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A Message from the Director



New Mexico's hunting traditions have been passed down from generation to generation. Every year, friends and family come together to create memories that will last a lifetime. For many, hunting is not just about the harvest. It's the community of friends and family that makes the experience truly memorable, from entering the draw to the anticipation and preparation leading up to the hunt.

Whether it's watching the sun rise over the Sangre de Cristos, glassing a canyon in the Gila, walking through piñon-juniper country or camping with family in the mountains of southern New Mexico, hunting brings people together. No matter where you go within the Land of Enchantment, the season is the perfect opportunity to share outdoor experiences and traditions with those we care about.

These experiences can bridge generations. Grandparents teaching grandchildren skills and traditions handed down over decades. Families and friends can come together to spend a few days away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, creating memories and stories that become part of family lore.

While hunters play a vital role in ensuring that these traditions live on. The New Mexico Department of Wildlife's critical wildlife management and conservation efforts are directly supported by license purchases. Excise taxes on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment through the federal Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program also provide funding to the Department, helping ensure healthy landscapes and wildlife populations.

As you head into the field this season, take friends and family with you. Enjoy New Mexico's diverse landscapes, whether you head into the mountains, forests, deserts or wide-open spaces. Most of all, make memories. Share stories. Pass on traditions to the next generation.



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This booklet is a summary of the laws and rules for hunting in New Mexico. For a complete list of the laws and rules that govern hunting, fishing, trapping and other outdoor activities, view the appropriate statutes in Chapter 17, Chapter 30 and Chapter 66 NMSA 1978 and rules in 19.30.1 through 19.36.3 NMAC.



COVER: *Rush of the Rut*, Grayson Kemp: "I had followed this herd deep into the Valles Caldera before dawn, moving low through the brush to keep my presence quiet. For a long while, everything was still. Then the bull gave a herding call, and the cows surged toward him in a rush of hooves and motion. But he held his ground." — Grayson Kemp, winner of New Mexico Magazine's 2024 photo contest, wildlife category. We here at the Department of Wildlife encourage you to get outside, New Mexico.

Our Mission

To conserve, regulate, propagate and protect the wildlife and fish within the state of New Mexico, using a flexible management system that ensures sustainable use for public food supply, recreation and safety—and to provide for off-highway motor vehicle recreation that recognizes cultural, historic and resource values while ensuring public safety.

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Conservation Officer Contact Information

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Online Licenses, Applications and Harvest Reporting

https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us

Important Telephone Numbers

General Information, License Sales and Harvest Reporting **1-888-248-6866**
Bear and Cougar Zone Closure and Harvest Hotline **1-877-950-5466**
Hunter Education Program Information **505-222-4731**
Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Information **505-222-4728**
Operation Game Thief (OGT) 1-800-432-4263
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TDD (number for hearing impaired) **505-476-8000**

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What's New This Year?

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

Big Game and Turkey License Purchase Requirement

All big game and turkey licenses must now be purchased at least one day before hunting. See page 12.

Purchase After Hunt Start Date No Longer Allowed

For all hunt codes under six (6) days in duration, big-game licenses must be purchased by midnight the day before the hunt start date. See page 12.

New landowner ranch registration and private-land purchase process

All landowners for private-land deer, pronghorn, oryx and Barbary sheep must register their property in person at a Department office to obtain a ranch code. Hunters must now obtain a valid ranch code from a registered landowner to purchase a private-land license for these species. See page 51 and the appropriate species sections for more information.

Deer and Pronghorn Private Land Limits

All private land hunt codes for deer and pronghorn are now limited, and are sold over the counter per game management unit (GMU).

Silver City Deer Management Area Hunts

Hunters may now apply for or purchase a private-land license for the Silver City Deer Management Area. More information will be provided to successful applicants. The allowance for unsuccessful bow license holders in units 23 and 24 has been removed.

Attention hunters!

Hunt codes are changing this year.

The new codes include more information about each hunt, making it easier to identify important hunt details directly from the code.



Understanding Hunt Codes: The hunt code printed on your license indicates the species, hunt location, sporting arm type, bag limit and the hunt type.

For example: DER-C6-M1-FAD-PVT

- "DER" indicates a deer hunt.
- "C6" indicates the game management unit and any special hunt area signifier.
- "M1"indicates the first muzzle hunt of the species.
- "FAD" indicates fork-antlered deer.
- "PVT" indicates a private land hunt.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE NEW HUNT CODES, SEE PAGE 171.

Important Reminders

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Mandatory Harvest Reporting

All Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn, turkey and trapper license holders must submit a harvest report, whether they hunted or not. Deadlines by species are listed on page 10. Harvest reports may be submitted online, by telephone or in person at NMDOW offices. Failure to report by the deadline(s) will result in rejection of all draw applications. Remember to keep your confirmation number!

Update Your NMDOW Account

All hunters should review and/or update their account in the Department's Online Licensing System if any of their information has changed. Hunters are strongly encouraged to provide a valid e-mail address. If you are unable to access your account, DO NOT create a new account. Call **1-888-248-6866** for assistance.

Contact Land Management Agencies Before Hunting

Prescribed burns, wildfires, closures and other activities that could affect hunting may occur on public lands or be conducted by land-management agencies during hunting seasons. NMDOW recommends contacting the appropriate management agency prior to your hunt for information on activities that may affect access or animal behavior in your hunting area. Visit: **nmfireinfo.com.** For agency contact information, please see pages 45–49.

Electronic Tag (E-Tag) Option for Big Game and Turkey

Hunters may choose the E-Tag option when purchasing or applying for any big-game or turkey hunt. You will not receive a carcass tag if you choose this option. Hunters who choose the E-Tag option are required to download the NM E-Tag app each year on their smartphone, and must be able to show the license on their phone while in the field. A printed license and/or carcass tag are not required, but the animal must still be physically tagged. The E-Tag app must be deleted and reinstalled each license year. See page 13 for details.

Buy 2027-28 Hunting License through the Draw Application

Draw applicants purchasing 2027-28 Game-Hunting Licenses to apply for draw hunts must click “Draw Hunt Applications” in the main menu and purchase the license as part of the application process. Do not click “License Sales 2026.”

Information Center Extended Hours

The NMDOW Information Center is open year-round, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (except state holidays) to answer your questions and assist with license issues and harvest reporting. Extended hours are March 8-12 and March 15-16 from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. The Information Center will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 17.

Over the Counter (OTC) Licenses for Some Species Available July 1

OTC licenses for javelina, fall turkey, private-land deer, private-land pronghorn, private-land Barbary sheep, secondary management zone private-land elk and federal Duck Stamps will be available beginning July 1.

Important Reminders

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Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease rules now apply in units 19, 28, 29 and 34 (page 29).

Open Sights Only for Muzzleloaders

Only open (iron) or peep sights are allowed on muzzle-loading rifles when used during a muzzleloader hunt. Scopes, red dots and all other optical sights are prohibited.

License/Tag Combo Available Online or by Phone

If the license is purchased online or by telephone, the top section of the carcass tag will serve as a valid license. Hunters must carry the license/carcass tag with them in the field while hunting (see page 13). The combined license/tag is not available for license purchases and/or duplicate tags at over-the-counter (OTC) license vendors.

Early Purchase Available for 2027–28 Licenses

Licenses for the 2027–28 license year beginning April 1 will be available online, by telephone, and at license vendors and NMDOW offices beginning March 24.

Draw Permits

All successful Bear, Turkey, Pheasant and Sandhill Crane Draw Permit applicants must validate their draw permit by purchasing the appropriate OTC license.

Requirements for Military Documentation

Proof of service for all military-only hunts and veteran oryx hunts must be received by NMDOW prior to draw application.

Draw Refunds

Draw license fee refunds for unsuccessful applicants will be processed shortly after draw results are released in April. Applications paid by credit card will be refunded directly to the credit card used for the transaction within 10 business days. Applications paid by cash will be refunded by check by the end of May. **Game-Hunting License and stamp purchases will not be refunded.**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Discount (SNAP)

New Mexico residents participating in SNAP are eligible for a 25% discount on NMDOW licenses. See page 20.

50% Discount for Resident Military and Veterans

New Mexico residents who are active-duty military or honorably discharged veterans are eligible for a 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps. Proof of service may be requested to verify eligibility. See page 21, 165 and 170 for eligibility requirements and details.

Draw Carcass Tags will be Mailed

Successful draw applicants, who did not choose the E-Tag option, will receive the license/tag(s) via U.S. Postal Service in June. **Please ensure the mailing address you've provided is correct**.

Habitat Stamp Purchase

The Habitat Stamp must be purchased prior to hunting or fishing on BLM and Forest Service lands. To be included in a combined draw license/tag, the Habitat Stamp must be purchased before May 15, 2027. The Habitat Stamp must be carried while in the field.

Duplicate License Fee

A $6 duplicate license fee will be charged for all duplicate tags/licenses in accordance with New Mexico state law. This fee will be charged only when a duplicate tag is obtained requiring reprinting license with a new tag number.

Shed Hunting License Required for Non-Residents

All non-resident shed antler hunters must purchase a Shed Hunting License. See page 12.

Non-Resident Hunter Education Age Restriction

Hunter Education certificates from other states are valid only for youth hunters age 9 and older.

Federal Duck Stamp

The electronic duck stamp is now valid for the entire waterfowl season. Physical duck stamps will be mailed after March 10 annually.

White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss Hunter Education Requirement

All hunters, regardless of age, on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) and Fort Bliss in GMUs 19 and 28 are required to have proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible.

Legal Shooting Hours

Legal shooting hours for big game, furbearers, upland game and turkey are from one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset, unless otherwise noted. Legal shooting hours for migratory game birds are one half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

Marked Game Animals

It is legal to harvest a game animal with a transmitter collar, eartag or other human-placed identifying mark. Please contact NMDOW at **505-476-8038** to return collars, as they store data and can be used on another animal.

No Trapping on Public Lands

It is illegal to set a trap or snare on public lands. See page 142 for more information.

Important Dates

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

Feb. 10 Deadline to apply for Bear and Turkey Draw Permits. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Time (MT).

Feb. 15 Deadline to submit 2026–27 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey license holders. Free reports can be submitted online or by telephone. Late fees apply after this date.

Feb. 17 Results for Bear and Turkey Draw Permits are available online, by telephone and at NMDOW offices. Permits will be available in the E-Tag app and can be printed on standard paper after the appropriate license(s) are purchased.

Mar. 17 Deadline to apply for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn, oryx and private-land only deer in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

Mar. 17 Deadline to submit late 2026–27 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey. All 2026–27 license holders must report to be eligible for 2027–28 draw licenses. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** An $8 late fee applies after Feb. 15, 2027. Remember to keep your confirmation number.

Mar. 24 2027–28 over-the-counter (OTC) license types, including Game-Hunting Licenses and Game-Hunting & Fishing Licenses, are available online, by telephone, at NMDOW offices and at license vendors.

April 1 2027–28 license year begins. All 2026–27 licenses are no longer valid.

April 7 Deadline to submit 2026–27 harvest reports for Barbary Sheep, Ibex, Javelina, Oryx and Trapper License holders to be eligible for big-game licenses. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** An $8 late fee applies after April 7, 2027. Remember to keep your confirmation number.

April 21 Big-game draw results are available online, by telephone or at NMDOW offices.

Aug. 11 Deadline to apply for Pheasant and Sandhill Crane Draw Permits. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

Aug. 18 Results for Pheasant and Sandhill Crane Draw Permits are available online, by telephone and at NMDOW offices. Permits can be printed on standard paper after the appropriate license(s) are purchased.

Physical Carcass Tag or Electronic Tag (E-Tag)

WHEN PURCHASING OR APPLYING FOR A LICENSE, HUNTERS MAY CHOOSE EITHER THE E-TAG OPTION OR A PHYSICAL TAG.

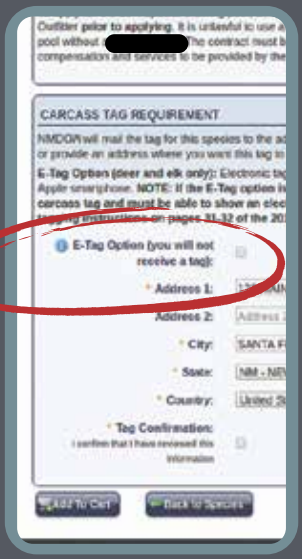
Purchase a license-tag combo online, by phone, or in person at a New Mexico Department of Wildlife office to carry a single document in the field. Please note that purhases at NMDOW license vendors will require hunters to carry a separate license and tag.

PHYSICAL TAG



OR

E-TAG



ELECTRONIC TAG (E-TAG)

The E-Tag option is available for all big game and turkey licenses. An operational smartphone is required.

- Validate your tag electronically using the NM E-Tag app.
- Compatible with supported Android and Apple smartphones.
- Be sure to delete and reinstall the NM E-Tag app at the beginning of each license year.
- Hunters MUST be able to show their license in the e-tag app on their phone.

SEE PAGE 13 FOR DETAILS.

License Requirements

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

License, Stamp and Validation Requirements

You must have all of the following while in the field:

1. All hunters must possess a valid license, and permit if applicable, for the species and hunt type in which they will participate, and must be able to produce the license upon request by a conservation officer.
2. All big-game, upland-game, migratory game bird and turkey hunters must possess a Game-Hunting License or Game-Hunting & Fishing License.
3. All big-game and turkey hunters must possess a carcass tag for each species hunted, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. If E-Tag is chosen, hunters must be able to show their license on their smartphone.
4. All hunters and anglers on any Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands must possess a Habitat Stamp. See exceptions on page 14.
5. All hunters, trappers and anglers 18 years and older must possess a Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV) on public and/or private lands. (See exceptions page 14).
6. All hunters 17 years of age and younger must possess a Hunter Education or mentor-youth number.
7. All hunters and trappers on private lands must possess written permission from the landowner. (See definition and exceptions on page 51).
8. All furbearer trappers and hunters 18 years of age and older must possess a Trapper License. The license will display whether you are authorized to hunt and trap, or hunt only.
9. All furbearer trappers and hunters 12–17 years of age are required to possess a Junior Trapper License (Hunter Education also required if hunting furbearers). No license is required for NM residents 11 years of age or younger; however, all other laws apply.
10. All non-residents 12 and older hunting or trapping furbearers, or trapping nongame species are required to possess a Non-resident Trapper License.
11. All non-resident hunters hunting nongame species must possess a non-resident Hunting or Trapper License.
12. All migratory game bird hunters are required to obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number.
13. All waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older are required to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp.
14. All non-resident shed antler hunters must purchase a Shed Hunting License to possess more than two shed antlers.

New License Purchase Restrictions

All licenses for big game and turkey must be purchased one calendar day prior to hunting, taking or attempting to take any big game animal or turkey. For all hunts less than six days in duration, license sales will end at 11:59 p.m. the day prior to the starting date of the hunt.

Hunter Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each hunter to know and comply with all applicable license, stamp, permit and/or tag requirements.

Purchasing Licenses, Stamps and Validations

Each individual purchasing a license or applying for a draw hunt must have a NMDOW account with a customer identification number (CIN). Accounts can

be accessed and created online: **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us** or by telephone at **1-888-248-6866**. If any issues are encountered, please contact NMDOW. DO NOT create a duplicate account. Licenses, tags, stamps and validations are available online, by telephone and in person at NMDOW offices and local vendors. Information and requirements for the Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV) are described on page 14. Please note, before March 24, Game-Hunting Licenses and stamps for the 2027–28 season may only be purchased through the draw application process. Restrictions may apply for online big-game license purchases. Licenses and permits can be printed on standard paper in the customer's account if the physical tag is chosen, but all big-game and turkey hunters must also obtain a carcass tag(s) from NMDOW or a license vendor prior to hunting, unless the E-Tag option was chosen. **Draw permits may not be printed until the appropriate OTC license(s) is purchased.**

E-Tag Option for Big Game and Turkey

When purchasing or applying for a license, hunters may choose either the E-Tag option or a physical tag. **Hunters MUST be able to show their license in the E-Tag app on their phone (screenshots do NOT suffice). After any physical tag has been issued by NMDOW, the E-Tag option may not be used.**

How to E-Tag

Prior to hunting, hunters must download the NM E-Tag app to their mobile phone each year, login while in service, and remain logged in while hunting— DO NOT log out. Upon harvesting an animal, the hunter must immediately click the Tag My Animal link in the app. The hunter will receive their E-Tag number with their CIN and the date of kill, which must be handwritten on a durable material (e.g. duct tape or flagging ribbon) in permanent ink and attached to the animal (see Tagging Instructions, page 38). **The app will work even while out of service as long as the license is verified prior to leaving cell service. Hunters choosing to E-Tag must still submit a harvest report. Hunters must delete and reinstall the E-Tag app each license year.**

License/Carcass Tag Combo

Unless the E-Tag option is chosen, a license/carcass tag combination will be issued when Big-Game or Turkey Licenses are purchased online, by phone and in person at NMDOW offices. The license/tag combo includes everything hunters need to carry in the field, provided that the Habitat Stamp (if applicable) has been purchased prior to May 15, 2027, for all draw licenses.

Obtaining License/Tag Combo After Purchase

- A license/tag and permit are available immediately if purchased at a NMDOW office.
- A license/tag will be mailed to all successful big-game draw applicants, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.
- Telephone or online purchases for Javelina and Private-Land Barbary Sheep, Deer, Elk, Oryx and Pronghorn Licenses must be made at least 14 days prior to the start of the hunt to allow time to mail the license/carcass tag. The license/tag will be mailed to the address provided by the customer for each species.

- Customers may obtain a $6 duplicate license/tag combination in person at NMDOW offices only. If a duplicate tag is obtained, the original tag number will be invalidated. It is unlawful to use an invalidated license/tag.
- See page 38 for more information and instructions for tagging.

Purchases at OTC License Vendors

The license/tag combination **will not** be available for Big-Game or Turkey Licenses and duplicate tags purchased at OTC license vendors. Both a tag and a printed license will be required**.**

Required Stamps and Validations

Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV)

A Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV) must be purchased and possessed by all hunters, trappers or anglers, except individuals 17 years of age and younger, resident anglers 70 years and older (free fishing license) and resident 100% disabled veteran card holders. Only one HMAV each license year is required. Funds from the sale are used to lease access to private lands for public use, provide public access to landlocked public land, and provide improvement, maintenance, development and operation of State Wildlife Commission property for fish and wildlife habitat management. The HMAV will automatically be added to the shopping cart with your first purchase of a hunting, fishing or trapping license if required.

Habitat Stamp

Hunters and anglers must purchase and possess a current Habitat Stamp for U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in New Mexico, except anglers 11 years of age and younger, resident anglers 70 years and older (free fishing license) and resident 100% disabled veteran card holders. Only one stamp is required each license year for these lands. The stamp is not required on withdrawn BLM lands in Unit 28, on other public property, or on private property. Funds from the sale of habitat stamps are used to improve wildlife habitat. All hunters, trappers and anglers are encouraged to purchase a Habitat Stamp.

Harvest Information Program Number (HIP)

Each year, migratory game bird hunters must obtain a separate federal HIP number for each state in which they hunt migratory game birds.

Duck Stamp

Federal law requires all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to purchase a federal Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp). Stamps are available online: **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us** or **duckstamp.com** and at U.S. Post Offices, NMDOW offices and at all license vendors beginning July 1 each year. Hunters must either carry a physical duck stamp signed in ink across the face or a valid hunting license that displays "Federal Duck Stamp" to meet the federal requirement.

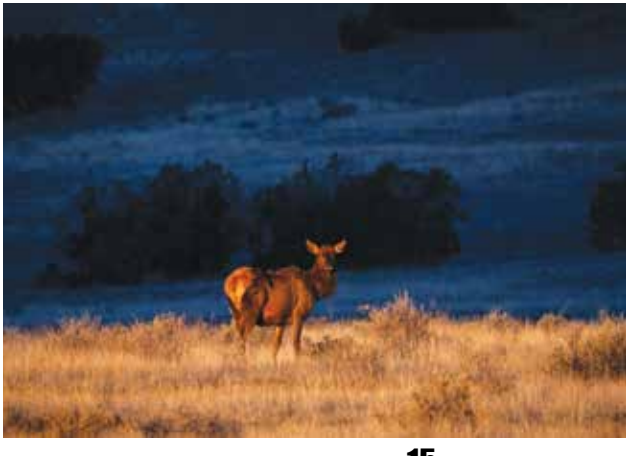
New Mexico Residency Requirements

To qualify for New Mexico resident license(s), one of the criteria below must be met:

1. A United States citizen who has resided in New Mexico for a period of not less than 90 days immediately preceding the date of application (or purchase) for the license, has been domiciled in New Mexico, and has not claimed residency elsewhere for any purpose. **Temporary or seasonal residents and homeowners**, who maintain a primary residence outside of New Mexico, **do not qualify** for resident licenses.
2. A citizen of another country who is legally in the United States and has lived in New Mexico for at least 90 days immediately preceding his/her license application (or purchase).
3. A student, not otherwise entitled to claim residence, who is attending any educational institution in New Mexico, has attended and actually has lived in the state for at least one full semester immediately preceding the application (or purchase) for a license. Students must present a certificate or letter verifying their enrollment and attendance from the proper authorities of the educational institution.
4. A member of the U.S. military, not otherwise entitled to claim residence, who is permanently assigned to a military installation located within New Mexico and who presents with his/her application a certificate or letter that verifies the military assignment and is signed by the commanding officer. The spouse or dependent of such person, living within the same household and similarly certified by the person's commanding officer may also purchase resident licenses.
5. A member of the U.S. military who is officially stationed at Fort Bliss and who presents a certificate or letter to NMDOW that verifies the military assignment and is signed by the commanding officer, prior to application. **This applies only for draw-hunt licenses on Fort Bliss. Fort Bliss personnel must pay non-resident license fees for all other hunts.** The 50% resident military and veteran discount does not apply.

License Information Is Public Record

Pursuant to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act, Sections 14–2–1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, all information provided when applying for licenses and permits is public record and must be disclosed to anyone when properly requested except as provided by law.



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OTC License Fees

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

2027-28 Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Fees

A license vendor fee will apply to all OTC transactions. An additional fee may be applied per carcass tag issued at NMDOW license vendors. See page 80 for Private-Land Elk License fees. **Vendors:** for instructions and forms, please visit **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/contact/license-vendors/**

LICENSE TYPE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Game-Hunting License [1]	$25	$90
Game-Hunting & Fishing License [2]	$42	Not Issued
Junior Game-Hunting License [1]	$10	$20
Junior Game-Hunting & Fishing License [2]	$15	Not Issued
Senior or Disabled Game-Hunting License [1]	$15	Not Issued
Senior or Disabled Game-Hunting & Fishing License [2]	$20	Not Issued
Disabled Veteran Game-Hunting & Fishing License [2, 3]	$10	Not Issued
Private-Land Only Deer License – Standard	$53	$385
Private-Land Only Deer License – Quality	$53	$610
Private-Land Only Deer License – Junior/Senior	$28	Not Issued
Private-Land Only Pronghorn License	$63	$410
Turkey License (Spring and/or Fall Season)	$35	$125
Bear License	$58	$360
Cougar License	$58	$360
Private-Land Only Oryx License	$178	$1,610
Barbary Sheep License (Public or Private Land)	$123	$360
Ibex License	$113	$1,610
Javelina License	$58	$165
Temporary Game-Hunting License (4 days)*. [1]	Not Issued	$40
* Does not enable purchase of big-game or turkey licenses.		
Nongame Hunting License (see page 34)	Not Issued	$65
Trapper License	$50	$500
Junior Trapper License	$20	Not Issued
Shed Hunting License	Not Issued	$200
Habitat Stamp*	$10	$10
* Mandatory for hunting and fishing on federal U.S. Forest Service or BLM lands. See page 14		
Habitat Management and Access Validation*	$4	$4
* Mandatory for hunting, fishing and trapping. This validation does not replace habitat stamp. See page 14.		
Duplicate license/tag	$6	$6
Harvest Information Program (HIP) Number*	$0	$0
* Required for hunting migratory game birds		
Federal Duck Stamp*	$29	$29
* Required for waterfowl hunting (ducks and geese), age 16 and older		

[1] Valid for small game (definition, see page 169). [2] Valid for small game and fishing. [3] 50% NM resident military/veteran discount does not apply.

Before March 24, Game-Hunting Licenses, Game-Hunting & Fishing Licenses and stamps for the 2027–28 license year are unavailable through license sales and must be purchased through the draw application process.

Draw Hunt License Fees

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

All draw license fees include a nonrefundable application fee (residents: $7; non-residents: $13). Nonresidents are ineligible to apply for antlerless elk and WMA draw hunts.

LICENSE TYPE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Standard Elk License (Residents 18–64 years of age and all non-residents)		
A (Antlerless)	$70	Not Issued
MB (Mature Bull)	$100	$773
ES (Either Sex)	$100	$773
Quality or High-Demand Elk License (page 80)		
A	$70	Not Issued
MB	$100	$998
ES	$100	$998
Junior/Senior Elk License (See page 19 for eligibility requirements)		
A	$70	Not issued
MB	$70	Not issued
ES	$70	Not issued
Deer License		
Standard (S)	$60	$398
Quality (Q)	$60	$623
High-Demand (HD)	$60	$623
Junior/Senior	$35	Not issued
Pronghorn License	$70	$423
Javelina License	$65	$178
Bighorn Sheep License		
Ram	$160	$3,523
Ewe	$85	$3,523
Oryx License	$185	$1,623
Ibex License	$120	$1,623
Barbary Sheep License	$130	$373
Bear Permit (application fee only[1])	$7	$13
Turkey Permit (application fee only[1])	$7	$13

[1] Successful applicants must purchase a 2027–28 Game-Hunting License or a Game-Hunting & Fishing License, plus the applicable over-the-counter license and stamp(s) beginning March 24. Carcass tag required, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

Draw Hunt Licenses

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

Application Requirements

When applying for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn, hunters must purchase a nonrefundable 2027–2028 Game-Hunting License or Game-Hunting & Fishing License and HMAV if applicable.

Game-Hunting Licenses and stamps are available online or by telephone through the draw application process. Before March 24, Game-Hunting Licenses and stamps for the 2027–2028 license year may be purchased only through the draw application process. Successful applicants for draw licenses will be mailed a combination license/tag, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

Application and full license fees for each species are charged at the time the application is submitted. Unsuccessful draw applicants will be refunded the draw license fee, but not the application or any other license fee.

To apply for Bear, Sandhill Crane, Pheasant or Turkey Draw Permits, no license purchase is required. **If the applicant is successful in the draw, purchase of a Bear or Turkey License will be required; a Game-Hunting License will be required for pheasant and sandhill crane**. Permits will not be available until the appropriate license(s) are purchased.

How the Draw Hunt System Works

All draw applications are entered into an automated system that randomly assigns each application a sequence number. Based on this number, and the quotas listed below, the system matches the first, second, then third choices on the application with available licenses or permits. If all choices have already been awarded, the system advances to the next application. New Mexico does not grant preference to previously unsuccessful applicants. If a fourth-choice hunt is entered for deer or elk, the applicant may be awarded any hunt for the same sporting arm as the first choice on the application that has not allocated all available licenses. **Only successful applicants will be notified by email.** Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified, but may check their NMDOW account online. For more information, visit: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/**.

Drawing Quotas: State law establishes the following quotas for all draw hunts:

- A minimum of 84% of draw licenses are awarded to New Mexico residents.
- 10% of draw licenses are awarded to residents and non-residents applying with a New Mexico registered outfitter.
- 6% of draw licenses are awarded to non-residents applying without a New Mexico registered outfitter.
- 100% of draw licenses for antlerless elk and hunts held exclusively on Wildlife Management Areas are awarded to New Mexico residents.
- Population management hunts are not subject to quota.

Non-resident and Outfitted Applicants Please Note: It is extremely unlikely for an outfitted applicant to draw a hunt code with six or fewer licenses, or for a non-resident to draw a hunt code with 12 or fewer licenses. Residents planning to apply with one or more non-residents should also be aware of this when applying.

Discounted/Special Licenses

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Juniors

Reduced-fee licenses for resident junior game hunting and fishing, junior deer, junior elk, junior trapper and junior game hunting (resident and non-resident) are available to individuals 17 years of age and younger at the time of purchase, on or after April 1, 2027. Resident junior licenses for hunting deer and/or elk on private land may be purchased at license vendors, NMDOW offices, by telephone or online.

Youth-Only Hunts

To qualify for youth-only hunts, applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education number or mentor-youth number (pages 23-24). The mentor-youth number is valid only for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small-game hunts.

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Resident Seniors

Reduced-fee licenses for senior Game-Hunting & Fishing, senior elk or senior deer are available to residents 65 years or older at the time of purchase, on or before April 1, 2027. Senior licenses for hunting deer and/or elk on private land can be purchased at NMDOW offices and license vendors, by telephone or online.

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Disabled Residents

A reduced-fee Game-Hunting & Fishing License is available to New Mexico residents with a permanent disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Applicants must attest that they have one or more disabilities that substantially limit major life activities.

Resident disabled license holders must purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and HMAV (page 14) as applicable. All other laws and rules must be followed.

Mobility-Impaired Certification (MI)

MI certification by NMDOW is required prior to submitting an application for MI-only pronghorn, oryx, elk or deer draw hunts. To qualify for MI Certification, an individual must have a permanent impairment that limits his/her mobility to a walker, wheelchair or crutches and/or have one or more permanent disabilities or conditions that substantially limit his/her ability to walk. The MI Certification form is available online, in person at NMDOW offices, or may be requested by telephone. This form must be signed by the applicant's physician and attest that one or more of the above mobility-impaired conditions apply.

The MI card is permanent once approved/issued by NMDOW. All other laws and rules must be followed.

For further information call: **1-888-248-6866** or email: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov**.

Mobility-Impaired (MI) Hunters

A Mobility-Impaired Card allows a hunter to: 1) shoot from a stationary motor-driven vehicle only when it has been parked completely off of the established road surface and there is no right-of-way fence; 2) have one assistant to help track and kill

big game that has been clearly wounded by the MI hunter. **The assistant must have written authorization from the MI hunter and must use the same sporting-arm type as the MI hunter**; 3) use a crossbow during a bow hunt.

Reasonable Accommodation Permits

Hunters with injuries or conditions that don't qualify for the Mobility Impaired certification may request specific disability accommodations on a case-by-case basis. For more information, email **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** or call **1-888-248-6866**.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Discount

New Mexico residents participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) are eligible to receive a 25% discount on all licenses as established in 17-3-13 NMSA for the following license year. The Department will qualify individuals for the following license year discount between January 1 and January 10 annually. If not qualified by the Department in January, applicants may prove eligibility in person at any Department office to have the discount applied. No refunds will be offered for full-fee purchases made prior to verification of eligibility.

Title VI Funding

This agency receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

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Military and Veteran Licenses and Hunt Opportunities

NMDOW acknowledges the contribution and sacrifice of active military and veterans with several discounted licenses and special hunting opportunities. Information about active military and veteran hunting and fishing opportunities and how to apply is available online and by telephone.

50% Discount for Resident Active Military and Veterans

A 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps is available to New Mexico residents who are active-duty military or honorably discharged veterans. The discount may be claimed by applying for or purchasing any license, permit or stamp online, by telephone or at any license vendor. Residents claiming this discount must be able to provide proof of active-duty military (page 165) or honorably discharged veteran status (page 170) upon request. **Discount does not apply to:** application fees, license vendor fees, administrative fees, duplicate license fees, the federal Duck Stamp or the resident Disabled Veteran Game-Hunting & Fishing License.

Military-Only Draw Hunts:

Proof of Active Military Status Required Prior to Application

Military-only draw hunts are available on McGregor Range in GMU 28 (Fort Bliss) for deer, elk, pronghorn, oryx, Barbary sheep and javelina. Each license year, applicants must provide proof of full-time, active-duty status. Veterans are not eligible for military-only hunts. Orders or other documentation (excluding military IDs or Common Access Cards) of current active-duty service must be received by NMDOW prior to application. Proof of service may be submitted by email: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** fax: **505-476-8180** or U.S. Mail: **NMDOW Special Hunts, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507**.

100% Disabled Resident Veterans

New Mexico residents who are 100% disabled as a result of having served in the U.S. military are eligible for a free Lifetime Game-Hunting & Fishing License. The disabled veteran must apply for a Disabled Veteran Card. This card is issued by the NMDOW and allows the cardholder to fish, hunt small game and obtain a deer hunting license free of charge. The deer hunting license will be issued only if the cardholder has applied and been successful in the draw for deer, or if the cardholder obtains written permission from a landowner for a private-land deer hunt. The free deer hunting license must be applied for each license year, and no preference is given for public-land deer draws. A HMAV and a Habitat Stamp (page 14) are not required.

Disabled Veteran Game-Hunting & Fishing License

New Mexico residents who are disabled veterans of the U.S. military, but do not meet the 100% disabled qualification, are eligible for a $10 combination Game-Hunting & Fishing License. Disabled veterans may purchase this license online, by telephone or at license vendors. A HMAV and a Habitat Stamp (page 14), if applicable, are required.

Military & Veterans

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

Oryx Draw Hunt for Resident Veterans on White Sands Missile Range

New Mexico resident veterans who have never held a once-in-a-lifetime Oryx License are eligible to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunt, available by drawing each license year. Applicants must submit their DD-214 demonstrating honorable discharge prior to application each year, unless their resident veteran status has already been verified by NMDOW, or they are registered as a 100% Disabled Veteran. Copies may be submitted by email: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** fax: **505-476-8180** or U.S. Mail: **NMDOW Special Hunts, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507**.

Fort Bliss Opportunities

Active-duty military personnel stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas are eligible for resident fees on draw hunts that occur on Fort Bliss Military Reservation in New Mexico. Each year, prior to application, proof of assignment must be submitted by email: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** by fax: **505-476-8180** or received by mail.

Resident Fees for Non-resident Active-duty and Veteran Rehabilitation Program Enrollees

Non-resident active-duty members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who are undergoing a rehabilitation program that involves hunting activities are eligible for a resident fee on deer, elk, javelina, oryx, pronghorn and turkey licenses. The rehabilitation program must be sponsored by the federal government, or a nonprofit organization authorized by the federal government, and it must be under the direction of a military or federal Veterans Administration rehabilitation center. **This benefit is not available through the draw**. Proof of eligibility must be provided. This benefit is available only through the NMDOW Santa Fe office.

Special Oryx Draw for Injured Service Members

Injured active-duty and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces with a disability rating of 50% or greater qualify for a special drawing for oryx on White Sands Missile Range. License(s) must be purchased by successful applicants, but there is no fee to apply. For eligibility and application information, please call **888-248-6866** after June 1, 2027.

Special Military/Veteran Pronghorn Draws

Resident Purple Heart recipients, 100% disabled veterans, and full-time active-duty military personnel permanently stationed in New Mexico qualify for special drawings for pronghorn on Melrose Air Force Range. License(s) must be purchased by successful applicants, but there is no fee to apply. For eligibility and application information, please call **888-248-6866** after June 1, 2027.

Hunter Education

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Hunter Education Program

Before purchasing a Game-Hunting License, all hunters 17 years of age and younger must obtain a Hunter Education number issued by New Mexico or another state or possess a New Mexico mentor-youth number. Hunter Education numbers issued by other states are no longer valid for hunters younger than 9 years of age. The Hunter Education number is valid for hunting all game species. The mentor-youth number is valid only for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small-game hunting (page 24).

Online Hunter Education Course: Hunters 9 years of age or older can obtain a Hunter Education number by completing an online Hunter Education course. Online course options can be found at: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/education/hunter-education/**. A service fee may apply.

Instructor-Led Hunter Education Courses: New Mexico Hunter Education numbers can also be obtained by completing a NMDOW, instructor-led Hunter Education course. NMDOW offers two types of in-person courses, a traditional course for students of all ages or a field-day course for students 10 years of age and older. Please note that students 10 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult to attend an in-person course. Before the first class session for all instructor-led courses, students are required to complete a homework assignment. Homework may be completed online through a downloadable PDF file or a hardcopy manual. Hardcopy manuals are available at local NMDOW locations, after registration. Students must attend all class sessions and pass both a written exam and a firearm proficiency evaluation to be issued a New Mexico Hunter Education number. Courses are offered year-round and statewide. Early registration is encouraged to avoid missing a deadline to apply for a hunt. For complete information on course types, dates, locations, and requirements, as well as course content and homework, visit NMDOW at: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/education/hunter-education.**

Registration for Hunter and/or Bowhunter Education Courses

All students wishing to register for a Hunter and/or Bowhunter Education course must have their own NMDOW account with a customer identification number (CIN). If you require assistance obtaining class information or a Hunter Education number please contact the New Mexico Hunter Education Program: **505-222-4731** or **dgf-he@dgf.nm.gov.** Bowhunter Education is not mandatory for bowhunters in New Mexico, but is highly recommended.

White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss

All hunters, regardless of age, on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) and Fort Bliss – including all of GMUs 19 and 28 and portions of GMU 34 – are required to have proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible.

Mentor-Youth Hunter Program

First-time hunters 8–17 years of age who do not have a Hunter Education number may pass an online quiz and receive a mentor-youth number. This number enables a youth to hunt under the supervision of an adult mentor, and allows purchase of a Game-Hunting or Game-Hunting & Fishing License. Mentor-youth hunters 8–9 years of age may hunt small game only. Mentor-youth hunters 10–17 years of age may apply for or purchase hunting licenses for deer, pronghorn, turkey, javelina and small game.

Youth participation in this program is a one-time opportunity and valid for two consecutive license years, beginning when a Game-Hunting License is initially purchased. When the mentor-youth hunter has completed the program and successfully passed a Hunter Education course, he or she can hunt any legal species independently with no age restriction.

Mentors must be either a parent, guardian or an adult with parental consent; be 18 years of age or older; possess a valid Game-Hunting License; and possess an NMDOW-issued Mentor Certification Number or an NMDOW-approved Hunter Education Certification Number. Courses are available on the NMDOW's website. The mentor-youth hunter and mentor must be in unaided sight and audible distance from one another at all times while hunting.

For more information about the mentor-youth hunter program visit: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/education/hunter-education/mentored-youth-hunter** or call: **505-222-4731.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play an important role helping NMDOW provide programs and services across the state. From hunter and angler education to off-road vehicle safety and wildlife conservation, volunteers share time and talent to support initiatives that otherwise would not be possible.

If you enjoy hunting, fishing and New Mexico's great outdoors, consider giving back to your community by becoming a volunteer with the NMDOW. For information about the variety of volunteer opportunities available, go to: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/contact/wildlife-conservation-volunteer/**.



Hunter Education videos are available on the NMDOW's YouTube channel at:

youtube.com/user/ NMGameandFish/videos

Furbearer Education

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Furbearer Education Requirements

Every person purchasing a Trapper License must complete a NMDOW-approved trapper education course before setting any trap or snare, or hunting any furbearer in New Mexico. Each person is required to complete the trapper education course only once in their lifetime; all courses are available free of charge. Proof of successful completion of a trapper education course in any other state will be accepted, but the New Mexico Furbearer Law and Species Identification Course must also be completed.

Courses must be provided or approved by NMDOW. These courses provide: 1) essential information needed to be a responsible and ethical trapper, 2) the laws governing furbearer trapping and hunting, and 3) information about furbearer species in New Mexico.

Please see the section below to determine which education course you will need to take. To enroll you must create or login to your account in the Online Licensing System **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us**. After logging in, all course options are available by clicking "Trapper Education" in the main menu. For assistance logging into your account, contact the NMDOW Information Center: **1-888-248-6866**. If you have previously purchased a license in New Mexico, but are unable to log into your account, DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT! Please call for assistance.

Which Course Are You Required To Take?

Trappers Who Have Never Taken a Trapper Education Course

If you will set traps and/or snares, and you have NEVER taken a trapper education course (in another state or with a national association), then choose the "New Mexico Trapper Education Course" online at **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us** to fulfill all of the education requirements for setting traps or snares for furbearers and for hunting furbearers in New Mexico. You will need your NMDOW Customer Identification Number (CIN) to register for the course. Upon successful completion of this course, you will receive a Course Completion Certificate, your NMDOW account will automatically be updated and you will be able to purchase a license.

Trappers Who Have Taken Trapper Education in Another State

If you will set traps and/or snares, and you HAVE PREVIOUSLY taken a trapper education course through a different venue (another state wildlife management agency or an NMDOW-approved, non-state entity), you are required to take the "New Mexico Furbearer Law and Species Identification Course" through your NMDOW account at **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us**. To determine whether a trapper education course is approved, contact the NMDOW Trapper Education Program: **505-257-8701**. The New Mexico Furbearer Law and Species Identification Course focuses specifically on the regulations that must be followed in New Mexico, and you must successfully pass a course quiz before a license can be purchased. After the quiz, you will be asked for the Trapper Education Number you received from the NMDOW-approved course you previously completed. If you do not have that number, please email **Nicholas.Forman@dgf.nm.gov** to receive verification of your previous trapper education course.

Furbearer Hunting ONLY (no trapping allowed)

If you only hunt furbearers (you will not be setting traps or snares), you are required to complete the Hunt-Only Course (New Mexico Furbearer Hunt Course) through your NMDOW account at **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us**. This is an abbreviated version of the New Mexico Furbearer Law and Species Identification Course, which covers only the information applicable to hunting furbearers. You must successfully pass a course quiz before a license can be purchased.

The Hunt-Only Course does not cover trapping and does not satisfy the requirements to set traps or snares in New Mexico. If you think you might trap at any time in the future, you should complete the New Mexico Trapper Education Course, which meets all furbearer hunting and trapping requirements. It is illegal to set any trap or snare without having completed an approved trapper education course. NMDOW encourages all furbearer hunters to take the full New Mexico Trapper Education Course.

Foothold trap placed flush with the surface of the ground.

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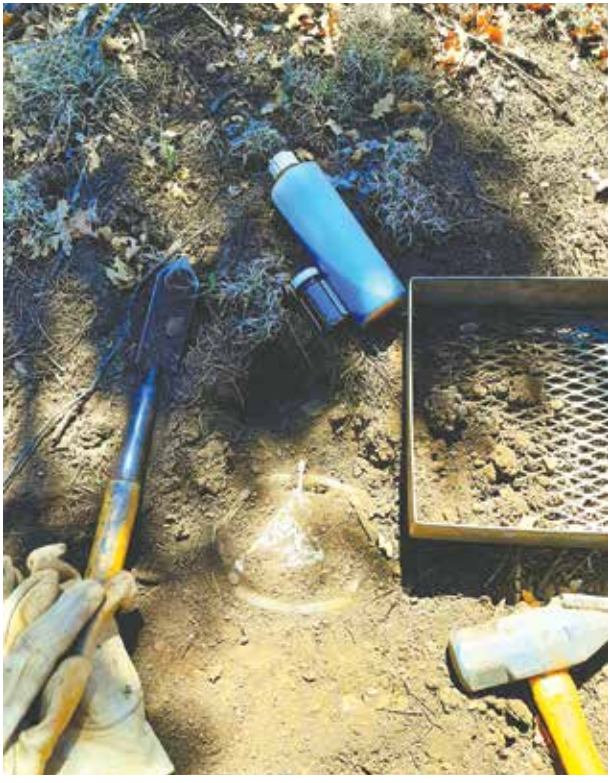

Outfitted Hunts

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

All outfitters and guides in New Mexico must be registered with NMDOW. Hunters who would like to use the services of an outfitter are strongly encouraged to do their research. Here are a few things you should look for in a reputable outfitter:

- Book your hunt with a registered outfitter. The list of registered outfitters is updated weekly and available at **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/guide-outfitter-information/**.
- Ask for references. Ask for successful hunters and unsuccessful hunters to get an accurate idea of what to expect on your hunt. It's also a good idea to search the internet, but remember that anyone can make a website or advertise on social media.
- Ask questions. Make sure you have asked the outfitter about all of the things you want on your hunt. Make a list and take notes.
- Know whether you will be hunting private land or public land.
- Applying for public-land draw hunts with an outfitter may improve your odds of drawing a license. Please reference the "outfitter list" and search for outfitters that have "Yes" in the 10% pool column. Contracts must be signed and dated prior to applying for draw hunts.
- If you draw a 10% pool license, it is not valid unless your outfitter or their guide is physically with you in the field for at least the first two days during the contracted dates of your hunt where your license is valid.
- Contracts are required by law. To protect both parties, contracts must designate the terms, hunt dates, guide to hunter-client ratio and compensation charged. Contracts must be signed prior to applying in the draw or for private-land hunts, prior to hunting. Read the contract carefully before signing it.

Outfitted Hunts on Private Land

- Outfitted hunts on private land must be conducted by a registered outfitter, unless the hunt is outfitted by the landowner, their authorized agent or their ranch employees. If you are planning to book a hunt with an "agent" who is not a registered outfitter, call **(505) 476-8066** before booking your hunt. An agent is a person who is legally authorized by employment or written contract to act on behalf of a private landowner to oversee the landowner's hunting operation on their deeded property. Agents may not act independently from the landowner. Anyone who purchases landowner permits or private-land licenses for a hunter-client or pays for access to a landowner's deeded property for a hunter-client in any way, shall be considered an outfitter and must be registered with NMDOW.
- Private-land Authorizations: Know the difference between ranch-only and unit-wide (see page 51). Ranch-only authorizations are restricted to the property's deeded acreage and not valid on public land. If you will be hunting private land make sure you know how big the property is before you book your hunt. Finding out you can only hunt on minimal acres can lead to an undesirable experience, and hunting illegally where your license is not valid can be costly.

If any person claiming to be a registered outfitter is not on the registered list, do not do business with them. Guides are not outfitters, and it is illegal to book a hunt with a guide. A list of registered outfitters is provided at **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/guide-outfitter-information/**. For more information email: **DGF-Guide-Outfitter@state.nm.us** or call: **(505) 476-8066.**

Transfers, Refunds & Donations

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Draw License Refunds

The director of NMDOW may grant a refund if the licensee: 1) is deceased; 2) has sustained a severe injury or suffered a life-threatening illness which prevents participation; 3) is deployed by the U.S. military prior to the start of the hunt which prohibits participation; or 4) a hunt is cancelled due to a natural disaster. Refund requests must be submitted in writing to **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** prior to the hunt start date. Email is preferred. Requests may also be faxed to **505-476-8180** or mailed to Special Hunts in the NMDOW Santa Fe office. For further information, call **1-888-248-6866**. Written requests may not be withdrawn once received.

Draw License Donations

If ineligible for refund, a hunting license may be donated to NMDOW to provide an opportunity for a youth 17 years of age or younger, a resident veteran or a resident first responder who has been qualified through a nonprofit organization that promotes hunting. Refunds are not offered for donated licenses. Qualifying nonprofit organizations must be approved by the New Mexico State Wildlife Commission. License donation request forms are available online at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/hunting-license-donations/**. Please submit your form to **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** prior to the hunt start date. Email is preferred. Forms may also be faxed to **505-476-8180** or mailed to Special Hunts in the NMDOW Santa Fe office. For additional information call **1-888-248-6866**. Written requests may not be withdrawn once received. **Donation requests received within three days of the hunt start date might not be processed.**

Draw License Transfers

The director of NMDOW may grant a transfer if the licensee: 1) is deceased; 2) is deployed by the U.S. military prior to the start of the hunt which prohibits participation; or 3) under limited circumstances if the license holder can demonstrate that they are hospitalized or convalescing from a recent hospitalization due to a serious injury or illness. Transfer requests must be submitted in writing to **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov** prior to the hunt start date. Email is preferred. Requests may also be faxed to **505-476-8180** or mailed to Special Hunts in the NMDOW Santa Fe office. For further information call **1-888-248-6866**. Written requests may not be withdrawn once received. **Transfer requests received within three days of the hunt start date might not be processed, but may be refunded**.



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Chronic Wasting Disease

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

Chronic Wasting Disease Rules Apply in Units 19, 28, 29 and 34

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

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

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

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



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To participate, bring your freshly harvested deer or elk head to any NMDOW office or field collection station where tissues can be collected for CWD testing. In units 19, 28, 29 and 34, hunters wishing to participate must present the head at a testing location within the unit where the animal was harvested. Hunters must deliver the unfrozen head within 48 hours of killing the animal to be eligible. Participating hunters who harvest an animal in any GMU may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. Incentive authorizations can be used by the recipient or by any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.

Be on the lookout for New World Screwworm

New World Screwworm (NWS) has been detected in New Mexico; hunters can help by learning about NWS, knowing what to look for, and reporting suspicious larvae For more information go to: **https://screwwormnm.org/**

General Rules

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

It is unlawful to:

- Recklessly or carelessly handle a firearm.
- Hunt or trap while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, including marijuana.
- Litter and/or pollute streams, lakes and other waters.
- Leave a fire unattended or improperly control fire.
- Hunt or trap protected species without a license and all applicable permits, tags, stamps or validations or fail to tag any big game or turkey.
- Hunt or trap protected species using licenses, tags, permits, stamps or validations belonging to another individual, or take or attempt to take a protected species for another person, except as permitted when assisting a licensed mobility-impaired hunter (pages 19-20).
- Kill more than one of the following: elk, pronghorn, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx, bear or deer during any license year, except as permitted by rule.
- Apply for, buy or use more than one license for any species per license year.
- Shine spotlights or other artificial lights into areas where big-game species or livestock may be present, while in possession of any sporting arm.
- Take or attempt to take game species by baiting. An area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait. It is also unlawful to take bear by the aid of scent.
- Use live protected species as decoys to take or attempt to take game species.
- Use electronically or mechanically recorded calling devices, except for cougars, bears, javelina, furbearers, nongame species and during the Light Goose Conservation Order.
- Use tracer ammunition, full-metal jacketed bullets or fully automatic weapons.
- Park any motor vehicle or camp within 300 yards of any man-made water hole, water well or watering tank used by wildlife or domestic stock without the prior consent of the private landowner, private-land lessee, public-land lessee or public-land management agency.
- Shoot at protected species or artificial wildlife from a motor vehicle.
- Shoot at game on, from or across any paved, graded or maintained public road or within the fenced right-of-way of any paved, graded or maintained public road.
- Shoot at, pursue, harass, harry, drive or rally any protected species by any means, except while legally hunting.
- Use motor-driven vehicles on roads closed under the Habitat Protection Act or other federal regulation.
- Hunt or shoot at any animal from an aircraft or drone or fly an aircraft in any manner that causes any non-domesticated animal to move from its place of rest or change its direction of travel.
- Make false statements when purchasing or applying for a license or alter any license issued by NMDOW.
- Hunt from an aircraft, use aircraft to signal locations of protected species to hunters, or harass game species with an aircraft; hunt protected species observed from aircraft within 48 hours of observation; or hunt protected species the same day of air travel, except by commercial airline or direct flight to a landing strip.
- Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling or building (not including abandoned or vacated buildings on public land) without the permission of the owner or lessee.
- Take any animal that is protected by law but not listed as a game species and/or any animal that is listed as an endangered or threatened species.
- Use any cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite camera for the purpose of hunting or scouting remotely for any big game animal.
- Hunt any protected species outside of established season for that species.
- Exceed the daily bag limit or the legal possession limit of any small-game species.
- Hunt for game species outside of legal shooting hours.
- Hunt or trap on private land without written permission.
- To place a trap or snare on public land, see page 142.

License Requirements and Fees: See page 12–17

Understanding Hunt Codes: The hunt code printed on your license indicates the species, hunt location, sporting arm type, bag limit and the hunt type.

For example: **DER-2A-B1-FAD-PUB**

- **"DER"** indicates a deer hunt.
- **"2A"** indicates the game management unit or hunt area.
- **"B1"**indicates the first bow hunt of the species.
- **"FAD"** indicates fork-antlered deer.
- **"PUB"** indicates a public land hunt.



This example (DER-2A-B1-FAD-PUB) found on page 54 is a deer hunt valid in GMU 2A with bow only from September 1-24 with a bag limit of one fork-antlered deer (FAD) on public land.

Legal Sporting Arms

Legal sporting arms for deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep and bear (big-game sporting arms): Any centerfire firearm at least .22 caliber or larger, any muzzle-loading firearm at least .45 caliber or larger, any shotgun .410 caliber or larger firing a single slug (including muzzle-loading shotguns), any bow or any crossbow. All firearms, except handguns, must be designed to be fired from the shoulder. Hunters must use only bullets designed to expand or fragment upon impact. Full metal jacket (FMJ) and tracer bullets are illegal. No fully automatic firearms may be used. Arrows and bolts must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with cutting edges. Sights on bows and crossbows may not project light (lighted pins are acceptable). No drugs may be used on arrows or bolts, and they cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air.

Legal sporting arms for cougar, javelina and furbearers: Any firearm, muzzleloader, compressed air gun, shotgun, bow or crossbow. All firearms, except handguns, must be designed to be fired from the shoulder. For cougar and javelina, compressed air guns must be .22 caliber or larger and shotguns must fire a single slug or #4 buckshot or larger. Arrows and bolts must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with cutting edges. Sights on bows and crossbows may not project light. No drugs may be used on arrows or bolts, and they cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air.

Legal sporting arms for turkey: Any shotgun firing shot, bow and crossbow. Arrows and bolts must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with cutting edges. Sights on bows and crossbows may not project light. No drugs may be used on arrows or bolts, and they cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air.

Legal sporting arms for upland game: Quail and pheasant may be taken with shotguns and muzzle-loading shotguns firing shot, bows, and crossbows. Eurasian collared-dove, grouse and squirrels may be taken with shotguns firing shot, muzzle-

loading shotguns, rim-fire and muzzle-loading firearms, bows, crossbows and compressed air guns firing a pellet .177 or larger.

Legal sporting arms for migratory game birds: Migratory game birds may be taken with a shotgun fired from the shoulder, provided it is no larger than 10-gauge and is not capable of holding more than three shells. Migratory game birds also may be taken with muzzle-loading shotguns firing shot, bow and arrows, and crossbow and bolts.

Bow only: Any compound, long or recurve bow. Arrows must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with cutting edges. Sights on bows may not project light (lighted pins are acceptable). No drugs may be used on an arrow, and arrows cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air. Use of crossbow or draw lock is allowed only with reasonable accommodation permit.

Muzzleloader, crossbow or bow only: Hunters may use any legal muzzleloader with open, "iron" or peep sights, any legal bow or any legal crossbow during regular muzzleloader hunts (see also restricted muzzleloader). Scopes, red dots or other similar sights are not allowed on muzzleloaders during a muzzleloader hunt. See definition of muzzleloader on page 168. Sabots and in-line ignition may be used with muzzleloaders except during restricted muzzleloader deer hunts. No drugs may be used on arrows or bolts, and arrows and bolts (see arrow or bolt definition on page 165) cannot be driven by explosives, gunpowder or compressed air. Airbows and all guns firing arrows or bolts are illegal.

Restricted Muzzleloader for deer: Only a muzzle-loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent propellant and firing a full-bore-diameter bullet or patched round ball is legal. The use of in-line ignition, scopes and smokeless powder are prohibited. Bows are legal during restricted muzzleloader deer hunts.

Mandatory Harvest Reporting: Deadlines see Page 10.

Harvest reporting is mandatory for all Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn, turkey and trapper license holders, whether or not a hunt or harvest occurred. Harvest reports can be submitted online or by telephone. Failure to report by the deadline(s) will result in rejection of all draw applications. Remember to keep your confirmation number!

One License per Species

It is illegal to apply for, buy or use more than one license for any game species during any license year, except when permitted by rule.

Proof of Species, Sex and Bag Limit

Hunters must keep proof of sex with all game species (except javelina) until the game has been transported where it will be consumed or stored. The antlers or horns must remain attached to the skull or skull plate of all male Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx or pronghorn. Immature males must be accompanied by the scalp and both ears. Females must be accompanied by either the scalp and both ears or the external genitalia naturally attached to one quarter. **The external**

genitalia of any bear or cougar must remain naturally attached to the hide and be readily visible until the hide has been inspected and pelt tagged by a NMDOW representative. The beard must remain with the carcass when the bag limit is a bearded turkey. The head or leg of each pheasant, one foot of each quail and one fully feathered wing of each migratory game bird, (dove and band-tailed pigeons are exempt) must remain attached to the bird until it is at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final cold storage.

Possession, Donation or Sale of Game

It is unlawful to possess or transport any live game animal (including birds) or any protected species or parts thereof without a valid license, a properly notched carcass tag, handwritten e-tag if applicable or other evidence the game has been taken legally. Carcasses, meat and internal organs of game mammals and game birds may not be sold or bartered but can be donated. Only the skins, heads, antlers, horns, rendered fat, teeth or claws of legally taken or possessed protected species, any parts of furbearers, and the feathers of non-migratory game birds may be bartered or sold.

Any person giving items to another person must supply the recipient with a written description which states: the parts (skin, head, antlers, horns, claws, feathers, etc.) and/or the kind and number of game; the date when and county where game was taken; the conveyor's name, address and hunting license number used to take the game; and the date and place of the transaction or donation. A sample certificate is provided on page 164 and downloadable at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/**.

It is unlawful to possess the head, horns or attached antlers of any big-game species found in the field without a receipt from NMDOW.

Storage

For big game and turkey, a properly notched carcass tag or handwritten E-Tag must remain with the meat, and for furbearers, upland game and migratory game birds, a license or possession certificate must remain with the meat. Possession and storage is authorized for one year from the date of kill. To store or possess meat after this date, individuals must have a storage permit from NMDOW. Bear and cougar carcass tags authorize possession of the animal for five days or until pelt tagged, whichever occurs first.

Trophies taken to a taxidermist or carcasses taken to a meat processor must be accompanied by a properly notched carcass tag and antler/horn tag (if applicable), a handwritten E-Tag, or a possession (donation) certificate. **Keep your tags!**

Use of Dogs

Dogs may be used to hunt upland game, waterfowl, furbearers, bear and cougar only. Dogs may not be used to hunt any other game species. Certain exceptions apply (see specific species sections). When dogs are used to hunt bear or cougar, the licensed hunter must be present continuously once any dog is released. Leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead big game. If dogs are used to locate wounded or dead big game, hunters **must keep the dog(s) on a leash, and no more than two dogs may be used at a time**.

Blaze Orange

Hunters on military reservations must wear a minimum of 144 square inches of blaze orange. Ft. Bliss, including McGregor Range (GMU 28), requires a blaze orange vest. Hunters participating in any firearm elk hunt on Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Though not required elsewhere by law, NMDOW strongly encourages hunters to wear blaze orange.

Transportation of Horses

All horses being transported must be inspected by a local livestock inspector. Non-residents with horses must have proof of ownership and health papers. For further information contact the New Mexico Livestock Board: **505-841-6161**.

Feral Hogs

Feral hogs are an unprotected species that can damage habitat, contaminate water and compete with native wildlife. Because of the negative impact this non-native intruder causes, anyone may hunt feral hogs year-round without a license. Basic hunting rules apply—such as obtaining permission if hunting on private land. Hunting with the aid of an artificial light and discharging of firearms within 150 yards of an occupied dwelling is illegal. Feral hogs should not be confused with javelina, which look similar but are a protected game species. Javelina are smaller than feral hogs and do not have a tail. Javelina also have a white stripe of hair near the shoulders and neck, giving them the common name collared peccary. For information about where to hunt feral hogs contact the USDA: **505-346-2640**.



Feral hog



Javelina

Nongame Hunters

Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine, rabbits, coyotes and skunks. Nongame hunting is not permitted on wildlife management areas (WMAs), except Water Canyon WMA from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2028, and Prairie Chicken Areas from Nov. 1, 2027, to March 15, 2028.

Rabbits and Other Nongame Species

Common nongame species include coyotes, skunks, porcupines, rabbits and rock squirrels. New Mexico residents are not required to have a license to take nongame species. Non-residents must possess either a non-resident Nongame License or any current New Mexico non-resident Game-Hunting License. Nongame species may be taken on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands open to hunting. Nongame species may also be taken on State Trust Lands that are opened by easement, provided the hunter

holds a valid license for protected species on those lands and he/she is hunting during the season(s) designated for that license. White-sided jackrabbits, found primarily in Hidalgo County, are protected under the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act and may not be hunted.

Protected Bird Species

Game-Hunting licenses do not allow hunting for protected birds for which there is no season, including eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, crows, ravens and all songbirds. Unprotected birds are starlings, rock doves (common pigeons) and house sparrows (English sparrows).

Skulls Are State Property

Skulls are both fascinating and valuable. When found in the field, the skulls of all protected species remain the property of New Mexico—unless from an animal legally taken by a licensed hunter during an approved hunting season. This rule applies to all individuals, whether hunting or not. This important law enables conservation officers to better regulate the illegal taking of big-game animals solely for the head or trophy. Although possession of shed antlers is legal, possession of antlers attached to a skull found in the field is not. Antlered skulls may be available for purchase from NMDOW. If purchased, the receipt must be retained by the owner. Should probable cause suggest an animal was killed or is possessed unlawfully, conservation officers may confiscate such skulls. If you find the skull of a protected animal, leave it where it is found and contact a NMDOW conservation officer.

Vehicle Use: Driving Off-Road or on a Closed Road

1. During the seasons established for any protected species, it is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road on **public land** or on a closed road on public land when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.
2. During the seasons established for any protected species, it is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road on **private land**, without written permission from the landowner, when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.
3. It is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is being driven off an established road or on a closed road when gathering or searching for shed antlers on public land.
4. EXCEPTION: Snowmobiles may be driven off established roads and lawfully taken game may be retrieved in areas not closed to vehicular traffic.
5. Public land as used in this section shall mean any federally owned or managed property; any state-owned or managed property; any private property which is part of a unitization hunting agreement, ranch-wide agreement or unit-wide agreement for the species being hunted; any private property NMDOW has paid for public access for the species being hunted; or any New Mexico State Wildlife Commission-owned or managed property.

Established Road Means:

1. A road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures;
2. A two-track road which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching and which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

Harassment of Legal Hunters, Anglers and Trappers

New Mexico Law (Chapter 17–2–7.1, NMSA 1978) prohibits interference with another person who is lawfully hunting, trapping or fishing in an area where those activities are permitted. The first offense is a petty misdemeanor; the second offense is a misdemeanor.

If a person committing interference possesses a license, certificate or permit issued to him/her by the New Mexico State Wildlife Commission, the license, certificate or permit will be subject to revocation.

Interference means:

1. Intentionally locating one's person where human presence may affect the behavior of a game animal, bird or fish, where human presence may interfere with the taking or killing of a game animal, bird or fish, and/or where human presence may interfere with another who is lawfully hunting, trapping or fishing.
2. Intentionally creating a visual, auditory, olfactory or physical stimulus to affect the behavior of a game animal, bird or fish and interfere with another person who is lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping.
3. Intentionally altering, removing or affecting the placement or condition of personal property used for taking a game animal, bird or fish.

If you witness any violation, please document the vehicle description, license plate number or aircraft tail number and contact Operation Game Thief: **1-800-432-4263**.

Waste of Game

Anyone who takes a Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx, pronghorn, turkey, migratory game bird or upland game must transport the edible portions for human consumption from the field. The edible portions of game animals include all four quarters, backstraps, tenderloins and the neck meat. The edible portions of turkey include the breast, legs and thigh meat. Anyone who wounds or may have wounded any big-game species must go to the place where the animal sustained the wound or may have sustained the wound and make a reasonable attempt to track and kill the animal. This requirement does not authorize trespass on private land. Call **1-800-432-4263** for assistance recovering a wounded animal that enters private land.

Anyone who takes or kills a Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx, pronghorn or turkey outside of the legal season or without a valid license, which taking or killing results in waste of the animal, is guilty of a fourth-degree felony. Waste of the animal consists of removing from the animal only the head, antlers or horns or abandoning any of the four quarters, backstraps or tenderloins of the carcass. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph is intended to be separate from and cumulative to any other violation of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978.

License Privileges Can Be Revoked

Points are assessed against privileges based on the type of violation committed. Any person accumulating 20 points or more within any consecutive three-year period shall be considered for revocation of the following: all hunting, fishing and trapping license privileges; any guiding and outfitting registration; landowner authorizations; and/or any permit or certificate issued under Chapter 17, NMSA 1978 and its implementing rules. New Mexico is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator

Compact (IWVC) and may recognize the suspension or revocation of license privileges of any person listed as a wildlife violator by another participating state. New Mexico will notify IWVC of all revocations, and other states may reciprocate New Mexico's revocations. Contact NMDOW Field Operations for specific information at: **505-476-8065**.

Federal Law

Transporting illegally taken game across state lines is a violation of the federal Lacey Act, and may be classified as a felony.

Parental Responsibility Act

The Parental Responsibility Act requires the New Mexico State Wildlife Commission to suspend the recreational and professional licenses of anyone who does not comply with court-ordered child support obligations. Hunting and fishing privileges are suspended until court-ordered child support payments are up-to-date and a $25 reinstatement fee has been paid. For more information, please contact NMDOW Field Operations: **505-476-8065**.

Forfeitures

Sporting arms may be seized and forfeited if used in the following crimes: possession or transportation of big game during closed season, killing big game during closed season, spotlighting or hunting with the aid of artificial light or exceeding the bag limit on any big game species during open season. Any motor vehicle may be seized and forfeited if used while spotlighting or hunting with the aid of artificial light.

All shed antlers collected in violation of any New Mexico State Wildlife Commission, state or federal land closure, in violation of section 30–14–1 NMSA 1978 or in violation of any of the provisions of Chapter 17 or State Wildlife Commission rule remain property of the State of New Mexico and shall be seized.

Criminal Penalties

Poachers may incur criminal penalties, including:

- **First offense:** Up to $1,000 in fines and one year in jail.
- **Second offense:** Up to $4,000 in fines and one year in jail.
- **Third offense:** Up to $6,000 in fines, mandatory 90 days in jail and up to one year in jail.
- **Felony waste of game:** Up to $5,000 in fines and 18 months in prison.

Substantial Civil Assessments for Poaching

To recover the loss of the state's wildlife, the New Mexico State Wildlife Commission has adopted substantial civil assessments for the illegal taking of trophy game animals.

The assessments are:

Elk	$10,000*	Ibex	$10,000*	Barbary sheep	$6,000*
Deer	$10,000*	Oryx	$10,000*	Turkey	$500*
Bighorn sheep	$10,000*	Pronghorn	$8,000*	Trout	$150*

* Higher dollar amounts may be sought in certain cases.

Carcass Tag Instructions

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

All Big-Game and Turkey Harvests Must Be Tagged

1. Immediately after harvesting any big-game animal or turkey, the carcass tag must be notched. The carcass tag must be attached to the kill before leaving the kill site. Instructions for notching and attaching are listed below and are provided on the reverse side of the tag.
2. Antlered or horned big game require an antler/horn tag be attached in addition to a carcass tag. Instructions for attaching are listed below and provided on the reverse side of the tag.
3. Any big-game or turkey kill left unattended in the field, in a vehicle or in camp must have a properly notched carcass tag and antler/horn tag (if applicable) attached.
   It is unlawful to possess any big-game species or turkey in the field without a properly notched carcass tag or handwritten E-Tag.
4. Bear and cougar must be both carcass tagged and pelt tagged. Bear and cougar must be presented for pelt tagging within five days after harvest (pages 133 and 139).
5. The carcass tag or handwritten E-Tag authorizes possession of the big-game animal or turkey for one year from date of kill. Bear and cougar carcass tags authorize possession of the animal for five days or until pelt tagged, whichever occurs first. Keep your tags!

Tagging Instructions


Carcass tag


Turkey tag


Antler tag

1. Do not remove backing on the carcass tag until you are ready to tag.
2. Upon killing your big-game animal or turkey, immediately and completely notch the month and day of kill on the carcass tag and then attach to the hock tendon of the animal or above the leg spur of the turkey (see illustrations above) prior to moving the big-game animal or turkey from the kill site. For bear and cougar the carcass tag may be wrapped around a hind leg above the foot if skinned.
3. Do not leave any backing material on the tag. Wrap the tag on carcass as shown, matching the ends together and pressing adhesive sides together evenly and tightly. Leave entire face of tag visible and readable. Do not overlap tag ends or cover any of the print.
4. Tags must remain attached until the big-game animal or turkey arrives at a taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final storage (e.g. your home), or if required, until it is inspected, documented or pelt tagged by a NMDOW official. If multiple trips are required to transport the animal from the field, NMDOW recommends the tagged portion be transported first.
5. If a big-game animal is boned out or when a javelina is killed and nothing is removed or only the skull is taken, fold and adhere the carcass tag to itself leaving the entire face of the carcass tag visible. The adhered carcass tag must physically remain with parts of the animal that are removed and possessed.

Antlered and Horned Game Tag Instructions

When ready to tag, detach antler tag from backing. Attach the antler/horn tag to the main beam of the antler or horn, as close to the base as possible, where it will not slide off. **Leave entire face of tag visible and readable**.

E-Tag Instructions

If the E-Tag option is chosen, hunters must be able to show their license in the NM E-Tag app on their smartphone. Upon harvesting a big-game animal or turkey, hunters must click the Tag My Animal link in the app to receive their E-Tag number and other required information. The E-Tag number, CIN and date and time of kill must be hand written on a durable material (e.g. duct tape or flagging ribbon) in permanent ink and then attached to the animal (see *Tagging Instructions*, above). This procedure must be repeated for antlered/horned game as described above.

Criminal Trespass

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

Criminal Trespass 30–14–1 NMSA 1978

A. Criminal trespass consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon posted private property without possessing written permission from the owner or person in control of the land. The provisions of this subsection do not apply if: 1) the owner or person in control of the land has entered into an agreement with NMDOW granting access to the land to the general public for the purpose of taking any game animals, birds or fish by hunting or fishing; or 2) a person is in possession of a landowner license given to him by the owner or person in control of the land that grants access to that particular private land for the purpose of taking any game animals, birds or fish by hunting or fishing.

B. Criminal trespass also consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon the unposted lands of another, knowing that such consent to enter or remain is denied or withdrawn by the owner or occupant thereof. Notice of no consent to enter shall be deemed sufficient notice to the public and evidence to the courts by the posting of the property at all vehicular access entry ways.

C. Criminal trespass also consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon lands owned, operated or controlled by the state or any of its political subdivisions, knowing that consent to enter or remain is denied or withdrawn by the custodian thereof.

D. Any person who enters upon the lands of another without prior permission and injures, damages or destroys any part of the realty or its improvements, including buildings, structures, trees, shrubs or other natural features, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession for civil damages in an amount equal to double the value of the damage to the property injured or destroyed.

E. Whoever commits criminal trespass is guilty of a misdemeanor. Additionally, any person who violates the provisions of Subsection A, B or C of this section, when in connection with hunting, fishing or trapping activity, shall have their hunting or fishing license revoked by the Wildlife Commission for a period of not less than three years, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17–3–34 NMSA 1978.

F. Whoever knowingly removes, tampers with or destroys any "no trespass" sign is guilty of a petty misdemeanor; except when the damage to the sign amounts to more than one thousand dollars ($1,000), is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment in the county jail for a definite term less than one year or a fine not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) or to both such imprisonment and fine in the discretion of the judge.

Posting Requirements for Trespass 30–14–6 NMSA 1978

A. The owner, lessee or person lawfully in possession of real property in New Mexico, except property owned by the state or federal government, desiring to prevent trespass or entry onto the real prop-

NEW MEXICO LANDOWNER-SPORTSPERSON

WRITTEN PERMISSION FORM

Written permission shall mean a document (which may include a valid hunting, trapping or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private landowner or their designee to hunt, fish, trap or drive off road on the landowner's property.

CLIP AND SAVE: LANDOWNER-SPORTSPERSON AGREEMENT

LANDOWNER'S COPY

PERMISSION GRANTED TO:

_____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATES OF ACCESS

_____ **TO** _____

SPORTSPERSON'S COPY

LANDOWNER'S NAME: _____

FARM/RANCH NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **PHONE:** _____

DATES OF ACCESS: _____ **TO** _____

I agree to conduct myself as a true sportsperson and to remember that hunting on private property is a privilege to be earned and not a right.

Criminal Trespass

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erty shall post notices parallel to and along the exterior boundaries of the property to be posted, at each roadway or other way of access in conspicuous places, and if the property is not fenced, such notices shall be posted every 500 feet along the exterior boundaries of such land.

B. The notices posted shall prohibit all people from trespassing or entering upon the property, without permission of the owner, lessee, person in lawful possession or his/her agent. The notices shall: 1) be printed legibly in English; 2) be at least 144 square inches in size; 3) contain the name and address of the person under whose authority the property is posted or the name and address of the person who is authorized to grant permission to enter the property; 4) be placed at each roadway or apparent way of access onto the property, in addition to the posting of the boundaries; and 5) where applicable, state any specific prohibition that the posting is directed against, such as "no trespassing," "no hunting," "no fishing," "no digging" or any other specific prohibition.

C. Any person who posts public lands contrary to state or federal law or regulation is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Hunting or Trapping on Private Property without Written Permission

A. It is unlawful to knowingly enter upon any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish without possessing written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

B. Any game animal, furbearer or game bird taken in violation of this section or section 30–14–1 NMSA 1978 is unlawfully killed and shall be subject to seizure.

C. Exception: Written permission is not required on any property which is participating in a unitization, receives compensation for allowing public access, receives unit-wide authorizations, or has agreed to a ranch-wide agreement when species being harvested is part of any of these agreements.

Written Permission shall mean a document (which may include a valid hunting, trapping or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private landowner or their designee to hunt, fish, trap or drive off road on the landowner's property. The information on the document must be verifiable and include the name of the person(s) receiving permission, activity permitted, property's location and name (if applicable), name of person granting permission, date and length of time the permission is granted, and phone number or e-mail of the person granting the permission. Licenses issued for private land which have the ranch name printed on them constitute written permission for that property and no other permission is required except for Private-Land Elk Licenses in the secondary management zone pursuant to 19.30.5 and 19.31.14 NMAC. Visit **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/download/written-permission-to-hunt-private-land/** to download the form or detach the form below.

CLIP AND SAVE: LANDOWNER-SPORTSPERSON AGREEMENT

SPORTSPERSON'S COPY

PERMISSION GRANTED TO: _____
Signature

FROM: _____ **TO:** _____
Dates of access

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____
Landowner

LANDOWNER'S COPY

I agree to conduct myself as a true sportsperson and to remember that hunting on private property is a privilege to be earned and not a right.

SIGNED: _____
Sportsperson

DATE: _____

Operation Game Thief

To report violations call: **1-800-432-4263**

Poaching Harms Everyone

Poachers are thieves stealing New Mexico's wildlife which is harmful to hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Operation Game Thief (OGT) is a silent witness program to help stop illegal poaching, trespassing and wildlife trafficking by offering rewards for information leading to the arrest of poachers.

Turn Tips into Cash!

Funded by donations from individuals and organizations and not from taxes or license fees, rewards include: $750 for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep; $500 for cases involving deer or oryx; $350 for cases involving pronghorn; $250 for cases involving turkey, bear, cougar, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, endangered species, small game, fish, raptors and furbearers; and $50 for cases where a warning citation is issued. OGT's toll-free hotline: **1-800-432-4263** is available 24/7/365. Wildlife violations and trespassing also can be reported online at: **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us/public/ogt**.

Operation Game Thief Needs Your Support

Individuals or organizations concerned about poaching and its impact on New Mexico's wildlife can send donations to Operation Game Thief. Donations can be made online, by phone, or in person at any license vendor; donations also can be mailed to: OGT, **One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507**. All donations received are used solely to pay rewards and promote the program.

SCAN FOR OGT FORM

Rewards Offered for Reporting Illegal Vehicle Use Off-Road and Dumping

Driving any vehicle off-road is illegal outside of designated areas and can degrade wildlife habitat and negatively impact the quality of hunting and angling opportunities. Illegal dumping can also harm wildlife and ruin the outdoor experience for everyone. The New Mexico Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers offers rewards of up to $500 for information leading to the conviction of violators in these cases.

SCAN FOR OFFICER MAP AND CONTACTS

For information about how to report illegal vehicle use off-road or illegal dumping, visit online: **www.backcountryhunters.org/new_mexico** or contact your local NMDOW officer.



At the New Mexico Department of Wildlife, we ...

issued
5,071
total citations

engaged in
68,540
total field contacts

patrolled New Mexico landscape
41,163
total hours this past year

Off-Highway Vehicles

Registration and information: **https://RideNM.dgf.nm.gov**

Know the Laws, Operate Safely and Enjoy!

New Mexico's off-highway vehicle (OHV) laws are to ensure safe and responsible use of OHVs to protect all citizens. OHVs include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), off-highway motorcycles and snowmobiles. All OHVs must be registered or properly permitted and equipped with a Forest Service-approved spark arrestor. Non-residents may register an OHV in their home state or can purchase a New Mexico non-resident permit through their online account at **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us/**.

All operators and passengers younger than 18 years of age must wear a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet and goggles or safety glasses. Operators younger than 18 years of age must carry proof of successful completion of an OHV safety training. Every rider is responsible for knowing and obeying the laws. Before riding on public land, visit **https://RideNM.dgf.nm.gov.**

New Mexico OHV Code of Ethics

- Learn about the area where you are planning to ride. Before you ride, contact public land managers or private property owners to understand area restrictions and ask for permission. Obtain maps of the area(s) and remain on roads, trails and/or areas designated for OHV use.
- Be courteous on the trail. Allow right-of-way to hikers and horseback riders. If you encounter horses pull off the trail on the low side, stop your engine, remove your helmet and speak to the rider. Wait until all horses have passed 50 feet beyond your location before restarting your engine.
- Minimize the OHV's impact on other hunters and anglers using the trail. Respect seasonal closures. Avoid operation during peak hunting hours. If retrieving game with an OHV, operate at midday to minimize disturbance to others. Cross streams where designated and at a 90-degree angle wherever possible.
- Leave gates and fences as you found them, and remember it’s unlawful to travel or hunt on private property without the owner’s permission.
- Leave areas cleaner than you found them. A plastic trash bag and bungee cords can be helpful to remove trash.
- Obey trail markers and closure signs. If it’s posted closed, stay out!
- Keep your OHV quiet. Excessive sound stresses wildlife and annoys property owners and other recreational users. It also contributes to your own riding fatigue. Less sound allows you to ride more comfortably and others to enjoy their outdoor experience.
- Approach livestock or wildlife on the trail slowly. Sometimes range cattle will pass the afternoon under shade trees along the trail. If you startle them, they may run directly into your path. Give them time to react; allow as wide a berth as possible. Remember, it is unlawful to pursue or harass livestock.
- Never mix riding with alcohol or drugs. It’s illegal, and it's dangerous.
- Familiarize yourself with New Mexico’s laws and requirements for OHV use by visiting: **https://RideNM.dgf.nm.gov** or calling: **505-222-4728**.

Population Management Hunts

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

Hunters cannot be added to the list after the public draw deadline. Applications must be completed online or by telephone by March 17 before 5 p.m.

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

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

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

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR): To be eligible for population management hunts on WSMR, applicants must enter a hunt authorization code from an approved 2026 WSMR Security Sponsor (see page 128). **Leave the WSMR Population Management Hunt Authorization Code box unchecked if you do not have an authorization code**.

Population Management Hunt Fees

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

White Sands Missile Range ($185), Ft. Bliss ($100) and Jornada Experimental Range ($150) may charge an access fee to all oryx hunters. Other federal agencies may charge access fees. Choosing the oryx population management hunt implies acceptance of additional fees should a hunter be called for and accept one of these hunts. Population management hunters must file a harvest report and may be required to obtain a carcass tag in person at a license vendor or NMDOW office, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

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

Population management license holders for deer, elk, pronghorn or turkey whose hunts end after January 31 must submit a harvest report on or before April 7 to maintain draw eligibility. NMDOW recommends reporting by telephone at: **1-888-248-6866** to avoid late fees.

Enhancement Hunts

NMDOW issues special hunting permits by partnering with non-profit conservation organizations who conduct auctions and raffles to raise funds for wildlife management. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. These are not once-in-a-lifetime hunts. More information can be found on NMDOW's website: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/applications-and-draw-information/enhancement-hunts/**

BIG GAME PACKAGES: Two big game enhancement packages, consisting of one authorization each for deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn, will be auctioned. The season dates are: Sept. 1, 2027–Jan. 31, 2028, for deer and elk; April 1, 2027–March 31, 2028, for ibex and oryx (for oryx hunts, WSMR access must be prearranged); and Aug. 1–Nov. 1, 2027, for pronghorn.

BIGHORN SHEEP: Two Rocky Mountain bighorn and two desert bighorn sheep authorizations will be available, one via auction and one via raffle for each species. The season dates are: Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2027, except in GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak), which is closed Aug. 16–31, 2027.

DEER AND ELK: Two fork-antlered deer and two mature bull elk authorizations will be available, one via auction and one via raffle for each species. The season dates are Sept. 1, 2027–Jan. 31, 2028.

GOULD'S TURKEY: Two bearded Gould's turkey authorizations will be available, one via auction and one via raffle. The season dates are any consecutive 30 days of the hunter's choosing between April 1 and May 31 each year.

Premium Statewide Deer and Elk Hunts

NMDOW premium deer and elk hunts are in honor of two NMDOW employees, Austin Roberts and Ocie Gray, who were killed in a January 1960 plane crash while delivering hay to starving pronghorn on the snow-covered plains outside of Las Vegas. These hunts provide the public an affordable chance at a high quality hunting experience. The hunt codes are DER-STW-R1-FAD-PUB and ELK-STW-R1-MB-PUB and allow hunting with any big-game sporting arm in any unit statewide, including NMDOW's wildlife management areas and private land with written permission, anytime between Sept. 1, 2027 and Jan. 31, 2028. The hunts are available through the draw and are subject to quota (non-resident and outfitted applicants are extremely unlikely to draw).

Governor's Special Event Hunts

Special licenses for some big game species may be auctioned upon authorization from the governor. Auction winners must select an existing hunt code that they are eligible to participate in and will have the option to add additional days to their hunt. If a hunt code on military property is selected, coordination with the military is required.

Federal Lands

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

Access to Public Lands

There are approximately nine million acres of national forest and 13 million acres of BLM lands in New Mexico. NMDOW recommends contacting the appropriate land management agency prior to hunting. Many public lands in New Mexico are interspersed with privately owned property and private landowners have the right to control the use of their private lands. Where no public access exists, sportsmen/women must obtain written permission from the landowner or leaseholder to cross private land for access to public land. It is unlawful for anyone to post or restrict lawful use of public land. Trapping is prohibited on all public lands (see page 142-146 for details and exceptions).

National Parks and Monuments

National parks and national monuments are closed to hunting, except the following BLM managed national monuments:

Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument **575-751-4899**

Prehistoric Trackways National Monument and Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks National Monument **575-525-4300**

Valles Caldera National Preserve

All of unit 6B is closed to hunting and trapping, except elk and turkey draw hunts. All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP), except turkey hunters using shotguns, must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. A special-use permit fee ($35) and 7-day entrance fee ($25) must be paid. The VCNP honors any National Park Service (NPS) pass to waive the $25 entrance fee. This includes NPS Annual, Lifetime, Senior, Military, Volunteer and Access passes in addition to the America the Beautiful Pass. Hunters must obtain a special-use permit and are required to attend an orientation before hunting on VCNP. Hunters should review all information regarding VCNP hunting rules and regulations at: **https://nps.gov/vall/index.htm**. For more information call: **575-829-0206**.

National Wildlife Refuges (NWR)

NWRs are closed to hunting unless specified open by federal refuge regulations for hunting particular species. If specified open, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved, nontoxic shot is required for hunting on all NWRs.

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge: **575-835-1828**

Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge: **575-622-6755**

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge: **505-425-3581**

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge: **505-864-4021**

Forest Service Lands

Most national forest lands in New Mexico are open to public hunting and fishing. Each national forest requires outfitters and guides to obtain a permit to provide services. Vehicle-use restrictions may apply on Forest Service properties. Specific roads are closed in some national forests to protect natural resources. It is unlawful to use vehicles in areas closed under the Habitat Protection Act. **Late Season Road Closures:** If intending to utilize roads through Forest Service or BLM property, it is advisable to contact the appropriate land management field office beforehand for late-season or winter closures and other access restrictions.

Stay Informed about Controlled Burns

The U.S. Forest Service and other public-land management agencies routinely conduct controlled burns in forested areas during the fall months. Prescribed fires maintain a diverse and healthy forest ecosystem and improve wildlife habitat. Hunters are encouraged to be aware before their hunt and check **https://nmfireinfo.com** for burn advisories. No refunds will be offered if a controlled burn is conducted in your hunt area.

Sandia Ranger District: Cibola National Forest

The Sandia Ranger District is restricted to bow and crossbow only during established seasons.

Valle Vidal: Carson National Forest

The Valle Vidal is closed seasonally to public access: the west side is closed May 1–June 30, and the east side is closed Jan. 1–March 31. The Valle Vidal unit is open to deer, elk, bear and turkey hunting by draw only and is closed to all small-game hunting. Off-road travel is prohibited, and camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds or more than one-half mile from the road. Other restrictions may apply. For more information, contact the U.S. Forest Service office in Questa: **575-586-0520**.

For More Information about Forest Service Lands

For information visit **fs.fed.us** or contact the national forest of interest.
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest **928-333-4301**;
Carson National Forest **575-758-6200**; Cibola National Forest **505-346-3900**;
Coronado National Forest **520-388-8300**; Gila National Forest **575-388-8201**;
Lincoln National Forest **575-257-4095**; or Santa Fe National Forest **505-438-5300**.

Bureau of Land Management Lands

Most land under Bureau of Land Management jurisdiction, including Wilderness Study Areas, is open to public hunting and fishing. However, it is the responsibility of each hunter and angler to know what restrictions apply. Outfitters and guides providing services on BLM lands must possess a permit issued by each specific BLM district. Off-road vehicle travel may be restricted or prohibited on BLM lands, depending on location. Obey all posted rules and check with local BLM offices for regulatory changes that may occur in special management units.

Rio Bonito Acquired Lands: Contact Roswell BLM office, **575-627-0272**.

Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area: Contact Taos BLM office, **575-758-8851**.

Rio Grande Recreation Area: Wild Rivers Zone is open to hunting with the exception of the closed area: beginning from the fence at the pay station; east following the southern boundary of State Land section 32 to where it intersects the power line; south following the Red River to its confluence with the Rio Grande; north following the Rio Grande to Sheep's Crossing; east to the right-of-way fence of the Backcountry Byway; and south following this right-of-way fence to the pay station. **Taos Valley Overlook Zone** and **Orilla Verde Zone** are closed to hunting.

For More Information about BLM Lands

For more information visit: **www.blm.gov/new-mexico** or contact:
Albuquerque: **505-761-8700**; Carlsbad: **575-887-6544**;
Farmington: **505-599-8900**; Las Cruces: **575-525-4300**; Roswell: **575-627-0272**;
Socorro: **575-835-0412**; Taos: **575-758-8851**; or Santa Fe: **505-954-2000**.

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

Areas owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation are open unless otherwise posted. Additional restrictions may apply. For information: **505-462-3540.**

Military Reservations

With the cooperation of the U.S. Department of Defense, hunting is allowed on some military reservations. Hunters must obtain permission and conditions of access directly from the military reservations. Hunters may be required to sign-in and sign-out at check stations for some hunts. The U.S. military may delay or cancel hunts (see closures below).

Kirtland Air Force Base: Contact: **505-846-7420**.

McGregor Range portion of Ft. Bliss: All hunters and guests on Fort Bliss, including all of Unit 28 and portions of Unit 19 and Unit 34, are required to purchase a $100 access pass and hunters must have proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible. Hunters are required to wear a blaze-orange vest, must register their weapons and are subject to security searches. McGregor Range (Unit 28) is open for big-game hunting by draw only (see species and season listings) and is considered on range. Hunters and guests are required to visit **ftbliss.isportsman.net** to acquire an access pass and should email **usarmy.bliss.id-wh.mbx.dpw-hunt@army.mil** for more information.

GMU 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone): All hunters on Fort Bliss are required to obtain an access pass and have proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible. Hunters are required to wear a blaze-orange vest and are subject to security searches. This area is subject to closure by the Forest Service and/or Fort Bliss during military training events, and is accessible with military permission only. Hunters and guests are required to visit **https://ftbliss.isportsman.net** or email **usarmy.bliss.id-wh.mbx.dpw-hunt@army.mil** to acquire an access pass and obtain access information.

White Sands Missile Range: For access information, contact White Sands Missile Range at: **575-678-7909** or **575-678-2225**.

U.S. Forest Service & Military Closures: In the interest of public safety, the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. military may delay or cancel hunts in portions of GMUs 10, 13, 18, 19, 20, 28 and 34. Closures usually occur between 3 p.m. and 8 a.m., during which time roadblocks leading into closed areas will be placed and evacuation required of all people in these areas. The area subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings in Unit 34 is located in Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone). Closures of these areas can occur throughout the year and may affect a number of hunts listed in this booklet. The area subject to closure in GMU 10 includes approximately 29 square miles of the Mount Taylor Ranger District, Cibola National Forest—located in the Zuni Mountains, directly south and east of the Fort Wingate Launch Complex and south of Interstate 40. The area subject to closure in GMU 13 includes approximately 200 square miles of the western portion of the Magdalena Ranger District, Cibola National Forest—located in the Datil Mountains, north of U.S. Hwy. 60 and northeast of Datil, N.M. Authority for the closures is 36 CFR 261.53 (e) and 36 CFR 261.54 (e).

New Mexico State Trust Land

The New Mexico State Wildlife Commission and the Commissioner of Public Lands have an agreement that provides access for hunting and fishing of protected species on State Trust Land by NMDOW licensees during the seasons for which their licenses are valid. Trapping is not allowed on State Trust Lands. A copy of this agreement and other information about hunting access on State Trust Land can be found at: **https://www.nmstatelands.org/resources/hunting-access-information/**. People seeking to use State Trust Land for uses not addressed under this agreement must secure separate approval from the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO). For more information, contact NMSLO at: **505-827-5760** or visit: **https://www.nmstatelands.org/**.

Access

Certain areas may be unavailable for hunting or fishing. For specific locations, view the interactive map at: **https://mapservice.nmstatelands.org/HuntingInformation/** or contact NMSLO at **505-827-5760**. The right to enter State Trust Land via vehicle is allowed if access is available by public road (defined in Section 67–2–1, NMSA 1978) or on other established roads on State Trust Land that have not been closed to vehicular traffic. Access is also allowed on foot from roads mentioned above or from adjacent public and private lands that have been lawfully accessed. NMDOW and NMSLO have identified specific hunting access points on State Trust Land that must be unlocked during any open season. These access points are shown on NMSLO's interactive map.

To ensure access and create larger and better-defined hunting areas, hunting privileges for some State Trust Land have been exchanged for similar privileges on private lands. The private-land areas have signs posted with notices that the land has been unitized (page 51). Contact NMDOW if you have questions about which lands are open for public use.

On legally accessible State Trust Land, you may:

- Scout for big game, small game or turkey 14 days prior to the open season.
- Hunt big game, small game, turkey or protected furbearers during open hours and seasons.
- Hunt nongame species on State Trust Land, but only during the period in which your license is valid for protected species on those lands.
- Camp, in campsites designated under this agreement and shown on NMSLO's interactive map, with the permission of the State Trust Land agricultural lessee or as otherwise authorized by the Commissioner.
- Have campfires with a valid hunting license in designated or dispersed camping areas and only if currently permitted by the New Mexico State Forester. It is the hunter's responsibility to know current conditions and restrictions.
- Take up to three guests per license holder on your hunt.

On State Trust Land, you must:

- Have in your possession all required and valid fishing and hunting licenses with applicable tags.
- Respect other permitted or leased uses of State Trust Land, including agriculture, mineral activities and recreation.
- Drive only on established roads, complying with any posted signage and respect private property boundaries.
- Close all gates that you pass through.
- Pack out trash.

It is illegal to:

- Use a Private-Land Only License to hunt on state land, even if the state land is leased by a landowner whose property you have permission to hunt.
- Attach blinds to agricultural improvements including property such as windmills, fences, tanks, etc.
- Drive off-road for any reason.
- Enter during seasons for which you are not licensed or before scouting periods for which you are licensed.
- Cross private lands without prior written permission from the landowner.
- Remove wood, sand or gravel or conduct commercial activities.
- Harass or injure livestock or wildlife or damage private property, such as dwellings, stock tanks or fences.

If you have problems or questions about gaining access to State Trust Land, record complete details including the location, date, time and names of parties involved, and contact one of the following:

- The local NMDOW Conservation Officer or Operation Game Thief: **1-800-432-4263**.
- NMSLO in Santa Fe at: **505-827-5760** or the appropriate local NMSLO Field Office, using the directory at: **https://www.nmstatelands.org/divisions/surface-resources/district-offices/**.
- Submit a Multiple Use Incident Reporting Form, found at: **https://www.nmstatelands.org/resources/hunting-access-information/**.

New Mexico State Parks

All New Mexico State Parks are closed to hunting, unless specified open in a designated area. For information contact the New Mexico State Parks Division at: **1-888-667-2757** or **www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd**.

Other State Lands

Chihuahuan Desert Research Center: The Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (College Ranch) is closed to unescorted public access. For information, call: **575-646-2554** or visit: **https://chihuahuansc.nmsu.edu/index.html**.

Jornada Experimental Range: Jornada Experimental Range in Doña Ana County is closed to unescorted public access.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District: For information or to obtain access, call: **505-864-7466**.

Portions of the Rio Grande in Valencia County: In the interest of public safety, areas posted along the Rio Grande in Valencia County may be closed to hunting. For further information regarding closures contact the NMDOW Northwest Area Office: **505-222-4700**.

Wildlife Management Areas

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

New Mexico State Wildlife Commission Lands

The New Mexico State Wildlife Commission owns and manages lands across New Mexico for the benefit of fish, wildlife and their habitats. These lands include wildlife management areas (WMAs). All WMAs are closed to hunting unless specifically listed as open in this booklet.

Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

- WMAs designated open to hunting are listed in this booklet by species and GMU.
- Only New Mexico residents may apply for big-game, upland-game or turkey draw hunts held exclusively on WMAs. Non-residents may apply only for draw hunts open concurrently on both a WMA and other public lands.
- WMA access is allowed for each properly-licensed hunter with up to three guests, during the valid hunt period on their license (plus scouting periods for big-game and turkey hunters only).
- Individuals must comply with all WMA-specific closures and restrictions as posted on-site, or published by NMDOW.
- Vehicles may only be operated on roads open to motorized use as designated for each WMA.
- Camping is permitted only in areas designated for that purpose and subject to WMA-specific limitations. Individuals may not camp longer than the duration of the valid hunt period on ther license plus scouting period, unless authorized by WMA-specific rules.
- Campfires are subject to WMA-specific limitations and, if allowed, must be safely contained.
- Dogs must remain on leash, except when being used for hunting purposes as allowed by rule.
- Domestic livestock feed must be pelleted grain feed or hay certified as weed free.
- Individuals may not deface or remove rocks, minerals, plants, fruits, nuts, berries, animals (except for legally harvested game), firewood or man-made features (including artifacts).
- Individuals may not violate any access rules or restrictions for specific WMAs posted on site or otherwise published by NMDOW.
- Additional rules or restrictions may apply depending on the WMA. Hunters are responsible for knowing and following all posted signs and published requirements.
- Marquez/LBar WMA special draw hunters will be emailed instructions prior to their hunt detailing WMA access specific rules and restrictions.
- For information on hunting furbearers and nongame see page 142.

For WMA-specific rules and restrictions, visit:
https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/conservation/state-game-commission-lands.

Purchase or Collect Firewood Within New Mexico

Do not bring firewood into New Mexico from other states. The movement of firewood from one state to another has become the principal method of introducing new damaging insect pests and diseases to forests. Emerald ash borer, Sirex Woodwasps, Spongy moth (formerly Gypsy moth), Asian longhorn beetle, oak wilt disease and others can be transported in firewood and are the cause of significant damage to forests in other states. These pests are almost always fatal to trees and will decimate forested areas as well as riparian areas if they are allowed to get established. **If you inadvertently brought in firewood from another state, please burn all of it immediately.** Please purchase or collect firewood within New Mexico.

Purchase or collect firewood within New Mexico.
For more information contact the New Mexico Department of Agriculture: **575-646-3207** or the U.S. Department of Agriculture–Plant Protection and Quarantine: **575-527-6985.**

Buy it local...Burn it local!

Hunting on Private Land

Hunters must possess written permission before entering private lands (*see Criminal Trespass*, pages 39-40). It is unlawful to knowingly enter any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take or kill any protected species on posted private property without written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land. It also is unlawful to remain on private property if consent has been denied or withdrawn. Any game taken in violation of the above shall be subject to seizure. Written permission form downloadable at: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/download/written-permission-to-hunt-private-land/**

Landowner Ranch Registration Required for Deer, Pronghorn, Oryx and Barbary Sheep

All landowners who intend to allow private-land hunting for deer, pronghorn, oryx and Barbary sheep must register their property annually with the Department to obtain a ranch code. Ranch registration must be in person at a Department office. Land ownership documentation must be provided for Department verification and ranch code issuance. Documentation may include either the deed or bill of sale, acreage, and a GPS location point on the property.

Once the ranch code is issued, the landowner must provide it to any hunter who will be purchasing a license to hunt on their property.

Private land-only licenses are not restricted to one ranch or property despite the ranch code requirement for purchase. Written permission is required for hunting on any private lands within the GMU as designated by the hunt code selected.

Unitization Agreements: Access and Use

Unitization agreements are cooperative temporary agreements between landowners and the NMDOW, the State Land Office and/or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). These agreements increase public hunting access during the hunting season to previously inaccessible areas, while diminishing trespass issues for landowners and enabling them to better manage ranching operations. Each agreement is reviewed annually, and the public may provide comments.

To take advantage of the hunting opportunities unitized ranches provide, hunters must have a valid license for the season and species identified in each agreement. For unitized ranch maps and information visit: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/maps/unitized-ranch/.** Also, to assist and inform hunters in the field, signs will be posted on public and private property where unitization agreements are in effect. Hunters may hunt specific species on private lands that have been opened through a unitization agreement. Hunters must have permission from the lessee to hunt on BLM/State Trust lands that have been closed through a unitization agreement. Game animals taken in violation of unitization agreements may be seized.

All landowners who intend to allow private-land hunting for deer, pronghorn, oryx and Barbary sheep must register their property annually with the Department to obtain a ranch code.

Open Gate

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Open Gate Program

Open Gate is a voluntary access program available to outdoor users and landowners statewide. Through the program, NMDOW leases lands and waters from private landowners to provide access to the public for hunting, fishing and trapping.

Each property participating in Open Gate will have specific rules for permitted activities agreed upon by the landowner and the Department. These rules will be posted on the property and are also available on the NMDOW website. Hunters, anglers and trappers can visit the website to locate and learn about properties that match their interests.

It is the responsibility of the individual using the property to know and obey posted rules. Citations may be issued for violation of any rules or regulations.

Be a respectful, courteous, and ethical guest.

- Follow all posted rules.
- Leave all gates as you found them.
- Do not block gates or roads with parked vehicles.
- Do not shoot towards livestock, buildings or equipment.
- Do not leave trash behind, and pick up any trash found along the way.
- If you see the landowner, don't forget to thank them!

Landowners Can Earn Extra Cash for an Open Gate Lease

NMDOW is interested in leasing more lands with quality habitat for hunting, fishing and trapping. Willing landowners can sign an agreement with NMDOW and receive a per-acre payment based on opportunities provided. NMDOW will pay for right-of-way access through a landowner's property to allow hunters and anglers to reach otherwise inaccessible tracts of State Trust or federal lands. New Mexico provides liability protection to landowners who participate in Open Gate. Funding for the Open Gate program is provided by a portion of annual HMAV sales.

To learn more about the Open Gate program, please visit: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/maps/open-gate-program/** or call: **505-476-8043**.



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Native American Lands

Contact individual pueblos, tribes and nations for more information.

Hunting on Native American lands is outside the jurisdiction of the NMDOW. Permission must be obtained from the pueblo, tribe or nation that owns the land. Game and/or fish taken on or from native lands must be accompanied by an official document, such as a license or receipt from tribal authorities, which demonstrates lawful possession.

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General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- Ranch Registration Required for Landowners (page 51).
- All Deer Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Deer Hunting (specified by hunt code, page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (page 47).
- Mobility–Impaired Hunts (pages 19–20).
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- Chronic Wasting Disease Rules (page 29).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (page 9).

Deer Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for deer draw licenses is March 17, 2027. Up to four hunters may apply per application.

Successful applicants will be mailed a deer license/tag, unless the E–Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting–arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Fee Types for Deer Draw Licenses (see glossary, pages 165–170)

Resident and non-resident fees are listed on page 17.

S	Standard hunt
Q	Quality hunt
HD	High–demand hunt
Q/HD	Quality and high–demand hunt combination

The highest fee for any hunt choice must be paid at the time of application. If a lower fee hunt is drawn, the difference will be refunded.

Fourth-Choice Deer Hunts

By selecting 4th–choice, applicants indicate they are willing to accept any deer hunt in a specific quadrant of the state. The 4th–choice assignment will always be for the same sporting arm type as the 1st choice on an application.

Hunters should understand that success rates for 4th–choice hunts may be low due to small and/or localized deer populations. **Hunters who draw a 4th–choice hunt will not receive a refund and may not obtain a private–land only license if dissatisfied with the hunt drawn.**

If applying for a 4th–choice hunt, applicants must select one of the four quadrants listed below.

NW	Northwest: Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 or 14.
NE	Northeast: Units 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59.
SW	Southwest: Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 or 27.
SE	Southeast: Units 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39 or 40.

Bag Limits (see glossary, pages 165-170)

FAD	Fork-antlered deer (white-tailed or mule deer).
FAMD	Fork-antlered mule deer.
FAWTD	Fork-antlered white-tailed deer.
ESWTD	Either sex white-tailed deer.
A	Antlerless deer.

Private–Land Only Deer Licenses

To hunt on private land only (except in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A listed below), hunters must obtain a ranch code from a registered landowner, then purchase a Private-Land Only Deer License and carcass tag—available online, by telephone, from license vendors or at NMDOW offices. OTC licenses must be purchased at least one calendar day before hunting. Licenses for hunts fewer than six days in duration must be purchased before 11:59 p.m. the day prior to the hunt start date (see page 12). All landowners who plan to allow private-land deer hunting must register their ranch in person at a NMDOW office (see page 51). Private-land hunt codes can be found on pages 66-76. Private-Land Deer Licenses are not valid on any public land.

Private–Land Only Deer Hunting in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A

To hunt deer only on private land in these units, hunters must obtain an authorization code and a hunt code from the landowner and must apply through the regular public draw. Landowners must obtain an **authorization code and hunt codes** from the NMDOW Northwest Area office in Albuquerque or call: **505-222-4710**. When applying for private–land only hunts in Unit 5A, only one person per application may apply. The application must be completed by 5:00 p.m. March 17, 2027. Private–land only licenses are not issued by license vendors for hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Deer Draw Hunts

Draw licenses authorize the hunter to hunt on any open public land within the specified unit or hunt area and on any private land in that unit with written permission from the landowner of the property; except for private-land draw hunts in units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A. Hunters with public-land only licenses in Unit 5A are not permitted to hunt on any private lands, even with written permission.

Closed Areas: Military reservations, national parks and monuments, state parks and monuments, recreation areas, national wildlife refuges, state WMAs and other locations may be closed or restrict hunting. All state WMAs are closed unless officially designated open to hunting.

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Premium Statewide Deer Hunt (see page 44)				
Any Legal	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, '28	DER-STW-R1-FAD-PUB	Q	1
Unit 2A (including Pine River WMA)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-2A-B1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-2A-B2-FAD-PUB	S	80

Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-2A-M1-FAD-PUB	S	50
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 23-27	DER-2A-R1-FAD-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-2A-R1-FAD-PUB	S	150
Any Legal/ Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-2A-R2-FAD-YTH	HD	15
Unit 2B (including Navajo WMA)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-2B-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	130
Bow / Youth Only	Sept. 1-24	DER-2B-B1-FAD-YTH	Q	20
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-2B-B2-FAD-PUB	Q/HD	90
Bow / Youth Only	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-2B-B2-FAD-YTH	Q	55
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-2B-M1-FAD-PUB	Q	175
Muzzle / Youth Only	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-2B-M1-FAD-YTH	Q	20
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-2B-R1-FAD-PUB	Q	140
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 23-27	DER-2B-R1-FAD-YTH	Q	125
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-2B-R2-FAD-PUB	Q	90
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-2B-R3-FAD-PUB	Q	100
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-2B-R2-FAD-YTH	Q/HD	20
Unit 2C				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-2C-B1-FAD-PUB	Q/HD	50
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-2C-M1-FAD-PUB	Q/HD	20
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-2C-R1-FAD-PUB	Q/HD	30
Unit 4 (Humphries/Rio Chama/Sargent WMAs Only; NM Residents Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-4-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-4-M1-FAD-PUB	Q	10
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-4-R1-FAD-PUB	Q	20
Any Legal/ Youth Only	Oct. 23-27	DER-4-R1-FAD-YTH	Q	10
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-4-R2-FAD-PUB	Q	20
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-4-R3-FAD-PUB	Q	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 24-28	DER-4-R2-FAD-YTH	Q	5
Unit 5A (Public Land Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-5A-B1-FAD-PUB	S	30
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-5A-M1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 9-15	DER-5A-R1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Unit 5B				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-5B-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	15

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Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-5B-M1-FAD-PUB	Q	15
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-5B-R1-FAD-PUB	Q	30
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-5B-R1-FAD-YTH	Q	10
Units 6A & 6C				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-C6-B1-FAD-PUB	S	110
Muzzle	Oct. 2-6	DER-C6-M1-FAD-PUB	S	115
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 16-20	DER-C6-R1-FAD-MOB	S	20
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-C6-R1-FAD-PUB	S	115
Unit 7				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-7-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-7-B2-FAD-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-7-M1-FAD-PUB	HD	25
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-7-R1-FAD-PUB	S	30
Unit 8				
Bow / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-8-B1-FAD-YTH	Q	65
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-8-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	65
Unit 9				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-9-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-9-B2-FAD-PUB	S	15
Muzzle / Restricted muzzleloader only	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-9-P1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-9-R1-FAD-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Marquez/ LBar WMA only / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	DER-9L-R1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-9-R1-FAD-YTH	S	10
Unit 10				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-10-B1-FAD-PUB	S	100
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-10-M1-FAD-PUB	S	90
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 23-27	DER-10-R1-FAD-MOB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-10-R1-FAD-PUB	S	70
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-10-R2-FAD-PUB	S	65
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-10-R3-FAD-PUB	S	90
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-10-R1-FAD-YTH	S	25

Unit 12				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-12-B1-FAD-PUB	S	20
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	DER-12-M1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-12-R1-FAD-PUB	S	85
Unit 13				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-13-B1-FAD-PUB	S	125
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-13-B2-FAD-PUB	S	75
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-13-M1-FAD-PUB	S	210
Muzzle / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-13-M1-FAD-YTH	S	55
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-13-R1-FAD-PUB	S	150
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-13-R2-FAD-PUB	S	150
Unit 14				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-14-B1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-14-B2-FAD-PUB	S	30
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-14-M1-FAD-PUB	S	60
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-14-R1-FAD-PUB	S	60
Unit 15				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-15-B1-FAD-PUB	S	75
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-15-B2-FAD-PUB	HD	25
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-15-M1-FAD-PUB	S	170
Muzzle / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-15-M1-FAD-YTH	S	100
Unit 16 (A, B, C, D, and E)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-16-B1-FAD-PUB	S	230
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-16-B2-FAD-PUB	S	175
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	DER-16-M1-FAD-PUB	S	300
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-16-R1-FAD-PUB	S	300
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 13-17	DER-16-R1-FAD-MOB	S	25
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-16-R2-FAD-PUB	S	300
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-16-R1-FAD-YTH	S	100
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-16-R1-FAWTD-PUB	S	20
Unit 17				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-17-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	75
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-17-B2-FAD-PUB	Q	75
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-17-M1-FAD-PUB	Q	90

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Muzzle / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-17-M1-FAD-YTH	Q	85
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-17-R1-FAD-PUB	Q	80
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-17-R2-FAD-PUB	Q	80
Unit 18				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-18-B1-FAD-PUB	S	50
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-18-B2-FAD-PUB	S	40
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-18-M1-FAD-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-18-R1-FAD-PUB	S	70
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-18-R2-FAD-PUB	S	70
Unit 19 (excluding WSMR portion and Ft. Bliss, CWD detected in this area, see p. 29)				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-19-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Dec. 4-8	DER-19-M1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Unit 19 (WSMR portion only, CWD detected in this area, see p. 29)[1]				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Jan. 7-9, '28	DER-19W-R1-FAD-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Jan. 21-23, '28	DER-19W-R1-FAD-PUB	S	5
Unit 20				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-20-B1-FAD-PUB	S	45
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-20-B2-FAD-PUB	S	25
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-20-M1-FAD-PUB	S	85
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-20-R1-FAD-PUB	S	90
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-20-R2-FAD-PUB	S	90
Unit 21				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-21-B1-FAD-PUB	S	300
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-21-B2-FAD-PUB	S	200
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-21-M1-FAD-PUB	S	350
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-21-R1-FAD-PUB	S	425
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-21-R2-FAD-PUB	S	425
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-21-R1-FAD-YTH	S	100
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-21-R1-FAWTD-PUB	HD	30
Unit 22				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-22-B1-FAD-PUB	S	30
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-22-B2-FAD-PUB	S	25

[1] White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) ONLY, mandatory check-in/check-out. WSMR will charge a $60 per hunter access fee; 50% military discount applies. Successful WSMR applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for fee payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the specified deadline.

Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	DER-22-M1-FAD-PUB	S	65
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-22-R1-FAD-PUB	S	70
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-22-R2-FAD-PUB	S	70
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-22-R1-FAD-YTH	S	20
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-22-R1-FAWTD-PUB	S	20
Units 23/24 Silver City Management Area				
Bow	Jan. 16 - Feb. 5, '28	DER-23S-B1-A-PUB	S	50
Unit 23 (excluding Burro Mountain Area)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-23-B1-FAMD-PUB	S	205
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-23-B1-FAWTD-PUB	S	100
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-23-B2-FAMD-PUB	HD	50
Bow	Jan. 16-31, '28	DER-23-B2-FAWTD-PUB	S	50
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-23-M1-FAMD-PUB	S	225
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-23-M1-FAWTD-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-23-R1-FAMD-PUB	S	450
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-23-R2-FAMD-PUB	S	450
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-23-R1-FAWTD-PUB	HD	100
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-23-R1-FAD-YTH	S	75
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-23-R2-FAWTD-PUB	HD	55
Unit 23 (Burro Mountain Area Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-23B-B1-FAWTD-PUB	Q	20
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-23B-B1-FAMD-PUB	Q	40
Bow	Jan. 16-31, '28	DER-23B-B2-FAWTD-PUB	Q	50
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-23B-M1-FAMD-PUB	Q	45
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-23B-M1-FAWTD-PUB	Q	40
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-23B-R1-FAMD-PUB	Q	35
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-23B-R1-FAD-YTH	Q	25
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-23B-R1-FAWTD-PUB	Q/HD	40
Unit 24				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-24-B1-FAMD-PUB	S	140
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-24-B1-FAWTD-PUB	S	65
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-24-B2-FAMD-PUB	S	85

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Bow	Jan. 16-31, '28	DER-24-B2-FAWTD-PUB	S	45
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-24-M1-FAMD-PUB	S	280
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-24-M1-FAWTD-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-24-R1-FAMD-PUB	S	400
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-24-R2-FAMD-PUB	S	400
Any Legal / Mimbres WMA only / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	DER-24M-R1-FAD-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-24-R1-FAWTD-PUB	S	100
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-24-R1-FAD-YTH	S	50
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-12	DER-24-R2-FAD-YTH	S	50
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-24-R2-FAWTD-PUB	HD	50
Unit 25				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-25-B1-FAD-PUB	S	45
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-25-B2-FAD-PUB	S	30
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-25-M1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-25-R1-FAD-PUB	S	95
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-25-R2-FAD-PUB	S	95
Unit 26				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-26-B1-FAD-PUB	S	25
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-26-B2-FAD-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-26-M1-FAD-PUB	S	60
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-26-R1-FAD-PUB	S	100
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-26-R2-FAD-PUB	S	100
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-26-R1-FAWTD-PUB	S	25
Unit 27				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-27-B1-FAMD-PUB	Q	25
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-27-B1-FAWTD-PUB	Q	15
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-27-B2-FAMD-PUB	Q	25
Bow	Jan. 16-31, '28	DER-27-B2-FAWTD-PUB	Q	40
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-27-M1-FAMD-PUB	Q	40
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-27-M1-FAWTD-PUB	Q	50
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-27-R1-FAMD-PUB	Q	45
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-27-R2-FAMD-PUB	Q	45
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-27-R1-FAWTD-PUB	Q/HD	40

Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-27-R1-FAD-YTH	Q	25
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-27-R2-FAWTD-PUB	Q/HD	25
Unit 28 McGregor Range Only (CWD detected in this area, see page 29)[1]				
Any Legal	Jan. 1-2, '28	DER-28-R1-FAD-PUB	HD	25
Any Legal / Military Only	Jan. 1-2, '28	DER-28-R1-FAD-MIL	HD	25
Unit 29 (CWD detected in this area, see page 29)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-29-B1-FAD-PUB	S	80
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-29-B2-FAD-PUB	S	40
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-29-M1-FAD-PUB	S	60
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-29-R1-FAD-PUB	S	110
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-29-R2-FAD-PUB	S	110
Unit 30				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-30-B1-FAD-PUB	S	150
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-30-B2-FAD-PUB	S	75
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-30-M1-FAD-PUB	S	275
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-30-R1-FAD-PUB	S	570
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-30-R2-FAD-PUB	S	570
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-30-R1-FAD-YTH	S	150
Unit 31 (including Prairie Chicken WMAs)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-31-B1-FAD-PUB	S	175
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-31-B2-FAD-PUB	S	100
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-31-M1-FAD-PUB	S	175
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-31-R1-FAD-PUB	S	440
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-31-R2-FAD-PUB	S	435
Unit 32 (including Prairie Chicken WMAs)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-32-B1-FAD-PUB	S	150
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-32-B2-FAD-PUB	S	100
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-32-M1-FAD-PUB	S	175
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-32-R1-FAD-PUB	S	565
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-32-R2-FAD-PUB	S	560
Any Legal / Roswell and Ft. Sumner Hunt Areas Only / Youth Only	Dec. 16-31	DER-32R-R1-A-YTH	S	15

[1] All hunters and their guests may be required to pay a $100 access fee. See page 47.

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Unit 33 (including Prairie Chicken WMAs)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-33-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	60
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-33-B2-FAD-PUB	Q/HD	50
Muzzle / Restricted muzzleloader only	Oct. 23-27	DER-33-P1-FAD-PUB	Q	130
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-33-R1-FAD-PUB	Q	150
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-33-R2-FAD-PUB	Q	150
Any Legal / Huey WMA only / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-33H-R1-FAD-YTH	Q	5
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 29)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-34-B1-FAD-PUB	S	450
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-34-B2-FAD-PUB	S	350
Muzzle	Nov. 6-10	DER-34-M1-FAD-PUB	S	340
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-34-R1-FAD-MOB	S	50
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-34-R1-FAD-YTH	S	45
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-34-R1-FAD-PUB	S	600
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-34-R2-FAD-PUB	S	600
Unit 36				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-36-B1-FAD-PUB	S	230
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-36-B2-FAD-PUB	HD	130
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-36-M1-FAD-PUB	S	120
Muzzle / Youth Only	Oct. 23-27	DER-36-M1-FAD-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-36-R1-FAD-PUB	S	305
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-36-R2-FAD-PUB	S	305
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-36-R1-FAD-YTH	S	25
Unit 37				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-37-B1-FAD-PUB	S	100
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-37-B2-FAD-PUB	S	80
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-37-M1-FAD-PUB	S	125
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-37-R1-FAD-PUB	S	355
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-37-R2-FAD-PUB	S	355
Unit 38				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-38-B1-FAD-PUB	S	65
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-38-B2-FAD-PUB	S	40

Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-38-M1-FAD-PUB	S	90
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-38-R1-FAD-PUB	S	150
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-38-R2-FAD-PUB	S	145
Unit 39				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-39-B1-FAD-PUB	S	25
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-39-B2-FAD-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-39-M1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-39-R1-FAD-PUB	S	35
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-39-R2-FAD-PUB	S	35
Unit 40				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-40-B1-FAD-PUB	S	20
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-40-B2-FAD-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-40-M1-FAD-PUB	S	30
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-40-R1-FAD-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-40-R2-FAD-PUB	S	50
Unit 41				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-41-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-41-B2-FAD-PUB	Q	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-41-M1-FAD-PUB	Q	25
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-41-R1-FAD-PUB	Q	40
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-41-R2-FAD-PUB	Q/HD	40
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-41-R1-FAD-YTH	Q	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	DER-41-R1-ESWTD-YTH	Q	15
Any Legal	Dec. 11-15	DER-41-R1-ESWTD-PUB	Q	10
Unit 42				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-42-B1-FAD-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-42-M1-FAD-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-42-R1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-42-R2-FAD-PUB	S	40
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-42-R1-ESWTD-PUB	S	10
Unit 43				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-43-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-43-M1-FAD-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-43-R1-FAD-PUB	S	35

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Unit 45				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-45-B1-FAD-PUB	S	175
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-45-M1-FAD-PUB	S	165
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-45-R1-FAD-PUB	S	250
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 6-10	DER-45-R1-FAD-MOB	S	25
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-45-R2-FAD-PUB	S	250
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-45-R1-FAD-YTH	S	25
Unit 47				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-47-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-47-M1-FAD-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-47-R1-FAD-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-47-R2-FAD-PUB	S	20
Unit 48				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-48-B1-FAD-PUB	S	50
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-48-M1-FAD-PUB	S	35
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-48-R1-FAD-PUB	S	55
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-48-R2-FAD-PUB	S	55
Unit 49				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-49-B1-FAD-PUB	S	110
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-49-R1-FAD-PUB	S	105
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-49-R2-FAD-PUB	S	105
Unit 50				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-50-B1-FAD-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-50-R1-FAD-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-50-R2-FAD-PUB	S	50
Unit 51A				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-51A-B1-FAD-PUB	S	65
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-51A-R1-FAD-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-51A-R2-FAD-PUB	S	70
Unit 51B				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-51B-B1-FAD-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-51B-R1-FAD-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-51B-R2-FAD-PUB	S	15

Unit 52				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-52-B1-FAD-PUB	S	80
Muzzle / Restricted Muzzleloader Only	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-52-P1-FAD-PUB	S	30
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-52-R1-FAD-PUB	S	90
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-52-R2-FAD-PUB	S	90
Unit 53				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-53-B1-FAD-PUB	S	100
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-53-R1-FAD-PUB	S	85
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-53-R2-FAD-PUB	S	85
Units 54/55 Colin Neblett WMA Only (NM Residents Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-54C-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-54C-R1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-54C-R2-FAD-PUB	S	10
Unit 55 (NM Residents Only)				
Any Legal / ES Barker WMA only	Oct. 23-27	DER-55E-R1-FAD-PUB	S	5
Any Legal / ES Barker WMA only / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-55E-R1-FAD-YTH	S	5
Any Legal / Urraca WMA only	Oct. 23-27	DER-55U-R1-FAD-PUB	S	5
Any Legal / Urraca WMA only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-55U-R2-FAD-PUB	S	5
Unit 55A (Valle Vidal Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-55V-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	10
Unit 56				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-56-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-56-M1-FAD-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-56-R1-FAD-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-56-R2-FAD-PUB	S	15
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-56-R1-FAD-YTH	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	DER-56-R1-ESWTD-YTH	S	10
Unit 57 (Sugarite Canyon State Park Only)				
Bow / only	Nov. 1-30	DER-57S-B1-FAD-PUB	Q	20
Unit 57 (Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-57-B1-FAD-PUB	S	20

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Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-57-M1-FAD-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-57-R1-FAD-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-57-R2-FAD-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-57-R1-ESWTD-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-57-R1-FAD-YTH	S	10
Unit 58				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-58-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-58-M1-FAD-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-58-R1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-58-R2-FAD-PUB	S	35
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-58-R1-FAD-YTH	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	DER-58-R1-ESWTD-YTH	S	15
Any Legal	Dec. 11-15	DER-58-R1-ESWTD-PUB	S	15
Unit 59				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-59-B1-FAD-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-59-M1-FAD-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-59-R1-FAD-PUB	S	40
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-59-R2-FAD-PUB	S	40
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-59-R1-FAD-YTH	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	DER-59-R1-ESWTD-YTH	S	15
Any Legal	Dec. 11-15	DER-59-R1-ESWTD-PUB	S	15

Over-the-Counter Private-Land Deer Hunts

Please note that all OTC private-land deer hunt codes now have limited licenses available. Private-land deer hunters must select one of the hunt codes listed below:

Unit 5B				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-5B-B1-FAD-PVT	Q	5
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-5B-M1-FAD-PVT	Q	5
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-5B-R1-FAD-PVT	Q	35
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-5B-R1-FAD-YPV	Q	5
Units 6A & 6C				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-C6-B1-FAD-PVT	S	35
Muzzle	Oct. 2-6	DER-C6-M1-FAD-PVT	S	15
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 16-20	DER-C6-R1-FAD-MPV	S	3
Any Legal / And 6C	Nov. 6-10	DER-C6-R1-FAD-PVT	S	155

Unit 7				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-7-B1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-7-B2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-7-M1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-7-R1-FAD-PVT	S	55
Unit 8				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-8-B1-FAD-PVT	Q	25
Bow / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-8-B1-FAD-YPV	Q	3
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-8-B2-FAD-PVT	Q	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-8-M1-FAD-PVT	Q	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-8-R1-FAD-PVT	Q	10
Unit 9				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-9-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-9-B2-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle / Restricted muzzleloader only	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-9-P1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-9-R1-FAD-PVT	S	25
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-9-R1-FAD-YPV	S	5
Unit 10				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-10-B1-FAD-PVT	S	15
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-10-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 23-27	DER-10-R1-FAD-MPV	S	2
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-10-R1-FAD-PVT	S	25
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-10-R2-FAD-PVT	S	25
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-10-R3-FAD-PVT	S	30
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-10-R1-FAD-YPV	S	10
Unit 12				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-12-B1-FAD-PVT	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	DER-12-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-12-R1-FAD-PVT	S	35
Unit 13				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-13-B1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-13-B2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-13-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5

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Muzzle / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-13-M1-FAD-YPV	S	3
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-13-R1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-13-R2-FAD-PVT	S	20
Unit 14				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-14-B1-FAD-PVT	S	35
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-14-B2-FAD-PVT	S	35
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-14-M1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-14-R1-FAD-PVT	S	80
Unit 15				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-15-B1-FAD-PVT	S	7
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-15-B2-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-15-M1-FAD-PVT	S	7
Muzzle / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-15-M1-FAD-YPV	S	3
Unit 16 (A, B, C, D and E)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-16-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-16-B2-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	DER-16-M1-FAD-PVT	S	3
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-16-R1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 13-17	DER-16-R1-FAD-MPV	S	2
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-16-R2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-16-R1-FAD-YPV	S	3
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-16-R1-FAWTD-PVT	S	10
Unit 17				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-17-B1-FAD-PVT	Q	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-17-B2-FAD-PVT	Q	10
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-17-M1-FAD-PVT	Q	5
Muzzle / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-17-M1-FAD-YPV	Q	8
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-17-R1-FAD-PVT	Q	15
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-17-R2-FAD-PVT	Q	15
Unit 18				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-18-B1-FAD-PVT	S	15
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-18-B2-FAD-PVT	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-18-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5

Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-18-R1-FAD-PVT	S	38
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-18-R2-FAD-PVT	S	38
Unit 19 (CWD detected in this area. See page 29)				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-19-B1-FAD-PVT	S	3
Muzzle	Dec. 4-8	DER-19-M1-FAD-PVT	S	3
Unit 20				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-20-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-20-B2-FAD-PVT	S	7
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-20-M1-FAD-PVT	S	3
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-20-R1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-20-R2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Unit 21				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-21-B1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-21-B2-FAD-PVT	S	20
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-21-M1-FAD-PVT	S	8
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-21-R1-FAD-PVT	S	55
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-21-R2-FAD-PVT	S	55
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-21-R1-FAD-YPV	S	8
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-21-R1-FAWTD-PVT	S	5
Unit 22				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-22-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-22-B2-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	DER-22-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-22-R1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-22-R2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-22-R1-FAD-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-22-R1-FAWTD-PVT	S	10
Units 23/24 Silver City Management Area				
Bow	Jan. 16 - Feb. 5, '28	DER-23S-B1-A-PVT	S	20
Unit 23				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-23-B1-FAMD-PVT	S	13
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-23-B1-FAWTD-PVT	S	8
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-23-B2-FAMD-PVT	S	18
Bow	Jan. 16-31, '28	DER-23-B2-FAWTD-PVT	S	8

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Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-23-M1-FAMD-PVT	S	8
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-23-M1-FAWTD-PVT	S	8
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-23-R1-FAMD-PVT	S	43
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-23-R2-FAMD-PVT	S	40
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-23-R1-FAWTD-PVT	S	8
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-23-R1-FAD-YPV	S	12
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-23-R2-FAWTD-PVT	S	8
Unit 24				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-24-B1-FAMD-PVT	S	15
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-24-B1-FAWTD-PVT	S	3
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-24-B2-FAMD-PVT	S	40
Bow	Jan. 16-31, ‘28	DER-24-B2-FAWTD-PVT	S	3
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-24-M1-FAMD-PVT	S	3
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-24-M1-FAWTD-PVT	S	3
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-24-R1-FAMD-PVT	S	40
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-24-R2-FAMD-PVT	S	40
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-24-R1-FAWTD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-24-R1-FAD-YPV	S	8
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-12	DER-24-R2-FAD-YPV	S	10
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-24-R2-FAWTD-PVT	S	5
Unit 25				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-25-B1-FAD-PVT	S	4
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-25-B2-FAD-PVT	S	4
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-25-M1-FAD-PVT	S	3
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-25-R1-FAD-PVT	S	7
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-25-R2-FAD-PVT	S	5
Unit 26				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-26-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Bow	Jan. 1-15, ‘28	DER-26-B2-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-26-M1-FAD-PVT	S	3
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-26-R1-FAD-PVT	S	12
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-26-R2-FAD-PVT	S	12
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-26-R1-FAWTD-PVT	S	3

Unit 27				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-27-B1-FAMD-PVT	Q	3
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-27-B1-FAWTD-PVT	Q	3
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-27-B2-FAMD-PVT	Q	3
Bow	Jan. 16-31, '28	DER-27-B2-FAWTD-PVT	Q	3
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-27-M1-FAMD-PVT	Q	3
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-27-M1-FAWTD-PVT	Q	3
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-27-R1-FAMD-PVT	Q	7
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-27-R2-FAMD-PVT	Q	8
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-27-R1-FAWTD-PVT	Q	7
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-27-R1-FAD-YPV	Q	3
Any Legal	Dec. 4-12	DER-27-R2-FAWTD-PVT	Q	7
Unit 29 (CWD detected in this area. See page 29)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-29-B1-FAD-PVT	S	3
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-29-B2-FAD-PVT	S	3
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-29-M1-FAD-PVT	S	3
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-29-R1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-29-R2-FAD-PVT	S	5
Unit 30				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-30-B1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-30-B2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-30-M1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-30-R1-FAD-PVT	S	35
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-30-R2-FAD-PVT	S	35
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-30-R1-FAD-YPV	S	5
Unit 31				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-31-B1-FAD-PVT	S	37
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-31-B2-FAD-PVT	S	40
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-31-M1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-31-R1-FAD-PVT	S	143
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-31-R2-FAD-PVT	S	143
Unit 32				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-32-B1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-32-B2-FAD-PVT	S	30
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-32-M1-FAD-PVT	S	10

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	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-32-R1-FAD-PVT	S	100
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-32-R2-FAD-PVT	S	100
Any Legal / Roswell and Ft. Sumner hunt areas only / Youth Only	Dec. 16-31	DER-32R-R1-A-YPV	S	20
Unit 33				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-33-B1-FAD-PVT	Q	15
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-33-B2-FAD-PVT	Q	15
Muzzle / Restricted muzzleloader only	Oct. 23-27	DER-33-P1-FAD-PVT	Q	5
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-33-R1-FAD-PVT	Q	45
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-33-R2-FAD-PVT	Q	45
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area. See page 29)				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-34-B1-FAD-PVT	S	25
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-34-B2-FAD-PVT	S	30
Muzzle	Nov. 6-10	DER-34-M1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-34-R1-FAD-MPV	S	3
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-34-R1-FAD-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-34-R1-FAD-PVT	S	45
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-34-R2-FAD-PVT	S	45
Unit 36				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-36-B1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-36-B2-FAD-PVT	S	20
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-36-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle / Youth Only	Oct. 23-27	DER-36-M1-FAD-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-36-R1-FAD-PVT	S	30
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-36-R2-FAD-PVT	S	30
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-36-R1-FAD-YPV	S	5
Unit 37				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-37-B1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-37-B2-FAD-PVT	S	25
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-37-M1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-37-R1-FAD-PVT	S	77
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-37-R2-FAD-PVT	S	77

Unit 38				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-38-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-38-B2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-38-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-38-R1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-38-R2-FAD-PVT	S	20
Unit 39				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-39-B1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-39-B2-FAD-PVT	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-39-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-39-R1-FAD-PVT	S	50
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-39-R2-FAD-PVT	S	50
Unit 40				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-40-B1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-40-B2-FAD-PVT	S	20
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-40-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-40-R1-FAD-PVT	S	100
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	DER-40-R2-FAD-PVT	S	100
Unit 41				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-41-B1-FAD-PVT	Q	5
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	DER-41-B2-FAD-PVT	Q	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-41-M1-FAD-PVT	Q	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-41-R1-FAD-PVT	Q	37
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-41-R2-FAD-PVT	Q	37
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-41-R1-FAD-YPV	Q	15
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	DER-41-R1-ESWTD-YPV	Q	3
Any Legal	Dec. 11-15	DER-41-R1-ESWTD-PVT	Q	10
Unit 42				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-42-B1-FAD-PVT	S	8
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-42-M1-FAD-PVT	S	7
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-42-R1-FAD-PVT	S	65
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-42-R2-FAD-PVT	S	65
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-42-R1-ESWTD-PVT	S	50

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	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 43				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-43-B1-FAD-PVT	S	8
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	DER-43-M1-FAD-PVT	S	8
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-43-R1-FAD-PVT	S	125
Unit 45				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-45-B1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-45-M1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-45-R1-FAD-PVT	S	75
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 6-10	DER-45-R1-FAD-MPV	S	3
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-45-R2-FAD-PVT	S	75
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-45-R1-FAD-YPV	S	15
Unit 46				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-46-B1-FAD-PVT	S	50
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-46-M1-FAD-PVT	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-46-R1-FAD-PVT	S	160
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-46-R2-FAD-PVT	S	160
Unit 47				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-47-B1-FAD-PVT	S	8
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-47-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-47-R1-FAD-PVT	S	35
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-47-R2-FAD-PVT	S	35
Unit 48				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-48-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-48-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-48-R1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-48-R2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Unit 49				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-49-B1-FAD-PVT	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-49-R1-FAD-PVT	S	30
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-49-R2-FAD-PVT	S	30
Unit 50				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-50-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5

Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-50-R1-FAD-PVT	S	16
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-50-R2-FAD-PVT	S	16
Unit 51A				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-51A-B1-FAD-PVT	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-51A-R1-FAD-PVT	S	45
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-51A-R2-FAD-PVT	S	45
Unit 51B				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-51B-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-51B-R1-FAD-PVT	S	18
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-51B-R2-FAD-PVT	S	18
Unit 52				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-52-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle / Restricted muzzleloader only	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-52-P1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-52-R1-FAD-PVT	S	12
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-52-R2-FAD-PVT	S	12
Unit 53				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-53-B1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-53-R1-FAD-PVT	S	25
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-53-R2-FAD-PVT	S	25
Unit 54				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-54-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-54-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-54-R1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-54-R2-FAD-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-54-R1-ESWTD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-54-R1-FAD-YPV	S	5
Unit 55				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-55-B1-FAD-PVT	S	25
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-55-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-55-R1-FAD-PVT	S	30
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-55-R2-FAD-PVT	S	30
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-55-R1-ESWTD-PVT	S	30
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-55-R1-FAD-YPV	S	6

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 56				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-56-B1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-56-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-56-R1-FAD-PVT	S	19
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-56-R2-FAD-PVT	S	19
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-56-R1-FAD-YPV	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	DER-56-R1-ESWTD-YPV	S	3
Unit 57				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-57-B1-FAD-PVT	S	15
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-57-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-57-R1-FAD-PVT	S	42
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-57-R2-FAD-PVT	S	42
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	DER-57-R1-ESWTD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-57-R1-FAD-YPV	S	15
Unit 58				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-58-B1-FAD-PVT	S	10
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-58-M1-FAD-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-58-R1-FAD-PVT	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-58-R2-FAD-PVT	S	20
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-58-R1-FAD-YPV	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	DER-58-R1-ESWTD-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Dec. 11-15	DER-58-R1-ESWTD-PVT	S	10
Unit 59				
Bow	Sept. 1-24	DER-59-B1-FAD-PVT	S	7
Muzzle	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-59-M1-FAD-PVT	S	7
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-59-R1-FAD-PVT	S	28
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-59-R2-FAD-PVT	S	28
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-59-R1-FAD-YPV	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	DER-59-R1-ESWTD-YPV	S	3
Any Legal	Dec. 11-15	DER-59-R1-ESWTD-PVT	S	12

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General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- Private-land Elk License Fees (page 80).
- All Elk Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Elk Hunting (specified by hunt code, page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (page 47).
- Mobility–Impaired Hunts (pages 19–20).
- Youth–Only Hunts (page 19).
- Chronic Wasting Disease Rules (page 29).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (page 9).

Elk Draw Licenses

Deadline to apply for elk draw licenses is March 17, 2027. Up to four hunters may apply per application. **Non-residents are ineligible** for any hunts held exclusively on WMAs or any antlerless (A) elk draw licenses. Successful applicants will be mailed an elk license/tag, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Fee Types for Elk Draw Licenses (see glossary, pages 165–170)

Resident and non-resident fees are listed on page 17.

S	Standard hunt
Q	Quality hunt
HD	High–demand hunt
Q/HD	Quality and high–demand hunt combination

The highest fee for any hunt choice must be paid at the time of application. If a lower fee hunt is drawn, the difference will be refunded.

Fourth-Choice Elk Hunts

By selecting fourth-choice, applicants indicate they are willing to accept any elk hunt in a specific quadrant of the state. The fourth-choice assignment will always be for the same sporting-arm type as the first-choice on the application. Hunters should understand that success rates for fourth-choice hunts may be low, due to small and/or localized elk populations. Not all hunts are available in the fourth-choice hunt pool. **Hunters who apply for and receive a fourth-choice hunt will not receive a refund if dissatisfied with the hunt drawn.** A hunter drawing a fourth-choice hunt could receive a license with an antlerless bag limit, even if his/her prior three choices were for mature bull licenses. If applying for a fourth-choice hunt, applicants must select one of the four quadrants listed.

Fourth-Choice Elk Hunt Quadrants

NW	Northwest: Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 or 14
NE	Northeast: Units 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59
SW	Southwest: Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 or 24
SE	Southeast: Units 28, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37 or 38

Bag Limits (Glossary, page 165–170)

MB	Mature bull. A spike bull is not legal.
MB/A	Mature bull or antlerless elk. A spike bull is not legal.
A	Antlerless elk.
ES	Either sex (any one elk, includes spike bull).
APRE/6	Antler-point-restricted elk (six or more points on at least one antler).
APRE/6/A	Antler-point-restricted elk (six or more points on at least one antler) or antlerless.

Valle Vidal

Once-in-a-Lifetime Mature Bull/Either Sex: Only hunters who have never drawn a MB or ES hunt on the Valle Vidal are eligible to apply. Hunters who have drawn the Valle Vidal once-in-a-youth MB or A hunt are still eligible to apply.

Once-in-a-Lifetime Antlerless: Only New Mexico residents who have never drawn an antlerless (A) hunt on the Valle Vidal are eligible to apply. New Mexico residents who have drawn the Valle Vidal once-in-a-youth MB or A hunt are still eligible to apply.

Note: If a youth has drawn a Valle Vidal once-in-a-lifetime hunt, she/he will not be eligible as an adult for that hunt. However, if the youth has drawn a Valle Vidal once-in-a-youth hunt, she/he is eligible to draw a once-in-a-lifetime Valle Vidal hunt.

Once-in-a-Youth Mature Bull: Only hunters 17 years or younger who have never drawn a youth-only MB hunt on the Valle Vidal and who possess a Hunter Education number (page 23) are eligible to apply.

Once-in-a-Youth Antlerless: Only New Mexico residents 17 years or younger who have never drawn a youth-only antlerless hunt on the Valle Vidal and possess a Hunter Education number (page 23) are eligible to apply.

Private-Land Hunts

Private-land elk hunts are available in the primary, secondary and special elk management zones. Participating primary and special elk management zone landowners and their contact information is available online:
https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/maps/eplus/
Private-Land Elk Licenses may be purchased online, by telephone and at NMDOW offices or license vendors.

Primary Management Zone: Areas within the state where elk management is focused and the number of licenses is limited. Private-land elk authorizations are issued in the primary management zone to landowners participating in the Elk Private Lands Use System (EPLUS). Authorizations can be bartered, sold or traded. An authorization allows the holder to purchase a Private-Land Elk License.

To purchase a Private-Land Elk License for the primary management zone, a hunter must have an authorization number from a landowner participating in the EPLUS program.

Secondary Management Zone: Areas not part of the primary or special management zones where no specific elk management goals are set. Private-land elk licenses in the secondary management zone are unlimited and available over the counter with a ranch code beginning with "SMZ" provided by a registered landowner and are valid only on the private landowner's deeded property, or other private lands within the same GMU with written landowner permission. Written permission from the landowner while hunting is required for the license to be valid. Visit **https://wildlife.state.nm.us/download/written-permission-to-hunt-private-land/** to download the form.

Special Management Zone: Areas not part of the primary or secondary management zones where private-land elk authorizations are issued to private landowners on a ranch-by-ranch basis through EPLUS. To purchase a Private-Land Elk License for the special management zone, a hunter must have an authorization number from a landowner participating in the EPLUS program.

Obtaining Authorizations

The process for obtaining private land elk authorization:

Hunters must obtain an authorization number or ranch code from the landowner, guide or outfitter. The number or code allows the hunter to purchase a private-land elk license. The fee for the authorization is determined by the landowner, guide or outfitter, and this fee does not apply to the elk license fee paid to NMDOW.

Hunters seeking private-land authorizations are encouraged to communicate clearly with landowners regarding conditions associated with the license purchased and any other special considerations, and to obtain these communications in writing. Obtaining private-land elk authorizations is considered a private matter. NMDOW is not a party to these transactions or communications and is not responsible for resolving disputes.

Landowners participate voluntarily in private-land programs, and the courtesy each hunter exercises can affect future access for all hunters.

Hunters can't hold both a Private-Land Elk License and a Draw Elk License in the same license year and can't exchange a draw license for a Private-Land License.

Unit-wide or Ranch-Only Authorizations

Unit-wide: A unit-wide authorization number allows a hunter to purchase an elk license valid on any legally accessible public lands, other unit-wide ranches, and other private land with written permission within the GMU. Unit-wide authorizations are available only in the primary management zone. A habitat stamp is required.

Ranch-Only: A ranch-only authorization number allows a hunter to purchase an elk license valid only on the private deeded acres of the designated ranch, except as otherwise allowed by rule. In GMUs 4, 5A, and in secondary and special management zones, ranch-only elk licenses may also be valid on other private lands within the same GMU and management zone, with written permission. Ranch-only licenses are not valid on any public land.

It is not considered trespassing if a hunter is in possession of a Private-Land Elk License that has been obtained from the owner or person in control of the land and which grants access to that particular private land for the purpose of lawfully taking elk (pages 38–39). However, in the secondary management zone written permission from the landowner is required for the elk hunter.

Elk Management Zone and Unit-Wide Ranch Maps

Maps of the elk management zones and unit-wide ranches are available online: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/maps/eplus/**

License Fees (additional requirements and restrictions, pages 12–15)

In the Primary and Special Management Zones, a $9 landowner administrative fee will apply.

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Antlerless	$70	$573
Mature-Bull or Either-Sex	$100	$773
Quality Antlerless	$70	$998
Quality Mature-Bull or Either-Sex	$100	$998
Junior/Senior Elk License	$70	Not Issued

Quality elk license fees apply to any unit-wide license concurrent with the following hunts

For all hunt dates from Sept. 15-Oct. 15, quality elk license fees apply to any mature-bull (MB) or either-sex (ES) ranch-only authorization (except Youth Only) on private lands that lie within the primary management zone in Units 13, 15, 16A-E and 17.

Quality elk license fees apply to any unit-wide license corresponding with the following hunts:

Bow-Only Hunts	ELK-13-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-15-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-16A-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-C16B-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-16C-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-16D-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-16E-B2-ES-PUB, ELK-17-B2-ES-PUB
Muzzleloader, Crossbow and Bow Hunts	ELK-13-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-15-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-16A-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-C16B-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-16C-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-16D-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-16E-M1-MB-PUB, ELK-17-M1-MB-PUB
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts	ELK-16A-R1-MB-MOB, ELK-C16B-R1-MB-PUB, ELK-16D-R1-MB-MOB

Primary Management Zone Seasons

Ranch-Only Season Dates: Ranch-only authorizations within the primary management zone are restricted to the following season dates and sporting arm type.

Bow-Only Hunts: License valid for either season (select one or the other)	
HUNT DATES	**UNITS**
Sept. 1-14	2, 4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24, 34, 36, 45, 48, 49 and 50–53
Sept. 15-24	2, 4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24, 34, 36, 45, 48, 49 and 50–53

HUNT DATES	UNITS
Muzzleloader, Crossbow and Bow Hunts License limited to any five consecutive days within a season listed below	
Oct. 9-13	2, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 10, 12, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 21A, 23, 24, 34, 36, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53
Oct. 16-Dec. 31	9, 13, 15, 17 (muzzleloader-only units)
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts	
Oct. 1–Dec. 31	4, 21B
Oct. 16-Dec. 31	2, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 10, 12, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 21A, 23, 24, 36, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51 52, 53
Oct. 16-Feb. 2, '28	36 (Antlerless only)
Oct. 23-Dec. 31	34
Oct. 23-Feb. 9, '28	34 (Antlerless only)

Youth Only Season Dates

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts	
Oct. 16-20	34
Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts	
Oct. 9-13	13, 15, 17

Mobility-Impaired Season Dates

Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts	
Oct. 16-20	34
Muzzleloader, Bow or Crossbow Hunts	
Oct. 9-13	9

Unit-wide Season Dates: Unit-wide authorizations within the primary management zone correspond with an elk draw hunt code for the same GMU and are restricted to the same bag limit, sporting arm and hunt dates.

Special and Secondary Management Zones

Season Dates: All authorizations within the special and secondary management zone are ranch-only. Bow-only and any legal sporting arms hunts are available. Bow-only hunts are limited to Sept. 1–24. Any legal sporting arms hunts are limited to any five consecutive days from Oct. 1–Dec. 31, unless otherwise allowed by NMDOW. In Unit 34, antlerless only, any legal sporting arms hunts are limited to any five consecutive days from Oct. 23, 2027–Feb. 9, 2028. In Unit 36, antlerless only, any legal sporting arms hunts are limited to any five consecutive days from Oct. 16, 2027–Feb. 2, 2028.

Elk Draw Hunts

Draw licenses authorize the hunter to hunt on any open public land or any unit-wide private ranch within the specified unit or hunt area, and on any other private land in that unit, provided that written permission has been obtained from the landowner of the property. Draw hunts for WMAs or special-hunt areas are valid only on the chosen WMA or special-hunt area printed on the license.

Closed Areas: Military reservations, national parks and monuments, state parks and monuments, recreation areas, national wildlife refuges, state WMAs and other locations may be closed or restrict hunting. All state WMAs are closed unless officially open to hunting.

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Premium Statewide Elk Hunt (see page 44)				
Any Legal	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, '28	ELK-STW-R1-MB-PUB	Q	1
Unit 2				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-2-B1-ES-PUB	HD	120
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-2-B2-ES-PUB	HD	120
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-2-M1-MB-PUB	S	135
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-2-R1-MB-PUB	S	85
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-2-R1-A-PUB	S	125
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-2-R1-A-YTH	S	100
Unit 2C (NM Residents Only)				
Any Legal	Dec. 4-8	ELK-2C-R1-A-PUB	S	100
Unit 4 Sargent WMA Only (NM Residents Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-4S-B1-ES-PUB	Q	10
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-4S-B2-ES-PUB	Q	10
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-4S-M1-MB/A-PUB	Q	10
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-4S-R1-MB/A-PUB	Q	10
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-4S-R2-MB/A-PUB	Q	10
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-4S-R3-MB/A-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	ELK-4S-R4-MB/A-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	ELK-4S-R1-A-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-4S-R1-A-YTH	S	10
Unit 4 Humphries and Rio Chama WMAs Only (NM Residents Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-4HR-B1-ES-PUB	S	10

Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-4HR-B2-ES-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-4HR-M1-MB/A-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-4HR-R1-MB/A-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-4HR-R2-MB/A-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-4HR-R1-A-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-4HR-R1-A-YTH	S	15
Unit 4 Rio Chama WMA Only (NM Residents Only)				
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	ELK-4R-R1-A-PUB	S	20
Unit 5A (Public Land Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-5A-B1-ES-PUB	S	5
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-5A-B2-ES-PUB	S	5
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-5A-M1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-5A-R1-A-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-5A-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 23-27	ELK-5A-R2-A-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-5A-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-5A-R3-A-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 20-24	ELK-5A-R3-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-5A-R4-A-PUB	S	10
Unit 5B				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-5B-B1-ES-PUB	HD	76
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-5B-B2-ES-PUB	S	75
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-5B-M1-MB-PUB	S	56
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-5B-R1-MB-PUB	S	86
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 23-27	ELK-5B-R1-A-PUB	S	59
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-5B-R2-MB-PUB	S	86
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-5B-R2-A-PUB	S	59
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	ELK-5B-R3-MB-PUB	S	87
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-5B-R3-A-PUB	S	59
Any Legal	Dec. 18-22	ELK-5B-R4-MB-PUB	HD	50

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 6A				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-6A-B1-ES-PUB	HD	150
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-6A-B2-ES-PUB	HD	102
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-6A-M1-MB-PUB	HD	104
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-6A-R1-MB-PUB	HD	100
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-6A-R2-MB-PUB	HD	103
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-6A-R1-A-PUB	S	99
Unit 6B (Valles Caldera – Hunter orientation is required, see page 45)				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-6B-B1-ES-PUB	Q/HD	25
Bow / NM Resident Only	Sept. 1-14	ELK-6B-B1-A-PUB	S	10
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-6B-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	25
Bow / NM Resident Only	Sept. 15-24	ELK-6B-B2-A-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-6B-M1-ES-PUB	Q/HD	15
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-6B-M1-A-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-6B-R1-ES-PUB	Q/HD	15
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-6B-R1-A-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-6B-R2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	20
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 23-27	ELK-6B-R2-A-PUB	S	15
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-6B-R1-A-YTH	S	35
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-6B-R3-A-PUB	S	35
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-6B-R4-A-PUB	S	35
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-6B-R2-A-YTH	S	35
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-6B-R5-A-PUB	S	35
Unit 6C				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-6C-B1-ES-PUB	HD	150
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-6C-B2-ES-PUB	HD	105
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-6C-M1-MB-PUB	HD	155

Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-6C-R1-MB-PUB	S	105
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-6C-R2-MB-PUB	HD	105
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-6C-R1-A-PUB	S	110
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-6C-R2-A-PUB	S	110
Unit 7				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-7-B1-ES-PUB	HD	15
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-7-B2-ES-PUB	S	14
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-7-M1-MB-PUB	S	24
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-7-R1-MB-PUB	S	30
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 23-27	ELK-7-R1-A-PUB	S	50
Unit 9 Marquez/LBar WMA Only (NM Residents Only)				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-9L-B1-ES-PUB	S	15
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-9L-B2-ES-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-9L-M1-MB-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 16-20	ELK-9L-M2-MB-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	ELK-9L-M3-MB-PUB	S	15
Unit 9 Including Water Canyon (Excluding Marquez/LBar WMA)				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-9-B1-ES-PUB	S	82
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-9-B2-ES-PUB	S	82
Muzzle / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-9-M1-MB-MOB	S	21
Muzzle	Oct. 16-20	ELK-9-M1-MB-PUB	S	35
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	ELK-9-M2-MB-PUB	S	35
Muzzle	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-9-M3-MB-PUB	S	21
Unit 10				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-10-B1-ES-PUB	HD	125
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-10-B2-ES-PUB	HD	125
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-10-M1-MB-PUB	HD	70
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-10-R1-MB-PUB	S	70
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-10-R1-A-YTH	S	120
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-10-R1-A-PUB	S	100

Game Management Unit Map

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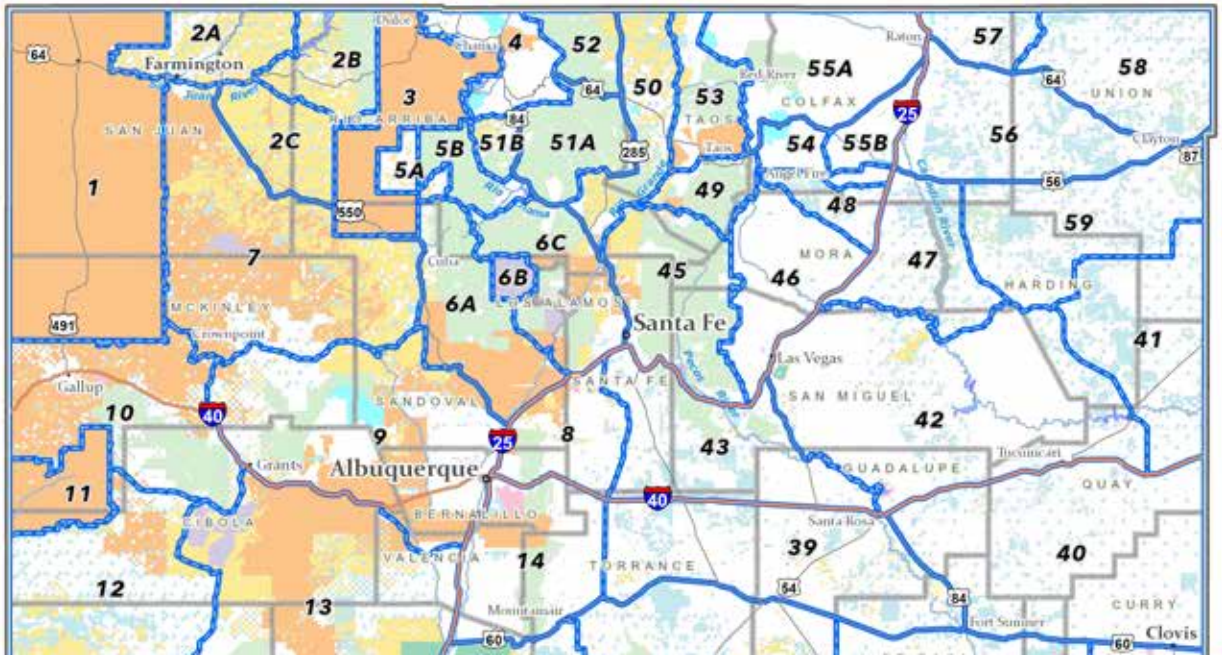
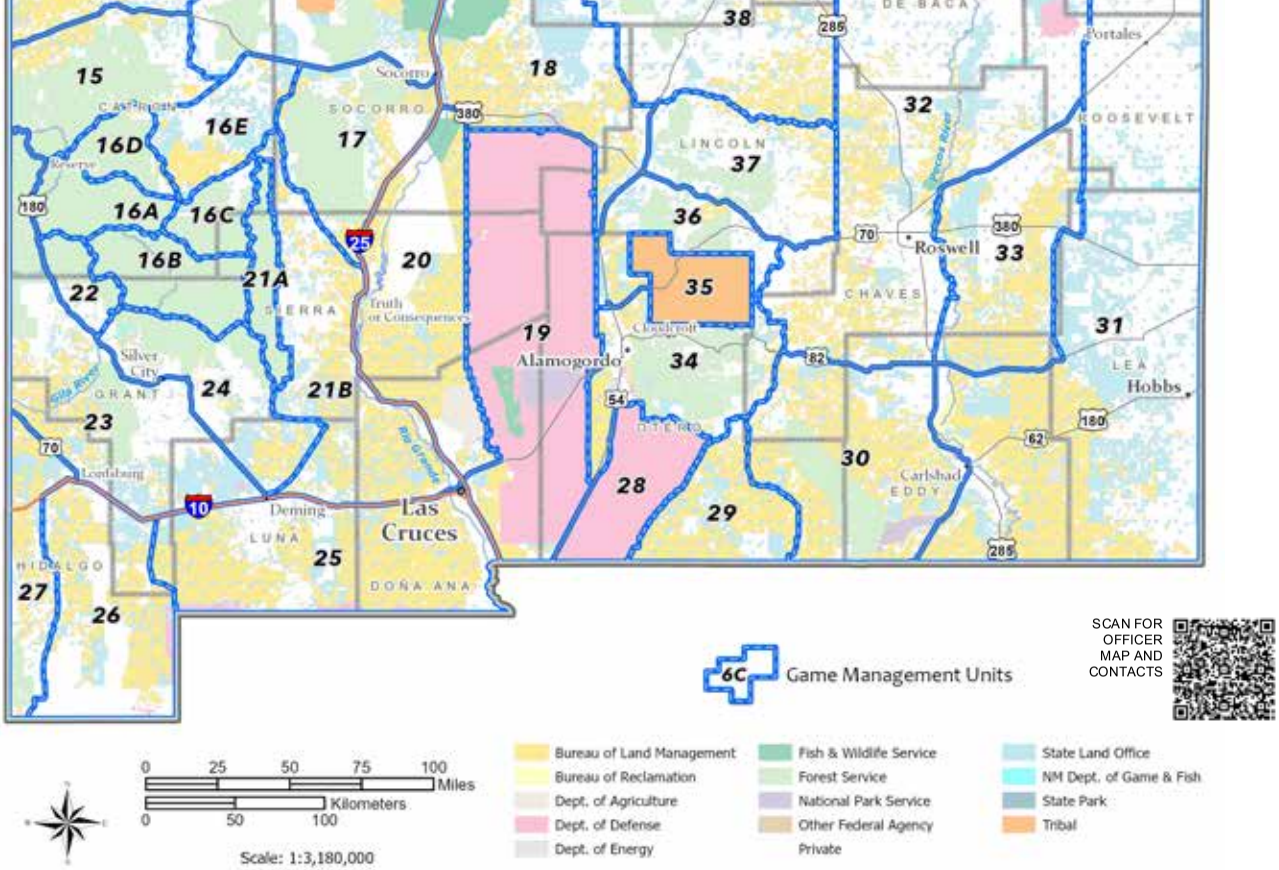
Hunting Maps: A variety of maps, including Big Game Management Units, bighorn sheep and turkey ranges, the Silver City Management Area, elk private lands, pronghorn private lands and state lands are available online: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/maps/**

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Unit 12				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-12-B1-ES-PUB	HD	36
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-12-B2-ES-PUB	HD	35
Bow	Dec. 11-15	ELK-12-B1-APRE/6-PUB	S	25
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-12-M1-MB-PUB	HD	35
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-12-R1-MB-PUB	HD	35
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-12-R2-MB-PUB	HD	60
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-12-R3-MB-PUB	HD	80
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	ELK-12-R4-MB-PUB	S	80
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-12-R1-A-PUB	S	60
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-12-R2-A-PUB	S	60
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-12-R3-A-PUB	S	64
Unit 13				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-13-B1-ES-PUB	HD	202
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-13-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	148
Muzzle / Youth Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-13-M1-ES-YTH	HD	30
Muzzle	Oct. 16-20	ELK-13-M1-MB-PUB	Q/HD	86
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	ELK-13-M2-MB-PUB	HD	126
Muzzle	Nov. 20-24	ELK-13-M3-MB-PUB	S	126
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-13-M1-A-PUB	S	117
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-13-M2-A-PUB	S	116
Unit 14				
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-14-R1-ES-PUB	S	10
Unit 15				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-15-B1-ES-PUB	HD	350
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-15-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	250
Muzzle / Youth Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-15-M1-ES-YTH	HD	25
Muzzle	Oct. 16-20	ELK-15-M1-MB-PUB	Q/HD	200
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	ELK-15-M2-MB-PUB	HD	245
Muzzle	Nov. 6-10	ELK-15-M3-MB-PUB	HD	250
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-15-M1-A-PUB	S	180

Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-15-M2-A-PUB	S	180
Unit 16A				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-16A-B1-ES-PUB	HD	250
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-16A-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	150
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-16A-M1-MB-PUB	Q	35
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-16A-R1-MB-MOB	Q	25
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-16A-R1-MB-PUB	HD	60
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-16A-R2-MB-PUB	HD	100
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-16A-R1-A-PUB	S	55
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-16A-R2-A-PUB	S	55
Units 16B & 22				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-C16B-B1-ES-PUB	HD	225
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-C16B-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	165
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-C16B-M1-MB-PUB	Q/HD	35
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-C16B-R1-MB-PUB	Q/HD	25
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-C16B-R2-MB-PUB	HD	70
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-C16B-R3-MB-PUB	S	105
Unit 16C				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-16C-B1-ES-PUB	HD	144
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-16C-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	100
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-16C-M1-MB-PUB	Q	35
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-16C-R1-ES-YTH	HD	25
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-16C-R1-MB-PUB	HD	30
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-16C-R2-MB-PUB	HD	52
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-16C-R1-A-PUB	S	35
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-16C-R2-A-PUB	S	35
Unit 16D				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-16D-B1-ES-PUB	HD	90
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-16D-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	60
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-16D-M1-MB-PUB	Q	35

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Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-16D-R1-MB-MOB	Q/HD	25
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-16D-R1-MB-PUB	HD	45
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-16D-R2-MB-PUB	HD	40
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-16D-R1-A-PUB	S	35
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-16D-R2-A-PUB	S	35
Unit 16E				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-16E-B1-ES-PUB	S	90
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-16E-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	60
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-16E-M1-MB-PUB	Q/HD	70
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-16E-R1-ES-YTH	HD	25
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-16E-R1-MB-PUB	S	53
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-16E-R1-A-PUB	S	55
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-16E-R2-A-PUB	S	55
Unit 17				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-17-B1-ES-PUB	HD	125
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-17-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	75
Muzzle / Youth Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-17-M1-ES-YTH	HD	25
Muzzle	Oct. 16-20	ELK-17-M1-MB-PUB	Q/HD	100
Muzzle	Oct. 23-27	ELK-17-M2-MB-PUB	S	100
Muzzle	Nov. 20-24	ELK-17-M3-MB-PUB	HD	25
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-17-M1-A-PUB	S	25
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-17-M2-A-PUB	S	100
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-17-M3-A-PUB	S	100
Unit 18				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-18-B1-ES-PUB	S	25
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-18-B2-ES-PUB	HD	25
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-18-R1-ES-PUB	HD	10
Unit 21A				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-21A-B1-ES-PUB	HD	50

Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-21A-B2-ES-PUB	HD	50
Bow	Dec. 18-22	ELK-21A-B1-MB-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-21A-M1-MB-PUB	HD	15
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-21A-R1-MB-PUB	HD	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-21A-R2-MB-PUB	HD	35
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-21A-R3-MB-PUB	S	55
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-21A-R1-A-PUB	S	30
Unit 21B				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-21B-B1-ES-PUB	S	25
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-21B-B2-ES-PUB	HD	25
Bow	Dec. 18-22	ELK-21B-B1-MB-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-21B-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-21B-R2-MB-PUB	HD	15
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-21B-R3-MB-PUB	S	25
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-21B-R1-A-PUB	S	15
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-21B-R2-A-PUB	S	15
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-21B-R3-A-PUB	S	15
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-21B-R4-A-PUB	S	20
Unit 23				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-23-B1-ES-PUB	HD	125
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-23-B2-ES-PUB	HD	75
Bow	Dec. 18-22	ELK-23-B1-MB-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-23-M1-MB-PUB	S	75
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-23-R1-ES-YTH	HD	25
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-23-R1-MB-PUB	HD	75
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-23-R1-A-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / South of NM 78 Only / NM Resident Only	Dec. 18-26	ELK-23S-R1-A-PUB	S	20
Unit 24				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-24-B1-ES-PUB	S	15
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-24-B2-ES-PUB	S	10

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Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-24-M1-MB-PUB	S	15
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-24-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Oct. 23-27	ELK-24-R1-A-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Dec. 18-22	ELK-24-R1-MB-PUB	S	15
Unit 28 McGregor Range Only (CWD detected in this area, see page 29)[1]				
Any Legal / McGregor Range Only / Military Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-28-R1-ES-MIL	HD	10
Any Legal / McGregor Range Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-28-R1-ES-PUB	HD	10
Units 29 & 30 (CWD detected in Unit 29, see page 29)				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-C29-B1-ES-PUB	HD	20
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-C29-B2-ES-PUB	HD	20
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-C29-R1-ES-PUB	HD	20
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-C29-R2-ES-PUB	S	30
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-C29-R1-A-PUB	S	20
Unit 32				
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-32-R1-ES-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-32-R2-ES-PUB	S	15
Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area, see page 29)				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-34-B1-ES-PUB	HD	200
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-34-B2-ES-PUB	HD	200
Bow	Dec. 18-22	ELK-34-B1-APRE/6/A-PUB	S	200
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-34-M1-ES-PUB	HD	250
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-34-R1-ES-YTH	HD	75
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-34-R1-A-YTH	S	120
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-34-R1-ES-MOB	S	50
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-34-R1-ES-PUB	HD	150
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-34-R1-A-PUB	S	350

[1]All hunters and their guests may be required to pay a $100 access fee. See page 47.

Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-34-R2-A-PUB	S	350
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-34-R3-A-PUB	S	350
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, '28	ELK-34-R4-A-PUB	S	230
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Feb. 5-9, '28	ELK-34-R5-A-PUB	S	230
Unit 36				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-36-B1-ES-PUB	HD	140
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-36-B2-ES-PUB	HD	140
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-36-M1-ES-PUB	HD	140
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-36-R1-ES-PUB	HD	140
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-36-R2-ES-PUB	HD	140
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-36-R1-A-PUB	S	100
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-36-R2-A-PUB	S	100
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, '28	ELK-36-R3-A-PUB	S	100
Unit 37				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-37-B1-ES-PUB	HD	40
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-37-B2-ES-PUB	HD	30
Bow	Dec. 4-8	ELK-37-B1-APRE/6-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-37-R1-MB-PUB	HD	30
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-37-R2-MB-PUB	HD	30
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-37-R1-A-PUB	S	45
Unit 38				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-38-B1-ES-PUB	S	20
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-38-B2-ES-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-38-R1-ES-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-38-R2-ES-PUB	S	10
Units 39 & 43				
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-C39-R1-ES-PUB	S	30
Units 42, 47 & 59				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-C42-B1-ES-PUB	HD	13

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-C42-B2-ES-PUB	HD	13
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-C42-R1-ES-PUB	S	13
Unit 45				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-45-B1-ES-PUB	HD	75
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-45-B2-ES-PUB	HD	73
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-45-M1-MB-PUB	HD	136
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-45-M1-A-PUB	S	49
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-45-R1-MB-PUB	S	140
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-45-R2-MB-PUB	S	140
Unit 48				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-48-B1-ES-PUB	HD	80
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-48-B2-ES-PUB	HD	80
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-48-M1-MB-PUB	S	60
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-48-R1-MB-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-48-R2-MB-PUB	HD	64
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-48-R1-A-PUB	S	50
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-48-R2-A-PUB	S	54
Unit 49				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-49-B1-ES-PUB	HD	60
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-49-B2-ES-PUB	HD	59
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-49-M1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-49-R1-MB-PUB	S	70
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-49-R2-MB-PUB	S	70
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-49-R1-A-PUB	S	77
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-49-R2-A-PUB	S	77
Unit 50				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-50-B1-ES-PUB	S	60
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-50-B2-ES-PUB	S	55
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-50-M1-MB-PUB	S	65
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-50-R1-MB-PUB	S	100

Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	ELK-50-R2-MB-PUB	S	100
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-50-R1-A-PUB	S	42
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-50-R2-A-PUB	S	45
Unit 51				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-51-B1-ES-PUB	HD	180
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-51-B2-ES-PUB	HD	180
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-51-M1-ES-PUB	HD	145
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-51-R1-MB-PUB	HD	220
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-51-R2-MB-PUB	HD	220
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	ELK-51-R3-MB-PUB	S	220
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-51-R1-A-PUB	S	265
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-51-R2-A-PUB	S	265
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-51-R3-A-PUB	S	252
Unit 52				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-52-B1-ES-PUB	HD	230
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-52-B2-ES-PUB	HD	230
Muzzle / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-52-M1-MB-MOB	S	50
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-52-M1-MB-PUB	HD	120
Muzzle / NM Resident Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-52-M1-A-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-52-R1-MB-PUB	HD	230
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-52-R2-MB-PUB	HD	230
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-52-R1-A-YTH	S	80
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Mobility Impaired Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-52-R1-A-MOB	S	56
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-52-R1-A-PUB	S	73
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-52-R2-A-PUB	S	115
Unit 53				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-53-B1-ES-PUB	S	65

Elk

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	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-53-B2-ES-PUB	S	60
Muzzle / Excluding Cerro portion	Oct. 9-13	ELK-53ECP-M1-ES-PUB	S	50
Any Legal / Excluding Cerro portion	Oct. 16-20	ELK-53ECP-R1-MB-PUB	S	80
Any Legal / Excluding Cerro portion	Oct. 23-27	ELK-53ECP-R2-MB-PUB	S	131
Any Legal / Excluding Cerro portion / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-53ECP-R1-A-PUB	S	94
Any Legal / Excluding Cerro portion / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-53ECP-R2-A-PUB	S	94
Units 54 & 55 Colin Neblett WMA, NM Residents Only				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-54C-B1-ES-PUB	S	10
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-54C-B2-ES-PUB	S	10
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-54C-M1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-54C-R1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-54C-R2-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	ELK-54C-R1-A-PUB	S	20
Unit 55A ES Barker WMA Only, NM Residents Only				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-55E-B1-ES-PUB	S	5
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-55E-B2-ES-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 9-13	ELK-55E-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Unit 55A Urraca WMA Only, NM Residents Only				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-55U-B1-ES-PUB	S	5
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-55U-B2-ES-PUB	S	5
Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-55U-M1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-55U-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	ELK-55U-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Nov. 13-17	ELK-55U-R1-A-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-55U-R2-A-PUB	S	15
Unit 55A Valle Vidal Only[1]				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-55V-B1-ES-PUB	Q/HD	25
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-55V-B2-ES-PUB	Q/HD	25

[1]Elk hunters may hold either an A or an ES/MB Once-in-a-Lifetime or Once-in-a-Youth license. See page 78.

Muzzle	Oct. 9-13	ELK-55V-M1-MB-PUB	Q/HD	20
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-55V-R1-MB-PUB	Q/HD	35
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	ELK-55V-R2-MB-PUB	Q/HD	30
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	ELK-55V-R1-MB-YTH	Q	20
Any Legal / NM Resident Only / Youth Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-55V-R1-A-YTH	Q	25
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 13-17	ELK-55V-R1-A-PUB	Q	25
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Nov. 20-24	ELK-55V-R2-A-PUB	Q	25
Unit 56				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-56-B1-ES-PUB	S	5
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-56-B2-ES-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-56-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-56-R1-A-PUB	S	10
Unit 57 Sugarite Canyon State Park Only				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-57S-B1-ES-PUB	S	3
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-57S-B2-ES-PUB	S	2
Units 57 & 58 Excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park				
Bow	Sept. 1-14	ELK-C57-B1-ES-PUB	S	5
Bow	Sept. 15-24	ELK-C57-B2-ES-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 1-5	ELK-C57-R1-MB-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 16-20	ELK-C57-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	Dec. 11-15	ELK-C57-R1-A-PUB	S	10

Youth Encouragement Hunts

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Youth Encouragement Elk Hunts: Online Purchase Only

Only eligible resident youth hunters who have submitted a valid application for a deer, elk, pronghorn, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep or bighorn sheep draw hunt in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing any license for these species will be eligible to purchase a youth encouragement elk license during the first 14 days of availability on the NMDOW website. Licenses remaining after 14 days shall be available to any youth hunter eligible to purchase an elk license, whether they applied for draw hunts or not.

Hunts will only be offered online on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunts will be available online until 14 days before each hunt start date. **PLEASE NOTE:** rejected draw applicants are ineligible for the first 14 days of the sale. For more information call the NMDOW Information Center: **1-888-248-6866**.

Youth Encouragement Elk Licenses

The number of licenses available for these hunts may be adjusted based on changes in population levels and harvest rates. License fee: $70 resident, $573 non-resident.

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 2				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-2-R1-A-YE	S	75
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-2-R2-A-YE	S	75
Unit 5B				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-5B-R1-A-YE	S	20
Unit 6A				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-6A-R1-A-YE	S	50
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-6A-R2-A-YE	S	50
Unit 6C				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-6C-R1-A-YE	S	50
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-6C-R2-A-YE	S	50
Unit 10				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-10-R1-A-YE	S	35
Unit 13				
Muzzle / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-13-M1-A-YE	S	60
Muzzle / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-13-M2-A-YE	S	60
Unit 17				
Muzzle / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-17-M1-A-YE	S	60
Muzzle / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-17-M2-A-YE	S	60

Unit 34 (CWD detected in this area, see page 29)				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-34-R1-A-YE	S	225
Unit 36				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-36-R1-A-YE	S	110
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-36-R2-A-YE	S	110
Unit 49				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-49-R1-A-YE	S	50
Unit 51				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-51-R1-A-YE	S	115
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-51-R2-A-YE	S	115
Unit 52				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-52-R1-A-YE	S	50
Unit 53				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 27 - Dec. 1	ELK-53-R1-A-YE	S	60
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 26-30	ELK-53-R2-A-YE	S	60



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General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- Ranch Registration Required for Landowners (page 51).
- All Pronghorn Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Pronghorn Hunting (specified by hunt code, page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (page 47).
- Mobility–Impaired Hunts (pages 19–20).
- Youth–Only Hunts (page 19).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (page 9).

Pronghorn Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for pronghorn licenses is March 17, 2027. Up to four hunters may apply per application. Successful applicants will be mailed a public-land pronghorn license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Bag Limits

MB	A pronghorn with at least one horn longer than its ears.
F–IM	Any female pronghorn or any male pronghorn without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.
ES	Either sex (any one pronghorn).

Pronghorn Draw Hunts

A Public-Land Pronghorn Draw License authorizes the hunter to hunt on any open public land within the specified unit(s) or hunt area, on participating ranches with signed NMDOW ranch-wide hunting agreements, or on any other private land in the unit(s), with written permission from the landowner of the property.

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Units 2, 7, 9, 10				
Bow / Excluding Marquez / LBar WMA	Aug. 14-22	PRG-C2-B1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Excluding Marquez / LBar WMA / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C2-R1-ES-YTH	S	3
Any Legal / Excluding Marquez / LBar WMA	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C2-R1-MB-PUB	S	5

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	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Units 8 & 43				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-C8-B1-MB-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C8-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Unit 12				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-12-B1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-12-R1-ES-YTH	S	3
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-12-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-12-R1-MB-MOB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-12-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Unit 13				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-13-B1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-13-R1-ES-YTH	S	2
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-13-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-13-R2-MB-MOB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-13-R3-MB-PUB	S	5
Unit 15				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-15-B1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-15-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-15-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-15-R1-MB-MOB	S	3
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-15-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Unit 16 (A, B, C, D and E)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-16-B1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-16-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-16-R1-MB-PUB	S	15
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-16-R1-MB-MOB	S	3
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-16-R2-MB-PUB	S	25
Unit 17				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-17-B1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-17-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-17-R1-MB-PUB	S	5

Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-17-R2-MB-PUB	S	5
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-17-R1-MB-MOB	S	3
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-17-R3-MB-PUB	S	10
Unit 18				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-18-B1-MB-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-18-R1-MB-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-18-R2-MB-PUB	S	15
Unit 19 (White Sands Missile Range Only)[1]				
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 1-3	PRG-19-R1-MB-YTH	S	3
Unit 20				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-20-B1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-20-R1-ES-YTH	S	2
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-20-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Units 21 & 24				
Bow	Sept. 11-19	PRG-C21-B1-MB-PUB	S	25
Any Legal / Youth Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C21-R1-ES-YTH	S	10
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C21-R1-MB-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C21-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C21-R1-MB-MOB	S	8
Any Legal	Oct. 9-11	PRG-C21-R3-MB-PUB	S	15
Units 22 & 23				
Bow	Sept. 11-19	PRG-C22-B1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C22-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C22-R1-MB-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C22-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C22-R1-MB-MOB	S	3
Units 25, 26 & 27				
Bow	Sept. 11-19	PRG-C25-B1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Youth Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C25-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C25-R1-MB-PUB	S	5

[1] White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) ONLY, mandatory check-in/check-out. WSMR will charge a $70 per hunter access fee; 50% military discount applies. Successful WSMR applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for fee payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the specified deadline.

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Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C25-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C25-R1-MB-MOB	S	3
Unit 28 McGregor Range Only[1]				
Muzzle	Sept. 4-6	PRG-28-M1-MB-PUB	S	2
Muzzle / Military Only	Sept. 4-6	PRG-28-M1-MB-MIL	S	2
Unit 29				
Muzzle / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-29-M1-ES-YTH	S	5
Muzzle	Aug. 28-30	PRG-29-M1-MB-PUB	S	15
Muzzle	Sept. 25-27	PRG-29-M2-MB-PUB	S	25
Unit 30				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-30-B1-MB-PUB	S	25
Unit 31 (North of US Highway 380)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-31N-B1-MB-PUB	S	25
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-31N-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-31N-R1-MB-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-31N-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-31N-R1-MB-MOB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-31N-R3-MB-PUB	S	15
Unit 31 (South of US Highway 380)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-31S-B1-MB-PUB	S	50
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-31S-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-31S-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-31S-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-31S-R1-MB-MOB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-31S-R3-MB-PUB	S	20
Unit 32 (East of Pecos River)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-32E-B1-MB-PUB	S	25
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-32E-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-32E-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-32E-R2-MB-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-32E-R3-MB-PUB	S	15

[1] All hunters and their guests may be required to pay a $100 access fee. See page 47.

Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-32E-R1-MB-MOB	S	5
Unit 32 (West of Pecos River)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-32W-B1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-32W-R1-MB-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-32W-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-32W-R1-MB-MOB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-32W-R3-MB-PUB	S	15
Any Legal / Roswell Hunt Area Only	Dec. 1-15	PRG-32R-R1-F/IM-PUB	S	15
Unit 33				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-33-B1-MB-PUB	S	30
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-33-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-33-R1-MB-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-33-R2-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-33-R1-MB-MOB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-33-R3-MB-PUB	S	25
Units 36 & 37				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-C36-B1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C36-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C36-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C36-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C36-R1-MB-MOB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C36-R3-MB-PUB	S	15
Unit 38				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-38-B1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-38-R1-ES-YTH	S	10
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-38-R1-MB-PUB	S	15
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-38-R2-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-38-R1-MB-MOB	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-38-R3-MB-PUB	S	30
Unit 39				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-39-B1-MB-PUB	S	5

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Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-39-R1-ES-YTH	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-39-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-39-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-39-R1-MB-MOB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-39-R3-MB-PUB	S	10
Unit 40				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-40-B1-MB-PUB	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-40-R1-MB-PUB	S	10
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-40-R1-MB-MOB	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-40-R2-MB-PUB	S	10
Unit 41				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-41-B1-MB-PUB	S	28
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-41-R1-ES-YTH	S	4
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-41-R1-MB-PUB	S	24
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-41-R2-MB-PUB	S	24
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-41-R1-MB-MOB	S	4
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-41-R3-MB-PUB	S	28
Unit 42				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-42-B1-MB-PUB	S	4
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-42-R1-ES-YTH	S	8
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-42-R1-MB-PUB	S	8
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-42-R2-MB-PUB	S	8
Units 47 & 48				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-C47-B1-MB-PUB	S	8
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C47-R1-ES-YTH	S	4
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C47-R1-MB-PUB	S	20
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C47-R2-MB-PUB	S	24
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C47-R1-MB-MOB	S	4
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C47-R3-MB-PUB	S	28
Units 50 & 52				
Bow	Aug. 10-18	PRG-C50-B1-MB-PUB	S	20

Muzzle / Youth Only	Aug. 7-9	PRG-C50-M1-ES-YTH	S	40
Muzzle	Aug. 21-23	PRG-C50-M1-MB-PUB	S	20
Muzzle	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C50-M2-MB-PUB	S	40
Unit 56				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-56-B1-MB-PUB	S	40
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-56-R1-ES-YTH	S	40
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-56-R1-MB-PUB	S	4
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-56-R2-MB-PUB	S	36
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-56-R1-MB-MOB	S	4
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-56-R3-MB-PUB	S	40
Unit 57				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-57-B1-MB-PUB	S	4
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-57-R1-ES-YTH	S	4
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-57-R2-MB-PUB	S	4
Unit 58				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-58-B1-MB-PUB	S	32
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-58-R1-ES-YTH	S	16
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-58-R1-MB-PUB	S	24
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-58-R2-MB-PUB	S	24
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-58-R1-MB-MOB	S	4
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-58-R3-MB-PUB	S	32
Unit 59				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-59-B1-MB-PUB	S	40
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-59-R1-ES-YTH	S	36
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-59-R1-MB-PUB	S	4
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-59-R2-MB-PUB	S	32
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-59-R1-MB-MOB	S	8
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-59-R3-MB-PUB	S	40

Private-Land Only Pronghorn Licenses

Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program (PCRP)

The PCRP allows private landowners to apply for alternative season hunt dates as approved by NMDOW. Landowners must conduct and maintain substantial habitat improvements and/or land management practices that directly and significantly benefit pronghorn. A PCRP application and conservation management plan are required. To participate or for more information, contact NMDOW at **505-476-8038**.

Ranch-wide Agreements

Ranch-wide agreements allow private landowners to enroll their ranch's private-deeded and public-leased acres as one contiguous ranch for access by public draw hunters. Landowners are issued authorizations for pronghorn licenses valid on that property's deeded and public-leased acres. To participate or for more information, contact NMDOW at **505-476-8038**.

Over the Counter Licenses

To hunt on private land only, hunters must obtain a ranch code from a registered landowner, then purchase a Private-Land Only Pronghorn License and carcass tag—available online, by telephone, from license vendors or at NMDOW offices. All landowners who plan to allow private-land pronghorn hunting must register their ranch in person at a NMDOW office (see page 51). Private-Land Pronghorn Licenses are not valid on any public land. Please note that all OTC Private-Land Pronghorn hunt codes now have limited licenses available. Private-land pronghorn hunters must select one of the hunt codes listed below.

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Units 2, 7, 9 & 10				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-C2-B1-MB-PVT	S	3
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C2-R1-ES-YPV	S	2
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C2-R1-MB-PVT	S	5
Units 4, 50 & 52				
Bow	Aug. 10-18	PRG-C4-B1-MB-PVT	S	15
Muzzle / Youth Only	Aug. 7-9	PRG-C4-M1-ES-YPV	S	5
Muzzle	Aug. 21-23	PRG-C4-M1-MB-PVT	S	20
Muzzle	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C4-M2-MB-PVT	S	39
Units 8 & 43				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-C8-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C8-R1-MB-PVT	S	38
Unit 12				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-12-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-12-R1-ES-YPV	S	2

Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-12-R1-MB-PVT	S	13
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-12-R2-MB-MPV	S	2
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-12-R2-MB-PVT	S	13
Unit 13				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-13-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-13-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-13-R1-MB-PVT	S	7
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-13-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-13-R2-MB-PVT	S	10
Unit 14				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-14-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-14-R1-MB-PVT	S	20
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-14-R2-MB-PVT	S	13
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-14-R3-MB-PVT	S	9
Unit 15				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-15-B1-MB-PVT	S	2
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-15-R1-ES-YPV	S	2
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-15-R1-MB-PVT	S	14
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-15-R1-MB-MPV	S	2
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-15-R2-MB-PVT	S	13
Unit 16 (A, B, C, D & E)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-16-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-16-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-16-R1-MB-PVT	S	22
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-16-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-16-R2-MB-PVT	S	22
Unit 17				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-17-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-17-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-17-R1-MB-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-17-R2-MB-PVT	S	10

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	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-17-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-17-R3-MB-PVT	S	10
Unit 18				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-18-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-18-R1-MB-PVT	S	23
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-18-R2-MB-PVT	S	23
Unit 20				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-20-B1-MB-PVT	S	1
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-20-R1-ES-YPV	S	1
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-20-R1-MB-PVT	S	4
Units 21 & 24				
Bow	Sept. 11-19	PRG-C21-B1-MB-PVT	S	2
Any Legal / Youth Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C21-R1-ES-YPV	S	2
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C21-R1-MB-PVT	S	4
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C21-R2-MB-PVT	S	3
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C21-R1-MB-MPV	S	2
Any Legal	Oct. 9-11	PRG-C21-R3-MB-PVT	S	4
Units 22 & 23				
Bow	Sept. 11-19	PRG-C22-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C22-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C22-R1-MB-PVT	S	12
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C22-R2-MB-PVT	S	11
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C22-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Units 25, 26 & 27				
Bow	Sept. 11-19	PRG-C25-B1-MB-PVT	S	3
Any Legal / Youth Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C25-R1-ES-YPV	S	3
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C25-R1-MB-PVT	S	10
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C25-R2-MB-PVT	S	9
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C25-R1-MB-MPV	S	3
Unit 29				
Muzzle / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-29-M1-ES-YPV	S	2

Muzzle	Aug. 28-30	PRG-29-M1-MB-PVT	S	5
Muzzle	Sept. 25-27	PRG-29-M2-MB-PVT	S	5
Unit 30				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-30-B1-MB-PVT	S	2
Unit 31 (North of US Highway 380)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-31N-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-31N-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-31N-R1-MB-PVT	S	49
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-31N-R2-MB-PVT	S	43
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-31N-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-31N-R3-MB-PVT	S	43
Unit 31 (South of US Highway 380)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-31S-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-31S-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-31S-R1-MB-PVT	S	34
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-31S-R2-MB-PVT	S	33
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-31S-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-31S-R3-MB-PVT	S	33
Unit 32 (East of Pecos River)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-32E-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-32E-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-32E-R1-MB-PVT	S	45
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-32E-R2-MB-PVT	S	38
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-32E-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-32E-R3-MB-PVT	S	38
Unit 32 (West of Pecos River)				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-32W-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-32W-R1-MB-PVT	S	60
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-32W-R2-MB-PVT	S	59
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-32W-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-32W-R3-MB-PVT	S	59

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	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Any Legal / Roswell Hunt Area Only	Dec. 1-15	PRG-32R-R1-F/IM-PVT	S	13
Unit 33				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-33-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-33-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-33-R1-MB-PVT	S	26
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-33-R2-MB-PVT	S	26
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-33-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-33-R3-MB-PVT	S	25
Units 36 & 37				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-C36-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C36-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-C36-R1-MB-PVT	S	12
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C36-R2-MB-PVT	S	12
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-C36-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-C36-R3-MB-PVT	S	10
Unit 38				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-38-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-38-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-38-R1-MB-PVT	S	67
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-38-R2-MB-PVT	S	56
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-38-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-38-R3-MB-PVT	S	56
Unit 39				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-39-B1-MB-PVT	S	15
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-39-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-39-R1-MB-PVT	S	75
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-39-R2-MB-PVT	S	54
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-39-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-39-R3-MB-PVT	S	54
Unit 40				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-40-B1-MB-PVT	S	10

Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-40-R1-MB-PVT	S	174
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-40-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-40-R2-MB-PVT	S	173
Unit 41				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-41-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-41-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-41-R1-MB-PVT	S	76
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-41-R2-MB-PVT	S	44
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-41-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-41-R3-MB-PVT	S	44
Unit 42				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-42-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-42-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-42-R1-MB-PVT	S	21
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-42-R2-MB-PVT	S	21
Unit 46				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-46-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-46-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-46-R1-MB-PVT	S	18
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-46-R2-MB-PVT	S	13
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-46-R3-MB-PVT	S	13
Unit 47				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-47-B1-MB-PVT	S	3
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-47-R1-ES-YPV	S	3
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-47-R1-MB-PVT	S	20
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-47-R2-MB-PVT	S	18
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-47-R1-MB-MPV	S	3
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-47-R3-MB-PVT	S	15
Unit 48				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-48-B1-MB-PVT	S	3
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-48-R1-ES-YPV	S	2
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-48-R1-MB-PVT	S	8

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Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-48-R2-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-48-R1-MB-MPV	S	2
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-48-R3-MB-PVT	S	5
Unit 54				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-54-B1-MB-PVT	S	2
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-54-R1-ES-YPV	S	2
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-54-R1-MB-PVT	S	2
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-54-R2-MB-PVT	S	2
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-54-R3-MB-PVT	S	2
Unit 55				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-55-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-55-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-55-R1-MB-PVT	S	15
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-55-R2-MB-PVT	S	8
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-55-R3-MB-PVT	S	6
Unit 56				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-56-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-56-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-56-R1-MB-PVT	S	182
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-56-R2-MB-PVT	S	84
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-56-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-56-R3-MB-PVT	S	36
Unit 57				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-57-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-57-R1-ES-YPV	S	22
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-57-R1-MB-PVT	S	5
Unit 58				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-58-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-58-R1-ES-YPV	S	5
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-58-R1-MB-PVT	S	65
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-58-R2-MB-PVT	S	50
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-58-R1-MB-MPV	S	5

Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-58-R3-MB-PVT	S	50
Unit 59				
Bow	Aug. 14-22	PRG-59-B1-MB-PVT	S	5
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 28-30	PRG-59-R1-ES-YPV	S	10
Any Legal	Aug. 28-30	PRG-59-R1-MB-PVT	S	89
Any Legal	Sept. 25-27	PRG-59-R2-MB-PVT	S	67
Any Legal / Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 25-27	PRG-59-R1-MB-MPV	S	5
Any Legal	Oct. 2-4	PRG-59-R3-MB-PVT	S	67

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General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- All Bighorn Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Bighorn Sheep Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 47).
- Mobility-impaired Hunts (see pages 19–20).
- Youth-Only Hunts (see page 19).
- Bag Limit (see glossary, page 165).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).

Draw Licenses for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep

The deadline to apply for Bighorn Sheep Draw Licenses is March 17, 2027. Only one hunter may apply per application. Successful applicants will be mailed a bighorn sheep license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Hunters are eligible to draw one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram license and one desert bighorn sheep ram license in a lifetime. A person who has held a license to hunt a desert bighorn sheep ram may apply for a draw license to hunt a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram and vice versa.

Youth hunters (17 years or younger on the first day of the hunt) are eligible to draw one youth-only Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram license and one youth-only desert bighorn sheep ram license.

Hunters may apply for up to three bighorn sheep (BHS) hunt codes in the same license year. Hunters applying for both desert and Rocky Mountain bighorn must do so on the same application.

Bighorn Sheep Ram Heads Must Have a Seal

All bighorn sheep rams taken in New Mexico must have a seal inserted in one horn by NMDOW. Sealing must occur within 10 days of harvest or prior to leaving New Mexico, whichever occurs first. Bighorn sheep heads may not be possessed without a receipt from NMDOW. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field must remain where found. Bighorn sheep heads brought into New Mexico must be sealed by NMDOW within 10 days of entry into the state (NMDOW will seal unsealed out-of-state heads only if origin can be verified). Bighorn sheep legally harvested and sealed by another jurisdiction (state, tribal entity or country) do not have to be resealed by NMDOW.

Application Procedure for Bighorn Sheep (BHS) Hunts

Hunts are divided into four BHS hunt codes (BHS-RM-R-RAM-PUB, BHS-RM-R-EWE-PUB, BHS-RM-B-EWE-PUB and BHS-D-R-RAM-PUB). Applicants may choose up to three hunt codes.

Hunt Areas and Hunt Dates: Each BHS hunt code lists the available hunt areas and hunt dates for that hunt code. For each BHS hunt code chosen, applicants may select up to three hunt areas and hunt dates for that hunt code.

Bighorn Sheep

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Rocky Mountain Bighorn Ram: Hunt Code BHS-RM-R-RAM-PUB: Big-Game Sporting Arms			
HUNT AREA	**HUNT DATES**	**LICENSES**	**BAG LIMIT**
GMUs 6A and 6C (Jemez)	Aug. 10-24	2	Ram
GMUs 6A and 6C (Jemez)	Sept. 1-15	2	Ram
GMUs 14 and 18 (Manzanos)[1]	Oct. 1-15	1	Ram
GMUs 16B, 22, 23, 24 (San Francisco River / Turkey Creek)	Jan. 1-31, '28	TBD	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Aug. 6-15	5	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Aug. 20-29	4	Ram
GMU 45 (Pecos) – Youth Only	Aug. 20-29	1	Ram
GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak) [2]	Aug. 6-15	1	Ram
GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak) [2]	Sept. 1-10	1	Ram
GMUs 53 and 55 (Latirs)[3]	Aug. 6-15	1	Ram
GMUs 49, 50 and 53 (Rio Grande Gorge) [4, 5]	Aug. 10-24	TBD	Ram
GMUs 49, 50 and 53 (Rio Grande Gorge) [4, 5]	Sept. 1-15	TBD	Ram
GMUs 49, 50 and 53 (Rio Grande Gorge) [4, 5]	Nov. 1-15	TBD	Ram
GMU 55 (Culebras) [6]	Aug. 15-Jan. 15, '28	1	Ram
GMU 58 (Dry Cimarron) [7]	Aug. 15-Jan. 15, '28	TBD	Ram

[1] Hunt will most likely occur on private land. If considering this hunt, it is advised to contact the NMDOW Wildlife Management Division: **505-476-8038** before applying.
[2] GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522.
[3] GMU 53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522, and GMU 55 south of NM 196 / FS Rd. 1950.
[4] Excludes the portion of GMU 53 east of NM 522.
[5] Some portions of BLM land are closed to hunting (page 47).
[6] GMU 55 north of 196/ FS Rd 1950.
[7] Herds in GMU 58 often are dispersed, and rams may not be present year-round. Hunters should be prepared to hunt when rams are present. The dates for this hunt are extended as a result. Hunt will most likely occur on private land. If considering this hunt, it is advised to contact the NMDOW Wildlife Management Division: **505-476-8038** before applying.

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Ewe: Hunt Code BHS-RM-R-EWE-PUB: Big-Game Sporting Arms			
HUNT AREA	**HUNT DATES**	**LICENSES**	**BAG LIMIT**
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Sept. 18-22	10	Ewe
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Oct. 2-6	8	Ewe
GMU 45 (Pecos) / Youth Only	Oct. 2-6	2	Ewe

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Ewe: Hunt Code BHS-RM-B-EWE-PUB: Bow Only			
HUNT AREA	**HUNT DATES**	**LICENSES**	**BAG LIMIT**
GMU 45 (Pecos)	Sept. 3-12	10	Ewe

Desert Bighorn Ram: Hunt Code BHS-D-R-RAM-PUB: Big-Game Sporting Arms			
HUNT AREA	**HUNT DATES**	**LICENSES**	**BAG LIMIT**
GMUs 13 & 17 (Ladrones)	Dec. 1-15	2	Ram
GMUs 13 & 17 (Ladrones)	Dec. 16-31	2	Ram
GMU 19 (San Andres) [1]	Dec. 14-21	2	Ram
GMU 19 (San Andres) [1]	Dec. 27-Jan. 3 '28	2	Ram
GMU 20 South (Caballos) [2]	Nov. 16-30	TBD	Ram
GMU 20 South (Caballos) [2]	Dec. 1-15	TBD	Ram
GMU 20 North (Fra Cristobal) [3]	Aug. 20-29	1	Ram
GMU 20 North (Fra Cristobal) / Youth Only [3]	Nov. 19-28	1	Ram
GMU 26 (Little Hatchets)[4]	Dec. 1-15	2	Ram
GMU 26 (Little Hatchets)[4]	Dec. 16-31	1	Ram
GMU 26 (Big Hatchets) [5]	Dec. 1-15	2	Ram
GMU 26 (Big Hatchets) [5]	Dec. 16-31	2	Ram
GMU 27 (Peloncillos)	Nov. 16-30	1	Ram
GMU 34 (Sacramentos)	Dec. 1-15	1	Ram

[1] Access through the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) is required for this hunt. In addition to the bighorn sheep license fees, validation and stamp fees, WSMR charges a $160 per hunter access fee; 50% military discount applies. Successful applicants will receive an instruction email from WSMR detailing payment of the fee, including payment deadline. Hunters should anticipate the most opportune times to hunt during the 8-day hunt period will be on weekends, non-duty days and holidays. Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts.

[2] GMU 20 south of NM 51.

[3] GMU 20 north of NM 51. Hunts occur on private land only. Landowner may place restrictions on these hunts. For information contact the Armendaris Ranch at: **armendarisranch@retranches.com** or **575-894-6782.**

[4] GMU 26 west of NM 81.

[5] GMU 26 east of NM 81.

Ibex

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- All Ibex Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Ibex Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 31).
- Youth-Only Hunts (see page 19).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).

Ibex Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for ibex draw licenses is March 17, 2027. Up to two hunters may apply per application.

Any valid Ibex Draw License can be used for the year-round IBX-OTC-R1-ES-PUB hunt. Successful applicants will be mailed an ibex draw license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Licenses for the IBX-25-R1-ES-PUB any legal sporting arm hunt are once-in-a-lifetime. A hunter may apply for this once-in-a-lifetime ibex draw license if she/he has not previously held an ibex once-in-a-lifetime license. Licenses for IBX-25-R1-ES-YTH are once-in-a-youth. A youth hunter may apply for this once-in-a-youth draw license if she/he has not previously held a ibex youth license.

Cougar Hunting in Unit 25, Florida Mountains Hunt Area

Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida Mountains hunt area during any ibex season, except by licensed ibex hunters who also possess a cougar license. Cougar hunters are restricted to the sporting-arm type and season dates specified on their ibex license.

Bag Limit (see glossary, page 166)

F–IM	Any female ibex, or a male ibex with horns less than 20 inches long.
ES	Either sex (any one ibex).

Over-the-Counter License

The purpose of this hunt is to prevent ibex populations from establishing outside of the Florida Mountains. If the physical tag is chosen and an ibex is killed, the hunter must visit the NMDOW Las Cruces office to receive an additional carcass tag prior to hunting another ibex. If the E-Tag option is chosen, the hunter may kill up to three ibex with the NM E-Tag app. **Do not hunt without a valid carcass tag**.

If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain a tag at a license vendor or NMDOW office. Please note: ibex draw applicants may not purchase the OTC license before the draw results are released.

Ibex

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

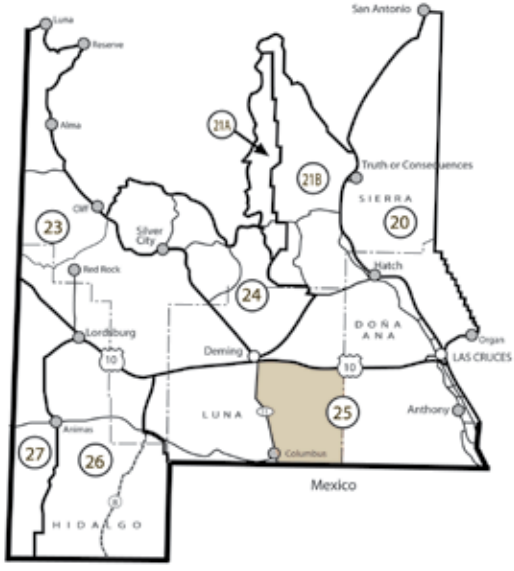
Ibex Draw Licenses

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 25 (Florida Mountains)				
Bow	Oct. 1-15	IBX-25-B1-ES-PUB	S	TBD
Bow	Jan. 15-29, '28	IBX-25-B2-ES-PUB	S	TBD
Muzzle	Feb. 19-23, '28	IBX-25-M1-ES-PUB	S	TBD
Any Legal / Once-in-a-Lifetime	Nov. 15-29	IBX-25-R1-ES-PUB	S	TBD
Any Legal	Dec. 11-15	IBX-25-R1-F/IM-PUB	S	TBD
Any Legal / Once-in-a-Youth	Dec. 27 - Jan. 10, '28	IBX-25-R1-ES-YTH	S	TBD
Any Legal	Feb. 5-9, '28	IBX-25-R2-F/IM-PUB	S	TBD
Over-the-Counter: Statewide (off-Florida Mountains)*				
Any Legal / Statewide, off-mountain, over-the-counter	April 1 - March 31, '28	IBX-OTC-R1-ES-PUB	S	Unlimited

*Finding and harvesting an ibex with an over-the-counter license is a challenging experience due to low population numbers.

Florida Mountains Hunt Area

Portion of Unit 25 (shaded): bounded by Interstate 10 on the north; the U.S./Mexico border on the south; N.M. Hwy. 11 on the west; and the Doña Ana/Luna County line on the east.



Barbary Sheep

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- Ranch Registration Required for Landowners (page 51).
- All Barbary Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Barbary Sheep Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 47).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).

Barbary Sheep Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for Barbary sheep draw licenses is March 17, 2027. Up to four hunters may apply per application.

Successful applicants will be mailed a Barbary Sheep License/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes the hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Bag Limit

ES	Either sex (any one Barbary sheep).
F–IM	Any female Barbary sheep, or a male Barbary sheep with horns less than 18 inches long. **See page 166**.

All public draw Barbary sheep licenses (with the exception of McGregor Range license holders who are stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas and have paid the resident fees) shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas with any big-game sporting arm.

Barbary Sheep Draw Hunts

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 28 McGregor Range Portion of Ft. Bliss[1]				
Any Legal	Dec. 11-15	BBY-28-R1-ES-PUB	S	20
Any Legal / Military Only	Dec. 11-15	BBY-28-R1-ES-MIL	S	20
Any Legal	Jan. 1-31, '28	BBY-28-R2-F/IM-PUB	S	45
Any Legal / Military Only	Feb. 1-29, '28	BBY-28-R2-F/IM-MIL	S	45
Any Legal	March 1-31, '28	BBY-28-R3-F/IM-PUB	S	30
Any Legal / Military Only	March 1-31, '28	BBY-28-R3-F/IM-MIL	S	30
Units 29				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	BBY-29-B1-ES-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Oct. 10-16	BBY-29-R1-ES-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Dec. 4-10	BBY-29-R2-ES-PUB	S	25

[1] All hunters and their guests may be required to pay a $100 access fee. See page 47.

Barbary Sheep

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

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Any Legal	Dec. 15-21	BBY-29-R3-ES-PUB	S	25
Any Legal	Jan. 20-26, '28	BBY-29-R4-ES-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Feb. 1-7, '28	BBY-29-R5-ES-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Feb. 12-18, '28	BBY-29-R6-ES-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Feb. 21-27, '28	BBY-29-R7-ES-PUB	S	75
Unit 30				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	BBY-30-B1-ES-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Oct. 10-16	BBY-30-R1-ES-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Dec. 4-10	BBY-30-R2-ES-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Dec. 15-21	BBY-30-R3-ES-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Jan. 20-26, '28	BBY-30-R4-ES-PUB	S	125
Any Legal	Feb. 1-7, '28	BBY-30-R5-ES-PUB	S	125
Any Legal	Feb. 12-18, '28	BBY-30-R6-ES-PUB	S	125
Any Legal	Feb. 21-27, '28	BBY-30-R7-ES-PUB	S	125
Units 32, 36 & 37				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28	BBY-C32-B1-ES-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Oct. 10-16	BBY-C32-R1-ES-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Dec. 4-10	BBY-C32-R2-ES-PUB	S	50
Any Legal	Dec. 15-21	BBY-C32-R3-ES-PUB	S	75
Any Legal	Jan. 20-26, '28	BBY-C32-R4-ES-PUB	S	150
Any Legal	Feb. 1-7, '28	BBY-C32-R5-ES-PUB	S	150
Any Legal	Feb. 12-18, '28	BBY-C32-R6-ES-PUB	S	150
Any Legal	Feb. 21-27, '28	BBY-C32-R7-ES-PUB	S	150

Over-the-Counter Licenses

Over-the-Counter Barbary Sheep Licenses for public and private lands are available at license vendors, NMDOW offices, online: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov** or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**. If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDOW office. Please note: Barbary sheep draw applicants may not purchase the OTC license before the draw results are released.

Private-Land Only Barbary Sheep Licenses

To hunt on private land only, hunters must obtain a ranch code from a registered landowner then purchase a Private-Land Only Barbary Sheep License and Tag—available at NMDOW offices, license vendors, online and by telephone. When obtaining a Private-Land Only Barbary Sheep License, the hunter must select a hunt code corresponding with a public-land draw hunt code for the unit(s), bag limit, sporting-arm type(s) and season date. Written permission from the landowner is required while hunting.

Over-the-Counter (Statewide except on WMAs during closures, WSMR, Fort Bliss portion of GMU 19, and the draw areas of GMUs 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, and 37)				
Any Legal / Statewide, restrictions listed above	April 1, '27 / March 31, '28	BBY-OTC-R1-ES-PUB	S	Unlimited

Barbary sheep hunters in GMU 34 should be aware that bighorn sheep may be present.

BIGHORN SHEEP VS. BARBARY SHEEP

It is illegal to kill a bighorn sheep with a Barbary sheep hunting license. Likewise, it is illegal to kill a Barbary sheep with a bighorn sheep license. Know the difference!

For more information, examples and a quiz, visit the Wild Sheep Foundation at wildsheepfoundation.org/field-identification-desert-bighorn-aoudad



CHECK AGAIN!



NMDOW and Wild Sheep Foundation photos

Oryx

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- Ranch Registration Required for Landowners (page 51).
- All Oryx Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Oryx Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 47).
- Mobility-impaired Hunts (see pages 19–20).
- Youth-Only Hunts (see page 19).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).

Oryx Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for oryx draw licenses is March 17, 2027. Up to two hunters may apply per application. The majority of these hunts occur on the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). Successful applicants will be mailed an oryx license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

All once-in-a-lifetime, broken-horn and youth-only oryx hunts are three-day hunts. Friday will be primarily for checking into WSMR. If no military missions are scheduled, hunting may be allowed on Friday afternoons after check-in. Additional information concerning Friday opportunities will be emailed to each license holder. WSMR will charge a $185 per hunter access fee and Ft. Bliss may charge a $100 access fee for each hunter and guest; 50% military discount applies. Successful WSMR applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for fee payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the specified deadline. Military authorities may delay, shorten or cancel hunts.

Bag Limit

ES	Either sex (any one oryx).
BHO	Any broken-horn oryx (missing a minimum of 25% of one horn).

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security

Hunters who successfully draw a WSMR hunt, and their guests, must first complete a security-background check to be allowed on WSMR. Security-background registration forms will be emailed in advance to all successful license holders prior to the hunt. All hunters and guests must have completed forms approved prior to being allowed access to WSMR. Vehicles entering WSMR are subject to search by WSMR security officers.

WSMR bans all alcoholic beverages, camcorders, radar detectors and concealed weapons. Discovery of banned items and/or failure to comply with WSMR requirements or other laws and regulation can result in revocation of hunting privileges on WSMR. If escorted off WSMR, license fees are nonrefundable.

Special Restrictions

- For eligibility questions call: **1-888-248-6866**.
- White Sands Missile Range Hunter Education Requirement: All hunters, regardless of age, on white Sands Missile Range (WSMR) in GMU 19 are required to have proof of passing a state-certified Hunter Education course. Mentor-youth hunters are not eligible.
- All WSMR draw oryx hunts with an either-sex bag limit are once-in-a-lifetime hunts and **may not be applied for if previously held**.
- Successful applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for check-in and check-out at WSMR. A hunt-area map will be provided at check-in to identify closed areas where no hunting will be allowed. WSMR applicants should ensure that the email and phone number are correct in their NMDOW account.
- No more than three guests may accompany each licensed hunter to assist in cleaning and loading a downed oryx. **Only U.S. citizens** may be guests of permitted hunters, unless the guest(s) of an approved foreign-national hunter with an official escort. No additional help for cleaning and loading will be available. Guests may not help the licensed hunter kill the oryx.
- Foreign nationals may apply for once-in-a-lifetime hunts; if drawn they must be escorted at all times by an authorized WSMR official while on WSMR.
- Blaze-orange clothing: Hunters and their guests must wear at least 144 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on WSMR.

Outfitted Hunts: WSMR allows use of outfitters and guides for oryx once-in-a-lifetime, broken-horn, youth-only and mobility-impaired hunts only. Only those outfitters and guides registered with WSMR **in advance of the hunt** will be allowed to operate on the range. **Outfitters and guides are not authorized for population-management hunts.** It is the hunter's responsibility to verify that an outfitter or guide is in compliance with WMSR policies. For further information about registration requirements contact WSMR at: **575-678-7909** or **575-678-2225.**

Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 19 White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) – Once-in-a-Lifetime				
Rhodes Canyon	Sept. 17-19	ORX-19W-R1-ES-PUB	S	70
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 15-17	ORX-19W-R2-ES-PUB	S	70
Stallion Range	Oct. 29-31	ORX-19W-R3-ES-PUB	S	70
Stallion Range	Jan. 7-9, '28	ORX-19W-R4-ES-PUB	S	70
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 21-23, '28	ORX-19W-R5-ES-PUB	S	70
Stallion Range	Feb. 4-6, '28	ORX-19W-R6-ES-PUB	S	70
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 18-20, '28	ORX-19W-R7-ES-PUB	S	70
Stallion Range	March 3-5, '28	ORX-19W-R8-ES-PUB	S	70
Rhodes Canyon	March 17-19, '28	ORX-19W-R9-ES-PUB	S	70
Stallion Range / Mobility Impaired	Oct. 1-3	ORX-19W-R1-ES-MOB	S	20

Oryx

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Resident Veteran Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt

This hunt has been established for New Mexico resident veterans. No more than two people may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 17, 2027. **Proof of Military Service Required:** Applicants must provide their DD-214 demonstrating honorable discharge to verify eligibility prior to application, unless they have a resident Disabled Veteran card issued by the Department.
The DD-214 can be emailed: **special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov**, faxed: **505-476-8180**, or mailed to: NMDOW, Special Hunts Office, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 19 White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) – Resident Veterans Only				
Rhodes Canyon / veteran	Nov. 12-14	ORX-19W-R3-ES-VET	S	75
Resident veteran hunters who have held a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license may not apply.				
Unit 19 WSMR - Youth-only Hunt (This is a Once-in-a-Youth Hunt)				
Stallion Range / Youth Only	Oct. 1-3	ORX-19W-R1-ES-YTH	S	40
Unit 19 WSMR - Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts[1]				
Rhodes Canyon	Sept. 17-19	ORX-19W-R1-BHO-PUB	S	15
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 15-17	ORX-19W-R2-BHO-PUB	S	15
Stallion Range	Oct. 29-31	ORX-19W-R3-BHO-PUB	S	15
Stallion Range	Jan. 7-9, ‘28	ORX-19W-R4-BHO-PUB	S	15
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 21-23, ‘28	ORX-19W-R5-BHO-PUB	S	15
Stallion Range	Feb. 4-6, ‘28	ORX-19W-R6-BHO-PUB	S	15
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 18-20, ‘28	ORX-19W-R7-BHO-PUB	S	15
Stallion Range	March 3-5, ‘28	ORX-19W-R8-BHO-PUB	S	15
Rhodes Canyon	March 17-19, ‘28	ORX-19W-R9-BHO-PUB	S	15

[1] Hunters who have held a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license may apply for a broken-horn oryx hunt.



McGregor Range Portion of Ft. Bliss Hunts

(These **are not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss. All hunters may apply for ORX-28-R1-ES-PUB and ORX-28-R2-ES-PUB. Applicants for military-only hunts must submit proof of current active-duty status prior to application each year. Veterans, reservists and military contractors are not eligible for military-only hunts. Fort Bliss may charge a $100 per person access fee for all hunters and their guests. See page 47 for more information.

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 28 (McGregor Range)				
Any Legal	Dec. 18-19	ORX-28-R1-ES-PUB	S	25
Any Legal / Military Only	Dec. 18-19	ORX-28-R1-ES-MIL	S	25
Any Legal	Jan. 15-17, '28	ORX-28-R2-ES-PUB	S	25
Any Legal / Military Only	Jan. 15-17, '28	ORX-28-R2-ES-MIL	S	25

Off-Range Hunts (These **are not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts)

Open Areas: Lands administered by the Forest Service, BLM, State Trust Land and private property with written permission. **Closed Areas:** McGregor Range Portion of Ft. Bliss (GMU 28), Ft. Bliss in GMU 19, White Sands Missile Range, Jornada Experimental Range, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Holloman Air Force Base and other lands closed to hunting.

Statewide / Off-range				
Any Legal	June 1-30	ORX-STW-R1-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	June 1-30	ORX-STW-R1-ES-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	July 1-31	ORX-STW-R2-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	July 1-31	ORX-STW-R2-ES-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	Aug. 1-31	ORX-STW-R3-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	Aug. 1-31	ORX-STW-R3-ES-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	Sept. 1-30	ORX-STW-R4-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	Sept. 1-30	ORX-STW-R4-ES-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	Oct. 1-31	ORX-STW-R5-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 1-31	ORX-STW-R5-ES-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	Nov. 1-30	ORX-STW-R6-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 1-30	ORX-STW-R6-ES-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	Dec. 1-31	ORX-STW-R7-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	Dec. 1-31	ORX-STW-R7-ES-YTH	S	25

Oryx

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	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Any Legal	Jan. 1-31, '28	ORX-STW-R8-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	Jan. 1-31, '28	ORX-STW-R8-ES-YTH	S	25
Any Legal	Feb. 1-29, '28	ORX-STW-R9-ES-PUB	S	110
Any Legal / Youth Only	Feb. 1-29, '28	ORX-STW-R9-ES-YTH	S	30
Any Legal	March 1-31, '28	ORX-STW-R10-ES-PUB	S	101
Any Legal / Youth Only	March 1-31, '28	ORX-STW-R10-ES-YTH	S	25

Population Management Hunts (These **are not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Oryx population management hunts may occur off WSMR or be restricted to WSMR only.

Off WSMR (excluding WSMR and Ft. Bliss): Applicants should choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying, and leave all other options blank.
WSMR only: To be eligible for population management oryx hunts on WSMR, applicants must choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying for draw hunts and must enter an authorization code from an approved 2027 WSMR security sponsor. Sponsors must apply for and be approved for a WSMR security-sponsor permit by Feb. 15, 2027. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR population management hunts.
Do not select any WSMR options unless you have a valid hunt authorization code. Hunters unaccompanied by a sponsor will be denied access to the hunt.

Private-Land Hunts

(These **are not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts)
Private-Land Oryx Licenses must be purchased at least one day prior to hunting and are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must obtain a ranch code from a registered landowner, then purchase a Private-Land Oryx License. Written permission is also required. Private-Land Oryx Licenses must correspond to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements/restrictions, sporting-arm type and bag limits listed for the statewide, off-range hunts listed on page 127. Statewide private-land, off-range licenses are also available for April (ORX-STW-R1-ES-PVT) and May (ORX-STW-R2-ES-PVT). Licenses are available at NMDOW offices and license vendors, online: **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us/**, or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. Please note: Oryx draw applicants may not purchase a Private-Land License before the draw results are released.



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Turkey

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- All Turkey Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Turkey Hunting (shotguns, bows or crossbows, see page 31).
- Youth-Only Hunts (see page 19).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).
- **It is illegal to shoot a turkey on a roost**.

Turkey Draw Permits

The deadline to apply for turkey draw permits is Feb. 10, 2027. Up to two hunters may apply per application. Successful applicants must purchase an over-the-counter Spring Turkey License to validate their draw permit. Licenses may be purchased online at **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us**, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**, or in person at NMDOW offices or from license vendors. Turkey licenses must be purchased at least one day before hunting. Draw hunt areas are open only during the dates listed on the permit.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Hunts

OTC turkey licenses are available for Spring and Fall seasons at NMDOW offices, license vendors, online or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**.

Spring OTC Turkey Hunts:

Areas Open for Spring OTC License Hunts: April 15–May 15

STATEWIDE: Except the following **CLOSED AREAS:** Unit 2A (areas east of U.S. Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173); Unit 2B (areas in the Carson National Forest), Unit 2C (areas in the Carson National Forest); Units 6B, 8, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31; Bernardo WMA, Jackson Lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Marquez/LBar WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, Valle Vidal and W.S. Huey WMA.

Youth-Only Spring OTC License Hunt: April 9-11

An early youth-only turkey hunt is available April 9-11 in all open units for spring hunting. Draw-permit areas are not open for youth-only spring OTC license holders.

Bag Limit for Spring Season

The bag limit is two bearded turkeys in all Spring OTC areas, and one bearded turkey in Draw Permit areas (except for TUR-8-S1-BT-PUB, where the limit is two bearded turkeys). Turkey draw permit holders may kill only the number of turkeys authorized on their permit in the permitted area. If only one turkey is allowed, they may hunt in any open over-the-counter area during the spring season for a second turkey. The beard and a patch of feathers surrounding the beard must remain on the bird until it is delivered to the place where it will be eaten or placed in final storage.

Turkey

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

Turkey Draw Permit Seasons (Purchase of OTC Turkey License Required)

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 2A (Areas east of Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173)				
Any Legal / Youth Only	April 15 - May 15	TUR-2A-S1-BT-YTH	S	5
Units 2B & 2C (Carson National Forest)				
Any Legal	April 15 - May 15	TUR-C2B-S1-BT-PUB	S	115
Any Legal / Youth Only	April 15 - May 15	TUR-C2B-S1-BT-YTH	S	50
Unit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve)[1]				
Any Legal	April 15-30	TUR-6B-S1-BT-PUB	S	20
Unit 8[2]				
Any Legal	April 15 - May 15	TUR-8-S1-BT-PUB	S	20
Unit 9 (Marquez / LBar WMA)				
Any Legal / NM Resident Only	April 15 - May 15	TUR-9L-S1-BT-PUB	S	15
Units 26 & 27 (Gould's Turkey)				
Any Legal / Once-in-a-lifetime	May 1-30	TUR-C26-S1-BT-PUB	S	4
Unit 55 (Valle Vidal)[3]				
Any Legal	April 15 - May 15	TUR 55-S1-BT-PUB	S	20

[1]Hunter orientation required.
[2]Bow and crossbow only in Sandia Ranger District.
[3]The West side of the Valle Vidal is open April 15-30, and the East side is open April 15-May 15.

Fall OTC Turkey Hunts:

Sept. 1–30 (bow only) and **Nov. 1–30** (shotgun, bow or crossbow)
STATEWIDE: Except the closed areas listed below.
CLOSED: Unit 2A (areas east of U.S. Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173); Unit 2B (areas in the Carson National Forest); Unit 2C (areas in the Carson National Forest); Units 6B, 8, 14, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 38, 49, 50, 53; Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Edward Sargent WMA, Jackson Lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez/LBar WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, Rio Chama WMA, Sugarite Canyon State Park, Valle Vidal and W.S. Huey WMA.

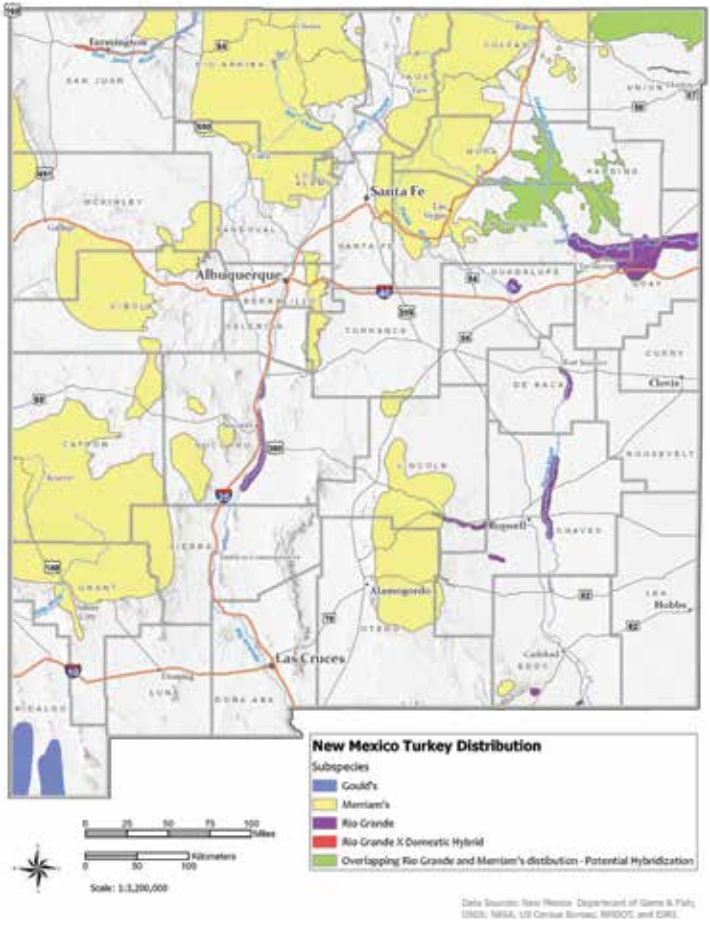
Bag Limit for Fall Season

The bag limit is any one turkey. If a hunter does not harvest a turkey during the September bow-only hunt, she/he may hunt again in November using legal sporting arms for turkey.

2027 Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Suspended

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is currently evaluating its capacity to conduct youth spring turkey hunts for hunters 17 years of age and younger. If hunts are held, they will occur during April and May 2027 in conjunction with New Mexico Department of Wildlife (NMDOW) seasons. More information will be available in February 2027 at **https://www.fws.gov/refuge/bosque-del-apache**.

New Mexico Turkey Distribution



Javelina

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

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- All Javelina Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Javelina Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 47).
- Youth-Only Hunts (see page 19).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).

Javelina Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for javelina draw licenses is March 17, 2027. Up to four hunters may apply per application. Successful applicants will be mailed a Javelina License/Tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

OTC Licenses: Licenses and tags are available at NMDOW offices, license vendors, online and by telephone.

WMAs open to javelina hunting: Heart Bar, Double E, River Ranch Socorro-Escondida, Red Rock (outside of the high-fence bighorn sheep enclosure only), Sandhills Prairie Conservation Area, and Prairie-Chicken WMAs including Black Hills (East and West), Claudell, Crossroads 1–5, Gallina Wells (1, 1A, 1B and 2–6), Liberty, Marshall, Milnesand, Bluitt (North, South and East), Wayside, Antelope Flats, Bledsoe, Little Dipper, Pitchfork and Ranger Lake.

JAV-OTC-B1-ES-PUB and JAV-OTC-R1-ES-PUB Hunts: Javelina will be in small, isolated groups.

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Over-the-Counter Statewide (excluding GMUs 19, 23-28)				
Bow / Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	Jan. 1-31, '28	JAV-OTC-B1-ES-PUB	S	360
Any Legal / Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	Feb. 1 - March 31, '28	JAV-OTC-R1-ES-PUB	S	1300
Draw Hunts				
Bow / Statewide, except GMU 28	Jan. 1-31, '28	JAV-STW-B1-ES-PUB	S	330
Any Legal / Statewide except GMU 28 / Youth Only	Feb. 1 - March 31, '28	JAV-STW-R1-ES-YTH	S	180
Any Legal - Statewide, except GMU 28	Feb. 1 - March 31, '28	JAV-STW-R1-ES-PUB	S	1100

Bear

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- All Bear Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Bear Hunting (see page 31).
- Youth-Only Hunts (see page 19).
- Bear licenses must be purchased at least one calendar day prior to hunting (see page 12).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).

Restrictions and Requirements

Bag Limit: The bag limit is one bear. No cub younger than one year old or any female accompanied by a cub(s) may be taken.

Closed Areas: Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook, and unit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve).

Electronic Calls: Electronic calls are allowed for bear hunting.

Bear Management Zones and Harvest Limits (map, page 137): New Mexico is divided into Bear Management Zones, enabling NMDOW to better manage regional bear populations. Each zone has two harvest limits: 1) the total number of bears that may be harvested (total limit); and 2) the number of female bears that may be harvested (female limit). Harvest limits for each Bear Management Zone are listed in the table on pages 134-135. Bear management zones close when harvests reach 90% of the total limit, 90% of the female limit, or when the season has ended—whichever occurs first.

Bow Only: Sandia Ranger District in Zones 8 and 14, and the draw hunt in Sugarite Canyon State Park.

Zone Closure: Before hunting, hunters must verify their preferred zone is still open. Check online: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/bear/** or call: **1-877-950-5466.**

Pelt Tags Required: Harvested bears must be both carcass tagged and pelt tagged. The carcass tag must be properly notched and attached immediately after the animal is harvested. The hunter must present the carcass tag, skull and hide for pelt tagging to any conservation officer or any NMDOW office **within five days** of killing the bear before the pelt can be frozen, processed, tanned or salted by a taxidermist or before transporting the hide outside New Mexico, whichever occurs first. **Hunters who appoint a designee to transport the harvested bear for pelt tagging are required to contact a conservation officer prior to pelt tagging to receive a designee code.** Hunters or their designees are required to present the **unfrozen skull of any bear killed with the mouth fixed open** for removal of a premolar tooth. Hunters or their designee must provide all required information at the time of pelt tagging including, but not limited to: sex of the animal and date and location of harvest. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Improperly tagged hides will be seized by NMDOW.

Proof of Sex: The testicles, penis and/or baculum of a male, or the vulva of a female, must remain naturally attached to the hide and be visible to the NMDOW tagging official. NMDOW will pelt tag a harvested bear only if proof of sex is attached to the hide and readily visible to the tagging official. Bears presented to NMDOW for tagging without proof of sex attached will be seized.

Use of Dogs: Dog use is **not allowed** on wildlife management areas (WMAs) or during September bow seasons. Dog use is **allowed** to hunt bears elsewhere during hunts for any legal sporting arm (see table, pages 134-135). When dogs are used to hunt bears, the licensed hunter who harvests the bear must be present continuously from the time any dog is released. Dogs may be released only during legal hunting hours. There is no pursuit or training season outside the regular open season.

Baiting and Trapping: Baiting and trapping are **not legal methods** for taking bear. If accidentally trapped, the bear must be released. For assistance releasing a bear, contact NMDOW.

Valle Vidal and Wildlife Management Areas: It is unlawful to hunt bears on the Valle Vidal or WMAs, with the following exception: hunters with a valid deer or elk license, or bear draw permit, who also possess a valid bear license. Licensed deer and elk hunters or bear draw permit hunters may hunt bears in the Valle Vidal or WMAs provided they: 1) possess a valid deer or elk license or bear draw permit for the Valle Vidal or WMA; 2) possess a bear license; 3) use the sporting arm type specified for their bear draw, deer or elk hunt; 4) hunt only during the dates of their bear draw, deer or elk hunt; and 5) the harvest limit in the bear zone has not been met. Dogs are not allowed on WMAs. Dogs are allowed on the Valle Vidal during the April 15-May 20 and the Aug. 1-31 hunts.

Livestock Damage: Landowners, lessees or their regular employees do not need a license to kill a bear that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. Any person taking such action **must report the incident to NMDOW within 24 hours**. Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under this provision are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be delivered to NMDOW.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Hunts

An OTC Bear License is required to hunt bears in New Mexico, including to validate draw permits. Licenses may be purchased online at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866,** or in person at NMDOW offices or from license vendors. If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDOW office, unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

Over-the-Counter Seasons

Zone: Open Units	Hunt Dates	Sporting Arm	Dog Use	Total Limit	Female Limit
Zone 1 Units 4–7, 51 & 52				**168**	**67**
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 2 Unit 2				**15**	**6**
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		

Zone: Open Units	Hunt Dates	Sporting Arm	Dog Use	Total Limit	Female Limit
Zone 3 Units 49, 50 & 53				**65**	**26**
	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed		
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 4 Units 45, 46 & 48				**109**	**43**
	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed		
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 30	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 5 Units 54, 55 & 57				**108**	**43**
	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed		
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 6 Units 39–43, 47, 56, 58 & 59				**51**	**20**
	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed		
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 8 Unit 8				**11**	**4**
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Oct. 15–Nov. 15	Any Legal *	Allowed		
Zone 9 Units 9, 10				**36**	**14**
	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed		
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 10 Units 12, 13, 15–18, 20–24, 26 & 27				**197**	**79**
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Dec. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 11 Units 37 & 38				**36**	**14**
	Aug. 16–31	Any Legal	Allowed		
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 30	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 12 Unit 34				**33**	**13**
	Aug. 16-31	Any Legal	Allowed		
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Dec. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 13 Unit 36				**16**	**6**
	Aug. 16-31	Any Legal	Allowed		
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Sept. 25–Nov. 30	Any Legal	Allowed		
Zone 14 Unit 14				**19**	**7**
	Sept. 1–24	Bow Only	Not Allowed		
	Oct. 15–Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed		

* USFS Sandia Ranger District is bow only.

Bear

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

Bear Draw Permits (OTC Bear License required)

Deadline to apply for bear draw permits is Feb. 10, 2027. Only one hunter may apply per application.

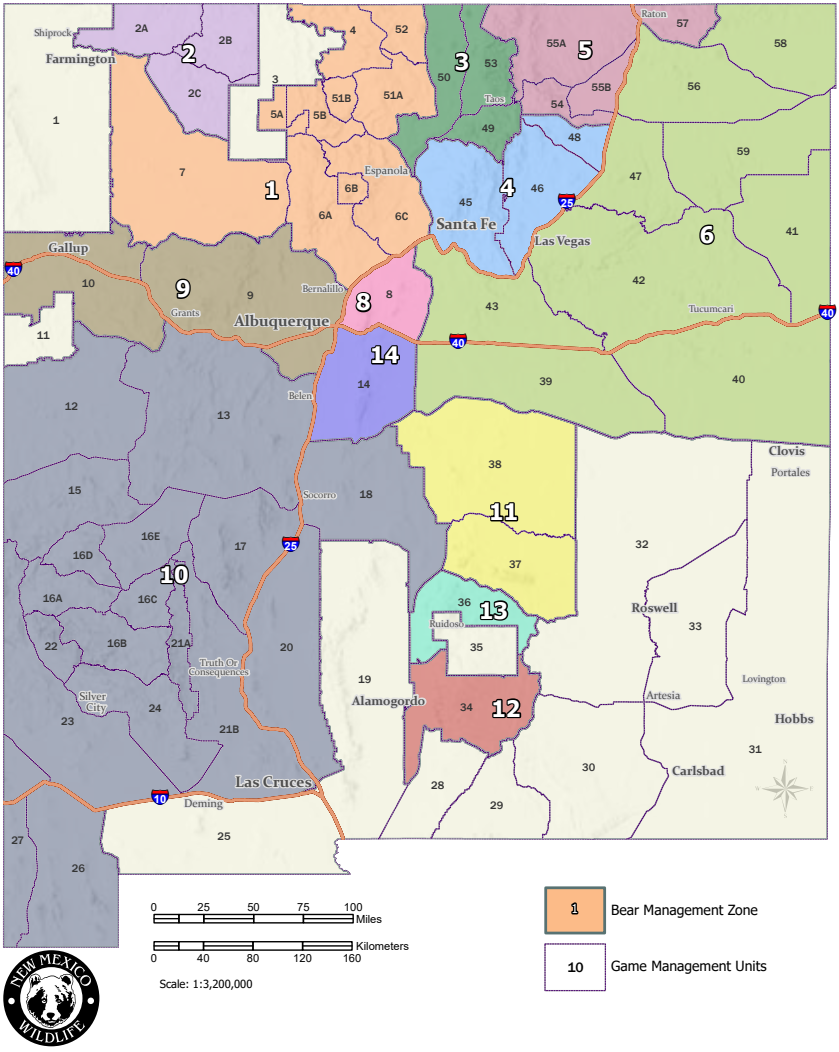
Successful applicants must purchase an over-the-counter Bear License to validate their draw permit. Licenses may be purchased online at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866,** or in person at NMDOW offices or from license vendors. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

Bear draw permits are available for the areas listed in the table below. Only New Mexico residents may apply for WMA bear draw permits. Hunters may hunt during the over-the-counter season if they have not taken a bear during their draw hunt. During draw hunts, dogs are prohibited on WMAs and Sugarite Canyon State Park, and are allowed only on the Valle Vidal.

Bear Draw Seasons

	HUNT DATES	HUNT CODE	FEE TYPE	LICENSES
Unit 2 (Bag Limit: 1 Bear)				
Any Legal - Youth Only	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-100	S	5
Unit 4 Sargent WMA Only				
Any Legal - NM Resident Only	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-101	S	10
Unit 4 Humphries WMA Only (Bag Limit: 1 Bear)				
Any Legal - NM Resident Only	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-102	S	5
Unit 9 Marquez/Lbar WMA Only (Bag Limit: 1 Bear)				
Any Legal - NM Resident Only	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-103	S	10
Unit 54 and 55A - Urraca, E.S. Barker, and Colin Neblett WMAs, and Valle Vidal (Bag Limit: 1 Bear)				
Any Legal	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-104	S	60
Unit 55A Valle Vidal Only (Bag Limit: 1 Bear)				
Any Legal	April 15-May 20	BER-1-105	S	20
Unit 57 Sugarite Canyon State Park Only (Bag Limit: 1 Bear)				
Bow	Aug. 1-31	BER-2-106	S	5

Bear Management Zones and Game Management Units



Cougar

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

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- License Purchase Restrictions (page 12).
- All Cougar Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 38).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Cougar Hunting (see page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 47).
- Cougar Licenses must be purchased at least one calendar day before hunting (see page 12).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses

An OTC Cougar License may be purchased at license vendors, NMDOW offices, online: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov** or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**. Before purchasing an over-the-counter (OTC) Cougar License, hunters must purchase or possess a Game-Hunting License or Game-Hunting & Fishing License**.** If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDOW office.

Bag Limit: The bag limit is two cougars. No spotted kitten(s) or any female accompanied by a spotted kitten(s) may be taken.

Mandatory Cougar Identification Course

NMDOW requires all cougar hunters to successfully complete a cougar identification course. The cougar ID number is issued upon successful completion of the course through your NMDOW online account.

Cougar Seasons

Statewide Cougar Season: April 1, 2027–March 31, 2028.

Cougar Management Zones and Harvest Limits (map page 141)

New Mexico is divided into Cougar Management Zones, enabling NMDOW to better manage regional cougar populations. Each zone has two harvest limits: 1) the total number of cougars that may be harvested (total limit); and 2) the number of female cougars that may be harvested (female limit). Harvest limits for each Cougar Management Zone are listed on page 140.

Cougar Management Zones will close and hunting will cease when harvests reach 90% of the total limit, 90% of the female limit or when the season has ended, whichever occurs first.

Zone Closures

Before hunting, hunters must verify their preferred zone is still open. Check online: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/information-by-animal/big-game/cougar** or call: **1-877-950-5466**.

Baiting and Trapping: Baiting and trapping are not legal methods of taking cougar. If accidentally trapped, the cougar must be released. Should assistance be needed to release a cougar, contact NMDOW.

Pelt Tags Required

Harvested cougars must be both carcass tagged and pelt tagged. The carcass tag must be properly notched and attached immediately after the animal is harvested. The hunter must present the carcass tag, skull and hide for pelt tagging to any conservation officer or NMDOW office within five days of killing the cougar before the pelt can be frozen, processed, tanned or salted by a taxidermist, or before transporting the hide outside New Mexico, whichever occurs first. **Hunters who appoint a designee to transport the harvested cougar for pelt tagging are required to contact a conservation officer to receive a designee code prior to pelt tagging.** Hunters or their designee are required to present to any NMDOW office the **unfrozen skull** of any cougar killed with the mouth fixed open for removal of a premolar tooth. Hunters or their designee must provide all required information at the time of pelt tagging including, but not limited to: sex of the animal and date and location of harvest. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Improperly tagged hides will be seized by NMDOW.

Proof of Sex

The testicles, penis and/or baculum of a male, or the vulva of a female, must remain naturally attached to the hide and be visible to the NMDOW tagging official. NMDOW will pelt tag a cougar only if proof of sex is attached to the hide and readily visible to the tagging official. Cougar hides presented to the NMDOW for tagging without proof of sex attached will be seized.

Livestock Damage

Landowners, lessees and/or their regular employees are not required to have a license to kill any cougar that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. Any person taking such action **must report the incident to NMDOW within 24 hours.** Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under this provision are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be delivered to NMDOW.

Use of Dogs

Dog use is **not allowed** on wildlife management areas (WMAs) or to pursue cougars during September 1–24 bow seasons. Dog use is **allowed** to hunt cougars elsewhere during hunts for any legal sporting arm. When dogs are used to hunt cougars, the licensed hunter who harvests the cougar must be present continuously from the time any dog is released.

Dogs may be released only during legal hunting hours. There is no pursuit or training season outside the regular open season.

Florida Mountains Hunt Area–Unit 25: Cougar hunting is not allowed in the Florida Mountains hunt area during any ibex season, except by licensed ibex hunters (only for sporting-arm type and season dates as specified on the ibex license).

Electronic calls: Electronic calls are allowed for cougar.

Closed Areas: Sugarite Canyon State Park; Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area, including Taos Valley Overlook; Unit 6B (Valles Caldera National Preserve) and Fort Bliss including all of Unit 28 and portions of Unit 19.

Wildlife Management Areas: Cougar hunting by licensed deer and/or elk hunters who also possess a valid cougar license is allowed on WMAs and the Valle Vidal provided they: 1) possess a valid deer or elk license for the WMA; 2) possess a cougar license with tags; 3) use the sporting arm type specified for their deer or elk hunt; 4) hunt only during the dates of their deer or elk hunt; and 5) the harvest limit in the cougar zone has not been met. Dogs are not allowed.

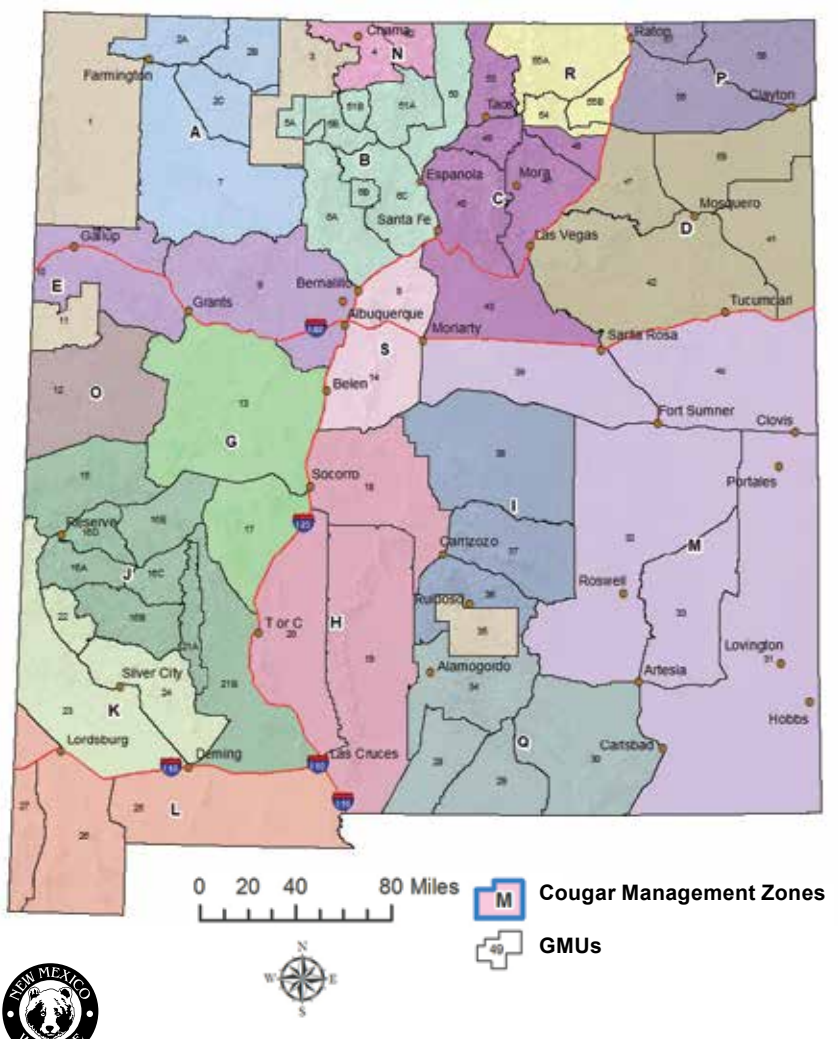
Cougar Management Zones

Cougar management zone locations in New Mexico are designated in the map on page 141.

Zones and Season Limits

Zone	Open Units	Total Limit	Female Limit
A	2, 7	42	13
B	5, 6, 50, 51	25	8
C	43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53	57	17
D	41, 42, 47, 59	15	5
E	9, 10	43	13
G	13, 17	50	15
H	18, 19, 20	29	9
I	36, 37, 38	24	7
J	15, 16, 21	84	25
K	22, 23, 24	45	14
L	25, 26, 27	19	6
M	31, 32, 33, 39, 40	25	7
N	4, 52	13	4
O	12	17	5
P	56, 57, 58	14	7
Q	28–30, 34	17	6
R	54, 55	26	8
S	8, 14	17	5

Cougar Management Zones and Game Management Units



Furbearers

Licenses and General Information: **1-888-248-6866**

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- Legal Sporting Arms (see page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 47).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 9).



It is illegal to set a trap or snare on public land

Exceptions:

■ Cage traps may be used to abate damage caused by any animal to property, crops or livestock.

■ Enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or pueblo may use traps or snares solely for religious or ceremonial purposes.

Seasons and General Regulations

Seasons (statewide)	
Badger, bobcat, fox, ringtail and weasel	November 1, 2027–March 15, 2028
Beaver and muskrat	April 1–April 30, 2027; November 1, 2027–March 31, 2028
Nutria	April 1, 2027–March 31, 2028
Raccoon - all legal methods	April 1–May 15, 2027; September 1, 2027–March 31, 2028
Raccoon - restricted methods	May 16–August 31, 2027

(Restricted methods include cage traps, foot-encapsulating traps and hunting).

Public Land

State-owned land, state-leased land, lands held in trust by the state, lands administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Department of Defense, state parks and any county or municipality.

Species with No Open Season

There is no open season to hunt or trap mink, river otter, black-footed ferret, marten, Mexican wolf, lynx or coatimundi.

Nutria: Nutria is a nonnative, invasive species that has caused extensive damage to wetland and riparian habitat in the United States. Their distribution is restricted in New Mexico to the Rio Hondo in Chaves and Lincoln counties. The trapping season for nutria is open year-round to prevent population increase and expansion.

Beaver: Hunting or killing any beaver on public land within the Cibola, Lincoln or Gila National Forests is prohibited.

Nongame: There is no closed season or bag limit for nongame species such as

coyotes and skunks; however, hunters and trappers must still abide by NMDOW rules regarding trapping and hunting.

State Wildlife Commission Lands

Prairie Chicken WMAs and Water Canyon WMA are open to hunting furbearers, coyotes and skunks November 1 to March 15 by hunters holding a valid trapper license and HMAV. All other WMAs are open to hunting furbearers and nongame by hunters holding a valid trapper license, HMAV, and written permission from NMDOW.

Legal Shooting Hours

Restricted to the period one-half hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset, except licensed furbearer hunters who are authorized to hunt for and take raccoons by use of artificial light while hunting at night with a rim-fire rifle or handgun no greater than .22 caliber, shotgun, bow or crossbow. The artificial light used for raccoon hunting must be a headlamp or hand-held flashlight. It is unlawful for any artificial light to be cast from a vehicle while raccoon hunting. Licensed trappers may check and remove furbearers or nongame from their traps at any time of day.

Legal Methods of Taking Furbearers

Legal methods of taking furbearers include any sporting arm (see page 30), falconry, traps and snares. Dogs are allowed for hunting all furbearers during open season. Electronic calls are allowed to aid in taking furbearers. Poison may not be used for the take of any furbearer. Raccoons may be hunted or trapped during the extended season with a current trapper license. Only cage traps and foot encapsulating traps are allowed for raccoon trapping during this period.

Artificial Light

It is illegal to use a spotlight or any other artificial light to hunt any furbearer (except raccoons, see Legal Shooting Hours above) or nongame species including coyotes and rabbits, even if you are on private land and have landowner permission, unless you have an artificial light permit.

Bag Limits

For furbearer species with an open season, there currently is no bag limit; however, NMDOW may set a bag limit for any furbearer species to address significant changes in statewide populations or to address critical NMDOW management needs.

Catchpoles

A release device or catchpole must be carried by trappers, and all captured animals must be removed or released from any trap or snare at the time of check. In cases where assistance is required for safe release of the animal, or when biological data is sought by NMDOW, the Department must be notified as soon as possible.

Tampering with Traps

It is illegal to destroy, damage, disturb, steal or remove any trap, snare, or trapped wildlife without permission of the owner of the trap or snare. However, domestic animals caught in traps may be released at any time. New Mexico Law (Chapter 17-2-





Left: Foothold trap jaw spread. Right: Recessed cubby. NMDOW photo.

7.1, NMSA 1978) prohibits interference with another person who is lawfully hunting, trapping or fishing. To report illegal traps or other poaching activity call Operation Game Thief: **1-800-432-4263** as soon as possible. Removing or destroying traps (or other evidence) prevents officers from prosecuting poachers and is illegal.

Fur Dealers

A fur dealer license is required for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying or selling unprocessed skins or pelts of any furbearing animal in New Mexico.

Trappers or hunters selling pelts they harvested, and residents who purchase or sell less than 50 unprocessed pelts per year are exempt. Fur dealer licenses may be purchased online, by phone or in person at NMDOW offices. For additional rules and restrictions please call the Field Operations Division at **505-476-8064**.

Swift Fox vs. Kit Fox: Call for Samples

The NMDOW Furbearer Program is interested in working with trappers to collect samples from kit and swift fox in Eastern New Mexico to monitor these species across the state. Trappers and hunters can assist NMDOW by collecting tissue samples (a piece of the foot-pad about the size of a pencil eraser) from any kit or swift fox harvested. Samples can be stored in small paper envelopes at room temperature or in Ziploc bags in the freezer. Trappers who participate are requested to provide detailed location information for each sample, including the GPS coordinates (if possible), the county, township and range. Please call or email Nick Forman **505-257-8701**; **Nicholas.Forman@dgf.nm.gov** to arrange for collection of your samples.

Trap Restrictions

Restrictions applying to all traps that could reasonably be expected to catch a furbearer: This includes traps set for nongame species such as coyotes and skunks.

Marking Traps and Snares

Each trap or snare must be either permanently marked, or have a tag securely attached, with an NMDOW-issued user identification number or the name and address of the trapper using the trap or snare. Trappers may use either their Trapper ID number, if issued, or their Customer Identification Number (CIN) as a trapper ID.

Check Requirements

All land sets must be visually checked every calendar day. Water sets must be checked at least once every other calendar day. A licensed trapper may designate an agent to check their set traps and snares on alternating check days, but the licensed trapper must personally check the traps every other check day. For example, for land sets operating Monday through Friday, the trapper checks Monday, Wednesday and Friday and his or her agent checks Tuesday and Thursday. Any person may be designated as an agent for any licensed trapper, but the agent must possess written permission from the trapper and a valid trapper license. The permission must include the licensed trapper's full name and contact information, and the agent must know the location of traps.

Minimum setback distances

No land set may be made within:

- 75 feet of a public road or trail
- 150 feet of a livestock or wildlife catchment, pond or tank containing water
- 1/2 mile of established and maintained public campgrounds or boat-launching areas, occupied dwellings without written permission of the occupant of the dwelling, signed and designated roadside rest areas, public picnic areas, and officially designated, mapped, maintained and marked trailheads.

Size Restrictions - Water Sets

No foothold trap with an inside jaw spread larger than 7 1/2 inches or body-grip trap with a jaw spread greater than 12 inches shall be used in making a water set. Body-grip traps used in water sets with a jaw spread of eight inches or more must be submerged in water to their jaw pivot or deeper.

Size Restrictions - Land Sets

No foothold trap with an outside jaw spread larger than 6 1/2 inches, or 7 inches maximum if laminated above the jaw surfaces, or tooth-jawed trap may be used in making a land set. No body-grip trap with an inside jaw spread greater than 7 inches may be set on land. Body-grip traps with inside jaw spreads of between 6 and 7 inches set on land must be recessed in a cubby at least 8 inches from the entrance.

Offsets

All foothold traps with an inside jaw spread equal to or greater than 5 ½ inches used in making a land set shall be off-set a minimum of 3/16 of an inch between the contact surfaces of the closed jaws, unless they have been constructed or modified so that a portion of the jaw is padded with a soft material such as rubber or canvas.

Bait

It is unlawful to place, set or maintain any land set within 30 feet of any bait over two ounces in weight which is visible to airborne raptors. Bones that are entirely free of flesh are legal.

Swivels

Each foothold trap set on land must have at least two separate swivel points in the anchor chain. At least one of these swivel points must be within six inches of the trap.

Anchoring
All traps or snares set on land must use stakes, chains, drags or other anchoring that will prevent any furbearer, coyote or wolf caught from escaping with the trap.

Breakaways
Any snare set on land must have a lock or break-away device which is designed to release or fail when a maximum of 350 pounds of pressure is applied to it. Locks or break-away devices must be attached in a way which leaves no part of the snare attached to an animal when it releases or fails. All snares must be securely anchored and cannot be attached to a drag. Exception: foot snares.

Bobcat Pelt Tags

In 1978, NMDOW implemented mandatory bobcat pelt tagging in response to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (ICUN) prohibition on export of any bobcat pelt out of the United States without a permit from the U.S. Department of Interior. Bobcat pelts appear similar to several species of spotted cats which are considered endangered in other countries. Bobcats are not threatened or endangered in New Mexico or the U.S.; they are abundant in the state and can be found in every habitat type.

These regulations are defined by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), an international agreement between governments to ensure that international trade in plants and wildlife does not threaten their survival. CITES specifies that every bobcat harvested in New Mexico must have a pelt tag. The NMDOW pelt tagging requirement also allows for biological data collection to monitor total harvest, harvest distribution throughout the state and bobcat population demographics.

All Bobcats Harvested in New Mexico Must Be Pelt Tagged


Furbearer auction, NMDOW photo

Every person who takes a bobcat in New Mexico must present the pelt for tagging in New Mexico prior to transporting the pelt out of the state, prior to selling the pelt, or no later than April 14, annually, whichever occurs first.

Pelts can be tagged at any NMDOW office or participating fur dealer. Hunters and trappers, except residents 11 years of age or younger, must present a current New Mexico trapping license at the time of tagging. There is no charge for pelt tagging at any location. A list of participating fur dealers is available by contacting the NMDOW Furbearer Program: **505-257-8701**.

Bobcats taken outside of New Mexico must be tagged in the state where taken and will not be tagged in New Mexico.

Be sure your pelt is properly tagged before attempting to sell it. Fur dealers may not purchase a pelt that has not been tagged.

Beware of Rabies

Licenses and General Information: **1-888-248-6866**

In recent years, rabies has been detected in some furbearers in New Mexico. All mammals are capable of contracting rabies. Wild animals infected more often include skunks, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats and bats. Trappers should be aware of the potential risk of contracting rabies when harvesting an animal.

Rabies is caused by a virus that can be transmitted to humans through contact with the saliva, nervous tissue and/or brain tissue of a rabid animal. Rabies is transmitted only if the virus is introduced through a bite, contact with an open cut in the skin, or more rarely when infectious material such as saliva from a rabid animal gets into the eyes, nose or mouth. Some recommended precautions for trappers include:

- Wear protective gloves when handling and skinning animals. Open wounds or scratches increase the risk of infection when protective gloves are not used.
- Always err on the side of caution. Use goggles and a skinning apron if possible.
- Clean tools with a disinfectant such as a 10% bleach solution.
- Wash thoroughly with soap and water, iodine solution or alcohol solution after handling and skinning animals.
- If bitten or otherwise possibly exposed to a rabid animal, thoroughly wash the area with soap and water and seek medical care as soon as reasonably possible.
- If attacked or bitten by a potentially rabies-carrying species, the animal may be required by law to be tested for rabies, depending on the species and the ability to retrieve it. Report the incident as soon as reasonably possible to your local NMDOW conservation officer for assistance with safely collecting the animal.
- There is no risk of contracting rabies through dried skins, as drying renders the virus inactive.



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Bobcat or Lynx

Licenses and General Information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Know the Difference between a Bobcat and a Lynx

Bobcats are common in almost all habitats in New Mexico. Bobcats are closely related to the Canada lynx that inhabits the boreal forests of Canada and parts of the northern United States. Parts of northern New Mexico are classified as lynx range, and though there are no established populations here, transients may occasionally be observed.

A few key identification characteristics can help distinguish between a lynx and a bobcat:

Range: The only potential habitat for lynx is high elevation forests in the San Juan and Sangre de Cristo Mountains. If you are not in this area, then you will not see a lynx.

Body characteristics: Lynx have much longer legs in comparison to their body size, almost like a bobcat on stilts. They have larger feet for running on top of snow, and the tufts on their ears are much longer – often two inches or greater.

Pelage (coat) patterns: The easiest way to distinguish a lynx from a bobcat, other than by its range, is the tail. Depicted in the pictures below, the tip of a bobcat's tail is black on top, and white on the bottom. In contrast, the tip of a lynx's tail is completely black. Another common difference, although there are exceptions, is lynx rarely have black spots or bars on the undersides and insides of their limbs.

There is no open season for Canada lynx in New Mexico. Any lynx caught while trapping in New Mexico must be released alive, and the incident must be reported to NMDOW within 24 hours. If you are not certain whether you have caught a bobcat or a lynx, please contact your local conservation officer or the NMDOW Furbearer Program: **505-257-8701**.



Bobcat (NMDOW trail camera)



Lynx (U.S. Forest Service photo)

Best Management Practices (BMP)

The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) represents North America's agencies responsible for managing fish and wildlife resources to help advance sound, science-based management and conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats in the public interest. AFWA worked with state wildlife management agencies, trapping organizations, veterinarians and university researchers to develop BMPs for regulated trapping in the United States. This effort was motivated by a desire to improve the welfare of wildlife captured by traps, enhance the awareness and understanding of modern regulated trapping and sustain regulated trapping as a wildlife management technique. Common traps were extensively field-tested and evaluated based on five criteria: animal welfare, trap efficiency, trap selectivity, trapper and public safety and practical application. Data collection, including safety evaluations and was undertaken following widely accepted international standards for testing traps from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The resulting BMPs describe different types of traps, how they work, how traps should be set and what training may be needed for people who use BMP traps.

The BMP program has demonstrated with science-based information that many models of traps, including footholds, can be used in a humane, selective and efficient way. The set of recommendations, one for each of the harvested furbearer species in the United States, include practices, equipment and techniques that will continue to ensure the welfare of trapped animals, avoid unintended captures of other animals, improve public confidence in trappers and wildlife managers and maintain public support for trapping and wildlife managers.

NMDOW develops regulations on trap types, size and modifications using the BMP recommendations. The majority of trappers use BMP recommendations when selecting traps, tuning and modifying their traps, and setting them in the field. You are strongly encouraged to read the BMPs for the species you trap, and use traps found in this resource. Modifications like off-set jaws, laminations, shock-springs and swivels improve a trapper's productivity, ensure welfare of trapped animals and improve public confidence in trappers and wildlife managers.

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You can find BMPs online at:

www.fishwildlife.org/afwa-inspires/furbearer-management.

These recommendations have helped improve the humaneness and efficiency of traps and increase success when trapping.

Mexican Gray Wolf

Licenses and General Information: **1-888-248-6866**

Wolves Are a Federally Protected Species

The Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area includes portions of New Mexico. Wolves are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and by the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act. Federal penalties for shooting a wolf can include a year in jail and a $50,000 fine with additional New Mexico state penalties for violating the Wildlife Conservation Act. **Rewards up to $45,000 for information leading to arrest and prosecution of wolf poachers** are offered by federal and state agencies and conservation organizations jointly.

It is illegal to:

- Kill or injure a wolf because it is near you or your property.
- Kill or injure a wolf if it attacks your pet.
- Kill or injure a wolf feeding on dead livestock.
- Enter posted closures around release pens, active dens and rendezvous sites.
- Shoot a wolf because of mistakenly identifying it as a coyote or anything else.

However, it is legal to kill, injure or harass a wolf if:

- The wolf is in the act of killing, wounding or biting cattle, sheep, horses, mules, burros or dogs owned by you and which are on private or tribal land.
- Acting in defense of human life.

Any person taking such action **must report the incident within 24 hours** to the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Office: **1-888-459-9653** or the NMDOW 24-hour dispatch telephone: **1-800-432-4263**. For more information about Mexican wolves and the USFWS Wolf Recovery Program, visit: **www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf**.

Wolf Encounters and Identification

The Gila National Forest and surrounding areas are locations where wolf encounters may occur. Mexican gray wolves typically weigh between 50–80 pounds, stand 28–32 inches at the shoulder and measure 5-½ feet from snout to tail (approximately the size of a large German shepherd). Coat color varies, but solid black or white Mexican wolves do not occur. .





Coyotes (left) and Mexican gray wolves (right) can be difficult to differentiate at a distance or at quick glance; Mexican gray wolves weigh two to three times more, have larger, blocky heads with more-rounded ears, and feet larger in proportion to the body. Not all wolves have radio collars. (Photo courtesy of the Mexican Wolf Inter-agency Field Team)

Upland Game

Licenses and General Information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Upland Game Hunting (see page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 47).
- Proof of Species, Sex and Bag Limit (See pages 32–33).
- Possession, Donation or Sale of Game (See page 33).
- Use of Dogs (page 33).

Voluntary Harvest Reports

Upland-game hunters are encouraged to submit voluntary harvest reports on the Department's online harvest reporting system.

Over-the-Counter Seasons

	Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Quail (Scaled, Gambel's, Bobwhite and Montezuma)	Statewide	Nov. 15, '27–Feb. 15, '28	15 per day, Singly or in aggregate (no more than 5 Montezuma Quail) / 30 in possession (no more than 10 Montezuma quail).
Dusky (Blue) Grouse	NORTH ZONE (North of I-40)	Sept. 1–Dec. 31	3 per day / 6 in possession
	SOUTH ZONE (South of I-40)	Sept. 1-Dec. 31	1 per day / 2 in possession
Squirrel (Abert's, Red, Gray and Fox)	Statewide	Sept. 1–Dec. 31	8 per day singly or in aggregate/ 16 in possession
Pheasant	Statewide	Dec. 9-12	3 males per day / 6 in possession
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Statewide	April 1, '27-March 31, '28	Unlimited

State Wildlife Commission WMAs

State Wildlife Commission owned or managed areas listed below are open to upland-game hunting. No hunting is allowed outside of open seasons or for species not listed. Camping and vehicles are restricted to designated areas.

Legal Shooting Hours

Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, except for Bernardo, Casa Colorada, La Joya and W.S. Huey WMAs, where hunting hours shall be from one half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. For the special permit pheasant hunts on W.S. Huey and Jackson Lake WMAs, hunting hours shall be from one half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.

Upland Game

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

Nontoxic Shot Mandatory

Anyone hunting upland game or migratory bird on Bernardo, La Joya or Huey WMAs must use and possess only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot is not required for any species of upland game, dove, band-tailed pigeon and the eastern sandhill crane hunt, on other State Wildlife Commission owned or managed properties.

Nontoxic shot includes: bismuth-tin, iron (steel), copper-clad iron, iron-tungsten, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, corrosion-inhibited copper, tungsten-iron polymer, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel and tungsten-iron polymer.

Days Open to Upland-Game Hunting (● = Days Open)

It is legal to hunt Eurasian collared doves on WMAs when they are open for migratory dove and upland-game hunting seasons.

WMAs	Species	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thr.	Fri.	Sat.
W.S. Huey	Quail (during quail season) and collared dove (during dove and quail seasons)		●		●			●
Double E, Marquez/LBar, Navajo, Prairie Chicken Areas, River Ranch, Socorro-Escondida and Water Canyon	All upland game during quail seasons	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bluebird, Colin Neblett, E.S. Barker, Humphries, Pine River, Rio Chama, Sargent and Urraca	All upland game during tree squirrel and dusky grouse seasons	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
La Joya (east of the railroad tracks), Double E, River Ranch, Charette Lake, McAllister Lake, Wagon Mound, Tucumcari, Hammond Tract and Retherford	Mourning, white-winged and collared dove (during dove season)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●



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Draw Pheasant Permits (Resident Only)

Permits (issued by drawing) are required for all pheasant hunts on W.S. Huey and for youth-only pheasant hunts on Bernardo and Jackson Lake WMAs. Hunters may apply online: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov** or call: **1-888-248-6866**. No more than four hunters may apply per application, and no more than two hunters may apply per youth-only hunt application. Applications must be submitted by August 11 before 5 p.m. MDT.

Bernardo, Jackson Lake and W.S. Huey WMA Youth-only Pheasant Hunts

Three youth-only pheasant hunts are available by drawing. Youth hunters must have a Game-Hunting License and be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag Limit / # of Permits
Bernardo	PHE-0-001	Oct. 16	3 males/ 20
W.S. Huey	PHE-0-002	Dec. 4	3 males/ 40
Jackson Lake	PHE-0-004	Dec. 4	3 males/ 10

W.S. Huey WMA Pheasant Hunt

A draw-permit hunt open to all applicants will be held at W.S. Huey WMA. Using the hunt code listed below, apply online or by telephone. This hunt is open to adult and youth hunters. Successful applicants must possess a Game-Hunting License.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag Limit/ # of Permits
W.S. Huey	PHE-0-003	Dec. 11	3 males/ 40

Falconry Upland-Game Seasons (Statewide)

Grouse, pheasant, quail, squirrel and Eurasian collared-doves.

Species	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Grouse and Pheasant	Sept. 1, '27-Feb. 28, '28	3 singly or in aggregate / 6 in possession
Quail	Sept. 1, '27-Feb. 28, '28	3 singly or in aggregate / 30 in possession
Squirrel	Sept. 1, '27-Feb. 28, '28	3 singly or in aggregate / 16 in possession
Eurasian collared-dove	Sept. 1, '27-Feb. 28, '28	No bag or possession limits

Upland Game Permits

Dog Call-Pen and Field Trial Permits

A $15 permit is required for either a call-pen release or dog field trial. Contact NMDOW's Santa Fe Office for information: **505-476-8064** or **DGF.Permits@dgf.nm.gov**

Shooting Preserve Permits

A shooting preserve permit fee is $200. Contact NMDOW's Santa Fe office for information: **505-476-8064** or **DGF.Permits@dgf.nm.gov.**

Migratory Game Birds

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Migratory Game Birds (see page 31).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 47).
- Proof of Species, Sex and Bag Limit (see pages 32-33).
- Possession, Donation or Sale of Game (see page 33).
- Use of Dogs (see page 33).

Voluntary Harvest Reports

Migratory game bird hunters are encouraged to submit voluntary harvest reports through NMDOW's online harvest reporting system.

Additional Requirements

For Habitat Stamp, Habitat Management and Access Validation, Harvest Information Program Number (HIP) and Duck Stamp requirements, see page 14.

Free Band-tailed Pigeon Permit

All band-tailed pigeon hunters must possess a Band-Tailed Pigeon Permit. Permits are available online: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866** and at NMDOW offices and all license vendors.

Free Light Goose Conservation Order Permit

A Light Goose Conservation Order Permit is required for hunters participating in the conservation order hunts Feb. 1–March 10, 2028. Please check the Migratory Game Bird Supplement, available in summer, for information on the light goose conservation order at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/publications**. Permits are available online: **https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us**, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866** and at NMDOW offices and all license vendors.

Free Eastern Sandhill Crane Permit

Each eastern sandhill crane hunter must possess the appropriate license(s) (page 12), plus an Eastern Sandhill Crane Hunting Permit (free). Permits are available online: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**, at NMDOW offices and at all license vendors. A federal Duck Stamp is not required to hunt sandhill cranes.

This permit allows sandhill crane hunting in Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay and Roosevelt counties.



General Rules

Nontoxic Shot Mandatory

Hunters must use and possess only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot when hunting any waterfowl, coot, gallinules, sandhill crane (draw hunt only), snipe, sora or Virginia rail with shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns).
Anyone hunting migratory game birds on Bernardo, La Joya or W.S. Huey WMAs must use and possess only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot is not required for dove, band-tailed pigeon and the eastern sandhill crane hunt on other State Wildlife Commission-owned or managed properties.
Nontoxic shot includes: bismuth-tin, iron (steel), copper-clad iron, iron-tungsten, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, corrosion-inhibited copper, tungsten polymer, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel and tungsten-iron-polymer.

Shooting Hours

Migratory Game Birds: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise noted. See Migratory Bird Supplement for additional information for specific species.

Bottomless Lakes Overflow: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.

Bernardo, Jackson Lake, La Joya and W.S. Huey: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.
Exceptions: Shooting hours for the September Teal Season on the Bernardo and La Joya areas are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Use of Boats

It is illegal to shoot at any protected species from within or upon a motor vehicle, motor-driven boat, sailboat or aircraft. However, a person may shoot from a motor-driven boat **when the motor has been completely shut off and its progress has ceased.**

Federal Regulations

In addition to all New Mexico regulations in this booklet, the following federal regulations apply on federal lands when taking, possessing, transporting and storing migratory game birds. Persons cited for violating federal regulations will be required to appear in federal court. The complete federal regulations (50 CFR-Part 20) are available online: **ecfr.gov/current/title-50/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-20?toc=1**



NMDOW photo, Eric Arce

Migratory Game Birds

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Legal Methods

Migratory game birds may be taken with the use of artificial decoys, blinds and dogs.

Illegal Methods

No person shall take migratory game birds:

1. From a sink box (a low floating device that has a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
2. From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance or from or with the aid of any aircraft or drone.
3. By baiting (placing or directing placement of feed such as corn, wheat, salt, etc. for the purpose of causing, inducing or attempting to take any migratory game bird). Hunters should be aware a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait.

Importation of Harvested Migratory Game Birds

During any one week beginning on Sunday, no person shall import more than:

1. 25 doves and 10 pigeons from any foreign country.
2. 10 ducks and 5 geese from any foreign country, except Canada and Mexico.
3. The Canadian and Mexican export limits for doves and waterfowl, which vary for different foreign provinces and states.

In addition, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all harvested migratory game birds being transported or shipped between a port of entry and one's home or taxidermist. No person shall import harvested migratory game birds belonging to another person.

Report All Banded Birds!

NMDOW requests all banded birds harvested be reported online: **https://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/Bander_portal/login/reportband.php**.



Regulated Areas

New Mexico State Parks

New Mexico State Parks are closed to all hunting except in designated areas. Contact state park superintendents for designated hunting areas and directions or call: **1-888-667-2757**.

1. **Bluewater, Caballo, El Vado, Heron, Conchas, Ute, Elephant Butte and Sumner Lake State Parks:** Open for snipe, sora, Virginia rail and waterfowl.
2. **Navajo Lake State Park:** Open for snipe, sora, Virginia rail and waterfowl. Closed areas: Navajo Dam stilling basin which includes the area from the crest of the bluff above the north bank of the San Juan River to N.M. Hwy. 511 on the south side of the river for 1/4 mile downstream from the dam; Cottonwood Campground and Day Use Area from the lower boundary of the Quality Waters to a fence 1/4 mile downstream from the Cottonwood Day Use Area; Pine and Sims Mesa Recreation Area; and Navajo Reservoir Recreation Area south end.

National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs)

All state and federal regulations apply. Only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot may be used and possessed on refuges. Sporting arms must be unloaded and cased when transported.

Bosque del Apache NWR

Bosque del Apache NWR allows dove hunting in specific areas. For current information, maps and applications, call **575-835-1828** or visit: **www.fws.gov/refuge/bosque-del-apache**

Las Vegas NWR

Conducts special permit Canada goose hunts and limited dove hunting. For information, maps and applications visit: **www.fws.gov/locations/las-vegas-national-wildlife-refuge** or call: **505-425-3581**.

Bitter Lake NWR

Conducts limited hunting for ducks, geese, coot, sandhill crane and quail. For information, maps and applications visit: **www.fws.gov/locations/bitter-lake-national-wildlife-refuge** or call: **(575) 244-6256**.

Sevilleta NWR

Conducts limited hunting for mourning dove, white-winged dove, quail, geese, duck and coot. One handicap-accessible duck blind is available first-come, first-served. For more information and maps visit: **www.fws.gov/refuge/sevilleta** or call: **505-864-4021**.

Wildlife Management Areas

Please check the Migratory Game Bird Supplement, available in summer, for information on migratory game bird hunting seasons on WMAs at **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/publications**.

Migratory Game Birds

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Migratory Game Bird Seasons

Dove and Band-Tailed Pigeon Seasons

Please check the Migratory Game Bird Supplement, available in summer 2027, for information on dove and band-tailed pigeon seasons at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/publications**.

Sandhill Crane Draw Permits



NMDOW photo

Please check the Migratory Game Bird Supplement, available online summer 2027, for information on sandhill crane draw seasons at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/publications**.

Applications may be submitted online: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov** or call: **1-888-248-6866**. Applications must be submitted by August 11, 2027 before 5 p.m. MDT. Up to four hunters may apply per application and up to two hunters may apply per youth-only hunt application. Nonrefundable application fees are $7 per resident and $13 per non-resident. Additional information about hunt requirements will be provided to successful applicants. Each draw-season sandhill crane hunter must have the appropriate license(s) (page 12), plus a draw permit. Check the Migratory Game Bird Supplement, available in summer 2027, for hunt codes and dates. A Federal Duck Stamp is not required. Cranes are often found on private property. To access private property, hunters must obtain and possess prior written permission.

Eastern Hunt (Eastern)

Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay and Roosevelt counties: All Eastern Sandhill crane hunters must possess an appropriate license (page 12), plus a free Eastern Sandhill crane permit. Permits are available online and at all license vendors.

Southwest Hunt (SW)

Parts of Sierra, Doña Ana, Luna, Grant and Hidalgo counties: Bounded on the south by the New Mexico/Mexico border; Bounded on the west by the New Mexico / Arizona border north to I-10; Bounded on the north by I-10 east to US 180, north to NM 26, east to NM 27, north to NM 152 and east to I-25; Bounded on the east by I-25 south to I-10, west to the Luna county line and south to the New Mexico/Mexico border.

Hunters who draw special Southwest Crane Permits must return the Harvest Questionnaire and Bill Measurement Card to NMDOW no later than five days after the end of the permitted hunt dates.

Estancia Valley Hunt (EV)

Portions of Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Torrance counties: Bounded on the west by NM 55 starting at Mountainair and north to NM 337, north to NM 14 and north to I-25; Bounded on the north by I-25 east to US 285; Bounded on the east by US 285 south to US 60; Bounded on the south by US 60 from US 285 west to NM 55 at Mountainair. Hunters who draw Special Estancia Valley Crane Permits must return the Harvest Questionnaire and Bill Measurement Card to NMDOW no later than five days after the end of the permitted hunt dates.

Middle Rio Grande Valley (MRGV) Hunts and Resident Youth-Only Hunt

Hunters who draw Special MRGV Crane Permits must: 1) Check all cranes harvested at the designated check station; and 2) File a harvest report no later than five days after the end of the permitted hunt dates via the Department's online licensing system or by calling **888-248-6866**. For check-station dates, see the Migratory Game Birds Supplement. Harvest Questionnaires and hunt letters are available online: **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/hunting/information-by-animal/migratory-bird/**

Regular draw hunts: Valencia and Socorro counties only. Bernardo, La Joya and Casa Colorada WMAs are closed to crane hunting during regular draw hunts.
Resident Youth-only Hunt: Youth hunters will be assigned to hunt on either Bernardo or Casa Colorada WMA.

Maps

Maps of State Wildlife Commission Lands, including La Joya and Bernardo WMAs are available at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/conservation/state-game-commission-lands**.

Migratory Game Bird Seasons in the Central and Pacific Flyways

Please check the Migratory Game Bird Supplement, available in summer, for information on migratory game bird hunting seasons at **https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/home/publications**.

Waterfowl Identification



Mallard
Length: 24”
Weight: 2.75 lbs.

- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Hen



Northern pintail
Length: 26”
Weight: 1.75 lbs.

- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Hen



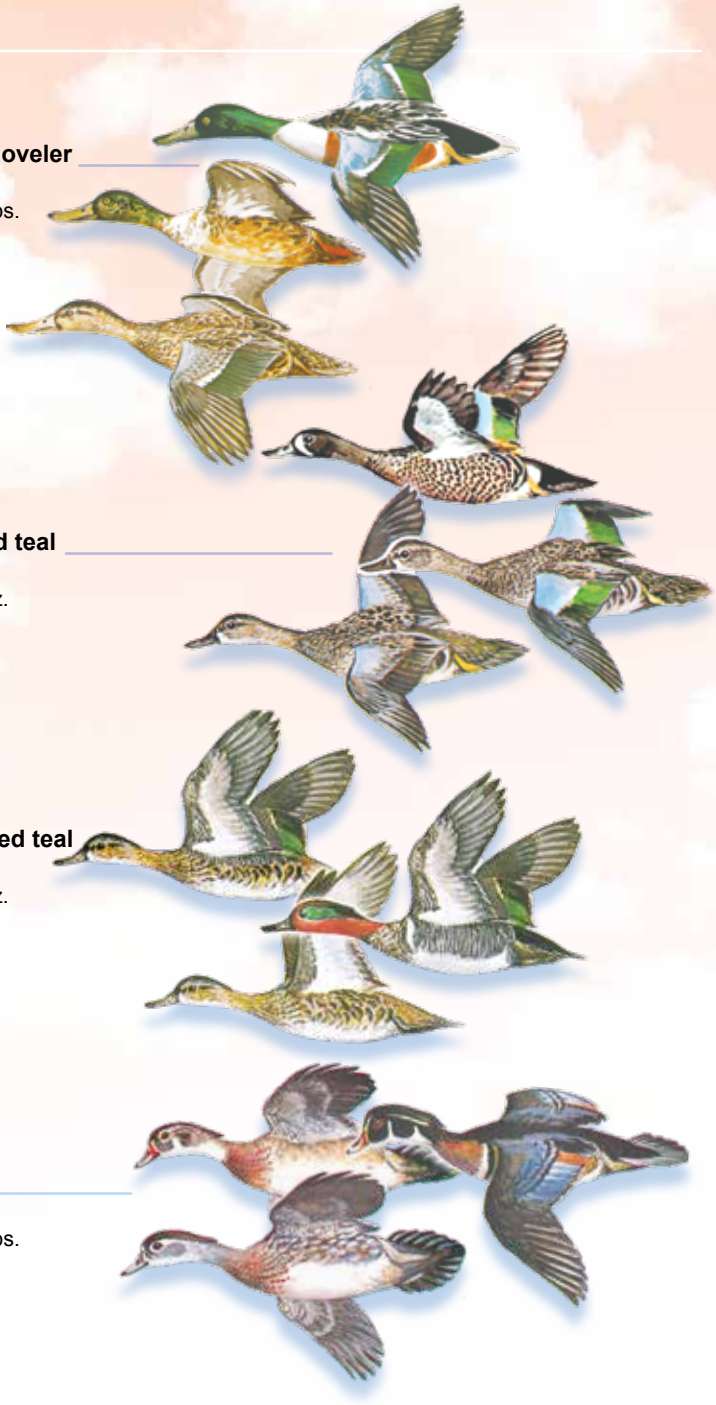
Gadwall
Length: 21”
Weight: 2 lbs.

- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Hen



American wigeon
Length (males): 26”
Length (females): 21”
Weight: 1.75 lbs.

- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Hen
- ➤ Drake



Northern shoveler
Length: 19.5”
Weight: 1.5 lbs.

- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Hen

Blue-winged teal
Length: 16”
Weight: 15 oz.

- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Hen

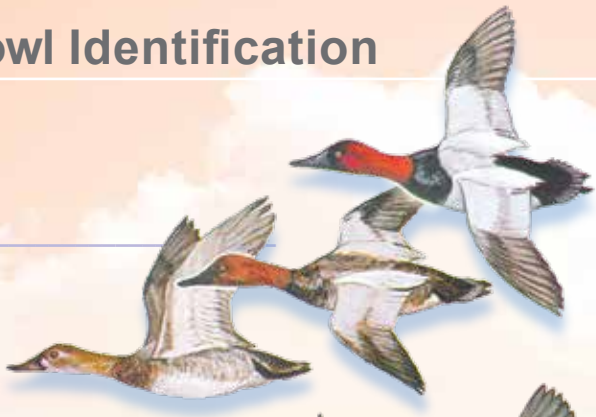
Green-winged teal
Length: 15”
Weight: 14 oz.

- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Hen

Wood duck
Length: 18.5”
Weight: 1.5 lbs.

- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Hen

Waterfowl Identification



Canvasback
Length: 22”
Weight: 3 lbs.

- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Hen



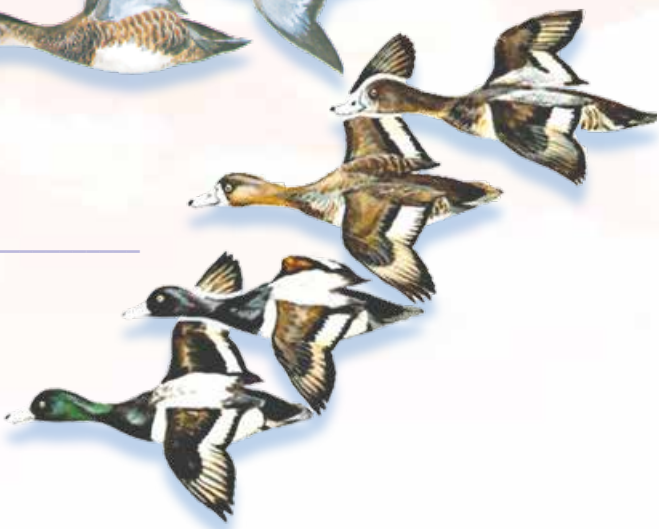
Redhead
Length: 20”
Weight: 2.5 lbs.

- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Hen



Ringneck
Length: 17”
Weight: 2.5 lbs.

- ➤ Drake
- ➤ Eclipse drake
- ➤ Hen



Scaup
Length: 18.5”
Weight: 2 lbs.

- ➤ Eclipse Drake
- ➤ Hen
- ➤ Lesser Drake
- ➤ Greater Drake

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For more than 120 years, the New Mexico Department of Wildlife has been dedicated to conserving the wildlife and wild places that make our state so special. Be part of that shared legacy by participating in the programs that carry our mission forward.

Operation Game Thief pays rewards to citizens who turn in poachers. OGT needs your support to continue its success. With a conviction rate above 98%, OGT is making a real difference, paying tens of thousands of dollars in rewards each year to people who speak up for wildlife. Your donation is tax deductible.



The Share with Wildlife program helps those species that do not receive funding from any other source. SWW funds wildlife-focused research, habitat enhancement, education and rehabilitation activities all around New Mexico through donations, the special "share with wildlife" license plates, and through donations from state tax returns.

When purchasing a hunting or fishing license, select "Youth Programs" and donate $2 or a custom amount to go to youth programs at the Department of Wildlife. These funds are invested right back into our communities, supporting educational activities that inspire a love of the outdoors and grow the next generation of hunters and anglers.



Possession Certificate

New Mexico Department of Wildlife Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations

Use this certificate if you give game animals or parts to a person or organization.

I, _____
Full name of license holder. Please print.

tel.: (____) ____–_____, Address: _____,
Telephone number — Address of license holder required. Please print.

on this day: ___/___/___ at: _____,
Date of transaction; — Place of transaction.

hereby convey to: _____
Full name of person receiving game animal(s) of parts.

the following game animal(s) or parts:

_____ ,
Detailed description of the kind and number of animals donated
or the kind, approximate weight and specific parts donated.
(Example: one elk hind quarter weighing approximately 75 lbs.)

for the purpose of:, _____ ,
Donation, taxidermy and/or meat processing.

taken in GMU under license #: _____ and taken on: ___/___/___.

Donor: _____
(Signature of license holder)

Recipient: _____
(Signature of recipient)

By signing we understand and acknowledge to postdate, predate or otherwise falsify a Possession Certificate is unlawful.

Glossary of Terms

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

Active Duty Military: Individuals currently serving on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard for a minimum period of 90 days. Members of the National Guard or Military Reserve Component, and commissioned officers of the U.S. Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who have completed a minimum of six years of continuous honorable service also qualify. NM residents qualify for a 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps.

Antlerless (A) Deer or Elk: Any deer or elk without antlers.

Antler Point Restricted Elk (APRE/6): 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.

Antler Point Restricted Elk or Antlerless (APRE/6/A): Antler-point-restricted elk (six or more points on at least one antler) or an antlerless elk.

Any Legal Sporting Arm: Any firearm, muzzle-loader, compressed air gun, shotgun, bow or crossbow. All firearms, except handguns, must be designed to be fired from the shoulder. Legal sporting arms for each species are defined on page 31.

Arrow or Bolt: Only arrows or bolts having broadheads with cutting edges may be used, except that "judo," "blunt" or similar small game points may be used for upland game and migratory game bird hunting.

Bag Limit: The protected species, qualified by, number, sex, age, antler/horn requirement, or size allowed by State Wildlife Commission rule that a legally licensed person may attempt to take or take.

Bait: Any salt, mineral, grain, feed, commercially produced game attractant or any other organic material which is attractive to wildlife. An area must be completely free of bait (including feeders) for at least 10 days prior to hunting. [In regards to trapping: The flesh, hide, fur or viscera of any animal. Bones free of flesh are not considered bait.]

Baiting: The placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of any bait on or over areas where any person is attempting to take protected game as defined in 17–2–3 NMSA 1978.

Big Game: Deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, Barbary sheep, oryx, ibex, javelina, bear and cougar.

Bighorn Sheep Ewe: Any female bighorn sheep.

Bighorn Sheep Ram: Any male bighorn sheep.

Body-grip trap: A rotating jaw trap designed to capture a furbearer by the body.

Bow: Compound, recurve or long bow, which is not equipped with a mechanical device (draw lock) which locks the bow string at full draw. Sights on bows shall not project light; however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

Broken-horn Oryx: An oryx of either sex that has one or more horn(s) missing at least 25% of its normal length. This may be determined by comparing the broken horn's length to the remaining horn or where it is readily apparent the terminal end would not taper to a point for another 25% of growth.

Bullet: A single projectile fired from a firearm which is designed to expand or fragment upon impact. Tracer or full metal jacket ammunition is not legal for the take or attempted take of any big game species.

Cellular or Satellite Camera: Any remote camera which transmits or is capable of transmitting images or video wirelessly via a cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite connection.

Compressed Air Gun: Handgun or rifle that propels a single, nonspherical projectile by compressed air.

Crossbow: A device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light; however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

Depredation Damage Fee: A fee required of all big-game hunters that is included in the price of each big-game license. The fee is $3 for each resident and $10 for each non-resident big-game license. Money generated is being used to develop permanent solutions to chronic wildlife depredation problems throughout the state.

Drone: Any device used or designed for navigation or flight in the air that is unmanned and guided remotely or by an onboard computer or onboard control system. Drones may also be referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV)" or "unmanned aerial vehicle systems (UAVS)".

Either Sex (ES): Any male or female of a big-game species.

Either-Sex White-tailed Deer (ESWTD): Any male or female white-tailed deer.

Falconry: The hunting of game mammals or game birds using raptors.

Female or Immature Barbary Sheep (F–IM): Any female Barbary sheep, or a male Barbary sheep with horns less than 18 inches long.

Female or Immature Ibex (F–IM): Any female ibex, or any male ibex with horns less than 20 inches long. This measurement is the length along the top of the horn from the base to the tip of the horn (measurement of the longest horn).

Female or Immature Pronghorn (F–IM): Any female pronghorn or any pronghorn without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

Foot encapsulating trap: Any trap with a push or pull-activated trigger located inside an enclosure recessed from an opening of no more than two inches in diameter, as measured across the opening from side to side, not corner to corner. Foot encapsulating traps include 'dog proof' and 'egg' traps.

Foothold trap: A trap designed to capture a furbearer by the foot, but does not include foot encapsulating traps.

Fork-Antlered Deer (FAD): Any deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fork-Antlered Mule Deer (FAMD): Any mule deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fork-Antlered White-tailed Deer (FAWTD): Any white-tailed deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fourth-Choice Deer or Elk Hunt: A deer or elk draw license that may be issued to an applicant who enters a quadrant of the state as a fourth choice on their draw application. Applicants do not specifically choose their hunt, they are allocated a license for any hunt in the quadrant for the same sporting arm that is undersubscribed in the draw.

Furbearers: Any quadruped defined as a fur-bearing animal in 17-5-2 NMSA 1978 (muskrat, mink, weasel, beaver, otter, nutria, masked or blackfooted ferret, ringtail cat, raccoon, pine marten, coatimundi, badgers, bobcat and all species of foxes). Not all furbearers may be taken.

Game-Hunting License: A license that is required to hunt any small game species, and to apply for or purchase any big-game or turkey license.

Game Management Unit (GMU): A subdivision of the state used to manage big-game species and turkey as described in 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV): A validation that must be purchased once per license year by all hunters and trappers regardless of land status of the location hunted. This validation is not required for hunters, trappers and anglers younger than 18 years of age, resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% disabled resident veterans.

Habitat Stamp (Habitat Improvement Stamp): A U.S. Forest Service and BLM management stamp required by all hunters hunting on those lands except resident anglers 70 years and older and 100% disabled resident veterans in conjunction with their free licenses.

Disabled Hunter: New Mexico resident with a severe physical or developmental disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

High-Demand (HD) Hunt: An elk or deer draw hunt with at least 22% non-resident applicants for the previous two license years. Non-residents must pay a higher fee (page 17).

Jaw spread: The distance between the jaws when measured across the center of the trap and perpendicular to a line drawn through the pivot points of the jaws when the trap is set.

Junior Hunting License: A reduced-fee license available to resident hunters 17 years of age or younger.

Laminated: Any modification to the jaw thickness of a foot-hold trap by fastening a strip of metal (rod or flat stock) to the trap jaw, or a trap that is manufactured with cast jaws, which increases the contact surface area of the jaw.

Land set: Any foothold trap or snare set on land.

Management Zones (Bear and Cougar): Bear or cougar hunt areas consisting of one or more GMUs, as described in 19.31.11 NMAC.

Mature Buck (MB) Pronghorn: A pronghorn with at least one horn longer than its ears.

Mature Bull (MB) Elk: 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 (spike bulls are not legal, page 170).

Mature Bull / Antlerless (MB/A) Elk: Any 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 (spike bulls are not legal, page 170) or any antlerless elk.

Mentor-Youth Hunter Program: This program permits first-time hunters 8–17 years of age to hunt under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter before completing a Hunter Education course. For information see page 24.

Migratory Game Bird: White-winged and mourning doves, American coot, band-tailed pigeon, gallinules, snipe, ducks, geese, sandhill crane, sora and Virginia rail. Hunting swans in New Mexico is not allowed.

Military-Only Hunt: Hunts available to applicants on full-time active duty in the military who have provided proof of current military assignment to the Special Hunts Office in Santa Fe prior to application. Veterans and reservists are not eligible for these hunts.

Mobility-impaired Hunter (MI): An individual with permanent impairment(s) and/or disabilities that substantially limit their ability to walk and are certified by a doctor. For further information see pages 19-20.

Muzzleloader (Muzzle): Sporting arm in which the charge and projectile(s) is loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Only open or "iron" sights may be used on muzzleloader, bow or crossbow only hunts (sporting arm type 3). Scopes, red dots or other similar sights are not allowed.

NMDOW: New Mexico Department of Wildlife.

Nongame: Nongame species include prairie dogs, ground squirrels, Himalayan tahr, porcupine, rabbits, coyotes and skunks. See page 34.

Once-in-a-Lifetime License: A draw license that can be issued only once in an applicant's lifetime. Hunters who have previously held a once-in-a-lifetime-license may not apply again.

Once-in-a-Youth License: A youth-only draw license that can be issued only once.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License: A license available from vendors, NMDOW offices, online: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov** and by telephone: **888-248-6866.**

Population Management Hunt: A hunt designed to manage the number of big game on public or private lands where animals have damaged property or may interfere with military operations.

Private-Land Authorization: Documentation obtained from a private landowner that allows a hunter to purchase a Private-Land Elk or Pronghorn License.

Private-Land Only Deer License: A license authorizing hunters to hunt deer only on private land with written permission. Hunters must enter a hunt code from a public-land hunt for the Game Management Unit (GMU) where the private land is located. Not available from license vendors for units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Protected Species: Protected species for hunting purposes include all big game, turkey, squirrels and game birds. All protected species are defined in NMSA 1978 Sections: 17–2–3, 17–5–2, 17–2–13, 17–2–14 and 17–2–4.2. All animals listed as endangered or threatened species or subspecies as stated in 19.33.6 NMAC are also protected species.

Public land: For hunting purposes, this includes U.S Forest Service, BLM and state trust lands. Descriptions of federal and state public lands are listed on pages 45-49. For trapping purposes, see page 142.

Quality (Q) Hunt: These hunts are designed to increase opportunities for successful harvest, provide wider selections of mature deer or elk, and/or provide a pleasurable experience based on timing of the hunt and/or hunter density. Quality hunts are determined by the New Mexico State Wildlife Commission, and non-residents must pay a higher fee (page 17).

Ranch-wide Agreements (Pronghorn): Ranch-wide agreements allow private landowners to enroll their ranch's private-deeded and public-leased acres as one contiguous ranch for access by public-draw hunters. Landowners are issued authorizations for pronghorn licenses valid on that property's deeded and public-leased acres.

Restricted Muzzleloader (for specific deer hunts): Any muzzle-loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent propellant and firing a full bore diameter bullet or patched round ball. The use of in-line ignition, scopes and smokeless powder are prohibited.

Senior Hunting Licenses: A reduced-fee license available for deer, elk, Game-Hunting & Fishing Licenses available to New Mexico resident hunters 65 years of age and older. An off-range oryx draw hunt is available for seniors 70 and older (resident and non-resident) on the first day of the hunt.

Shotgun: Any centerfire shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than 10 gauge.

Small game: Upland game and migratory game birds.

Snare: A wire or cable with a single closing device designed to capture a furbearer.

Spike Bull: Any antlered male elk with no second fork on any antler.

Standard (S) Hunt: Deer or elk hunts which are charged a regular license fee rather than a quality or high-demand fee.

State Trust Land: Lands administered by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Trap: Any foothold trap, foot encapsulating trap, cage trap or body-grip trap set to capture a furbearer.

Upland Game: Quail, pheasant, grouse, squirrel and Eurasian collared dove.

U.S. Military: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, or their Reserve Components, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and commissioned members of the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Veteran (NM Resident): New Mexico resident veteran with a minimum of 90 days active duty service in the U.S. Military, or six continuous years in the National Guard, Military Reserve Component, or commissioned officers of the U.S. Public Health or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Veterans must have been honorably discharged from military service. NM resident veterans qualify for a 50% discount on all licenses, permits and stamps.

Waterfowl: Ducks and geese.

Water set: Any trap or snare set fully in water.

Wildlife Management Area (WMA): Properties owned or managed by and under the control of the State Wildlife Commission as described in 19.34.5 NMAC.

Written Permission: A document (which may include a valid hunting, trapping or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private land owner or their designee to hunt, fish, trap or drive off road on the landowner's property.

Youth-Only Hunt: Hunts restricted to applicants 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt.

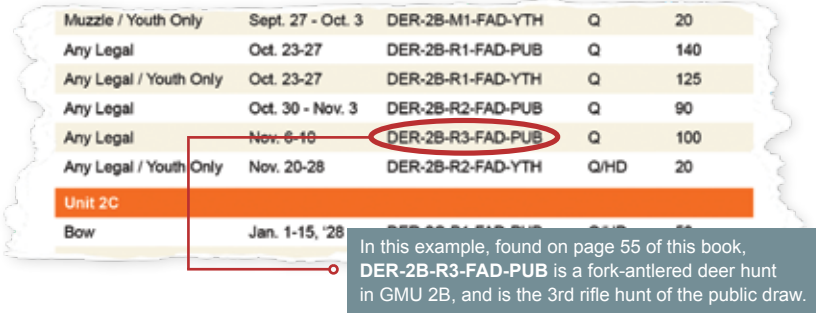
Hunt Code Key

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **wildlife.dgf.nm.gov**

Attention hunters!

Hunt Codes have changed this year to provide more information about each hunt. Hunt codes now show the species, hunt location, sporting arm and season, bag limit and the hunt type.

Learning how to read the hunt codes can ensure you apply for the right hunt in the draw.



Muzzle / Youth Only	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3	DER-2B-M1-FAD-YTH	Q	20
Any Legal	Oct. 23-27	DER-2B-R1-FAD-PUB	Q	140
Any Legal / Youth Only	Oct. 23-27	DER-2B-R1-FAD-YTH	Q	125
Any Legal	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	DER-2B-R2-FAD-PUB	Q	90
Any Legal	Nov. 6-10	DER-2B-R3-FAD-PUB	Q	100
Any Legal / Youth Only	Nov. 20-28	DER-2B-R2-FAD-YTH	Q/HD	20
Unit 2C				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '28			

In this example, found on page 55 of this book, **DER-2B-R3-FAD-PUB** is a fork-antlered deer hunt in GMU 2B, and is the 3rd rifle hunt of the public draw.

DECODING THE CODES		
First character group	designates the species	DER = Deer ELK = Elk PRG = Pronghorn BHS = Bighorn Sheep IBX = Ibex BBY = Barbary Sheep ORX = Oryx TUR = Turkey JAV = Javelina
Second character group	may designate a **single GMU** (2B, 27, 53, etc.), a **combination of GMUs** (GMUs 6A & 6C is C6) or may designate a **special hunt area** (55V is 55A Valle Vidal Only)	
Third character group	designates the sporting arm type	B = Bow M = Muzzleloader P = Primitive muzzleloader R = Rifle / Any legal weapon S = Shotgun
Fourth character group	designates the bag limit	See the opening summary for each species section to find definitions of the various bag limit designations
Fifth character group	designates the hunt type	PUB = public draw YOU = youth hunt public draw MOB = mobility-impaired public draw MIL = military only public draw PVT = private land YPV = youth private land MPV = mobility-impaired private land

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