



New Mexico Department of Wildlife 2026-27 BEAR HARVEST LIMIT UPDATE



August 28, 2026

BMZ 9 and 12 are CLOSED for the season due to a harvest limit being met. Bear season is closed in BMZs 1, 2, 8, 10 and 14 until the start of the archery season on September 1st.

ZONE	GMU'S IN ZONE	SUSTAINABLE HARVEST LIMIT		HARVEST AS OF August 28, 2026		REMAINING BEFORE CLOSURE		ZONE STATUS	CLOSED AS OF:
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
1	4-7, 51, 52	168	67	1	1	150	59	CLOSED	
2	2	15	6	3	2	10	3	CLOSED	
3	49, 50, 53	65	26	46	16	12	7	OPEN	
4	45, 46, 48	109	<u>34</u>	28	12	70	18	OPEN	
5	54, 55, 57	108	43	32	9	65	30	OPEN	
6	39-43, 47, 56, 58, 59	51	20	14	7	32	11	OPEN	
8	8	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	0	0	8	2	CLOSED	
9	9, 10	36	14	28	15	4	0	CLOSED	8/28/26
10	12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26, 27	197	79	0	0	177	71	CLOSED	
11	37, 38	36	14	7	6	25	7	OPEN	
12	34	33	13	32	11	0	1	CLOSED	8/23/26
13	36	16	6	7	3	7	2	OPEN	
14	14	19	7	0	0	17	6	CLOSED	
STATEWIDE		862	332	198	82				

See the Rules and Information Booklet (RIB) for specific hunting regulations. Please note that the female harvest limit for BMZ 4, and the total and female harvest limits for **BMZ 8** have been reduced for the 2026-2027 season.

Bear Management Zones will be closed when 90% of the total or female sustainable harvest limit is reached, whichever comes first. This accounts for the time between harvest and reporting.

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