

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- All Ibex Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 37).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Ibex Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 30).
- 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 18, 2026. Up to two hunters may apply per application.

Any valid Ibex Draw License can be used for the year-round IBX–1–528 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–1–101 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–1–103 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, pages 159)

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 Draw Licenses

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit*
Unit 25 (Florida Mountains)					
Bow	Oct. 1-15	IBX-2-100	S	100	ES
Bow	Jan. 15-29, '27	IBX-2-104	S	100	ES
Muzzle	Feb. 20-26, '27	IBX-3-106	S	15	ES
Any Legal – Once-In-A-Lifetime	Nov. 15-29	IBX-1-101	S	15	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 12-16	IBX-1-102	S	20	F-IM
Any Legal – Once-In-A-Youth	Dec. 27-Jan. 10, '27	IBX-1-103	S	5	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 6-10, '27	IBX-1-105	S	20	F-IM
Over-the-Counter: Statewide (excluding Florida Mountains)*					
Any Legal	Apr. 1-Mar. 31, '27	IBX-1-528	S	Unlimited	ES

* 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.