

# Barbary Sheep

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## General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–17).
- All Barbary Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (page 37).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Barbary Sheep Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 30).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 46).
- 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 18, 2026. 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 159.**

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	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 28<sup>1</sup> McGregor Range Portion of Ft. Bliss</b>					
Any Legal	Dec. 12-16	BBY-1-116	S	10	ES
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 12-16	BBY-1-117	S	10	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 26-27	BBY-1-118	S	65	F-IM
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 26-27	BBY-1-119	S	10	F-IM
Any Legal	Jan. 2-3, '27	BBY-1-120	S	65	F-IM
Any Legal – Military Only	Jan. 2-3, '27	BBY-1-121	S	10	F-IM

<sup>1</sup> All hunters and their guests will pay \$100 each for access fees.

## Units 29 and 30

Bow	Jan. 1-15, '27	BBY-2-108	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 10-16	BBY-1-109	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 4-10	BBY-1-110	S	75	ES

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Any Legal	Dec. 15-21	BBY-1-111	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20-26, '27	BBY-1-112	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1-7, '27	BBY-1-113	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 12-18, '27	BBY-1-114	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 21-27, '27	BBY-1-115	S	200	ES

## Units 32, 36 and 37

Bow	Jan. 1-15, '27	BBY-2-100	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 10-16	BBY-1-101	S	50	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 4-10	BBY-1-102	S	50	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 15-21	BBY-1-103	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20-26, '27	BBY-1-104	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1-7, '27	BBY-1-105	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 12-18, '27	BBY-1-106	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 21-27, '27	BBY-1-107	S	150	ES

## 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.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Over-the-Counter</b> (Statewide except on WMAs during closures, WSMR and Fort Bliss portions of GMU 19, and the draw areas of GMUs 28, 29, 30, 32, 36 and 37)					
Any Legal	Apr. 1- Mar. 31, '27	BBY-1-300	S	Unlimited	ES

**Barbary sheep hunters in GMU 34 should be aware that bighorn sheep may be present (see page 113).**

## Private-Land Only Barbary Sheep Licenses

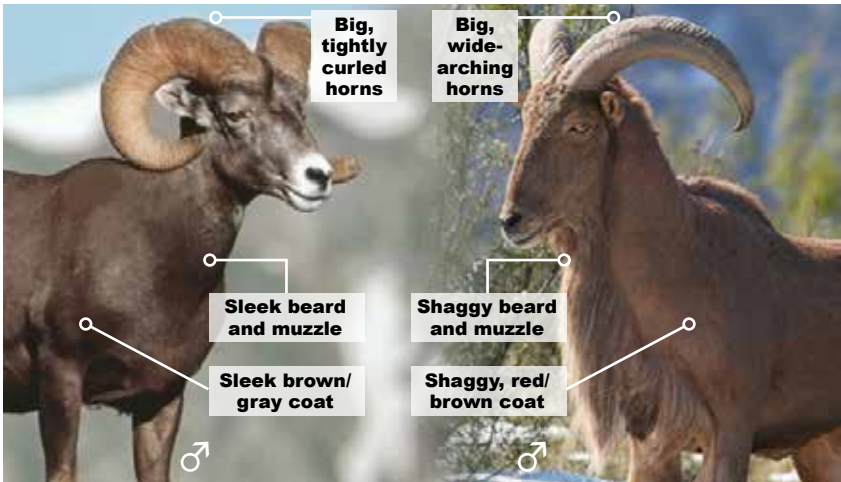
To hunt on private land only, hunters must obtain a Private-Land Only Barbary Sheep License and Tag—available at NMDOW offices, license vendors, online and by telephone. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. 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.

## BIGHORN SHEEP v. 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](http://wildsheepfoundation.org/field-identification-desert-bighorn-aoudad)



### CHECK AGAIN!



Young bighorn ram horns can look similar to Barbary sheep ewe and young rams



### KEY DIFFERENCES:

**ALL** bighorns have white rumps and **ALL** Barbary sheep have shaggy beards and muzzles

