

## STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) has scheduled a regular meeting and rule hearing for Thursday, September 28, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Lifts West Condominiums Meeting Room, 201 W. Main Street, Red River, New Mexico, to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: Presentation of proposed changes to Manner and Method and associated rules;

### **Notice of Rule Making**

The Commission may consider the following items of rulemaking at the meeting:

#### **Amend**

19.31.10 NMAC	Hunting and Fishing-Manner and Method of Taking
19.31.5 NMAC	Upland Game
19.31.6 NMAC	Migratory Game Bird
19.31.11 NMAC	Bear and Cougar
19.31.12 NMAC	Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex
19.31.13 NMAC	Deer
19.31.14 NMAC	Elk
19.31.15 NMAC	Pronghorn Antelope
19.31.16 NMAC	Turkey
19.31.17 NMAC	Bighorn Sheep
19.31.21 NMAC	Javelina

#### **Repeal**

19.31.3 NMAC	Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Application
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#### **Replace**

19.31.3 NMAC	Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Application
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#### **Synopsis (Bows and Crossbows):**

The purpose is to amend Manner and Method and associated game rules (below) with some modifications as described below to allow for the use of illuminated pins/reticles and magnifications on bows and crossbows.

The proposed changes of 19.31.10 NMAC include some general formatting to clarify rule language, adding a change in definition to bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification, changes to language under Paragraph A and B of Section 19 of 19.31.10 NMAC to allow the use of a crossbow during any legal sporting arm or muzzle loader hunt, and prohibit the use of crossbows during a bow only hunt unless in possession of a mobility impaired (MI) card or reasonable accommodation or otherwise allowed by rule. Removing language in Paragraph C of Section 19 of 19.31.10 NMAC as it is duplicated language.

The proposed changes to 19.31.5 NMAC include changes to definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification. Removing/renumbering language in Subsections K and M of Section 9 of 19.31.5 NMSA as it is duplicated language in 19.31.10 NMAC.

The proposed changes to 19.31.6 NMAC include changes to definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification.

The proposed changes to 19.31.11 NMAC include changes to formatting and change in definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles; scopes of any magnification and removing the word archery and replacing with bow in Paragraph B Subsection 11 of 19.31.11 NMAC.

The proposed changes to 19.31.12 NMAC include changes to formatting and change in definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles; scopes of any magnification and adding crossbow to Subsection 14 of 19.31.12 NMAC to allow crossbow as a legal weapon type during a muzzle loader rifle hunt.

The proposed changes to 19.31.13 NMAC include formatting and change in definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles; scopes of any magnification and adding definitions of weapon types for

corresponding hunt codes to Subsection 15 of 19.31.13 NMAC; adding language of crossbows to Paragraph B of Subsection 15 of 31.31.13 NMAC.

The proposed changes to 19.31.14 NMAC include formatting and change in definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles; scopes of any magnification; amend Paragraph C of Subsection 13 of 19.31.14 NMAC to replace “archery” with “bow” for the weapon type designated and adding crossbow to Subsection 15 of 19.31.14 NMAC; amend Subsection 16 of 19.31.14 NMAC added crossbow as a legal weapon type during a muzzle loader rifle hunt.

The proposed changes to 19.31.15 NMAC include formatting and change in definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles; scopes of any magnification; amend Subsection 12 of 19.31.15 NMAC to replace “archery” with “bow” for weapon type designated; adding crossbow to Subsection 13 of 19.31.15 NMAC to allow crossbow as a legal weapon type during a muzzle loader rifle hunt.

The proposed changes to 19.31.16 NMAC include formatting and change in definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles; scopes of any magnification; amend Subsection 12 of 19.31.16 NMAC to replace “archery” with “bow” for the weapon type designated.

The proposed changes to 19.31.17 NMAC include formatting and change in definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles; scopes of any magnification and adding definitions of weapon types for corresponding hunt codes to Subsection 11 of 19.31.17 NMAC.

The proposed changes to 19.31.21 NMAC include formatting and change in definition of bow and crossbow for the allowance of illuminated pins/reticles; scopes of any magnification; amend Subsection 11 of 19.31.21 NMAC to replace “archery” with “bow” for the weapon type designated.

**Synopsis: (Donation of License):**

The purpose is to repeal and replace 19.31.3 NMAC Hunting and Fishing License and Application rule with some modifications as described below to allow for the transfer of hunting licenses to youth hunters and New Mexico resident veterans and New Mexico first responders.

The proposed changes to Paragraph F of Subsection 11 of 19.31.3 NMAC: current rule only allows for the transfer of a license to a nonprofit organization approved by the state game commission to youth hunters 17 and younger; change to rule will add transfers of license through a nonprofit to qualified New Mexico veterans and New Mexico first responders as well.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes to (bows and crossbows) rules listed above at [dgf-fieldopscomments@state.nm.us](mailto:dgf-fieldopscomments@state.nm.us); proposed changes to (donation of licenses) rules listed above at: [specialhunts@state.nm.us](mailto:specialhunts@state.nm.us); or individuals may submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 9 a.m. on September 28, 2017 when the final rule amendments will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on September 28, 2017. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearing to be held on September 28, 2017. Full copies of text of the proposed rule changes, technical information related to proposed rule changes, and the agenda can be obtained from the Office of the Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 1 Wildlife Way, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department’s website at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/). This agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the Director’s Office at (505) 476-8000, or the Department’s website at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) for updated information.

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Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in the General Powers and Duties of the State Game Commission 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission’s Power to establish rules and regulations 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.

### Agenda Item #9

### Action on the use of magnification/ scopes on archery equipment



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### Current Rule

- “Bow” shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light nor magnify.
- “Crossbows” shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light.



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### Rules Affected

- 19.31.5 Upland Game
- 19.31.6 Migratory Bird
- 19.31.10 Manner and Method
- 19.31.11 Bear and Cougar
- 19.31.12 Barbary, Oryx, Ibex
- 19.31.13 Deer
- 19.31.14 Elk
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### Definitions

- "Bow" shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, ~~nor magnify~~, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- "Crossbows" shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light ~~nor magnify~~, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.



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### 3 Public Comments

- 1 in favor of changes.
- 1 against allowing crossbows during bow seasons (will not be allowed under current proposal or existing rule).
- 1 against changes.
- Actual comments are in your briefing.



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### Questions?



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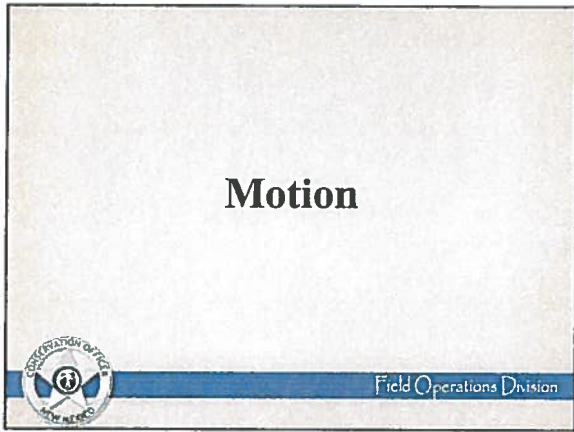
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**RULE MAKING HEARING EXCERPTED  
FROM MEETING MINUTES  
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION**

**September 28, 2017  
Lifts West Condominiums Meeting Room  
201 W. Main Street  
Red River, NM 87558  
9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.**

**A P P E A R A N C E S**

Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek

Chairman Paul Kienzle

Vice Chairman Bill Montoya

Game Commissioner Robert Espinoza

Game Commissioner Ralph Ramos

Game Commissioner Bob Ricklefs

Game Commissioner Elizabeth Ryan

**A B S E N T**

None

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Espinoza.

COMMISSIONER ESPINOZA: Present.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Ramos.

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Good morning. I'm here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Ryan.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Excuse me. I'm here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Ricklefs.

COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Salopek.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Vice Chairman Montoya.

VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Chairman Kienzle.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Present.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Mr. Chairman, I believe we have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So, we're going to run this a little bit different, not a ton different but enough that it's different. [Background sounds] Give me a minute to collect my thoughts here. All right. Agenda item 9 is an action item. Final rule adoption on manner and method rule amendments 19.31.10 NMAC and associated species rules, for the use of illuminated pins/reticles and magnification on bows and crossbows. I am Chairman Paul Kienzle. I'll be serving today as the hearing officer on this matter. I also have with me, from the Office of the Attorney General, Marylou Poli. Did I get that right, I hope.

MARYLOU POLI: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Thank you. The purpose of this hearing is for the Commission to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the Commission's current rules in Title

19.31, parts 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21 of the New Mexico Administrative Code regarding rules on the manner and method for the use of illuminated pins/reticles and magnification on bows and crossbows. The Commission welcomes those who provided written comment and will also take public comment on this matter as well and on the proposed amendments to the Commission's current rules in Title 19 Chapter 31, Part 3, Section 11(F) -- actually that's a different agenda item, I believe, right?

MARYLOU POLI: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, the hearing record is encompassing the two different proposed rules on the agenda item 9 and 10. However, the hearing record, these items will be within the rules making hearing. So that's why both rules are kind of captured in the first part.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: In the opening statement, okay. Part 3, Section 11(F) of the New Mexico Administrative Code regarding the donation of permits and licenses. Again the Commission welcomes those who provided written comment and we will take public comment as well. This hearing is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Game and Fish Act and State Rules Act. The hearing is being audio tape recorded. Anyone interested in a copy of the audio tape should contact Sandra, over there, with the Game -- with the Department of Game and Fish. Public notice of this hearing was advertised in the New Mexico Register, the Albuquerque Journal, the New Mexico Sunshine Portal and on the Commission's website which is actually not our website -- I think it is the Department's website, but be that as it may. Copies of the proposed changes have been available on the Commission's website and at the Commission's office. Current copies are available at today's hearing on the table located near the door. In the future -- I've been, on rulemaking items, I've been fairly lenient or liberal on what information goes on these cards. In the future, they're really going to have to be filled out in



much more strict fashion than we have required in the past. That's on rulemaking items. On things that are not rulemaking, leniency is still sort of the order of the day. But the more information that's on here, the better. And, as I'll point out as we go through this hearing process, the rulemaking process, you have to more carefully identify who you are, who you're with, and sort of give your name, rank and serial number so the record is clear down the road should there be any issue about the rulemaking process or the rule itself.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Mr. Chair, if I may, those of you who will be coming up and providing your comments, you will need to speak into a microphone because that's the only way we can record that portion of the hearing.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Correct. Again that's again under the heading of being strict on these items that are rulemaking. And you will know, members of the public, when we're in rulemaking because there will be an announcement similar to what I made today. The process or procedure we're using today may not be the process or procedure for all time. We are still finding our feet in this House Bill 58 world we live in. But this is how we'll run it today. The first -- typically the way something like a judicial hearing or rulemaking hearing is run, our exhibits are entered into the record. We'll hear from the Department. We'll hear from the public. We'll have a formal vote. But the important thing is that we make a full record on this and so I will ask the Department to provide the written documentation, any exhibits that they've got. That doesn't have to be a physical transfer at the moment but there has to be a representation by the Department of what they have on hand at the time and then we'll make arrangements to get that material to the Director and it ultimately becomes part of the public record or the record for this rulemaking. Anything that is not introduced into the record at the time or prior to a vote of the Commission is not typically considered absent some extraordinary circumstance. The record can

be re-opened to allow that new material, if you will, to come in but it probably would necessitate having a new vote based on that new information that goes into the record. So the record is what the record is, and we want to make sure that we get it set prior to the time that the Commission takes a vote. This is not a whole lot different than what we've done in the past. It just is a little formal and I think it makes it more clear to the public. This is the stack of paper upon which the Department and then sort of by extension what the Commission is voting on. In terms of the public, making public comment, still limited in time. Written comments under this system are, this new system for rulemaking, they're encouraged. Again, I will tell you that a public meeting is not a great place to, for the very first time, to get your opinion out if you're trying to change hearts and minds. That's valuable. But a lot of the work that goes into rulemaking and any action by the Department or the Commission starts a long time before we ever get to a meeting. And so I encourage you to visit with the Department, visit with the Director, contact me and I can get you connected with the right people that you need to visit with. But if it were me, I would not rely solely on the comments that I made at a public meeting to carry the day. To follow up on that, written comments ahead of time are much more valuable and much more useful to the Department and to the Commission because they're not limited in time. You can lay out your thoughts in a clear and concise manner, even if they're not clear and concise you can get them all out there. And that really helps the Department and the Commission make the best decision possible and give them things to think about on the way to the meeting today. And those comments do become part of the administrative record upon whatever the rulemaking item is. And so, I encourage people, submit written comments not necessarily in lieu of whatever public comment you might make here but get those written comments out there. They're much more valuable, I think, in the end than just public comment allowed at a meeting. Okay. With that

long-winded speech, I will move on to a few more preliminary matters. I will declare that this rulemaking hearing is now open. And then I will take any exhibits on this proposed amended rule that the Department has, and I can take them generally from the public if you've got them now. If you prefer to wait, we can do that as well. Officer Jackson, do you have anything that you want to provide to the Director at this time?

TY JACKSON: Mr. Chairman. Again, my name is Ty Jackson. I am a captain of field operations. And the Department does have Exhibit A that we would like to enter into the record. Would you like for me to do that right now?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes. That's fine. Could you just briefly describe what it is.

TY JACKSON: Yes, sir. Exhibit A is going to be essentially a copy of the presentation that you're going to see in front of you today, a Power Point presentation. That's all it is.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Okay. If you have anything further to enter into the record before we close this, just let me know and I'll make sure we get that.

TY JACKSON: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: And we'll make sure we get that --

TY JACKSON: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: -- get that in there. Okay. With that, you can take it away.

TY JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, again agenda item number 9. This is for final action. What this, what the amendments to these rules consist of in essence is a change in the definition of what is allowed on a bow or a crossbow. And there's a number of rules that are affected here because of all the different species that we allow bow hunting or crossbow hunting. The current rule

excludes, as you can see in front of you, excludes any sort of sight that projects light or magnifies. And the proposal affect all of these rules, and that's the species that you can see in front of you, essentially removes the magnification language. So in other words we would allow magnification and/or scopes on crossbows or bows for any legally licensed hunter for all of those big game species. The language is the same in all of the different species rules. It affects all of our big game species as well as our manner and method which is 31.10 and it reads the same in all of these rules, and it is what you see before you. Essentially we will now allow, if this passes, illuminated pins and/or reticles or scopes of any magnification on either a crossbow or a bow for a legally licensed hunter. We still would not allow anything that projects light, laser sights, that type of thing. In the course of our having this out for public comment, we did receive three written comments. You have copies of those. One was in favor, one was against and one was really not germane to what was going on here. And with that, I'll stand for any questions that you have at this time.

COMMISSIONER: I have a quick comment.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I just want Ralph to weigh in on this. It's kind of your baby, so.

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Absolutely. Thank you, Chairman, Director, Mr. Jackson. I do appreciate your hard work on this. I know we collaborated on this matter to get it where it's at. Looking at the global picture of hunting and ethical take and manner, I believe we're not going to be limiting anyone out there from people with disabilities to the traditional hunter wanting to hunt with a long bow and what their preference of equipment is. I think it's again the ethical take they prefer and I think it's a great way not to limit people with technology that's coming out right now on this. And I again commend your efforts with this in putting it together.



TY JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, I appreciate that.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Ty, you know on the comment period, that's pretty interesting. It's like a good baseball player batting percentage. But no, when you look at the ethical fair chase and being able to make a good shot, there's young hunters coming up but a lot of us are getting older and we just can't quite see as good, so helps us to find that sweet spot, but anyway, thank you.

TY JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Salopek, thank you.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Questions or comments before I take public comments?

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Could you just, real quick, if the Department, I was just reviewing the marked up versions of the proposed rules. On the upland game section, Part 5, page 4, there's, you're striking Section, current rule, current subsection K, current subsection N and I was just wondering how that relates to the current rulemaking. I just noticed this or I would have brought it to the Department's attention sooner. But, because all the other strikes in all the other provision of our wildlife rules pertain to our rulemaking except for that page. I didn't know if that was --

TY JACKSON: Mr. Chairman --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: -- error.

TY JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner, what you see being struck out of the upland game rule is already included in manner and method. This was basically a carryover from when all of the species rules duplicated or had -- they duplicated each other essentially some was

illegally in each species versus manner and method. So all of the things that are being struck out of K and L --

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Yes.

TY JACKSON: -- I'm sorry, K and M are, they currently exist. They will remain either, you know, whatever they are, you know, if it's something illegal it will still be illegal. It is just under manner and method.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Manner and method now.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ryan, if I may add to that. So we have had a goal since I became Director to simplify our rule process and rules in general so that when we or our officers go to magistrate court or the district court they are able to point to the one rule versus having to go through multiple rules. And that's what this is. It's a cleanup from the start of that process.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: So for our attorney, is there any issue with regard to notice to go ahead and eliminating K and M consistent with what we've been doing as far as clean up?

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL POLI: Mr. Chairman, Madam Commissioner, the information was already noticed 30 days ago according to HB 58 and I don't see any problem with proceeding.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Okay, great. Thank you. I'm in support of the rule change and adoption.

COMMISSIONER ESPINOZA: Go ahead. Got a quick comment. I'm in support of it, simply again I think it echoes several of the other commissioners. You know, technology is moving

forward and when we can take advantage of that technology and allow again some of us older sportsmen that may need a little extra help, if that technology helps us in an ethical take and harvest of an animal, then I'm all for it. So I want to thank the commissioners that brought this forward and your Department for collaborating and bringing this to us. Thank you.

TY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioner Espinoza.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I will take some public comment and then circle back around with any further Commission comment. Mike Haynes. Well, Sir, you're my guinea pig. You are the first person to, from the public, to address the Commission under the first regime of House Bill 58. So, in keeping with that, it's name, address. Assistant Attorney General, how do you feel about telephone number? Is that required?

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL POLI: Mr. Chair, nobody needs to give up their phone number.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: But typically in administrative hearings I've attended they have given a mailing address or some address that identifies them.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL: Mr. Chairman, we would like proper identifiers and an address would be sufficient.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Okay. So give me your name and your address including your zip code and then we will go from there.

MICHAEL S. HAYNES: My name is Michael S. Haynes. I'm at 11 Sumac Lane in Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Thank you. Have at it.

MICHAEL S. HAYNES: Okay. Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. This is my first New Mexico Commission meeting. I lived in Colorado for quite a long time although I'm a native of New Mexico. So I was gone for about 47 years. I do a lot of bow hunting. I've been bow hunting for 30-plus years. And I just feel, my big point is, we need to take a look at where are we going to limit this technology? I heard talk of technology just a minute ago. Where do we limit the technology. I hope you got my email. I don't know if that was my email that was included as one of the ones who's not in favor of doing this. But my point is, where do we limit this technology. There's lots more technology out there to help us. At least we think, help us make better shots, more ethical shots. But personally I feel like a lot of the technology that we've seen in bow hunting, rather than making more ethical shots, it encourages bow hunters to take longer shots, shots especially with magnification and lighted sight pins, taking shots when the light is more limited that may not be good shots, and taking these long shots is not a good ethical shot to kill an animal. Personally I feel like if you're having troubles seeing your sight, then you either need to get closer to the animal, figure out a better way to do it. My big concern is, where do we draw the line? I saw we had one comment about no crossbows in archery season and I would definitely vote for that. But archery season historically in all the states has been adopted due to the fact that it was more primitive, more traditional way to hunt. And so at some point we've got to draw the line, and I believe at this point, at this point we should draw the line. We don't need magnification and lighted sight pins. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Thank you. Do you have anything written you want to put into the record?

MICHAEL S. HAYNES: Well, I had my, I guess --



CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I've got your card, okay. And that will go in the record. And then my email, the email that I sent in I assume is in the record?

TY JACKSON: That's determined, it has been. It's in the record.

MICHAEL S. HAYNES: Okay.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: We're squared away.

MICHAEL S. HAYNES: Thanks for your service on the Commission, too.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Thank you. Garrett. Name and address, please.

GARRETT VENEKLASEN: Mr. Chairman, Garrett Veneklasen, New Mexico Wildlife Federation, 6100 Seagull Street Northeast, Suite B105, Albuquerque, New Mexico. I would like to echo also --

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GARRETT VENEKLASEN: 87109.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: 09, okay. It's a test.

GARRETT VENEKLASEN: It's a test. That's our Albuquerque Office. So I'd like to tackle some of these comments again. A bow and arrow is a primitive weapon, right. And I think the idea of technology and primitive techniques should stay away from each other. It's really also important, every time I go into the woods during hunting season, I'm finding more and more gut shot animals. I spent about 2 weeks in the woods this year, same thing. People are using lighter arrows. They're taking longer shots. Again, we're all ambassadors of our sport. There's a lot more people in the woods. We need to be really, really careful about how we, how we act in the woods. And I personally am seeing a lot more wounded animals, dead animals, lost animals. And

I think we need to take shorter shots not longer shots. My daughter just got a brand new bow. I got her one of those little compound Diamond bows. She said, "Dad, can I shoot an elk at a hundred yards away?" And I said, "No, you can't." I said you're going to shoot an elk at 25 yards because archery is about your skill as a hunter. And that's what this is about. This is about us being more skilled as outdoors people, not about not being able to skilled and taking these long, ridiculous shots. And I think we need to be, as a community, really mindful of that. This is about skill. This about skill. This is about ethics. This is about humanely shooting an animal at close range because that's what archery is all about. That's our position. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Anything written other than your comment card?

GARRETT VENEKLASEN: We'll have something shortly, so --

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Well, shortly has got to be before the close of --

GARRETT VENEKLASEN: It'll be today. It'll be today.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: It's got to be --

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: It's got to be before I close the record --

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: -- in a few minutes.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: -- in a few minutes.

COMMISSIONER: He's on it. He's on it.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Okay. Are you are going to address any of those points? You don't have to but --

GARRETT VENEKLASEN: I will.

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Chairman, Director, you know ethical hunting is all based on the perspective of the individual who has the luck of the draw to draw a permit. And knowing your limitations and how you're going to harvest an animal. And to me, magnification and clarification on your peep sight is not saying you're going to take longer shots. That's totally up to the individual. I do conduct hunting seminars. I do educate public to know your limitations and to me with archery you look at, you know, a 4-inch pie plate and you shoot that at 20 yards, 3 arrows at 20 yards. They're all in there. You go to 30. Once you get your area out of that 4-inch circle, you know, that's probably your maximum potential, you know, to harvest. And if there's someone with the ability to shoot out to 60 yards and has the kinetic energy to penetrate with a good fixed blade broadhead -- notice I said fixed blade, not mechanical -- you know, I'm not going to limit someone and to me, again it's about hunting. We have a quota to meet, to harvest so many animals in a unit. One of the things I do appreciate seeing more and more, you know, even on professional guided hunts from outfitters is, you know, you wound an animal, your hunt's over. You now have the objective to find that animal that's been hit. So again, it falls down to the individual knowing their limitations, knowing your equipment. I think this is such a controversial issue as far as, you know, you look at archery equipment and limiting archers, you know, so some want to be very primitive with long bows, you know, versus compound bow. But really, what are we doing with muzzleloaders with scoped sights, in-line muzzleloaders that shoot out, you know, to a thousand yards as well. You know, that's -- some people think that a thousand yard shot is unethical. And, you know, again it's the beholder, knowing your limitations and what you can do and having kinetic energy to harvest that animal with the quickest, humane manner. And to me that's what's important, is to respect these individuals. Now the big thing is education as well. And I challenge the Wildlife Federation to do more

ethical education on hunters versus just publicizing propaganda out there. But, you know, again sir, I know your first public comment. You know, go out and educate bow hunters in your community and talk to them, youth as well. I know hunter education courses talk about proper placement. That's very critical. You know, being the trend that you have a lot of youth and women elk hunters who can only pull 50 pounds of pull, that also limits your limitation. But you can have a magnification to help you place that arrow in that proper spot versus taking a long distance shot, to me a 50-pound bow is very capable of harvesting an elk out to a 25 yards with the proper placement and broadhead. But anyways, I talk about this, you know, a lot more, do your research. Again, practice and know your limitations is what I strongly recommend.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Anyone else? Any further public comment? Any -- yes, sir.

SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, can I just --

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Sure.

MICHAEL S. HAYNES: Can I just address that one more time? I guess -- Mike Haynes from Los Alamos again. My question is, where do we draw the line with this technology. There comes a point where we need to draw the line in archery season. And I feel like the, this lighted pins and the magnified sights is the place to draw the line. There's a lot of technology available for shooting bows out in the woods that could potentially help with longer shots, better shots, more ethical shots. But do they help, and where do we draw the line on that technology? Thank you.

COMMISSIONER: That's what we're here to vote on. Mr. Chairman, if I could just go ahead and add to that.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes, sir.



COMMISSIONER RAMOS: I totally am right there with you. Where do we draw the line. And I think we've driven the line already. I think the line is right there in that pinnacle where you stop and you look at crossbows being allowed in New Mexico. Believe me, we did our research on that and there's a trend throughout the United States where crossbows are becoming more and more popular and more and more rifle and muzzleloader hunters are getting into archery as a step into more compound bows and traditional archery equipment through crossbows. But if we look at the eastern trend of the United States, the main reason why it's getting so popular is because they do have harvesting goal objectives that are not being met, kind of like our mountain lion goals here in New Mexico. We look at the different manners to harvest and reach these goals. And to me, it's a biological, you know, way to look at how to harvest these animals. And in New Mexico, we are meeting our big game deer and elk, you know, quotas. So therefore, to me, the crossbow was probably not a good source to use during archery season unless you have limited disabilities and there's a process that we have in our state to allow that and that is through our Director. So, again, knowing your limitations, knowing your equipment and, to me, the most thing we owe the animals is to harvest them with the best manner and most ethical, quickest humane harvest. Thank you, sir.

MICHAEL S. HAYNES: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any further public comment? Any further exhibits?

SPEAKER: (Inaudible)

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Written evidence?

SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

SPEAKER 2: How do we want to do this?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So, I will make an exception, if you want to call it that, since we're still finding our feet. But I believe the way this system is contemplated is, you show up with what you've got today. So I'm not going to do this on the fly and worry about did the email arrive, did it not arrive and as a practical matter having not seen the email, I can't make -- I'm not able to factor it into my, into my own decision making. And I'm sure no other commissioner can. So I can quote/unquote admit it with exception that no one has seen it and it may not properly be part of the record in the end.

SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, regarding the exhibits and, as you know, we have an Exhibit A that you entered in --

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: -- my question for you is, this speaker's card, is it your intent to have these exhibits entered?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I don't know if those are strictly exhibits but I was going to admit, that those become part of our administrative record. But we'll admit those as well. It's not a problem.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: If we could, Mr. Chairman, just for the record, we have exhibits in addition to A. We have B and C entered in. If you could please, for the record, enter into Exhibit B and C.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: That's not a problem.

COMMISSIONER: That's the 2 cards.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Do we need to enter in the red, you know, the red lined proposed revisions to the rule itself? Does that need to be an exhibit or --

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL POLI: Mr. Chairman, Madam Commissioner, the answer is no.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I don't think, that's not evidence E. Okay, hearing nothing else, I'm going to admit Exhibits A, B and C into the record. And at this point in time the record is formally closed. I guess we're now at the point where this is an action item and up for --

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL POLI: Close the hearing. Mr. Chairman --

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL POLI: Could we just please clarify. Obviously, it's up to you. We have a choice here. We could close the hearing record for this particular rule and take a vote or -- if we take that vote, Mr. Chairman, we would need to re-open another hearing record for the second rule. As an alternative, we could leave the hearing record open, proceed to discussion on the next rule, close the hearing record for both rules and then proceed to a vote on both rules. The choice is yours.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: We're closing this one now so I'm done with it so somebody can't come in in 15 minutes and say, I got something else. So, the record's closed. Can I get a motion on this particular -- no, I think I can just close --

COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt changes as presented by the Department to the manner and method rule 19.31.10 NMAC and the associated species rules 19.31.5, 19.31.6, 19.31.11, 19.31.12, 19.31.13, 19.31.14, 19.31.15, 19.31.16, 19.31.17, 19.31.21 NMAC to allow the use of illuminated pins and reticles and magnification clarifying devices on bows and crossbows.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any opposed? The Ayes have it.

TY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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**DuCharme, Sandra, DGF**

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**From:** Brad Norman  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 8:51 PM  
**To:** DGF-FieldOpsComments  
**Subject:** Bow magnification proposal

My name is Brad Norman and I live in Albuquerque. The proposal to change magnification limitations to the archery regulation seems to be reasonable. I would be in favor of changing the rule.

Brad Norman  
Albuquerque  
505-319-3990

Sent from my iPhone

**DuCharme, Sandra, DGF**

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**From:** Jack Dyson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:07  
**To:** AMDGF-FieldOpsComments  
**Subject:** Crossbows should NOT

Crossbows should not be considered the same as vertical archery equipment! Harvest rates will go up, and tags will decrease. Dedication to archery and the history of bowhunting will be ruined by further allowing crossbows and scopes on bows into the state. I don't believe this will be good for the state at all. The appeal of bowhunting the west is being dedicated to archery and hunting. Not just picking up a crossbow and winging animals with bolts. Please reconsider I beg you.

Keep it mobility impaired for crossbows only please!

-JD



## DuCharme, Sandra, DGF

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**From:** Mike Haynes  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** DGF-FieldOpsComments  
**Subject:** Magnification on Bows and Crossbows Changes Proposed

To Whom it May Concern:

Archery seasons for big game were historically created due to the primitive nature of hunting with archery tackle. Today with the advent of the 80%+ let-off compounds, and in many states, the acceptance of crossbows during the archery season, the primitive nature of the bow season has all but disappeared. Each year new technology and more gadgets come along making "bowhunting" easier and allowing longer and longer shots to be taken at game. We must draw a line that we won't cross in order to keep bowhunting the challenge it was meant to be. I personally feel we have already crossed that line with the addition of illuminated nocks and high let-off compounds. Let's not blur the boundry of a primitive archery season any further by added sights with illumination and magnification into our archery seasons.

Technology in the bow season only encourages longer less accurate shots by hunters who do not put in the effort to practice before the hunt. The technology, such as magnifying, illuminated sights, is a "crutch" for hunters to use as an excuse for not improving their hunting skills. Longer, less mortal shots will be taken and those shots will be taken in lower light conditions due to the magnification of the bow sight.

Needless to say, I am against change the rules to allow magnification and illumination on bow sights. Please help protect our archery seasons by limiting any further technological advances and by limiting crossbow use to the muzzleloader and "any legal sporting arm season". Keep archery season primitive please!

Sincerely,

Mike Haynes  
Customer #10111961-HJM

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**Michael S. Haynes**  
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# Proposed rule

**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 5         UPLAND GAME**

**19.31.5.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.5.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.1 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.2        SCOPE:** Hunters of upland game. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30 and 32 through 36 of Title 19.  
[19.31.5.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.2 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.5.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.3 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2022.  
[19.31.5.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.4 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2018 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.5.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.5 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing seasons on dusky grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, pheasant, Gambel's quail, Montezuma quail, northern bobwhite, scaled quail, Abert's squirrel, red squirrel, Arizona gray squirrel, fox squirrel, eastern gray squirrel, and setting falconry seasons.  
[19.31.5.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.6 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.    **"Aggregate"** shall mean the sum of individual game taken comprised of several species as allowed by the bag limit or possession limit.
- B.    **"Arrows"** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- C.    **"Bag limit"** shall mean the number of upland game animals a licensed hunter is allowed per day.
- D.    **"Baiting"** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take upland game birds or mammals.
- E.    **"Bow"** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow~~[, or crossbow]~~. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- F.    **"Crossbows"** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- G.    **"Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- H.    **"Department offices"** shall mean department offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Las Cruces, or Roswell.
- I.    **"Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- J.    **"Established road"** is defined as follows:
  - (1)    a road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures;
  - (2)    a two-track road completely void of vegetation in the tracks which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching and shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.
- K.    **"Falconry"** shall mean hunting upland game using raptors.
- L.    **"License year"** shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- M.    **"Modern firearms"** shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

N. "Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms" shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, Pyrodex® or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

O. "Non-toxic shot" shall mean that non-toxic shot approved for use by the U. S. fish and wildlife service.

P. "Pellet Gun" shall mean a handgun or rifle that propels a single .177 caliber or larger pellet by means of compressed air or other gas.

Q. "Permanent mobility limitation" shall mean an individual that permanently has: restricted movement in both arms, or is restricted to the use of a walker, wheelchair, or two crutches to walk, or has a combination of disabilities that cause comparable substantial functional limitations.

R. "Possession limit" shall mean twice the daily bag limit one can have in their ownership, except where otherwise defined.

S. "Protected species" shall mean any of the following animals:

(1) all animals defined as protected wildlife species and game fish under Section 17-2-3 NMSA 1978;

(2) all animals listed as endangered species or subspecies as stated in regulation(s) set by the state game commission.

T. "Retention" or "retain" shall mean the holding of in captivity.

U. "State game commission owned properties" shall mean all department owned or managed waterfowl management areas, wildlife management areas, Sandhills Prairie conservation area and lesser prairie-chicken areas.

V. "Unlimited" shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

W. "Waterfowl management area (WMA)" shall mean Bernardo, Casa Colorada, Charette lake, Jackson lake, La Joya, McAllister lake, Salt lake, Tucumcari, and W.S. Huey state game commission owned or managed waterfowl management areas.

X. "Wildlife management area" shall mean Big Hatchet, Colin Neblett, E.S. Barker, Humphries, Marquez, Rio Chama, Sargent, Socorro-Escondida, and Water canyon wildlife management areas, the Sandhills Prairie conservation area, and state game commission owned lesser prairie-chicken areas.

Y. "Youth" shall mean those less than 18 years of age except where otherwise defined.  
[19.31.5.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.7 NMAC, 8-15-17]

#### 19.31.5.8 LICENSE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. **License:** It shall be unlawful to hunt dusky grouse, pheasant, quail, Eurasian collared-dove, and squirrel without having purchased a valid license for the current license year.

(1) For pheasant hunting on Bernardo and W.S. Huey WMAs: in addition to a valid license, a special permit obtained by drawing shall be required.

(2) For pheasant hunting on private lands in Valencia county: in addition to a valid license, a Valencia county landowner pheasant permit shall be required.

B. **Valid dates of license or permit:** All permits or licenses shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license.

C. **Applications:** Applications for upland game special permits shall be submitted via the department website.

(1) No more than four persons may apply per application.

(2) It shall be unlawful to submit more than one application per species per year, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. Those submitting more than one application per species will result in the rejection of all applications for that species.

(3) Applications may be rejected if such applications do not supply adequate information.

(4) Applicants may apply for a first, second and third choice of seasons if applicable. A maximum of one permit per species hunt code will be awarded to successful applicants unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(5) All applications must be submitted via the department website unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. Persons desiring a Valencia county landowner pheasant hunt permit must obtain an application from registered landowners. Applications must be submitted in person to only the northwest area

(Albuquerque) office. Applications for the Valencia county landowner pheasant hunt permits may be submitted up to the day prior to the hunt.

(6) The application deadline for the Bernardo and W.S. Huey WMAs pheasant hunts shall be on date(s) set by the state game commission.

(7) If applications for permits exceed the number of available permits, permits shall be allotted by means of a random public drawing.

(8) If any permits remain after the original deadline, the director may authorize a new deadline. A person who is not awarded a permit for which he applied may submit a new application for a permit if such permits remain available.

**D. Youth hunts:** Only applicants who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by the opening day of the hunt are eligible to apply for or participate in a youth only hunt.

[19.31.5.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.8 NMAC, 8-15-17]

#### **19.31.5.9 MANNER AND METHODS FOR UPLAND GAME:**

**A. Season and hours:** Upland game may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(1) On wildlife management areas, the lesser prairie-chicken areas, and the Sandhills Prairie conservation area hunting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(2) On waterfowl management areas (WMAs), hunting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. For the special permit pheasant hunts on W.S. Huey WMA, hunting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one daily bag limit allowed by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of any upland game that are illegally obtained.

**D. Use of bait:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any upland game, other than quail on private property, by use of bait. It shall be lawful to take quail from areas where quail feeders occur on private property.

**E. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any upland game.

**F. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any upland game.

**G. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any upland game out-of-season.

#### **H. Legal sporting arms and ammunition:**

(1) The following are legal sporting arms for pheasants, and quail:

- (a) shotguns firing shot, including muzzle-loading shotguns;
- (b) bows and arrows; and
- (c) crossbows.

(2) The following are legal sporting arms for dusky grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, Abert's squirrels, Arizona gray squirrels, fox squirrels, eastern gray squirrels and red squirrels:

- (a) shotguns firing shot, including muzzle-loading shotguns;
- (b) rimfire firearms;
- (c) muzzle-loading firearms;
- (d) bows and arrows;
- (e) crossbows; and
- (f) pellet guns.

(3) Non-toxic shot is required for hunting on all state game commission owned lands. It shall be unlawful for any person hunting with a shotgun or muzzleloader on state game commission owned properties, to hunt with or be in possession of lead shot, or shotgun shells loaded with lead shot.

**I. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or use arrows driven by explosives.

#### **J. Proof of species or sex:**

(1) One foot shall remain attached to each quail taken until the bird has arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or storage facility.

(2) The head or a leg of each pheasant taken must remain attached to the bird until the bird has arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or storage facility.

**K. Possession or sale of protected species:** It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, or offer for sale all or part of any upland game except as provided below:

(1) License or permit: A person may possess upland game or parts thereof that they have lawfully taken (killed) under license or permit.

(2) Game taken by another: Any person may have in their possession or under their control any upland game or parts thereof that have been lawfully taken by another person, if they possess a written statement which shall be provided by the donor of the upland game, or parts thereof, and which shall contain the following:

(a) the kind and number of upland game parts donated;

(b) the date and county where the upland game was lawfully taken;

(c) the donor's name, address, and the number of the hunting license under which the upland game was lawfully taken; and

(d) the date and place of the donation.

(3) Retention of live animals: It shall be unlawful to retain upland game in a live condition except under permit or license issued by the director for the following purposes:

(a) zoos open for public display;

(b) in class A parks;

(c) in projects for scientific research and propagation;

(d) a rehabilitation permit;

(e) under a falconry permit, only those birds listed on the permit;

(f) under a scientific collection permit, one may collect and possess only those species listed on the permit; or

(g) in transit through New Mexico when the transporter can demonstrate proof of legal possession of the protected upland game being transported.

(4) Sale of game animal parts: Only skins, claws or feathers of legally taken upland game may be bartered or sold. The disposer must supply to the recipient a written statement which shall contain the following:

(a) description of the skin, claws, or feathers involved;

(b) the date and county where the upland game was taken;

(c) the disposer's name, address and hunting license number under which the upland game was taken; and

(d) the date and place of the transaction.

**L.K. Release of wildlife:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise, or cause to be released in this state any upland game, without first obtaining a permit from the department of game and fish.

**M. Use of vehicles and roads in hunting upland game:**

(1) Roads: It shall be unlawful to shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take, or kill any upland game on, from, or across any graded paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right-of-way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right-of-way fences.

(2) Vehicles, boats, aircraft: It shall be unlawful to shoot at any upland game from within a motor vehicle, power boat, sailboat, or aircraft.

(3) Harassing protected wildlife: It shall be unlawful, at any time, to pursue, harass, harr, drive, or rally any upland game by use of or from a motor driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, or aircraft.

(4) Vehicle off of established road: During the seasons established for upland game, it shall be unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle, which is driven off an established road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, fisherman or trapper. EXCEPTION: 1) snowmobiles; 2) all landowners, lessees or their employees, while on their owned or leased lands in connection with legitimate agricultural activities.

(5) Closed roads: During the seasons established for any upland game, it shall be unlawful to knowingly occupy, drive, or cause to be driven any motor vehicle on a closed road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.

(6) Mobility impaired:

(a) Shooting from a vehicle: The holder of a mobility impaired card is authorized to shoot at and kill upland game birds during their respective open seasons from a stationary motor driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. The director may issue permits to shoot from a stationary vehicle to applicants

who provide certification that the applicant is disabled in accordance with the American Disability Act. Such certification shall be signed by a medical doctor or doctor of optometry licensed to practice in the applicant's state of residence.

~~(b) Driving off established roads: Holders of a mobility impaired card may, with permission of the landowner, lessee, or land management agency, drive off established roads to hunt for or take squirrels or upland game birds, during open seasons.~~

~~(c) Assistance for mobility impaired hunter: The holder of a mobility impaired card may be accompanied by another person to assist in reducing to possession any upland game animal which has clearly been wounded by the licensed mobility impaired hunter.~~

**N.L. Lands and waters owned, administered, controlled, or managed by the state game commission:**

(1) Posting of signs: The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area.

(2) Violating provisions of posted signs: It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission.

(3) Trespass on state game commission owned lands: It shall be unlawful to hunt upland game, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless allowed under regulation.

(4) State waterfowl management areas and wildlife management areas open, species that can be hunted, and days open for hunting: Use of vehicles will be restricted to designated areas.

(a) The W.S. Huey WMA shall be open for quail hunting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during established quail seasons. The W.S. Huey WMA shall be open to pheasant hunting by special permit only.

(b) The Edward Sargent, W. A. Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, and Elliot S. Barker wildlife management areas shall be open for hunting upland game during established squirrel and dusky grouse seasons.

(c) The Water canyon, Marquez, and Socorro-Escondida wildlife management areas, and the Sandhills Prairie conservation area shall be open for hunting upland game during established quail seasons.

(d) The Big Hatchet mountain wildlife management area shall be open for quail hunting during established quail seasons.

(e) The state game commission owned lesser prairie-chicken areas shall be open for quail hunting during established quail seasons.

(5) Eurasian collared-dove hunting shall be open during established mourning and white-winged dove seasons as defined in 19.31.6.11 NMAC, Species, Open Areas, Season Dates, and Daily Bag Limits, and during open quail, squirrel, and dusky grouse seasons in open areas, as defined above.

(6) The Sandia ranger district of the Cibola national forest shall be open to archery only hunting for upland game during established seasons.

**O-M. Areas closed to upland game hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to hunting, except as permitted by regulation:

- (1) all state game commission owned or managed properties;
- (2) Rio Grande wild and scenic river area;
- (3) sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve);
- (4) Sugarite canyon state park; and
- (5) Valle Vidal area.

[19.31.5.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.9 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.10 UPLAND GAME HUNTING SEASONS:** Hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the species, open areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates, and daily bag and possession limits. All Eurasian collared-dove in possession must have an identifiable feathered wing attached until the bird has arrived at the person's residence, processor, or place of final storage.

SPECIES	OPEN AREAS	SEASON OPEN	DAILY BAG (POSSESSION) LIMITS
Eurasian collared-dove	statewide	April 1 - March 31	No bag or possession limit
dusky grouse	statewide	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2018	3 (6 in possession)

		Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2019 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2020 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2021	
pheasant	statewide, excluding Valencia county	Dec. 6-9, 2018, Dec. 12-15, 2019, Dec. 10-13, 2020, Dec. 9-12, 2021	3 (males) (6 in possession)
youth-only pheasant hunt (special draw permit required)	Bernardo WMA	Oct. 20, 2018, Oct. 19, 2019, Oct. 17, 2020, and Oct. 16, 2021	3 (males)
youth-only pheasant hunt (special draw permit required)	W.S. Huey WMA	Dec. 1, 2018, Dec. 7, 2019, Dec. 5, 2020, and Dec. 4, 2021	3 (males)
pheasant (special draw permit required)	W.S. Huey WMA	Dec. 8, 2018, Dec. 14, 2019, Dec. 12, 2020, and Dec. 11, 2021	3 (males)
pheasant (Valencia Co.) (landowner permit required)	Valencia county private lands	Dec. 8, 2018, Dec. 14, 2019, Dec. 12, 2020, and Dec. 11, 2021	3 (males)
quail: Gambel's, scaled, northern bobwhite and Montezuma (Mearn's)	statewide	Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2019 Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2020 Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2021 Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2022	15 (singly or in aggregate; no more than 5 shall be Mearn's, possession shall be 30 singly or in aggregate - no more than 10 shall be Mearn's)
squirrel: Abert's, Arizona gray, fox, eastern gray and red squirrel	statewide	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2018 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2019 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2020 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2021	8 (singly or in aggregate, possession shall be 16 singly or in aggregate)

[19.31.5.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.10 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.11 [RESERVED]**

**19.31.5.12 HUNT CODES AND PERMIT NUMBERS FOR BERNARDO WMA AND W.S. HUEY WMA PHEASANT HUNTS AND THE VALENCIA COUNTY LANDOWNER PHEASANT HUNT:**

Hunters may possess a Valencia county landowner permit in addition to another special permit pheasant hunt.

Special permit pheasant hunts will be allocated by season as follows:

hunt location	2018 season	2019 season	2020 Season	2021 season	hunt code	no. of permits
youth-only Bernardo WMA	10/20	10/19	10/17	10/16	PHE-0-001	20
youth-only W.S. Huey WMA	12/01	12/07	12/05	12/04	PHE-0-002	40
W.S. Huey WMA	12/08	12/14	12/12	12/11	PHE-0-005	40
Valencia county landowner permits	12/08	12/14	12/12	12/11	PHE-0-006	unlimited

[19.31.5.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.12 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.13 FALCONRY SEASONS:**

**A. Open areas and season dates:** The season for dusky grouse, pheasants, quail, Abert's squirrel, Arizona gray squirrel, fox squirrel, eastern gray squirrel, and red squirrel shall be statewide and shall be open



September 1 through February 28 annually. For Eurasian collared-dove, all areas statewide are open year round, except as prohibited by rule.

**B. Daily bag and possession limits:** Daily bag limits for dusky grouse, pheasant, and quail shall be three birds (in the aggregate) and three squirrels (in the aggregate). Possession limits shall be: dusky grouse-six; pheasant-six; quail-30 (singly or in the aggregate); Abert's, Arizona gray, fox, eastern gray and red squirrel-16 (singly or in the aggregate). There is no bag or possession limit for Eurasian collared-dove. All Eurasian collared-dove in possession must have an identifiable feathered wing attached until the bird has arrived at the person's residence, processor, or place of final storage.

**C. Provisions for possession:** The falconry hunter shall not retain nor possess any protected mammal taken by a raptor except Abert's, Arizona gray, eastern gray, fox and red squirrels legally taken during open falconry season. The falconry hunter shall not retain nor possess any protected birds taken by a raptor except those upland game species listed herein that were legally taken during the open falconry season.

[19.31.5.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.13 NMAC, 8-15-17]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.5 NMAC:**

Pre-NMAC Regulatory Filing History: The material in this Part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center & Archives under: Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, and Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67; Regulation No. 486, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, Prairie Chickens, and Lesser Sandhill (Little Brown) Crane And Additional Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, filed 9/22/67; Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68; Regulation No. 493, Establishing 1968 Seasons On Mourning And White-Winged Doves, Band-Tailed Pigeons, And Sora And Virginia Rails, filed 8/9/68; Regulation No. 494, Establishing 1968 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Wilson's Snipe, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Scaled, Gambel's, And Bobwhite Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 10/2/68; Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69; Regulation No. 505, Establishing 1969 Seasons On Teal, Band-Tailed Pigeons, Sora And Virginia Rails, Mourning And White-Winged Doves, And Wilson's Snipe, filed 8/26/69; Regulation No. 508, Establishing 1969 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Scaled, Gambel's And Bobwhite Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/19/69; Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70; Regulation No. 516 Establishing 1970 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/24/70; Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71; Regulation No. 524, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Band-Tailed Pigeons And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 8/13/71; Regulation No. 526, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Blue-Winged, Green-winged And Cinnamon Teal, filed 8/13/71; Regulation No. 527, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl And Lesser Sandhill Cranes, filed 9/10/71; Regulation No 529, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/24/71; Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72; Regulation No. 538, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal And On Band-tailed Pigeons And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 8/15/72; Regulation No. 540, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, And Wilson's Swipe, filed 9/26/72; Regulation No. 541, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/26/72; Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73; Regulation No. 548, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 8/20/73; Regulation No. 549, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/20/73; Regulation No. 551, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl And Lesser Sandhill Crane, filed 8/20/73; Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74; Regulation No. 559, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 7/2/74; Regulation No. 560, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/21/74; Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75; Regulation No. 569, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed

Pigeons, And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 7/31/75; Regulation No. 570, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/5/75; Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76; Regulation No. 577, Establishing 1976 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, and Mourning and White-winged Doves, filed 8/3/76; Regulation No. 578, Establishing 1976 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/31/76; Regulation No. 587, Establishing 1977 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, And Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel And Grouse, filed 7/29/77; Regulation No. 588, Establishing 1977 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/6/77; Regulation No. 593, Establishing 1978 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, And Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel, Grouse, Rail, Snipe And Falconry Seasons, filed 8/30/78; Regulation No. 594, Establishing 1978 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/11/78; Regulation No. 600, Establishing 1979 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel, Grouse, Rail, Snipe, And Falconry Seasons, filed 7/27/79; Regulation No. 601, Establishing 1979 Seasons on Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens Regulation No. 605, Establishing 1980 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel, Grouse, Rail, Snipe, And Falconry Seasons, filed 7/29/80; Regulation No. 606, Establishing 1980 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/3/80; Regulation No. 610, Establishing 1981 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, And Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel, Grouse, Rail, Snipe, And Falconry Seasons, filed 8/19/81; Regulation No. 611, Establishing 1981 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/4/81; Regulation No. 615, Establishing 1982 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel, Grouse, Rail, Snipe, Sandhill Crane, And Falconry Seasons, filed 7/28/82; Regulation No. 616, Establishing 1982 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/3/82; Regulation No. 625, Establishing 1983 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel, Grouse, Rail, Snipe, Sandhill Crane, And Falconry Seasons, filed 7/29/83; Regulation No. 630, Establishing 1984 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel, Grouse, Rail, Snipe, Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasant, Prairie Chicken, And Falconry Seasons, filed 8/2/84; Regulation No. 637, Establishing 1985 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, Mourning And White-winged Doves, Squirrel, Grouse, Rail, Snipe, Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasant, Prairie Chicken, And Falconry Seasons, filed 8/26/85; Regulation No. 642, Establishing 1986-87 Seasons On Grouse, Squirrel, Quail, Pheasant, Prairie Chicken, And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/1/86; Regulation No. 652, Establishing 1987-88 Seasons On Blue Grouse, Ring-necked Pheasants (And All Other Races Of Pheasants), Lesser Prairie Chickens, Montezuma Quail, Northern Bobwhite, Scaled Quail, Gambel's Quail, Abert's Squirrels, Red Squirrels And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/24/87; Regulation No. 661, Establishing 1988-89 Seasons On Blue Grouse, Ring-necked Pheasants (And All Other Races Of Pheasants), Lesser Prairie Chickens, Montezuma Quail, Northern Bobwhite, Scaled Quail, Gambel's Quail, Abert's Squirrels, Red Squirrels And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 6/28/88; Regulation No. 668, Establishing 1989-90 Seasons On Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail (... Shall Mean Montezuma Quail, Northern Bobwhite, Scaled Quail, And Gambel's Quail), Abert's Squirrel, Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 9/1/89; Regulation No. 678, Establishing 1990-91 Seasons On Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail..., Dove..., Band-tailed Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Albert's And Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 7/26/90; Regulation No. 686, Establishing 1991-92 Seasons On Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail..., Dove..., Band-tailed Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Abert's And Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/6/91; Regulation No. 699, Establishing 1992-93 Seasons On Teal..., Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail..., Dove..., Band-tailed Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Abert's And Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/19/92; Regulation No. 703, Establishing 1993-94 Seasons On Teal..., Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail..., Dove..., Band-tailed Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Abert's And Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 3/11/93; Regulation No. 706, Establishing 1994-95, 95-96, 96-97 Seasons On Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Pheasants, Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Montezuma Quail, and Northern Bobwhite, filed 7/28/94.

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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 5         UPLAND GAME**

**19.31.5.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.5.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.1 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.2        SCOPE:** Hunters of upland game. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30 and 32 through 36 of Title 19.  
[19.31.5.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.2 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.5.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.3 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2022.  
[19.31.5.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.4 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2018 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.5.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.5 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing seasons on dusky grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, pheasant, Gambel's quail, Montezuma quail, northern bobwhite, scaled quail, Abert's squirrel, red squirrel, Arizona gray squirrel, fox squirrel, eastern gray squirrel, and setting falconry seasons.  
[19.31.5.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.6 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.        "Aggregate"** shall mean the sum of individual game taken comprised of several species as allowed by the bag limit or possession limit.
- B.        "Arrows"** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- C.        "Bag limit"** shall mean the number of upland game animals a licensed hunter is allowed per day.
- D.        "Baiting"** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take upland game birds or mammals.
- E.        "Bow"** shall mean compound, recurve, long bow, or crossbow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- F.        "Crossbows"** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- G.        "Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- H.        "Department offices"** shall mean department offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Las Cruces, or Roswell.
- I.        "Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- J.        "Established road"** is defined as follows:
  - (1)** a road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures;
  - (2)** a two-track road completely void of vegetation in the tracks which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching and shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.
- K.        "Falconry"** shall mean hunting upland game using raptors.
- L.        "License year"** shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- M.        "Modern firearms"** shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

N. **“Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms”** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, Pyrodex® or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

O. **“Non-toxic shot”** shall mean that non-toxic shot approved for use by the U. S. fish and wildlife service.

P. **“Pellet Gun”** shall mean a handgun or rifle that propels a single .177 caliber or larger pellet by means of compressed air or other gas.

Q. **“Permanent mobility limitation”** shall mean an individual that permanently has: restricted movement in both arms, or is restricted to the use of a walker, wheelchair, or two crutches to walk, or has a combination of disabilities that cause comparable substantial functional limitations.

R. **“Possession limit”** shall mean twice the daily bag limit one can have in their ownership, except where otherwise defined.

S. **“Protected species”** shall mean any of the following animals:

(1) all animals defined as protected wildlife species and game fish under Section 17-2-3 NMSA 1978;

(2) all animals listed as endangered species or subspecies as stated in regulation(s) set by the state game commission.

T. **“Retention” or “retain”** shall mean the holding of in captivity.

U. **“State game commission owned properties”** shall mean all department owned or managed waterfowl management areas, wildlife management areas, Sandhills Prairie conservation area and lesser prairie-chicken areas.

V. **“Unlimited”** shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

W. **“Waterfowl management area (WMA)”** shall mean Bernardo, Casa Colorada, Charette lake, Jackson lake, La Joya, McAllister lake, Salt lake, Tucumcari, and W.S. Huey state game commission owned or managed waterfowl management areas.

X. **“Wildlife management area”** shall mean Big Hatchet, Colin Neblett, E.S. Barker, Humphries, Marquez, Rio Chama, Sargent, Socorro-Escondida, and Water canyon wildlife management areas, the Sandhills Prairie conservation area, and state game commission owned lesser prairie-chicken areas.

Y. **“Youth”** shall mean those less than 18 years of age except where otherwise defined.

[19.31.5.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.7 NMAC, 8-15-17]

#### **19.31.5.8 LICENSE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

A. **License:** It shall be unlawful to hunt dusky grouse, pheasant, quail, Eurasian collared-dove, and squirrel without having purchased a valid license for the current license year.

(1) For pheasant hunting on Bernardo and W.S. Huey WMAs: in addition to a valid license, a special permit obtained by drawing shall be required.

(2) For pheasant hunting on private lands in Valencia county: in addition to a valid license, a Valencia county landowner pheasant permit shall be required.

B. **Valid dates of license or permit:** All permits or licenses shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license.

C. **Applications:** Applications for upland game special permits shall be submitted via the department website.

(1) No more than four persons may apply per application.

(2) It shall be unlawful to submit more than one application per species per year, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. Those submitting more than one application per species will result in the rejection of all applications for that species.

(3) Applications may be rejected if such applications do not supply adequate information.

(4) Applicants may apply for a first, second and third choice of seasons if applicable. A maximum of one permit per species hunt code will be awarded to successful applicants unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(5) All applications must be submitted via the department website unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. Persons desiring a Valencia county landowner pheasant hunt permit must obtain an application from registered landowners. Applications must be submitted in person to only the northwest area

(Albuquerque) office. Applications for the Valencia county landowner pheasant hunt permits may be submitted up to the day prior to the hunt.

(6) The application deadline for the Bernardo and W.S. Huey WMAs pheasant hunts shall be on date(s) set by the state game commission.

(7) If applications for permits exceed the number of available permits, permits shall be allotted by means of a random public drawing.

(8) If any permits remain after the original deadline, the director may authorize a new deadline. A person who is not awarded a permit for which he applied may submit a new application for a permit if such permits remain available.

**D. Youth hunts:** Only applicants who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by the opening day of the hunt are eligible to apply for or participate in a youth only hunt.

[19.31.5.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.8 NMAC, 8-15-17]

#### **19.31.5.9 MANNER AND METHODS FOR UPLAND GAME:**

**A. Season and hours:** Upland game may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(1) On wildlife management areas, the lesser prairie-chicken areas, and the Sandhills Prairie conservation area hunting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(2) On waterfowl management areas (WMAs), hunting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. For the special permit pheasant hunts on W.S. Huey WMA, hunting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 4 p.m.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one daily bag limit allowed by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of any upland game that are illegally obtained.

**D. Use of bait:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any upland game, other than quail on private property, by use of bait. It shall be lawful to take quail from areas where quail feeders occur on private property.

**E. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any upland game.

**F. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any upland game.

**G. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any upland game out-of-season.

#### **H. Legal sporting arms and ammunition:**

(1) The following are legal sporting arms for pheasants, and quail:

- (a) shotguns firing shot, including muzzle-loading shotguns;
- (b) bows and arrows; and
- (c) crossbows.

(2) The following are legal sporting arms for dusky grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, Abert's squirrels, Arizona gray squirrels, fox squirrels, eastern gray squirrels and red squirrels:

- (a) shotguns firing shot, including muzzle-loading shotguns;
- (b) rimfire firearms;
- (c) muzzle-loading firearms;
- (d) bows and arrows;
- (e) crossbows; and
- (f) pellet guns.

(3) Non-toxic shot is required for hunting on all state game commission owned lands. It shall be unlawful for any person hunting with a shotgun or muzzleloader on state game commission owned properties, to hunt with or be in possession of lead shot, or shotgun shells loaded with lead shot.

**I. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or use arrows driven by explosives.

#### **J. Proof of species or sex:**

(1) One foot shall remain attached to each quail taken until the bird has arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or storage facility.

(2) The head or a leg of each pheasant taken must remain attached to the bird until the bird has arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or storage facility.

**K. Release of wildlife:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise, or cause to be released in this state any upland game, without first obtaining a permit from the department of game and fish.

**L. Lands and waters owned, administered, controlled, or managed by the state game commission:**

(1) Posting of signs: The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area.

(2) Violating provisions of posted signs: It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission.

(3) Trespass on state game commission owned lands: It shall be unlawful to hunt upland game, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless allowed under regulation.

(4) State waterfowl management areas and wildlife management areas open, species that can be hunted, and days open for hunting: Use of vehicles will be restricted to designated areas.

(a) The W.S. Huey WMA shall be open for quail hunting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during established quail seasons. The W.S. Huey WMA shall be open to pheasant hunting by special permit only.

(b) The Edward Sargent, W. A. Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, and Elliot S. Barker wildlife management areas shall be open for hunting upland game during established squirrel and dusky grouse seasons.

(c) The Water canyon, Marquez, and Socorro-Escondida wildlife management areas, and the Sandhills Prairie conservation area shall be open for hunting upland game during established quail seasons.

(d) The Big Hatchet mountain wildlife management area shall be open for quail hunting during established quail seasons.

(e) The state game commission owned lesser prairie-chicken areas shall be open for quail hunting during established quail seasons.

(5) Eurasian collared-dove hunting shall be open during established mourning and white-winged dove seasons as defined in 19.31.6.11 NMAC, Species, Open Areas, Season Dates, and Daily Bag Limits, and during open quail, squirrel, and dusky grouse seasons in open areas, as defined above.

(6) The Sandia ranger district of the Cibola national forest shall be open to archery only hunting for upland game during established seasons.

**M. Areas closed to upland game hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to hunting, except as permitted by regulation:

- (1) all state game commission owned or managed properties;
- (2) Rio Grande wild and scenic river area;
- (3) sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve);
- (4) Sugarite canyon state park; and
- (5) Valle Vidal area.

[19.31.5.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.9 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.10 UPLAND GAME HUNTING SEASONS:** Hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the species, open areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates, and daily bag and possession limits. All Eurasian collared-dove in possession must have an identifiable feathered wing attached until the bird has arrived at the person's residence, processor, or place of final storage.

SPECIES	OPEN AREAS	SEASON OPEN	DAILY BAG (POSSESSION) LIMITS
Eurasian collared-dove	statewide	April 1 - March 31	No bag or possession limit
dusky grouse	statewide	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2018 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2019	3 (6 in possession)

		Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2020	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2021
pheasant	statewide, excluding Valencia county	Dec. 6-9, 2018, Dec. 12-15, 2019, Dec. 10-13, 2020, Dec. 9-12, 2021	3 (males) (6 in possession)
youth-only pheasant hunt (special draw permit required)	Bernardo WMA	Oct. 20, 2018, Oct. 19, 2019, Oct. 17, 2020, and Oct. 16, 2021	3 (males)
youth-only pheasant hunt (special draw permit required)	W.S. Huey WMA	Dec. 1, 2018, Dec. 7, 2019, Dec. 5, 2020, and Dec. 4, 2021	3 (males)
pheasant (special draw permit required)	W.S. Huey WMA	Dec. 8, 2018, Dec. 14, 2019, Dec. 12, 2020, and Dec. 11, 2021	3 (males)
pheasant (Valencia Co.) (landowner permit required)	Valencia county private lands	Dec. 8, 2018, Dec. 14, 2019, Dec. 12, 2020, and Dec. 11, 2021	3 (males)
quail: Gambel's, scaled, northern bobwhite and Montezuma (Mearn's)	statewide	Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2019 Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2020 Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2021 Nov. 15 - Feb. 15, 2022	15 (singly or in aggregate; no more than 5 shall be Mearn's, possession shall be 30 singly or in aggregate - no more than 10 shall be Mearn's)
squirrel: Abert's, Arizona gray, fox, eastern gray and red squirrel	statewide	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2018 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2019 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2020 Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2021	8 (singly or in aggregate, possession shall be 16 singly or in aggregate)

[19.31.5.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.10 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.11 [RESERVED]**

**19.31.5.12 HUNT CODES AND PERMIT NUMBERS FOR BERNARDO WMA AND W.S. HUEY WMA PHEASANT HUNTS AND THE VALENCIA COUNTY LANDOWNER PHEASANT HUNT:**

Hunters may possess a Valencia county landowner permit in addition to another special permit pheasant hunt.

Special permit pheasant hunts will be allocated by season as follows:

hunt location	2018 season	2019 season	2020 Season	2021 season	hunt code	no. of permits
youth-only Bernardo WMA	10/20	10/19	10/17	10/16	PHE-0-001	20
youth-only W.S. Huey WMA	12/01	12/07	12/05	12/04	PHE-0-002	40
W.S. Huey WMA	12/08	12/14	12/12	12/11	PHE-0-005	40
Valencia county landowner permits	12/08	12/14	12/12	12/11	PHE-0-006	unlimited

[19.31.5.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.12 NMAC, 8-15-17]

**19.31.5.13 FALCONRY SEASONS:**

**A. Open areas and season dates:** The season for dusky grouse, pheasants, quail, Abert's squirrel, Arizona gray squirrel, fox squirrel, eastern gray squirrel, and red squirrel shall be statewide and shall be open September 1 through February 28 annually. For Eurasian collared-dove, all areas statewide are open year round, except as prohibited by rule.



**B. Daily bag and possession limits:** Daily bag limits for dusky grouse, pheasant, and quail shall be three birds (in the aggregate) and three squirrels (in the aggregate). Possession limits shall be: dusky grouse-six; pheasant-six; quail-30 (singly or in the aggregate); Abert's, Arizona gray, fox, eastern gray and red squirrel-16 (singly or in the aggregate). There is no bag or possession limit for Eurasian collared-dove. All Eurasian collared-dove in possession must have an identifiable feathered wing attached until the bird has arrived at the person's residence, processor, or place of final storage.

**C. Provisions for possession:** The falconry hunter shall not retain nor possess any protected mammal taken by a raptor except Abert's, Arizona gray, eastern gray, fox and red squirrels legally taken during open falconry season. The falconry hunter shall not retain nor possess any protected birds taken by a raptor except those upland game species listed herein that were legally taken during the open falconry season.  
[19.31.5.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.5.13 NMAC, 8-15-17]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.5 NMAC:**

Pre-NMAC Regulatory Filing History: The material in this Part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center & Archives under: Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, and Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67; Regulation No. 486, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, Prairie Chickens, and Lesser Sandhill (Little Brown) Crane And Additional Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, filed 9/22/67; Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68; Regulation No. 493, Establishing 1968 Seasons On Mourning And White-Winged Doves, Band-Tailed Pigeons, And Sora And Virginia Rails, filed 8/9/68; Regulation No. 494, Establishing 1968 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Wilson's Snipe, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Scaled, Gambel's, And Bobwhite Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 10/2/68; Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69; Regulation No. 505, Establishing 1969 Seasons On Teal, Band-Tailed Pigeons, Sora And Virginia Rails, Mourning And White-Winged Doves, And Wilson's Snipe, filed 8/26/69; Regulation No. 508, Establishing 1969 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Scaled, Gambel's And Bobwhite Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/19/69; Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70; Regulation No. 516 Establishing 1970 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/24/70; Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71; Regulation No. 524, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Band-Tailed Pigeons And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 8/13/71; Regulation No. 526, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Blue-Winged, Green-winged And Cinnamon Teal, filed 8/13/71; Regulation No. 527, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl And Lesser Sandhill Cranes, filed 9/10/71; Regulation No. 529, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/24/71; Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72; Regulation No. 538, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal And On Band-tailed Pigeons And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 8/15/72; Regulation No. 540, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, And Wilson's Swipe, filed 9/26/72; Regulation No. 541, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/26/72; filed; Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73; Regulation No. 548, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 8/20/73; Regulation No. 549, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/20/73; Regulation No. 551, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl And Lesser Sandhill Crane, filed 8/20/73; Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74; Regulation No. 559, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 7/2/74; Regulation No. 560, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/21/74; Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75; Regulation No. 569, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Blue-winged, Green-winged, And Cinnamon Teal, Band-tailed Pigeons, And Mourning And White-winged Doves, filed 7/31/75; Regulation No. 570, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed

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Shall Mean Montezuma Quail, Northern Bobwhite, Scaled Quail, And Gambel's Quail), Abert's Squirrel, Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 9/1/89; Regulation No. 678, Establishing 1990-91 Seasons On Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail..., Dove..., Band-tailed Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Albert's And Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 7/26/90; Regulation No. 686, Establishing 1991-92 Seasons On Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail..., Dove..., Band-tailed Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Abert's And Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/6/91; Regulation No. 699, Establishing 1992-93 Seasons On Teal..., Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail..., Dove..., Band-tailed Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Abert's And Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/19/92; Regulation No. 703, Establishing 1993-94 Seasons On Teal..., Pheasants..., Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Quail..., Dove..., Band-tailed Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Abert's And Red Squirrel And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 3/11/93; Regulation No. 706, Establishing 1994-95, 95-96, 96-97 Seasons On Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Pheasants, Blue Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Montezuma Quail, and Northern Bobwhite, filed 7/28/94.

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# Proposed rule

**TITLE 19      NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31   HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 6        MIGRATORY GAME BIRD**

**19.31.6.1      ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.6.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.1 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.2      SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in migratory game bird management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30 and 32 through 36 of Title 19 NMAC.  
[19.31.6.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.2 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.3      STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.6.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.3 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.4      DURATION:** September 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018.  
[19.31.6.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.4 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.5      EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 2017 unless a later date is cited at end of a section.  
[19.31.6.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.5 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.6      OBJECTIVE:** Establishing seasons on dove, band-tailed pigeon, sandhill crane, American coot, common moorhen, common snipe, ducks, geese, sora, Virginia rail, and setting falconry seasons for migratory game birds.  
[19.31.6.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.6 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.7      DEFINITIONS:** Areas, species, non-toxic shot, and possession limit defined.

**A.      "Adult/youth" (A/Y)** as used herein, shall mean that hunt designation where the adult and youth are permitted to hunt together.

**B.      "Arrows"** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.

**C.      "Baiting"** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take migratory game birds.

**D.      "Bernardo pond unit"** shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and west of the unit 7 drain.

**E.      "Bernardo youth unit"** shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area immediately south of the Quagmire and east of the unit 7 drain.

**F.      "Bow"** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~

**G.      "Central flyway"** shall mean that portion of New Mexico east of the continental divide, with the exception of the Jicarilla Apache Indian reservation.

**H.      "Crossbows"** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~

**I.      "Dark goose"** shall mean Canada goose or white-fronted goose.

**J.      "Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**K.      "Department offices"** shall mean department offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Las Cruces, or Roswell.

**L.      "Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**M.      "Dove north zone" (north zone)** shall mean that portion of New Mexico north of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**N.      "Dove south zone" (south zone)** shall mean that portion of New Mexico south of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**O.** "Eastern New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area" (eastern) shall mean that area in the following counties: Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt.

**P.** "Established road" is defined as follows:

(1) a road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures; or

(2) a two-track road completely void of vegetation in the tracks which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching and shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

**Q.** "Estancia valley sandhill crane hunt area" (EV) shall mean that area beginning at Mountainair bounded on the west by N.M. highway 55 north to N.M. 337, north to N.M. 14, and north to Interstate 25; on the north by Interstate 25 east to U.S. 285; on the east by U.S. 285 south to U.S. 60; and on the south by U.S. 60 from U.S. 285 west to N.M. 55 in Mountainair.

**R.** "Falconry" shall mean hunting migratory game birds using raptors.

**S.** "Federal youth waterfowl hunting days" shall mean the special seasons where only those under 18 years of age may hunt ducks and geese. A supervising adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter. The adult may not hunt ducks; but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days.

**T.** "License year" shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**U.** "Light geese" shall mean snow geese, blue phase snow geese, and Ross's geese.

**V.** "Light goose conservation order" shall mean those methods, bag and possession limits, and dates approved by the U. S. fish and wildlife service (USFWS) towards reducing over-abundant light goose populations.

**W.** "Middle Rio Grande valley dark goose hunt area" shall mean Sierra, Socorro and Valencia counties.

**X.** "Middle Rio Grande valley sandhill crane hunt area" (MRGV) shall mean Valencia and Socorro counties.

**Y.** "Migratory game bird" shall mean band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, white-winged dove, sandhill crane, American coot, common moorhen, common snipe, ducks, geese, sora, and Virginia rail.

**Z.** "Modern firearms" shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**AA.** "Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms" shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, pyrodex or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**BB.** "Non-toxic shot" shall mean that non-toxic shot approved for use by the USFWS.

**CC.** "North zone" shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway north of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to the continental divide; and that portion of the central flyway north of I-40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**DD.** "Pacific flyway" shall mean that portion of New Mexico west of the continental divide including the Jicarilla Apache Indian reservation.

**EE.** "Permanent mobility limitation" shall mean an individual that permanently has restricted movement in both arms, or is restricted to the use of a walker, wheelchair, or two crutches to walk, or has a combination of disabilities that cause comparable substantial functional limitations. EXCEPTION: For the purposes of hunting migratory game birds from a vehicle, mobility limitation individuals are those that have permanently lost one or both legs.

**FF.** "Possession limit" shall mean three times the daily bag limit one can have in their ownership, except where otherwise defined.

**GG.** "Protected species" shall mean any of the following animals:

(1) all animals defined as protected wildlife species and game fish under Section 17-2-3 NMSA 1978; or

(2) all animals listed as endangered species or subspecies as stated in regulation(s) set by the state game commission.

**HH.** "Quagmire" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and east of the unit 7 drain.

**II. "Regular band-tailed pigeon hunting area"** (regular BPHA) shall mean that portion of New Mexico not included in the southwest band-tailed pigeon hunt area.

**JJ. "Retention" or "retain"** shall mean the holding of in captivity.

**KK. "South zone"** shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway south of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to the continental divide; and that portion of the central flyway south of I-40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**LL. "Southwest band-tailed pigeon hunting area"** (southwest BPHA) shall mean that portion of New Mexico both south of U.S. 60 and west of I-25.

**MM. "Southwest New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area"** (SW) shall mean that area bounded on the south by the New Mexico-Mexico border; on the west by the New Mexico-Arizona border north to Interstate 10; on the north by Interstate 10 east to U.S. 180, north to N.M. 26, east to N.M. 27, north to N.M. 152, and east to Interstate 25; on the east by Interstate 25 south to Interstate 10, west to the Luna county line, and south to the New Mexico/Mexico border.

**NN. "State game commission owned properties"** shall mean all department owned or managed wildlife management areas (WMAs), Sandhills Prairie conservation area, and lesser prairie-chicken areas as described in state game commission rule 19.34.5 NMAC.

**OO. "Unlimited"** shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**PP. "Youth"** shall mean those younger than 18 years of age except where otherwise defined.  
[19.31.6.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.7 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

#### **19.31.6.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST**

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, authorizations, or harvest limits, up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes.

[19.31.6.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.8 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

#### **19.31.6.9 LICENSE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. License:** It shall be unlawful to hunt migratory game birds without having purchased a valid license for the current license year. A migratory bird permit number shall be required. Waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older are required to have in their possession a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (duck stamp).

(1) For eastern sandhill crane hunting and falconry: in addition to a valid license, a free federal sandhill crane hunting permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

(2) For EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, MRGV youth-only sandhill crane, and SW sandhill crane, in addition to a valid license, a special permit obtained by drawing shall be required.

(3) For the light goose conservation order: in addition to a valid license, a free light goose conservation order permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

(4) For band-tailed pigeon hunting: in addition to a valid license, a free band-tailed pigeon permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

**B. Valid dates of license or permit:** All permits or licenses shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area printed on the permit or license.

**C. Applications:** Applications for EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, SW sandhill crane, and MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt permits shall be submitted via the department website.

(1) For permits issued by drawing, the appropriate application fee as defined by 19.30.9 NMAC shall be required by each applicant per application submitted.

(2) No more than four persons may apply per application. For the MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt, no more than two persons may apply per application.

(3) It shall be unlawful to submit more than one application per species per year, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. Those submitting more than one application per species will result in the rejection of all applications for that species.

(4) Applications may be rejected if such applications do not supply adequate information.

(5) Applicants may apply for a first, second and third choice of seasons, if applicable. A maximum of one permit per species hunt code will be awarded to successful applicants unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(6) All applications must be submitted via the department website unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(7) The application deadline date for the EV, MRGV, MRGV youth-only, and SW sandhill crane hunt permits shall be on date(s) set by the state game commission. If any permits are available after the drawing, those permits may be sold online via a secondary sale.

(8) If applications for permits exceed the number of available permits, as herein established, the available permits shall be allotted by means of a random public drawing in the Santa Fe office of the department.

(9) If any permits remain after the original deadline, the director may authorize a new deadline. A person who is not awarded a permit for which he applied may submit a new application for a permit if such permits remain available.

**D. Youth hunts:** Only applicants who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by the opening day of the hunt are eligible to apply for or participate in a youth-only hunt, including federal youth waterfowl hunt days. [19.31.6.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.9 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

#### 19.31.6.10 MANNER AND METHODS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

**A. Season:** Migratory game birds may be hunted or taken only during open seasons.

**B. Hours:** Migratory game birds may be hunted or taken only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(1) On most wildlife management areas, the lesser prairie-chicken areas, and the Sandhills Prairie conservation area, hunting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(2) On the following wildlife management areas: Bernardo, Casa Colorada, Charette lake, Jackson lake, La Joya, McAllister lake, Wagon Mound, Tucumcari, and W.S. Huey; and the Bottomless lakes overflow, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated in rule. For hunting September teal on Bernardo and La Joya WMAs, hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(3) During the light goose conservation order hunt dates, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, excluding the WMAs listed in (2) above.

**C. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one daily bag limit allowed by regulation, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. There shall be no daily bag or possession limit for light geese during the light goose conservation order hunt dates.

**D. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of any migratory game birds that are illegally obtained.

**E. Use of bait:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any migratory game bird by use of bait such as grain, salt or other feed.

**F. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any migratory game bird.

**G. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electronically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any migratory game bird, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. During the light goose conservation order hunt dates, electronic calling devices are allowed.

**H. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any migratory game bird out-of-season.

#### **I. Legal sporting arms and ammunition:**

(1) The following are legal sporting arms for migratory game birds:  
(a) shotguns no larger than 10 gauge firing shot, shotguns shall not be capable of holding more than three shells;

(b) muzzle-loading shotguns firing shot;

(c) bows and arrows;

(d) crossbows and bolts; and

(e) during the light goose conservation order hunt dates, as listed herein, shotguns capable of holding more than three shells are lawful.

(2) Non-toxic shot use is required for hunting:

(a) all migratory game bird species, excluding dove, band-tailed pigeon, and eastern sandhill crane; and

(b) on all state game commission owned lands.

(3) Use of lead shot: It shall be unlawful for any person hunting migratory game birds, other than dove, band-tailed pigeon and eastern sandhill crane, to hunt with or be in possession of any shotgun shells loaded with toxic shot or for any person using a muzzleloader to be in possession of lead shot.



**J. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or bolt, or use arrows or bolts driven by explosives.

**K. Proof of species or sex:** One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds, except dove and band-tailed pigeon, until the bird has arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or storage facility.

**L. Possession or sale of migratory game bird:** It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, or offer for sale all or part of any migratory game bird except as provided below.

(1) **License or permit:** A person may possess migratory game bird or parts thereof they have lawfully taken (killed) under license or permit.

(2) **Game taken by another:** Any person may have in their possession or under their control any migratory game bird or parts thereof that have been lawfully taken by another person if they possess a written statement which shall be provided by the donor of the migratory game bird, or parts thereof, and which shall contain the following:

- (a) the kind and number of game parts donated;
- (b) the date and county where the game was lawfully taken;
- (c) the donor's name, address, and the number of the hunting license under which the game was lawfully taken; and
- (d) the date and place of the donation.

(3) **Retention of live animals:** It shall be unlawful to retain migratory game birds in a live condition except under permit or license issued by the director for the following purposes:

- (a) zoos open for public display;
- (b) in class A parks;
- (c) in projects for scientific research and propagation;
- (d) a rehabilitation permit;
- (e) under a falconry permit, only those birds listed on the permit;
- (f) under a scientific collection permit, one may collect and possess only those

migratory game bird species listed on the permit; or

(g) in transit through New Mexico when the transporter can demonstrate proof of legal possession of the migratory game bird being transported.

(4) **Sale of game animal parts:** It shall be unlawful to sell or barter any parts or feathers from migratory game birds.

(5) **Falconry provisions for possession:** The falconry hunter shall not retain nor possess any migratory game bird of bird taken by a raptor except those species of protected birds taken during open falconry season.

**M. Release of wildlife:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise, or cause to be released in this state any migratory game bird, without first obtaining a permit from the department.

**N. Use of vehicles and roads in hunting migratory game birds:**

(1) **Roads:** It shall be unlawful to shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take, or kill any migratory game bird on, from, or across any graded paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right-of-way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right-of-way fences.

(2) **Vehicles, boats, aircraft:** It shall be unlawful to shoot at any migratory game bird from within a motor vehicle, power boat, sailboat, or aircraft. **EXCEPTION:** Migratory game birds may be taken from a motor-driven boat (or other craft with attached motor) or sailboat when resting at anchor or fastened within or immediately alongside a fixed hunting blind or is used solely as a means of picking up dead birds.

(3) **Harassing migratory game birds:** It shall be unlawful, at any time, to pursue, harass, harr, drive, or rally any migratory game bird by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, or aircraft.

(4) **Vehicle off of established road:** During the seasons established for any migratory game bird, it shall be unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, fisherman or trapper. **EXCEPTION:** 1) snowmobiles; and 2) all landowners, lessees or their employees, while on their owned or leased lands in connection with legitimate agricultural activities.

(5) **Closed roads:** During the seasons established for any migratory game bird, it shall be unlawful to knowingly occupy, drive, or cause to be driven any motor vehicle on a closed road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.

(6) Mobility impaired:

(a) Shooting from a vehicle: The holder of a mobility impaired card is authorized to shoot at and kill migratory game birds during their respective open seasons from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. The director may issue permits to shoot from a stationary vehicle to applicants who provide certification that the applicant is disabled in accordance with the American Disability Act. Such certification shall be signed by a medical doctor or doctor of optometry licensed to practice in the applicant's state of residence.

(b) Driving off established roads: Holders of a mobility impaired card may, with permission of the landowner, lessee, or land management agency, drive off established roads to hunt for or take migratory game birds, during open seasons.

(c) Assistance for mobility impaired hunter: The holder of a mobility impaired card may be accompanied by another person to assist in reducing to possession any migratory game bird which has clearly been wounded by the licensed mobility impaired hunter. Persons assisting in reducing to possession any wounded migratory game birds shall be fully licensed.

**O. Lands and waters owned, administered, controlled, or managed by the state game commission:**

(1) Posting of signs: The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area.

(2) Violating provisions of posted signs: It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission.

(3) Trespass on state game commission owned lands: It shall be unlawful to hunt migratory game birds, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(4) State wildlife management areas open, species that can be hunted, and days open for hunting (use of vehicles will be restricted to designated areas):

(a) Bernardo WMA:

(i) That portion of the Bernardo WMA south of U.S. 60 is open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and the federal youth waterfowl days. That portion of the Bernardo WMA north of U.S. 60 is closed except during the light goose conservation order.

(ii) The Quagmire shall be open only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iii) The Bernardo pond unit shall be open for general waterfowl hunting from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iv) The Bernardo youth unit shall be open for youth waterfowl hunting from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(b) The Charette lake WMA shall be open each day of the federal youth waterfowl days and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons. Charette lake WMA is closed during the September teal season.

(c) The Edward Sargent, W. A. Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, Water canyon, Marquez, and Elliot S. Barker wildlife management areas shall be open for hunting dove and band-tailed pigeon during established seasons.

(d) The portion of Jackson lake WMA west of N.M. 170 shall be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe. The portion of Jackson lake WMA east of N.M. 170 shall be open to falconry only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(e) The lesser prairie-chicken management areas and Sandhills Prairie conservation area shall be open to hunt dove during established seasons.

(f) La Joya WMA:

(i) the entire La Joya WMA shall be open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and each day of the federal youth waterfowl days;

(ii) that portion of La Joya WMA north of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iii) that portion of La Joya WMA south of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iv) that portion of La Joya WMA east of the railroad tracks shall be open to hunt dove, ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons.

(g) The McAllister lake WMA shall be open each day of the federal youth waterfowl days, each day of the September teal season, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday to hunt ducks, dark and light geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons. McAllister lake WMA shall also be open each day of the dove season for dove hunting.

(h) The Wagon Mound WMA shall be open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and federal youth waterfowl days and open on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday for ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot and common snipe during established seasons.

(i) The Socorro-Escondida wildlife management area shall be open for migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(j) The Tucumcari WMA shall be open each day of the September teal and federal youth waterfowl days and on Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons.

(k) The William S. Huey WMA shall be open for dove hunting only on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during established statewide seasons.

(5) The Big Hatchet mountain special management area shall be open for dove hunting during established seasons.

(6) The Hammond tract WMA is open for waterfowl hunting during established seasons.

(7) The Retherford tract WMA is open for waterfowl hunting during established seasons.

(8) The Sandia ranger district of the Cibola national forest shall be open to ~~archery~~ bow only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(9) All wildlife management areas shall be open to falconry waterfowl hunting each day of the established falconry season, unless otherwise restricted by rule.

**P. Areas closed to migratory game bird hunting:** All areas noted in 19.31.10.16 NMAC shall remain closed to hunting, except as permitted by regulation.

(1) That portion of the stilling basin below Navajo dam lying within a line starting from N.M. 511 at the crest of the bluff west of the Navajo dam spillway and running west along the fence approximately one-quarter mile downstream, southwest along the fence to N.M. 511 to the Navajo dam spillway, across the spillway, and to the crest of the bluff.

(2) Areas within Valencia county may be closed to migratory game bird hunting that meets the following criteria:

(a) the discharge of a shotgun in the area has been identified by department personnel as a public safety risk because of its proximity to an inhabited area. For the purpose of this section, "public safety risk" shall be defined as a reasonable potential risk of injury at an occupied place of residence;

(b) the discharge of a shotgun in the area is not prohibited by any other statute, rule, regulation or ordinance; and

(c) these areas shall be designated by posting of signs and identified on the department's website.

**Q. Regulations pertaining to boats, other floating devices, and motors:**

(1) On Bernardo, La Joya, Wagon Mound and Jackson lake WMAs, only boats and other floating devices using no motors shall be permitted during waterfowl season.

(2) On Tucumcari WMA, only boats and other floating devices using electric motors or with motors that are not in use shall be permitted.

(3) On Charette and McAllister lakes boats and other floating devices with or without motors shall be permitted; provided, however, that boats or floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed.

(4) Department personnel or persons authorized by the director may use gasoline powered outboard motors on all lakes mentioned in this chapter while performing official duties. [19.31.6.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.10 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.11 SPECIES, OPEN AREAS, SEASON DATES, AND DAILY BAG LIMITS:**

A. **2017 -2018 season;** all dates are 2017 unless otherwise specified. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	open areas	season dates	daily bag limit
mourning and white-winged dove	north zone	Sept. 1 - Nov. 29	15 (singly or in aggregate)
	south zone	Sept. 1 - Oct. 29 and Dec. 2 - Jan. 1, 2018	
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14	2
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14	
regular season sandhill crane (free permit required)	eastern	Oct. 28 - Jan. 28, 2018	3 (6 in possession)
special season sandhill crane (special draw permit required)	MRGV	Nov. 11 - 12	3 (6 in possession)
	southwest	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	
	MRGV	Nov. 25 - 26	
	MRGV	Dec. 16 - 17	
	southwest	Jan. 6 - 7, 2018	3 (6 in possession)
	MRGV	Jan. 6 - 7, 2018	
	MRGV	Jan. 13-14, 2018	
	EV	Oct. 28 - Oct. 31	3 (6 in possession)
	EV	Nov. 2 - Nov. 5	
	MRGV youth-only	Nov. 4	3

**CENTRAL FLYWAY:** possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	season dates	daily bag limit
September teal: blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, and cinnamon teal	Sept. 16 - 24	6 (singly or in the aggregate)
ducks	north zone: Oct. 14 - Jan. 7, 2018	6 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 5 mallard (of which only 2 may be female mallard, [Mexican-like ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit]), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback
	south zone: Oct. 25 - Jan. 28, 2018	
youth waterfowl days	north zone: Sept. 30 - Oct. 1	6 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 5 mallard (of which only 2 may be female mallard, [Mexican-like ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit]), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback
	south zone: Oct. 7 - 8	
American coot	north zone: Oct. 14 - Jan. 17, 2018	15
	south zone: Oct. 25 - Jan. 28, 2018	
common moorhen	Sept. 16 - Nov. 24	1
common snipe	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018	8
Virginia rail & sora	Sept. 16 - Nov. 24	10 (singly or in the aggregate); 20 in possession
dark goose: Canada & white-fronted geese (regular season closed in Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia counties)	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018	5
dark goose: special MRGV season	Dec. 23 - Jan. 16, 2018	2 (2 per season)
light goose: Ross's & snow geese	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018	50 (no possession limit)
light goose conservation order	Feb. 1 - Mar. 10, 2018	no bag or possession limit

**PACIFIC FLYWAY:** possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	season dates	daily bag limit
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youth waterfowl days	Oct. 7 - 8	7 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 2 female mallard, 2 redhead, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback
ducks	Oct. 16 - Jan. 28, 2018	
scaup	Oct. 16 - Jan. 9, 2018	
American coot and common moorhen	Oct. 16 - Jan. 28, 2018	25 daily (singly or in the aggregate)
common snipe	Oct. 16 - Jan. 30, 2018	8
Virginia rail & sora	Sept. 16 - Nov. 24	25 daily (singly or in the aggregate)
goose	north zone: Sept. 23 - Oct. 8 and Oct. 30 - Jan. 28, 2018	4 Canada geese, 10 white-fronted geese, and 20 light geese
	south zone: Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018	
	south zone: Oct. 15 - Jan. 29, 2017	

**B. Light goose conservation measures:** Under the director's discretion with the verbal concurrence of the state game commission chairman or his designee, the department may implement the light goose conservation measures approved by the USFWS. Methods, bag and possession limits, and dates allowed shall be those as approved by the USFWS. A free permit is required.

[19.31.6.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.11 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.12 FALCONRY SEASONS: 2017-2018 season,** all dates are 2017 unless otherwise specified. Bag limits are three singly or in the aggregate and nine in possession unless otherwise specified.

<b>CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>		
<b>species</b>	<b>open areas</b>	<b>season dates</b>
mourning and white-winged dove	north	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2018
	south	Sept. 1 - Nov. 6 and Nov. 23 - Jan. 1, 2018
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14
sora and Virginia rail	all	Sept. 16 - Dec. 31
common snipe	all	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018
common moorhen	all	Sept. 16 - Dec. 31
ducks	north	Sept. 16 - 24 and Oct. 14 - Jan 17, 2018
	south	Sept. 16 - 24 and Oct. 25 - Jan 28, 2018
goose (light and dark)	all	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018
goose (dark)	MRGV	Dec. 23 - Jan. 16, 2018
sandhill crane	regular (eastern)	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018; 3 (6 in possession)
	Estancia valley	Oct. 28 - Dec. 26; 3 (6 in possession)
<b>PACIFIC FLYWAY</b>		
<b>species</b>	<b>open areas</b>	<b>season dates</b>
mourning and white-winged dove	north	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2018
	south	Sept. 1 - Nov. 6 and Nov. 23 - Jan. 1, 2018
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - Oct. 14
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - Sept. 14
duck	all	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018
scaup	all	Oct. 14 - Jan. 7, 2018
goose	north	Sept. 23 - Oct. 8 and Oct. 30 - Jan. 28, 2018
	south	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018
common snipe	all	Oct. 16 - Jan. 31, 2018
coots and common moorhen	all	Oct. 16 - Jan. 28, 2018
sora and Virginia rail	all	Sept. 16 - Nov. 24

[19.31.6.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.12 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.13 FEDERAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS:** Requirements for youth hunters to participate in this hunt are as follows:

- A. Youth hunters must be younger than 18 years old.
  - B. An adult, at least 18 years old, must accompany the youth hunter in the field (the adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days).
  - C. Only ducks, coots, and moorhens may be taken by the youth hunter (sandhill cranes, geese or any other migratory game bird species may not be taken unless the season is open).
- [19.31.6.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.13 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.14 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL BERNARDO YOUTH WATERFOWL UNIT:**

- A. The Bernardo youth hunt unit will only be open for youth waterfowl hunting.
  - B. Blind selection will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a supervising adult who may not hunt. A maximum of four people is allowed per blind, at least fifty percent of which must be youth hunters.
- [19.31.6.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.14 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.15 HUNT CODES AND PERMITS NUMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL ESTANCIA VALLEY, MIDDLE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, AND SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS:**

- A. The hunting seasons for 2017-2018 are:

season dates	hunt code	hunt location	no. of permits	season dates	hunt code	hunt location	no. of permits
Oct 28 - Oct 31 and Nov. 2 - Nov. 5	SCR-0-101	EV	65	Jan. 13-14, 2018	SCR-0-106	MRGV	60
Nov. 11 - 12	SCR-0-102	MRGV	75	Nov. 4	SCR-0-107	MRGV	24
Nov. 25-26	SCR-0-103	MRGV	60	Oct. 28- Nov. 5	SCR-0-108	SW	70
Dec. 16-17	SCR-0-104	MRGV	60	Jan. 6-7, 2018	SCR-0-109	SW	60
Jan. 6-7, 2018	SCR-0-105	MRGV	60				

B. Hunters who participate in the EV and MRGV seasons shall be required to check-out at designated check stations when they harvest any sandhill cranes.

C. All EV, MRGV and SW sandhill crane hunters are required to submit a special permit sandhill crane harvest report to the department within five days after the end of their hunt. Hunters that do not submit a questionnaire within five days of the close of their hunt will be considered ineligible to receive a sandhill crane permit the following year.

D. The department may cancel one or more EV, MRGV or SW sandhill crane hunts if harvest is expected to exceed our federal allocation of greater sandhill cranes.

[19.31.6.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.15 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

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Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/5/75; Regulation No. 578, Establishing 1976 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/31/76; Regulation No. 588, Establishing 1977 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/6/77; Regulation No. 594, Establishing 1978 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/11/78; Regulation No. 601, Establishing 1979 Seasons on Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/30/79; Regulation No. 606, Establishing 1980 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/3/80; Regulation No. 611, Establishing 1981 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/4/81; Regulation No. 616, Establishing 1982 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/3/82; Regulation No. 626, Establishing 1983 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/7/83; Regulation No. 631, Establishing 1984 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, filed 8/31/84; Regulation No. 638, Establishing 1985 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, filed 9/11/85; Regulation No. 643, Establishing 1986-87 Seasons On Migratory Birds, filed 8/24/87; Regulation No. 660, Establishing 1988-89 Seasons On Migratory Birds, filed 6/28/88; Regulation No. 669, Establishing 1989-90 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Band-tailed Pigeon, Dove, And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 10/5/89; Regulation No. 680, Establishing 1990-91 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 9/28/90; Regulation No. 687, Establishing 1991-92 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/6/91; Regulation No. 698, Establishing 1991-92 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/6/91; Regulation No. 698, Establishing 1992-93 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry seasons, filed 9/15/92; Regulation No. 704, Establishing 1993-94 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 3/11/93; Regulation No. 707, Establishing The 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe, And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 7/28/94; Regulation No. 708, Establishing The 1994-95, 1995-96, And 1996-97 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe, And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 9/7/94.

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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 6         MIGRATORY GAME BIRD**

**19.31.6.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.6.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.1 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in migratory game bird management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30 and 32 through 36 of Title 19 NMAC.  
[19.31.6.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.2 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.6.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.3 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.4        DURATION:** September 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018.  
[19.31.6.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.4 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 2017 unless a later date is cited at end of a section.  
[19.31.6.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.5 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing seasons on dove, band-tailed pigeon, sandhill crane, American coot, common moorhen, common snipe, ducks, geese, sora, Virginia rail, and setting falconry seasons for migratory game birds.  
[19.31.6.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.6 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.7        DEFINITIONS:** Areas, species, non-toxic shot, and possession limit defined.

**A.        "Adult/youth" (A/Y)** as used herein, shall mean that hunt designation where the adult and youth are permitted to hunt together.

**B.        "Arrows"** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.

**C.        "Baiting"** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take migratory game birds.

**D.        "Bernardo pond unit"** shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and west of the unit 7 drain.

**E.        "Bernardo youth unit"** shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area immediately south of the Quagmire and east of the unit 7 drain.

**F.        "Bow"** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

**G.        "Central flyway"** shall mean that portion of New Mexico east of the continental divide, with the exception of the Jicarilla Apache Indian reservation.

**H.        "Crossbows"** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

**I.        "Dark goose"** shall mean Canada goose or white-fronted goose.

**J.        "Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**K.        "Department offices"** shall mean department offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Las Cruces, or Roswell.

**L.        "Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**M.        "Dove north zone"** (north zone) shall mean that portion of New Mexico north of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tatumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tatumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**N.        "Dove south zone"** (south zone) shall mean that portion of New Mexico south of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tatumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tatumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**O.** "Eastern New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area" (eastern) shall mean that area in the following counties: Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt.

**P.** "Established road" is defined as follows:

(1) a road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures; or

(2) a two-track road completely void of vegetation in the tracks which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching and shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

**Q.** "Estancia valley sandhill crane hunt area" (EV) shall mean that area beginning at Mountainair bounded on the west by N.M. highway 55 north to N.M. 337, north to N.M. 14, and north to Interstate 25; on the north by Interstate 25 east to U.S. 285; on the east by U.S. 285 south to U.S. 60; and on the south by U.S. 60 from U.S. 285 west to N.M. 55 in Mountainair.

**R.** "Falconry" shall mean hunting migratory game birds using raptors.

**S.** "Federal youth waterfowl hunting days" shall mean the special seasons where only those under 18 years of age may hunt ducks and geese. A supervising adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter. The adult may not hunt ducks; but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days.

**T.** "License year" shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**U.** "Light geese" shall mean snow geese, blue phase snow geese, and Ross's geese.

**V.** "Light goose conservation order" shall mean those methods, bag and possession limits, and dates approved by the U. S. fish and wildlife service (USFWS) towards reducing over-abundant light goose populations.

**W.** "Middle Rio Grande valley dark goose hunt area" shall mean Sierra, Socorro and Valencia counties.

**X.** "Middle Rio Grande valley sandhill crane hunt area" (MRGV) shall mean Valencia and Socorro counties.

**Y.** "Migratory game bird" shall mean band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, white-winged dove, sandhill crane, American coot, common moorhen, common snipe, ducks, geese, sora, and Virginia rail.

**Z.** "Modern firearms" shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**AA.** "Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms" shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, pyrodex or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**BB.** "Non-toxic shot" shall mean that non-toxic shot approved for use by the USFWS.

**CC.** "North zone" shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway north of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to the continental divide; and that portion of the central flyway north of I-40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**DD.** "Pacific flyway" shall mean that portion of New Mexico west of the continental divide including the Jicarilla Apache Indian reservation.

**EE.** "Permanent mobility limitation" shall mean an individual that permanently has restricted movement in both arms, or is restricted to the use of a walker, wheelchair, or two crutches to walk, or has a combination of disabilities that cause comparable substantial functional limitations. EXCEPTION: For the purposes of hunting migratory game birds from a vehicle, mobility limitation individuals are those that have permanently lost one or both legs.

**FF.** "Possession limit" shall mean three times the daily bag limit one can have in their ownership, except where otherwise defined.

**GG.** "Protected species" shall mean any of the following animals:

(1) all animals defined as protected wildlife species and game fish under Section 17-2-3 NMSA 1978; or

(2) all animals listed as endangered species or subspecies as stated in regulation(s) set by the state game commission.

**HH.** "Quagmire" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and east of the unit 7 drain.

**II. "Regular band-tailed pigeon hunting area"** (regular BPHA) shall mean that portion of New Mexico not included in the southwest band-tailed pigeon hunt area.

**JJ. "Retention" or "retain"** shall mean the holding of in captivity.

**KK. "South zone"** shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway south of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to the continental divide; and that portion of the central flyway south of I-40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**LL. "Southwest band-tailed pigeon hunting area"** (southwest BPHA) shall mean that portion of New Mexico both south of U.S. 60 and west of I-25.

**MM. "Southwest New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area"** (SW) shall mean that area bounded on the south by the New Mexico-Mexico border; on the west by the New Mexico-Arizona border north to Interstate 10; on the north by Interstate 10 east to U.S. 180, north to N.M. 26, east to N.M. 27, north to N.M. 152, and east to Interstate 25; on the east by Interstate 25 south to Interstate 10, west to the Luna county line, and south to the New Mexico/Mexico border.

**NN. "State game commission owned properties"** shall mean all department owned or managed wildlife management areas (WMAs), Sandhills Prairie conservation area, and lesser prairie-chicken areas as described in state game commission rule 19.34.5 NMAC.

**OO. "Unlimited"** shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**PP. "Youth"** shall mean those younger than 18 years of age except where otherwise defined.  
[19.31.6.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.7 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, authorizations, or harvest limits, up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes.  
[19.31.6.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.8 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.9 LICENSE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. License:** It shall be unlawful to hunt migratory game birds without having purchased a valid license for the current license year. A migratory bird permit number shall be required. Waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older are required to have in their possession a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (duck stamp).

(1) For eastern sandhill crane hunting and falconry: in addition to a valid license, a free federal sandhill crane hunting permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

(2) For EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, MRGV youth-only sandhill crane, and SW sandhill crane, in addition to a valid license, a special permit obtained by drawing shall be required.

(3) For the light goose conservation order: in addition to a valid license, a free light goose conservation order permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

(4) For band-tailed pigeon hunting: in addition to a valid license, a free band-tailed pigeon permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

**B. Valid dates of license or permit:** All permits or licenses shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area printed on the permit or license.

**C. Applications:** Applications for EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, SW sandhill crane, and MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt permits shall be submitted via the department website.

(1) For permits issued by drawing, the appropriate application fee as defined by 19.30.9 NMAC shall be required by each applicant per application submitted.

(2) No more than four persons may apply per application. For the MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt, no more than two persons may apply per application.

(3) It shall be unlawful to submit more than one application per species per year, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. Those submitting more than one application per species will result in the rejection of all applications for that species.

(4) Applications may be rejected if such applications do not supply adequate information.

(5) Applicants may apply for a first, second and third choice of seasons, if applicable. A maximum of one permit per species hunt code will be awarded to successful applicants unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(6) All applications must be submitted via the department website unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(7) The application deadline date for the EV, MRGV, MRGV youth-only, and SW sandhill crane hunt permits shall be on date(s) set by the state game commission. If any permits are available after the drawing, those permits may be sold online via a secondary sale.

(8) If applications for permits exceed the number of available permits, as herein established, the available permits shall be allotted by means of a random public drawing in the Santa Fe office of the department.

(9) If any permits remain after the original deadline, the director may authorize a new deadline. A person who is not awarded a permit for which he applied may submit a new application for a permit if such permits remain available.

**D. Youth hunts:** Only applicants who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by the opening day of the hunt are eligible to apply for or participate in a youth-only hunt, including federal youth waterfowl hunt days. [19.31.6.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.9 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

#### 19.31.6.10 MANNER AND METHODS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

**A. Season:** Migratory game birds may be hunted or taken only during open seasons.

**B. Hours:** Migratory game birds may be hunted or taken only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(1) On most wildlife management areas, the lesser prairie-chicken areas, and the Sandhills Prairie conservation area, hunting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(2) On the following wildlife management areas: Bernardo, Casa Colorada, Charette lake, Jackson lake, La Joya, McAllister lake, Wagon Mound, Tucumcari, and W.S. Huey; and the Bottomless lakes overflow, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated in rule. For hunting September teal on Bernardo and La Joya WMAs, hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(3) During the light goose conservation order hunt dates, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, excluding the WMAs listed in (2) above.

**C. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one daily bag limit allowed by regulation, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. There shall be no daily bag or possession limit for light geese during the light goose conservation order hunt dates.

**D. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of any migratory game birds that are illegally obtained.

**E. Use of bait:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any migratory game bird by use of bait such as grain, salt or other feed.

**F. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any migratory game bird.

**G. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electronically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any migratory game bird, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. During the light goose conservation order hunt dates, electronic calling devices are allowed.

**H. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any migratory game bird out-of-season.

**I. Legal sporting arms and ammunition:**

(1) The following are legal sporting arms for migratory game birds:  
(a) shotguns no larger than 10 gauge firing shot, shotguns shall not be capable of holding more than three shells;

(b) muzzle-loading shotguns firing shot;

(c) bows and arrows;

(d) crossbows and bolts; and

(e) during the light goose conservation order hunt dates, as listed herein, shotguns capable of holding more than three shells are lawful.

(2) Non-toxic shot use is required for hunting:

(a) all migratory game bird species, excluding dove, band-tailed pigeon, and eastern sandhill crane; and

(b) on all state game commission owned lands.

(3) Use of lead shot: It shall be unlawful for any person hunting migratory game birds, other than dove, band-tailed pigeon and eastern sandhill crane, to hunt with or be in possession of any shotgun shells loaded with toxic shot or for any person using a muzzleloader to be in possession of lead shot.

**J. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or bolt, or use arrows or bolts driven by explosives.

**K. Proof of species or sex:** One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds, except dove and band-tailed pigeon, until the bird has arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or storage facility.

**L. Possession or sale of migratory game bird:** It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, or offer for sale all or part of any migratory game bird except as provided below.

(1) License or permit: A person may possess migratory game bird or parts thereof they have lawfully taken (killed) under license or permit.

(2) Game taken by another: Any person may have in their possession or under their control any migratory game bird or parts thereof that have been lawfully taken by another person if they possess a written statement which shall be provided by the donor of the migratory game bird, or parts thereof, and which shall contain the following:

- (a) the kind and number of game parts donated;
- (b) the date and county where the game was lawfully taken;
- (c) the donor's name, address, and the number of the hunting license under which

the game was lawfully taken; and

- (d) the date and place of the donation.

(3) Retention of live animals: It shall be unlawful to retain migratory game birds in a live condition except under permit or license issued by the director for the following purposes:

- (a) zoos open for public display;
- (b) in class A parks;
- (c) in projects for scientific research and propagation;
- (d) a rehabilitation permit;
- (e) under a falconry permit, only those birds listed on the permit;
- (f) under a scientific collection permit, one may collect and possess only those

migratory game bird species listed on the permit; or

(g) in transit through New Mexico when the transporter can demonstrate proof of legal possession of the migratory game bird being transported.

(4) Sale of game animal parts: It shall be unlawful to sell or barter any parts or feathers from migratory game birds.

(5) Falconry provisions for possession: The falconry hunter shall not retain nor possess any migratory game bird or bird taken by a raptor except those species of protected birds taken during open falconry season.

**M. Release of wildlife:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise, or cause to be released in this state any migratory game bird, without first obtaining a permit from the department.

**N. Use of vehicles and roads in hunting migratory game birds:**

(1) Roads: It shall be unlawful to shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take, or kill any migratory game bird on, from, or across any graded paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right-of-way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right-of-way fences.

(2) Vehicles, boats, aircraft: It shall be unlawful to shoot at any migratory game bird from within a motor vehicle, power boat, sailboat, or aircraft. EXCEPTION: Migratory game birds may be taken from a motor-driven boat (or other craft with attached motor) or sailboat when resting at anchor or fastened within or immediately alongside a fixed hunting blind or is used solely as a means of picking up dead birds.

(3) Harassing migratory game birds: It shall be unlawful, at any time, to pursue, harass, harr, drive, or rally any migratory game bird by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, or aircraft.

(4) Vehicle off of established road: During the seasons established for any migratory game bird, it shall be unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, fisherman or trapper. EXCEPTION: 1) snowmobiles; and 2) all landowners, lessees or their employees, while on their owned or leased lands in connection with legitimate agricultural activities.

(5) Closed roads: During the seasons established for any migratory game bird, it shall be unlawful to knowingly occupy, drive, or cause to be driven any motor vehicle on a closed road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.

(6) Mobility impaired:

(a) Shooting from a vehicle: The holder of a mobility impaired card is authorized to shoot at and kill migratory game birds during their respective open seasons from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. The director may issue permits to shoot from a stationary vehicle to applicants who provide certification that the applicant is disabled in accordance with the American Disability Act. Such certification shall be signed by a medical doctor or doctor of optometry licensed to practice in the applicant's state of residence.

(b) Driving off established roads: Holders of a mobility impaired card may, with permission of the landowner, lessee, or land management agency, drive off established roads to hunt for or take migratory game birds, during open seasons.

(c) Assistance for mobility impaired hunter: The holder of a mobility impaired card may be accompanied by another person to assist in reducing to possession any migratory game bird which has clearly been wounded by the licensed mobility impaired hunter. Persons assisting in reducing to possession any wounded migratory game birds shall be fully licensed.

**O. Lands and waters owned, administered, controlled, or managed by the state game commission:**

(1) Posting of signs: The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area.

(2) Violating provisions of posted signs: It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission.

(3) Trespass on state game commission owned lands: It shall be unlawful to hunt migratory game birds, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(4) State wildlife management areas open, species that can be hunted, and days open for hunting (use of vehicles will be restricted to designated areas):

(a) Bernardo WMA:

(i) That portion of the Bernardo WMA south of U.S. 60 is open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and the federal youth waterfowl days. That portion of the Bernardo WMA north of U.S. 60 is closed except during the light goose conservation order.

(ii) The Quagmire shall be open only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iii) The Bernardo pond unit shall be open for general waterfowl hunting from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iv) The Bernardo youth unit shall be open for youth waterfowl hunting from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(b) The Charette lake WMA shall be open each day of the federal youth waterfowl days and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons. Charette lake WMA is closed during the September teal season.

(c) The Edward Sargent, W. A. Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, Water canyon, Marquez, and Elliot S. Barker wildlife management areas shall be open for hunting dove and band-tailed pigeon during established seasons.

(d) The portion of Jackson lake WMA west of N.M. 170 shall be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe. The portion of Jackson lake WMA east of N.M. 170 shall be open to falconry only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(e) The lesser prairie-chicken management areas and Sandhills Prairie conservation area shall be open to hunt dove during established seasons.

(f) La Joya WMA:

(i) the entire La Joya WMA shall be open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and each day of the federal youth waterfowl days;

(ii) that portion of La Joya WMA north of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iii) that portion of La Joya WMA south of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iv) that portion of La Joya WMA east of the railroad tracks shall be open to hunt dove, ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons.

(g) The McAllister lake WMA shall be open each day of the federal youth waterfowl days, each day of the September teal season, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday to hunt ducks, dark and light geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons. McAllister lake WMA shall also be open each day of the dove season for dove hunting.

(h) The Wagon Mound WMA shall be open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and federal youth waterfowl days and open on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday for ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot and common snipe during established seasons.

(i) The Socorro-Escondida wildlife management area shall be open for migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(j) The Tucumcari WMA shall be open each day of the September teal and federal youth waterfowl days and on Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons.

(k) The William S. Huey WMA shall be open for dove hunting only on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during established statewide seasons.

(5) The Big Hatchet mountain special management area shall be open for dove hunting during established seasons.

(6) The Hammond tract WMA is open for waterfowl hunting during established seasons.

(7) The Retherford tract WMA is open for waterfowl hunting during established seasons.

(8) The Sandia ranger district of the Cibola national forest shall be open to ~~archery~~ bow only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(9) All wildlife management areas shall be open to falconry waterfowl hunting each day of the established falconry season, unless otherwise restricted by rule.

**P. Areas closed to migratory game bird hunting:** All areas noted in 19.31.10.16 NMAC shall remain closed to hunting, except as permitted by regulation.

(1) That portion of the stilling basin below Navajo dam lying within a line starting from N.M. 511 at the crest of the bluff west of the Navajo dam spillway and running west along the fence approximately one-quarter mile downstream, southwest along the fence to N.M. 511 to the Navajo dam spillway, across the spillway, and to the crest of the bluff.

(2) Areas within Valencia county may be closed to migratory game bird hunting that meets the following criteria:

(a) the discharge of a shotgun in the area has been identified by department personnel as a public safety risk because of its proximity to an inhabited area. For the purpose of this section, "public safety risk" shall be defined as a reasonable potential risk of injury at an occupied place of residence;

(b) the discharge of a shotgun in the area is not prohibited by any other statute, rule, regulation or ordinance; and

(c) these areas shall be designated by posting of signs and identified on the department's website.

**Q. Regulations pertaining to boats, other floating devices, and motors:**

(1) On Bernardo, La Joya, Wagon Mound and Jackson lake WMAs, only boats and other floating devices using no motors shall be permitted during waterfowl season.

(2) On Tucumcari WMA, only boats and other floating devices using electric motors or with motors that are not in use shall be permitted.

(3) On Charette and McAllister lakes boats and other floating devices with or without motors shall be permitted; provided, however, that boats or floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed.

(4) Department personnel or persons authorized by the director may use gasoline powered outboard motors on all lakes mentioned in this chapter while performing official duties. [19.31.6.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.10 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.11 SPECIES, OPEN AREAS, SEASON DATES, AND DAILY BAG LIMITS:**

A. **2017 -2018 season;** all dates are 2017 unless otherwise specified. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	open areas	season dates	daily bag limit
mourning and white-winged dove	north zone	Sept. 1 - Nov. 29	15 (singly or in aggregate)
	south zone	Sept. 1 - Oct. 29 and Dec. 2 - Jan. 1, 2018	
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14	2
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14	
regular season sandhill crane (free permit required)	eastern	Oct. 28 - Jan. 28, 2018	3 (6 in possession)
special season sandhill crane (special draw permit required)	MRGV	Nov. 11 - 12	3 (6 in possession)
	southwest	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	
	MRGV	Nov. 25 - 26	
	MRGV	Dec. 16 - 17	
	southwest	Jan. 6 - 7, 2018	
	MRGV	Jan. 6 - 7, 2018	
	MRGV	Jan. 13-14, 2018	
	EV	Oct. 28 - Oct. 31	3 (6 in possession)
	EV	Nov. 2 - Nov. 5	
	MRGV youth-only	Nov. 4	3

**CENTRAL FLYWAY:** possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	season dates	daily bag limit
September teal: blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, and cinnamon teal	Sept. 16 - 24	6 (singly or in the aggregate)
ducks	north zone: Oct. 14 - Jan. 7, 2018	6 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 5 mallard (of which only 2 may be female mallard, [Mexican-like ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit]), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback
	south zone: Oct. 25 - Jan. 28, 2018	
youth waterfowl days	north zone: Sept. 30 - Oct. 1	6 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 5 mallard (of which only 2 may be female mallard, [Mexican-like ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit]), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback
	south zone: Oct. 7 - 8	
American coot	north zone: Oct. 14 - Jan. 17, 2018	15
	south zone: Oct. 25 - Jan. 28, 2018	
common moorhen	Sept. 16 - Nov. 24	1
common snipe	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018	8
Virginia rail & sora	Sept. 16 - Nov. 24	10 (singly or in the aggregate); 20 in possession
dark goose: Canada & white-fronted geese (regular season closed in Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia counties)	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018	5
dark goose: special MRGV season	Dec. 23 - Jan. 16, 2018	2 (2 per season)
light goose: Ross's & snow geese	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018	50 (no possession limit)
light goose conservation order	Feb. 1 - Mar. 10, 2018	no bag or possession limit

**PACIFIC FLYWAY:** possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	season dates	daily bag limit
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youth waterfowl days	Oct. 7 - 8	7 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 2 female mallard, 2 redhead, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback
ducks	Oct. 16 - Jan. 28, 2018	
scaup	Oct. 16 - Jan. 9, 2018	3 (as part of the aggregate duck bag)
American coot and common moorhen	Oct. 16 - Jan. 28, 2018	25 daily (singly or in the aggregate)
common snipe	Oct. 16 - Jan. 30, 2018	8
Virginia rail & sora	Sept. 16 - Nov. 24	25 daily (singly or in the aggregate)
goose	north zone: Sept. 23 - Oct. 8 and Oct. 30 - Jan. 28, 2018	4 Canada geese, 10 white-fronted geese, and 20 light geese
	south zone: Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018	
	south zone: Oct. 15 - Jan. 29, 2017	

**B. Light goose conservation measures:** Under the director's discretion with the verbal concurrence of the state game commission chairman or his designee, the department may implement the light goose conservation measures approved by the USFWS. Methods, bag and possession limits, and dates allowed shall be those as approved by the USFWS. A free permit is required.

[19.31.6.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.11 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.12 FALCONRY SEASONS: 2017-2018 season,** all dates are 2017 unless otherwise specified. Bag limits are three singly or in the aggregate and nine in possession unless otherwise specified.

<b>CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>		
<b>species</b>	<b>open areas</b>	<b>season dates</b>
mourning and white-winged dove	north	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2018
	south	Sept. 1 - Nov. 6 and Nov. 23 - Jan. 1, 2018
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14
sora and Virginia rail	all	Sept. 16 - Dec. 31
common snipe	all	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018
common moorhen	all	Sept. 16 - Dec. 31
ducks	north	Sept. 16 - 24 and Oct. 14 - Jan 17, 2018
	south	Sept. 16 - 24 and Oct. 25 - Jan 28, 2018
goose (light and dark)	all	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018
goose (dark)	MRGV	Dec. 23 - Jan. 16, 2018
sandhill crane	regular (eastern)	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018; 3 (6 in possession)
	Estancia valley	Oct. 28 - Dec. 26; 3 (6 in possession)
<b>PACIFIC FLYWAY</b>		
<b>species</b>	<b>open areas</b>	<b>season dates</b>
mourning and white-winged dove	north	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2018
	south	Sept. 1 - Nov. 6 and Nov. 23 - Jan. 1, 2018
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - Oct. 14
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - Sept. 14
duck	all	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018
scaup	all	Oct. 14 - Jan. 7, 2018
goose	north	Sept. 23 - Oct. 8 and Oct. 30 - Jan. 28, 2018
	south	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2018
common snipe	all	Oct. 16 - Jan. 31, 2018
coots and common moorhen	all	Oct. 16 - Jan. 28, 2018
sora and Virginia rail	all	Sept. 16 - Nov. 24

[19.31.6.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.12 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.13 FEDERAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS:** Requirements for youth hunters to participate in this hunt are as follows:

- A. Youth hunters must be younger than 18 years old.
  - B. An adult, at least 18 years old, must accompany the youth hunter in the field (the adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days).
  - C. Only ducks, coots, and moorhens may be taken by the youth hunter (sandhill cranes, geese or any other migratory game bird species may not be taken unless the season is open).
- [19.31.6.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.13 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.14 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL BERNARDO YOUTH WATERFOWL UNIT:**

- A. The Bernardo youth hunt unit will only be open for youth waterfowl hunting.
  - B. Blind selection will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a supervising adult who may not hunt. A maximum of four people is allowed per blind, at least fifty percent of which must be youth hunters.
- [19.31.6.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.14 NMAC, 8-15-2017]

**19.31.6.15 HUNT CODES AND PERMITS NUMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL ESTANCIA VALLEY, MIDDLE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, AND SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS:**

- A. The hunting seasons for 2017-2018 are:

season dates	hunt code	hunt location	no. of permits	season dates	hunt code	hunt location	no. of permits
Oct 28 - Oct 31 and Nov. 2 - Nov. 5	SCR-0-101	EV	65	Jan. 13-14, 2018	SCR-0-106	MRGV	60
Nov. 11 - 12	SCR-0-102	MRGV	75	Nov. 4	SCR-0-107	MRGV	24
Nov. 25-26	SCR-0-103	MRGV	60	Oct. 28- Nov. 5	SCR-0-108	SW	70
Dec. 16-17	SCR-0-104	MRGV	60	Jan. 6-7, 2018	SCR-0-109	SW	60
Jan. 6-7, 2018	SCR-0-105	MRGV	60				

B. Hunters who participate in the EV and MRGV seasons shall be required to check-out at designated check stations when they harvest any sandhill cranes.

C. All EV, MRGV and SW sandhill crane hunters are required to submit a special permit sandhill crane harvest report to the department within five days after the end of their hunt. Hunters that do not submit a questionnaire within five days of the close of their hunt will be considered ineligible to receive a sandhill crane permit the following year.

D. The department may cancel one or more EV, MRGV or SW sandhill crane hunts if harvest is expected to exceed our federal allocation of greater sandhill cranes.

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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 10        HUNTING AND FISHING - MANNER AND METHOD OF TAKING**

**19.31.10.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.10.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.1 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.2        SCOPE:** Hunters, anglers, trappers and the general public. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 31, 32, and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.10.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.2 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 17-1-14 and Section 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected species.  
[19.31.10.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.3 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.4        DURATION:** Permanent.  
[19.31.10.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.4 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 15, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.10.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.5 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.6        OBJECTIVE:** To establish general rules, restrictions, requirements, definitions, and regulations governing lawful hunting, fishing, or trapping and the lawful taking or killing of game animals, furbearers, game birds, and game fish, water pollution, possession of wildlife, permits and licenses issued, importation, intrastate transportation, release of wildlife, restrictive devices for fish, manner and methods of hunting and fishing and use of department lands.  
[19.31.10.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.6 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.7        DEFINITIONS:**

**A.** — **“Big game species”** shall mean deer, bear, cougar, elk, pronghorn antelope (American pronghorn), Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, javelina, oryx, and Persian ibex.

**B.** — **“Modern firearms”** shall mean center fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**C.** — **“Muzzle loader or muzzle loading firearms”** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, Pyrodex or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**D.** — **“Restricted muzzle loading rifle”** shall mean any muzzle loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent and firing a traditional lead bullet. The use of in-line ignition, scopes, pelleted powder, smokeless powder and sabots, including powerbelt type projectiles, are prohibited.

**E.** — **“Bow”** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light nor magnify.

**F.** — **“Arrows”** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.

**G.** — **“Trotline”** shall be synonymous with “set line” or “throw line” or “jug”, and shall mean a fishing line that is used without rod or reel and that need not be held in the hand or closely attended.

**H.** — **“Angling”** shall mean taking or attempting to take fish by angling hook and line, with the line held in the hand or attached to a pole or rod or other device that is held in the hand or closely attended.

**I.** — **“Spear fishing”** shall mean taking or attempting to take game fish with spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged under the surface of the water.

**J.** — **“Bait fish”** is defined as those nongame fish which are not otherwise protected by statute or regulation.

**K.** — **“Chumming”** is defined as a means of attracting fish by placing organic materials, non-injurious to aquatic life, into the water.

**L.** — **“Protected species”** shall mean any of the following animals:

\_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ all animals defined as protected wildlife species and game fish under Section 17-2-3 NMSA 1978;

\_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ all animals defined as furbearing animals under Section 17-5-2 NMSA 1978;

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ all animals listed as endangered species or subspecies as stated in regulation(s) set by the state game commission.

M. \_\_\_\_\_ "Retention" or "retain" shall mean the holding of in captivity.

N. \_\_\_\_\_ "Established road" is defined as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures;

\_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a two-track road which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching and which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

O. \_\_\_\_\_ "Non-toxic shot" shall mean shot approved for use by the U. S. fish and wildlife service.

P. \_\_\_\_\_ "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

Q. \_\_\_\_\_ "Baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take protected game mammals or game birds.

R. \_\_\_\_\_ "Nets" shall mean cast nets, dip nets, and seines which shall not be longer than 20 feet and shall not have a mesh larger than three eighths of an inch.

S. \_\_\_\_\_ "Barbless lure or fly" shall mean an artificial lure made of wood, metal, or hard plastic or an artificial fly made from fur, feathers, other animal or man made materials tied onto an angling hook to resemble or simulate insects, bait fish, or other foods. A barbless fly or lure may only bear a single hook, from which any or all barbs must be removed or bent completely closed, or which are manufactured without barbs. Living or dead arthropods and annelids, or rubber or plastic moldings of these or other foods are not included.

T. \_\_\_\_\_ "Crossbow" shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights or lights on crossbows shall not project light. This definition shall apply to hunting for all species.

U. \_\_\_\_\_ "Angling hook" shall mean a single, double, or treble (triple) point attached to a single shank.

V. \_\_\_\_\_ "Sporting arms or weapon types" shall be designated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ all hunt codes denoted with 1 shall authorize use of any legal weapon;

\_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ all hunt codes denoted with 2 shall authorize use of bows only;

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ all hunt codes denoted with 3 shall authorize use of bows, crossbows and muzzle-loading firearms, except that bows and crossbows shall not be allowed during restricted muzzle-loading hunts.

W. \_\_\_\_\_ "Bag limit" shall mean the protected animal, qualified by species, sex, age, antler requirement, or size allowed by rule that a legally licensed hunter may attempt to take or harvest.

X. \_\_\_\_\_ "Written permission" shall mean a document (which may include a valid hunting, trapper, or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private land owner or his designee to hunt, fish, or trap on the landowner's property. The information on the document must be verifiable and include the name, date, and phone number of the person granting the permission.

Y. \_\_\_\_\_ "Bow fishing" shall mean taking or attempting to take game fish with arrows with barbs that are discharged above the surface of the water by a bow. Arrows must be attached by string, line, or rope to facilitate fish retrieval.

Z. \_\_\_\_\_ "Drone" is defined as any device used or designed for navigation or flight in the air that is unmanned and guided remotely or by an onboard computer or onboard control system. Drones may also be referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)" or "unmanned aerial vehicle systems (UAVS)"

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G. "Barbless lure or fly" shall mean an artificial lure made of wood, metal, or hard plastic or an artificial fly made from fur, feathers, other animal or man-made materials tied onto an angling hook to resemble or simulate insects, bait fish, or other foods. A barbless fly or lure may only bear a single hook, from which any or all barbs must be removed or bent completely closed, or which are manufactured without barbs. Living or dead arthropods and annelids, or rubber or plastic moldings of these or other foods are not included.

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W. "Spear fishing" shall mean taking or attempting to take game fish with spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged under the surface of the water.

X. "Sporting arms or weapon types" shall be designated as follows:

(1) all hunt codes denoted with -1- shall authorize use of any legal weapon;

(2) all hunt codes denoted with -2- shall authorize use of bows only;



(3) all hunt codes denoted with -3- shall authorize use of bows, crossbows and muzzle-loading firearms, except that bows and crossbows shall not be allowed during restricted muzzle-loading hunts.

Y. "Trotline" shall be synonymous with "set line" or "throw line" or "jug", and shall mean a fishing line that is used without rod or reel and that need not be held in the hand or closely attended.

Z. "Written permission" shall mean a document (which may include a valid hunting, trapper, or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private land owner or his designee to hunt, fish, or trap on the landowner's property. The information on the document must be verifiable and include the name, date, and phone number of the person granting the permission.

[19.31.10.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.7 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.8 UNLAWFUL SUBSTANCE IN PUBLIC WATERS:** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or municipality to introduce, directly or indirectly, into any public water of this state any substance that may stupefy, injure, destroy, or drive away from such water any protected species or may be detrimental to the growth and reproduction of those protected species except as exempted in Section 17-2-20 NMSA 1978.

[19.31.10.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.8 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.9 POSSESSION OR SALE OF PROTECTED SPECIES:** It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, or offer for sale all or part of any protected species except as provided below:

**A. License or permit:** A person may possess protected species or parts thereof that they have lawfully taken (killed) under a license or permit.

**B. Game taken by another:** Any person may have in their possession or under their control any protected species or parts thereof that have been lawfully taken by another person, if they possess a written statement which shall be provided by the donor of the protected species, or parts thereof, and which shall contain the following:

- (1) the kind and number of game or furbearer parts donated;
- (2) the date and county where the game or furbearer was lawfully taken;
- (3) the donor's name, address, and the number of the hunting or fishing or trapping license under which the game or furbearer was lawfully taken; and
- (4) the date and place of the donation.

**C. Retention of live animals:** It shall be unlawful to retain protected species in a live condition except under permit or license issued by the director for the following purposes:

- (1) zoos open for public display;
- (2) in class A parks;
- (3) in projects for scientific research and propagation;
- (4) a rehabilitation permit;
- (5) under a falconry permit, only those birds listed on the permit;
- (6) under a protected mammal permit, only those mammals listed on the permit;
- (7) under a scientific collection permit, one may collect and possess only those species listed

on the permit; or

(8) in transit through New Mexico when the transporter can demonstrate proof of legal possession of the protected animal being transported.

**D. Sale of game animal parts:** Only skins, heads, antlers, horns, or claws of legally taken protected species and feathers from non-migratory game birds may be bartered or sold. (Internal organs of protected species may not be sold). The disposer must supply to the recipient a written statement which shall contain the following:

- (1) description of the skin, head, antlers, horns or claws, or feathers involved;
- (2) the date and county where the game was taken;
- (3) the disposer's name, address and hunting license number under which the game was

taken; and

- (4) the date and place of the transaction.

**E. Possession of game animal parts found in the field:** It shall be unlawful to possess heads, horns, or antlers of protected species found in the field without invoice or permit from the department of game and fish, with the exception of obviously shed antlers.

**F. Big game and turkey:** For licensed hunters of any big game species or turkey, the licensee killing the animal shall immediately punch or completely fill in (black out) the area designated for the appropriate species on the license. Immediately upon arriving at a vehicle, camp or a place of storage, the licensee must permanently fill in the proper date and time of kill on their license.

(1) The properly punched or blacked-out license shall be attached or accompany the carcass while the carcass is left unattended in any vehicle, field, or while it is in camp or at a residence or other place of storage. The punched or blacked-out license may be removed from the carcass while the carcass is being removed from the field to a camp or vehicle. In situations where numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the punched or blacked-out license shall remain attached to that portion of the carcass left unattended in a camp or vehicle.

(2) Once removed from the field, the licensee must ensure the carcass or parts thereof are accompanied by a properly filled out and punched or blacked-out license or other license information as determined by the director.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to fail to properly punch or completely black out the area designated by appropriate species on the license immediately upon killing any big game species or turkey.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any licensee for any big game or turkey to fail to properly fill in the date and time of kill on their license as required by rule.

(5) It shall be unlawful to possess any big game species or turkey that are unaccompanied by a properly punched, blacked-out or filled out license or unaccompanied by the other license information as determined by the director.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to transport or possess the carcass of any big game animal or turkey without proof of sex until the carcass arrives at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, place of final storage or if required, is inspected and documented or pelt tagged by a department official.

**G. Possession and sale of live wild turkey prohibited:** It shall be unlawful to sell, attempt to sell or possess wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo* ssp.) in New Mexico, including captive raised birds, except as by permit issued by the director for verifiable scientific, education, and temporary purposes or for commercial sales to entities outside of the state of New Mexico.

**H. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcass of any protected species that is possessed contrary to this section.

[19.31.10.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.9 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.10 PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED:** Permits and licenses may only be issued by the director or his designee as follows:

**A. Uses of wildlife:**

- (1) importation;
- (2) depredation;
- (3) scientific collection;
- (4) possession;
- (5) propagation;
- (6) sale;
- (7) commercial hunting or fishing;
- (8) release;
- (9) falconry;
- (10) rehabilitation; or
- (11) zoo.

**B. Permit or license provisions:** Specific provisions for applications, conditions, reporting, and other stipulations for permits or licenses will be provided by the department of game and fish with each permit and license.

**C. Violation of permit or license provisions:** It is unlawful for any person receiving any permit or license provided in Subsection A of 19.31.1.10 NMAC to violate any provision of this section or any provision listed on the permit or license. If such an invalidated permit or license authorized possession of wildlife, the wildlife shall be subject to seizure by any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978. It shall be unlawful to purchase, possess, barter, transfer, transport, sell, or offer to sell any imported wildlife contrary to the provisions of any import permit.

[19.31.10.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.10 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.11 RELEASE OF WILDLIFE:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise, or cause to be released in this state any mammal, bird, fish, reptile or amphibian, except domestic mammals, domestic fowl, or fish from government hatcheries, without first obtaining a permit from the department of game and fish.

[19.31.10.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.11 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.12 RESTRICTIVE DEVICES FOR FISH:** The director may require that a screen, paddle wheel, or other device to prevent passage of fish be installed by the owner of any canal or ditch into which waters containing protected fish are diverted. The director may also require that the owner maintain the device during periods when waters are being diverted.

[19.31.10.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.12 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.13 USE OF VEHICLES AND ROADS IN HUNTING:**

**A. Roads:** It shall be unlawful to shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take, or kill any protected species on, from, or across any graded paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right-of-way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right-of-way fences.

**B. Roads, artificial wildlife:** It shall be unlawful to shoot at artificial wildlife on, from, or across any graded, paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right-of-way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right-of-way fences.

**C. Vehicles, boats, aircraft:** It shall be unlawful to shoot at any protected species from within a motor vehicle, power boat, sailboat, or aircraft. **EXCEPTION** - Migratory birds may be taken from a motor-driven boat (or other craft with attached motor) or sailboat when resting at anchor or fastened within or immediately alongside a fixed hunting blind or is used solely as a means of picking up dead birds.

**D. Harassing protected wildlife:** It shall be unlawful, at any time, to pursue, harass, harr, drive, or rally any protected species by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, drone, or aircraft.

**E. Hunting after air travel:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hunt for or take any protected species until after the start of legal hunting hours on the day following any air travel except by regularly scheduled commercial airline flights or legitimate direct flight to the final destination.

**F. Use of aircraft for spotting game:** It shall be unlawful to use aircraft or drone to spot or locate and relay the location of any protected species to anyone on the ground by any means of communication or signaling device or action.

**G. Using information gained from air flight:**

(1) It shall be unlawful to hunt for or to take, or assist in the hunting for or taking of, any protected species with the use of information regarding location of any protected species gained from the use of any aircraft until 48 hours after such aircraft use.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt for or to take, or assist in the hunting for or taking of, any protected species with the use of information regarding location of any protected species gained from the use of any drone at any time.

**H. Vehicle off of established road:** During the seasons established for any protected species, it shall be unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, fisherman or trapper. **EXCEPTION:** 1) Snowmobiles; 2) To retrieve lawfully taken game not in an area closed to vehicular traffic. 3) All landowners, lessees or their employees, while on their owned or leased lands in connection with legitimate agricultural activities.

**I. Closed roads:** During the seasons established for any protected species, it shall be unlawful to knowingly occupy, drive, or cause to be driven any motor vehicle on a closed road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.

**J. Handicapped license:**

(1) **Shooting from a vehicle:** The holder of a handicap license is authorized to shoot at and kill protected species during their respective open seasons from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. The director may issue permits to shoot from a stationary vehicle to applicants who provide certification that the applicant is permanently disabled in accordance with the American Disability Act. Such certification shall be signed by an M.D. or O.D. licensed to practice in the applicant's state of residence.

(2) **Driving off established roads:** Holders of a handicap license may, with permission of the landowner, lessee, or land management agency, drive off established roads to hunt for or take squirrels or game birds, excluding turkey, during open seasons.

(3) **Assistance for handicapped hunter:** The holder of a handicapped license may be accompanied by another person to assist in reducing to possession any big game animal which has clearly been wounded by the licensed handicapped hunter.

**K. Aircraft, drone and vehicle exemptions to this rule:** The Director may exempt a person from the prohibition of utilizing an aircraft, drone or vehicle for management purposes.  
[19.31.10.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.13 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.14 FISHING:**

**A. Angling:** Game fish may be taken by angling in all waters that are open for fishing.

**B. Trotlines:**

(1) It is unlawful for any person to set more than one trotline at a time. It is unlawful to tie or join together trotlines belonging to two or more persons.

(2) It is unlawful for trotlines to have more than 25 angling hooks.

(3) A person fishing with a trotline shall personally visit and inspect the trotline at least once every 24 hours. Failure to check a trotline every 24 hours is a violation of this paragraph.

(4) It is unlawful for anyone to tamper with another's trotline.

(5) A person fishing with a trotline shall attach to it an identification tag that is visible above the water line. The identification tag shall bear the fisherman's name, address, fishing license number, and the date the trotline was set. An unlicensed fisherman under 12 years of age shall also list his date of birth.

(6) It is unlawful to set or use a trotline in trout waters, with the following exceptions: Abiquiu lake, Chama river downstream from the northern boundary of the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Gila river downstream from its junction with its east fork, Navajo lake and the Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama river.

(7) Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce the game laws may seize and confiscate any trotlines not set in accordance with this subsection.

**C. Illegal device or substance:** It is unlawful to use any device or substance capable of catching, stupefying, or killing fish except as permitted by regulation.

**D. Bait:** It is unlawful to use protected fish, live bullfrogs, or live bullfrog tadpoles as bait in any waters containing protected species. **EXCEPTION:** the genus *Lepomis* taken by legal means of angling may be used as live bait in the water from which they were taken only in the following waters: Abiquiu reservoir, Cochiti lake, Elephant Butte reservoir, Caballo reservoir, Stubblefield lake, Maxwell lakes, Clayton lake, Conchas lake, Ute lake, Santa Rosa lake, Lake Sumner, Brantley reservoir, and Navajo reservoir. *Lepomis* may be used as dead bait; roe, viscera, and eyes of legally taken game fish may be used as bait; and bullfrogs and bullfrog tadpoles may be used as dead bait. Live bullfrogs or live bullfrog tadpoles may not be in possession while fishing.

**E. Use of bait fish:**

(1) It is unlawful to use gar (*Lepisosteus* spp.) and goldfish (*Carassius auratus*) as bait in all waters.

(2) It is unlawful to use live common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), river carpsucker (*Carpoides carpio*), and smallmouth buffalo (*Ictiobus bubalus*) in all waters. However, these species may be used as dead bait in any water where bait may be used.

(3) It is unlawful to use bait fish in all trout waters except fathead minnows and red shiners may be used in the following trout waters: Abiquiu, Clayton lake, Jackson lake, Lake 13 (Maxwell refuge), Navajo lake, Caballo lake, the Rio Grande downstream of the Taos junction bridge (excluding the special trout water described in 19.31.4.11 NMAC), Power Dam lake, and the Animas river.

(4) It is unlawful to use any bait fish in Bitter lake national wildlife refuge and Bottomless lakes state park.

(5) Bait fish may be used in all other waters with the following restrictions:

(a) In the Gila river and San Francisco river drainages only fathead minnows may be used.

(b) In the Pecos river drainage only fathead minnows and red shiners may be used.

(c) In the Rio Grande drainage only fathead minnows, red shiners, and shad may be used except in Elephant Butte and Caballo where golden shiners are also allowed

(d) In the Canadian river drainage only fathead minnows, red shiners, and shad may be used.

(e) In the San Juan river drainage only fathead minnows and red shiners may be used.

(f) In Eagle Nest and Heron lakes only dead bait fish may be used. No live bait fish may be in possession.

**F. Release of bait fish:** It is unlawful to release any bait fish into any water containing game fish.

**G. Eradication of fish:** In waters where fish are being eradicated or where water shortage warrants reduction of fish numbers, the director may permit licensed fishermen and unlicensed persons under 12 years of age to take and possess game fish in numbers exceeding current bag and possession limits. In granting such permission, the director may specify bag and possession limits and manner and method of taking for such waters.

**H. Methods for taking bait fish for personal use:** Licensed fishermen and unlicensed persons under 12 years of age may take bait fish for personal use only in waters containing game fish by angling, nets, traps, spears, arrows, and seines. All protected species of fish taken in seines, nets, and traps shall be immediately returned to the water.

**I. Illegal taking of bait fish:** It is unlawful for licensed minnow dealers to take bait fish for sale from waters not specified on their licenses. They may take these fish only by use of traps, seines, or cast nets, as specified on their licenses. All protected species of fish taken in such traps, seines, or nets shall be immediately returned to the water from which they were taken.

**J. Permits for taking bait fish:** The director may issue permits for the use of nets, seines, traps, or cast nets in taking bait fish in waters containing protected species of fish. The permit shall specify methods of taking, places for taking, and duration of the permit. The permittee shall report monthly the species, numbers and poundage of bait fish taken during the preceding month.

**K. Limit on angling hooks:** It is unlawful to angle with more than two barbless lures or flies with single point angling hooks on a single line when fishing the special trout water on the San Juan river designated in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

**L. [Reserved]**

**M. Number of fishing poles:** It is unlawful to angle with more than one pole without having a current two rod validation or stamp affixed on the current license. It is unlawful under any circumstance to angle with more than two poles.

**N. Exceeding daily bag limit:** It is unlawful to exceed the daily bag limit or possession limit of any protected fish species, as specified in 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

**O. Exceeding daily bag or possession limit - Penalty Assessment:** For those fish species or waters where the daily bag limit or possession limit is more than two fish as specified in 19.31.4.11 NMAC, violators that exceed the bag limit or possession limit by four fish or less shall be offered a penalty assessment. For those fish species or waters with special, reduced or restricted bag limits or possession limits of two or less as specified in 19.31.4.11 NMAC, violators that exceed the bag limit or possession limit by one fish shall be offered a penalty assessment.

**P. Snagging game fish:** It is unlawful to snag game fish except during the special Kokanee salmon season as specified in 19.31.4.9 NMAC.

**Q. Chumming:** It is unlawful to "CHUM" except in the following waters: All waters designated as warm waters; Gila river downstream from its junction with its east fork; Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama river, excluding the special trout water below Elephant Butte dam described in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

**R. Special trout waters:** Only barbless lures or flies may be used in the special trout waters designated in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, except in the special trout water on the Rio Grande below Elephant Butte dam in which soft plastic lures may also be used, and in the following waters any legal angling gear and legal bait for trout waters may be used: Conservancy Park lake/Tingley beach the Kids' pond and Central pond, the Vermejo river system within Vermejo Park ranch boundaries, Gilita, Little Turkey, and Willow creeks, Mineral creek, Whitewater creek from Catwalk national recreation trail parking area upstream to headwaters, and those waters designated in Subparagraph (e) of Paragraph (4) of Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

**S. Attracting or concentrating fish:**

(1) **Artificial lights:** Use of artificial lights is permitted for attracting game fish.

(2) **Disturbing the bottom:** It is unlawful in all special trout waters defined in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, to disturb or dislodge aquatic plant growth, sediment, or rocks for the purpose of attracting or concentrating fish. It shall also be unlawful to angle in the immediate vicinity where such disturbance has occurred.

**T. Spearfishing and bow fishing:**

(1) Game fish may be taken by spearfishing and bow fishing only in lakes and reservoirs open to fishing.

(2) In addition, during the season established by Subsection B. of 19.31.4.9 NMAC, Kokanee salmon may be taken by the use of spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged above or below the water and not driven by explosives, gas, air, or crossbow, except in the Pine river where spears, gigs, and arrows are prohibited.

[19.31.10.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.14 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.15 LANDS AND WATERS OWNED, ADMINISTERED, CONTROLLED, OR MANAGED BY THE STATE GAME COMMISSION:**

- A. **Posting of signs:** The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area.
- B. **Violating provisions of posted signs:** It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission.
- C. **Trespass on state game commission owned lands:** It shall be unlawful to hunt, fish, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless allowed under regulation or provided for under Subsection A.

[19.31.10.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.15 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.16 AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING:** The following areas shall remain closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping, except as permitted by regulation.

- A. Sugarite canyon state park.
- B. Portion of the Wild Rivers recreation area: an area bounded on the north by the power line from Bear Crossing to Red River hatchery, south along the Red River to the confluence of the Rio Grande, and north along the Rio Grande to the power lines at Bear Crossing is closed to all hunting; Taos valley overlook.
- C. All wildlife management areas (except non-game hunting shall be allowed on the Water Canyon WMA January 1 through March 31 annually).
- D. Valle Vidal area.
- E. Sub-Unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve)

[19.31.10.16 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.16 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.17 REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BOATS, OTHER FLOATING DEVICES, AND MOTORS:**

- A. **Charette, Clayton, and McAllister lakes:** On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, boats and other floating devices with or without electric or gas motors shall be permitted only during the season and hours when fishing is permitted. Boats or floating devices on these lakes shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed: Charette, Clayton, and McAllister lakes
- B. On **Springer lake**, boats and other floating devices with or without motors shall be permitted; provided, however, that boats or floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed when water storage is less than 1,000 acre feet.
- C. On **Ramah lake**, boats and floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed.
- D. On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, only boats and other floating devices using electric motors or with motors that are not in use shall be permitted: **Bear Canyon, Bill Evans, Green Meadow, Fenton, Hopewell, Jackson, lake Roberts, Maddox, Morphy, Quemado, Snow, Wall, Conoco lake, and waters located on the Ladd S. Gordon wildlife area.**
- E. On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, only boats and other floating devices using no motors shall be permitted: **Bernardo waterfowl management area, La Joya waterfowl management area, McGaffey, San Gregorio, Shuree ponds.**
- F. On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, no boats or other floating devices shall be permitted: **Bonito, Laguna del Campo lake at Los Ojos state fish hatchery, Monastery lake, Power Dam, and Red River hatchery pond.**
- G. Department of game and fish personnel or persons authorized by the director of the department of game and fish may use gasoline powered outboard motors on all lakes mentioned in this chapter while performing official duties.

[19.31.10.17 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.17 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.18 UNLAWFUL TAKING OR KILLING OF GAME ANIMALS, FURBEARERS, GAME BIRDS, OR GAME FISH ON PRIVATE LAND:**

- A. It shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish on any private property that is in compliance with Section 30-14-1 and Section 30-14-6

NMSA 1978 posting requirements without possessing written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights, unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

**B.** It shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish on private property if the consent to enter or remain has been denied or withdrawn by the owner or person in control of the land or trespass rights, per Section 30-14-1 NMSA 1978, unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

**C.** It shall be unlawful to knowingly enter upon any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish without possessing written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

**D.** Any game animals, furbearers, game birds, or game fish taken in violation of this section shall be subject to seizure.

[19.31.10.18 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.18 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.19 TAKING GAME ANIMALS, FURBEARERS, GAME BIRDS BY CROSSBOW:**

**A.** Crossbows may be used to take or kill any game animal, furbearer or game bird by a licensed hunter ~~during any legal weapon type or muzzle loader hunt. in possession of a valid department mobility impaired (MI) card or in possession of a reasonable accommodation issued by the director, or as otherwise allowed by rule.~~

**B.** It shall be unlawful to hunt with a crossbow during a bow only hunt without a hunter possessing a MI card or reasonable accommodation from the director, or contrary to rule or hunt code.

~~**C.** It shall be unlawful to hunt with a crossbow that has a scope, telescopic sight or magnification device during any bow only hunt for big game.~~

[19.31.10.19 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.19 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.20 MANNER AND METHOD PENALTY ASSESSMENTS:** Individuals who commit the following violations shall be offered penalty assessments:

Size limits (fish)	Contrary to: 19.31.4 NMAC
Waters with age or individuals with disabilities use restrictions	Contrary to: 19.31.4 NMAC
Use of live animals	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6; 19.31.11; 19.31.12; 19.31.13; 19.31.14; 19.31.15; 19.31.16; 19.31.17; 19.31.21 NMAC
Use of a calling device	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6; 19.31.11; 19.31.12; 19.31.13; 19.31.14; 19.31.15; 19.31.16; 19.31.17; 19.31.21 NMAC
Unlawful ammunition / weapon type	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6; 19.31.11; 19.31.12; 19.31.13; 19.31.14; 19.31.15; 19.31.16; 19.31.17; 19.31.21 NMAC
Shooting hours violations	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6 NMAC
Possession of game animal parts found in field	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Shoot at artificial wildlife from the road	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Harassing wildlife	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Driving off road with licensed hunter/angler/trapper	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Driving on a closed road	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Trotline violations	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Unlawful bait	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Unlawful use of bait fish	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Unlawful release of bait fish	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
More than two hooks on San Juan special trout water	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
More than two poles	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Exceeding the bag or possession limit of fish as established in 19.31.14 NMAC	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Snagging of game fish	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Chumming	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC

Bait/barbs on special trout waters	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Disturbing the bottom “shuffling”	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Spearfishing and bow fishing violations	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Violation of posted signs	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Use of dogs	Contrary to: 19.31.12; 19.31.13; 19.31.14; 19.31.15; 19.31.16; 19.31.17; 19.31.21 NMAC
Non-toxic shot requirement on commissioned lands	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6; 19.31.16 NMAC
Habitat stamp (Sikes Act)	Contrary to: 19.34.6 NMAC
Two poles without validation stamp	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Habitat management and access validation stamp (HMAV)	Contrary to: 17-4-34 NMSA

[19.31.10.20 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.20 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.21 DIRECTOR’S AUTHORITY TO ACCOMMODATE DISABILITY OR MEDICAL**

**IMPAIRMENT:** The director may authorize reasonable modifications to the manner and method of take for any licensee who has a verifiable medical condition that, in the director’s sole discretion, necessitates such accommodation. In order to apply for such accommodation, the licensee shall complete and submit any form, information and records required by the director. Any licensee granted an accommodation must adhere to all other rules as to manner and method of take that are not specifically waived by such accommodation; and shall adhere to any restrictions imposed by the director.

[19.31.10.21 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.21 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.10 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously file with the Commission of Public Records - State Records Center and Archives:

DFR 67-5 Basic Regulation No. 500, Concerning Method and Manner of Hunting, Taking, Possessing, Disposing, and Transporting of Game Animals, Birds, Fish or Bullfrogs, or parts thereof, Taken in New Mexico, Use and Occupancy of Lands and Waters Administered, Owned, Controlled or Managed by the State Game Commission, 5-25-67.

DGF 68-11 Basic Regulation No. 525, Concerning Method and Manner of Hunting, Taking, Possessing, Disposing, and Transporting of Game Animals, Game Birds, Game Fish or Bullfrogs, or parts thereof, Taken in New Mexico, the Use and Occupancy of Lands and Waters Administered, Owned, Controlled or Managed by the State Game Commission, 8-21-68.

DGF 72-6 Basic Regulation 550 Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, and Use of Department Lands, 5-31-72.

Regulation No. 612 Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Retention of Protected Species, Permits and Licenses Issued, and the Hunter Safety Certificate Requirement, 3-2-82.

Regulation No. 677 Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Possession of Game, Permits and Licenses Issued, Retention and Importation of Protected Species, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Hunter Training Course Required, Hunting License Revocation, Camping Near a Water Hole, 6-25-90.

Order No. 5-91 Requiring that Live-Firing Courses by Taught only by Department of Game and Fish and Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors Certified in Live-Firing Instruction, 10-3-91.

**NMAC History:**

19 NMAC 31.1, Hunting and Fishing - Manner and Method of Taking, 3-1-95.

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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 10        HUNTING AND FISHING - MANNER AND METHOD OF TAKING**

**19.31.10.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.10.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.1 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.2        SCOPE:** Hunters, anglers, trappers and the general public. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 31, 32, and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.10.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.2 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 17-1-14 and Section 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected species.  
[19.31.10.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.3 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.4        DURATION:** Permanent.  
[19.31.10.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.4 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 15, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.10.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.5 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.6        OBJECTIVE:** To establish general rules, restrictions, requirements, definitions, and regulations governing lawful hunting, fishing, or trapping and the lawful taking or killing of game animals, furbearers, game birds, and game fish, water pollution, possession of wildlife, permits and licenses issued, importation, intrastate transportation, release of wildlife, restrictive devices for fish, manner and methods of hunting and fishing and use of department lands.  
[19.31.10.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.6 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.**        “**Angling**” shall mean taking or attempting to take fish by angling hook and line, with the line held in the hand or attached to a pole or rod or other device that is held in the hand or closely attended.
- B.**        “**Angling hook**” shall mean a single, double, or treble (triple) point attached to a single shank.
- C.**        “**Arrows**” shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- D.**        “**Bag limit**” shall mean the protected animal, qualified by species, sex, age, antler requirement, or size allowed by rule that a legally licensed hunter may attempt to take or harvest.
- E.**        “**Bait fish**” is defined as those nongame fish which are not otherwise protected by statute or regulation.
- F.**        “**Baiting**” shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take protected game mammals or game birds.
- G.**        “**Barbless lure or fly**” shall mean an artificial lure made of wood, metal, or hard plastic or an artificial fly made from fur, feathers, other animal or man-made materials tied onto an angling hook to resemble or simulate insects, bait fish, or other foods. A barbless fly or lure may only bear a single hook, from which any or all barbs must be removed or bent completely closed, or which are manufactured without barbs. Living or dead arthropods and annelids, or rubber or plastic moldings of these or other foods are not included.
- H.**        “**Big game species**” shall mean deer, bear, cougar, elk, pronghorn antelope (American pronghorn), Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, javelina, oryx, and Persian ibex.
- I.**        “**Bow**” shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- J.**        “**Bow fishing**” shall mean taking or attempting to take game fish with arrows with barbs that are discharged above the surface of the water by a bow. Arrows must be attached by string, line, or rope to facilitate fish retrieval.
- K.**        “**Chumming**” is defined as a means of attracting fish by placing organic materials, non-injurious to aquatic life, into the water.

L. **“Crossbow”** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. This definition shall apply to hunting for all species.

M. **“Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

N. **“Drone”** is defined as any device used or designed for navigation or flight in the air that is unmanned and guided remotely or by an onboard computer or onboard control system. Drones may also be referred to as “unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)” or “unmanned aerial vehicle systems (UAVS)”

O. **“Established road”** is defined as follows:

(1) a road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures;

(2) a two-track road which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching and which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

P. **“Modern firearms”** shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

Q. **“Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms”** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, Pyrodex or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

R. **“Nets”** shall mean cast nets, dip nets, and seines which shall not be longer than 20 feet and shall not have a mesh larger than three-eighths of an inch.

S. **“Non-toxic shot”** shall mean shot approved for use by the U. S. fish and wildlife service.

T. **“Protected species”** shall mean any of the following animals:

(1) all animals defined as protected wildlife species and game fish under Section 17-2-3 NMSA 1978;

(2) all animals defined as furbearing animals under Section 17-5-2 NMSA 1978;

(3) all animals listed as endangered species or subspecies as stated in regulation(s) set by the state game commission.

U. **“Retention”** or **“retain”** shall mean the holding of in captivity.

V. **“Restricted muzzle-loading rifle”** shall mean any muzzle-loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent and firing a traditional lead bullet. The use of in-line ignition, scopes, pelleted powder, smokeless powder and sabots, including powerbelt-type projectiles, are prohibited.

W. **“Spear fishing”** shall mean taking or attempting to take game fish with spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged under the surface of the water.

X. **“Sporting arms or weapon types”** shall be designated as follows:

(1) all hunt codes denoted with -1- shall authorize use of any legal weapon;

(2) all hunt codes denoted with -2- shall authorize use of bows only;

(3) all hunt codes denoted with -3- shall authorize use of bows, crossbows and muzzle-loading firearms, except that bows and crossbows shall not be allowed during restricted muzzle-loading hunts.

Y. **“Trotline”** shall be synonymous with “set line” or “throw line” or “jug”, and shall mean a fishing line that is used without rod or reel and that need not be held in the hand or closely attended.

Z. **“Written permission”** shall mean a document (which may include a valid hunting, trapper, or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private land owner or his designee to hunt, fish, or trap on the landowner’s property. The information on the document must be verifiable and include the name, date, and phone number of the person granting the permission.

[19.31.10.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.7 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.8 UNLAWFUL SUBSTANCE IN PUBLIC WATERS:** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or municipality to introduce, directly or indirectly, into any public water of this state any substance that may stupefy, injure, destroy, or drive away from such water any protected species or may be detrimental to the growth and reproduction of those protected species except as exempted in Section 17-2-20 NMSA 1978.

[19.31.10.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.8 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.9 POSSESSION OR SALE OF PROTECTED SPECIES:** It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, or offer for sale all or part of any protected species except as provided below:

**A. License or permit:** A person may possess protected species or parts thereof that they have lawfully taken (killed) under a license or permit.

**B. Game taken by another:** Any person may have in their possession or under their control any protected species or parts thereof that have been lawfully taken by another person, if they possess a written statement which shall be provided by the donor of the protected species, or parts thereof, and which shall contain the following:

- (1) the kind and number of game or furbearer parts donated;
- (2) the date and county where the game or furbearer was lawfully taken;
- (3) the donor's name, address, and the number of the hunting or fishing or trapping license

under which the game or furbearer was lawfully taken; and

- (4) the date and place of the donation.

**C. Retention of live animals:** It shall be unlawful to retain protected species in a live condition except under permit or license issued by the director for the following purposes:

- (1) zoos open for public display;
- (2) in class A parks;
- (3) in projects for scientific research and propagation;
- (4) a rehabilitation permit;
- (5) under a falconry permit, only those birds listed on the permit;
- (6) under a protected mammal permit, only those mammals listed on the permit;
- (7) under a scientific collection permit, one may collect and possess only those species listed

on the permit; or

(8) in transit through New Mexico when the transporter can demonstrate proof of legal possession of the protected animal being transported.

**D. Sale of game animal parts:** Only skins, heads, antlers, horns, or claws of legally taken protected species and feathers from non-migratory game birds may be bartered or sold. (Internal organs of protected species may not be sold). The disposer must supply to the recipient a written statement which shall contain the following:

- (1) description of the skin, head, antlers, horns or claws, or feathers involved;
- (2) the date and county where the game was taken;
- (3) the disposer's name, address and hunting license number under which the game was

taken; and

- (4) the date and place of the transaction.

**E. Possession of game animal parts found in the field:** It shall be unlawful to possess heads, horns, or antlers of protected species found in the field without invoice or permit from the department of game and fish, with the exception of obviously shed antlers.

**F. Big game and turkey:** For licensed hunters of any big game species or turkey, the licensee killing the animal shall immediately punch or completely fill in (black out) the area designated for the appropriate species on the license. Immediately upon arriving at a vehicle, camp or a place of storage, the licensee must permanently fill in the proper date and time of kill on their license.

(1) The properly punched or blacked-out license shall be attached or accompany the carcass while the carcass is left unattended in any vehicle, field, or while it is in camp or at a residence or other place of storage. The punched or blacked-out license may be removed from the carcass while the carcass is being removed from the field to a camp or vehicle. In situations where numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the punched or blacked-out license shall remain attached to that portion of the carcass left unattended in a camp or vehicle.

(2) Once removed from the field, the licensee must ensure the carcass or parts thereof are accompanied by a properly filled out and punched or blacked-out license or other license information as determined by the director.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to fail to properly punch or completely black out the area designated by appropriate species on the license immediately upon killing any big game species or turkey.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any licensee for any big game or turkey to fail to properly fill in the date and time of kill on their license as required by rule.

(5) It shall be unlawful to possess any big game species or turkey that are unaccompanied by a properly punched, blacked-out or filled out license or unaccompanied by the other license information as determined by the director.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to transport or possess the carcass of any big game animal or turkey without proof of sex until the carcass arrives at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, place of final storage or if required, is inspected and documented or pelt tagged by a department official.

**G. Possession and sale of live wild turkey prohibited:** It shall be unlawful to sell, attempt to sell or possess wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo* ssp.) in New Mexico, including captive raised birds, except as by permit issued by the director for verifiable scientific, education, and temporary purposes or for commercial sales to entities outside of the state of New Mexico.

**H. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcass of any protected species that is possessed contrary to this section.  
[19.31.10.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.9 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.10 PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED:** Permits and licenses may only be issued by the director or his designee as follows:

**A. Uses of wildlife:**

- (1) importation;
- (2) depredation;
- (3) scientific collection;
- (4) possession;
- (5) propagation;
- (6) sale;
- (7) commercial hunting or fishing;
- (8) release;
- (9) falconry;
- (10) rehabilitation; or
- (11) zoo.

**B. Permit or license provisions:** Specific provisions for applications, conditions, reporting, and other stipulations for permits or licenses will be provided by the department of game and fish with each permit and license.

**C. Violation of permit or license provisions:** It is unlawful for any person receiving any permit or license provided in Subsection A of 19.31.1.10 NMAC to violate any provision of this section or any provision listed on the permit or license. If such an invalidated permit or license authorized possession of wildlife, the wildlife shall be subject to seizure by any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978. It shall be unlawful to purchase, possess, barter, transfer, transport, sell, or offer to sell any imported wildlife contrary to the provisions of any import permit.  
[19.31.10.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.10 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.11 RELEASE OF WILDLIFE:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise, or cause to be released in this state any mammal, bird, fish, reptile or amphibian, except domestic mammals, domestic fowl, or fish from government hatcheries, without first obtaining a permit from the department of game and fish.  
[19.31.10.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.11 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.12 RESTRICTIVE DEVICES FOR FISH:** The director may require that a screen, paddle wheel, or other device to prevent passage of fish be installed by the owner of any canal or ditch into which waters containing protected fish are diverted. The director may also require that the owner maintain the device during periods when waters are being diverted.  
[19.31.10.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.12 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.13 USE OF VEHICLES AND ROADS IN HUNTING:**

**A. Roads:** It shall be unlawful to shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take, or kill any protected species on, from, or across any graded paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right-of-way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right-of-way fences.

**B. Roads, artificial wildlife:** It shall be unlawful to shoot at artificial wildlife on, from, or across any graded, paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right-of-way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right-of-way fences.

**C. Vehicles, boats, aircraft:** It shall be unlawful to shoot at any protected species from within a motor vehicle, power boat, sailboat, or aircraft. EXCEPTION - Migratory birds may be taken from a motor-driven boat (or other craft with attached motor) or sailboat when resting at anchor or fastened within or immediately alongside a fixed hunting blind or is used solely as a means of picking up dead birds.

**D. Harassing protected wildlife:** It shall be unlawful, at any time, to pursue, harass, harry, drive, or rally any protected species by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, drone, or aircraft.

**E. Hunting after air travel:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hunt for or take any protected species until after the start of legal hunting hours on the day following any air travel except by regularly scheduled commercial airline flights or legitimate direct flight to the final destination.

**F. Use of aircraft for spotting game:** It shall be unlawful to use aircraft or drone to spot or locate and relay the location of any protected species to anyone on the ground by any means of communication or signaling device or action.

**G. Using information gained from air flight:**

(1) It shall be unlawful to hunt for or to take, or assist in the hunting for or taking of, any protected species with the use of information regarding location of any protected species gained from the use of any aircraft until 48 hours after such aircraft use.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt for or to take, or assist in the hunting for or taking of, any protected species with the use of information regarding location of any protected species gained from the use of any drone at any time.

**H. Vehicle off of established road:** During the seasons established for any protected species, it shall be unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, fisherman or trapper. EXCEPTION: 1) Snowmobiles; 2) To retrieve lawfully taken game not in an area closed to vehicular traffic. 3) All landowners, lessees or their employees, while on their owned or leased lands in connection with legitimate agricultural activities.

**I. Closed roads:** During the seasons established for any protected species, it shall be unlawful to knowingly occupy, drive, or cause to be driven any motor vehicle on a closed road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.

**J. Handicapped license:**

(1) Shooting from a vehicle: The holder of a handicap license is authorized to shoot at and kill protected species during their respective open seasons from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. The director may issue permits to shoot from a stationary vehicle to applicants who provide certification that the applicant is permanently disabled in accordance with the American Disability Act. Such certification shall be signed by an M.D. or O.D. licensed to practice in the applicant's state of residence.

(2) Driving off established roads: Holders of a handicap license may, with permission of the landowner, lessee, or land management agency, drive off established roads to hunt for or take squirrels or game birds, excluding turkey, during open seasons.

(3) Assistance for handicapped hunter: The holder of a handicap license may be accompanied by another person to assist in reducing to possession any big game animal which has clearly been wounded by the licensed handicapped hunter.

**K. Aircraft, drone and vehicle exemptions to this rule:** The Director may exempt a person from the prohibition of utilizing an aircraft, drone or vehicle for management purposes.

[19.31.10.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.13 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

#### **19.31.10.14 FISHING:**

**A. Angling:** Game fish may be taken by angling in all waters that are open for fishing.

**B. Trotlines:**

(1) It is unlawful for any person to set more than one trotline at a time. It is unlawful to tie or join together trotlines belonging to two or more persons.

(2) It is unlawful for trotlines to have more than 25 angling hooks.

(3) A person fishing with a trotline shall personally visit and inspect the trotline at least once every 24 hours. Failure to check a trotline every 24 hours is a violation of this paragraph.

(4) It is unlawful for anyone to tamper with another's trotline.

(5) A person fishing with a trotline shall attach to it an identification tag that is visible above the water line. The identification tag shall bear the fisherman's name, address, fishing license number, and the date the trotline was set. An unlicensed fisherman under 12 years of age shall also list his date of birth.

(6) It is unlawful to set or use a trotline in trout waters, with the following exceptions: Abiquiu lake, Chama river downstream from the northern boundary of the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Gila river downstream from its junction with its east fork, Navajo lake and the Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama river.

(7) Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce the game laws may seize and confiscate any trotlines not set in accordance with this subsection.

**C. Illegal device or substance:** It is unlawful to use any device or substance capable of catching, stupefying, or killing fish except as permitted by regulation.

**D. Bait:** It is unlawful to use protected fish, live bullfrogs, or live bullfrog tadpoles as bait in any waters containing protected species. EXCEPTION: the genus *Lepomis* taken by legal means of angling may be used as live bait in the water from which they were taken only in the following waters: Abiquiu reservoir, Cochiti lake, Elephant Butte reservoir, Caballo reservoir, Stubblefield lake, Maxwell lakes, Clayton lake, Conchas lake, Ute lake, Santa Rosa lake, Lake Sumner, Brantley reservoir, and Navajo reservoir. *Lepomis* may be used as dead bait; roe, viscera, and eyes of legally taken game fish may be used as bait; and bullfrogs and bullfrog tadpoles may be used as dead bait. Live bullfrogs or live bullfrog tadpoles may not be in possession while fishing.

**E. Use of bait fish:**

(1) It is unlawful to use gar (*Lepisosteus* spp.) and goldfish (*Carassius auratus*) as bait in all waters.

(2) It is unlawful to use live common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), river carpsucker (*Carpoides carpio*), and smallmouth buffalo (*Ictiobus bubalus*) in all waters. However, these species may be used as dead bait in any water where bait may be used.

(3) It is unlawful to use bait fish in all trout waters except fathead minnows and red shiners may be used in the following trout waters: Abiquiu, Clayton lake, Jackson lake, Lake 13 (Maxwell refuge), Navajo lake, Caballo lake, the Rio Grande downstream of the Taos junction bridge (excluding the special trout water described in 19.31.4.11 NMAC), Power Dam lake, and the Animas river.

(4) It is unlawful to use any bait fish in Bitter lake national wildlife refuge and Bottomless lakes state park.

(5) Bait fish may be used in all other waters with the following restrictions:

(a) In the Gila river and San Francisco river drainages only fathead minnows may be used.

(b) In the Pecos river drainage only fathead minnows and red shiners may be used.

(c) In the Rio Grande drainage only fathead minnows, red shiners, and shad may be used except in Elephant Butte and Caballo where golden shiners are also allowed

(d) In the Canadian river drainage only fathead minnows, red shiners, and shad may be used.

(e) In the San Juan river drainage only fathead minnows and red shiners may be used.

(f) In Eagle Nest and Heron lakes only dead bait fish may be used. No live bait fish may be in possession.

**F. Release of bait fish:** It is unlawful to release any bait fish into any water containing game fish.

**G. Eradication of fish:** In waters where fish are being eradicated or where water shortage warrants reduction of fish numbers, the director may permit licensed fishermen and unlicensed persons under 12 years of age to take and possess game fish in numbers exceeding current bag and possession limits. In granting such permission, the director may specify bag and possession limits and manner and method of taking for such waters.

**H. Methods for taking bait fish for personal use:** Licensed fishermen and unlicensed persons under 12 years of age may take bait fish for personal use only in waters containing game fish by angling, nets, traps, spears, arrows, and seines. All protected species of fish taken in seines, nets, and traps shall be immediately returned to the water.

**I. Illegal taking of bait fish:** It is unlawful for licensed minnow dealers to take bait fish for sale from waters not specified on their licenses. They may take these fish only by use of traps, seines, or cast nets, as specified on their licenses. All protected species of fish taken in such traps, seines, or nets shall be immediately returned to the water from which they were taken.

**J. Permits for taking bait fish:** The director may issue permits for the use of nets, seines, traps, or cast nets in taking bait fish in waters containing protected species of fish. The permit shall specify methods of taking, places for taking, and duration of the permit. The permittee shall report monthly the species, numbers and poundage of bait fish taken during the preceding month.

**K. Limit on angling hooks:** It is unlawful to angle with more than two barbless lures or flies with single point angling hooks on a single line when fishing the special trout water on the San Juan river designated in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

**L. [Reserved]**

**M. Number of fishing poles:** It is unlawful to angle with more than one pole without having a current two rod validation or stamp affixed on the current license. It is unlawful under any circumstance to angle with more than two poles.

**N. Exceeding daily bag limit:** It is unlawful to exceed the daily bag limit or possession limit of any protected fish species, as specified in 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

**O. Exceeding daily bag or possession limit - Penalty Assessment:** For those fish species or waters where the daily bag limit or possession limit is more than two fish as specified in 19.31.4.11 NMAC, violators that exceed the bag limit or possession limit by four fish or less shall be offered a penalty assessment. For those fish species or waters with special, reduced or restricted bag limits or possession limits of two or less as specified in 19.31.4.11 NMAC, violators that exceed the bag limit or possession limit by one fish shall be offered a penalty assessment.

**P. Snagging game fish:** It is unlawful to snag game fish except during the special Kokanee salmon season as specified in 19.31.4.9 NMAC.

**Q. Chumming:** It is unlawful to "CHUM" except in the following waters: All waters designated as warm waters; Gila river downstream from its junction with its east fork; Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama river, excluding the special trout water below Elephant Butte dam described in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

**R. Special trout waters:** Only barbless lures or flies may be used in the special trout waters designated in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, except in the special trout water on the Rio Grande below Elephant Butte dam in which soft plastic lures may also be used, and in the following waters any legal angling gear and legal bait for trout waters may be used: Conservancy Park lake/Tingley beach the Kids' pond and Central pond, the Vermejo river system within Vermejo Park ranch boundaries, Gilita, Little Turkey, and Willow creeks, Mineral creek, Whitewater creek from Catwalk national recreation trail parking area upstream to headwaters, and those waters designated in Subparagraph (e) of Paragraph (4) of Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

**S. Attracting or concentrating fish:**

(1) **Artificial lights:** Use of artificial lights is permitted for attracting game fish.

(2) **Disturbing the bottom:** It is unlawful in all special trout waters defined in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, to disturb or dislodge aquatic plant growth, sediment, or rocks for the purpose of attracting or concentrating fish. It shall also be unlawful to angle in the immediate vicinity where such disturbance has occurred.

**T. Spearfishing and bow fishing:**

(1) Game fish may be taken by spearfishing and bow fishing only in lakes and reservoirs open to fishing.

(2) In addition, during the season established by Subsection B. of 19.31.4.9 NMAC, Kokanee salmon may be taken by the use of spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged above or below the water and not driven by explosives, gas, air, or crossbow, except in the Pine river where spears, gigs, and arrows are prohibited.

[19.31.10.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.14 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

#### **19.31.10.15 LANDS AND WATERS OWNED, ADMINISTERED, CONTROLLED, OR MANAGED BY THE STATE GAME COMMISSION:**

**A. Posting of signs:** The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area.

**B. Violating provisions of posted signs:** It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission.

**C. Trespass on state game commission owned lands:** It shall be unlawful to hunt, fish, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless allowed under regulation or provided for under Subsection A.

[19.31.10.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.15 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.16 AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING:** The following areas shall remain closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping, except as permitted by regulation.

**A. Sugarite canyon state park.**

**B.** Portion of the Wild Rivers recreation area: an area bounded on the north by the power line from Bear Crossing to Red River hatchery, south along the Red River to the confluence of the Rio Grande, and north along the Rio Grande to the power lines at Bear Crossing is closed to all hunting; Taos valley overlook.

**C.** All wildlife management areas (except non-game hunting shall be allowed on the Water Canyon WMA January 1 through March 31 annually).

**D.** Valle Vidal area.

**E.** Sub-Unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve)

[19.31.10.16 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.16 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

#### **19.31.10.17 REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BOATS, OTHER FLOATING DEVICES, AND MOTORS:**

**A. Charette, Clayton, and McAllister lakes:** On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, boats and other floating devices with or without electric or gas motors shall be permitted only during the season and hours when fishing is permitted. Boats or floating devices on these lakes shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed: Charette, Clayton, and McAllister lakes

**B.** On **Springer lake**, boats and other floating devices with or without motors shall be permitted; provided, however, that boats or floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed when water storage is less than 1,000 acre feet.

**C.** On **Ramah lake**, boats and floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed.

**D.** On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, only boats and other floating devices using electric motors or with motors that are not in use shall be permitted: **Bear Canyon, Bill Evans, Green Meadow, Fenton, Hopewell, Jackson, lake Roberts, Maddox, Morphy, Quemado, Snow, Wall, Conoco lake, and waters located on the Ladd S. Gordon wildlife area.**

**E.** On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, only boats and other floating devices using no motors shall be permitted: **Bernardo waterfowl management area, La Joya waterfowl management area, McGaffey, San Gregorio, Shuree ponds.**

**F.** On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, no boats or other floating devices shall be permitted: **Bonito, Laguna del Campo lake at Los Ojos state fish hatchery, Monastery lake, Power Dam, and Red River hatchery pond.**

**G.** Department of game and fish personnel or persons authorized by the director of the department of game and fish may use gasoline powered outboard motors on all lakes mentioned in this chapter while performing official duties.

[19.31.10.17 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.17 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

#### **19.31.10.18 UNLAWFUL TAKING OR KILLING OF GAME ANIMALS, FURBEARERS, GAME BIRDS, OR GAME FISH ON PRIVATE LAND:**

**A.** It shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish on any private property that is in compliance with Section 30-14-1 and Section 30-14-6 NMSA 1978 posting requirements without possessing written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights, unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

**B.** It shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish on private property if the consent to enter or remain has been denied or withdrawn by the owner or person in control of the land or trespass rights, per Section 30-14-1 NMSA 1978, unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

**C.** It shall be unlawful to knowingly enter upon any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish without possessing written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

**D.** Any game animals, furbearers, game birds, or game fish taken in violation of this section shall be subject to seizure.

[19.31.10.18 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.18 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

#### **19.31.10.19 TAKING GAME ANIMALS, FURBEARERS, GAME BIRDS BY CROSSBOW:**

**A.** Crossbows may be used to take or kill any game animal, furbearer or game bird by a licensed hunter during an any legal weapon type or muzzle loader hunt.



B. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a crossbow during a bow only hunt without a hunter possessing a MI card or reasonable accommodation from the director, or contrary to rule or hunt code.  
 [19.31.10.19 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.19 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.20 MANNER AND METHOD PENALTY ASSESSMENTS:** Individuals who commit the following violations shall be offered penalty assessments:

Size limits (fish)	Contrary to: 19.31.4 NMAC
Waters with age or individuals with disabilities use restrictions	Contrary to: 19.31.4 NMAC
Use of live animals	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6; 19.31.11; 19.31.12; 19.31.13; 19.31.14; 19.31.15; 19.31.16; 19.31.17; 19.31.21 NMAC
Use of a calling device	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6; 19.31.11; 19.31.12; 19.31.13; 19.31.14; 19.31.15; 19.31.16; 19.31.17; 19.31.21 NMAC
Unlawful ammunition / weapon type	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6; 19.31.11; 19.31.12; 19.31.13; 19.31.14; 19.31.15; 19.31.16; 19.31.17; 19.31.21 NMAC
Shooting hours violations	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6 NMAC
Possession of game animal parts found in field	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Shoot at artificial wildlife from the road	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Harassing wildlife	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Driving off road with licensed hunter/angler/trapper	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Driving on a closed road	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Trotline violations	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Unlawful bait	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Unlawful use of bait fish	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Unlawful release of bait fish	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
More than two hooks on San Juan special trout water	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
More than two poles	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Exceeding the bag or possession limit of fish as established in 19.31.14 NMAC	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Snagging of game fish	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Chumming	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Bait/barbs on special trout waters	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Disturbing the bottom "shuffling"	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Spearfishing and bow fishing violations	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Violation of posted signs	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Use of dogs	Contrary to: 19.31.12; 19.31.13; 19.31.14; 19.31.15; 19.31.16; 19.31.17; 19.31.21 NMAC
Non-toxic shot requirement on commissioned lands	Contrary to: 19.31.5; 19.31.6; 19.31.16 NMAC
Habitat stamp (Sikes Act)	Contrary to: 19.34.6 NMAC
Two poles without validation stamp	Contrary to: 19.31.10 NMAC
Habitat management and access validation stamp (HMAV)	Contrary to: 17-4-34 NMSA

[19.31.10.20 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.20 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**19.31.10.21 DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY TO ACCOMMODATE DISABILITY OR MEDICAL IMPAIRMENT:** The director may authorize reasonable modifications to the manner and method of take for any licensee who has a verifiable medical condition that, in the director's sole discretion, necessitates such accommodation. In order to apply for such accommodation, the licensee shall complete and submit any form, information and records required by the director. Any licensee granted an accommodation must adhere to all other rules as to manner and method of take that are not specifically waived by such accommodation; and shall adhere to any restrictions imposed by the director.

[19.31.10.21 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.21 NMAC, 12-15-2016]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.10 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously file with the Commission of Public Records - State Records Center and Archives:

DFR 67-5 Basic Regulation No. 500, Concerning Method and Manner of Hunting, Taking, Possessing, Disposing, and Transporting of Game Animals, Birds, Fish or Bullfrogs, or parts thereof, Taken in New Mexico, Use and Occupancy of Lands and Waters Administered, Owned, Controlled or Managed by the State Game Commission, 5-25-67.

DGF 68-11 Basic Regulation No. 525, Concerning Method and Manner of Hunting, Taking, Possessing, Disposing, and Transporting of Game Animals, Game Birds, Game Fish or Bullfrogs, or parts thereof, Taken in New Mexico, the Use and Occupancy of Lands and Waters Administered, Owned, Controlled or Managed by the State Game Commission, 8-21-68.

DGF 72-6 Basic Regulation 550 Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, and Use of Department Lands, 5-31-72.

Regulation No. 612 Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Retention of Protected Species, Permits and Licenses Issued, and the Hunter Safety Certificate Requirement, 3-2-82.

Regulation No. 677 Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Possession of Game, Permits and Licenses Issued, Retention and Importation of Protected Species, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Hunter Training Course Required, Hunting License Revocation, Camping Near a Water Hole, 6-25-90.

Order No. 5-91 Requiring that Live-Firing Courses by Taught only by Department of Game and Fish and Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors Certified in Live-Firing Instruction, 10-3-91.

**NMAC History:**

19 NMAC 31.1, Hunting and Fishing - Manner and Method of Taking, 3-1-95.

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19.31.10 NMAC, Hunting and Fishing - Manner and Method of Taking - Repealed 4-1-2007.

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# Proposed rule

**TITLE 19**      **NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31**   **HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 11**       **BEAR AND COUGAR**

**19.31.11.1**      **ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.11.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.2**      **SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in bear and cougar management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.11.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.3**      **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.11.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.4**      **DURATION:** April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2020.  
[19.31.11.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.5**      **EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.11.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.6**      **OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of bear and cougar licenses by the department.  
[19.31.11.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.7**      **DEFINITIONS:**

- A.**      **“Arrows”** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- B.**      **“Baiting”** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take bear or cougar.
- C.**      **“Bear entry hunt”** shall mean the valid official document awarded through a public drawing for hunting bear. This valid official permit shall entitle the holder of a bear license to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.
- D.**      **“Bear license”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting bear in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- E.**      **“Bear zones”** shall define hunt areas consisting of one or more game management units as documented in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC.
- F.**      **“Bow”** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- G.**      **“Cougar license”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting cougar in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- H.**      **“Cougar zones”** shall define hunt areas consisting of one or more game management units as documented in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC.
- I.**      **“Crossbow”** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- J.**      **“Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- K.**      **“Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- L.**      **“Foot snare”** shall mean a wire or cable with a single closing device set to capture a cougar by the foot.
- ~~**L.M.**~~      **“Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC.
- ~~**M.N.**~~      **“Hunter designee”** shall mean a person given a written statement by the properly licensed hunter who lawfully killed and possessed the bear or cougar. A written statement consists of: the kind and number of bear and cougar, the date and game management unit of where the bear or cougar was lawfully taken, the hunter’s name, address, and license number under which the bear or cougar was lawfully killed, and the date and place where the

written statement was given.

**N.O.** "License year" shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**O.P.** "Modern firearms" shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**P.Q.** "Muzzle-loader" or "muzzle-loading firearms" shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, Pyrodex or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**Q.** ~~"Foot snare" shall mean a wire or cable with a single closing device set to capture a cougar by the foot.~~

**R.** "Trap" shall mean a spring actuated device designed to capture a cougar by the foot.

**S.** "Unlimited" shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**T.** "Website" shall refer to accessing the department's internet address.

**U.** "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs" shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission's rule 19.34.5 NMAC.

[19.31.11.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.11.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND HARVEST LIMITS:**

**A.** The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits or harvest limits, up or down by no more than twenty percent within the GMU or zone, to address critical department management needs, significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the specific hunt codes, harvest limits, or sustainable total mortality for bear and cougar. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may also modify the season dates and manner and method of take to facilitate target removals or embedded quotas for cougars and bears in specific areas or zones for ungulate protection or conflict minimization in densely populated residential areas.

**B.** The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may take management actions independent of seasons, harvest limits or female sub-limits for population management or to address critical situations including ungulate population protection, depredation, and human health and safety. The decision to take management actions pursuant to this subsection shall be reported to the commission within 48 hours.

**C.** The previous year's harvest data and management implications shall be presented to the commission at a regularly scheduled state game commission meeting by August of each year. The results of this annual review shall be made available to the public at least 30 days prior to presentation at a regularly scheduled and noticed commission meeting.

[19.31.11.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.11.9 BEAR AND COUGAR LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One license per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for bear or cougar during the current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All bear entry permits or licenses shall be valid only for specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license. Over-the-counter bear licenses shall be valid only for specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation. Over-the-counter cougar licenses shall be valid only with concurrent possession of a cougar identification course completion number as described in Subsection G of 19.31.11.9 NMAC and for specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation.

**C. Valle Vidal (as described in 19.30.4.11 NMAC):** It shall be unlawful to hunt bear or cougar on the Valle Vidal except for properly licensed bear or cougar hunters that possess a Valle Vidal elk hunting muzzleloader, bow, or rifle license and only during the dates of the elk hunt specified or successful applicants for the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area bear entry permit.

**D. Bear entry hunt:** It shall be unlawful to hunt bear in designated wildlife management areas or other specifically designated special entry hunt areas without having a valid bear entry permit and a valid bear license in the hunter's possession or as allowed by Subsection O of 19.31.11.10 NMAC. Bear entry hunters shall be

allowed to hunt in any other open bear hunt provided they have a valid bear license. No more than one person may apply under each application number for bear entry permits.

**E. License purchase:** Cougar hunters must purchase a cougar license at least two days prior to hunting cougar. Bear hunters must purchase a bear license at least two days prior to hunting bear.

**F. Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to participate in youth only (YO) hunts except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**G. Mandatory cougar identification course:** It shall be unlawful to hunt cougars without carrying a department issued alpha-numeric number which shall be proof of successful completion of the mandatory cougar identification course as offered on the department's website.

[19.31.11.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.11.10 BEAR AND COUGAR MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Season and hours:** Bear and cougar may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset and only in zones or areas designated as open on the department hotline or website. Twenty-four hours prior to hunting bear or cougar, every hunter or hunter's designee must call the toll free number designated by the department or access the department's website to determine if their desired hunt zone is open. Failure to call or check prior to hunting is unlawful. Cougar and bear seasons in each zone will close within 72 hours of when the number of cougars or bears harvested is within ten percent of the female sub-limit, or ten percent of the sustainable mortality limit for that zone, whichever occurs first.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one bear or two cougars during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation. Holders of a valid cougar license who have harvested two cougars under their license may request authorization from the department to take an additional two cougars in the same license year in any cougar management zone that has not closed in at least two of the past three years. Additional take may be requested once the bag limit for the previous authorization has been met.

(1) It shall be unlawful to kill a female bear accompanied by cub(s), or any cub less than one year old.

(2) It shall be unlawful to kill a female cougar accompanied by spotted kitten(s), or any spotted kitten.

**C. Proof of sex of bear or cougar:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the pelt (even if the pelt is attached to the carcass) of a bear or cougar without proof of sex. External genitalia of any bear or cougar killed shall remain attached to the pelt and be readily visible until the pelt has been inspected and pelt-tagged by a department official.

**D. Bear and cougar pelt tagging requirements:**

(1) Any bear or cougar killed shall be tagged with a pelt tag furnished free of charge by the department.

(2) The hunter who kills the bear or cougar or the hunter's designee must present the unfrozen skull and pelt to a department official for tooth removal and pelt tagging within five calendar days from the date of harvest before the pelt can be processed by a taxidermist, or before taking the pelt out of New Mexico, whichever comes first.

(3) Any hunter who appoints a designee to present the skull and pelt for pelt tagging is required to contact a conservation officer prior to having the pelt inspected and tagged.

(4) The pelt tag shall remain attached until the pelt is tanned.

(5) The skull of the bear or cougar must remain unfrozen with the mouth fixed open for removal of a premolar tooth by a department official.

(6) Licensed bear or cougar hunters who provide false or fraudulent information regarding the required information including, but not limited to, sex, date, or location of harvest shall be assessed 20 revocation points pursuant to 19.31.2 NMAC.

**E. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses or pelts of bear or cougar that are improperly tagged, presented for pelt tagging without proof of sex attached or without presenting the skull along with the pelt.

**F. Use of dogs in hunting:** Dogs may be used only to hunt bear and cougar during specific open seasons unless otherwise restricted. It shall be unlawful to:

(1) hunt for or pursue bear or cougar with dog(s) in any WMA as described in 19.34.5 NMAC except as provided by regulation;

(2) hunt for or pursue bear or cougar during September bow seasons statewide except as otherwise allowed by rule;

(3) release dogs with the intent of pursuing or hunting bear or cougar or to pursue or hold bear or cougar, outside of legal shooting hours or during closed seasons, it shall be unlawful to pursue a bear or cougar with dog(s) for dog training purposes;

(4) pursue bear or cougar with dog(s) without the licensed hunter, who intends to kill or who kills the bear or cougar, present continuously from the initial release of any dog(s).

**G. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any bear or cougar by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**H. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any bear or cougar.

**I. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any bear, such calling devices are allowed for taking cougar.

**J. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any bear or cougar out of their respective hunting seasons.

**K. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take bear or cougar by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with full metal jacketed bullets that does not expand or mushroom. Soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking bear or cougar.

**L. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or use arrows driven by explosives.

**M. Legal weapon types** for bear and cougar are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts. The Sandia ranger district portion of the Cibola national forest in zone 4 shall be open for hunting with crossbow and bow only.

**N. Areas closed to bear and cougar hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to bear and cougar hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon state park; Rio Grande wild and scenic river area, including the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas including the Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs in GMU 9 (Marquez is open only to hunters with valid bear entry permit and bear hunting license); the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve). Cougar hunting is allowed by legal deer or elk hunters in possession of a valid cougar license in the E.S. Barker, Colin Neblett, Humphries, Marquez, Sargent, and Urraca WMAs, and the Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas. Deer or elk hunters choosing to hunt cougar under this provision may only hunt in open cougar zones, and must adhere to the weapon type restriction and season dates as specified by their deer or elk licenses. Dogs are not allowed. Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida mountains hunt area during any open Persian ibex season, except by legal Persian ibex hunters in possession of a valid cougar license. Persian ibex hunters choosing to hunt cougar under this provision may only hunt in open cougar zones, and must adhere to the weapon type restriction and season dates as specified by their ibex license.

**O. Use of traps and foot snares:** Hunters with a valid cougar license may use traps or foot snares to harvest cougars on state trust land, or private deeded land with written permission from the landowner. Neck snares are not permitted. Restrictions for cougar take using traps or foot snares shall follow the regulations on methods, trap specification, trap inspection, and cougar removal as defined in 19.32.2.10 NMAC Manner and Method of Take, and 19.32.2.11 NMAC Trap Inspection and Furbearer Removal. Foot snares shall be prohibited in GMU 27 and those portions of GMU 26 designated by the United States fish and wildlife service as critical habitat for jaguar.

**P.** Any take of cougar on public land, other than state trust lands, by the use of traps or snares shall be unlawful unless authorized by the director.

**Q.** It shall be unlawful to attach any collar or electronic tracking device to any bear or cougar except as expressly permitted by the department.

[19.31.11.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### 19.31.11.11 BEAR HUNTING SEASONS:

**A. Over-the-counter bear hunts for the 2016-17 through 2019-20 hunt seasons:** The following table lists bear zones, open GMUs or areas within zones, weapon type restrictions, season dates, total harvest limits, and female harvest sub-limits.

zone	open GMUs or areas	bow only	any legal weapon	2016-17 total limit (female)	2017-18 total limit (female)	2018-19 total limit (female)	2019-20 total limit (female)
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1	4, 5, 6, 7, 51, 52	9/1 - 24	9/25 - 11/15	158 (63)	158 (63)	158 (63)	158 (63)
2	2	9/1 - 24	9/25 - 11/15	15 (6)	15 (6)	15 (6)	15 (6)
3	49, 50 and 53	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	65 (26)	65 (26)	65 (26)	65 (26)
4	45, 46, and 48	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/30	109(43)	109(43)	109(43)	109(43)
5	54 and 55	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	92 (37)	92 (37)	92 (37)	92 (37)
6	39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 47 and 59	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	33 (13)	33 (13)	33 (13)	33 (13)
7	56, 57 and 58	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	35 (14)	35 (14)	35 (14)	35 (14)
8	8	9/1 - 24	10/15 - 11/15	11 (4)	11 (4)	11 (4)	11 (4)
9	9 and 10	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	36 (14)	36 (14)	36 (14)	36 (14)
10	12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/30	146 (58)	146 (58)	146 (58)	146 (58)
11	37 and 38	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/30	36 (14)	36 (14)	36 (14)	36 (14)
12	34	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/30	33 (13)	33 (13)	33 (13)	33 (13)
13	36	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	16 (6)	16 (6)	16 (6)	16 (6)
14	14	9/1 - 24	10/15 - 11/15	19 (7)	19 (7)	19 (7)	19 (7)

**B. Entry hunts for the 2016-17 through 2019-20 hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open areas, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, and bag limit.**

open GMUs or areas	hunt start	hunt end	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2, YO	8/1	8/31	BER-1-100	5	1 bear
4: Sargent WMA only	8/1	8/31	BER-1-101	10	1 bear
4: Humphries WMA only	8/1	8/31	BER-1-102	5	1 bear
9: Marquez WMA only	8/1	8/31	BER-1-103	5	1 bear
54/55: E.S. Barker/Colin Neblett WMAs	8/1	8/31	BER-1-104	12	1 bear
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	8/1	8/31	BER-1-105	20	1 bear
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	4/15	5/20	BER-1-106	20	1 bear
57: Sugarite Canyon State Park/archery bow only	8/1	8/31	BER-2-107	5	1 bear

**C.** Bear hunting is closed in the Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas except by legal Valle Vidal and Greenwood area elk hunters or successful applicants for bear entry hunts BER-1-105 and BER-1-106. Dogs are permitted for BER-1-105 and BER-1-106. Valle Vidal and Greenwood area elk hunters choosing to hunt bears under this provision must adhere to the weapon type restriction and season dates specified by their elk license.

**D.** Bears taken from the Sargent and William A. Humphries WMAs in zone 1, Elliot Barker/Colin Neblett WMAs and Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas in zone 5, Sugarite Canyon state park in zone 7, or Marquez WMA in zone 8 shall count towards the harvest limit in those zones.

[19.31.11.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.11.12 COUGAR HUNTING SEASONS:**

**A.** Over the counter cougar hunt season shall be from April 1 through March 31 or until the total mortality limit, or female sub-limit, whichever comes first, is met in any given cougar management zone.

**B.** Cougar trapping and foot snaring season on state trust land and private deeded land shall be from November 1 through March 31, or until the total mortality limit, or female sub-limit, whichever comes first, is met in any given cougar management zone.

**C.** The following table lists cougar zones, open GMUs or areas within zones, weapon type restrictions, season dates, total harvest limits and female harvest sub-limits for the 2016-2020 seasons.



zone	open GMUs or areas	2016-17 total limits (female)	2017-18 total limits (female)	2018-19 total limits (female)	2019-20 total limits (female)
A	2 and 7	42 (13)	42 (13)	42 (13)	42 (13)
B	5, 50, and 51	28 (8)	28 (8)	28 (8)	28 (8)
C	43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53	85 (43)	85 (43)	85 (43)	85 (43)
D	41, 42, 47 and 59	23 (12)	23 (12)	23 (12)	23 (12)
E	9 and 10	50 (15)	50 (15)	50 (15)	50 (15)
F	6	46 (23)	46 (23)	46 (23)	46 (23)
G	13, and 17	73 (37)	73 (37)	73 (37)	73 (37)
H	18, 19 and 20	37(16)	37(16)	37(16)	37(16)
I	36, 37, and 38	24 (7)	24 (7)	24 (7)	24 (7)
J	15, 16, 21, and 25	89 (27)	89 (27)	89 (27)	89 (27)
K	22, 23, and 24	66 (33)	66 (33)	66 (33)	66 (33)
L	26 and 27	19 (10)	19 (10)	19 (10)	19 (10)
M	31, 32, 33, 39, and 40	31 (9)	31 (9)	31 (9)	31 (9)
N	4 and 52	15 (5)	15 (5)	15 (5)	15 (5)
O	12	21 (6)	21 (6)	21 (6)	21 (6)
P	56, 57, and 58	14 (7)	14 (7)	14 (7)	14 (7)
Q	28, 29, 30, and 34	35 (11)	35 (11)	35 (11)	35 (11)
R	54 and 55	26 (8)	26 (8)	26 (8)	26 (8)
S	8 and 14	25 (13)	25 (13)	25 (13)	25 (13)

[19.31.11.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.13 PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING COUGAR DEPREDATION CONTROL IN OCCUPIED BIGHORN SHEEP RANGES:**

A. The department shall investigate all bighorn sheep deaths to determine if cougar depredation has occurred. To determine cougar depredation, a field examination and a standardized necropsy of the dead bighorn sheep shall be completed by a department employee or contractor.

B. Should it be determined that a depredation has occurred, the following procedures will be used.

(1) The department will make an evaluation of the following: viability of the statewide bighorn population, review of long-term and recent data on the local population (or meta-population), review of data on recent predation, alternative management options such as habitat manipulation or transplants, feasibility of taking the offending animal(s), effects on the predator population, and feasibility of having a positive effect on the local bighorn population.

(2) The wildlife management division and the appropriate area operations office will be contacted.

(3) A permit for the taking of each depredating cougar(s) will be issued to the local district wildlife officer. Physical possession of the permit is not required to initiate action.

(4) A decision to hound hunt or snare will be based on evidence at the kill site.

(5) If the bighorn sheep kill is fresh enough that the cougar may return or is likely to still be in the immediate area, the department will attempt to get a hound-hunter or trapper to begin hunting the cougar(s) the same day the bighorn carcass is discovered.

(6) The size of the hunted area will be determined from the sex and, in some cases, number of cougars (i.e. female with kittens) involved in the bighorn kill.

(7) Where possible, cougar feces shall be taken at the scene of the depredation and tissue samples from the cougar killed by the hunter(s) will be collected. Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) testing will be performed to determine if the scat and tissue samples are from the same cougar.

[19.31.11.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.15 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.14 DURATION OF DEPREDATION CONTROL PROGRAMS:** The duration of the special permit to take depredating cougars shall be for no more than six weeks from the onset to the end of the measures taken. An evaluation and justification for extension of the permit shall be written before measures will continue beyond six weeks.

[19.31.11.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.16 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.15 PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING PREVENTIVE COUGAR CONTROL IN BIGHORN SHEEP RANGES:**

- A. The New Mexico department of game and fish may conduct preventive cougar control within bighorn sheep ranges.
  - B. The total number of cougars removed per license year from any zone containing bighorn ranges will not exceed the sustainable mortality limit for that zone unless approved pursuant to 19.31.11.8 NMAC.
  - C. The department will obtain the services of houndsmen or trappers either from the department's depredation list or through private contract.
  - D. A decision to hunt with hounds or to use snares will be made by the department.
  - E. All cougars taken for preventive control will be reported to the department.
  - F. The department will provide a program evaluation update to the commission no later than December biennially beginning in December 2010.
- [19.31.11.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.17 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.11 NMAC:**

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- Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, and Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;
- Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons on Javelina and Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;
- Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons for 1968 for Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, and Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;
- Regulation No. 495, Establishing a Season on Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;
- Regulation No. 496, Establishing an Elk Season in the Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;
- Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons for Bowhunting Only and Big Game Seasons for the Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree and Tassel-Eared Squirrel, and Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;
- Regulation No. 507, Establishing a Season on Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;
- Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season for the Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;
- Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season for Bowhunting Only in Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;
- Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep and Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;
- Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1971, filed 3/9/71;
- Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, and Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;
- Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep and Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;
- Regulation No. 531, Establishing a Season on Javelina, filed 12/17/71;
- Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1972, filed 3/20/72;
- Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, and Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;
- Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree and Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep and Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;
- Regulation No. 542, Establishing a Season on Javelina, filed 12/1/72;
- Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;
- Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, and Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;
- Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree and Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep and Bighorn Sheep, and Javelina, filed 5/31/73;
- Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, and Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, and Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons on Deer, Bear, and Turkey on the Jicarilla Apache and Navajo Indian Reservations and on Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree and Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey for the Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;  
Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

#### **History of Repealed Material:**

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.  
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.  
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.  
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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 11        BEAR AND COUGAR**

**19.31.11.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.11.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in bear and cougar management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.11.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.11.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2020.  
[19.31.11.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.11.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of bear and cougar licenses by the department.  
[19.31.11.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.        “Arrows”** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- B.        “Baiting”** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take bear or cougar.
- C.        “Bear entry hunt”** shall mean the valid official document awarded through a public drawing for hunting bear. This valid official permit shall entitle the holder of a bear license to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.
- D.        “Bear license”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting bear in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- E.        “Bear zones”** shall define hunt areas consisting of one or more game management units as documented in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC.
- F.        “Bow”** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- G.        “Cougar license”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting cougar in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- H.        “Cougar zones”** shall define hunt areas consisting of one or more game management units as documented in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC.
- I.        “Crossbow”** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- J.        “Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- K.        “Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- L.        “Foot snare”** shall mean a wire or cable with a single closing device set to capture a cougar by the foot.
- M.        “Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC.
- N.        “Hunter designee”** shall mean a person given a written statement by the properly licensed hunter who lawfully killed and possessed the bear or cougar. A written statement consists of: the kind and number of bear and cougar, the date and game management unit of where the bear or cougar was lawfully taken, the hunter’s name, address, and license number under which the bear or cougar was lawfully killed, and the date and place where the

written statement was given.

**O.** “License year” shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**P.** “Modern firearms” shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**Q.** “Muzzle-loader” or “muzzle-loading firearms” shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, Pyrodex or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**R.** “Trap” shall mean a spring actuated device designed to capture a cougar by the foot.

**S.** “Unlimited” shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**T.** “Website” shall refer to accessing the department’s internet address.

**U.** “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC.

[19.31.11.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.11.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND HARVEST LIMITS:**

**A.** The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits or harvest limits, up or down by no more than twenty percent within the GMU or zone, to address critical department management needs, significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the specific hunt codes, harvest limits, or sustainable total mortality for bear and cougar. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may also modify the season dates and manner and method of take to facilitate target removals or embedded quotas for cougars and bears in specific areas or zones for ungulate protection or conflict minimization in densely populated residential areas.

**B.** The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may take management actions independent of seasons, harvest limits or female sub-limits for population management or to address critical situations including ungulate population protection, depredation, and human health and safety. The decision to take management actions pursuant to this subsection shall be reported to the commission within 48 hours.

**C.** The previous year’s harvest data and management implications shall be presented to the commission at a regularly scheduled state game commission meeting by August of each year. The results of this annual review shall be made available to the public at least 30 days prior to presentation at a regularly scheduled and noticed commission meeting.

[19.31.11.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.11.9 BEAR AND COUGAR LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One license per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for bear or cougar during the current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All bear entry permits or licenses shall be valid only for specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license. Over-the-counter bear licenses shall be valid only for specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation. Over-the-counter cougar licenses shall be valid only with concurrent possession of a cougar identification course completion number as described in Subsection G of 19.31.11.9 NMAC and for specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation.

**C. Valle Vidal (as described in 19.30.4.11 NMAC):** It shall be unlawful to hunt bear or cougar on the Valle Vidal except for properly licensed bear or cougar hunters that possess a Valle Vidal elk hunting muzzleloader, bow, or rifle license and only during the dates of the elk hunt specified or successful applicants for the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area bear entry permit.

**D. Bear entry hunt:** It shall be unlawful to hunt bear in designated wildlife management areas or other specifically designated special entry hunt areas without having a valid bear entry permit and a valid bear license in the hunter’s possession or as allowed by Subsection O of 19.31.11.10 NMAC. Bear entry hunters shall be allowed to hunt in any other open bear hunt provided they have a valid bear license. No more than one person may apply under each application number for bear entry permits.

**E. License purchase:** Cougar hunters must purchase a cougar license at least two days prior to hunting cougar. Bear hunters must purchase a bear license at least two days prior to hunting bear.

**F. Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to participate in youth only (YO) hunts except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**G. Mandatory cougar identification course:** It shall be unlawful to hunt cougars without carrying a department issued alpha-numeric number which shall be proof of successful completion of the mandatory cougar identification course as offered on the department's website.

[19.31.11.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.11.10 BEAR AND COUGAR MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Season and hours:** Bear and cougar may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset and only in zones or areas designated as open on the department hotline or website. Twenty-four hours prior to hunting bear or cougar, every hunter or hunter's designee must call the toll free number designated by the department or access the department's website to determine if their desired hunt zone is open. Failure to call or check prior to hunting is unlawful. Cougar and bear seasons in each zone will close within 72 hours of when the number of cougars or bears harvested is within ten percent of the female sub-limit, or ten percent of the sustainable mortality limit for that zone, whichever occurs first.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one bear or two cougars during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation. Holders of a valid cougar license who have harvested two cougars under their license may request authorization from the department to take an additional two cougars in the same license year in any cougar management zone that has not closed in at least two of the past three years. Additional take may be requested once the bag limit for the previous authorization has been met.

(1) It shall be unlawful to kill a female bear accompanied by cub(s), or any cub less than one year old.

(2) It shall be unlawful to kill a female cougar accompanied by spotted kitten(s), or any spotted kitten.

**C. Proof of sex of bear or cougar:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the pelt (even if the pelt is attached to the carcass) of a bear or cougar without proof of sex. External genitalia of any bear or cougar killed shall remain attached to the pelt and be readily visible until the pelt has been inspected and pelt-tagged by a department official.

**D. Bear and cougar pelt tagging requirements:**

(1) Any bear or cougar killed shall be tagged with a pelt tag furnished free of charge by the department.

(2) The hunter who kills the bear or cougar or the hunter's designee must present the unfrozen skull and pelt to a department official for tooth removal and pelt tagging within five calendar days from the date of harvest before the pelt can be processed by a taxidermist, or before taking the pelt out of New Mexico, whichever comes first.

(3) Any hunter who appoints a designee to present the skull and pelt for pelt tagging is required to contact a conservation officer prior to having the pelt inspected and tagged.

(4) The pelt tag shall remain attached until the pelt is tanned.

(5) The skull of the bear or cougar must remain unfrozen with the mouth fixed open for removal of a premolar tooth by a department official.

(6) Licensed bear or cougar hunters who provide false or fraudulent information regarding the required information including, but not limited to, sex, date, or location of harvest shall be assessed 20 revocation points pursuant to 19.31.2 NMAC.

**E. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses or pelts of bear or cougar that are improperly tagged, presented for pelt tagging without proof of sex attached or without presenting the skull along with the pelt.

**F. Use of dogs in hunting:** Dogs may be used only to hunt bear and cougar during specific open seasons unless otherwise restricted. It shall be unlawful to:

(1) hunt for or pursue bear or cougar with dog(s) in any WMA as described in 19.34.5 NMAC except as provided by regulation;

(2) hunt for or pursue bear or cougar during September bow seasons statewide except as otherwise allowed by rule;

(3) release dogs with the intent of pursuing or hunting bear or cougar or to pursue or hold bear or cougar, outside of legal shooting hours or during closed seasons, it shall be unlawful to pursue a bear or cougar with dog(s) for dog training purposes;

(4) pursue bear or cougar with dog(s) without the licensed hunter, who intends to kill or who kills the bear or cougar, present continuously from the initial release of any dog(s).

**G. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any bear or cougar by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**H. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any bear or cougar.

**I. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any bear, such calling devices are allowed for taking cougar.

**J. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any bear or cougar out of their respective hunting seasons.

**K. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take bear or cougar by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with full metal jacketed bullets that does not expand or mushroom. Soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking bear or cougar.

**L. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or use arrows driven by explosives.

**M. Legal weapon types** for bear and cougar are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts. The Sandia ranger district portion of the Cibola national forest in zone 4 shall be open for hunting with crossbow and bow only.

**N. Areas closed to bear and cougar hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to bear and cougar hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon state park; Rio Grande wild and scenic river area, including the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas including the Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs in GMU 9 (Marquez is open only to hunters with valid bear entry permit and bear hunting license); the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve). Cougar hunting is allowed by legal deer or elk hunters in possession of a valid cougar license in the E.S. Barker, Colin Neblett, Humphries, Marquez, Sargent, and Urraca WMAs, and the Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas. Deer or elk hunters choosing to hunt cougar under this provision may only hunt in open cougar zones, and must adhere to the weapon type restriction and season dates as specified by their deer or elk licenses. Dogs are not allowed. Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida mountains hunt area during any open Persian ibex season, except by legal Persian ibex hunters in possession of a valid cougar license. Persian ibex hunters choosing to hunt cougar under this provision may only hunt in open cougar zones, and must adhere to the weapon type restriction and season dates as specified by their ibex license.

**O. Use of traps and foot snares:** Hunters with a valid cougar license may use traps or foot snares to harvest cougars on state trust land, or private deeded land with written permission from the landowner. Neck snares are not permitted. Restrictions for cougar take using traps or foot snares shall follow the regulations on methods, trap specification, trap inspection, and cougar removal as defined in 19.32.2.10 NMAC Manner and Method of Take, and 19.32.2.11 NMAC Trap Inspection and Furbearer Removal. Foot snares shall be prohibited in GMU 27 and those portions of GMU 26 designated by the United States fish and wildlife service as critical habitat for jaguar.

**P.** Any take of cougar on public land, other than state trust lands, by the use of traps or snares shall be unlawful unless authorized by the director.

**Q.** It shall be unlawful to attach any collar or electronic tracking device to any bear or cougar except as expressly permitted by the department.

[19.31.11.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.11 BEAR HUNTING SEASONS:**

**A. Over-the-counter bear hunts for the 2016-17 through 2019-20 hunt seasons:** The following table lists bear zones, open GMUs or areas within zones, weapon type restrictions, season dates, total harvest limits, and female harvest sub-limits.

zone	open GMUs or areas	bow only	any legal weapon	2016-17 total limit (female)	2017-18 total limit (female)	2018-19 total limit (female)	2019-20 total limit (female)
1	4, 5, 6, 7, 51, 52	9/1 - 24	9/25 - 11/15	158 (63)	158 (63)	158 (63)	158 (63)

2	2	9/1 - 24	9/25 - 11/15	15 (6)	15 (6)	15 (6)	15 (6)
3	49, 50 and 53	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	65 (26)	65 (26)	65 (26)	65 (26)
4	45, 46, and 48	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/30	109(43)	109(43)	109(43)	109(43)
5	54 and 55	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	92 (37)	92 (37)	92 (37)	92 (37)
6	39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 47 and 59	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	33 (13)	33 (13)	33 (13)	33 (13)
7	56, 57 and 58	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	35 (14)	35 (14)	35 (14)	35 (14)
8	8	9/1 - 24	10/15 - 11/15	11 (4)	11 (4)	11 (4)	11 (4)
9	9 and 10	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	36 (14)	36 (14)	36 (14)	36 (14)
10	12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/30	146 (58)	146 (58)	146 (58)	146 (58)
11	37 and 38	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/30	36 (14)	36 (14)	36 (14)	36 (14)
12	34	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/30	33 (13)	33 (13)	33 (13)	33 (13)
13	36	9/1 - 24	8/16 - 8/31 and 9/25 - 11/15	16 (6)	16 (6)	16 (6)	16 (6)
14	14	9/1 - 24	10/15 - 11/15	19 (7)	19 (7)	19 (7)	19 (7)

**B. Entry hunts for the 2016-17 through 2019-20 hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open areas, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, and bag limit.**

open GMUs or areas	hunt start	hunt end	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2, YO	8/1	8/31	BER-1-100	5	1 bear
4: Sargent WMA only	8/1	8/31	BER-1-101	10	1 bear
4: Humphries WMA only	8/1	8/31	BER-1-102	5	1 bear
9: Marquez WMA only	8/1	8/31	BER-1-103	5	1 bear
54/55: E.S. Barker/Colin Neblett WMAs	8/1	8/31	BER-1-104	12	1 bear
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	8/1	8/31	BER-1-105	20	1 bear
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	4/15	5/20	BER-1-106	20	1 bear
57: Sugarite Canyon State Park/ bow only	8/1	8/31	BER-2-107	5	1 bear

**C.** Bear hunting is closed in the Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas except by legal Valle Vidal and Greenwood area elk hunters or successful applicants for bear entry hunts BER-1-105 and BER-1-106. Dogs are permitted for BER-1-105 and BER-1-106. Valle Vidal and Greenwood area elk hunters choosing to hunt bears under this provision must adhere to the weapon type restriction and season dates specified by their elk license.

**D.** Bears taken from the Sargent and William A. Humphries WMAs in zone 1, Elliot Barker/Colin Neblett WMAs and Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas in zone 5, Sugarite Canyon state park in zone 7, or Marquez WMA in zone 8 shall count towards the harvest limit in those zones.  
[19.31.11.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### 19.31.11.12 COUGAR HUNTING SEASONS:

**A.** Over the counter cougar hunt season shall be from April 1 through March 31 or until the total mortality limit, or female sub-limit, whichever comes first, is met in any given cougar management zone.

**B.** Cougar trapping and foot snaring season on state trust land and private deeded land shall be from November 1 through March 31, or until the total mortality limit, or female sub-limit, whichever comes first, is met in any given cougar management zone.

**C.** The following table lists cougar zones, open GMUs or areas within zones, weapon type restrictions, season dates, total harvest limits and female harvest sub-limits for the 2016-2020 seasons.

zone	open GMUs or areas	2016-17 total limits (female)	2017-18 total limits (female)	2018-19 total limits (female)	2019-20 total limits (female)
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A	2 and 7	42 (13)	42 (13)	42 (13)	42 (13)
B	5, 50, and 51	28 (8)	28 (8)	28 (8)	28 (8)
C	43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53	85 (43)	85 (43)	85 (43)	85 (43)
D	41, 42, 47 and 59	23 (12)	23 (12)	23 (12)	23 (12)
E	9 and 10	50 (15)	50 (15)	50 (15)	50 (15)
F	6	46 (23)	46 (23)	46 (23)	46 (23)
G	13, and 17	73 (37)	73 (37)	73 (37)	73 (37)
H	18, 19 and 20	37(16)	37(16)	37(16)	37(16)
I	36, 37, and 38	24 (7)	24 (7)	24 (7)	24 (7)
J	15, 16, 21, and 25	89 (27)	89 (27)	89 (27)	89 (27)
K	22, 23, and 24	66 (33)	66 (33)	66 (33)	66 (33)
L	26 and 27	19 (10)	19 (10)	19 (10)	19 (10)
M	31, 32, 33, 39, and 40	31 (9)	31 (9)	31 (9)	31 (9)
N	4 and 52	15 (5)	15 (5)	15 (5)	15 (5)
O	12	21 (6)	21 (6)	21 (6)	21 (6)
P	56, 57, and 58	14 (7)	14 (7)	14 (7)	14 (7)
Q	28, 29, 30, and 34	35 (11)	35 (11)	35 (11)	35 (11)
R	54 and 55	26 (8)	26 (8)	26 (8)	26 (8)
S	8 and 14	25 (13)	25 (13)	25 (13)	25 (13)

[19.31.11.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.13 PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING COUGAR DEPREDATION CONTROL IN OCCUPIED BIGHORN SHEEP RANGES:**

A. The department shall investigate all bighorn sheep deaths to determine if cougar depredation has occurred. To determine cougar depredation, a field examination and a standardized necropsy of the dead bighorn sheep shall be completed by a department employee or contractor.

B. Should it be determined that a depredation has occurred, the following procedures will be used.

(1) The department will make an evaluation of the following: viability of the statewide bighorn population, review of long-term and recent data on the local population (or meta-population), review of data on recent predation, alternative management options such as habitat manipulation or transplants, feasibility of taking the offending animal(s), effects on the predator population, and feasibility of having a positive effect on the local bighorn population.

(2) The wildlife management division and the appropriate area operations office will be contacted.

(3) A permit for the taking of each depredating cougar(s) will be issued to the local district wildlife officer. Physical possession of the permit is not required to initiate action.

(4) A decision to hound hunt or snare will be based on evidence at the kill site.

(5) If the bighorn sheep kill is fresh enough that the cougar may return or is likely to still be in the immediate area, the department will attempt to get a hound-hunter or trapper to begin hunting the cougar(s) the same day the bighorn carcass is discovered.

(6) The size of the hunted area will be determined from the sex and, in some cases, number of cougars (i.e. female with kittens) involved in the bighorn kill.

(7) Where possible, cougar feces shall be taken at the scene of the depredation and tissue samples from the cougar killed by the hunter(s) will be collected. Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) testing will be performed to determine if the scat and tissue samples are from the same cougar.

[19.31.11.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.15 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.14 DURATION OF DEPREDATION CONTROL PROGRAMS:** The duration of the special permit to take depredating cougars shall be for no more than six weeks from the onset to the end of the measures taken. An evaluation and justification for extension of the permit shall be written before measures will continue beyond six weeks.

[19.31.11.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.16 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.11.15 PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING PREVENTIVE COUGAR CONTROL IN BIGHORN SHEEP RANGES:**

- A. The New Mexico department of game and fish may conduct preventive cougar control within bighorn sheep ranges.
- B. The total number of cougars removed per license year from any zone containing bighorn ranges will not exceed the sustainable mortality limit for that zone unless approved pursuant to 19.31.11.8 NMAC.
- C. The department will obtain the services of houndsmen or trappers either from the department's depredation list or through private contract.
- D. A decision to hunt with hounds or to use snares will be made by the department.
- E. All cougars taken for preventive control will be reported to the department.
- F. The department will provide a program evaluation update to the commission no later than December biennially beginning in December 2010.  
[19.31.11.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.11.17 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.11 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

- Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, and Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;
- Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons on Javelina and Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;
- Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons for 1968 for Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, and Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;
- Regulation No. 495, Establishing a Season on Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;
- Regulation No. 496, Establishing an Elk Season in the Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;
- Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons for Bowhunting Only and Big Game Seasons for the Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree and Tassel-Eared Squirrel, and Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;
- Regulation No. 507, Establishing a Season on Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;
- Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season for the Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;
- Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season for Bowhunting Only in Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;
- Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep and Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;
- Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1971, filed 3/9/71;
- Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, and Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;
- Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep and Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;
- Regulation No. 531, Establishing a Season on Javelina, filed 12/17/71;
- Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1972, filed 3/20/72;
- Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, and Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;
- Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree and Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep and Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;
- Regulation No. 542, Establishing a Season on Javelina, filed 12/1/72;
- Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons for the Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;
- Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, and Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;
- Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree and Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep and Bighorn Sheep, and Javelina, filed 5/31/73;
- Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;
- Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, and Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;
- Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, and Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons for the Spring of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons on Deer, Bear, and Turkey on the Jicarilla Apache and Navajo Indian Reservations and on Elk on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree and Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
 Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared and Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
 Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
 Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
 Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
 Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
 Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
 Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
 Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey for the Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
 Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
 Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
 Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
 Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;  
 Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons on Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, and Ibex for the Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

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TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE  
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING  
PART 12 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX

19.31.12.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.12.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.12.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.12.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.12.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.12.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.12.4 DURATION: April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.12.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.12.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.12.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.12.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.12.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.12.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Arrows" shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- B. "Baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take Barbary sheep, oryx, or Persian ibex.
- C. "Bow" shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- D. "Broken-horned oryx" or "BHO" shall mean an oryx of either sex that possesses at least one horn missing at least twenty-five percent of its normal growth. This may be determined by comparing the broken horn's length to the remaining horn or where it is readily apparent the terminal end would not taper to a point for another twenty-five percent of growth.
- E. "Centerfire firearms" shall mean any center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.
- E.F. "Crossbow" shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- F.G. "Department" shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- G.H. "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- H.I. "ES" or "either sex" shall mean any one animal of the species.
- I.J. "F-IM" or "female or immature Persian ibex" shall mean a Persian ibex with horns less than 15 inches long.
- J.K. "Game management unit" or "GMU" shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission's rule 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- L. "Iraq/Afghanistan veterans" or "I/A vets" shall refer to only New Mexico residents returning from military service in Iraq or Afghanistan as eligible to apply for designated oryx hunts.
- K.M. "License" shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting Barbary sheep, oryx, or Persian ibex in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- L.N. "License year" shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- M.O. "Male Persian ibex" shall mean any Persian ibex of the male gender.

N. ~~“Centerfire firearms” shall mean any center fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.~~

O. ~~“Shotgun” shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.~~

P. ~~“Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms” shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.~~

Q. ~~“Premier” or “once-in-a-lifetime oryx” shall mean those special hunts, or licenses, that are restricted by rule or regulation to those persons that never held a license for an “once-in-a-lifetime” oryx hunt.~~

R. ~~“Shotgun” shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.~~

S. ~~“TBA” or “to be assigned” shall mean the details of hunt dates or hunt areas will be assigned or restricted by the military agency where the hunt will occur.~~

~~R.T. “TBD” or “to be determined” shall mean the details of hunt dates or hunt areas will be provided by the department or military agency where the hunt will occur to the hunter when the designated hunt is initiated.~~

~~S.U. “Unlimited” shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.~~

~~T.V. “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.~~

~~U. “Iraq/Afghanistan veterans” or “IA vets” shall refer to only New Mexico residents returning from military service in Iraq or Afghanistan as eligible to apply for designated oryx hunts.~~

~~V. “TBA” or “to be assigned” shall mean the details of hunt dates or hunt areas will be assigned or restricted by the military agency where the hunt will occur.~~

[19.31.12.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.12.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST**

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, harvest limits, or authorization for oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex up or down to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the specific hunt codes for oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex. The director, at his discretion, may adjust the number of oryx licenses and hunt dates on White Sands missile range pending negotiations with White Sands missile range officials. Hunt dates may extend into future hunting seasons. The director may change or cancel all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; provided the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.

[19.31.12.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.12.9 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One license per Barbary sheep, oryx, or Persian ibex per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for any Barbary sheep, oryx, or Persian ibex during a current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All oryx, Barbary sheep and Persian ibex entry permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license. Licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation.

**C. Ibex once-in-a-lifetime:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for an once-in-a-lifetime ibex license if he or she ever held a once in a lifetime license to hunt ibex. Persian ibex hunts for youth, muzzle-loading rifles, bows, year-round off-mountain hunts, and hunts for female or immature (F-IM) ibex, are not restricted to those persons that never held an once-in-a-lifetime Persian ibex hunting license.

**D. Oryx once-in-a lifetime:** It shall be unlawful, beginning April 1, 1993, for anyone to apply for a premier, or, once-in-a-lifetime, oryx license if he or she ever held an “once-in-a-lifetime” license to hunt oryx. Once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunts include all premier or trophy on-range, mobility impaired, and Iraq/Afghanistan veteran hunts. Hunts not once-in-a-lifetime include population management, broken-horned, youth, and incentive hunts. Anyone may apply for population management, youth, and incentive hunts regardless if they held a license

for an once-in-a-lifetime hunt, if they have met the other applicable requirements or restrictions. Those who have held an once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunting license may apply for broken-horned hunts.

**E. Mobility impaired (MI) oryx hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a mobility impaired oryx license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**F. Youth only (YO) oryx and Persian ibex hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for youth only (YO) oryx or Persian ibex license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**G. Military only (MO) Barbary sheep and oryx hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only Barbary sheep or oryx license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**H. Iraq/Afghanistan veterans (I/A) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for an Iraq/Afghanistan veteran oryx license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.  
[19.31.12.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.12.10 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Season and hours:** Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. [RESERVED]**

**D. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex that are improperly notched.

**E. Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of any Persian ibex without proof of sex. The horns of any Persian ibex shall remain attached to the skull until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage. The head of females or immature males of Persian ibex shall accompany the carcass in the same manner.

**F. Proof of bag limit:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of any oryx without proof of bag limit. The horns of any oryx taken shall remain attached to the skull until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage.

**G. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex.

**H. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**I. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex.

**J. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex.

**K. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex out of their respective hunting seasons.

**L. Legal weapon types for oryx** are as follows: any center-fire rifle of .24 caliber or larger; any center-fire handgun of .24 caliber or larger; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles not smaller than .45 caliber; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**M. Legal weapon types for Barbary sheep and Persian ibex** are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**N. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex.

**O. Areas closed to hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to hunting Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon state park; Orilla Verde and Wild Rivers recreation areas, including the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas; the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve).

**P. Restricted areas on White Sands missile range:** It shall be unlawful:

(1) to drive or ride in a motor vehicle into an area signed no hunting or otherwise restricting hunting or as documented on a map or as presented during the hunt's briefing, except if the hunter or driver is escorted by official personnel;

(2) for a licensed hunter to enter an area signed no hunting or otherwise restricting hunting except if the hunter is escorted by official personnel; and

(3) for a licensed security badged hunter to hunt or take any oryx in an area other than their TBA area.

[19.31.12.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.11 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

A. The director or his designee may authorize population management hunts for oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or his designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses or permits. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex per license year, unless otherwise allowable by rule.

C. Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, no more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to the landowner. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.12.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.12 BARBARY SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS:** Barbary sheep hunts for any legal weapon shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, and bag limit. Public land Barbary sheep licenses for GMUs 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, and 37 are available only through application in the special entry draw. Private land only licenses for GMUs 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, and 37 shall not be issued through the public draw and will only be available from department offices or through the department's web site and shall only be valid on deeded private lands. BBY-1-100 and BBY-1-101 licenses shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas. The department shall issue military only Barbary sheep hunting licenses for McGregor range to full time military personnel providing a valid access authorization issued by Fort Bliss (BBY-1-102).

**A. Southeast area public lands entry hunts:**

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
32, 34, 36, 37	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	BBY-1-100	675	ES
29, 30	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	BBY-1-101	600	ES
28 McGregor range, MO	12/26-12/27	12/31-1/1	12/30-12/31	12/29-12/30	BBY-1-102	8	ES
28 McGregor range	12/26-12/27	12/31-1/1	12/30-12/31	12/29-12/30	BBY-1-103	8	ES

**B. Southeast area private land-only hunts:** Private land-only licenses shall only be available through department offices or the department's web site.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
32, 34, 36, 37	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	BBY-1-200	unlimited	ES
30, 29	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	BBY-1-201	unlimited	ES

**C. Over-the-counter hunts:** The hunt area shall be statewide (including Water Canyon WMA in GMU 9) except those GMUs with bighorn sheep (8, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27), WSMR and Fort Bliss portions of GMU 19, and those GMUs in the southeast area (28, 29, 30, 32, portions of 34, 36 and 37). The western portion of GMU 34 shall be open to over-the-counter licenses. Eastern portion of GMU 34 shall be closed to any license holder of a BBY-1-300 license. The boundary line dividing GMU 34 for the eastern and western portion is described as a line beginning at the southwest corner of the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation and traveling due south to High Rolls then south on forest service road (FR) 90 to its junction with FR570, then south on FR 570 to its junction with the southern boundary of GMU 34.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide, restrictions listed above	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	BBY-1-300	unlimited	ES



**D. Special management properties:** For private lands within GMUs 29, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 37, the department may work with interested landowners to develop appropriate bag limits, weapon types, season dates and authorization numbers for private land hunting needed to achieve the proper harvest within the exterior boundaries of participating ranches.

[19.31.12.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.13 ORYX HUNTING SEASONS:**

**A. Oryx premier hunts** for any legal weapon shall be as indicated below, listing the open areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit. Two persons may apply on one application. These hunts are restricted; only those who have never held an oryx once-in-lifetime license may apply. Only New Mexico residents returning from military service in Iraq or Afghanistan are eligible to apply for oryx hunts designated as "Iraq/Afghanistan vets" or "I/A vets". Proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date, pursuant to 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
Rhodes canyon YO	9/4-9/6	9/2-9/4	9/1-9/3	9/7-9/9	ORX-1-100	30	ES
Rhodes canyon MI	9/4-9/6	9/2-9/4	9/1-9/3	9/7-9/9	ORX-1-101	20	ES
Stallion range	10/2-10/4	10/14-10/16	10/13-10/15	10/12-10/14	ORX-1-102	45	ES
Stallion range I/A vets	10/2-10/4	10/14-10/16	10/13-10/15	10/12-10/14	ORX-1-103	5	ES
Rhodes canyon	11/13-11/15	11/11-11/13	11/10-11/12	11/9-11/11	ORX-1-104	45	ES
Rhodes canyon I/A vets	11/13-11/15	11/11-11/13	11/10-11/12	11/9-11/11	ORX-1-105	5	ES
Stallion range	1/8-1/10	1/6-1/8	1/5-1/7	1/4-1/6	ORX-1-106	45	ES
Stallion range I/A vets	1/8-1/10	1/6-1/8	1/5-1/7	1/4-1/6	ORX-1-107	5	ES
Rhodes canyon	1/22-1/24	1/20-1/22	1/19-1/21	1/18-1/20	ORX-1-108	45	ES
Rhodes canyon I/A vets	1/22-1/24	1/20-1/22	1/19-1/21	1/18-1/20	ORX-1-109	5	ES
Stallion range	2/19-2/21	2/17-2/19	2/16-2/18	2/15-2/17	ORX-1-110	45	ES
Stallion range I/A vets	2/19-2/21	2/17-2/19	2/16-2/18	2/15-2/17	ORX-1-111	5	ES

**B. Oryx restricted on-range hunts**, shall be as indicated below or as specific dates and hunt areas are determined by the department. The following hunts have restrictions that must be met prior to application. These hunts are not once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunts. Youth hunters must provide hunter education certificate number on application.

open areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
Stallion range	10/2-10/4	10/14-10/16	10/13-10/15	10/12-10/14	ORX-1-118	5	BHO
Rhodes canyon	11/13-11/15	11/11-11/13	11/10-11/12	11/9-11/11	ORX-1-119	5	BHO
Stallion range	1/8-1/10	1/6-1/8	1/5-1/7	1/4-1/6	ORX-1-120	5	BHO
Rhodes canyon	1/22-1/24	1/20-1/22	1/19-1/21	1/18-1/20	ORX-1-121	5	BHO
Stallion range	2/19-2/21	2/17-2/19	2/16-2/18	2/15-2/17	ORX-1-122	5	BHO

**C. Oryx hunts off of White Sands missile range** shall be as indicated below, listing the open areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit. The department shall issue military only oryx hunting licenses for McGregor range to full time military personnel providing a valid access authorization issued by Fort Bliss (McGregor range MO).

open areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
statewide, off-range	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	ORX-1-204	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	ORX-1-205	18	ES
statewide, off-range	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	ORX-1-206	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	ORX-1-207	18	ES
statewide, off-range	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	ORX-1-208	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	ORX-1-209	18	ES
statewide, off-range	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	ORX-1-210	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	ORX-1-211	18	ES

statewide, off-range	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	ORX-1-212	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	ORX-1-213	18	ES
statewide, off-range	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	ORX-1-214	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	ORX-1-215	18	ES
statewide, off-range	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	ORX-1-216	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	ORX-1-217	18	ES
statewide, off-range	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	ORX-1-218	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	ORX-1-219	18	ES
statewide, off-range	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	ORX-1-220	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	ORX-1-221	18	ES
statewide, off-range	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	ORX-1-222	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	ORX-1-223	18	ES
McGregor range	1/9-1/10	1/14-1/15	1/13-1/14	1/12-1/13	ORX-1-224	25	ES
McGregor range, MO	1/9-1/10	1/14-1/15	1/13-1/14	1/12-1/13	ORX-1-225	25	ES
McGregor range	12/5-12/6	12/3-12/4	12/2-12/3	12/1-12/2	ORX-1-226	25	ES
McGregor range, MO	12/5-12/6	12/3-12/4	12/2-12/3	12/1-12/2	ORX-1-227	25	ES

**D. Private land-only oryx hunts:** Private land-only oryx licenses shall be valid only on deeded private land and restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the public land hunt codes listed 19.31.12.12 NMAC above. Hunts on private land for April and May are restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the hunt codes listed below. The number of private land-only oryx licenses shall be unlimited and available only through department offices or department's web site.

open areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	bag limit
statewide, off-range	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	ORX-1-2000	ES
	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	ORX-1-2020	ES

**E. Oryx incentive authorizations:** The director may annually allow up to two oryx authorizations to be issued by drawing for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates to purchase the license may be used either by the applicant or any individual of the selected applicant's choice and may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Oryx incentive hunts shall be any one premier oryx season (excluding population management hunts) of the hunter's choice. Bag limit shall be either sex with the legal sporting arms and hunt area of the selected hunt.

**F. Oryx hunt for injured service men and women:** The department shall annually issue three authorizations for hunting by injured service men and women on White Sands missile range. The director shall determine the procedures for issuing the authorizations, and the dates for each hunt. Authorization as used in this subsection shall mean the document or number generated by the department that authorizes the holder to purchase a specified license to hunt oryx.

[19.31.12.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.13 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.14 PERSIAN IBEX HUNTING SEASONS:** Persian ibex hunts shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, number of available licenses and bag limit. The IBX-1-525 hunt is restricted to only those who have never held an ibex once-in-lifetime license. Youth, muzzle-loading rifle, bow, year-long off-mountain, and female or immature (F-IM) ibex hunts are not restricted; anyone may apply, regardless if they have ever held an ibex once-in-a-lifetime license. The IBX-1-526 hunt is restricted to applicants who were successful harvesting one F-IM ibex during the IBX-1-520 hunt or a population management hunt from the previous year and have presented the head within five days of harvest to a department office or department official for confirmation that they are eligible to enter a drawing for this hunt. Holders of the off-mountain license (IBX-1-528) may apply for any Florida mountain ibex hunt (IBX-1-500, IBX-1-520, IBX-1-525, IBX-2-535, IBX-2-536 or IBX-3-540) unless otherwise restricted by rule. The off-mountain (IBX-1-528) license holders need only submit the application fee and their license number along with their application. Any valid Persian ibex license shall be valid during the off-mountain (IBX-1-528) hunts. Holders of a valid ibex license may take an unlimited number of ibex for the year-long off mountain hunt. Any person that kills an off mountain ibex must notch the license according to instructions on the license. Hunt codes for Persian ibex hunts

allowing “any legal weapon type” shall be designated IBX-1. Hunt codes for Persian ibex hunts allowing the “bow only” weapon type shall be designated as IBX-2. Hunt codes for Persian ibex hunts allowing the “muzzle loading rifles, crossbow or bow” weapon type shall be designated as IBX-3. The Florida mountain hunt is that portion of GMU 25 bounded by interstate 10 on the north, U.S.-Mexico border on the south, NM 11 on the west and the Dona Ana-Luna county line on the east. The year-long off-mountain hunt area is any public land open for hunting and private lands with written permission outside the Florida mountain hunt area, including Big Hatchet WMA. Youth hunters must provide hunter education certificate number on application.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses/bag limit
Florida mountains, YO	12/27-1/10	12/27-1/10	12/27-1/10	12/27-1/10	IBX-1-500	15/ES
Florida mountains: restricted eligibility	2/1-2/14	2/1-2/14	2/1-2/14	2/1-2/14	IBX-1-526	5/ES
Florida mountains	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	IBX-1-525	25/ES
	2/15-2/29	2/15-3/1	2/15-3/1	2/15-3/1	IBX-1-520	50/F-IM
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	IBX-2-535	100/ES
	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	IBX-2-536	100/ES
	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	IBX-3-540	25/ES
off-mountain hunt area, OTC, unlimited licenses available	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	IBX-1-528	unlimited/ES

[19.31.12.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.14 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### HISTORY OF 19.31.12 NMAC:

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;  
 Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;  
 Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;  
 Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;  
 Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
 Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
 Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
 Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
 Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
 Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
 Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
 Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
 Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
 Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
 Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
 Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
 Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
 Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
 Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
 Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;  
 Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

**History of Repealed Material:**

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.  
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.  
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.  
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.  
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 3-13-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.  
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 12-16-2013 - duration expired 3-31-2015.  
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 3-17-2015, repealed 3-31-2016.

**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 12        BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX**

**19.31.12.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.12.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.12.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.12.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.12.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.12.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.12.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.        “Arrows”** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- B.        “Baiting”** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take Barbary sheep, oryx, or Persian ibex.
- C.        “Bow”** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- D.        “Broken-horned oryx” or “BHO”** shall mean an oryx of either sex that possesses at least one horn missing at least twenty-five percent of its normal growth. This may be determined by comparing the broken horn’s length to the remaining horn or where it is readily apparent the terminal end would not taper to a point for another twenty-five percent of growth.
- E.        “Centerfire firearms”** shall mean any center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.
- F.        “Crossbow”** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- G.        “Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- H.        “Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- I.        “ES” or “either sex”** shall mean any one animal of the species.
- J.        “F-IM” or “female or immature Persian ibex”** shall mean a Persian ibex with horns less than 15 inches long.
- K.        “Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- L.        “Iraq/Afghanistan veterans” or “I/A vets”** shall refer to only New Mexico residents returning from military service in Iraq or Afghanistan as eligible to apply for designated oryx hunts.
- M.        “License”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting Barbary sheep, oryx, or Persian ibex in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- N.        “License year”** shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- O.        “Male Persian ibex”** shall mean any Persian ibex of the male gender.

**P. “Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms”** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**Q. “Premier” or “once-in-a-lifetime oryx”** shall mean those special hunts, or licenses, that are restricted by rule or regulation to those persons that never held a license for an “once-in-a-lifetime” oryx hunt.

**R. “Shotgun”** shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.

**S. “TBA” or “to be assigned”** shall mean the details of hunt dates or hunt areas will be assigned or restricted by the military agency where the hunt will occur.

**T. “TBD” or “to be determined”** shall mean the details of hunt dates or hunt areas will be provided by the department or military agency where the hunt will occur to the hunter when the designated hunt is initiated.

**U. “Unlimited”** shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**V. “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.12.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.12.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST**

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, harvest limits, or authorization for oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex up or down to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the specific hunt codes for oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex. The director, at his discretion, may adjust the number of oryx licenses and hunt dates on White Sands missile range pending negotiations with White Sands missile range officials. Hunt dates may extend into future hunting seasons. The director may change or cancel all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; provided the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.

[19.31.12.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.12.9 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One license per Barbary sheep, oryx, or Persian ibex per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for any Barbary sheep, oryx, or Persian ibex during a current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All oryx, Barbary sheep and Persian ibex entry permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license. Licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation.

**C. Ibex once-in-a-lifetime:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for an once-in-a-lifetime ibex license if he or she ever held a once in a lifetime license to hunt ibex. Persian ibex hunts for youth, muzzle-loading rifles, bows, year-round off-mountain hunts, and hunts for female or immature (F-IM) ibex, are not restricted to those persons that never held an once-in-a-lifetime Persian ibex hunting license.

**D. Oryx once-in-a lifetime:** It shall be unlawful, beginning April 1, 1993, for anyone to apply for a premier, or, once-in-a-lifetime, oryx license if he or she ever held an “once-in-a-lifetime” license to hunt oryx. Once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunts include all premier or trophy on-range, mobility impaired, and Iraq/Afghanistan veteran hunts. Hunts not once-in-a-lifetime include population management, broken-horned, youth, and incentive hunts. Anyone may apply for population management, youth, and incentive hunts regardless if they held a license for an once-in-a-lifetime hunt, if they have met the other applicable requirements or restrictions. Those who have held an once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunting license may apply for broken-horned hunts.

**E. Mobility impaired (MI) oryx hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a mobility impaired oryx license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**F. Youth only (YO) oryx and Persian ibex hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for youth only (YO) oryx or Persian ibex license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**G. Military only (MO) Barbary sheep and oryx hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only Barbary sheep or oryx license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**H. Iraq/Afghanistan veterans (I/A) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for an Iraq/Afghanistan veteran oryx license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC. [19.31.12.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.10 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Season and hours:** Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. [RESERVED]**

**D. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex that are improperly notched.

**E. Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of any Persian ibex without proof of sex. The horns of any Persian ibex shall remain attached to the skull until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage. The head of females or immature males of Persian ibex shall accompany the carcass in the same manner.

**F. Proof of bag limit:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of any oryx without proof of bag limit. The horns of any oryx taken shall remain attached to the skull until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage.

**G. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex.

**H. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**I. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex.

**J. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex.

**K. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any Barbary sheep, oryx or Persian ibex out of their respective hunting seasons.

**L. Legal weapon types for oryx** are as follows: any center-fire rifle of .24 caliber or larger; any center-fire handgun of .24 caliber or larger; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles not smaller than .45 caliber; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**M. Legal weapon types for Barbary sheep and Persian ibex** are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**N. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex.

**O. Areas closed to hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to hunting Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon state park; Orilla Verde and Wild Rivers recreation areas, including the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas; the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve).

**P. Restricted areas on White Sands missile range:** It shall be unlawful:

(1) to drive or ride in a motor vehicle into an area signed no hunting or otherwise restricting hunting or as documented on a map or as presented during the hunt's briefing, except if the hunter or driver is escorted by official personnel;

(2) for a licensed hunter to enter an area signed no hunting or otherwise restricting hunting except if the hunter is escorted by official personnel; and

(3) for a licensed security badged hunter to hunt or take any oryx in an area other than their TBA area.

[19.31.12.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.11 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**



A. The director or his designee may authorize population management hunts for oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or his designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses or permits. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex per license year, unless otherwise allowable by rule.

C. Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, no more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to the landowner. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.12.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.12 BARBARY SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS:** Barbary sheep hunts for any legal weapon shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, and bag limit. Public land Barbary sheep licenses for GMUs 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, and 37 are available only through application in the special entry draw. Private land only licenses for GMUs 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, and 37 shall not be issued through the public draw and will only be available from department offices or through the department's web site and shall only be valid on deeded private lands. BBY-1-100 and BBY-1-101 licenses shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas. The department shall issue military only Barbary sheep hunting licenses for McGregor range to full time military personnel providing a valid access authorization issued by Fort Bliss (BBY-1-102).

**A. Southeast area public lands entry hunts:**

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
32, 34, 36, 37	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	BBY-1-100	675	ES
29, 30	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	BBY-1-101	600	ES
28 McGregor range, MO	12/26-12/27	12/31-1/1	12/30-12/31	12/29-12/30	BBY-1-102	8	ES
28 McGregor range	12/26-12/27	12/31-1/1	12/30-12/31	12/29-12/30	BBY-1-103	8	ES

**B. Southeast area private land-only hunts:** Private land-only licenses shall only be available through department offices or the department's web site.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
32, 34, 36, 37	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	BBY-1-200	unlimited	ES
30, 29	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	BBY-1-201	unlimited	ES

**C. Over-the-counter hunts:** The hunt area shall be statewide (including Water Canyon WMA in GMU 9) except those GMUs with bighorn sheep (8, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27), WSMR and Fort Bliss portions of GMU 19, and those GMUs in the southeast area (28, 29, 30, 32, portions of 34, 36 and 37). The western portion of GMU 34 shall be open to over-the-counter licenses. Eastern portion of GMU 34 shall be closed to any license holder of a BBY-1-300 license. The boundary line dividing GMU 34 for the eastern and western portion is described as a line beginning at the southwest corner of the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation and traveling due south to High Rolls then south on forest service road (FR) 90 to its junction with FR570, then south on FR 570 to its junction with the southern boundary of GMU 34.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide, restrictions listed above	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	BBY-1-300	unlimited	ES

**D. Special management properties:** For private lands within GMUs 29, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 37, the department may work with interested landowners to develop appropriate bag limits, weapon types, season dates and authorization numbers for private land hunting needed to achieve the proper harvest within the exterior boundaries of participating ranches.

[19.31.12.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.13 ORYX HUNTING SEASONS:**

A. **Oryx premier hunts for any legal weapon shall be as indicated below, listing the open areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit. Two persons may apply on one application. These hunts are restricted; only those who have never held an oryx once-in-lifetime license may apply. Only New Mexico residents returning from military service in Iraq or Afghanistan are eligible to apply for oryx hunts designated as “Iraq/Afghanistan vets” or “I/A vets”. Proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date, pursuant to 19.31.3.11 NMAC.**

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
Rhodes canyon YO	9/4-9/6	9/2-9/4	9/1-9/3	9/7-9/9	ORX-1-100	30	ES
Rhodes canyon MI	9/4-9/6	9/2-9/4	9/1-9/3	9/7-9/9	ORX-1-101	20	ES
Stallion range	10/2-10/4	10/14-10/16	10/13-10/15	10/12-10/14	ORX-1-102	45	ES
Stallion range I/A vets	10/2-10/4	10/14-10/16	10/13-10/15	10/12-10/14	ORX-1-103	5	ES
Rhodes canyon	11/13-11/15	11/11-11/13	11/10-11/12	11/9-11/11	ORX-1-104	45	ES
Rhodes canyon I/A vets	11/13-11/15	11/11-11/13	11/10-11/12	11/9-11/11	ORX-1-105	5	ES
Stallion range	1/8-1/10	1/6-1/8	1/5-1/7	1/4-1/6	ORX-1-106	45	ES
Stallion range I/A vets	1/8-1/10	1/6-1/8	1/5-1/7	1/4-1/6	ORX-1-107	5	ES
Rhodes canyon	1/22-1/24	1/20-1/22	1/19-1/21	1/18-1/20	ORX-1-108	45	ES
Rhodes canyon I/A vets	1/22-1/24	1/20-1/22	1/19-1/21	1/18-1/20	ORX-1-109	5	ES
Stallion range	2/19-2/21	2/17-2/19	2/16-2/18	2/15-2/17	ORX-1-110	45	ES
Stallion range I/A vets	2/19-2/21	2/17-2/19	2/16-2/18	2/15-2/17	ORX-1-111	5	ES

B. **Oryx restricted on-range hunts, shall be as indicated below or as specific dates and hunt areas are determined by the department. The following hunts have restrictions that must be met prior to application. These hunts are not once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunts. Youth hunters must provide hunter education certificate number on application.**

open areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
Stallion range	10/2-10/4	10/14-10/16	10/13-10/15	10/12-10/14	ORX-1-118	5	BHO
Rhodes canyon	11/13-11/15	11/11-11/13	11/10-11/12	11/9-11/11	ORX-1-119	5	BHO
Stallion range	1/8-1/10	1/6-1/8	1/5-1/7	1/4-1/6	ORX-1-120	5	BHO
Rhodes canyon	1/22-1/24	1/20-1/22	1/19-1/21	1/18-1/20	ORX-1-121	5	BHO
Stallion range	2/19-2/21	2/17-2/19	2/16-2/18	2/15-2/17	ORX-1-122	5	BHO

C. **Oryx hunts off of White Sands missile range shall be as indicated below, listing the open areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit. The department shall issue military only oryx hunting licenses for McGregor range to full time military personnel providing a valid access authorization issued by Fort Bliss (McGregor range MO).**

open areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
statewide, off-range	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	ORX-1-204	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	ORX-1-205	18	ES
statewide, off-range	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	ORX-1-206	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	ORX-1-207	18	ES
statewide, off-range	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	ORX-1-208	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	ORX-1-209	18	ES
statewide, off-range	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	ORX-1-210	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	ORX-1-211	18	ES
statewide, off-range	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	ORX-1-212	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	ORX-1-213	18	ES
statewide, off-range	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	ORX-1-214	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	ORX-1-215	18	ES
statewide, off-range	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	ORX-1-216	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	ORX-1-217	18	ES

statewide, off-range	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	ORX-1-218	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	ORX-1-219	18	ES
statewide, off-range	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	ORX-1-220	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	ORX-1-221	18	ES
statewide, off-range	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	ORX-1-222	60	ES
statewide, off-range, YO	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	ORX-1-223	18	ES
McGregor range	1/9-1/10	1/14-1/15	1/13-1/14	1/12-1/13	ORX-1-224	25	ES
McGregor range, MO	1/9-1/10	1/14-1/15	1/13-1/14	1/12-1/13	ORX-1-225	25	ES
McGregor range	12/5-12/6	12/3-12/4	12/2-12/3	12/1-12/2	ORX-1-226	25	ES
McGregor range, MO	12/5-12/6	12/3-12/4	12/2-12/3	12/1-12/2	ORX-1-227	25	ES

**D. Private land-only oryx hunts:** Private land-only oryx licenses shall be valid only on deeded private land and restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the public land hunt codes listed 19.31.12.12 NMAC above. Hunts on private land for April and May are restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the hunt codes listed below. The number of private land-only oryx licenses shall be unlimited and available only through department offices or department's web site.

open areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	bag limit
statewide, off-range	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	ORX-1-2000	ES
	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	ORX-1-2020	ES

**E. Oryx incentive authorizations:** The director may annually allow up to two oryx authorizations to be issued by drawing for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates to purchase the license may be used either by the applicant or any individual of the selected applicant's choice and may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Oryx incentive hunts shall be any one premier oryx season (excluding population management hunts) of the hunter's choice. Bag limit shall be either sex with the legal sporting arms and hunt area of the selected hunt.

**F. Oryx hunt for injured service men and women:** The department shall annually issue three authorizations for hunting by injured service men and women on White Sands missile range. The director shall determine the procedures for issuing the authorizations, and the dates for each hunt. Authorization as used in this subsection shall mean the document or number generated by the department that authorizes the holder to purchase a specified license to hunt oryx.

[19.31.12.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.13 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.12.14 PERSIAN IBEX HUNTING SEASONS:** Persian ibex hunts shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, number of available licenses and bag limit. The IBX-1-525 hunt is restricted to only those who have never held an ibex once-in-lifetime license. Youth, muzzle-loading rifle, bow, year-long off-mountain, and female or immature (F-IM) ibex hunts are not restricted; anyone may apply, regardless if they have ever held an ibex once-in-a-lifetime license. The IBX-1-526 hunt is restricted to applicants who were successful harvesting one F-IM ibex during the IBX-1-520 hunt or a population management hunt from the previous year and have presented the head within five days of harvest to a department office or department official for confirmation that they are eligible to enter a drawing for this hunt. Holders of the off-mountain license (IBX-1-528) may apply for any Florida mountain ibex hunt (IBX-1-500, IBX-1-520, IBX-1-525, IBX-2-535, IBX-2-536 or IBX-3-540) unless otherwise restricted by rule. The off-mountain (IBX-1-528) license holders need only submit the application fee and their license number along with their application. Any valid Persian ibex license shall be valid during the off-mountain (IBX-1-528) hunts. Holders of a valid ibex license may take an unlimited number of ibex for the year-long off mountain hunt. Any person that kills an off mountain ibex must notch the license according to instructions on the license. Hunt codes for Persian ibex hunts allowing "any legal weapon type" shall be designated IBX-1. Hunt codes for Persian ibex hunts allowing the "bow only" weapon type shall be designated as IBX-2. Hunt codes for Persian ibex hunts allowing the "muzzle loading rifles, crossbow or bow" weapon type shall be designated as IBX-3. The Florida mountain hunt is that portion of GMU 25 bounded by interstate 10 on the north, U.S.-Mexico border on the south, NM 11 on the west and the Dona Ana-Luna county line on the east. The year-long off-mountain hunt area is any public land open for hunting and private lands with written permission outside the Florida mountain hunt area, including Big Hatchet WMA. Youth hunters must provide hunter education certificate number on application.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses/bag limit
Florida mountains, YO	12/27-1/10	12/27-1/10	12/27-1/10	12/27-1/10	IBX-1-500	15/ES
Florida mountains: restricted eligibility	2/1-2/14	2/1-2/14	2/1-2/14	2/1-2/14	IBX-1-526	5/ES
Florida mountains	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	IBX-1-525	25/ES
	2/15-2/29	2/15-3/1	2/15-3/1	2/15-3/1	IBX-1-520	50/F-IM
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	IBX-2-535	100/ES
	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	IBX-2-536	100/ES
	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	IBX-3-540	25/ES
off-mountain hunt area, OTC, unlimited licenses available	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	4/1-3/31	IBX-1-528	unlimited/ES

[19.31.12.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.14 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.12 NMAC:**

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Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;

Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;

Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;

Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;

Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;

Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;

Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;

Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;

Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 13        DEER**

**19.31.13.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.13.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.1 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in deer management and deer hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.13.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.2 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.13.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.3 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.13.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.4 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2015, unless a later date is cited at the end of individual sections.  
[19.31.13.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.5 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of deer licenses by the department.  
[19.31.13.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.6 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.**        “**A**” or “**antlerless deer**” shall mean a deer without antlers.
- B.**        “**Arrows**” shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- C.**        “**Baiting**” shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take deer.
- D.**        “**Bow**” shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- E.**        “**Crossbows**” shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- F.**        “**Deer**” shall mean all or any deer species found in New Mexico.
- G.**        “**Deer license**” shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting deer in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- H.**        “**Deer enhancement program**” as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than two permits for the taking of one buck deer per permit with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit deer.
- I.**        “**Department**” shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- J.**        “**Director**” shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- K.**        “**ES**” or “**either sex**” shall mean any one animal of the species.
- L.**        “**ESWTD**” or “**either sex white-tailed deer**” shall mean any one white-tailed deer.
- ~~L.M.~~**    “**FAD**” or “**forked antlered deer**” shall mean a deer possessing antlers, one of which shall have a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.
- ~~M.N.~~**    “**FAMD**” or “**forked antlered mule deer**” shall mean a mule deer possessing antlers, one of which shall have a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.
- ~~N.O.~~**    “**FAWTD**” or “**forked antlered white-tailed deer**” shall mean a white-tailed deer possessing antlers, one of which shall have a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.
- ~~O.P.~~**    “**Game management unit**” or “**GMU**” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

**P.Q.** “High demand hunt” is hereby defined as a special draw hunt where the total number of non-resident applicants for a deer hunt in each unit exceeds twenty-two percent of the total applicants based upon data for the two immediately preceding years.

**Q.R.** “License year” shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**R.S.** “Modern firearms” shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**S.T.** “Muzzle-loader” or “muzzle-loading firearms” shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**T.U.** “Private land-only deer license” shall mean the valid official document for hunting deer on private deeded land during designated private land-only hunts. This license shall entitle the holder to hunt deer only on private deeded land and only for the sporting arms type, hunt period, and GMU for which it is validated.

**U.V.** “Public draw license” shall mean the valid official document awarded through a public drawing for hunting deer. This valid official license shall entitle the holder to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.

**V.W.** “Quality hunt” is hereby defined as a hunt designed to provide a hunter with an opportunity to achieve one or more of the following: a potential harvest from a wider selection of buck deer, a pleasurable experience based upon timing and length of hunt season, lower hunter density, and an increased opportunity for success.

**W.X.** “Restricted muzzle-loading rifle” shall mean any muzzle-loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent and firing a traditional lead bullet. The use of in-line ignition, scopes, pelleted powder, smokeless powder and sabots, including powerbelt-type projectiles, are prohibited.

**X.Y.** “TBD” or “to be determined” shall mean the details of hunt dates or hunt areas will be provided by the department to the hunter when the designated population management hunt is initiated.

**Y.Z.** “Unlimited” shall mean there is no set limit on the number of licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**Z.AA.** “Web sale” or “web site” shall refer to accessing the department’s internet address.

**AA.BB.** “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.

**BB.** ~~“ESWTD” or “either sex white-tailed deer” shall mean any one white-tailed deer.~~  
[19.31.13.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.7 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses or authorization certificates up or down by no more than twenty percent of the total licenses available in the GMU to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the specific hunt codes for deer.  
[19.31.13.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.8 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.9 DEER LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Restrictions:** Private land-only deer licenses shall not be valid on wildlife management areas or for private land hunts in GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 or 5A.

**B. Change of validation:** No one other than a department representative may change the hunt code validation marked on any deer license. Such changes must be made on the face of the license using the director’s approved procedures. No changes to the hunt code may be made after the start of the first deer season for which the license is validated. Licenses issued through the draw system are not eligible for validation changes.

**C. One deer license per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one license to hunt deer during the current license year unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

**D. Validity of license:** All deer licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit, and area specified by the hunt code printed on the license including those areas designated as public or private land per a current unitization agreement between the department and U. S. bureau of land management, state land office or other public land holding entity. Over-the-counter licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit, and area specified by rule or regulation. Except that a license will be valid on the contiguous deeded land of private property that extends into an adjacent GMU that is open to hunting for deer. This exception shall



only apply when the adjacent unit has the same restrictions as to sporting arms type, bag limit, season dates and license availability.

**E. Deer hunts:** It shall be unlawful for any person:

- (1) to hunt with any sporting arms type other than that for which his or her deer license is validated;
- (2) to hunt during any season other than that for which his or her deer license is validated;
- (3) to hunt in any GMU other than that for which his or her deer license is validated;
- (4) to hunt deer on public land in any GMU with a private land-only deer license, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;
- (5) to knowingly hunt private property without possessing a valid deer license; or
- (6) to hunt with any license issued originally to another person, except as specifically allowed by rule or law.

**F. Mobility impaired (MI) deer hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a mobility impaired (MI) deer license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**G. Youth only (YO) deer hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) deer license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**H. Military only deer hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only (military only) deer license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**I. GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A private land-only hunts:**

- (1) Persons applying for private land-only deer licenses in GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A must do so on a special application form that may only be obtained from landowners in these GMUs.
- (2) GMU 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A landowners may be required to provide proof of land ownership to obtain special application forms from the department's northwest area office in Albuquerque.
- (3) For GMU 5A, the department may use input from landowners to develop a process to distribute special application forms to private landowners that provides reasonable and equitable participation opportunities for landowners.
- (4) When applying for private land hunts in GMU 5A, no more than one person may apply on each application form.

[19.31.13.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.9 NMAC, 4-1-15]

#### **19.31.13.10 DEER MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Season and hours:** Deer may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one deer during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize any deer carcasses that are improperly notched.

**D. Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of a deer without proof of sex. The antlers of any buck deer taken shall remain attached to the skull plate until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing place, or place of final storage. The scalp and both ears of female or immature male shall accompany the carcass in the same manner.

**E. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt deer, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead deer. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the GMU they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.

**F. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any deer by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**G. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any deer.

**H. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electronically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any deer.

**I. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any deer out of deer hunting season.

**J. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take deer by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking deer.

**K. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or bolt or use arrows or bolts driven by explosives.

L. **Legal sporting arms** for deer are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

M. **Areas closed to deer hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to deer hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon state park; Wild Rivers recreation area, the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas; the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve).  
[19.31.13.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.10 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.11 DEER CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE CONTROL:** The director has the authority to designate possession criteria to any deer hunter where chronic wasting disease is a concern. It shall be unlawful to transport dead deer, or their parts, taken from any game management unit or area identified by the director in which the presence of, or possibility of, exposure to chronic wasting disease has been identified, to any location outside that game management unit except for the following parts of deer:

- A. meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately);
- B. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- C. meat that has been boned out;
- D. hides with no heads attached;
- E. clean skull plates with antlers attached; clean is defined as having been immersed in a bath of at least one part chlorine bleach and two parts water with no meat or tissue attached;
- F. antlers with no meat or tissue attached;
- G. finished taxidermied heads.

[19.31.13.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.11 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.12 DEER QUALITY HUNTS:** Quality hunts for deer are as follows:

- A. all hunts in game management sub-unit 2C;
- B. the third center fire rifle hunt in sub-unit 2B;
- C. all hunts in game management unit 17;
- D. all hunts in game management sub-unit 5B;
- E. all hunts in the Burro mountains hunt area of the Gila national forest in game management unit 23;
- F. all hunts in game management unit 27;
- G. all hunts in game management unit 33;
- H. all hunts in game management unit 41;
- I. the January bow hunts in game management sub-unit 2B;
- J. all private land deer conservation incentive hunts;
- K. the November bow hunt in Sugarite canyon state park; and
- L. all hunts on the Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs.

[19.31.13.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.12 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.13 SPECIAL DEER HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES:**

A. **Deer habitat enhancement program:**

(1) **Program description:** The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special deer permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit deer and for direct costs appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the preservation, restoration, utilization, and management of deer. Deer enhancement licenses or permits shall be valid from September 1 through January 31, for any legal sporting arms, for each license year. These licenses or permits shall be valid statewide, including department WMAs where hunting is allowed. The bag limit shall be one buck deer. The hunt code shall be DER-1-400. Licenses or permits may be used either by the applicant or any individual of the selected applicant's choice through sale, barter, or gift.

(2) **Requirements for issuance of special deer permits:**

(a) The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than two special deer permits in any one license year to take one buck deer per permit. The director shall allow the sale of one permit through auction to the highest bidder and one permit to a person selected through a random drawing for the holder of a lottery ticket by the department or by an incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of deer.

(b) Proposals for auctioning one special deer permit and the sale of lottery tickets to

obtain one special deer permit through a random drawing shall be submitted to the director of the department prior to January 31, preceding the license year when the permit may be legally used.

(c) The proposals for auctioning the special deer permit and the sale of lottery tickets and subsequent selection of a recipient for a second permit through a random draw shall each contain and identify: (i) the name of the organization making the request as well as the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those members of the organization who are coordinating the proposal; (ii) the estimated amount of money to be raised and the rationale for that estimate; and (iii) a copy of the organization's articles of incorporation with a letter attesting that the organization has tax-exempt status. The letter must also affirm that the proponent agrees to the conditions set forth by the director of the department. The letter must be signed and dated by the president and secretary-treasurer, or their equivalents.

(d) The director of the department shall examine all proposals following the close of the application period. The director may reject any application which does not conform to the requirements of this section. In selecting a marketing organization, the director shall consider the qualifications of the organization as a fund raiser; the proposed fund raising plan; the fee charged by the marketing organization for promotional and administrative costs, relative to the funds obtained from auctioning the permit; and the organization's previous involvement with deer management and its conservation objectives. The director may accept any proposal when it is in the best interest of deer to do so.

(e) After a proposal has been approved, the state game commission shall establish open season dates, open areas, and license requirements.

(f) The marketing organization must agree in writing to the following: (i) to transfer all proceeds on or before the tenth day of the month following the auction and drawing for the lottery, and (ii) to provide the department with the names, addresses, and the physical descriptions of the individuals to whom the special deer permits are issued.

(g) The department and the marketing organization must agree to the arrangements for the deposit of the proceeds, payment for services rendered, the accounting procedures, and final audit.

(h) Unless his or her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to submit a bid for the special deer lottery permit.

(i) The special deer permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.

(j) Special deer permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' permits.

**B. Deer incentive programs:**

(1) **Chronic wasting disease (CWD) reporting incentive:** The director may annually allow up to two deer authorizations to be issued for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates awarded pursuant to this rule may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Deer incentive hunts shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit, and area specified by the director.

(2) **Private land deer conservation incentive program:** Private landowners who are conducting significant habitat and management improvements on their deeded lands that significantly benefit deer may submit a deer conservation and management report, subject to review and approval by the department. Upon department approval of the report, the department may offer the landowner various incentives based on the degree of benefit to deer. The incentives may include extended or alternative season dates, or alternate bag limits as approved by the department. The hunt code for any unique hunt season approved pursuant to this program shall be DER-1-600.

**C. Premium hunt opportunity:** One premium deer draw hunt will be issued each license year through the draw. The hunt area will be statewide on any public land open to hunting, including wildlife management areas and private land with written permission.

open GMUs or areas	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide	9/1/2017-1/31/2018	9/1/2018-1/31/2019	DER-1-700	1	FAD

[19.31.13.13 NMAC 4-1-15; A, 1-17-17]

**19.31.13.14 DEER POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

**A.** The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for deer when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one deer per license year.

C. Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

D. Applications for licenses may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

E. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

F. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department. [19.31.13.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.14 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.15 DEER HUNTS:**

Hunt codes for deer hunts allowing "any legal weapon" type shall be designated DER-1, hunt codes for deer hunts allowing "bow only" weapon type shall be designated as DER-2, hunt codes for deer hunts allowing "muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bow only" weapon type shall be designated DER-3. Select DER-3 hunts may be further restricted to "restricted muzzleloaders only", if so designated below only a "restricted muzzleloader" may be used.

A. Public land (and private lands in GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A) deer hunts, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, sporting arms type, number of licenses and bag limit shall be as indicated below. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certificate number on application. The Sandia ranger district of the Cibola national forest in GMU 14 is restricted to bows only. The state game commission owned lesser prairie-chicken areas shall be open for deer hunting during established seasons. Hunters holding a valid archery bow deer license for GMUs 23 or 24 and did not harvest a deer during their hunt will be allowed to hunt for antlerless deer within the Silver City deer management area as delineated by the department from January 16 through February 5.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2A	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-100	150	FAD
2A: YO	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-101	40	FAD
2A: private land only	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-102	40	FAD
2A	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-103	40	FAD
2A	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-104	80	FAD
2A: private land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-105	15	FAD
2A: private land only	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-106	15	FAD
2A	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-107	50	FAD
2A: private land only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-108	10	FAD
2B	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-109	275	FAD
2B	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-110	375	FAD
2B	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-111	450	FAD
2B: YO	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	DER-1-112	150	FAD
2B: private land only	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-113	25	FAD
2B: private land only	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-114	25	FAD
2B: private land only	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-115	75	FAD
2B	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-116	130	FAD
2B	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-117	180	FAD
2B: YO	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-118	20	FAD
2B: YO	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-119	50	FAD
2B: private land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-120	10	FAD
2B: private land only	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-121	30	FAD
2B	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-122	175	FAD

2B: YO	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-123	20	FAD
2B: private land only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-124	10	FAD
2C	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-125	20	FAD
2C: private land only	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-126	8	FAD
2C	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-127	50	FAD
2C: private land only	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-128	15	FAD
2C	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-129	20	FAD
2C: private land only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-130	9	FAD
4: Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-131	20	FAD
4: Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-132	20	FAD
4: Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, YO	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-133	10	FAD
4: Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-134	5	FAD
4: private land only	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-135	175	FAD
4: private land only	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-136	175	FAD
4: private land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-137	150	FAD
4: private land only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-138	100	FAD
5A: public land only	11/10-11/16	11/8-11/14	11/7-11/13	11/6-11/12	DER-1-139	30	FAD
5A: private land only	11/10-11/16	11/8-11/14	11/7-11/13	11/6-11/12	DER-1-140	220	FAD
5A: public land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-141	30	FAD
5A: private land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-142	220	FAD
5B	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-143	15	FAD
5B: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-144	10	FAD
6A and 6C	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-145	100	FAD
6A and 6C: MI	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	DER-1-146	20	FAD
6A and 6C	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-147	100	FAD
6A and 6C	10/3-10/7	10/1-10/5	9/30-10/4	9/29-10/3	DER-3-148	100	FAD
7	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-149	25	FAD
7	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-150	10	FAD
7	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-151	10	FAD
8	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-152	50	FAD
8:YO	11/21-11/29	11/19-11/27	11/18-12/26	11/17-11/25	DER-2-153	50	FAD
9: including Water canyon and Marquez WMAs	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-154	10	FAD
9: including Water canyon and Marquez WMAs, YO	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-155	10	FAD
9: including Water canyon and Marquez WMAs	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-156	10	FAD
9: including Water canyon and Marquez WMAs, restricted muzzleloader only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-157	10	FAD
10	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-158	70	FAD
10	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-159	65	FAD
10	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-160	90	FAD

10: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-161	25	FAD
10: MI	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-162	20	FAD
10	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-163	120	FAD
10	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-164	90	FAD
12	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-165	90	FAD
12	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-166	25	FAD
12	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-167	45	FAD
13	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-168	150	FAD
13	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-169	150	FAD
13: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-170	50	FAD
13	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-171	200	FAD
13	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-172	200	FAD
14	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-173	30	FAD
14	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-174	30	FAD
14	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-175	50	FAD
15	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-176	100	FAD
15	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-177	165	FAD
15: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-3-178	100	FAD
16	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-179	300	FAD
16	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-180	300	FAD
16: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-181	100	FAD
16: MI	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-182	25	FAD
16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-183	400	FAD
16	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-184	300	FAD
17	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-185	80	FAD
17	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-186	80	FAD
17: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-187	80	FAD
17	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-188	73	FAD
17	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-189	73	FAD
17	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-190	80	FAD
18	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-191	70	FAD
18	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-192	70	FAD
18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-193	85	FAD
18	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-194	75	FAD
19: except the White Sands missile range portion, mandatory check-in/check-out	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-195	10	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-196	10	FAD
20	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-197	90	FAD

20	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-198	90	FAD
20	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-199	50	FAD
20	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-200	85	FAD
21	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-201	425	FAD
21	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-202	425	FAD
21: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-203	100	FAD
21	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-204	500	FAD
21	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-205	350	FAD
22	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-206	70	FAD
22	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-207	70	FAD
22: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-208	20	FAD
22	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-209	50	FAD
22	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-210	65	FAD
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-211	500	FAMD
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-212	500	FAMD
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-213	100	FAWTD
	12/5-12/13	12/3-12/11	12/2-12/10	12/1-12/9	DER-1-214	50	FAWTD
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area, YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-215	95	FAD
23: Burro mountains hunt area	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-216	25	FAMD
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-217	25	FAMD
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-218	25	FAWTD
	12/5-12/13	12/3-12/11	12/2-12/10	12/1-12/9	DER-1-219	25	FAWTD
23: Burro mountains hunt area, YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-220	25	FAD
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-221	255	FAMD
23/24: Silver City management area	1/16-2/5/16	1/16-2/5/17	1/16-2/5/18	1/16-2/5/19			A
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-222	150	FAWTD
23/24: Silver City management area	1/16-2/5/16	1/16-2/5/17	1/16-2/5/18	1/16-2/5/19			A
23: Burro mountains hunt area	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-223	50	FAMD
	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-224	50	FAWTD
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-225	325	FAMD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-226	75	FAWTD
23: Burro mountains hunt area	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-227	50	FAMD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-228	50	FAWTD
24: excluding Fort Bayard management area	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-229	400	FAMD
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-230	400	FAMD
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-231	100	FAWTD
	12/5-12/13	12/3-12/11	12/2-12/10	12/1-12/9	DER-1-232	50	FAWTD

24: including Fort Bayard management area, YO	10/3-10/11	10/1-10/9	9/30-10/8	9/29-10/7	DER-1-233	50	FAD
24: including Fort Bayard management area, YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-234	50	FAD
24: excluding Fort Bayard management area	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-235	200	FAMD
23/24: Silver City management area	1/16-2/5/16	1/16-2/5/17	1/16-2/5/18	1/16-2/5/19			A
24: excluding Fort Bayard mgmt. area	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-236	100	FAWTD
23/24: Silver City management area	1/16-2/5/16	1/16-2/5/17	1/16-2/5/18	1/16-2/5/19			A
24: excluding Fort Bayard mgmt. area	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-237	400	FAMD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-238	100	FAWTD
25	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-239	100	FAD
25	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-240	100	FAD
25	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-241	70	FAD
25	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-242	45	FAD
26: excluding the Big Hatchets management area	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-243	100	FAD
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-244	100	FAD
	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-245	35	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-246	80	FAD
27	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-247	50	FAMD
27	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-248	50	FAMD
27	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-249	50	FAWTD
27	12/5-12/13	12/3-12/11	12/2-12/10	12/1-12/9	DER-1-250	25	FAWTD
27: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-251	25	FAD
27	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-252	50	FAMD
27	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-253	40	FAWTD
27	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-254	45	FAMD
27	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-255	50	FAWTD
28: McGregor range	11/21-11/22	11/19-11/20	11/18-11/19	11/17-11/18	DER-1-256	20	FAD
28: McGregor range, military only	11/21-11/22	11/19-11/20	11/18-11/19	11/17-11/18	DER-1-257	20	FAD
29	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-258	170	FAD
29	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-259	170	FAD
29	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-260	150	FAD
29	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-261	70	FAD
30	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-262	640	FAD
30	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-263	960	FAD
30: YO	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-264	125	FAD
30: YO	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-265	125	FAD
30	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-266	250	FAD
30	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-267	300	FAD



31: including Brantley	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-268	450	FAD
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-269	450	FAD
	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-270	250	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-271	150	FAD
32	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-272	625	FAD
32	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-273	625	FAD
32: portions, YO	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	DER-1-274	15	A
32: portions	1/16-1/31/16	1/16-1/31/17	1/16-1/31/18	1/16-1/31/19	DER-1-275	15	A
32	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-276	200	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-277	150	FAD
33	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-278	150	FAD
33	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-279	150	FAD
33	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-280	100	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-281	140	FAD
31/33 Brantley & Seven Rivers portions of Bur. of Recl. & Huey WMA areas only, YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-3-282	20	ES
31/33 Brantley and Seven Rivers portions of Bur. of Recl. & Huey WMA areas only, YO	12/26-1/1/16	12/26-1/1/17	12/26-1/1/18	12/26-1/1/19	DER-3-283	20	A
34	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-284	735	FAD
34	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-285	735	FAD
34: YO	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-286	45	FAD
34: MI	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-287	50	FAD
34	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-288	780	FAD
	10/3-10/7	10/1-10/5	9/30-10/4	9/29-10/3	DER-3-289	340	FAD
36: exc. Fort Stanton	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-290	300	FAD
36: exc. Fort Stanton	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-291	300	FAD
36: including Fort Stanton, YO	11/25-11/29 12/12-12/13 12/19-12/20	11/23-11/27 12/10-12/11 12/17-12/18	11/22-11/26 12/9-12/10 12/16-12/17	11/21-11/25 12/8-12/9 12/15-12/16	DER-1-292	25	FAD
	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-293	300	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-294	100	FAD
36: including Fort Stanton, YO	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-295	25	FAD
37	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-296	375	FAD
37	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-297	375	FAD
37	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-298	150	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-299	125	FAD
38	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-300	175	FAD
38	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-301	175	FAD

38	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-302	100	FAD
38	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-303	100	FAD
39	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-304	40	FAD
39	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-305	40	FAD
39	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-306	40	FAD
39	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-307	40	FAD
40	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-308	50	FAD
40	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-309	50	FAD
40	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-310	25	FAD
40	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-311	25	FAD
41	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-312	35	FAD
41	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-313	35	FAD
41	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	DER-1-314	10	FAWTD
41: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-315	5	FAD
41: YO	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	DER-1-316	15	ESWTD
41	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-317	10	FAD
41	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-318	25	FAD
42	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-319	30	FAD
42	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-320	30	FAD
42	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-321	10	FAWTD
42	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-322	10	FAD
42	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-323	7	FAD
43	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-324	35	FAD
43	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-325	10	FAD
43	10/24-10/30	10/22-10/28	10/21-10/27	10/20-10/26	DER-3-326	8	FAD
45	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-327	250	FAD
45	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-328	250	FAD
45: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2	DER-1-329	25	FAD
45: MI	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-330	25	FAD
45	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-331	150	FAD
45	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-332	150	FAD
47	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-333	18	FAD
47	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-334	18	FAD
47	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-335	10	FAD
47	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-336	15	FAD
48	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-337	30	FAD
48	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-338	50	FAD
48	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-339	45	FAD
48	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-340	20	FAD
49	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-341	90	FAD
49	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-342	90	FAD
49	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-343	100	FAD
50	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-344	48	FAD
50	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-345	48	FAD
50	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-346	5	FAD
51A	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-347	145	FAD
51A	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-348	65	FAD
51B	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-349	15	FAD

51B	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-350	15	FAD
51B	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-351	10	FAD
52	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-352	90	FAD
52	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-353	90	FAD
52	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-354	80	FAD
52: restricted muzzleloader only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-355	25	FAD
53	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-356	85	FAD
53	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-357	85	FAD
53	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-358	90	FAD
54/55: Colin Neblet WMA	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-359	15	FAD
54/55: Colin Neblet WMA	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-360	15	FAD
55: ES Barker WMA	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-361	5	FAD
55: ES Barker WMA, YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-362	5	FAD
55: Urraca WMA	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-363	10	FAD
55: Urraca WMA	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-364	10	FAD
56	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-365	15	FAD
56	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-366	15	FAD
56: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-367	10	FAD
56	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-368	10	FAD
56	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-369	10	FAD
57	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-370	25	FAD
57	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-371	25	FAD
57	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-372	10	FAWTD
57: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-373	10	FAD
57	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-374	15	FAD
57: Sugarite Canyon State Park	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	DER-2-375	20	FAD
57	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-376	15	FAD
58	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-377	30	FAD
58	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-378	30	FAD
58	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	DER-1-379	10	FAWTD
58: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-380	10	FAD
58: YO	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	DER-1-381	15	ESWTD
58	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-382	10	FAD
58	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-383	15	FAD
59	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-384	35	FAD
59	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-385	35	FAD
59	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	DER-1-386	10	FAWTD
59: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-387	5	FAD
59: YO	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	DER-1-388	15	ESWTD
59	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-389	10	FAD
59	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-390	25	FAD

**B. Private land-only deer hunts:** Private land-only deer licenses shall be restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the public land hunt code listed in 19.31.13.15 NMAC for the GMU where the private landowner's property lies. Private land-only deer licenses shall be unlimited and available from any license vendor and the department's web site; however, only one private land-only deer license will be issued. Private land-only hunters in GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A must obtain a special application form from landowner and apply through the draw. Private land-only hunts in GMUs 8, 46, 54, and 55 shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
8 for any legal sporting arm	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	DER-1-450	unlimited	FAD
8 bows only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-451	unlimited	FAD
8 for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bows	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-452	unlimited	FAD
46 for any legal sporting arm	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-453	unlimited	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-454	unlimited	FAD
46 bows only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-455	unlimited	FAD
46 for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bows	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-456	unlimited	FAD
54 for any legal sporting arm	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-457	unlimited	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-458	unlimited	FAD
	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-459	unlimited	FAWTD
54 for any legal sporting arm: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-460	unlimited	FAD
54 bows only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-461	unlimited	FAD
54 for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bows	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-462	unlimited	FAD
55 for any legal sporting arm	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-463	unlimited	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-464	unlimited	FAD
55 for any legal sporting arm: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-465	unlimited	FAD
55 bows only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-466	unlimited	FAD
55 for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bows	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-467	unlimited	FAD
55B for any legal sporting arm	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-468	unlimited	FAWTD

[19.31.13.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.15 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.13 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;  
 Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;  
 Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;  
 Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;  
 Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;  
 Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;  
 Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;  
 Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;  
 Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;  
 Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;  
 Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;  
 Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;  
 Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;  
 Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;  
 Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;  
 Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;  
 Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;  
 Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;  
 Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;  
 Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;  
 Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;  
 Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;  
 Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;  
 Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;  
 Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
 Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
 Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
 Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
 Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;  
Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

**History of Repealed Material:**

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.  
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.  
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.  
19.31.13 NMAC, Deer, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.  
19.31.13 NMAC, Deer, filed 3-13-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.  
19.31.13 NMAC, Deer, filed 2-22-2011 - Repealed effective 3-29-2013. Replaced by 19.31.13 NMAC, Deer, effective 3-29-2013.  
19.31.13 NMAC, Deer, filed 3-29-2013- Repealed effective 2-27-2015. Replaced by 19.31.13 NMAC, Deer, effective 4-1-2015.

**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 13        DEER**

**19.31.13.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.13.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.1 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in deer management and deer hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.13.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.2 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.13.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.3 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.13.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.4 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2015, unless a later date is cited at the end of individual sections.  
[19.31.13.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.5 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of deer licenses by the department.  
[19.31.13.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.6 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.        "A" or "antlerless deer"** shall mean a deer without antlers.
- B.        "Arrows"** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- C.        "Baiting"** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take deer.
- D.        "Bow"** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- E.        "Crossbows"** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- F.        "Deer"** shall mean all or any deer species found in New Mexico.
- G.        "Deer license"** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting deer in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- H.        "Deer enhancement program"** as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than two permits for the taking of one buck deer per permit with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit deer.
- I.        "Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- J.        "Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- K.        "ES" or "either sex"** shall mean any one animal of the species.
- L.        "ESWTD" or "either sex white-tailed deer"** shall mean any one white-tailed deer.
- M.        "FAD" or "forked antlered deer"** shall mean a deer possessing antlers, one of which shall have a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.
- N.        "FAMD" or "forked antlered mule deer"** shall mean a mule deer possessing antlers, one of which shall have a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.
- O.        "FAWTD" or "forked antlered white-tailed deer"** shall mean a white-tailed deer possessing antlers, one of which shall have a definite fork showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.
- P.        "Game management unit" or "GMU"** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission's rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

**Q.** “High demand hunt” is hereby defined as a special draw hunt where the total number of non-resident applicants for a deer hunt in each unit exceeds twenty-two percent of the total applicants based upon data for the two immediately preceding years.

**R.** “License year” shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**S.** “Modern firearms” shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**T.** “Muzzle-loader” or “muzzle-loading firearms” shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**U.** “Private land-only deer license” shall mean the valid official document for hunting deer on private deeded land during designated private land-only hunts. This license shall entitle the holder to hunt deer only on private deeded land and only for the sporting arms type, hunt period, and GMU for which it is validated.

**V.** “Public draw license” shall mean the valid official document awarded through a public drawing for hunting deer. This valid official license shall entitle the holder to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.

**W.** “Quality hunt” is hereby defined as a hunt designed to provide a hunter with an opportunity to achieve one or more of the following: a potential harvest from a wider selection of buck deer, a pleasurable experience based upon timing and length of hunt season, lower hunter density, and an increased opportunity for success.

**X.** “Restricted muzzle-loading rifle” shall mean any muzzle-loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent and firing a traditional lead bullet. The use of in-line ignition, scopes, pelleted powder, smokeless powder and sabots, including powerbelt-type projectiles, are prohibited.

**Y.** “TBD” or “to be determined” shall mean the details of hunt dates or hunt areas will be provided by the department to the hunter when the designated population management hunt is initiated.

**Z.** “Unlimited” shall mean there is no set limit on the number of licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**AA.** “Web sale” or “web site” shall refer to accessing the department’s internet address.

**BB.** “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.13.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.7 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses or authorization certificates up or down by no more than twenty percent of the total licenses available in the GMU to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the specific hunt codes for deer.

[19.31.13.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.8 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.9 DEER LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Restrictions:** Private land-only deer licenses shall not be valid on wildlife management areas or for private land hunts in GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 or 5A.

**B. Change of validation:** No one other than a department representative may change the hunt code validation marked on any deer license. Such changes must be made on the face of the license using the director’s approved procedures. No changes to the hunt code may be made after the start of the first deer season for which the license is validated. Licenses issued through the draw system are not eligible for validation changes.

**C. One deer license per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one license to hunt deer during the current license year unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

**D. Validity of license:** All deer licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit, and area specified by the hunt code printed on the license including those areas designated as public or private land per a current unitization agreement between the department and U. S. bureau of land management, state land office or other public land holding entity. Over-the-counter licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit, and area specified by rule or regulation. Except that a license will be valid on the contiguous deeded land of private property that extends into an adjacent GMU that is open to hunting for deer. This exception shall only apply when the adjacent unit has the same restrictions as to sporting arms type, bag limit, season dates and license availability.



**E. Deer hunts:** It shall be unlawful for any person:  
(1) to hunt with any sporting arms type other than that for which his or her deer license is validated;  
(2) to hunt during any season other than that for which his or her deer license is validated;  
(3) to hunt in any GMU other than that for which his or her deer license is validated;  
(4) to hunt deer on public land in any GMU with a private land-only deer license, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;  
(5) to knowingly hunt private property without possessing a valid deer license; or  
(6) to hunt with any license issued originally to another person, except as specifically allowed by rule or law.

**F. Mobility impaired (MI) deer hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a mobility impaired (MI) deer license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**G. Youth only (YO) deer hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) deer license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**H. Military only deer hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only (military only) deer license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**I. GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A private land-only hunts:**

(1) Persons applying for private land-only deer licenses in GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A must do so on a special application form that may only be obtained from landowners in these GMUs.

(2) GMU 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A landowners may be required to provide proof of land ownership to obtain special application forms from the department's northwest area office in Albuquerque.

(3) For GMU 5A, the department may use input from landowners to develop a process to distribute special application forms to private landowners that provides reasonable and equitable participation opportunities for landowners.

(4) When applying for private land hunts in GMU 5A, no more than one person may apply on each application form.

[19.31.13.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.9 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.10 DEER MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Season and hours:** Deer may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one deer during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize any deer carcasses that are improperly notched.

**D. Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of a deer without proof of sex. The antlers of any buck deer taken shall remain attached to the skull plate until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing place, or place of final storage. The scalp and both ears of female or immature male shall accompany the carcass in the same manner.

**E. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt deer, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead deer. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the GMU they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.

**F. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any deer by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**G. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any deer.

**H. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electronically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any deer.

**I. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any deer out of deer hunting season.

**J. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take deer by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking deer.

**K. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or bolt or use arrows or bolts driven by explosives.

**L. Legal sporting arms** for deer are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**M. Areas closed to deer hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to deer hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon state park; Wild Rivers recreation area, the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas; the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve).  
[19.31.13.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.10 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.11 DEER CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE CONTROL:** The director has the authority to designate possession criteria to any deer hunter where chronic wasting disease is a concern. It shall be unlawful to transport dead deer, or their parts, taken from any game management unit or area identified by the director in which the presence of, or possibility of, exposure to chronic wasting disease has been identified, to any location outside that game management unit except for the following parts of deer:

- A. meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately);
- B. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- C. meat that has been boned out;
- D. hides with no heads attached;
- E. clean skull plates with antlers attached; clean is defined as having been immersed in a bath of at least one part chlorine bleach and two parts water with no meat or tissue attached;
- F. antlers with no meat or tissue attached;
- G. finished taxidermied heads.

[19.31.13.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.11 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.12 DEER QUALITY HUNTS:** Quality hunts for deer are as follows:

- A. all hunts in game management sub-unit 2C;
- B. the third center fire rifle hunt in sub-unit 2B;
- C. all hunts in game management unit 17;
- D. all hunts in game management sub-unit 5B;
- E. all hunts in the Burro mountains hunt area of the Gila national forest in game management unit 23;
- F. all hunts in game management unit 27;
- G. all hunts in game management unit 33;
- H. all hunts in game management unit 41;
- I. the January bow hunts in game management sub-unit 2B;
- J. all private land deer conservation incentive hunts;
- K. the November bow hunt in Sugarite canyon state park; and
- L. all hunts on the Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs.

[19.31.13.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.12 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.13 SPECIAL DEER HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**A. Deer habitat enhancement program:**

**(1) Program description:** The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special deer permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit deer and for direct costs appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the preservation, restoration, utilization, and management of deer. Deer enhancement licenses or permits shall be valid from September 1 through January 31, for any legal sporting arms, for each license year. These licenses or permits shall be valid statewide, including department WMAs where hunting is allowed. The bag limit shall be one buck deer. The hunt code shall be DER-1-400. Licenses or permits may be used either by the applicant or any individual of the selected applicant's choice through sale, barter, or gift.

**(2) Requirements for issuance of special deer permits:**

**(a)** The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than two special deer permits in any one license year to take one buck deer per permit. The director shall allow the sale of one permit through auction to the highest bidder and one permit to a person selected through a random drawing for the holder of a lottery ticket by the department or by an incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of deer.

**(b)** Proposals for auctioning one special deer permit and the sale of lottery tickets to

obtain one special deer permit through a random drawing shall be submitted to the director of the department prior to January 31, preceding the license year when the permit may be legally used.

(c) The proposals for auctioning the special deer permit and the sale of lottery tickets and subsequent selection of a recipient for a second permit through a random draw shall each contain and identify: (i) the name of the organization making the request as well as the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those members of the organization who are coordinating the proposal; (ii) the estimated amount of money to be raised and the rationale for that estimate; and (iii) a copy of the organization's articles of incorporation with a letter attesting that the organization has tax-exempt status. The letter must also affirm that the proponent agrees to the conditions set forth by the director of the department. The letter must be signed and dated by the president and secretary-treasurer, or their equivalents.

(d) The director of the department shall examine all proposals following the close of the application period. The director may reject any application which does not conform to the requirements of this section. In selecting a marketing organization, the director shall consider the qualifications of the organization as a fund raiser; the proposed fund raising plan; the fee charged by the marketing organization for promotional and administrative costs, relative to the funds obtained from auctioning the permit; and the organization's previous involvement with deer management and its conservation objectives. The director may accept any proposal when it is in the best interest of deer to do so.

(e) After a proposal has been approved, the state game commission shall establish open season dates, open areas, and license requirements.

(f) The marketing organization must agree in writing to the following: (i) to transfer all proceeds on or before the tenth day of the month following the auction and drawing for the lottery, and (ii) to provide the department with the names, addresses, and the physical descriptions of the individuals to whom the special deer permits are issued.

(g) The department and the marketing organization must agree to the arrangements for the deposit of the proceeds, payment for services rendered, the accounting procedures, and final audit.

(h) Unless his or her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to submit a bid for the special deer lottery permit.

(i) The special deer permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.

(j) Special deer permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' permits.

**B. Deer incentive programs:**

(1) **Chronic wasting disease (CWD) reporting incentive:** The director may annually allow up to two deer authorizations to be issued for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates awarded pursuant to this rule may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Deer incentive hunts shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit, and area specified by the director.

(2) **Private land deer conservation incentive program:** Private landowners who are conducting significant habitat and management improvements on their deeded lands that significantly benefit deer may submit a deer conservation and management report, subject to review and approval by the department. Upon department approval of the report, the department may offer the landowner various incentives based on the degree of benefit to deer. The incentives may include extended or alternative season dates, or alternate bag limits as approved by the department. The hunt code for any unique hunt season approved pursuant to this program shall be DER-1-600.

**C. Premium hunt opportunity:** One premium deer draw hunt will be issued each license year through the draw. The hunt area will be statewide on any public land open to hunting, including wildlife management areas and private land with written permission.

open GMUs or areas	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide	9/1/2017-1/31/2018	9/1/2018-1/31/2019	DER-1-700	1	FAD

[19.31.13.13 NMAC 4-1-15; A, 1-17-17]

**19.31.13.14 DEER POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for deer when justified in writing by department personnel.

**B.** The director or their designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one deer per license year.

**C.** Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

**D.** Applications for licenses may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

**E.** In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

**F.** In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department. [19.31.13.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.13.14 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.13.15 DEER HUNTS:**

Hunt codes for deer hunts allowing "any legal weapon" type shall be designated DER-1, hunt codes for deer hunts allowing "bow only" weapon type shall be designated as DER-2, hunt codes for deer hunts allowing "muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bow only" weapon type shall be designated DER-3. Select DER-3 hunts may be further restricted to "restricted muzzleloaders only", if so designated below only a "restricted muzzleloader" may be used.

**A.** Public land (and private lands in GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A) deer hunts, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, sporting arms type, number of licenses and bag limit shall be as indicated below. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certificate number on application. The Sandia ranger district of the Cibola national forest in GMU 14 is restricted to bows only. The state game commission owned lesser prairie-chicken areas shall be open for deer hunting during established seasons. Hunters holding a valid bow deer license for GMUs 23 or 24 and did not harvest a deer during their hunt will be allowed to hunt for antlerless deer within the Silver City deer management area as delineated by the department from January 16 through February 5.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2A	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-100	150	FAD
2A: YO	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-101	40	FAD
2A: private land only	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-102	40	FAD
2A	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-103	40	FAD
2A	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-104	80	FAD
2A: private land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-105	15	FAD
2A: private land only	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-106	15	FAD
2A	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-107	50	FAD
2A: private land only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-108	10	FAD
2B	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-109	275	FAD
2B	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-110	375	FAD
2B	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-111	450	FAD
2B: YO	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	DER-1-112	150	FAD
2B: private land only	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-113	25	FAD
2B: private land only	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-114	25	FAD
2B: private land only	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-115	75	FAD
2B	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-116	130	FAD
2B	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-117	180	FAD
2B: YO	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-118	20	FAD
2B: YO	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-119	50	FAD
2B: private land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-120	10	FAD
2B: private land only	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-121	30	FAD
2B	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-122	175	FAD

2B: YO	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-123	20	FAD
2B: private land only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-124	10	FAD
2C	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-125	20	FAD
2C: private land only	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-126	8	FAD
2C	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-127	50	FAD
2C: private land only	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-128	15	FAD
2C	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-129	20	FAD
2C: private land only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-130	9	FAD
4: Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-131	20	FAD
4: Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-132	20	FAD
4: Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, YO	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-133	10	FAD
4: Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-134	5	FAD
4: private land only	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-135	175	FAD
4: private land only	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-136	175	FAD
4: private land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-137	150	FAD
4: private land only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-138	100	FAD
5A: public land only	11/10-11/16	11/8-11/14	11/7-11/13	11/6-11/12	DER-1-139	30	FAD
5A: private land only	11/10-11/16	11/8-11/14	11/7-11/13	11/6-11/12	DER-1-140	220	FAD
5A: public land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-141	30	FAD
5A: private land only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-142	220	FAD
5B	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-143	15	FAD
5B: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-144	10	FAD
6A and 6C	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-145	100	FAD
6A and 6C: MI	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	DER-1-146	20	FAD
6A and 6C	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-147	100	FAD
6A and 6C	10/3-10/7	10/1-10/5	9/30-10/4	9/29-10/3	DER-3-148	100	FAD
7	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-149	25	FAD
7	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-150	10	FAD
7	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-151	10	FAD
8	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-152	50	FAD
8:YO	11/21-11/29	11/19-11/27	11/18-12/26	11/17-11/25	DER-2-153	50	FAD
9: including Water canyon and Marquez WMAs	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-154	10	FAD
9: including Water canyon and Marquez WMAs, YO	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-155	10	FAD
9: including Water canyon and Marquez WMAs	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-156	10	FAD
9: including Water canyon and Marquez WMAs, restricted muzzleloader only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-157	10	FAD
10	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-158	70	FAD
10	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-159	65	FAD
10	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-160	90	FAD

10: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-161	25	FAD
10: MI	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-162	20	FAD
10	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-163	120	FAD
10	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-164	90	FAD
12	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-165	90	FAD
12	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-166	25	FAD
12	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-167	45	FAD
13	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-168	150	FAD
13	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-169	150	FAD
13: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-170	50	FAD
13	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-171	200	FAD
13	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-172	200	FAD
14	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-173	30	FAD
14	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-174	30	FAD
14	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-175	50	FAD
15	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-176	100	FAD
15	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-177	165	FAD
15: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-3-178	100	FAD
16	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-179	300	FAD
16	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-180	300	FAD
16: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-181	100	FAD
16: MI	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-182	25	FAD
16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-183	400	FAD
16	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-184	300	FAD
17	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-185	80	FAD
17	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-186	80	FAD
17: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-187	80	FAD
17	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-188	73	FAD
17	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-189	73	FAD
17	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-190	80	FAD
18	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-191	70	FAD
18	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-192	70	FAD
18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-193	85	FAD
18	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-194	75	FAD
19: except the White Sands missile range portion, mandatory check-in/check-out	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-195	10	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-196	10	FAD
20	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-197	90	FAD

20	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-198	90	FAD
20	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-199	50	FAD
20	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-200	85	FAD
21	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-201	425	FAD
21	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-202	425	FAD
21: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-203	100	FAD
21	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-204	500	FAD
21	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-205	350	FAD
22	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-206	70	FAD
22	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-207	70	FAD
22: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-208	20	FAD
22	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-209	50	FAD
22	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-210	65	FAD
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-211	500	FAMD
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-212	500	FAMD
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-213	100	FAWTD
	12/5-12/13	12/3-12/11	12/2-12/10	12/1-12/9	DER-1-214	50	FAWTD
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area, YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-215	95	FAD
23: Burro mountains hunt area	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-216	25	FAMD
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-217	25	FAMD
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-218	25	FAWTD
	12/5-12/13	12/3-12/11	12/2-12/10	12/1-12/9	DER-1-219	25	FAWTD
23: Burro mountains hunt area, YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-220	25	FAD
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-221	255	FAMD
23/24: Silver City management area	1/16-2/5/16	1/16-2/5/17	1/16-2/5/18	1/16-2/5/19			A
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-222	150	FAWTD
23/24: Silver City management area	1/16-2/5/16	1/16-2/5/17	1/16-2/5/18	1/16-2/5/19			A
23: Burro mountains hunt area	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-223	50	FAMD
	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-224	50	FAWTD
23: except the Burro mountains hunt area	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-225	325	FAMD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-226	75	FAWTD
23: Burro mountains hunt area	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-227	50	FAMD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-228	50	FAWTD
24: excluding Fort Bayard management area	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-229	400	FAMD
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-230	400	FAMD
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-231	100	FAWTD
	12/5-12/13	12/3-12/11	12/2-12/10	12/1-12/9	DER-1-232	50	FAWTD

24: including Fort Bayard management area, YO	10/3-10/11	10/1-10/9	9/30-10/8	9/29-10/7	DER-1-233	50	FAD
24: including Fort Bayard management area, YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-234	50	FAD
24: excluding Fort Bayard management area	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-235	200	FAMD
23/24: Silver City management area	1/16-2/5/16	1/16-2/5/17	1/16-2/5/18	1/16-2/5/19			A
24: excluding Fort Bayard mgmt. area	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-236	100	FAWTD
23/24: Silver City management area	1/16-2/5/16	1/16-2/5/17	1/16-2/5/18	1/16-2/5/19			A
24: excluding Fort Bayard mgmt. area	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-237	400	FAMD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-238	100	FAWTD
25	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-239	100	FAD
25	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-240	100	FAD
25	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-241	70	FAD
25	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-242	45	FAD
26: excluding the Big Hatchets management area	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-243	100	FAD
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-244	100	FAD
	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-245	35	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-246	80	FAD
27	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-247	50	FAMD
27	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-248	50	FAMD
27	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-249	50	FAWTD
27	12/5-12/13	12/3-12/11	12/2-12/10	12/1-12/9	DER-1-250	25	FAWTD
27: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6 12/12-12/13	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4 12/10-12/11	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3 12/9-12/10	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2 12/8-12/9	DER-1-251	25	FAD
27	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-252	50	FAMD
27	1/1-1/15/16	1/1-1/15/17	1/1-1/15/18	1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-253	40	FAWTD
27	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-254	45	FAMD
27	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-3-255	50	FAWTD
28: McGregor range	11/21-11/22	11/19-11/20	11/18-11/19	11/17-11/18	DER-1-256	20	FAD
28: McGregor range, military only	11/21-11/22	11/19-11/20	11/18-11/19	11/17-11/18	DER-1-257	20	FAD
29	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-258	170	FAD
29	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-259	170	FAD
29	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-260	150	FAD
29	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-261	70	FAD
30	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-262	640	FAD
30	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-263	960	FAD
30: YO	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-264	125	FAD
30: YO	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-265	125	FAD
30	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-266	250	FAD
30	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-267	300	FAD



31: including Brantley	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-268	450	FAD
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-269	450	FAD
	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-270	250	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-271	150	FAD
32	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-272	625	FAD
32	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-273	625	FAD
32: portions, YO	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	12/16-12/31	DER-1-274	15	A
32: portions	1/16-1/31/16	1/16-1/31/17	1/16-1/31/18	1/16-1/31/19	DER-1-275	15	A
32	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-276	200	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-277	150	FAD
32	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-277	150	FAD
33	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-278	150	FAD
33	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-279	150	FAD
33	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-280	100	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-281	140	FAD
31/33 Brantley & Seven Rivers portions of Bur. of Recl. & Huey WMA areas only, YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-3-282	20	ES
31/33 Brantley and Seven Rivers portions of Bur. of Recl. & Huey WMA areas only, YO	12/26-1/1/16	12/26-1/1/17	12/26-1/1/18	12/26-1/1/19	DER-3-283	20	A
34	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-284	735	FAD
34	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-285	735	FAD
34: YO	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-286	45	FAD
34: MI	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-287	50	FAD
34	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-288	780	FAD
	10/3-10/7	10/1-10/5	9/30-10/4	9/29-10/3	DER-3-289	340	FAD
36: exc. Fort Stanton	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-290	300	FAD
36: exc. Fort Stanton	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	DER-1-291	300	FAD
36: including Fort Stanton, YO	11/25-11/29 12/12-12/13 12/19-12/20	11/23-11/27 12/10-12/11 12/17-12/18	11/22-11/26 12/9-12/10 12/16-12/17	11/21-11/25 12/8-12/9 12/15-12/16	DER-1-292	25	FAD
	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-293	300	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-294	100	FAD
36: including Fort Stanton, YO	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-295	25	FAD
37	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-296	375	FAD
37	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-297	375	FAD
37	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-298	150	FAD
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-299	125	FAD
38	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-300	175	FAD
38	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-301	175	FAD

38	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-302	100	FAD
38	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-303	100	FAD
39	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-304	40	FAD
39	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-305	40	FAD
39	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-306	40	FAD
39	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-307	40	FAD
40	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-308	50	FAD
40	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	DER-1-309	50	FAD
40	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/16	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/17	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/18	9/1-9/24 1/1-1/15/19	DER-2-310	25	FAD
40	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-3-311	25	FAD
41	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-312	35	FAD
41	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-313	35	FAD
41	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	DER-1-314	10	FAWTD
41: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-315	5	FAD
41: YO	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	DER-1-316	15	ESWTD
41	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-317	10	FAD
41	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-318	25	FAD
42	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-319	30	FAD
42	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-320	30	FAD
42	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-321	10	FAWTD
42	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-322	10	FAD
42	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-323	7	FAD
43	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-324	35	FAD
43	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-325	10	FAD
43	10/24-10/30	10/22-10/28	10/21-10/27	10/20-10/26	DER-3-326	8	FAD
45	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-327	250	FAD
45	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-328	250	FAD
45: YO	11/25-11/29 12/5-12/6	11/23-11/27 12/3-12/4	11/22-11/26 12/2-12/3	11/21-11/25 12/1-12/2	DER-1-329	25	FAD
45: MI	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-330	25	FAD
45	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-331	150	FAD
45	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-332	150	FAD
47	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-333	18	FAD
47	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-334	18	FAD
47	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-335	10	FAD
47	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-336	15	FAD
48	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-337	30	FAD
48	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-338	50	FAD
48	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-339	45	FAD
48	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-340	20	FAD
49	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-341	90	FAD
49	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-342	90	FAD
49	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-343	100	FAD
50	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-344	48	FAD
50	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-345	48	FAD
50	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-346	5	FAD
51A	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-347	145	FAD
51A	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-348	65	FAD
51B	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-349	15	FAD

51B	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-350	15	FAD
51B	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-351	10	FAD
52	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-352	90	FAD
52	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-353	90	FAD
52	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-354	80	FAD
52: restricted muzzleloader only	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-355	25	FAD
53	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-356	85	FAD
53	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	DER-1-357	85	FAD
53	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-358	90	FAD
54/55: Colin Neblet WMA	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-359	15	FAD
54/55: Colin Neblet WMA	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-360	15	FAD
55: ES Barker WMA	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-361	5	FAD
55: ES Barker WMA, YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-362	5	FAD
55: Urraca WMA	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-363	10	FAD
55: Urraca WMA	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-364	10	FAD
56	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-365	15	FAD
56	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-366	15	FAD
56: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-367	10	FAD
56	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-368	10	FAD
56	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-369	10	FAD
57	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-370	25	FAD
57	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-371	25	FAD
57	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-372	10	FAWTD
57: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-373	10	FAD
57	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-374	15	FAD
57: Sugarite Canyon State Park	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	DER-2-375	20	FAD
57	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-376	15	FAD
58	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-377	30	FAD
58	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-378	30	FAD
58	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	DER-1-379	10	FAWTD
58: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-380	10	FAD
58: YO	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	DER-1-381	15	ESWTD
58	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-382	10	FAD
58	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-383	15	FAD
59	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-384	35	FAD
59	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-385	35	FAD
59	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	DER-1-386	10	FAWTD
59: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-387	5	FAD
59: YO	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	DER-1-388	15	ESWTD
59	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-389	10	FAD
59	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-390	25	FAD

**B. Private land-only deer hunts:** Private land-only deer licenses shall be restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the public land hunt code listed in 19.31.13.15 NMAC for the GMU where the private landowner's property lies. Private land-only deer licenses shall be unlimited and available from any license vendor and the department's web site; however, only one private land-only deer license will be issued. Private land-only hunters in GMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A must obtain a special application form from landowner and apply through the draw. Private land-only hunts in GMUs 8, 46, 54, and 55 shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
8 for any legal sporting arm	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	DER-1-450	unlimited	FAD
8 bows only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-451	unlimited	FAD
8 for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bows	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-452	unlimited	FAD
46 for any legal sporting arm	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-453	unlimited	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-454	unlimited	FAD
46 bows only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-455	unlimited	FAD
46 for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bows	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-456	unlimited	FAD
54 for any legal sporting arm	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-457	unlimited	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-458	unlimited	FAD
	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-459	unlimited	FAWTD
54 for any legal sporting arm: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-460	unlimited	FAD
54 bows only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-461	unlimited	FAD
54 for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bows	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-462	unlimited	FAD
55 for any legal sporting arm	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	DER-1-463	unlimited	FAD
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	DER-1-464	unlimited	FAD
55 for any legal sporting arm: YO	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-465	unlimited	FAD
55 bows only	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	9/1-9/24	DER-2-466	unlimited	FAD
55 for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bows	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	9/27-10/3	DER-3-467	unlimited	FAD
55B for any legal sporting arm	11/25-11/29	11/23-11/27	11/22-11/26	11/21-11/25	DER-1-468	unlimited	FAWTD

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Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;  
 Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;  
 Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;  
 Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;  
 Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;  
 Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;  
 Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;  
 Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;  
 Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;  
 Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;  
 Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;  
 Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;  
 Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;  
 Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;  
 Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;  
 Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;  
 Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;  
 Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;  
 Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;  
 Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;  
 Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;  
 Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;  
 Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;  
 Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;  
 Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
 Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
 Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
 Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
 Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 14        ELK**

**19.31.14.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.14.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in elk management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.14.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.14.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.14.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.14.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and basic regulation, rules, and procedures governing the issuance of special elk permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.14.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.        “A” or “antlerless elk” shall mean any one elk without antlers.
- B.        “APRE/6” shall mean any antler point restricted bull elk with a minimum of six visible antler points on one side, a brow tine or eye guard constitutes a point, a burr at the base does not.
- C.        “Arrows” shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- D.        “Baiting” shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take elk.
- E.        “Bow” shall mean compound, recurve or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- F.        “Core occupied elk range” or “COER” shall mean the portion of land within the boundaries of a game management unit (GMU) that is designated by the department as containing the majority of routine and substantial elk use. This shall be the area on which elk management goals and subsequent harvest objectives are based.
- G.        “Crossbow” shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- H.        “Department” shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- I.        “Director” shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- J.        “Elk” as used herein, shall mean any wild cervid of the genus Cervus.
- K.        “Elk enhancement program” and “special elk permits” as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than two permits for the taking of one bull elk per permit with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit elk.
- L.        “Elk harvest success rate” will mean the success rate of elk hunters who hunted pursuant to licenses issued through the conversion of private land authorizations and public draw licenses in each game management unit as determined by hunter harvest surveys.
- M.        “Elk region” shall mean a portion of the state designated by the department to administer elk management activities. An elk region describes an assemblage of one or more herd units and encompasses one or more GMUs.
- N.        “Entry permit” shall entitle the holder of a valid official license to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.



- O.** “ES” or “either sex” shall mean any one elk.
- P.** “Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- Q.** “High demand hunt” is hereby defined as a special draw hunt where the total number of non-resident applicants for an elk hunt exceeds twenty-two percent of the total applicants based on data for the two immediately preceding years.
- R.** “License” shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting elk in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- S.** “License year” shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- T.** “MB” or “mature bull” shall mean a male elk with at least one brow tine extending six or more inches from the main beam or at least one forked antler with both branches six or more inches long.
- U.** “Mentor/youth only hunts” or “M/Y” shall be limited to one adult (18 years and older) and up to three youth (under 18 years as of opening day of the hunt) hunters. Youth applicants for any mentor/youth only firearm hunts must provide their hunter education certificate number on application.
- U.V.** “Modern firearms” shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.
- V.W.** “Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms” shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.
- W.X.** “Private land authorization certificate” shall mean the document generated by the department and issued to a private landowner that authorizes the holder to purchase a specified license to hunt elk.
- X.Y.** “Quality hunt” is hereby defined as a hunt designed to provide a hunter with an opportunity to achieve one or more of the following: a pleasurable experience based on timing and length of hunt season, lower hunter density, and an increased opportunity for success.
- Y.Z.** “TBD” or “to be determined” shall mean the details of a hunt will be provided to the hunter as designated by the director.
- Z.AA.** “Unlimited” shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.
- AA.BB.** “Valles Caldera national preserve (VCNP)” shall mean the hunt area within game management sub-unit 6B known as the Valles Caldera national preserve.
- BB.CC.** “Web sale” shall refer to accessing the department’s internet address to initiate the process to purchase specific elk hunting licenses as designated by the director annually.
- CC.DD.** “Wildlife management area” or “WMA” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.
- DD.** ~~“Mentor/youth only hunts” or “M/Y” shall be limited to one adult (18 years and older) and up to three youth (under 18 years as of opening day of the hunt) hunters. Youth applicants for any mentor/youth only firearm hunts must provide their hunter education certificate number on application.~~

**19.31.14.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND HARVEST LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, or authorization certificates, up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs (exception: GMU 34, elk licenses and authorizations may be adjusted beyond this amount as necessary to meet management objectives). This adjustment may be applied to any or all permits, authorizations, licenses for elk in a specific GMU or designated area.

[19.31.14.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.9 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. One elk permit or license per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license to hunt elk during the current license year unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.
- B. Validity of license or permit:** All elk permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt information printed on the permit or license. In GMUs 4, 5A, 46, 55A, and 55B private land “ranch only” elk

licenses shall be valid on other private lands within the GMU only if accompanied by written permission from the landowner or designee.

**C. Valle Vidal elk once-in-a-lifetime hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a license to hunt bull elk on the Valle Vidal (as described in 19.30.4.10 NMAC) if he or she has ever held a license allowing them to take a bull elk on the Valle Vidal since 1983 except persons that have held a youth-only license may apply for non-youth only licenses as long as they are eligible. This restriction applies to all licenses valid for a bag limit that allows the harvest of an antlered bull elk. It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a license to hunt antlerless elk on the Valle Vidal if he or she has ever held a Valle Vidal elk license valid for a bag limit of antlerless since 1983 except persons that have held a youth-only antlerless license may apply for non-youth only antlerless licenses as long as they are eligible. Either sex (ES) or mature bull/antlerless (MB/A) shall not be considered as an "antlerless" license for this restriction. Persons who have held a Valle Vidal elk license through any incentive program are exempt from this restriction.

**D. Mobility impaired (MI) elk hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a mobility impaired elk license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**E. Youth only (YO) elk hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) elk license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

[19.31.14.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.10 ELK MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Hunt season and hours:** Elk may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one elk during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize any elk carcasses that are improperly notched.

**D. Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of an elk without proof of sex. The antlers of any bull elk taken shall remain attached to the skull plate until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage. The scalp and both ears of female or immature male shall accompany the carcass in the same manner.

**E. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt elk, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead elk. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the GMU they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.

**F. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any elk by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**G. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any elk.

**H. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electronically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any elk.

**I. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any elk out of elk hunting season.

**J. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take elk by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking elk.

**K. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or use arrows driven by explosives.

**L. Legal sporting weapon types for elk** are as follows: any center-fire rifle of .24 caliber or larger; any center-fire handgun of .24 caliber or larger; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles not smaller than .45 caliber; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**M. Areas closed to elk hunting.** The following areas shall remain closed to elk hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite canyon state park; portion of the Wild Rivers recreation area: an area bounded on the north by the power line from Bear Crossing to Red River hatchery, south along the Red River to the confluence of the Rio Grande, and north along the Rio Grande to the power lines at Bear Crossing is closed to all hunting; Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas; and the Valle Vidal area. The Cerro portion of GMU 53 is closed to hunting with modern firearms or muzzleloading firearms.

[19.31.14.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.11 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE CONTROL - ELK:** The director has the authority to designate possession criteria to any elk hunter where chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a concern. It shall be unlawful to transport dead elk, or their parts, taken from any GMU or area identified by the director in which the presence of, or possibility of, exposure to chronic wasting disease has been identified to any location outside that GMU except for the following parts of elk:

- A. meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately);
- B. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- C. meat that has been boned out;
- D. hides with no heads attached;
- E. clean skull plates with antlers attached; clean is defined as having been immersed in a bath of at least one part chlorine bleach and two parts water with no meat or tissue attached;
- F. antlers with no meat or tissue attached;
- G. upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers," "whistlers," or "ivories"; or
- H. finished taxidermied heads.

[19.31.14.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.12 QUALITY ELK HUNTS:** Quality hunts for elk are as follows:

- A. all Valle Vidal and Greenwood area hunts;
- B. first three mature bull hunts and both bow hunts on the Sargent WMA as follows: ELK-1-141, ELK-1-142, ELK-1-143, ELK-2-139 and ELK-2-140;
- C. any elk hunt in GMUs 13, 15, 16 and 17, including all sub-units, except antlerless or youth only hunts, that are closest to the rut period of September 15 to October 15 for each weapon type as follows: ELK-2-222, ELK-3-224, ELK-2-230, ELK-3-232, ELK-2-238, ELK-1-240, ELK-2-245, ELK-1-246, ELK-2-249, ELK-1-251, ELK-2-256, ELK-1-258, ELK-2-263, ELK-3-265, ELK-1-266, ELK-2-270, and ELK-3-272;
- D. the mobility impaired elk hunts in GMUs 16A and 16D as follows: ELK-1-239 and ELK-1-257;
- E. all GMU 6B Valles Caldera national preserve hunts that allow the hunter to take an antlered bull;
- F. quality hunt fees in Subsections C and D above shall apply to the conversion of any mature bull or either sex, except youth only, private land authorizations that include any hunt dates from September 15 through October 15 for private lands that lie within the COER, but not to private lands outside COER areas.

[19.31.14.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.13 SPECIAL ELK HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**A. Elk enhancement program:**

(1) **Program description:** The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special bull elk permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit elk and for direct costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the preservation, restoration, utilization, and management of elk.

(2) **Requirements for issuance of special elk permits:**

(a) The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than two special elk permits in any one license year to take one bull elk per permit. The director shall allow the sale of one permit through auction to the highest bidder and one permit to a person selected through a random drawing of a lottery ticket by the department or an incorporated, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of elk.

(b) Proposals for auctioning one special elk permit and the sale of lottery tickets to obtain one special elk permit through a random drawing shall be submitted to the director of the department prior to January 31, preceding the license year when the permit may be legally used.

(c) The proposals for auctioning one permit, and for the sale of lottery tickets and subsequent selection of a recipient for a second permit through a random draw shall each contain and identify: (i) the name of the organization making the request as well as the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those members of the organization who are coordinating the proposal; (ii) the estimated amount of money to be raised and the rationale for that estimate; and (iii) a copy of the organization's articles of incorporation with a letter attesting that the organization has tax-exempt status. The letter must also affirm that the proponent agrees to the conditions set forth by the director of the department. The letter must be signed and dated by the president and secretary-treasurer, or their equivalents.

(d) The director of the department shall examine all proposals following the close of the application period. The director may reject any application which does not conform with the requirements of this section. In selecting a marketing organization, the director shall consider the qualifications of the organization as a fund raiser; the proposed fund raising plan; the fee charged by the marketing organization for promotional and administrative costs, relative to the funds obtained from auctioning the permit; and the organization's previous involvement with elk management and its conservation objectives. The director may accept any proposals when it is in the best interest of elk to do so.

(e) After a proposal has been approved, the state game commission shall establish open season dates, open areas, and license requirements.

(f) The marketing organization must agree in writing to the following: (i) to transfer all proceeds on or before the tenth day of the month following the auction and drawing for the lottery, and (ii) to provide the department with the names, addresses, and the physical descriptions of the individuals to whom the special elk permits are issued.

(g) The department and the marketing organization must agree to the arrangements for the deposit of the proceeds, payment for services rendered, the accounting procedures, and final audit.

(h) Unless his or her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to submit a bid for the special elk auction permit or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special elk lottery permit.

(i) The special elk permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.

(j) Special elk permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' permits.

(3) **Enhancement hunts:** Elk enhancement licenses shall be valid from September 1 through January 31 for any legal sporting arms. These licenses shall be valid statewide where hunting is allowed. Bag limit shall be one bull elk. The hunt code shall be ELK-1-500. The authorization to obtain an elk enhancement license may be used either by the applicant or any individual. The authorization may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift.

**B. Elk incentive programs:** The director may annually allow up to two elk authorizations to be issued for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates to purchase an incentive license may be used either by the applicant or any individual. The authorization may be transferred through sale, barter or gift. Elk incentive hunts shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the director.

**C. Unique late season archery bow bull elk hunts:** Late season bow-only elk hunts. These hunts will be administered by the department through an internet registration process, web sale, rather than the random draw process. The open GMUs, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
12	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-2-533	25	APRE/6
34	12/19-12/23	12/17-12/21	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	ELK-2-534	200	APRE/6
37	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-2-535	50	APRE/6

**D. Youth encouragement hunts:**

(1) Only youth hunters as defined by 19.31.3.11 NMAC that successfully fulfilled all application requirements and responsibilities for draw hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, oryx, or bighorn sheep in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing any licenses will be eligible to apply for licenses for these hunts for 14 days subsequent to the original posting of availability of these hunts on the department website. Licenses remaining after the first 14 days of availability shall be available to any youth hunters as defined by 19.31.3.11 NMAC and eligible to purchase an elk license.

(2) The director, with concurrence of the chairman of the state game commission, may adjust the number of licenses available in all youth encouragement hunts listed below based on changes in population levels, harvest rates, habitat availability, or increases in unlawful hunting activities resulting from these hunts.

(3) These hunts will be administered by the department through an internet registration process, web sale, rather than the random draw process. The open GMUs, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
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5B	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-501	20	A
6A	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-502	50	A
6A	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-503	50	A
6C	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-504	50	A
6C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-505	50	A
9	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-3-506	30	A
9	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-507	30	A
10	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-508	35	A
13	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-3-509	60	A
13	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-510	60	A
15	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-3-511	75	A
15	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-512	75	A
16A	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-513	75	A
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16C	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-515	75	A
16C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-516	75	A
16D	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-517	75	A
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51	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-529	75	A
52	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-530	50	A
53	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-531	60	A
53	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-532	60	A

**E. Premium hunt opportunity:** One premium elk hunt will be issued each license year through the draw. The hunt area will be statewide on any public land open to hunting, including wildlife management areas and private land with written permission.

open GMUs or areas	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide	9/1/2017-1/31/2018	9/1/2018-1/31/2019	ELK-1-700	1	MB

[19.31.14.13 NMAC 4-1-15; A, 1-17-17]

**19.31.14.14 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

- A.** The director or his/her designee may authorize population management hunts for elk when justified in writing by department personnel.
- B.** The director or his/her designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses or permits. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one elk per license year.
- C.** Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.
- D.** Applications for licenses may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.
- E.** In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.
- F.** In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the

department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department. [19.31.14.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.14 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.15 ELK HUNTS IN COER GMUs:** This section lists elk management information and subsequent hunting opportunities for GMUs in elk regions where a COER has been established. The listed information includes regional elk population information, management goals, harvest objectives, total number of hunting opportunities, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, bag limits, legal weapons, number of licenses available in the public draw and the number and type of authorization certificates available for private lands within the COER of each GMU. Hunt codes for elk hunts allowing the “any legal weapon” type shall be designated ELK-1, hunt codes for elk hunts allowing the “bow only” weapon type shall be designated as ELK-2, hunt codes for elk hunts allowing the “muzzle loading rifles, crossbow or bow” weapon type shall be designated as ELK-3. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certification number on the application. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application. Proof of this service is required. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts.

**A. Elk management goals:**

**(1) Quality hunt management (QHM):**

(a) Elk harvest in regional populations, herd units or GMUs within a region results in the trend of annual bull mortality rates to be below thirty-five percent.

(b) Seasons should be designed to ensure timing and length of hunts are desirable.

(c) At least two-thirds of all hunters are “satisfied” with the experience.

**(2) Optimal opportunity management (OOM):**

(a) Elk harvest in regional populations, herd units or GMUs within a region results in the trend of annual bull mortality rates to be below forty-five percent and harvest near optimal sustainable yield.

(b) Season structure should be designed to ensure timing and length of hunts provides significant amount of opportunity.

(c) At least one-third of all hunters are “satisfied” with the experience.

**B. Northwest region: GMUs 2, 5A, 9 and 10.**

(1) Quality hunt management within COER area in GMU 2.

(2) Optimal opportunity management within COER areas in GMUs 5A, 9 and 10.

(3) Foundational resource information for the northwest region is indicated below.

northwest region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
San Juan (GMU 2)	1359-1865	37:100:39	92-155	122-167
Lindrieth (GMU 5A)	1912-2408	34:100:36	123-191	164-207
Mt. Taylor (GMU 9)	3500-4500	37:100:12	86-127	143-147
Zuni (GMU 10)	1008-1758	27:100:38	71-152	94-164

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB or ES-1 or ES-3	A	ES bow only	total licenses
2	QHM	235	177	282	694
5A	OOM	250	250	65	565
9	OOM	356	373	500	1229
10	OOM	206	324	368	898
Total		1047	1124	1215	3386

(4) Public land elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMU or area, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-100	120	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-101	120	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-102	125	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-103	75	MB

	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-104	100	A
2 YO	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-105	50	A
5A public land only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-106	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-107	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-108	10	MB
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-109	10	A
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-110	10	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-111	10	A
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-112	10	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-113	10	A
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-114	10	MB
10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-115	10	A	
9 Marquez WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-116	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-117	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-118	5	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-119	5	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-120	5	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-3-121	5	A
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-3-122	5	A
11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-123	5	A	
9 including Water canyon WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-124	160	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-125	160	ES
9 including Water canyon WMA, MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-126	40	ES
9 including Water canyon WMA	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-127	70	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-128	70	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-3-129	40	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-3-130	80	A
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-131	80	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-3-132	79	A
10	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-133	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-134	125	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-135	70	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-136	70	MB
10 YO	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-137	120	A
10	12/19-12/23	12/17-12/21	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	ELK-1-138	100	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits, and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB or ES-1 or ES-3	A	ES bow only	total
2	35	27	42	104
5A	210	210	55	475
9	121	119	170	410
10	66	104	118	288
Total	432	460	385	1277

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates, and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired hunters" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	2, 5A, 9, 10	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14

		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows and bows	2, 10	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
	9, MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10
	9	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17 - 12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	9 Antlerless Only	any 5 consecutive days, 11/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 11/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 11/4-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 11/3-12/31
any legal sporting arms	2, 10	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	5A	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31

C. North central region: COER areas of GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52.

- (1) Optimal opportunity management within COER areas in GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52.
- (2) Foundational resource information for the north central region shall be as indicated below.

north central region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Chama-San Antonio (GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51, and 52)	22928-24683	37:100:35	1423-1758	1890-2034

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total licenses
4	OOM	1060	645	475	2180
5B	OOM	367	188	160	715
50	OOM	331	117	156	604
51	OOM	970	909	434	2313
52	OOM	685	406	500	1591
Total		3413	2265	1725	7403

(3) Public land elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMU or area, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
4:Sargent WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-139	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-140	10	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-141	10	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-142	10	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-143	10	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-144	10	MB
4:Sargent WMA, YO	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-145	10	A
4:Sargent WMA, YO	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-146	10	A
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-147	10	ES
4:Humphries WMA only	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-148	10	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-149	15	MB
4:Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-150	15	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-151	10	A
4:Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, YO	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-152	15	A
5B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-153	75	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-154	75	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-155	86	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-156	59	A



	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-157	86	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-158	59	A
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-159	86	MB
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-160	59	A
	12/12-12/16	12/17-12/21	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	ELK-1-161	87	MB
50	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-162	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-163	55	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-164	120	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-165	41	A
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-166	123	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-167	45	A
51	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-168	180	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-169	180	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-170	220	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-171	220	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-172	220	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-173	251	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-174	251	A
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-175	252	A
52	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-177	230	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-178	230	ES
52 MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-179	50	MB
52	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-180	120	MB
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-181	50	A
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-182	230	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-183	230	MB
52 YO	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-184	80	A
52 MI	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-185	56	A
52	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-186	70	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-187	115	A

(4) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	Total
4	990	600	435	2025
5B	22	11	10	43
50	88	31	41	160
51	165	155	74	394
52	55	33	40	128
Total	1320	830	600	2750

(5) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired hunters" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	4, 5B, 50, 51, 52	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles,	52	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31

crossbows and bows					
any legal sporting arms	4	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31
	5B, 50, 51	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
	52	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31

**D. Jemez region: COER areas of GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C and 7.**

- (1) Quality hunt management goals for GMU 6A and 6B.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management within COER areas in GMU 6C and 7.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the Jemez region shall be as indicated below.

Jemez region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
Jemez herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C, and 7	6702-7084	42:100:33	385-407	512-541

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB	A	ES	total licenses
6A	QHM	361	117	297	775
6B	QHM	50	155	40	245
6C	OOM	429	259	300	988
7	OOM	68	62	36	166
Total		908	593	673	2174

- (4) Public land elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMU or area, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
6A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-188	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-189	100	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-190	104	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-191	100	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-192	100	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-193	99	A
6B:VCNP		9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-194	20	ES
6B:VCNP		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-195	20	ES
6B:VCNP		10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-196	15	MB
6B:VCNP		10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-197	15	MB
6B:VCNP		10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-198	20	MB
6B:VCNP MI		10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-199	15	A
6B:VCNP		11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-200	35	A
6B:VCNP		11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-201	35	A
6B:VCNP YO		11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-202	35	A
6B:VCNP		12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-203	35	A
6C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-209	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-210	108	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-211	155	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-212	109	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-213	109	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-214	110	A
	11/21-11/25	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-215	115	A
7	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-216	15	ES

	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-217	15	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-218	25	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-219	30	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-220	50	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	bull	antlerless	ES	total
6A	57	18	47	122
6C	56	34	39	129
7	13	12	6	31
Total	126	64	92	282

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired hunters" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	6A, 6C, 7	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows & bows	6A, 6C, 7	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
any legal weapon	6A, 6C, 7	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31

E. Southwest region:

(1) Quality hunt management for COER areas of GMUs 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E and 17.

(2) Optimal opportunity management for COER areas of GMUs 21A, 21B 23 and 24.

(3) Foundational resource information for the southwest region shall be as indicated below.

southwest region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Datil (GMU 13)	2939-3313	41:100:40	198-275	263-297
greater Gila (GMUs 15, 16A-E)	20693-21923	37:100:36	1313-1711	1744-1848
lesser Gila (GMUs 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24)	1046-4258	33:100:30	59-294	78-317
San Mateo (GMU 17)	2066-2155	48:100:40	131-168	175-182

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			total licenses
		MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	
13	QHM	583	370	556	1509
15	QHM	923	641	769	2333
16A	QHM	232	155	412	799
16B/22	QHM	323	0	394	717
16C	QHM	200	118	294	612
16D	QHM	148	114	171	433
16E	QHM	239	217	217	673
totals (13, 15, 16A-E)		2648	1615	2813	7076
17	QHM	291	262	233	786
21A	OOM	102	31	102	235

21B	OOM	94	118	94	306
23	OOM	180	21	206	407
24	OOM	39	5	28	72
totals (17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24)		706	437	663	1806
southwest region total		3354	2052	3476	8882

(4) Public land elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits, and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
13	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-221	175	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-222	125	ES
13 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-223	25	ES
13	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-224	75	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-225	115	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-226	100	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-3-227	100	A
15	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-3-228	100	A
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-229	350	ES
15	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-230	250	ES
	15 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-231	25
15	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-232	200	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-233	245	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-234	250	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-3-235	250	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-3-236	250	A
16A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-237	250	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-238	150	ES
16A MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-239	25	MB
16A	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-240	75	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-241	125	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-242	75	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-243	75	A
16B/22	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-244	225	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-245	165	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-246	160	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-247	160	MB
16C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-248	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-249	100	ES
16C YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-250	25	ES
16C	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-251	50	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-252	95	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-253	50	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-254	50	A
16D	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-255	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-256	60	ES
16D MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-257	25	MB
16D	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-258	55	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-259	50	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-260	50	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-261	50	A
16E	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-262	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-263	60	ES

16E YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-264	25	ES
16E	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-265	70	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-266	70	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-267	75	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-268	75	A
17	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-269	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-270	75	ES
17 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-271	25	ES
17	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-272	100	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-273	100	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-274	25	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-275	25	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-3-276	100	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-3-277	100	A
21A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-278	50	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-279	50	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-280	50	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-281	50	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-282	30	A
21B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-283	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-284	25	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-285	25	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-286	25	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-287	15	A
	12/19-12/23	12/17-12/21	12/16-11/20	12/15-12/19	ELK-1-288	20	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-289	15	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-290	15	A
23	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-291	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-292	75	ES
23 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-293	25	ES
23	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-294	75	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-295	75	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-296	20	A
24-excluding Ft. Bayard management area	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-297	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-298	10	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-299	15	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-300	15	MB
24: including Ft. Bayard management area, YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-301	5	ES
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-302	5	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total
13	268	170	256	694
15	203	141	169	513
16A	7	5	12	24
16B	3	0	4	7
16C	35	20	51	106
16D	18	14	21	53
16E	74	67	67	208

17	41	37	33	111
21A	2	1	2	5
21B	44	53	44	141
23	5	1	6	12
24	4	0	3	7
Total	704	509	668	1885

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility impaired hunters” or “youth only” hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows and bows	13, 15, 16E, 17, 23, 24	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	YO: 13, 15, 17	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
muzzle loading rifles only with approval of director or designee and state game commission chairman	13: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31
any legal sporting arms	16E, 23, 24	any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/22-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/20-12/31
	16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 21A, 21B	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	YO: 16C, 16E, 23, 24	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10
	MI: 16A, 16D	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10

F. South central region: GMUs 34 and 36.

- (1) Quality hunt management for GMU 36.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management goals for GMU 34.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the south central region shall be as indicated

below.

southeast region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Sacramento (GMU 34)	6010-6262	49:100:46	432-554	574-598
Ruidoso (GMU 36)	4654-4816	58:100:43	335-426	445-460

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total licenses

34	OOM	603	975	460	2038
36	QHM	507	278	320	1105
Total		1110	1253	780	3143

(4) Public land elk hunts listing the hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
34	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-303	200	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-304	200	ES
34 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-305	75	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-306	100	A
34 MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-307	50	ES
34	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-308	250	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-309	150	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-310	250	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-311	250	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-312	250	A
36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-313	130	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-314	111	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-315	135	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-316	123	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-317	124	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-318	105	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-319	105	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total
34	78	124	60	262
36	125	69	79	273
Total	203	193	139	535

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired hunters" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	34, 36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
any legal sporting arms	YO & MI: 34	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows and bows	34	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	36	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
any legal sporting arms	34	any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/22-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/20-12/31
	36	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
rifles only with approval of the	36 : antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31

director or his/her designee and state game commission chairman					
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**G. Northeast region:**

- (1) Quality hunt management for COER areas of GMU 45.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management goals for COER areas of GMUs 48, 49 and 53.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the northeast region shall be as indicated below.

northeast region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Pecos (GMU 45)	1665-2553	27:100:27	89-168	118-181
Whites peak (GMU 48)	998-1790	32:100:44	79-168	101-181
Penasco (GMU 49)	1257-1545	28:100:30	73-110	97-119
Ute-Midnight-San Cristobal (GMU 53)	1254-2291	40:100:32	71-160	94-173

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total licenses
45	QHM	457	54	163	674
48	OOM	286	170	304	760
49	OOM	161	162	125	448
53	OOM	362	317	174	853
Total		1266	703	766	2735

- (4) Public land elk hunts listing the hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
45	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-320	75	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-321	75	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-322	140	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-323	140	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-324	140	MB
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-3-325	50	A
48	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-326	92	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-327	92	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-328	80	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-329	60	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-330	50	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-331	33	MB
49	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-332	53	A
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-333	61	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-2-334	60	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-335	80	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-336	76	MB
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-337	80	A
53	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-1-338	77	A
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-339	60	ES
53 (exc. Cerro portion)	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-340	60	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-341	50	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-342	75	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-343	125	MB



	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-344	90	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-345	90	A
53 (North of Sunshine Valley road)	1/2-1/17	1/7-1/22	1/6-1/21	1/5-1/20	ELK-1-346	40	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs and areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	Total
45	37	4	13	54
48	113	67	120	300
49	5	5	4	14
53	112	97	54	263
Total	267	173	191	631

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during "mobility impaired" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	45, 48, 49, 53	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows and bows	45, 48, 53	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
any legal sporting arms	45, 53	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	49	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
	48	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
rifles only with approval of director or designee and state game commission chairman	48: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31

[19.31.14.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.15 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.16 ELK HUNTS WHERE NO COER IS ESTABLISHED:** This section lists public draw elk hunts in GMUs with no established COER. The list includes eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, weapon types, number of available licenses and bag limits. Hunt codes for elk hunts for "any legal weapon" hunts shall be designated ELK-1, hunt codes for elk hunts allowing the "bow only" weapon type shall be designated as ELK-2, elk hunt codes for elk hunts allowing "muzzle loading rifles, crossbow or bow" shall be designated as ELK-3. Youth hunters must provide hunter education certification number on application. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application. Proof of this service is required. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts.

**A. Public lands in GMUs with no established core occupied elk range:**

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
12	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-347	15	ES

	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-348	15	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-349	20	MB
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-350	20	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-351	20	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-20/24	ELK-1-352	20	A
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-353	20	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-354	20	A
18	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-355	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-356	25	ES
28 McGregor range, military only	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-357	10	ES
28 McGregor range	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-358	10	ES
30	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-359	20	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-360	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-361	10	ES
37	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-362	40	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-363	30	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-364	30	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-365	30	MB
	11/28-12/2	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-366	45	A
38	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-367	15	ES
43	9/27-10/4	9/27-10/4	9/27-10/4	9/27-10/4	ELK-1-368	30	ES
54: Colin Neblett WMA/south	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-369	20	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-370	20	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-371	20	MB
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-372	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-373	10	ES
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-374	20	A
55: Colin Neblett WMA/north	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-375	20	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-376	20	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-377	20	MB
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-378	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-379	10	ES
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-380	20	A
55 ES Barker WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-381	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-382	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-383	10	MB
55: Urraca WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-384	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-385	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-386	10	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-387	10	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-388	10	MB
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-389	15	A
	11/28-12/2	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-390	15	A
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-391	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-392	25	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-393	40	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-394	20	MB
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas, YO	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-395	20	MB

55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-396	35	MB
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas, YO	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-397	35	A
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-398	15	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-399	70	A
56	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-400	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-401	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-402	10	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-403	10	A
57: Sugarite canyon state park	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-404	3	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-405	2	ES
57/58	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-406	10	MB
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-407	10	A

**B. Private land-only elk hunting:** For private lands that are not within core occupied elk range or private lands that lie within GMUs with no designated core occupied elk range, the department may work with interested landowners to develop appropriate bag limits, weapon types, season dates and authorization numbers for private land hunting needed to achieve the proper harvest within the exterior boundaries of participating ranches. [19.31.14.16 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.16 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.14 NMAC:**

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- Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;
- Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;
- Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;
- Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;
- Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;
- Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;
- Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;
- Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;
- Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;
- Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;
- Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;
- Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;
- Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;
- Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;
- Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;
- Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;
- Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;
- Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;  
 Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;  
 Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;  
 Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
 Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
 Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
 Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
 Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
 Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
 Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
 Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
 Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
 Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
 Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
 Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
 Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
 Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
 Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
 Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;  
 Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

**History of Repealed Material:**

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.  
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19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 2-16-2015 - Repealed 3-31-2016.

**TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 14 ELK**

**19.31.14.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.14.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.2 SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in elk management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.14.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.14.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.4 DURATION:** April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.14.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.14.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.6 OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and basic regulation, rules, and procedures governing the issuance of special elk permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.14.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.7 DEFINITIONS:**

- A. "A" or "antlerless elk"** shall mean any one elk without antlers.
- B. "APRE/6"** shall mean any antler point restricted bull elk with a minimum of six visible antler points on one side, a brow tine or eye guard constitutes a point, a burr at the base does not.
- C. "Arrows"** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- D. "Baiting"** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take elk.
- E. "Bow"** shall mean compound, recurve or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- F. "Core occupied elk range" or "COER"** shall mean the portion of land within the boundaries of a game management unit (GMU) that is designated by the department as containing the majority of routine and substantial elk use. This shall be the area on which elk management goals and subsequent harvest objectives are based.
- G. "Crossbow"** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- H. "Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- I. "Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- J. "Elk"** as used herein, shall mean any wild cervid of the genus Cervus.
- K. "Elk enhancement program" and "special elk permits"** as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than two permits for the taking of one bull elk per permit with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit elk.
- L. "Elk harvest success rate"** will mean the success rate of elk hunters who hunted pursuant to licenses issued through the conversion of private land authorizations and public draw licenses in each game management unit as determined by hunter harvest surveys.
- M. "Elk region"** shall mean a portion of the state designated by the department to administer elk management activities. An elk region describes an assemblage of one or more herd units and encompasses one or more GMUs.
- N. "Entry permit"** shall entitle the holder of a valid official license to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.

- O. “ES” or “either sex” shall mean any one elk.
- P. “Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- Q. “High demand hunt” is hereby defined as a special draw hunt where the total number of non-resident applicants for an elk hunt exceeds twenty-two percent of the total applicants based on data for the two immediately preceding years.
- R. “License” shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting elk in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- S. “License year” shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- T. “MB” or “mature bull” shall mean a male elk with at least one brow tine extending six or more inches from the main beam or at least one forked antler with both branches six or more inches long.
- U. “Mentor/youth only hunts” or “M/Y” shall be limited to one adult (18 years and older) and up to three youth (under 18 years as of opening day of the hunt) hunters. Youth applicants for any mentor/youth only firearm hunts must provide their hunter education certificate number on application.
- V. “Modern firearms” shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.
- W. “Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms” shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.
- X. “Private land authorization certificate” shall mean the document generated by the department and issued to a private landowner that authorizes the holder to purchase a specified license to hunt elk.
- Y. “Quality hunt” is hereby defined as a hunt designed to provide a hunter with an opportunity to achieve one or more of the following: a pleasurable experience based on timing and length of hunt season, lower hunter density, and an increased opportunity for success.
- Z. “TBD” or “to be determined” shall mean the details of a hunt will be provided to the hunter as designated by the director.
- AA. “Unlimited” shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.
- BB. “Valles Caldera national preserve (VCNP)” shall mean the hunt area within game management sub-unit 6B known as the Valles Caldera national preserve.
- CC. “Web sale” shall refer to accessing the department’s internet address to initiate the process to purchase specific elk hunting licenses as designated by the director annually.
- DD. “Wildlife management area” or “WMA” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.14.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND HARVEST LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, or authorization certificates, up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs (exception: GMU 34, elk licenses and authorizations may be adjusted beyond this amount as necessary to meet management objectives). This adjustment may be applied to any or all permits, authorizations, licenses for elk in a specific GMU or designated area.  
[19.31.14.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.9 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. **One elk permit or license per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license to hunt elk during the current license year unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.
- B. **Validity of license or permit:** All elk permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt information printed on the permit or license. In GMUs 4, 5A, 46, 55A, and 55B private land “ranch only” elk licenses shall be valid on other private lands within the GMU only if accompanied by written permission from the landowner or designee.
- C. **Valle Vidal elk once-in-a-lifetime hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a license to hunt bull elk on the Valle Vidal (as described in 19.30.4.10 NMAC) if he or she has ever held a license allowing

them to take a bull elk on the Valle Vidal since 1983 except persons that have held a youth-only license may apply for non-youth only licenses as long as they are eligible. This restriction applies to all licenses valid for a bag limit that allows the harvest of an antlered bull elk. It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a license to hunt antlerless elk on the Valle Vidal if he or she has ever held a Valle Vidal elk license valid for a bag limit of antlerless since 1983 except persons that have held a youth-only antlerless license may apply for non-youth only antlerless licenses as long as they are eligible. Either sex (ES) or mature bull/antlerless (MB/A) shall not be considered as an "antlerless" license for this restriction. Persons who have held a Valle Vidal elk license through any incentive program are exempt from this restriction.

**D. Mobility impaired (MI) elk hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a mobility impaired elk license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**E. Youth only (YO) elk hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) elk license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

[19.31.14.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.14.10 ELK MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Hunt season and hours:** Elk may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one elk during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize any elk carcasses that are improperly notched.

**D. Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of an elk without proof of sex. The antlers of any bull elk taken shall remain attached to the skull plate until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage. The scalp and both ears of female or immature male shall accompany the carcass in the same manner.

**E. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt elk, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead elk. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the GMU they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.

**F. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any elk by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**G. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any elk.

**H. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electronically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any elk.

**I. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any elk out of elk hunting season.

**J. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take elk by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking elk.

**K. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or use arrows driven by explosives.

**L. Legal sporting weapon types for elk** are as follows: any center-fire rifle of .24 caliber or larger; any center-fire handgun of .24 caliber or larger; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles not smaller than .45 caliber; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**M. Areas closed to elk hunting.** The following areas shall remain closed to elk hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite canyon state park; portion of the Wild Rivers recreation area: an area bounded on the north by the power line from Bear Crossing to Red River hatchery, south along the Red River to the confluence of the Rio Grande, and north along the Rio Grande to the power lines at Bear Crossing is closed to all hunting; Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas; and the Valle Vidal area. The Cerro portion of GMU 53 is closed to hunting with modern firearms or muzzleloading firearms.

[19.31.14.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.11 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE CONTROL - ELK:** The director has the authority to designate possession criteria to any elk hunter where chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a concern. It shall be unlawful to transport dead elk, or their parts, taken from any GMU or area identified by the director in which the presence of, or possibility of, exposure to chronic wasting disease has been identified to any location outside that GMU except for the following parts of elk:



- A. meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately);
- B. quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- C. meat that has been boned out;
- D. hides with no heads attached;
- E. clean skull plates with antlers attached; clean is defined as having been immersed in a bath of at least one part chlorine bleach and two parts water with no meat or tissue attached;
- F. antlers with no meat or tissue attached;
- G. upper canine teeth, also known as “buglers,” “whistlers,” or “ivories”;
- H. finished taxidermied heads.

[19.31.14.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.12 QUALITY ELK HUNTS:** Quality hunts for elk are as follows:

- A. all Valle Vidal and Greenwood area hunts;
- B. first three mature bull hunts and both bow hunts on the Sargent WMA as follows: ELK-1-141, ELK-1-142, ELK-1-143, ELK-2-139 and ELK-2-140;
- C. any elk hunt in GMUs 13, 15, 16 and 17, including all sub-units, except antlerless or youth only hunts, that are closest to the rut period of September 15 to October 15 for each weapon type as follows: ELK-2-222, ELK-3-224, ELK-2-230, ELK-3-232, ELK-2-238, ELK-1-240, ELK-2-245, ELK-1-246, ELK-2-249, ELK-1-251, ELK-2-256, ELK-1-258, ELK-2-263, ELK-3-265, ELK-1-266, ELK-2-270, and ELK-3-272;
- D. the mobility impaired elk hunts in GMUs 16A and 16D as follows: ELK-1-239 and ELK-1-257;
- E. all GMU 6B Valles Caldera national preserve hunts that allow the hunter to take an antlered bull;
- F. quality hunt fees in Subsections C and D above shall apply to the conversion of any mature bull or either sex, except youth only, private land authorizations that include any hunt dates from September 15 through October 15 for private lands that lie within the COER, but not to private lands outside COER areas.

[19.31.14.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.13 SPECIAL ELK HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**A. Elk enhancement program:**

(1) **Program description:** The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special bull elk permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit elk and for direct costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the preservation, restoration, utilization, and management of elk.

(2) **Requirements for issuance of special elk permits:**

(a) The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than two special elk permits in any one license year to take one bull elk per permit. The director shall allow the sale of one permit through auction to the highest bidder and one permit to a person selected through a random drawing of a lottery ticket by the department or an incorporated, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of elk.

(b) Proposals for auctioning one special elk permit and the sale of lottery tickets to obtain one special elk permit through a random drawing shall be submitted to the director of the department prior to January 31, preceding the license year when the permit may be legally used.

(c) The proposals for auctioning one permit, and for the sale of lottery tickets and subsequent selection of a recipient for a second permit through a random draw shall each contain and identify: (i) the name of the organization making the request as well as the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those members of the organization who are coordinating the proposal; (ii) the estimated amount of money to be raised and the rationale for that estimate; and (iii) a copy of the organization’s articles of incorporation with a letter attesting that the organization has tax-exempt status. The letter must also affirm that the proponent agrees to the conditions set forth by the director of the department. The letter must be signed and dated by the president and secretary-treasurer, or their equivalents.

(d) The director of the department shall examine all proposals following the close of the application period. The director may reject any application which does not conform with the requirements of this section. In selecting a marketing organization, the director shall consider the qualifications of the organization as a fund raiser; the proposed fund raising plan; the fee charged by the marketing organization for promotional and administrative costs, relative to the funds obtained from auctioning the permit; and the organization’s previous

involvement with elk management and its conservation objectives. The director may accept any proposals when it is in the best interest of elk to do so.

(e) After a proposal has been approved, the state game commission shall establish open season dates, open areas, and license requirements.

(f) The marketing organization must agree in writing to the following: (i) to transfer all proceeds on or before the tenth day of the month following the auction and drawing for the lottery, and (ii) to provide the department with the names, addresses, and the physical descriptions of the individuals to whom the special elk permits are issued.

(g) The department and the marketing organization must agree to the arrangements for the deposit of the proceeds, payment for services rendered, the accounting procedures, and final audit.

(h) Unless his or her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to submit a bid for the special elk auction permit or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special elk lottery permit.

(i) The special elk permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.

(j) Special elk permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' permits.

(3) **Enhancement hunts:** Elk enhancement licenses shall be valid from September 1 through January 31 for any legal sporting arms. These licenses shall be valid statewide where hunting is allowed. Bag limit shall be one bull elk. The hunt code shall be ELK-1-500. The authorization to obtain an elk enhancement license may be used either by the applicant or any individual. The authorization may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift.

**B. Elk incentive programs:** The director may annually allow up to two elk authorizations to be issued for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates to purchase an incentive license may be used either by the applicant or any individual. The authorization may be transferred through sale, barter or gift. Elk incentive hunts shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the director.

**C. Unique late season bow bull elk hunts:** Late season bow-only elk hunts. These hunts will be administered by the department through an internet registration process, web sale, rather than the random draw process. The open GMUs, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
12	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-2-533	25	APRE/6
34	12/19-12/23	12/17-12/21	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	ELK-2-534	200	APRE/6
37	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-2-535	50	APRE/6

**D. Youth encouragement hunts:**

(1) Only youth hunters as defined by 19.31.3.11 NMAC that successfully fulfilled all application requirements and responsibilities for draw hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, oryx, or bighorn sheep in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing any licenses will be eligible to apply for licenses for these hunts for 14 days subsequent to the original posting of availability of these hunts on the department website. Licenses remaining after the first 14 days of availability shall be available to any youth hunters as defined by 19.31.3.11 NMAC and eligible to purchase an elk license.

(2) The director, with concurrence of the chairman of the state game commission, may adjust the number of licenses available in all youth encouragement hunts listed below based on changes in population levels, harvest rates, habitat availability, or increases in unlawful hunting activities resulting from these hunts.

(3) These hunts will be administered by the department through an internet registration process, web sale, rather than the random draw process. The open GMUs, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
5B	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-501	20	A
6A	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-502	50	A
6A	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-503	50	A
6C	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-504	50	A
6C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-505	50	A

9	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-3-506	30	A
9	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-507	30	A
10	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-508	35	A
13	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-3-509	60	A
13	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-510	60	A
15	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-3-511	75	A
15	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-512	75	A
16A	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-513	75	A
16A	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-514	75	A
16C	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-515	75	A
16C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-516	75	A
16D	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-517	75	A
16D	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-518	75	A
16E	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-519	75	A
16E	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-520	75	A
17	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-3-521	60	A
17	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-522	60	A
34	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-523	80	A
36	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-524	60	A
36	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-525	60	A
49	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-526	50	A
50	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-527	60	A
51	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-528	75	A
51	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-529	75	A
52	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-530	50	A
53	11/27-12/1	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	11/23-11/27	ELK-1-531	60	A
53	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-532	60	A

**E. Premium hunt opportunity:** One premium elk hunt will be issued each license year through the draw. The hunt area will be statewide on any public land open to hunting, including wildlife management areas and private land with written permission.

open GMUs or areas	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide	9/1/2017-1/31/2018	9/1/2018-1/31/2019	ELK-1-700	1	MB

[19.31.14.13 NMAC 4-1-15; A, 1-17-17]

**19.31.14.14 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

**A.** The director or his/her designee may authorize population management hunts for elk when justified in writing by department personnel.

**B.** The director or his/her designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses or permits. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one elk per license year.

**C.** Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

**D.** Applications for licenses may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

**E.** In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

**F.** In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.14.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.14 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.15 ELK HUNTS IN COER GMUs:** This section lists elk management information and subsequent hunting opportunities for GMUs in elk regions where a COER has been established. The listed information includes regional elk population information, management goals, harvest objectives, total number of hunting opportunities, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, bag limits, legal weapons, number of licenses available in the public draw and the number and type of authorization certificates available for private lands within the COER of each GMU. Hunt codes for elk hunts allowing the “any legal weapon” type shall be designated ELK-1, hunt codes for elk hunts allowing the “bow only” weapon type shall be designated as ELK-2, hunt codes for elk hunts allowing the “muzzle loading rifles, crossbow or bow” weapon type shall be designated as ELK-3. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certification number on the application. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application. Proof of this service is required. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts.

**A. Elk management goals:**

**(1) Quality hunt management (QHM):**

- (a) Elk harvest in regional populations, herd units or GMUs within a region results in the trend of annual bull mortality rates to be below thirty-five percent.
- (b) Seasons should be designed to ensure timing and length of hunts are desirable.
- (c) At least two-thirds of all hunters are “satisfied” with the experience.

**(2) Optimal opportunity management (OOM):**

- (a) Elk harvest in regional populations, herd units or GMUs within a region results in the trend of annual bull mortality rates to be below forty-five percent and harvest near optimal sustainable yield.
- (b) Season structure should be designed to ensure timing and length of hunts provides significant amount of opportunity.
- (c) At least one-third of all hunters are “satisfied” with the experience.

**B. Northwest region: GMUs 2, 5A, 9 and 10.**

- (1) Quality hunt management within COER area in GMU 2.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management within COER areas in GMUs 5A, 9 and 10.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the northwest region is indicated below.

northwest region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
San Juan (GMU 2)	1359-1865	37:100:39	92-155	122-167
Lindrieth (GMU 5A)	1912-2408	34:100:36	123-191	164-207
Mt. Taylor (GMU 9)	3500-4500	37:100:12	86-127	143-147
Zuni (GMU 10)	1008-1758	27:100:38	71-152	94-164

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB or ES-1 or ES-3	A	ES bow only	total licenses
2	QHM	235	177	282	694
5A	OOM	250	250	65	565
9	OOM	356	373	500	1229
10	OOM	206	324	368	898
Total		1047	1124	1215	3386

(4) Public land elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMU or area, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-100	120	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-101	120	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-102	125	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-103	75	MB
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-104	100	A
2 YO	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-105	50	A
5A public land only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-106	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-107	5	ES

	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-108	10	MB
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-109	10	A
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-110	10	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-111	10	A
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-112	10	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-113	10	A
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-114	10	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-115	10	A
9 Marquez WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-116	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-117	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-118	5	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-119	5	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-120	5	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-3-121	5	A
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-3-122	5	A
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-123	5	A
9 including Water canyon WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-124	160	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-125	160	ES
9 including Water canyon WMA, MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-126	40	ES
9 including Water canyon WMA	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-127	70	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-128	70	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-3-129	40	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-3-130	80	A
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-131	80	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-3-132	79	A
10	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-133	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-134	125	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-135	70	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-136	70	MB
10 YO	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-137	120	A
10	12/19-12/23	12/17-12/21	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	ELK-1-138	100	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits, and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB or ES-1 or ES-3	A	ES bow only	total
2	35	27	42	104
5A	210	210	55	475
9	121	119	170	410
10	66	104	118	288
Total	432	460	385	1277

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates, and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired hunters" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	2, 5A, 9, 10	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles,	2, 10	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
	9, MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10

crossbows and bows	9	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17 - 12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	9 Antlerless Only	any 5 consecutive days, 11/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 11/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 11/4-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 11/3-12/31
any legal sporting arms	2, 10	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	5A	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31

C. North central region: COER areas of GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52.

- (1) Optimal opportunity management within COER areas in GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52.
- (2) Foundational resource information for the north central region shall be as indicated below.

north central region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Chama-San Antonio (GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51, and 52)	22928-24683	37:100:35	1423-1758	1890-2034

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total licenses
4	OOM	1060	645	475	2180
5B	OOM	367	188	160	715
50	OOM	331	117	156	604
51	OOM	970	909	434	2313
52	OOM	685	406	500	1591
Total		3413	2265	1725	7403

(3) Public land elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMU or area, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
4:Sargent WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-139	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-140	10	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-141	10	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-142	10	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-143	10	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-144	10	MB
4:Sargent WMA, YO	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-145	10	A
4:Sargent WMA, YO	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-146	10	A
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-147	10	A
4:Humphries WMA only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-147	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-148	10	ES
4:Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-149	15	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-150	15	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-151	10	A
4:Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, YO	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-152	15	A
5B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-153	75	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-154	75	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-155	86	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-156	59	A
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-157	86	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-158	59	A
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-159	86	MB
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-160	59	A

	12/12-12/16	12/17-12/21	12/16-12/20	12/15-12/19	ELK-1-161	87	MB
50	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-162	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-163	55	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-164	120	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-165	41	A
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-166	123	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-167	45	A
51	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-168	180	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-169	180	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-170	220	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-171	220	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-172	220	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-173	251	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-174	251	A
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-175	252	A
52	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-3-176	145	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-177	230	ES
52 MI	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-178	230	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-179	50	MB
52	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-180	120	MB
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-181	50	A
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-182	230	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-183	230	MB
52 YO	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-184	80	A
52 MI	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-185	56	A
52	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-186	70	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-187	115	A

(4) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	Total
4	990	600	435	2025
5B	22	11	10	43
50	88	31	41	160
51	165	155	74	394
52	55	33	40	128
Total	1320	830	600	2750

(5) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired hunters" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	4, 5B, 50, 51, 52	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows and bows	52	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
any legal sporting	4	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/1-12/31

arms	5B, 50, 51	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
	52	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31

**D. Jemez region:** COER areas of GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C and 7.

- (1) Quality hunt management goals for GMU 6A and 6B.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management within COER areas in GMU 6C and 7.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the Jemez region shall be as indicated below.

Jemez region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
Jemez herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C, and 7	6702-7084	42:100:33	385-407	512-541

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB	A	ES	total licenses
6A	QHM	361	117	297	775
6B	QHM	50	155	40	245
6C	OOM	429	259	300	988
7	OOM	68	62	36	166
Total		908	593	673	2174

- (4) Public land elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMU or area, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
6A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-188	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-189	100	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-190	104	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-191	100	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-192	100	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-193	99	A
6B:VCNP		9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-194	20	ES
6B:VCNP		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-195	20	ES
6B:VCNP		10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-196	15	MB
6B:VCNP		10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-197	15	MB
6B:VCNP		10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-198	20	MB
6B:VCNP MI		10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-199	15	A
6B:VCNP		11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-200	35	A
6B:VCNP		11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-201	35	A
6B:VCNP YO		11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-202	35	A
6B:VCNP		12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-203	35	A
6C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-209	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-210	108	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-211	155	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-212	109	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-213	109	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-214	110	A
	11/21-11/25	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-215	115	A
7	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-216	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-217	15	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-218	25	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-219	30	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-220	50	A



(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	bull	antlerless	ES	total
6A	57	18	47	122
6C	56	34	39	129
7	13	12	6	31
Total	126	64	92	282

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility impaired hunters” or “youth only” hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	6A, 6C, 7	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows & bows	6A, 6C, 7	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
any legal weapon	6A, 6C, 7	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31

E. Southwest region:

(1) Quality hunt management for COER areas of GMUs 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E and 17.

(2) Optimal opportunity management for COER areas of GMUs 21A, 21B 23 and 24.

(3) Foundational resource information for the southwest region shall be as indicated below.

southwest region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Datil (GMU 13)	2939-3313	41:100:40	198-275	263-297
greater Gila (GMUs 15, 16A-E)	20693-21923	37:100:36	1313-1711	1744-1848
lesser Gila (GMUs 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24)	1046-4258	33:100:30	59-294	78-317
San Mateo (GMU 17)	2066-2155	48:100:40	131-168	175-182

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total licenses
13	QHM	583	370	556	1509
15	QHM	923	641	769	2333
16A	QHM	232	155	412	799
16B/22	QHM	323	0	394	717
16C	QHM	200	118	294	612
16D	QHM	148	114	171	433
16E	QHM	239	217	217	673
totals (13, 15, 16A-E)		2648	1615	2813	7076
17	QHM	291	262	233	786
21A	OOM	102	31	102	235
21B	OOM	94	118	94	306
23	OOM	180	21	206	407
24	OOM	39	5	28	72
totals (17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24)		706	437	663	1806

southwest region total	3354	2052	3476	8882
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(4) Public land elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits, and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
13	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-221	175	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-222	125	ES
13 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-223	25	ES
13	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-224	75	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-225	115	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-226	100	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-3-227	100	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-3-228	100	A
15	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-229	350	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-230	250	ES
15 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-231	25	ES
15	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-232	200	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-233	245	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-234	250	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-3-235	250	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-3-236	250	A
16A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-237	250	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-238	150	ES
16A MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-239	25	MB
16A	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-240	75	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-241	125	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-242	75	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-243	75	A
16B/22	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-244	225	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-245	165	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-246	160	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-247	160	MB
16C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-248	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-249	100	ES
16C YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-250	25	ES
16C	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-251	50	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-252	95	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-253	50	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-254	50	A
16D	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-255	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-256	60	ES
16D MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-257	25	MB
16D	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-258	55	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-259	50	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-260	50	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-261	50	A
16E	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-262	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-263	60	ES
16E YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-264	25	ES
16E	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-265	70	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-266	70	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-267	75	A

	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-268	75	A
17	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-269	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-270	75	ES
17 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-271	25	ES
17	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-272	100	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-3-273	100	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-274	25	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-3-275	25	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-3-276	100	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-3-277	100	A
21A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-278	50	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-279	50	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-280	50	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-281	50	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-282	30	A
21B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-283	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-284	25	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-285	25	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-286	25	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-287	15	A
	12/19-12/23	12/17-12/21	12/16-11/20	12/15-12/19	ELK-1-288	20	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-289	15	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-290	15	A
23	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-291	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-292	75	ES
23 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-293	25	ES
23	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-294	75	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-295	75	MB
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-296	20	A
24-excluding Ft. Bayard management area	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-297	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-298	10	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-299	15	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-300	15	MB
24: including Ft. Bayard management area, YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-301	5	ES
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-302	5	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total
13	268	170	256	694
15	203	141	169	513
16A	7	5	12	24
16B	3	0	4	7
16C	35	20	51	106
16D	18	14	21	53
16E	74	67	67	208
17	41	37	33	111
21A	2	1	2	5
21B	44	53	44	141
23	5	1	6	12

24	4	0	3	7
Total	704	509	668	1885

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility impaired hunters” or “youth only” hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 21A, 21B, 23, 24	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows and bows	13, 15, 16E, 17, 23, 24	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	YO: 13, 15, 17	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
muzzle loading rifles only with approval of director or designee and state game commission chairman	13: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31
any legal sporting arms	16E, 23, 24	any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/22-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/20-12/31
	16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 21A, 21B	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	YO: 16C, 16E, 23, 24	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10
	MI: 16A, 16D	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10

F. South central region: GMUs 34 and 36.

- (1) Quality hunt management for GMU 36.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management goals for GMU 34.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the south central region shall be as indicated

below.

southeast region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Sacramento (GMU 34)	6010-6262	49:100:46	432-554	574-598
Ruidoso (GMU 36)	4654-4816	58:100:43	335-426	445-460

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total licenses
34	OOM	603	975	460	2038
36	QHM	507	278	320	1105
Total		1110	1253	780	3143

(4) Public land elk hunts listing the hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
34	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-303	200	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-304	200	ES
34 YO	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-305	75	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-306	100	A
34 MI	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-307	50	ES
34	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-3-308	250	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-309	150	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-310	250	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-311	250	A
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-312	250	A
36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-313	130	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-314	111	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-315	135	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-316	123	MB
	10/31-11/4	10/29-11/2	10/28-11/1	10/27-10/31	ELK-1-317	124	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-318	105	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-319	105	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total
34	78	124	60	262
36	125	69	79	273
Total	203	193	139	535

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired hunters" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	34, 36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
any legal sporting arms	YO & MI: 34	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows and bows	34	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	36	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
any legal sporting arms	34	any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/22-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/21-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/20-12/31
	36	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
rifles only with approval of the director or his/her designee and state game commission	36 : antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31

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**G. Northeast region:**

- (1) Quality hunt management for COER areas of GMU 45.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management goals for COER areas of GMUs 48, 49 and 53.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the northeast region shall be as indicated below.

northeast region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Pecos (GMU 45)	1665-2553	27:100:27	89-168	118-181
Whites peak (GMU 48)	998-1790	32:100:44	79-168	101-181
Penasco (GMU 49)	1257-1545	28:100:30	73-110	97-119
Ute-Midnight-San Cristobal (GMU 53)	1254-2291	40:100:32	71-160	94-173

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	total licenses
45	QHM	457	54	163	674
48	OOM	286	170	304	760
49	OOM	161	162	125	448
53	OOM	362	317	174	853
Total		1266	703	766	2735

(4) Public land elk hunts listing the hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
45	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-320	75	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-321	75	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-322	140	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-323	140	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-324	140	MB
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-3-325	50	A
48	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-326	92	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-327	92	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-328	80	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-329	60	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-330	50	A
	12/5-12/9	12/3-12/7	12/2-12/6	12/1-12/5	ELK-1-331	33	MB
49	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-333	61	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-334	60	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-335	80	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-336	76	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-337	80	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-338	77	A
53	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-339	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-340	60	ES
53 (exc. Cerro portion)	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-341	50	ES
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-342	75	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-343	125	MB
	11/21-11/25	11/19-11/23	11/18-11/22	11/17-11/21	ELK-1-344	90	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-345	90	A
53 (North of Sunshine Valley road)	1/2-1/17	1/7-1/22	1/6-1/21	1/5-1/20	ELK-1-346	40	A

(5) Private land elk authorization certificates for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorization certificates, bag limits and weapon types shall be as indicated below.

open GMUs and areas	2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 hunt seasons			
	MB (or ES-1 or ES-3)	A	ES bow only	Total
45	37	4	13	54
48	113	67	120	300
49	5	5	4	14
53	112	97	54	263
Total	267	173	191	631

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during “mobility impaired” or “youth only” hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates
bows only	45, 48, 49, 53	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles, crossbows and bows	45, 48, 53	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
any legal sporting arms	45, 53	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
	49	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/7-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/6-12/31
	48	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/14-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/13-12/31
rifles only with approval of director or designee and state game commission chairman	48: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31

[19.31.14.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.15 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.14.16 ELK HUNTS WHERE NO COER IS ESTABLISHED:** This section lists public draw elk hunts in GMUs with no established COER. The list includes eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, weapon types, number of available licenses and bag limits. Hunt codes for elk hunts for “any legal weapon” hunts shall be designated ELK-1, hunt codes for elk hunts allowing the “bow only” weapon type shall be designated as ELK-2, elk hunt codes for elk hunts allowing “muzzle loading rifles, crossbow or bow” shall be designated as ELK-3. Youth hunters must provide hunter education certification number on application. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application. Proof of this service is required. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts.

**A. Public lands in GMUs with no established core occupied elk range:**

open GMUs or areas	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt code	lic.	bag limit
12	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-347	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-348	15	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-349	20	MB
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-350	20	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-351	20	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-20/24	ELK-1-352	20	A

	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-353	20	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-354	20	A
18	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-355	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-356	25	ES
28 McGregor range, military only	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-357	10	ES
28 McGregor range	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-358	10	ES
30	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-359	20	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-360	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-361	10	ES
37	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-362	40	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-363	30	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-364	30	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-365	30	MB
	11/28-12/2	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-366	45	A
38	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-367	15	ES
43	9/27-10/4	9/27-10/4	9/27-10/4	9/27-10/4	ELK-1-368	30	ES
54: Colin Neblett WMA/south	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-369	20	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-370	20	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-371	20	MB
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-372	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-373	10	ES
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-374	20	A
55: Colin Neblett WMA/north	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-375	20	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-376	20	MB
	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-377	20	MB
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-378	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-379	10	ES
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-380	20	A
55 ES Barker WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-381	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-382	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-383	10	MB
55: Urraca WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-384	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-385	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-386	10	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-387	10	MB
	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-388	10	MB
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-389	15	A
	11/28-12/2	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	11/24-11/28	ELK-1-390	15	A
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-391	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-392	25	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-3-393	40	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-394	20	MB
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas, YO	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-395	20	MB
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	10/24-10/28	10/22-10/26	10/21-10/25	10/20-10/24	ELK-1-396	35	MB
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas, YO	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-397	35	A



55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	11/7-11/11	11/5-11/9	11/4-11/8	11/3-11/7	ELK-1-398	15	A
	11/14-11/18	11/12-11/16	11/11-11/15	11/10-11/14	ELK-1-399	70	A
56	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-400	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-401	5	ES
	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-402	10	MB
	10/17-10/21	10/15-10/19	10/14-10/18	10/13-10/17	ELK-1-403	10	A
57: Sugarite canyon state park	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-404	3	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-405	2	ES
57/58	10/10-10/14	10/8-10/12	10/7-10/11	10/6-10/10	ELK-1-406	10	MB
	12/12-12/16	12/10-12/14	12/9-12/13	12/8-12/12	ELK-1-407	10	A

**B. Private land-only elk hunting:** For private lands that are not within core occupied elk range or private lands that lie within GMUs with no designated core occupied elk range, the department may work with interested landowners to develop appropriate bag limits, weapon types, season dates and authorization numbers for private land hunting needed to achieve the proper harvest within the exterior boundaries of participating ranches. [19.31.14.16 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.16 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.14 NMAC:**

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Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
 Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
 Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
 Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
 Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
 Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
 Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
 Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
 Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
 Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
 Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
 Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
 Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
 Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
 Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
 Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;  
 Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

**History of Repealed Material:**

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.  
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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 15        PRONGHORN ANTELOPE**

**19.31.15.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.15.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in pronghorn antelope hunting and management. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.15.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.15.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.15.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.15.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of pronghorn antelope authorizations and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.15.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.7        DEFINITIONS:**

**A.**        **“Antelope private land use system” or “A-PLUS”** shall mean the program in which the director may issue authorization certificates or numbers to private lands whose owners, manager, or lessees sign and return a hunting agreement with the department.

**B.**        **“Arrows”** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.

**C.**        **“Baiting”** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take pronghorn antelope.

**D.**        **“Bow”** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, ~~however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed, nor magnify.~~

~~**O.E.**        **“Centerfire firearms”** shall mean any center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.~~

~~**E.F.**        **“Crossbows”** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~~~

~~**F.G.**        **“Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.~~

~~**G.H.**        **“Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.~~

~~**H.I.**        **“ES” or “either sex”** shall mean any one pronghorn antelope.~~

~~**I.J.**        **“Entry permit”** shall entitle the holder of a valid official license to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.~~

~~**J.K.**        **“F-IM” or “female or immature pronghorn antelope”** shall mean a pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.~~

~~**K.L.**        **“Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC, Game Management Units.~~

~~**L.M.**        **“License”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting pronghorn antelope in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.~~

~~**M.N.**        **“License year”** shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.~~

~~**N.O.**        **“MB” or “mature buck pronghorn antelope”** shall mean a pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ears.~~

~~**O.P.**        **“Muzzle-loader” or “muzzle-loading firearms”** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder~~

substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**R-Q.** “Private land authorization certificate or number” shall mean a valid official document that entitles a person to purchase a pronghorn antelope hunting license for specific season dates, weapon types, bag limits, and hunt areas.

~~O.~~ “Centerfire firearms” shall mean any center fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.

**P-R.** “Shotgun” shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.

~~Q.~~ “Muzzle loader” or “muzzle loading firearms” shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

~~R.~~ “Private land authorization certificate or number” shall mean a valid official document that entitles a person to purchase a pronghorn antelope hunting license for specific season dates, weapon types, bag limits, and hunt areas.

**S.** “TBD” or “to be determined” shall mean the details of hunt dates, license numbers, or hunt areas will be determined by the department.

**T.** “Unlimited” shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**U.** “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.15.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST**

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, or authorization certificates for pronghorn antelope up or down to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the specific hunt codes for pronghorn antelope. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman, may consider requests by private landowners for alternative season dates or weapon types to accommodate providing special pronghorn hunting opportunities to children suffering from terminal illnesses or disease on a case by case basis. The director may change or cancel any hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; provided the subsequent hunts have the same season length and bag limit as assigned on original hunt code.

[19.31.15.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.9 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One license per pronghorn antelope per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for pronghorn antelope during a current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All pronghorn antelope licenses or authorizations shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit, license, or carcass tag. In GMUs where ranch assignments are made, the license shall be valid only on the assigned ranch.

**C. Mobility impaired (MI) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for mobility impaired pronghorn antelope license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**D. Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) pronghorn antelope license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**E. Military only hunts (MO):** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only pronghorn antelope license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

[19.31.15.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.10 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Seasons and hours:** Pronghorn antelope may only be hunted or taken during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one pronghorn antelope during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of pronghorn antelope that are improperly notched.

**D. Proof of sex of pronghorn antelope:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of any pronghorn antelope without proof of sex until the carcass arrives at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage. The horns of any buck pronghorn antelope taken shall remain attached to the skull. The scalp and both ears of females or immature males of pronghorn antelope shall accompany the carcass in the same manner.

**E. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt pronghorn antelope, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead pronghorn antelope. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the region they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.

**F. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any pronghorn antelope by use of baits or scents. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**G. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any pronghorn antelope.

**H. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any pronghorn antelope.

**I. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any pronghorn antelope out of their respective hunting seasons.

**J. Legal weapon types** for pronghorn antelope are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**K. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take pronghorn antelope by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking pronghorn antelope.

**L. Areas closed to pronghorn antelope hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to pronghorn antelope hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite canyon state park; portion of the wild rivers recreation area: an area bounded on the north by the power line from Bear Crossing to Red River hatchery, south along the Red river to the confluence of the Rio Grande and north along the Rio Grande to the power lines at Bear crossing is closed to all hunting; including the Taos valley overlook; all wildlife management areas, except the following lesser prairie chicken areas: Black Hills east and west; Claudell; Crossroads 1-5; Gallina wells 1, 1A, 1B, and 2-6; Liberty; Marshall; Milnesand; north, south, and east Bluit; Wayside; Antelope Flats; Bledsoe; Little Dipper; Pitchfork; Ranger lake; and Sandhills Prairie conservation area; the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve).

[19.31.15.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.11 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

**A.** The director or his designee may authorize population management hunts for pronghorn antelope when justified in writing by department personnel.

**B.** The director or his designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses or permits. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one pronghorn antelope per license year.

**C.** Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

**D.** Applications for licenses may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

**E.** In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

**F.** In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.15.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.12 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASONS FOR PUBLIC DRAW LICENSES:**

Numbers of licenses are evaluated annually based upon population dynamics, weather conditions, sustainable harvest, and department management objectives. Values listed are ‘up to’ or the upper limit of available licenses under current conditions, these may be modified as needed pursuant to 19.31.15.8 NMAC. Pronghorn antelope hunt seasons are listed below by weapon type, eligibility requirements or restrictions, each table lists the open areas or GMUs, hunt dates, hunt codes, licenses, and bag limit for the 2015-16 through the 2018-19 hunt seasons. Hunt codes for pronghorn hunts allowing “any legal weapon” type shall be designated ANT-1, hunt codes for pronghorn hunts allowing “~~archery bow~~ only” weapon type shall be designated as ANT-2, hunt codes for pronghorn hunts allowing “muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or ~~archery bow~~ weapons only types” shall be designated ANT-3. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certification number on their application. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date.

A. Pronghorn antelope hunts for any legal sporting arms. Licenses and authorizations shall be issued pursuant to 19.30.12.9 NMAC:

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
2	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-100	5	MB
7, 9, 12, 13	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-101	80	MB
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-102	15	MB
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of NM 152)	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-103	175	MB
20	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-105	45	MB
21 (south of NM 152), 23, 24	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-106	55	MB
25, 26, 27	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-109	30	MB
31	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-112	90	MB
31: YO	9/12-9/14	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	9/8-9/10	ANT-1-113	10	F-IM
32, 33	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-114	200	MB
32, 33: YO	9/12-9/14	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	9/8-9/10	ANT-1-115	10	F-IM
portions of 32	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	ANT-1-116	30	F-IM
18, 36, 37, 38	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-117	200	MB
18, 36, 37, 38: YO	9/12-9/14	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	9/8-9/10	ANT-1-118	40	F-IM
39, 40	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-119	60	MB
39, 40: YO	9/12-9/14	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	9/8-9/10	ANT-1-120	10	F-IM
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/29-8/31	8/27-8/29	8/26-8/28	8/25-8/27	ANT-1-121	500	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59: YO	8/29-8/31	8/27-8/29	8/26-8/28	8/25-8/27	ANT-1-122	50	ES
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59: YO	9/26-9/28	9/24-9/26	9/23-9/25	9/22-9/24	ANT-1-123	100	F-IM

B. The following hunts will be limited to youth only (YO) hunters. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be valid within the GMU for which they were issued.

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
2: YO	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-130	1	ES
7, 9, 12, 13	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-131	8	ES
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-132	3	ES



15, 16, 17, 21 (north of Hwy. 152)	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-133	18	ES
19 (White Sands Missile Range)	10/2-10/4	10/14-10/16	10/13-10/15	10/12-10/14	ANT-1-134	5	ES
20	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-135	5	ES
21 (south of Hwy. 152), 23, 24	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-136	5	ES
25, 26, 27	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-139	3	ES
29	10/24-10/27	10/22-10/25	10/21-10/24	10/20-10/23	ANT-3-149	15	ES
31	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-142	9	ES
32, 33	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-143	20	ES
portions of 32	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-144	5	ES
18, 36, 37, 38	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-145	20	ES
39, 40	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-146	5	ES
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-147	50	ES
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	8/15-8/18	8/13-8/16	8/12-8/15	8/11-8/14	ANT-3-150	40	ES

C. The following hunts will be limited to mobility impaired (MI) hunters. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be valid within the GMU for which they were issued:

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
12	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-156	10	MB
13	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-157	10	MB
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-158	15	MB
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of NM 152)	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-159	10	MB
21 (south of NM 152), 23, 24	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-161	10	MB
31	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-162	10	MB
32, 33	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-163	15	MB
18, 36, 37, 38	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-164	10	MB
39, 40	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-165	10	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/8-8/10	8/6-8/8	8/5-8/7	8/4-8/6	ANT-1-166	25	MB

D. Pronghorn antelope hunts for archery-bow only. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be valid within the GMU for which they were issued:

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
7, 9, 12, 13	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-170	25	MB
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-171	5	MB
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of NM 152)	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-172	70	MB
20	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-175	10	MB
21 (south of NM 152), 23, 24	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-176	10	MB
25, 26, 27	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-177	20	MB
30	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-179	50	MB
31	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-180	75	MB

32, 33	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-181	75	MB
18, 36, 37, 38	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-182	25	MB
39, 40	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-183	10	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/15-8/23	8/13-8/21	8/12-8/20	8/11-8/19	ANT-2-184	100	MB

E. Pronghorn antelope hunts for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows, and bows. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be valid within the GMU for which they were issued:

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
28: MO	9/5-9/6	9/3-9/4	9/2-9/3	9/1-9/2	ANT-3-188	10	MB
28	9/5-9/6	9/3-9/4	9/2-9/3	9/1-9/2	ANT-3-189	5	MB
29	10/24-10/27	10/22-10/25	10/21-10/24	10/20-10/23	ANT-3-191	50	MB
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	8/22-8/25	8/20-8/23	8/19-8/22	8/18-8/21	ANT-3-193	150	MB

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**19.31.15.13 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASONS FOR PRIVATE LAND**

**AUTHORIZATIONS; A-PLUS PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNTS:** The department may allocate A-PLUS pronghorn antelope authorization certificates or numbers for use on those ranches whose owners, managers, or lessees sign return a hunting agreement with the department. Private land hunt dates for the 2015-16 through the 2018-19 hunt seasons for any legal sporting arms shall be any three consecutive days within a 15 day period beginning on the start of the public draw license dates as indicated in Subsection A of 19.31.15.12 NMAC. Hunt seasons for mobility impaired shall be as indicated above in Subsection C of 19.31.15.13 NMAC; bow only seasons shall be as indicated above in Subsection D of 19.31.15.12 NMAC, muzzle loading rifle seasons shall be as indicated above in Subsection E of 19.31.15.12 NMAC. Private land pronghorn hunts shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land bow, mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "bow only", "mobility impaired only" or "youth only" hunt periods.

Legal sporting arms	Open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Bag limit
Bows only	7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	MB
	41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/15-8/23	8/13-8/21	8/12-8/20	8/11-8/19	MB
Any legal sporting arms: MI only	41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/8-8/10	8/6-8/8	8/5-8/7	8/4-8/6	MB
Any legal sporting arms: MI only	8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 23, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	MB
Muzzle-loading rifles, crossbows and bows	29	10/24-10/27	10/22-10/25	10/21-10/24	10/20-10/23	MB
	50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	8/22-8/25	8/20-8/23	8/19-8/22	8/18-8/21	MB
Any legal sporting arms, any 3 consecutive days within dates stated	2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	10/3-10/18	10/1-10/16	10/7-10/22	10/6-10/20	MB
	8, 14, 18, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	10/3-10/18	10/1-10/16	10/7-10/22	10/6-10/20	MB
	41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3)	8/29-9/13	8/27-9/11	8/26-9/10	8/25-9/9	MB

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	18, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	9/12-9/27	9/10-9/25	9/9-9/24	9/8-9/23	F-IM
	41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/29-12/31	8/27-12/31	8/26-12/31	8/25-12/31	F-IM
	portions of 32	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	ES

[19.31.15.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.13 NMAC, 4-1-16]

### HISTORY OF 19.31.15 NMAC:

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Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;

Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;

Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;

Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;

Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;

Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;

Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;

Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;

Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

**History of Repealed Material:**

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.

19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.

19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 3-13-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.

19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope, filed 8-15-2010 - duration expired 3-31-2015.

19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope, filed 3-17-2015, repealed 3-31-2016.

**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 15       PRONGHORN ANTELOPE**

**19.31.15.1       ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.15.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.2       SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in pronghorn antelope hunting and management. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.15.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.3       STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.15.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.4       DURATION:** April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.15.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.5       EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.15.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.6       OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of pronghorn antelope authorizations and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.15.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.7       DEFINITIONS:**

**A.        “Antelope private land use system” or “A-PLUS”** shall mean the program in which the director may issue authorization certificates or numbers to private lands whose owners, manager, or lessees sign and return a hunting agreement with the department.

**B.        “Arrows”** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.

**C.        “Baiting”** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take pronghorn antelope.

**D.        “Bow”** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

**E.        “Centerfire firearms”** shall mean any center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.

**F.        “Crossbows”** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

**G.        “Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**H.        “Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**I.        “ES” or “either sex”** shall mean any one pronghorn antelope.

**J.        “Entry permit”** shall entitle the holder of a valid official license to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.

**K.        “F-IM” or “female or immature pronghorn antelope”** shall mean a pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

**L.        “Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC, Game Management Units.

**M.        “License”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting pronghorn antelope in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.

**N.        “License year”** shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**O.        “MB” or “mature buck pronghorn antelope”** shall mean a pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ears.

**P.        “Muzzle-loader” or “muzzle-loading firearms”** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder

substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**Q. “Private land authorization certificate or number”** shall mean a valid official document that entitles a person to purchase a pronghorn antelope hunting license for specific season dates, weapon types, bag limits, and hunt areas.

**R. “Shotgun”** shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.

**S. “TBD” or “to be determined”** shall mean the details of hunt dates, license numbers, or hunt areas will be determined by the department.

**T. “Unlimited”** shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**U. “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.15.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST**

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, or authorization certificates for pronghorn antelope up or down to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the specific hunt codes for pronghorn antelope. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman, may consider requests by private landowners for alternative season dates or weapon types to accommodate providing special pronghorn hunting opportunities to children suffering from terminal illnesses or disease on a case by case basis. The director may change or cancel any hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; provided the subsequent hunts have the same season length and bag limit as assigned on original hunt code.

[19.31.15.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.9 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One license per pronghorn antelope per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for pronghorn antelope during a current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All pronghorn antelope licenses or authorizations shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit, license, or carcass tag. In GMUs where ranch assignments are made, the license shall be valid only on the assigned ranch.

**C. Mobility impaired (MI) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for mobility impaired pronghorn antelope license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**D. Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) pronghorn antelope license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**E. Military only hunts (MO):** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only pronghorn antelope license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

[19.31.15.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.10 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Seasons and hours:** Pronghorn antelope may only be hunted or taken during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one pronghorn antelope during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of pronghorn antelope that are improperly notched.

**D. Proof of sex of pronghorn antelope:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of any pronghorn antelope without proof of sex until the carcass arrives at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage. The horns of any buck pronghorn antelope taken shall remain attached to the skull. The scalp and both ears of females or immature males of pronghorn antelope shall accompany the carcass in the same manner.

**E. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt pronghorn antelope, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead pronghorn antelope. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the region they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.

**F. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any pronghorn antelope by use of baits or scents. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**G. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any pronghorn antelope.

**H. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any pronghorn antelope.

**I. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any pronghorn antelope out of their respective hunting seasons.

**J. Legal weapon types** for pronghorn antelope are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**K. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take pronghorn antelope by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking pronghorn antelope.

**L. Areas closed to pronghorn antelope hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to pronghorn antelope hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite canyon state park; portion of the wild rivers recreation area: an area bounded on the north by the power line from Bear Crossing to Red River hatchery, south along the Red river to the confluence of the Rio Grande and north along the Rio Grande to the power lines at Bear crossing is closed to all hunting; including the Taos valley overlook; all wildlife management areas, except the following lesser prairie chicken areas: Black Hills east and west; Claudell; Crossroads 1-5; Gallina wells 1, 1A, 1B, and 2-6; Liberty; Marshall; Milnesand; north, south, and east Bluit; Wayside; Antelope Flats; Bledsoe; Little Dipper; Pitchfork; Ranger lake; and Sandhills Prairie conservation area; the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve).

[19.31.15.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.11 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

**A.** The director or his designee may authorize population management hunts for pronghorn antelope when justified in writing by department personnel.

**B.** The director or his designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses or permits. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one pronghorn antelope per license year.

**C.** Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

**D.** Applications for licenses may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

**E.** In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

**F.** In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.15.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.15.12 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASONS FOR PUBLIC DRAW LICENSES:**

Numbers of licenses are evaluated annually based upon population dynamics, weather conditions, sustainable harvest, and department management objectives. Values listed are 'up to' or the upper limit of available licenses under current conditions, these may be modified as needed pursuant to 19.31.15.8 NMAC. Pronghorn antelope hunt seasons are listed below by weapon type, eligibility requirements or restrictions, each table lists the open areas or GMUs, hunt dates, hunt codes, licenses, and bag limit for the 2015-16 through the 2018-19 hunt seasons. Hunt codes for pronghorn hunts allowing "any legal weapon" type shall be designated ANT-1, hunt codes for pronghorn hunts allowing "bow only" weapon type shall be designated as ANT-2, hunt codes for pronghorn hunts allowing "muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bow weapons types" shall be designated ANT-3. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certification number on their application. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet

eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date.

A. Pronghorn antelope hunts for any legal sporting arms. Licenses and authorizations shall be issued pursuant to 19.30.12.9 NMAC:

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
2	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-100	5	MB
7, 9, 12, 13	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-101	80	MB
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-102	15	MB
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of NM 152)	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-103	175	MB
20	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-105	45	MB
21 (south of NM 152), 23, 24	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-106	55	MB
25, 26, 27	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-109	30	MB
31	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-112	90	MB
31: YO	9/12-9/14	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	9/8-9/10	ANT-1-113	10	F-IM
32, 33	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-114	200	MB
32, 33: YO	9/12-9/14	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	9/8-9/10	ANT-1-115	10	F-IM
portions of 32	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	ANT-1-116	30	F-IM
18, 36, 37, 38	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-117	200	MB
18, 36, 37, 38: YO	9/12-9/14	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	9/8-9/10	ANT-1-118	40	F-IM
39, 40	10/3-10/5	10/1-10/3	10/7-10/9	10/6-10/8	ANT-1-119	60	MB
39, 40: YO	9/12-9/14	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	9/8-9/10	ANT-1-120	10	F-IM
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/29-8/31	8/27-8/29	8/26-8/28	8/25-8/27	ANT-1-121	500	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59: YO	8/29-8/31	8/27-8/29	8/26-8/28	8/25-8/27	ANT-1-122	50	ES
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59: YO	9/26-9/28	9/24-9/26	9/23-9/25	9/22-9/24	ANT-1-123	100	F-IM

B. The following hunts will be limited to youth only (YO) hunters. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be valid within the GMU for which they were issued.

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
2: YO	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-130	1	ES
7, 9, 12, 13	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-131	8	ES
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-132	3	ES
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of Hwy. 152)	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-133	18	ES
19 (White Sands Missile Range)	10/2-10/4	10/14-10/16	10/13-10/15	10/12-10/14	ANT-1-134	5	ES
20	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-135	5	ES
21 (south of Hwy. 152), 23, 24	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-136	5	ES
25, 26, 27	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-139	3	ES
29	10/24-10/27	10/22-10/25	10/21-10/24	10/20-10/23	ANT-3-149	15	ES
31	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-142	9	ES



32, 33	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-143	20	ES
portions of 32	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-144	5	ES
18, 36, 37, 38	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-145	20	ES
39, 40	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-146	5	ES
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	10/24-10/26	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	10/20-10/22	ANT-1-147	50	ES
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	8/15-8/18	8/13-8/16	8/12-8/15	8/11-8/14	ANT-3-150	40	ES

C. The following hunts will be limited to mobility impaired (MI) hunters. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be valid within the GMU for which they were issued:

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
12	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-156	10	MB
13	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-157	10	MB
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-158	15	MB
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of NM 152)	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-159	10	MB
21 (south of NM 152), 23, 24	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-161	10	MB
31	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-162	10	MB
32, 33	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-163	15	MB
18, 36, 37, 38	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-164	10	MB
39, 40	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	ANT-1-165	10	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/8-8/10	8/6-8/8	8/5-8/7	8/4-8/6	ANT-1-166	25	MB

D. Pronghorn antelope hunts for bow only. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be valid within the GMU for which they were issued:

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
7, 9, 12, 13	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-170	25	MB
8, 14, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-171	5	MB
15, 16, 17, 21 (north of NM 152)	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-172	70	MB
20	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-175	10	MB
21 (south of NM 152), 23, 24	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-176	10	MB
25, 26, 27	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-177	20	MB
30	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-179	50	MB
31	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-180	75	MB
32, 33	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-181	75	MB
18, 36, 37, 38	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-182	25	MB
39, 40	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	ANT-2-183	10	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/15-8/23	8/13-8/21	8/12-8/20	8/11-8/19	ANT-2-184	100	MB

E. Pronghorn antelope hunts for legal muzzle loading rifles, crossbows, and bows. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be valid within the GMU for which they were issued:

Open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Hunt code	Lic.	Bag limit
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28: MO	9/5-9/6	9/3-9/4	9/2-9/3	9/1-9/2	ANT-3-188	10	MB
28	9/5-9/6	9/3-9/4	9/2-9/3	9/1-9/2	ANT-3-189	5	MB
29	10/24-10/27	10/22-10/25	10/21-10/24	10/20-10/23	ANT-3-191	50	MB
50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	8/22-8/25	8/20-8/23	8/19-8/22	8/18-8/21	ANT-3-193	150	MB

[19.31.15.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.15.13 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASONS FOR PRIVATE LAND**

**AUTHORIZATIONS; A-PLUS PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNTS:** The department may allocate A-PLUS pronghorn antelope authorization certificates or numbers for use on those ranches whose owners, managers, or lessees sign return a hunting agreement with the department. Private land hunt dates for the 2015-16 through the 2018-19 hunt seasons for any legal sporting arms shall be any three consecutive days within a 15 day period beginning on the start of the public draw license dates as indicated in Subsection A of 19.31.15.12 NMAC. Hunt seasons for mobility impaired shall be as indicated above in Subsection C of 19.31.15.13 NMAC; bow only seasons shall be as indicated above in Subsection D of 19.31.15.12 NMAC, muzzle loading rifle seasons shall be as indicated above in Subsection E of 19.31.15.12 NMAC. Private land pronghorn hunts shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land bow, mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “bow only”, “mobility impaired only” or “youth only” hunt periods.

Legal sporting arms	Open GMUs or area	2015-2016 hunt dates	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	Bag limit
Bows only	7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	8/22-8/30	8/20-8/28	8/19-8/27	8/18-8/26	MB
	41,42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/15-8/23	8/13-8/21	8/12-8/20	8/11-8/19	MB
Any legal sporting arms: <b>MI only</b>	41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/8-8/10	8/6-8/8	8/5-8/7	8/4-8/6	MB
Any legal sporting arms: <b>MI only</b>	8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 23, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	8/15-8/17	8/13-8/15	8/12-8/14	8/11-8/13	MB
Muzzle-loading rifles, crossbows and bows	29	10/24-10/27	10/22-10/25	10/21-10/24	10/20-10/23	MB
	50 (north of Hwy. 64), 52	8/22-8/25	8/20-8/23	8/19-8/22	8/18-8/21	MB
Any legal sporting arms, any 3 consecutive days within dates stated	2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	10/3-10/18	10/1-10/16	10/7-10/22	10/6-10/20	MB
	8, 14, 18, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43 (west of Hwy. 3)	10/3-10/18	10/1-10/16	10/7-10/22	10/6-10/20	MB
	41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/29-9/13	8/27-9/11	8/26-9/10	8/25-9/9	MB
	18, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	9/12-9/27	9/10-9/25	9/9-9/24	9/8-9/23	F-IM
	41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 3), 46, 47, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59	8/29-12/31	8/27-12/31	8/26-12/31	8/25-12/31	F-IM
portions of 32	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	ES	

[19.31.15.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.13 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.15 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;  
Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

**History of Repealed Material:**

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.  
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.  
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.  
19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.  
19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 3-13-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.  
19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope, filed 8-15-2010 - duration expired 3-31-2015.  
19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope, filed 3-17-2015, repealed 3-31-2016.

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TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE  
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING  
PART 16 TURKEY

19.31.16.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.16.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.16.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in turkey management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.16.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.16.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.16.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.16.4 DURATION: April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.16.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.16.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of an individual section.  
[19.31.16.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.16.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of turkey permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.16.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

19.31.16.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. "Arrows" shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.  
B. "Baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take turkey.

C. "Bearded Gould's turkey" shall mean a turkey with a visible beard of the species *Meleagris gallopavo mexicana*.

~~C-D.~~ "Bearded turkey" shall mean a turkey with a visible beard.

E. "Bow" shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

~~D-F.~~ "Crossbow" shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.  
~~nor magnify.~~

~~E-G.~~ "Department" shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

~~F-H.~~ "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

~~G-I.~~ "Entry permit" shall entitle the holder of a valid official license to hunt where hunter numbers are limited by rule.

~~H-J.~~ "Game management unit" or "GMU" shall mean those areas as described in state game commission rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

~~I-K.~~ "Gould's turkey permit" as used herein, shall mean a document issued by the department that authorizes the holder to participate in the activity as specified on the permit.

~~J.~~ "Bearded Gould's turkey" shall mean a turkey with a visible beard of the species *Meleagris gallopavo mexicana*.

~~K-L.~~ "License year" shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

~~L-M.~~ "Modern shotguns" shall mean center-fire shotguns. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

~~M-N.~~ "Muzzle-loading shotguns" shall mean those shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex® or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use

of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**N.O.** “Non-toxic shot” shall mean shot approved for use by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

**O.P.** “Turkey license” shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting turkey in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.

**P.Q.** “Unlimited” shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**Q.R.** “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.16.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.16.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST**

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, authorizations, or harvest limits, up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes for turkey.

[19.31.16.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.16.9 TURKEY LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. License limitations:** A hunter is limited to purchasing only one license in the fall and one in the spring during a license year, unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All turkey entry permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license. Over-the counter licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation.

**C. Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) turkey permit or hunt during the over-the-counter youth only (YO) hunts except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

[19.31.16.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

#### **19.31.16.10 TURKEY MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Season and hours:** Turkey may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than the number and type of turkey during the current license year as specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of turkey(s) that are improperly notched.

**D. Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of a turkey without proof of sex. When the required bag limit is a bearded turkey, the beard and a small patch of feathers surrounding the beard shall remain with the same turkey carcass until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing place, or place of final storage.

**E. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt turkey.

**F. Use of baits:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any turkey by baiting.

**G. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any turkey.

**H. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any turkey.

**I. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any turkey out of turkey hunting season.

**J. Roost shooting:** It shall be unlawful to shoot a turkey while it is located in a tree or structure used for resting.

**K. Legal weapon types for turkey** are as follows: shotguns firing shot, including muzzle-loading shotguns; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**L. Non-toxic shot** use is required on all state game commission owned lands.

**M. Areas closed to hunting turkey:** The following areas shall remain closed to hunting turkey, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon state park; Orilla Verde and Wild Rivers recreation areas,

including the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas except Humphries, Rio Chama, and Sargent WMAs; the Valle Vidal area; and Rattlesnake canyon in sub-unit 2A.  
 [19.31.16.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.11 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) REPORTING INCENTIVE:** The director may annually allow up to two turkey authorizations to be issued by drawing for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates awarded pursuant to this rule may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Turkey incentive hunts shall be valid only for Unit 2, the Sargent WMA in Unit 4 and the Valle Vidal area.  
 [19.31.16.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.12 TURKEY HUNTS (2015-2016 through 2018-2019 hunting seasons):**

**A. Over-the-counter hunts** for any legal firearms, including shotguns and muzzle loading shotguns firing shot, bows, and crossbows, shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs and areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, and bag limits. The number of licenses for these hunts shall be unlimited.

**(1) Spring seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
2A (except areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo canyon), 4 (including WMAs), 5, 6A, 6C, 7, 9 (including Water Canyon WMA, and Marquez WMA by draw permit only), 10, 12, 13, 14 (bows only in Sandia ranger district), 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (Colin Neblett and E.S. Barker WMAs, and Valle Vidal by permit only), 56, 57 (archery bow only in Sugarite Canyon state park), 58, 59.	4/15-5/10	2 turkeys with visible beards
all GMUs open for over the counter turkey, (YO)	4/10-12/2015 4/8-10/2016 4/7-9/2017 4/13-15/2018	2 turkeys with visible beards

**(2) Fall seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
2A (except areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo canyon), 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9 (including Water Canyon WMA, but not Marquez WMA), 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (including Colin Neblett WMA, but excluding the E. S. Barker and Urraca WMAs and Valle Vidal), 56, 57 (except Sugarite Canyon state park), 58 and 59	archery-bow only: 9/1-30 any legal weapon: 11/1-30	any 1 turkey

**B. Entry hunts** for any legal firearms, including shotguns and muzzle loading shotguns firing shot, bows, and crossbows, shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs and areas open, eligibility requirements, hunt dates, hunt codes, maximum number of licenses, and bag limits. Youth hunters must provide hunter education certificate number or their mentored-youth number on their application.

**(1) Regular season entry hunts** (April 15 through May 10) annually; limited to one turkey with a visible beard except GMU 9 Marquez WMA has a limit of two turkeys with visible beards:

open GMUs or areas	hunt code	permits
2 (except areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 including Rattlesnake Canyon)	TUR-1-100	115
2 (except areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 including Rattlesnake Canyon), YO	TUR-1-101	50
2A Rattlesnake canyon areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 (licenses also valid in GMU 2 and in any other open GMU during the spring season) (YO)	TUR-1-102	5
8 (bows only in Sandia ranger district)	TUR-1-103	10
9: Marquez WMA	TUR-1-104	5

**(2) Entry hunts** for the Valle Caldera national preserve, WS Huey WMA and Valle Vidal/Greenwood areas, limited to one turkey with a visible beard:



open GMUs or areas	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt codes	permits
33: WS Huey WMA, YO	4/9-10	4/8-9	4/14-15	TUR-1-105	TBD
33: WS Huey WMA, YO	4/16-17	4/15-16	4/21-22	TUR-1-106	TBD
55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-112	20
6B, the Valle Caldera National Preserve	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-113	20

[19.31.16.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.13 TURKEY POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

A. The director or his designee may authorize population management hunts for turkey when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or his designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, and number of licenses or permits.

C. The specific hunt dates, hunt area, and other pertinent hunt information shall be printed on the license or permit.

D. Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

E. Applications for permits may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

F. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

G. No more than one person may apply under each application.

H. Population management hunts for turkey may be anywhere in the state with dates, number of permits, bag limit, and specific hunt areas to be determined by the department. The hunt code to apply for turkey population management hunts shall be TUR-5-100.

I. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.16.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.13 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.14 GOULD'S TURKEY ENHANCEMENT PERMITS:**

A. Objective: to establish and define the procedures and restrictions for the issuance, sale, and use of not more than two Gould's turkey enhancement permits.

B. Gould's turkey habitat enhancement program: The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction or lottery or both, not more than two Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. These monies shall be deposited into the game protection fund and made available for expenditure by the department to be used exclusively for activities, projects, and programs aimed at the restoration and management of Gould's turkeys and Gould's turkey habitat.

C. Requirements for issuance, sale and use of Gould's turkey enhancement permits:

(1) Issuance: The director of the department may issue up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. Prior to permit issuance each year, the director must document that the prospective harvest of up to two bearded Gould's turkeys will not jeopardize the prospects for survival and recruitment of Gould's turkeys in New Mexico or conflict with the Wildlife Conservation Act, 17-2-37 NMSA 1978.

(2) Sale:

(a) Upon fulfillment of the required annual documentation as described in Subsection A of 19.31.20.9 NMAC, the director shall issue up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits, to be sold via auction or lottery or both.

(b) The auction or lottery or both may be conducted by an incorporated non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife, in cooperation with and overseen by the department.

(c) Selection of an organization to administer the auction or lottery or both of the Gould's turkey enhancement permits shall be pursuant to procurement code regulations described in 1.4.1.31 NMAC.

(3) Use:

(a) Each permit may be transferred through sale, barter, donation, or gift by the successful purchaser of the permit to other individuals qualified to purchase a license and hunt.

(b) Individuals hunting pursuant to a Gould's turkey enhancement permit must purchase and have in their possession a valid turkey hunting license and any other stamps or permits required by rule.

(c) Unless his/her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to bid on and purchase a Gould's turkey enhancement permit.

(d) Individuals holding a Gould's turkey enhancement permit shall not be prohibited from hunting other species of turkeys in New Mexico as allowed in 19.31.16 NMAC.

(e) Only individuals who possess a valid turkey license and a Gould's turkey enhancement permit may hunt Gould's turkeys.

(f) The bag limit for each permit shall be one bearded Gould's turkey.

(g) The season dates for each permit shall be no more than 30 consecutive days between April 1 and May 31 as specified by the permit each license year.

(h) The hunt area for each permit shall be any legally accessible public lands where hunting is allowed and private land with written permission.

(i) All manner and method restrictions and requirements set forth in 19.31.16.10 NMAC shall apply to individuals hunting turkey pursuant to Gould's turkey enhancement permits. [19.31.16.14 NMAC - N, 4-1-16]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.16 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;  
 Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
 Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
 Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
 Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
 Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
 Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;  
 Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;  
 Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;  
 Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;  
 Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
 Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
 Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
 Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
 Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;  
 Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;  
 Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;  
 Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

**History of Repealed Material:**

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.  
 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.  
 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.  
 19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.

19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 2-26-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.  
19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 9-15-2010 - duration expired 3-31-2015.  
19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 3-17-2015, repealed 3-31-2016.

**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 16        TURKEY**

**19.31.16.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.16.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.1 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in turkey management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.16.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.2 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.16.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.3 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.16.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.4 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2016, unless a later date is cited at the end of an individual section.  
[19.31.16.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.5 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of turkey permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.16.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.6 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.7        DEFINITIONS:**

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P. **“Turkey license”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting turkey in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.

Q. **“Unlimited”** shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

R. **“Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.16.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.7 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST**

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, authorizations, or harvest limits, up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes for turkey.

[19.31.16.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.8 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.9 TURKEY LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

A. **License limitations:** A hunter is limited to purchasing only one license in the fall and one in the spring during a license year, unless otherwise allowed by rule.

B. **Validity of license or permit:** All turkey entry permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license. Over-the counter licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by rule or regulation.

C. **Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) turkey permit or hunt during the over-the-counter youth only (YO) hunts except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

[19.31.16.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.9 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.10 TURKEY MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

A. **Season and hours:** Turkey may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. **Bag limit:** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than the number and type of turkey during the current license year as specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license unless otherwise provided by regulation.

C. **Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of turkey(s) that are improperly notched.

D. **Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of a turkey without proof of sex. When the required bag limit is a bearded turkey, the beard and a small patch of feathers surrounding the beard shall remain with the same turkey carcass until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing place, or place of final storage.

E. **Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt turkey.

F. **Use of baits:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any turkey by baiting.

G. **Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any turkey.

H. **Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any turkey.

I. **Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any turkey out of turkey hunting season.

J. **Roost shooting:** It shall be unlawful to shoot a turkey while it is located in a tree or structure used for resting.

K. **Legal weapon types** for turkey are as follows: shotguns firing shot, including muzzle-loading shotguns; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

L. **Non-toxic shot** use is required on all state game commission owned lands.

M. **Areas closed to hunting turkey:** The following areas shall remain closed to hunting turkey, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon state park; Orilla Verde and Wild Rivers recreation areas, including the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas except Humphries, Rio Chama, and Sargent WMAs; the Valle Vidal area; and Rattlesnake canyon in sub-unit 2A.

[19.31.16.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.10 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.11 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) REPORTING INCENTIVE:** The director may annually allow up to two turkey authorizations to be issued by drawing for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorization certificates awarded pursuant to this rule may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Turkey incentive hunts shall be valid only for Unit 2, the Sargent WMA in Unit 4 and the Valle Vidal area.

[19.31.16.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.11 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.12 TURKEY HUNTS (2015-2016 through 2018-2019 hunting seasons):**

**A. Over-the-counter hunts** for any legal firearms, including shotguns and muzzle loading shotguns firing shot, bows, and crossbows, shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs and areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, and bag limits. The number of licenses for these hunts shall be unlimited.

**(1) Spring seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
2A (except areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo canyon), 4 (including WMAs), 5, 6A, 6C, 7, 9 (including Water Canyon WMA, and Marquez WMA by draw permit only), 10, 12, 13, 14 (bows only in Sandia ranger district), 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (Colin Neblett and E.S. Barker WMAs, and Valle Vidal by permit only), 56, 57 (bow only in Sugarite Canyon state park), 58, 59.	4/15-5/10	2 turkeys with visible beards
all GMUs open for over the counter turkey, (YO)	4/10-12/2015 4/8-10/2016 4/7-9/2017 4/13-15/2018	2 turkeys with visible beards

**(2) Fall seasons:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt dates	bag limit
2A (except areas east of NM 550 and north of NM 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo canyon), 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9 (including Water Canyon WMA, but not Marquez WMA), 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (including Colin Neblett WMA, but excluding the E. S. Barker and Urraca WMAs and Valle Vidal), 56, 57 (except Sugarite Canyon state park), 58 and 59	bow only: 9/1-30  any legal weapon: 11/1-30	any 1 turkey

**B. Entry hunts** for any legal firearms, including shotguns and muzzle loading shotguns firing shot, bows, and crossbows, shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs and areas open, eligibility requirements, hunt dates, hunt codes, maximum number of licenses, and bag limits. Youth hunters must provide hunter education certificate number or their mentored-youth number on their application.

**(1) Regular season entry hunts** (April 15 through May 10) annually; limited to one turkey with a visible beard except GMU 9 Marquez WMA has a limit of two turkeys with visible beards:

open GMUs or areas	hunt code	permits
2 (except areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 including Rattlesnake Canyon)	TUR-1-100	115
2 (except areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 including Rattlesnake Canyon), YO	TUR-1-101	50
2A Rattlesnake canyon areas east of NM 550 to the pine river and north of NM 173 (licenses also valid in GMU 2 and in any other open GMU during the spring season) (YO)	TUR-1-102	5
8 (bows only in Sandia ranger district)	TUR-1-103	10
9: Marquez WMA	TUR-1-104	5

**(2) Entry hunts for the Valle Caldera national preserve, WS Huey WMA and Valle Vidal/Greenwood areas, limited to one turkey with a visible beard:**

open GMUs or areas	2016-2017 hunt dates	2017-2018 hunt dates	2018-2019 hunt dates	hunt codes	permits
33: WS Huey WMA, YO	4/9-10	4/8-9	4/14-15	TUR-1-105	TBD
33: WS Huey WMA, YO	4/16-17	4/15-16	4/21-22	TUR-1-106	TBD

55: Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-112	20
6B, the Valle Caldera National Preserve	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	4/15-4/30	TUR-1-113	20

[19.31.16.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.12 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.13 TURKEY POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

**A.** The director or his designee may authorize population management hunts for turkey when justified in writing by department personnel.

**B.** The director or his designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, and number of licenses or permits.

**C.** The specific hunt dates, hunt area, and other pertinent hunt information shall be printed on the license or permit.

**D.** Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

**E.** Applications for permits may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

**F.** In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

**G.** No more than one person may apply under each application.

**H.** Population management hunts for turkey may be anywhere in the state with dates, number of permits, bag limit, and specific hunt areas to be determined by the department. The hunt code to apply for turkey population management hunts shall be TUR-5-100.

**I.** In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department. [19.31.16.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.16.13 NMAC, 4-1-16]

**19.31.16.14 GOULD'S TURKEY ENHANCEMENT PERMITS:**

**A.** Objective: to establish and define the procedures and restrictions for the issuance, sale, and use of not more than two Gould's turkey enhancement permits.

**B.** Gould's turkey habitat enhancement program: The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction or lottery or both, not more than two Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. These monies shall be deposited into the game protection fund and made available for expenditure by the department to be used exclusively for activities, projects, and programs aimed at the restoration and management of Gould's turkeys and Gould's turkey habitat.

**C.** Requirements for issuance, sale and use of Gould's turkey enhancement permits:

**(1)** Issuance: The director of the department may issue up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits annually. Prior to permit issuance each year, the director must document that the prospective harvest of up to two bearded Gould's turkeys will not jeopardize the prospects for survival and recruitment of Gould's turkeys in New Mexico or conflict with the Wildlife Conservation Act, 17-2-37 NMSA 1978.

**(2)** Sale:

**(a)** Upon fulfillment of the required annual documentation as described in Subsection A of 19.31.20.9 NMAC, the director shall issue up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits, to be sold via auction or lottery or both.

**(b)** The auction or lottery or both may be conducted by an incorporated non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife, in cooperation with and overseen by the department.

**(c)** Selection of an organization to administer the auction or lottery or both of the Gould's turkey enhancement permits shall be pursuant to procurement code regulations described in 1.4.1.31 NMAC.

**(3)** Use:

**(a)** Each permit may be transferred through sale, barter, donation, or gift by the successful purchaser of the permit to other individuals qualified to purchase a license and hunt.

**(b)** Individuals hunting pursuant to a Gould's turkey enhancement permit must purchase and have in their possession a valid turkey hunting license and any other stamps or permits required by rule.



(c) Unless his/her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to bid on and purchase a Gould's turkey enhancement permit.

(d) Individuals holding a Gould's turkey enhancement permit shall not be prohibited from hunting other species of turkeys in New Mexico as allowed in 19.31.16 NMAC.

(e) Only individuals who possess a valid turkey license and a Gould's turkey enhancement permit may hunt Gould's turkeys.

(f) The bag limit for each permit shall be one bearded Gould's turkey.

(g) The season dates for each permit shall be no more than 30 consecutive days between April 1 and May 31 as specified by the permit each license year.

(h) The hunt area for each permit shall be any legally accessible public lands where hunting is allowed and private land with written permission.

(i) All manner and method restrictions and requirements set forth in 19.31.16.10 NMAC shall apply to individuals hunting turkey pursuant to Gould's turkey enhancement permits. [19.31.16.14 NMAC - N, 4-1-16]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.16 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;

Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;

Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;

Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;

Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;

Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;

Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;

Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;

Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

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19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.

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19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.

19.31.16 NMAC, Turkey, filed 2-26-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.

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**TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 17 BIGHORN SHEEP**

**19.31.17.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.17.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.1 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.2 SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in the management and hunting of bighorn sheep. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.17.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.2 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.17.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.3 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.4 DURATION:** April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.17.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.4 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2015 unless a later date is cited at the end of individual sections.  
[19.31.17.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.5 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.6 OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of bighorn sheep licenses by the department.  
[19.31.17.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.6 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.7 DEFINITIONS:**

- A.** “Arrows” shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- B.** “Baiting” shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take bighorn sheep.
- C.** “Bighorn enhancement program” as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than four permits for the taking of one bighorn ram per permit with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep.
- D.** “Bighorn ewe” shall mean any adult female bighorn sheep.
- E.** “Bighorn ram” shall mean any male bighorn sheep.
- F.** “Bighorn sheep license” shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting bighorn sheep in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- G.** “Bow” shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- ~~**H.** “Centerfire firearms” shall mean any center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.~~
- H.I.** “Crossbow” shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed. ~~nor magnify.~~
- I.J.** “Department” shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- J.K.** “Director” shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- K.L.** “Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in the rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- L.M.** “License year” shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- ~~**M.** “Centerfire firearms” shall mean any center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.~~
- ~~**N.** “Shotgun” shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.~~
- O.N.** “Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms” shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder

substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**O.** “Shotgun” shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.

**P.** **“Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.17.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.7 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of bighorn licenses to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs.  
[19.31.17.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.8 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.9 BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One bighorn sheep license per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for any bighorn sheep during a license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area printed on the permit, license, or carcass tag.

**C. Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram once-in-a-lifetime hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram license if one has previously held a license to hunt a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram in New Mexico, excluding the youth-only, private land, auction, and raffle bighorn ram licenses. A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible. Exception: An applicant is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction and raffle licenses whether or not he or she has previously held a license to hunt Rocky Mountain or desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico.

**D. Desert bighorn sheep once-in-a-lifetime hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a desert bighorn sheep license if one has previously held a license to hunt desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico, excluding the youth-only, private land, auction, and raffle bighorn ram licenses. A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible. Exception: An applicant is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction and raffle licenses whether or not he or she has previously held a license to hunt Rocky Mountain or desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico.

**E. Youth only (YO) bighorn sheep hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) bighorn sheep license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certificate number on their application.

**F. Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ewe hunts:** This hunt is not once-in-a-lifetime hunt. A person that has previously held a license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn rams or ewes is eligible to apply for this hunt.  
[19.31.17.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.9 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.10 BIGHORN SHEEP MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Season and hours:** Bighorn sheep may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one bighorn sheep during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of any bighorn sheep without proof of sex. The horns and external genitalia of any bighorn sheep taken shall remain attached to the skull or pelt, as appropriate, and be readily visible until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage.

**D. Sealing of bighorn sheep horns:** A seal shall be affixed to a horn of every bighorn sheep ram head taken in New Mexico, imported into New Mexico, or found in the field in New Mexico subsequent to August 17, 1973. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field within New Mexico shall remain the property of the state until disposed of by permit from the director. The seal shall authorize possession and transportation of the head within New Mexico.

(1) Such sealing shall be done within ten days after the bighorn sheep ram head is taken, imported, or found in the field and before the bighorn sheep head is exported from New Mexico. Bighorn sheep ram heads not so declared shall be seized. Only legally taken and possessed bighorn sheep ram heads shall be sealed.

(2) Bighorn sheep ram heads legally sealed in other countries, states, tribal entities, provinces, and territories, and possessing a valid visible seal attached, are exempted.

E. **Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of bighorn sheep that are improperly notched.

F. **Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt any bighorn sheep.

G. **Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any bighorn sheep by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

H. **Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any bighorn sheep.

I. **Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any bighorn sheep.

J. **Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any bighorn sheep out of bighorn sheep season.

K. **Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take bighorn sheep by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking bighorn sheep.

L. **Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or use arrows driven by explosives.

M. **Legal weapon types** for bighorn sheep are as follows: any center-fire rifle of .24 caliber or larger; any center-fire handgun of .24 caliber or larger; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles not smaller than .45 caliber; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

N. **Areas closed to bighorn sheep hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to bighorn sheep hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite canyon state park; Orilla Verde and Wild Rivers recreation areas, including the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas, except Big Hatchet; the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve).

[19.31.17.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.10 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.11 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS:** The 2015-16 through 2018-19 hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs or areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses available, and bag limits. Additional eligibility requirements and restrictions are defined in Section 9 of 19.31.17 NMAC above. Licenses issued through private land authorizations are not 'once-in-a-lifetime'. The Rocky Mountain ewe hunts shall be offered to address department management needs. Hunt codes for bighorn hunts allowing "any legal weapon" type shall be designated BHS-1, hunt codes for bighorn hunts allowing "bow only" weapon type shall be designated as BHS-2, hunt codes for bighorn hunts allowing "muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bow only" weapon type shall be designated BHS-3.

A. Rocky Mountain bighorn ram hunt for any legal sporting arms (BHS-1-201). Hunters applying for BHS-1-201 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-201 will be up to 24 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt period	2016-2017 hunt period	2017-2018 hunt period	2018-2019 hunt period
16B, 22, 23, 24	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31
45	8/14-8/23	8/12-8/21	8/11-8/20	8/10-8/19
	8/24-9/6	8/22-9/4	8/21-9/3	8/20-9/2
45, YO	8/24-9/6	8/22-9/4	8/21-9/3	8/20-9/2
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/7-8/16	8/5-8/14	8/4-8/13	8/3-8/12
	8/17-8/30	8/15-8/28	8/14-8/27	8/13-8/26
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15
55 north of NM196/FS Rd 1950	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15

58; public draw	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
58; private land	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

B. Rocky Mountain bighorn ewe hunt for any legal sporting arms (BHS-1-202). Hunters applying for BHS-1-202 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-202 will be up to 62 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt period	2016-2017 hunt period	2017-2018 hunt period	2018-2019 hunt period
45	9/7-9/27	9/5-9/25	9/4-9/24	9/3-9/23
45, YO	9/7-9/27	9/5-9/25	9/4-9/24	9/3-9/23
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522, YO	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/14-9/27	9/12-2/25	9/11-9/24	9/10-9/23
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, YO	9/14-9/27	9/12-2/25	9/11-9/24	9/10-9/23

C. Rocky Mountain bighorn ewe hunt for bow only (BHS-2-203). Hunters applying for BHS-2-203 will be allowed to select and rank up to two open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-2-203 will be up to 12 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt period	2016-2017 hunt period	2017-2018 hunt period	2018-2019 hunt period
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/31-9/13	8/29-9/11	8/28-9/10	8/27-9/9
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, YO	8/31-9/13	8/29-9/11	8/28-9/10	8/27-9/9

D. Desert bighorn ram hunt for any legal sporting arms (BHS-1-204). Hunters applying for BHS-1-204 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-204 will be up to 33 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt period	2016-2017 hunt period	2017-2018 hunt period	2018-2019 hunt period
27	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30
26	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31
19	12/14-1/1	12/14-1/1	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21
	n/a	n/a	12/27-1/3	12/27-1/3
20: south of NM 51	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30
	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
20: north of NM 51; public draw	8/21-8/30	8/19-8/28	8/18-8/27	8/17-8/26
	10/16-10/25	3/3-3/12	10/13-10/22	3/1-3/10
	11/20-11/29	n/a	11/17-11/26	n/a
20: north of NM 51; private land	3/4-3/13	10/14-10/23	3/2-3/11	10/12-10/21
	n/a	11/18-11/27	n/a	11/16-11/25
	8/21-8/30	8/19-8/28	8/18-8/27	8/17-8/26
20: north of NM 51, YO public draw	11/20-11/29	11/18-11/27	11/17-11/26	11/16-11/25
20: north of NM 51, YO private land	11/20-11/29	11/18-11/27	11/17-11/26	11/16-11/25
13, 17	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31

[19.31.17.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.11 NMAC, 4-1-15; A, 2-28-17]

**19.31.17.12 BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:**

A. The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through auction and lottery of special bighorn sheep permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep and for direct costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the preservation, restoration, utilization, and management of bighorn sheep.

B. The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than four special bighorn sheep permits in any one license year to take one bighorn sheep ram per permit. The director shall allow the sale of two permits through auction to the highest bidders and two permits to persons selected through a random drawing for the holder of a lottery ticket by the department or by an incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of wild sheep.

C. Proposals for auctioning two special bighorn sheep permits and the sale of lottery tickets to obtain two special bighorn sheep permits through a pair of random drawings shall be submitted to the director of the department prior to January 31, preceding the license year when the permits may be legally used.

D. The proposals for auctioning two permits, and for the sale of lottery tickets and subsequent selection of recipients for two permits through random drawing(s) shall each contain and identify:

(1) the name of the organization making the request as well as the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those members of the organization who are coordinating the proposal;

(2) the estimated amount of money to be raised and the rationale for that estimate; and

(3) a copy of the organization's articles of incorporation with a letter attesting that the organization has tax-exempt status. The letter must also affirm that the proponent agrees to the conditions set forth by the director of the department. The letter must be signed and dated by the president and secretary-treasurer, or their equivalents.

E. The director of the department shall examine all proposals following the close of the application period. The director may reject any application which does not conform to the requirements of this section. In selecting a marketing organization, the director shall consider the qualifications of the organization as a fund raiser; the proposed fund raising plan; the fee charged by the marketing organization for promotional and administrative costs, relative to the funds obtained from auctioning the permit; and the organization's previous involvement with wild sheep management and its conservation objectives. The director may accept any proposals when it is in the best interest of bighorn sheep to do so.

F. After a proposal has been approved, the state game commission shall establish open season dates, open areas, and license requirements.

G. The marketing organization must agree in writing to the following:

(1) to transfer all proceeds on or before the tenth day of the month following the auction and drawing for the lottery, and

(2) to provide the department with the names, addresses, and the physical descriptions of the individuals to whom the special bighorn sheep permits are issued.

H. The department and the marketing organization must agree to the arrangements for the deposit of the proceeds, payment for services rendered, the accounting procedures, and final audit.

I. Unless his or her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction permits or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special bighorn lottery permits.

J. The special bighorn sheep permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.

K. Special bighorn sheep permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' permits.

L. Holders of the auction licenses (BHS-1-500) must declare by June 1 annually to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas. Each holder of the raffle license (BHS-1-600) must declare to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas not chosen by the hunter of the auction license. By July 20 annually, each raffle hunter must declare if he or she is choosing the hunt occurring in GMU 20 (north of NM 51) or GMU 55 (north of NM196/FS Rd 1950). If the raffle hunter chooses any other hunt, he or she must designate an available and specific hunt area at the time of obtaining the hunting license.

M. The hunt dates for BHS-1-500 and BHS-1-600 shall be 8/1-12/31 annually except GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522 is closed 8/11 to 8/31 annually to all bighorn sheep hunters.



N. Auction or raffle winners may select any open bighorn sheep unit for the respective subspecies.  
[19.31.17.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.12 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.13 BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

A. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman or their designee, may authorize population management hunts for bighorn sheep when justified in writing by department personnel and must be based on biological information or a potential to compromise population viability.

B. The director shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one bighorn sheep per license year.

C. Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

D. Applications for licenses may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

E. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

F. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.  
[19.31.17.13 NMAC - N, 08-15-16]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.17 NMAC:**

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Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;

Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;

Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;

Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;

Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;

Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;

Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;

Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;

Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

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**TITLE 19        NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31    HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 17        BIGHORN SHEEP**

**19.31.17.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.17.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.1 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.2        SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in the management and hunting of bighorn sheep. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.17.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.2 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.17.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.3 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.4        DURATION:** April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2019.  
[19.31.17.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.4 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2015 unless a later date is cited at the end of individual sections.  
[19.31.17.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.5 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.6        OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of bighorn sheep licenses by the department.  
[19.31.17.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.6 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.7        DEFINITIONS:**

- A.        "Arrows"** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- B.        "Baiting"** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take bighorn sheep.
- C.        "Bighorn enhancement program"** as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than four permits for the taking of one bighorn ram per permit with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep.
- D.        "Bighorn ewe"** shall mean any adult female bighorn sheep.
- E.        "Bighorn ram"** shall mean any male bighorn sheep.
- F.        "Bighorn sheep license"** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting bighorn sheep in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- G.        "Bow"** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- H.        "Centerfire firearms"** shall mean any center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.
- I.        "Crossbow"** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.
- J.        "Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- K.        "Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- L.        "Game management unit" or "GMU"** shall mean those areas as described in the rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- M.        "License year"** shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- N.        "Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms"** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.
- O.        "Shotgun"** shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.

P. **“Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.17.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.7 NMAC, 4-1-15]

19.31.17.8 **ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of bighorn licenses to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs.  
[19.31.17.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.8 NMAC, 4-1-15]

19.31.17.9 **BIGHORN SHEEP LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

A. **One bighorn sheep license per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for any bighorn sheep during a license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

B. **Validity of license or permit:** All permits or licenses shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area printed on the permit, license, or carcass tag.

C. **Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram once-in-a-lifetime hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram license if one has previously held a license to hunt a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram in New Mexico, excluding the youth-only, private land, auction, and raffle bighorn ram licenses. A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible. Exception: An applicant is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction and raffle licenses whether or not he or she has previously held a license to hunt Rocky Mountain or desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico.

D. **Desert bighorn sheep once-in-a-lifetime hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a desert bighorn sheep license if one has previously held a license to hunt desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico, excluding the youth-only, private land, auction, and raffle bighorn ram licenses. A person that has received the youth-only ram license is eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (under age 18), but may apply for the other Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn once-in-a lifetime hunts as long as they are eligible. Exception: An applicant is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction and raffle licenses whether or not he or she has previously held a license to hunt Rocky Mountain or desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico.

E. **Youth only (YO) bighorn sheep hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) bighorn sheep license except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certificate number on their application.

F. **Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ewe hunts:** This hunt is not once-in-a-lifetime hunt. A person that has previously held a license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn rams or ewes is eligible to apply for this hunt.  
[19.31.17.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.9 NMAC, 4-1-15]

19.31.17.10 **BIGHORN SHEEP MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

A. **Season and hours:** Bighorn sheep may be hunted or taken only during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. **Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one bighorn sheep during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

C. **Proof of sex:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to transport or possess the carcass of any bighorn sheep without proof of sex. The horns and external genitalia of any bighorn sheep taken shall remain attached to the skull or pelt, as appropriate, and be readily visible until arriving at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage.

D. **Sealing of bighorn sheep horns:** A seal shall be affixed to a horn of every bighorn sheep ram head taken in New Mexico, imported into New Mexico, or found in the field in New Mexico subsequent to August 17, 1973. Bighorn sheep heads found in the field within New Mexico shall remain the property of the state until disposed of by permit from the director. The seal shall authorize possession and transportation of the head within New Mexico.

(1) Such sealing shall be done within ten days after the bighorn sheep ram head is taken, imported, or found in the field and before the bighorn sheep head is exported from New Mexico. Bighorn sheep ram heads not so declared shall be seized. Only legally taken and possessed bighorn sheep ram heads shall be sealed.

(2) Bighorn sheep ram heads legally sealed in other countries, states, tribal entities, provinces, and territories, and possessing a valid visible seal attached, are exempted.

- E. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of bighorn sheep that are improperly notched.
- F. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt any bighorn sheep.
- G. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any bighorn sheep by use of baits or scents as defined in 19.31.10.7 NMAC. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.
- H. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any bighorn sheep.
- I. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any bighorn sheep.
- J. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any bighorn sheep out of bighorn sheep season.
- K. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take bighorn sheep by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking bighorn sheep.
- L. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or use arrows driven by explosives.
- M. Legal weapon types** for bighorn sheep are as follows: any center-fire rifle of .24 caliber or larger; any center-fire handgun of .24 caliber or larger; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles not smaller than .45 caliber; bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.
- N. Areas closed to bighorn sheep hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to bighorn sheep hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite canyon state park; Orilla Verde and Wild Rivers recreation areas, including the Taos Valley overlook; all wildlife management areas, except Big Hatchet; the Valle Vidal area; and sub-unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve).  
[19.31.17.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.10 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.17.11 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS:** The 2015-16 through 2018-19 hunting seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the GMUs or areas open, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses available, and bag limits. Additional eligibility requirements and restrictions are defined in Section 9 of 19.31.17 NMAC above. Licenses issued through private land authorizations are not 'once-in-a-lifetime'. The Rocky Mountain ewe hunts shall be offered to address department management needs. Hunt codes for bighorn hunts allowing "any legal weapon" type shall be designated BHS-1, hunt codes for bighorn hunts allowing "bow only" weapon type shall be designated as BHS-2, hunt codes for bighorn hunts allowing "muzzle loading rifles, crossbows or bow only" weapon type shall be designated BHS-3.

**A.** Rocky Mountain bighorn ram hunt for any legal sporting arms (BHS-1-201). Hunters applying for BHS-1-201 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-201 will be up to 24 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt period	2016-2017 hunt period	2017-2018 hunt period	2018-2019 hunt period
16B, 22, 23, 24	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31
45	8/14-8/23	8/12-8/21	8/11-8/20	8/10-8/19
	8/24-9/6	8/22-9/4	8/21-9/3	8/20-9/2
45, YO	8/24-9/6	8/22-9/4	8/21-9/3	8/20-9/2
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15	9/1-9/15
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/7-8/16	8/5-8/14	8/4-8/13	8/3-8/12
	8/17-8/30	8/15-8/28	8/14-8/27	8/13-8/26
49, 50, 53 west of NM 522	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15
55 north of NM196/FS Rd 1950	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15	8/15-1/15
58; public draw	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
58; private land	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**B.** Rocky Mountain bighorn ewe hunt for any legal sporting arms (BHS-1-202). Hunters applying for BHS-1-202 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-202 will be up to 62 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt period	2016-2017 hunt period	2017-2018 hunt period	2018-2019 hunt period
45	9/7-9/27	9/5-9/25	9/4-9/24	9/3-9/23
45, YO	9/7-9/27	9/5-9/25	9/4-9/24	9/3-9/23
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30
	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522, YO	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30	9/16-9/30
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	9/14-9/27	9/12-2/25	9/11-9/24	9/10-9/23
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, YO	9/14-9/27	9/12-2/25	9/11-9/24	9/10-9/23

C. Rocky Mountain bighorn ewe hunt for bow only (BHS-2-203). Hunters applying for BHS-2-203 will be allowed to select and rank up to two open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-2-203 will be up to 12 with a bag limit of one ewe.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt period	2016-2017 hunt period	2017-2018 hunt period	2018-2019 hunt period
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950	8/31-9/13	8/29-9/11	8/28-9/10	8/27-9/9
53 north of NM 38 and east of NM 522; 55 south of NM 196/FS Rd 1950, YO	8/31-9/13	8/29-9/11	8/28-9/10	8/27-9/9

D. Desert bighorn ram hunt for any legal sporting arms (BHS-1-204). Hunters applying for BHS-1-204 will be allowed to select and rank up to three open areas/hunt dates. The number of licenses available for BHS-1-204 will be up to 33 with a bag limit of one ram.

open GMUs	2015-2016 hunt period	2016-2017 hunt period	2017-2018 hunt period	2018-2019 hunt period
27	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30
26	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15
	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31	10/16-10/31
19	12/14-1/1	12/14-1/1	12/14-12/21	12/14-12/21
	n/a	n/a	12/27-1/3	12/27-1/3
20: south of NM 51	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30	11/16-11/30
	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15	12/1-12/15
20: north of NM 51; public draw	8/21-8/30	8/19-8/28	8/18-8/27	8/17-8/26
	10/16-10/25	3/3-3/12	10/13-10/22	3/1-3/10
	11/20-11/29	n/a	11/17-11/26	n/a
20: north of NM 51; private land	3/4-3/13	10/14-10/23	3/2-3/11	10/12-10/21
	n/a	11/18-11/27	n/a	11/16-11/25
	8/21-8/30	8/19-8/28	8/18-8/27	8/17-8/26
20: north of NM 51, YO public draw	11/20-11/29	11/18-11/27	11/17-11/26	11/16-11/25
20: north of NM 51, YO private land	11/20-11/29	11/18-11/27	11/17-11/26	11/16-11/25
13, 17	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31

[19.31.17.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.11 NMAC, 4-1-15; A, 2-28-17]

**19.31.17.12 BIGHORN SHEEP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:**

A. The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through auction and lottery of special bighorn sheep permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit bighorn sheep and

for direct costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the preservation, restoration, utilization, and management of bighorn sheep.

**B.** The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than four special bighorn sheep permits in any one license year to take one bighorn sheep ram per permit. The director shall allow the sale of two permits through auction to the highest bidders and two permits to persons selected through a random drawing for the holder of a lottery ticket by the department or by an incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of wild sheep.

**C.** Proposals for auctioning two special bighorn sheep permits and the sale of lottery tickets to obtain two special bighorn sheep permits through a pair of random drawings shall be submitted to the director of the department prior to January 31, preceding the license year when the permits may be legally used.

**D.** The proposals for auctioning two permits, and for the sale of lottery tickets and subsequent selection of recipients for two permits through random drawing(s) shall each contain and identify:

(1) the name of the organization making the request as well as the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those members of the organization who are coordinating the proposal;

(2) the estimated amount of money to be raised and the rationale for that estimate; and

(3) a copy of the organization's articles of incorporation with a letter attesting that the organization has tax-exempt status. The letter must also affirm that the proponent agrees to the conditions set forth by the director of the department. The letter must be signed and dated by the president and secretary-treasurer, or their equivalents.

**E.** The director of the department shall examine all proposals following the close of the application period. The director may reject any application which does not conform to the requirements of this section. In selecting a marketing organization, the director shall consider the qualifications of the organization as a fund raiser; the proposed fund raising plan; the fee charged by the marketing organization for promotional and administrative costs, relative to the funds obtained from auctioning the permit; and the organization's previous involvement with wild sheep management and its conservation objectives. The director may accept any proposals when it is in the best interest of bighorn sheep to do so.

**F.** After a proposal has been approved, the state game commission shall establish open season dates, open areas, and license requirements.

**G.** The marketing organization must agree in writing to the following:

(1) to transfer all proceeds on or before the tenth day of the month following the auction and drawing for the lottery, and

(2) to provide the department with the names, addresses, and the physical descriptions of the individuals to whom the special bighorn sheep permits are issued.

**H.** The department and the marketing organization must agree to the arrangements for the deposit of the proceeds, payment for services rendered, the accounting procedures, and final audit.

**I.** Unless his or her hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any resident of New Mexico, nonresident, or alien is eligible to submit a bid for the special bighorn auction permits or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special bighorn lottery permits.

**J.** The special bighorn sheep permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.

**K.** Special bighorn sheep permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' permits.

**L.** Holders of the auction licenses (BHS-1-500) must declare by June 1 annually to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas. Each holder of the raffle license (BHS-1-600) must declare to hunt the designated subspecies in one of the open hunt areas not chosen by the holder of the auction license. By July 20 annually, each raffle hunter must declare if he or she is choosing the hunt occurring in GMU 20 (north of NM 51) or GMU 55 (north of NM 196/FS Rd 1950). If the raffle hunter chooses any other hunt, he or she must designate an available and specific hunt area at the time of obtaining the hunting license.

**M.** The hunt dates for BHS-1-500 and BHS-1-600 shall be 8/1-12/31 annually except GMU 53 south of NM 38 and east of NM 522 is closed 8/11 to 8/31 annually to all bighorn sheep hunters.

**N.** Auction or raffle winners may select any open bighorn sheep unit for the respective subspecies. [19.31.17.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.17.12 NMAC, 4-1-15]

### **19.31.17.13 BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**



A. The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairman or their designee, may authorize population management hunts for bighorn sheep when justified in writing by department personnel and must be based on biological information or a potential to compromise population viability.

B. The director shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses. No qualifying license holder shall take more than one bighorn sheep per license year.

C. Applications must be submitted by the deadline date set by the department.

D. Applications for licenses may be rejected, and fees returned to an applicant, if such applications are not on the proper form or do not supply adequate information.

E. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

F. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department. [19.31.17.13 NMAC - N, 08-15-16]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.17 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
 Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
 Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
 Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;  
 Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;  
 Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;  
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;  
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;  
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;  
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;  
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;  
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;  
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**TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 21 JAVELINA**

**19.31.21.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.21.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.1 NMAC, 4-1-15]

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~~**E-F.** “Department” shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.~~

~~**F-G.** “Director” shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.~~

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~~**H-I.** “Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.~~

~~**I-J.** “License” shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting javelina in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.~~

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**19.31.21.9 JAVELINA LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. **One license per javelina per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for javelina during a current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.
- B. **Validity of license or permit:** All javelina entry permits, licenses or authorizations shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license.
- C. **Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) javelina license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.
- D. **Military only hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only javelina license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.
- E. **License purchase:** Over-the-counter javelina hunters must purchase a javelina license at least two days prior to hunting javelina. [19.31.21.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.9 NMAC, 4-1-15; A, 1-17-17]

**19.31.21.10 JAVELINA MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. **Seasons and hours:** Javelina may be only hunted or taken during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- B. **Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one javelina during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.
- C. **Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of javelina that are improperly notched.
- D. **Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt javelina, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead javelina. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the GMU they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.
- E. **Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any javelina by use of baits or scents. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.
- F. **Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any javelina.
- G. **Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any javelina.
- H. **Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any javelina out of their respective hunting seasons.
- I. **Legal sporting arms or weapon types** for javelina are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles (muzzle-loading handguns are legal sporting arms for javelina); bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.
- J. **Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take javelina by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking javelina.
- K. **Areas closed to javelina hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to javelina hunting, except as permitted by regulation: all wildlife management areas, except the following lesser prairie-chicken areas:

Black Hills east and west; Claudell; Crossroads 1-5; Gallina Wells 1, 1A, 1B, and 2-6; Liberty; Marshall; Milnesand; north, south, and east Bluit; Wayside; Antelope Flats; Bledsoe; Little Dipper; Pitchfork; Ranger lake; and Sandhills Prairie conservation area.

[19.31.21.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.10 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.21.11 JAVELINA HUNTING SEASONS:** Javelina hunts for the 2015-16 through the 2018-19 hunt seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, and bag limit. Hunt codes for javelina hunts allowing “any legal weapon” type shall be designated JAV-1, hunt codes for javelina hunts allowing “archery bow only” weapon type shall be designated as JAV-2. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certification number on their application. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date. The open area for the JAV-2-101 and the JAV-1-102 hunts include the Big Hatchets special management area in GMU 26.

**A. Entry hunts:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt start	hunt end	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide, YO	1/1	3/31	JAV-1-100	150	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/1	1/31	JAV-2-101	300	ES
	2/1	3/1	JAV-1-102	1000	ES
28 McGregor range, <b>military only</b> . This hunt is the last weekend in December each year.	12/26/2015	12/27/2015	JAV-1-105	5	ES
	12/31/2016	1/1/2017			
	12/30/2017	12/31/2017			
	12/29/2018	12/30/2018			
28 McGregor range. This hunt is the last weekend in December each year.	12/26/2015	12/27/2015	JAV-1-106	5	ES
	12/31/2016	1/1/2017			
	12/30/2017	12/31/2017			
	12/29/2018	12/30/2018			

**B. Over-the-counter hunts:** The hunt area shall be statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

open GMUs or areas	hunt start	hunt end	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1	1/31	JAV-2-103	300	ES
	1/16	3/31	JAV-1-104	1000	ES

**C.** Properly licensed deer or elk hunters that possess JAV-1-100 may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates but only during the same dates and in the same area as their deer or elk hunt. Properly licensed deer or elk hunters that possess JAV-2-103 and JAV-1-104 may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates but only during the same dates and in the same area as their deer or elk hunt, except in GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Hunters must use the same weapon type listed on their respective deer or elk license.

[19.31.21.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.11 NMAC, 4-1-15; A, 1-17-17]

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Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;  
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Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;  
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Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;  
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Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;  
Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;  
Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;  
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**19.31.21.7        DEFINITIONS:**

**A.        "Arrows"** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.

**B.        "Baiting"** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take javelina.

**C.        "Bow"** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

**D.        "Centerfire firearms"** shall mean any center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms.

**E.        "Crossbows"** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light, however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

**F.        "Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**G.        "Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**H.        "ES or either sex"** shall mean any one animal of the species.

**I.        "Game management unit" or "GMU"** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

**J.        "License"** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting javelina in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.

**K.        "License year"** shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**L.        "Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms"** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**M.        "Shotgun"** shall mean only those shotguns firing shot or slug that are designed to be fired from the shoulder.

**N.        "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs"** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission's rule 19.34.5 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.21.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.7 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.21.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST**

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses or permits for javelina up or down by no more than twenty percent of the total permits available in the area or GMU to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. The director may consider requests from organizations or private landowners working with children suffering from terminal illness or disease to change season dates, weapon types or bag limits to provide for special hunting situations on a case by case basis. The director may change or cancel any hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; provided the subsequent hunts have the same season length and bag limit as assigned on the original hunt code.

[19.31.21.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.8 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.21.9 JAVELINA LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One license per javelina per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for javelina during a current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All javelina entry permits, licenses or authorizations shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit or license.

**C. Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) javelina license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**D. Military only hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only javelina license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**E. License purchase:** Over-the-counter javelina hunters must purchase a javelina license at least two days prior to hunting javelina.

[19.31.21.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.9 NMAC, 4-1-15; A, 1-17-17]

**19.31.21.10 JAVELINA MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Seasons and hours:** Javelina may be only hunted or taken during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one javelina during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of javelina that are improperly notched.

**D. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt javelina, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead javelina. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the GMU they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.

**E. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any javelina by use of baits or scents. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**F. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any javelina.

**G. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any javelina.

**H. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any javelina out of their respective hunting seasons.

**I. Legal sporting arms or weapon types** for javelina are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles (muzzle-loading handguns are legal sporting arms for javelina); bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**J. Bullets:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take javelina by the use of tracer ammunition or any ammunition loaded with a full metal jacketed bullet. Only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets may be used in hunting or taking javelina.

**K. Areas closed to javelina hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to javelina hunting, except as permitted by regulation: all wildlife management areas, except the following lesser prairie-chicken areas: Black Hills east and west; Claudell; Crossroads 1-5; Gallina Wells 1, 1A, 1B, and 2-6; Liberty; Marshall; Milnesand; north, south, and east Bluit; Wayside; Antelope Flats; Bledsoe; Little Dipper; Pitchfork; Ranger lake; and Sandhills Prairie conservation area.

[19.31.21.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.10 NMAC, 4-1-15]

**19.31.21.11 JAVELINA HUNTING SEASONS:** Javelina hunts for the 2015-16 through the 2018-19 hunt seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, and bag limit. Hunt codes for javelina hunts allowing “any legal weapon” type shall be designated JAV-1, hunt codes for javelina hunts allowing “bow only” weapon type shall be designated as JAV-2. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certification number on their application. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date. The open area for the JAV-2-101 and the JAV-1-102 hunts include the Big Hatchets special management area in GMU 26.

**A. Entry hunts:**

open GMUs or areas	hunt start	hunt end	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide, YO	1/1	3/31	JAV-1-100	150	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/1	1/31	JAV-2-101	300	ES
	2/1	3/1	JAV-1-102	1000	ES
28 McGregor range, <b>military only</b> . This hunt is the last weekend in December each year.	12/26/2015	12/27/2015	JAV-1-105	5	ES
	12/31/2016	1/1/2017			
	12/30/2017	12/31/2017			
	12/29/2018	12/30/2018			
28 McGregor range. This hunt is the last weekend in December each year.	12/26/2015	12/27/2015	JAV-1-106	5	ES
	12/31/2016	1/1/2017			
	12/30/2017	12/31/2017			
	12/29/2018	12/30/2018			

**B. Over-the-counter hunts:** The hunt area shall be statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

open GMUs or areas	hunt start	hunt end	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1	1/31	JAV-2-103	300	ES
	1/16	3/31	JAV-1-104	1000	ES

**C.** Properly licensed deer or elk hunters that possess JAV-1-100 may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates but only during the same dates and in the same area as their deer or elk hunt. Properly licensed deer or elk hunters that possess JAV-2-103 and JAV-1-104 may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates but only during the same dates and in the same area as their deer or elk hunt, except in GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Hunters must use the same weapon type listed on their respective deer or elk license. [19.31.21.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.11 NMAC, 4-1-15; A, 1-17-17]

**HISTORY OF 19.31.21 NMAC:**

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- Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;
- Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;
- Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;
- Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;
- Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;

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Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

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Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

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Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

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Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

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Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;

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Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

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Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;  
Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;  
Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;  
Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;  
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