



## New Mexico Department of Game and Fish 2026-27 BEAR HARVEST LIMIT UPDATE



**April 17, 2026**

Bear season is open April 15th, 2025 in Valle Vidal for special permit holders. It is closed in the rest of the state until regular and special seasons start in August/September.

ZONE	GMU'S IN ZONE	SUSTAINABLE HARVEST LIMIT		HARVEST AS OF April 17, 2026		REMAINING BEFORE CLOSURE		ZONE STATUS	CLOSED AS OF:
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
1	4-7, 51, 52	168	67	0	0	151	60	CLOSED	
2	2	15	6	0	0	13	5	CLOSED	
3	49, 50, 53	65	26	0	0	58	23	CLOSED	
4	45, 46, 48	109	43	0	0	98	39	CLOSED	
5	54, 55, 57	108	43	0	0	97	39	CLOSED	
6	39-43, 47, 56, 58, 59	51	20	0	0	46	18	CLOSED	
8	8	11	4	0	0	10	3	CLOSED	
9	9, 10	36	14	0	0	32	13	CLOSED	
10	12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26, 27	197	79	0	0	177	71	CLOSED	
11	37, 38	36	14	0	0	32	13	CLOSED	
12	34	33	13	0	0	30	12	CLOSED	
13	36	16	6	0	0	14	5	CLOSED	
14	14	19	7	0	0	17	6	CLOSED	
<b>STATEWIDE</b>		<b>864</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>				

<p>See the Rules and Information Booklet (RIB) for specific hunting regulations</p>	<p>Compiled by: Emily Mitchell, Bear and Cougar Biologist</p> <p>New Mexico Department of Wildlife</p> <p>Office (505) 618-0998</p> <p><a href="mailto:emily.mitchell@dgf.nm.gov">emily.mitchell@dgf.nm.gov</a></p>
<p><b>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.</b></p>	