

General Information

- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 12–19).
- All Oryx Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 37).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Oryx Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 30).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 46).
- 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 18, 2026. 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 will 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). **See page 159.**

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

- 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**. If another oryx license type that is not once-in-a-lifetime has been previously held, applicants remain eligible and may still apply for once-in-a-lifetime hunts.
- For eligibility questions call: **1-888-248-6866**.
- 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

Unit 19	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Stallion Range	Sept. 4-6	ORX-1-100	S	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Sept. 18-20	ORX-1-101	S	70	ES
Stallion Range	Oct. 30-Nov. 1	ORX-1-103	S	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 13-15	ORX-1-104	S	70	ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 8-10, '27	ORX-1-105	S	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 22-24, '27	ORX-1-106	S	70	ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 5-7, '27	ORX-1-107	S	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 19-21, '27	ORX-1-108	S	70	ES
Stallion Range	March 5-7, '27	ORX-1-109	S	70	ES
Stallion Range – Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 2-4	ORX-1-110	S	20	ES



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

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 18, 2026.

Proof of Military Service Required: Applicants must provide their DD-214 demonstrating honorable discharge to verify eligibility prior to application.

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 Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
White Sands Missile Range (WSMR)* – Resident Veterans Only, Once-in-a-Lifetime					
Any Legal – Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 16-18	ORX-1-102	S	75	ES
*Resident veteran hunters who have held a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license may not apply.					

Youth-only Hunt (Once-in-a-Youth Hunt)

Any Legal – Stallion Range / Youth Only	Oct. 2-4	ORX-1-111	S	40	ES
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Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts*

Any Legal – Stallion Range	Sept. 4-6	ORX-1-112	S	15	BHO
Any Legal – Rhodes Canyon	Sept. 18-20	ORX-1-113	S	15	BHO
Any Legal – Stallion Range	Oct. 30-Nov. 1	ORX-1-114	S	15	BHO
Any Legal – Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 13-15	ORX-1-115	S	15	BHO
Any Legal – Stallion Range	Jan. 8-10, '27	ORX-1-116	S	15	BHO
Any Legal – Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 22-24, '27	ORX-1-117	S	15	BHO
Any Legal – Stallion Range	Feb. 5-7, '27	ORX-1-118	S	15	BHO
Any Legal – Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 19-21, '27	ORX-1-119	S	15	BHO
Any Legal – Stallion Range	Mar. 5-7, '27	ORX-1-120	S	15	BHO

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

**Thank you
for your service!**

Call 1-888-248-6866 to find out about discounted licenses and special hunting opportunities for active military and veterans!

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-1-225 and ORX-1-227. 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 charges a \$100 per person access fee for all hunters and their guests. See page 46 for more information.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 28 McGregor Range Portion of Ft. Bliss					
Any Legal	Dec. 19-20	ORX-1-225	S	25	ES
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 19-20	ORX-1-226	S	25	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 2-3, '27	ORX-1-227	S	25	ES
Any Legal – Military Only	Jan. 2-3, '27	ORX-1-228	S	25	ES

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.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Statewide (Off-range)					
Any Legal	Jun. 1-30	ORX-1-204	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Jun. 1-30	ORX-1-205	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Jul. 1-31	ORX-1-206	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Jul. 1-31	ORX-1-207	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-208	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-209	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-210	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-211	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-212	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-213	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-214	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-215	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-216	S	96	ES

Any Legal – Youth Only	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-217	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 1-31, '27	ORX-1-218	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Jan. 1-31, '27	ORX-1-219	S	24	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1-28, '27	ORX-1-220	S	80	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Feb. 1-28, '27	ORX-1-221	S	20	ES
Any Legal – Age 70 and Older	Feb. 1-28, '27	ORX-1-222	S	40	ES
Any Legal	Mar. 1-31, '27	ORX-1-223	S	96	ES
Any Legal – Youth Only	Mar. 1-31, '27	ORX-1-224	S	24	ES

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 2026 WSMR security sponsor. Sponsors must apply for and be approved for a WSMR security-sponsor permit by Feb. 15, 2026. 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. If uncertain about your eligibility, please call NMDOW: **1-888-248-6866**.

Private-Land Hunts

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

Private-Land Oryx Licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must possess written permission from the landowner. 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 117.

Statewide private-land, off-range licenses are also available for April (ORX-1-2000) and May (ORX-1-2020). 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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