



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



August 25, 2026

BMZ 12 is 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 25, 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	2	2	11	3	CLOSED	
3	49, 50, 53	65	26	40	14	18	9	OPEN	
4	45, 46, 48	109	34	21	10	77	20	OPEN	
5	54, 55, 57	108	43	30	9	67	30	OPEN	
6	39-43, 47, 56, 58, 59	51	20	13	7	33	11	OPEN	
8	8	11	4	0	0	10	3	CLOSED	
9	9, 10	36	14	23	12	9	1	OPEN	
10	12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26, 27	197	79	0	0	177	71	CLOSED	
11	37, 38	36	14	5	4	27	9	OPEN	
12	34	33	13	32	11	0	1	CLOSED	8/23/26
13	36	16	6	4	3	10	2	OPEN	
14	14	19	7	0	0	17	6	CLOSED	
	STATEWIDE	864	333	171	73				

See the Rules and Information Booklet (RIB) for specific hunting regulations. Please note that the female harvest limit for BMZ 4 has 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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