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# Javelina Rule 19.31.21 NMAC

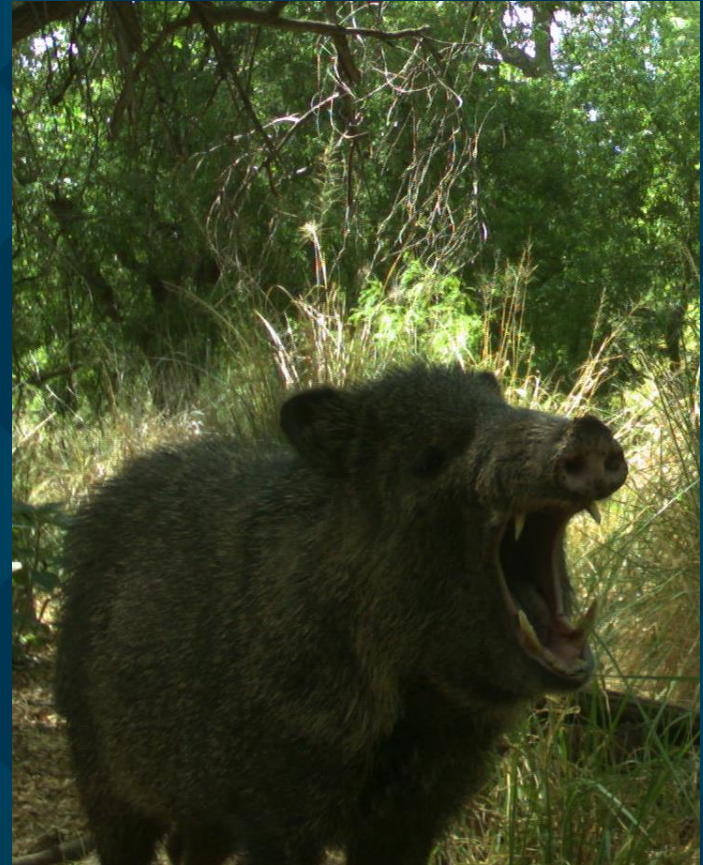
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New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting



# Background: javelina

- Management direction: maintain huntable population in SW.
- Monitor population status through hunter harvest metrics
- 2025 harvest data\*
  - Licenses sold: 3,067
  - Proportion hunting: 61%
  - Success bootheel: 51% (any-legal), 25% (bow)
  - Success statewide: 58% (youth), 53% (any-legal), 32% (bow)
  - Satisfaction rating: 3.4



# Javelina recommendations

- **Increase licenses for OTC area**
  - Any-legal: 1,200 → 1,300 (8%)
- **Allow bootheel draw hunters to also hunt OTC area**
- **Eliminate GMU 28 hunt of 10 licenses**
  - Only 30% of hunters show up for hunt



# Public Outreach

- Held 2 hybrid virtual/in-person public meetings (ABQ, Las Cruces)
  - 40 people in attendance
- Public comment summary (13 written comments)
  - Opposition to draw licenses being valid in OTC area (5), in support (1)
  - Support increasing licenses in OTC area (4)
  - Javelina densities too high (3)
  - 11 “other” comments



# Hunter survey results

- **Hunters like unique javelina hunting experience**
  - 63% of hunters cited it as most important objective
  - 77% of those who were satisfied cited they appreciated the unique experience
  - Most important objective: “unique javelina hunting experience” (63%)
- **Reason for being dissatisfied**
  - Low javelina density



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