



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
2025-26 Cougar Harvest Update



March 11, 2026

ZONE	GMU'S IN ZONE	SUSTAINABLE HARVEST LIMIT		CLOSURE LIMIT (10% of Sustainable Harvest)		HARVEST AS OF March 11, 2026		REMAINING BEFORE HARVEST LIMIT REACHED		ZONE STATUS	CLOSED AS OF:
		TOTAL	FEMALE	TOTAL	FEMALE	TOTAL	FEMALE	TOTAL	FEMALE		
A	2, 7	42	13	4	1	32	9	10	4	OPEN	
B	5, 6, 50, 51	25	8	3	1	27	9	0	0	CLOSED	12/5/2025
C	43,45,46,48,49,53	57	17	6	2	49	21	8	0	CLOSED	1/27/2026
D	41, 42, 47, 59	15	5	2	1	6	4	9	1	CLOSED	11/19/2025
E	9, 10	43	13	4	1	12	3	31	10	OPEN	
G	13, 17	50	15	5	2	19	5	31	10	OPEN	
H	18-20	29	9	3	1	2	0	27	9	OPEN	
I	36-38	24	7	2	1	19	7	5	0	CLOSED	1/30/2026
J	15, 16, 21	84	25	8	3	34	17	50	8	OPEN	
K	22-24	45	14	5	1	11	8	34	6	OPEN	
L	25, 26, 27	19	6	2	1	7	4	12	2	OPEN	
M	31-33, 39, 40	25	7	3	1	10	5	15	2	OPEN	
N	4, 52	13	4	1	1	9	3	4	1	CLOSED	1/23/2026
O	12	17	5	2	1	4	1	13	4	OPEN	
P	56-58	14	7	1	1	11	5	3	2	OPEN	
Q	28, 29, 30, 34	17	6	4	1	12	5	5	1	CLOSED	2/3/2026
R	54, 55	26	8	3	1	11	3	15	5	OPEN	
S	8, 14	17	5	3	1	7	3	10	2	OPEN	
<b>STATEWIDE TOTALS</b>		562	174			282	112				

See proclamation for specific hunting regulations

\*Cougar Management Zones will be closed when the harvest is within 10% of the total sustainable harvest limit or the female harvest limit, whichever comes first.

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