth only**	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-307	25	ES
17	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-308	100	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-3-309	100	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-3-310	25	MB
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-3-311	25	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-3-312	100	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-3-313	100	A
21A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-314	50	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-315	50	ES
	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-316	15	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-317	35	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-318	55	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-319	30	A
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-2-320	15	MB
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-321	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-322	25	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-323	10	MB
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-324	15	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-325	25	MB

21B	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-326	15	A
	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/29-12/3	11/28-12/2	ELK-1-327	15	A
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-328	15	A
	12/9-12/13	12/14-12/18	12/13-12/17	12/12-12/16	ELK-1-329	20	A
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-2-330	15	MB
23	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-331	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-332	75	ES
23 youth only	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-333	25	ES
23	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-334	75	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-335	75	MB
	12/2-12/6	12/7-12/11	12/6-12/10	12/5-12/9	ELK-1-336	20	A
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-2-337	15	MB
23: south of NM 78	12/16-12/24	12/21-12/29	12/20-12/28	12/19-12/27	ELK-1-338	20	A
24: excluding	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-339	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-340	10	ES

Ft. Bayard management area	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-3-341	15	MB
	12/16-12/20	12/21-12/25	12/20-12/24	12/19-12/23	ELK-1-342	15	MB
24: including Ft. Bayard management area, youth only	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-1-343	5	ES
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-344	5	A

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
	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
	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-	80	MB

					R4-MB-PUB		
	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
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-	150	ES

					B2-ES-PUB		
	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
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-	52	MB

					PUB		
	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
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
	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
16E	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-PUB	125	ES
	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-PUB	15	MB
	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-	15	A

					R1-A-PUB		
	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~~	~~2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons~~			
	~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2, MB-2, APRE/6~~	~~total~~
~~12~~	~~338~~	~~244~~	~~128~~	~~710~~
~~13~~	~~215~~	~~137~~	~~206~~	~~558~~

~~15~~	~~203~~	~~141~~	~~169~~	~~513~~
~~16A~~	~~6~~	~~5~~	~~12~~	~~23~~
~~16B/22~~	~~2~~	~~0~~	~~4~~	~~6~~
~~16C~~	~~24~~	~~20~~	~~50~~	~~94~~
~~16D~~	~~18~~	~~14~~	~~21~~	~~53~~
~~16E~~	~~65~~	~~67~~	~~67~~	~~199~~
~~17~~	~~51~~	~~46~~	~~41~~	~~138~~
~~21A~~	~~2~~	~~1~~	~~2~~	~~5~~
~~21B~~	~~77~~	~~102~~	~~101~~	~~280~~
~~23~~	~~5~~	~~2~~	~~7~~	~~14~~
~~24~~	~~4~~	~~0~~	~~3~~	~~7~~
~~Total~~	~~1010~~	~~779~~	~~811~~	~~2600~~

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**~~	~~**2023-2024 hunt dates**~~	~~**2024-2025 hunt dates**~~	~~**2025-2026 hunt dates**~~	~~**2026-2027 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~~	~~13, 15, 16E, 17, 23, 24~~	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
	~~**youth only:** 13, 15, 17~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~

~~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~~
~~Big-game sporting arms~~	~~12, 16B/22, 21A~~	~~any 5 consecutive~~	~~any 5 consecutive~~	~~any 5 consecutive~~	~~any 5 consecutive~~
		~~days, 10/7-12/31~~	~~days, 10/5-12/31~~	~~days, 10/11-12/31~~	~~days, 10/10-12/31~~
	~~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~~
	~~16E, 23, 24~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/19-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/25-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31~~
	~~16A, 16C, 16D~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
	~~**youth only:** 16C, 16E, 23, 24~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
	~~**mobility impaired:** 16A, 16D~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~

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)~~	~~7400-8600~~	~~52:100:39~~	~~500-660~~	~~610-710~~
~~Ruidoso (GMU 36)~~	~~5400-8500~~	~~66:100:43~~	~~370-640~~	~~450-690~~

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

~~GMU~~	~~management goal~~	~~total licenses by bag limit~~			
		~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2, APRE/6/A~~	~~total licenses~~
~~34~~	~~OOM~~	~~633~~	~~1892~~	~~723~~	~~3248~~
~~36~~	~~QHM~~	~~583~~	~~417~~	~~389~~	~~1389~~
~~Total~~		~~1216~~	~~2309~~	~~1112~~	~~4637~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-2-345~~	~~200~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-346~~	~~200~~	~~ES~~
~~34 youth only~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-347~~	~~75~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-348~~	~~120~~	~~A~~

~~34 mobility impaired~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-349~~	~~50~~	~~ES~~
~~34~~	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-3-350~~	~~250~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-351~~	~~150~~	~~ES~~
	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/23-11/27~~	~~11/29-12/3~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-352~~	~~350~~	~~A~~

	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-353~~	~~350~~	~~A~~
	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-354~~	~~350~~	~~A~~
	~~12/16-12/20~~	~~12/21-12/25~~	~~12/20-12/24~~	~~12/19-12/23~~	~~ELK-2-355~~	~~200~~	~~APRE/6/A~~
	~~1/27-1/31~~	~~1/25-1/29~~	~~1/24-1/28~~	~~1/23-1/27~~	~~ELK-1-356~~	~~200~~	~~A~~
	~~2/3-2/7~~	~~2/1-2/5~~	~~2/7-2/11~~	~~2/6-2/10~~	~~ELK-1-357~~	~~200~~	~~A~~
~~36~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-358~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-359~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-360~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-361~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-362~~	~~140~~	~~ES~~
	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-363~~	~~100~~	~~A~~
	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-364~~	~~100~~	~~A~~
	~~1/27-1/31~~	~~1/25-1/29~~	~~1/24-1/28~~	~~1/23-1/27~~	~~ELK-1-365~~	~~100~~	~~A~~

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-	350	A

					R3-A-PUB		
	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-R1-ES-PUB	140	ES
	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~~	~~2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons~~			
	~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2, APRE/6/A~~	~~total~~
~~34~~	~~108~~	~~322~~	~~123~~	~~553~~
~~36~~	~~163~~	~~117~~	~~109~~	~~389~~
~~Total~~	~~271~~	~~439~~	~~232~~	~~942~~

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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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~~
~~any big-game sporting arms~~	~~youth-only & mobility-impaired: 34~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~

~~muzzle loading rifles and bows~~	~~34~~	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~
	~~36~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~any big game sporting arms~~	~~34~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/19-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/25-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31~~
	~~36~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
~~any big game sporting arms~~	~~34: **antlerless elk only**~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/21/2023-2/7/2024~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/19/2024-2/5/2025~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/25/2025-2/11/2026~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/24/2026-2/10/2027~~
~~any big game sporting arms~~	~~36: **antlerless elk only**~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/14/2023-1/31/2024~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/12/2024-1/31/2025~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/18/2025-1/31/2026~~	~~any 5 consecutive days 10/17/2026-1/31/2027~~

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.

~~**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~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~80-150~~	~~90-160~~

~~Whites peak (GMU 48)~~	~~1200-2000~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~70-140~~	~~90-150~~
~~Penasco (GMU 49)~~	~~1100-2400~~	~~35:100:32~~	~~70-200~~	~~40-100~~
~~Ute-Midnight-San Cristobal (GMU 53)~~	~~1400-2900~~	~~34:100:24~~	~~70-160~~	~~90-180~~

19.32 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

		~~total licenses by bag limit~~			
~~GMU~~	~~management goal~~	~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2~~	~~total licenses~~
~~45~~	~~QHM~~	~~457~~	~~54~~	~~163~~	~~674~~
~~48~~	~~OOM~~	~~286~~	~~170~~	~~304~~	~~760~~
~~49~~	~~OOM~~	~~161~~	~~162~~	~~125~~	~~448~~
~~53~~	~~OOM~~	~~362~~	~~261~~	~~174~~	~~797~~
~~Total~~		~~1266~~	~~647~~	~~766~~	~~2679~~

		total licenses by bag limit			
GMU	**management goal**	**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

(3) 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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-2-366~~	~~75~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-367~~	~~73~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-368~~	~~136~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-369~~	~~140~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-370~~	~~140~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-3-371~~	~~49~~	~~A~~
~~48~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-372~~	~~80~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-373~~	~~80~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-374~~	~~60~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-375~~	~~75~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-376~~	~~64~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-1-377~~	~~50~~	~~A~~
	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-1-378~~	~~54~~	~~A~~
~~49~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-379~~	~~60~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-380~~	~~59~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-381~~	~~77~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-382~~	~~76~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/4-11/8~~	~~11/2-11/6~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~11/7-11/11~~	~~ELK-1-383~~	~~77~~	~~A~~

	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-384	77	A
53	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-385	65	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-386	60	ES
53: excluding Cerro portion	10/7-10/11	10/5-10/9	10/11-10/15	10/10-10/14	ELK-3-387	50	ES
	10/14-10/18	10/12-10/16	10/18-10/22	10/17-10/21	ELK-1-388	80	MB
	10/21-10/25	10/19-10/23	10/25-10/29	10/24-10/28	ELK-1-389	131	MB
	11/11-11/15	11/9-11/13	11/15-11/19	11/14-11/18	ELK-1-390	94	A
	11/18-11/22	11/16-11/20	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	ELK-1-391	94	A

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-	20	MB

					M1-MB-PUB		
	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

(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~~	~~2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 hunt seasons~~			
	~~MB, ES-1, ES-3~~	~~A~~	~~ES-2~~	~~Total~~
~~45~~	~~41~~	~~5~~	~~15~~	~~61~~
~~48~~	~~112~~	~~66~~	~~119~~	~~297~~
~~49~~	~~8~~	~~8~~	~~6~~	~~22~~
~~53~~	~~101~~	~~73~~	~~49~~	~~223~~
~~Total~~	~~262~~	~~152~~	~~189~~	~~603~~

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

(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 "mobility-impaired" or "youth-only" hunt periods.

~~Big-game sporting arms~~	~~open GMUs or area~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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, 53~~	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~
~~big-game sporting arms~~	~~45, 48, 53~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/18-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31~~
	~~49~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/11-12/31~~	~~any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31~~
~~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~~

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

[19.31.14.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.14 NMAC, 4/1/2027~~2023~~]

19.32.14.1 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~~	~~2023-2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024-2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025-2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026-2027 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-1-392~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
~~18~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-393~~	~~25~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-394~~	~~25~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~ELK-1-395~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
~~28: McGregor range only, military only~~	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-396~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~

~~28: McGregor range only~~	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-397~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
~~29, 30~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-398~~	~~20~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-399~~	~~20~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~ELK-1-400~~	~~20~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-401~~	~~30~~	~~ES~~
~~37~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-402~~	~~40~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-403~~	~~30~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~ELK-1-404~~	~~30~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-405~~	~~30~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/23-11/27~~	~~11/22-11/26~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-406~~	~~45~~	~~A~~
	~~12/2-12/6~~	~~12/7-12/11~~	~~12/6-12/10~~	~~12/5-12/9~~	~~ELK-2-407~~	~~50~~	~~APRE/6~~
~~38~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~ELK-1-408~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-409~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
~~39, 43~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~ELK-1-410~~	~~30~~	~~ES~~
~~42, 47, 59~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-411~~	~~13~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-412~~	~~13~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~ELK-1-413~~	~~13~~	~~ES~~
~~56~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-414~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-415~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~ELK-1-416~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-417~~	~~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-2-418~~	~~3~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-419~~	~~2~~	~~ES~~
~~57, 58~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-420~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-421~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~10/1-10/5~~	~~ELK-1-422~~	~~5~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-423~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~12/9-12/13~~	~~12/14-12/18~~	~~12/13-12/17~~	~~12/12-12/16~~	~~ELK-1-424~~	~~10~~	~~A~~

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-	25	ES

					B2-ES-PUB		
	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-	10	ES

					R1-ES-PUB		
	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.
[19.31.14.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.15 NMAC, 4/1/2027~~2023~~]

19.32.14.2 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~~	~~2023 2024 hunt dates~~	~~2024 2025 hunt dates~~	~~2025 2026 hunt dates~~	~~2026 2027 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 2 425~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~9/15 9/24~~	~~ELK 2 426~~	~~10~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7 10/11~~	~~10/5 10/9~~	~~10/11 10/15~~	~~10/10 10/14~~	~~ELK 3 427~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14 10/18~~	~~10/12 10/16~~	~~10/18 10/22~~	~~10/17 10/21~~	~~ELK 1 428~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21 10/25~~	~~10/19 10/23~~	~~10/25 10/29~~	~~10/24 10/28~~	~~ELK 1 429~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/4 11/8~~	~~11/2 11/6~~	~~11/8 11/12~~	~~11/7 11/11~~	~~ELK 1 430~~	~~20~~	~~A~~
	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~9/1 9/14~~	~~ELK 2 431~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~

~~55A: ES Barker WMA only~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-432~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-1-433~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
~~55A: Urraca WMA only~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-434~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-435~~	~~5~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-436~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-437~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/4-11/8~~	~~11/2-11/6~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~11/7-11/11~~	~~ELK-1-438~~	~~10~~	~~MB~~
	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-1-439~~	~~15~~	~~A~~
	~~11/25-11/29~~	~~11/23-11/27~~	~~11/22-11/26~~	~~11/28-12/2~~	~~ELK-1-440~~	~~15~~	~~A~~
~~55A: Valle Vidal only~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~9/1-9/14~~	~~ELK-2-441~~	~~25~~	~~ES~~
	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~9/15-9/24~~	~~ELK-2-442~~	~~25~~	~~ES~~
	~~10/7-10/11~~	~~10/5-10/9~~	~~10/11-10/15~~	~~10/10-10/14~~	~~ELK-3-443~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/14-10/18~~	~~10/12-10/16~~	~~10/18-10/22~~	~~10/17-10/21~~	~~ELK-1-444~~	~~35~~	~~MB~~
	~~10/21-10/25~~	~~10/19-10/23~~	~~10/25-10/29~~	~~10/24-10/28~~	~~ELK-1-445~~	~~30~~	~~MB~~
~~55A: Valle Vidal only, **youth only**~~	~~10/28-11/1~~	~~10/26-10/30~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~10/31-11/4~~	~~ELK-1-446~~	~~20~~	~~MB~~
~~55A: Valle Vidal only, **youth only**~~	~~11/4-11/8~~	~~11/2-11/6~~	~~11/1-11/5~~	~~11/7-11/11~~	~~ELK-1-447~~	~~30~~	~~A~~
~~55A: Valle Vidal only~~	~~11/11-11/15~~	~~11/9-11/13~~	~~11/8-11/12~~	~~11/14-11/18~~	~~ELK-1-448~~	~~30~~	~~A~~
	~~11/18-11/22~~	~~11/16-11/20~~	~~11/15-11/19~~	~~11/21-11/25~~	~~ELK-1-449~~	~~30~~	~~A~~

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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