



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



September 8, 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 8, 2026		REMAINING BEFORE CLOSURE		ZONE STATUS	CLOSED AS OF:
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female		
1	4-7, 51, 52	168	67	15	7	136	53	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>	32	15	66	15	OPEN	
5	54, 55, 57	108	43	34	11	63	28	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	10	4	167	67	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	253	107				

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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