

Private Lands

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

Hunting on Private Land

Hunters must possess written permission before entering private lands (*see Criminal Trespass*, pages 38–39). 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 It also is unlawful to remain on private property if consent has been denied or withdrawn.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/>

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 maps and information on ranches that have entered into unitization agreements 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.

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.