



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



September 11, 2026

BMZs 3, 9 and 12 are CLOSED for the season due to a harvest limit being met.

ZONE	GMU'S IN ZONE	SUSTAINABLE HARVEST LIMIT		HARVEST AS OF September 11, 2026		REMAINING BEFORE CLOSURE		ZONE STATUS	CLOSED AS OF:
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
1	4-7, 51, 52	168	67	16	8	135	52	OPEN	
2	2	15	6	6	4	7	1	OPEN	
3	49, 50, 53	65	26	59	23	0	0	CLOSED	9/8/26
4	45, 46, 48	109	<u>34</u>	34	15	64	15	OPEN	
5	54, 55, 57	108	43	35	12	62	27	OPEN	
6	39-43, 47, 56, 58, 59	51	20	15	7	31	11	OPEN	
8	8	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	0	0	8	2	OPEN	
9	9, 10	36	14	30	16	2	0	CLOSED	8/28/26
10	12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26, 27	197	79	15	5	162	66	OPEN	
11	37, 38	36	14	10	6	22	7	OPEN	
12	34	33	13	34	11	0	1	CLOSED	8/23/26
13	36	16	6	8	3	6	2	OPEN	
14	14	19	7	0	0	17	6	OPEN	
	STATEWIDE	862	332	262	110				

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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