



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish



2025-26 BEAR HARVEST LIMIT UPDATE

August 29, 2025

BMZ 12 is closed as a closure limit has been reached. Bear season is OPEN in all other zones with an August 16th start date, and for some special permit areas. Zones with a September 1 start date will be open as scheduled.

ZONE	GMU'S IN ZONE	HARVEST AS OF August 29, 2025		SUSTAINABLE HARVEST LIMIT		CLOSURE LIMIT (10% of Sustainable Harvest)		REMAINING BEFORE HARVEST LIMIT REACHED		ZONE STATUS	CLOSED AS OF:
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
1	4-7, 51, 52	4	2	168	67	17	7	164	65	CLOSED	
2	2	1	0	15	6	2	1	14	6	CLOSED	
3	49, 50, 53	10	8	65	26	7	3	55	18	OPEN	
4	45, 46, 48	17	3	109	43	11	4	92	40	OPEN	
5	54, 55, 57	36	7	108	43	11	4	72	36	OPEN	
6	39-43, 47, 56, 58, 59	7	3	51	20	5	2	44	17	OPEN	
8	8	0	0	11	4	1	1	11	4	CLOSED	
9	9, 10	15	7	36	14	4	1	21	7	OPEN	
10	12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26, 27	0	0	197	79	20	8	197	79	CLOSED	
11	37, 38	27	11	36	14	4	1	9	3	OPEN	
12	34	25	14	33	13	3	1	8	0	CLOSED	8/22/2025
13	36	6	3	16	6	2	1	10	3	OPEN	
14	14	0	0	19	7	2	1	19	7	CLOSED	
STATEWIDE		148	58	864	342						

See the Rules and Information Booklet (RIB) for specific hunting regulations

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10% Closure Limits: Zones close when 90% of the total or female harvest limit is met, whichever comes first.

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