



New Mexico Department of Wildlife

2026-27 BEAR HARVEST LIMIT UPDATE



October 5, 2026

BMZs 2, 3, 9 and 12 are CLOSED for the season due to a harvest limit being met. BMZs 8 and 14 are closed until Oct. 15th for the general season.

ZONE	GMU'S IN ZONE	SUSTAINABLE HARVEST LIMIT		HARVEST AS OF October 5, 2026		REMAINING BEFORE CLOSURE		ZONE STATUS	CLOSED AS OF:
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
1	4-7, 51, 52	168	67	77	35	74	25	OPEN	
2	2	15	6	9	5	4	0	CLOSED	9/15/26
3	49, 50, 53	65	26	60	23	0	0	CLOSED	9/8/26
4	45, 46, 48	109	<u>34</u>	47	18	51	12	OPEN	
5	54, 55, 57	108	43	42	13	55	26	OPEN	
6	39-43, 47, 56, 58, 59	51	20	18	8	28	10	OPEN	
8	8	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	1	0	7	2	CLOSED	
9	9, 10	36	14	30	16	2	0	CLOSED	8/28/26
10	12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26, 27	197	79	120	46	57	25	OPEN	
11	37, 38	36	14	11	6	21	7	OPEN	
12	34	33	13	34	11	0	1	CLOSED	8/23/26
13	36	16	6	11	3	3	2	OPEN	
14	14	19	7	0	0	17	6	CLOSED	
	STATEWIDE	862	332	460	184				

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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