STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission ("Commission") has scheduled a regular meeting and rule hearing for Tuesday, May 22, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room, 60 Entrada Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico, to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: Presentation of proposed repeal of the Pronghorn License Allocation System rule.

Synopsis:
The purpose is to repeal the Pronghorn License Allocation System rule, 19.30.12 NMAC, on March 31, 2019. The new Pronghorn Antelope rule, 19.31.15 NMAC, effective April 1, 2019 will replace the current Pronghorn License Allocation System rule.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed repeal of the Pronghorn License Allocation System rule at Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us, or individuals may submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2018. Final rule action will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on May 22, 2018. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearing to be held on May 22, 2018.

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, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department's website at 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 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.

NOTICE STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room, 60 Entrada Dr., Los Alamos, New Mexico, the State Game Commission will meet in public session to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: Department Awards; Revocations; Request to Dispose of Vehicles and Other Assets; Update on the Construction of Albuquerque Office Complex; Update on Bighorn Sheep Status in Cochiti Canyon; Recognition of Cooperation by the Department and the City of Los Alamos on Implementation of Bear Resistant Trash Receptacles to Reduce Human-Bear Interactions; Subsequent Discussion for Potential Rule Changes on the Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex Rule; Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes on the Bighorn Sheep Rule – 19.31.17 NMAC for the 2019-2023 Seasons; Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes on the Javelina Rule – 19.31.21 NMAC for the 2019-2023 Seasons; Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes on the Pronghorn Antelope Rule – 19.31.15 NMAC for the 2019-2023 Seasons; Repeal of Pronghorn License Allocation System – 19.30.12 NMAC; General Public Comment; Closed Executive Session; and Request by Private Citizen for the Commission to Receive Donated Property in Union County for a Shooting Range located in Clayton, New Mexico.

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TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 30 WILDLIFE ADMINISTRATION
PART 12 PRONGHORN LICENSE ALLOCATION SYSTEM

19.30.12.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
[19.30.12.1 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

19.30.12.2 SCOPE: Landowners who provide meaningful benefit to pronghorn and accept pronghorn on their properties and all pronghorn hunters who wish to recreate on deeded lands or public lands within New Mexico's exterior boundaries. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30, 31, 32, and 33 of Title 19.
[19.30.12.2 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

19.30.12.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide the New Mexico game commission with 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. Statute 17-3-14 NMSA1978 authorizes the director to issue an antelope license free of charge when an agreement is made with the department to hunt antelope on deeded or leased property.
[19.30.12.3 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

19.30.12.4 DURATION: Permanent
[19.30.12.4 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

19.30.12.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2011 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.30.12.5 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

19.30.12.6 OBJECTIVE: Establish the antelope private lands use system (A-PLUS) as an equitable and flexible system that recognizes the contributions of private lands and landowners to the management of pronghorn antelope and their habitats, while providing an appropriate, biologically sound, and effective harvest through sport hunting.
[19.30.12.6 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

19.30.12.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. **"Authorized ranch contact"** is the person designated by the landowner to be responsible for following procedures including forwarding documents, making changes and updates to the property.

B. **"Deeded acres"** shall mean privately owned acres that are within the designated pronghorn habitat.

C. **"Enrolled acreage"** is all the acreage as defined by the department as participating in A-PLUS

D. **"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 Wildlife Management Areas.

E. **"Inactivation"** is the New Mexico department of game and fish procedure that immediately stops all issuance of authorizations and eligibility for participation in the program.

F. **"Minimum qualifying acreage"** is the total number of acres of pronghorn habitat on enrolled private land and all public land in a GMU divided by the number of mature buck licenses available in that GMU.

G. **"Pronghorn authorization"** shall mean the document or number generated by the department and issued to a private landowner enrolled in A-PLUS that authorizes the holder to purchase a specified license to hunt pronghorn.

H. **"Pronghorn habitat"** shall mean the portion of land within the boundaries of a GMU that is designated by the department as containing the majority of routine and substantial pronghorn use. This shall be the area that pronghorn management goals and subsequent harvest objectives are based.

I. **"Percent private land"** shall mean the percentage of the area within a GMU or ranch designated as pronghorn habitat that is private land.

J. **"Percent public land"** shall mean the percentage of the area within a GMU or ranch designated as pronghorn habitat that is public land.

K. **"Public land"** shall mean those lands held by state, federal or other public agencies.

L. **"Qualifying acres"** shall mean acres comprised of pronghorn habitat.

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M. **"Ranch"** shall mean all deeded and leased lands managed by a common landowner or landowners (i.e., combined ranches) within a GMU.

N. **"Review"** is a period of time during which an applicant, or active ranch, may be suspended from participation until the department review concludes that all participation requirements have been met.

[19.30.12.7 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

19.30.12.8 PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Minimum enrollment qualifications:

(1) Private or public lands that lie within pronghorn habitat.

(2) Private or public lands that provide meaningful benefits to pronghorn, at least occasionally, as determined by the appropriate district officer or game manager.

(3) Only landowners or lessees who agree in writing to accept pronghorn on their property shall be considered. Any landowner or lessee that files a depredation complaint regarding pronghorn or takes action pursuant to Section 17-2-7.2 NMSA 1978 shall have automatically elected to become ineligible for continued participation in this program. Exceptions to this may be allowed when short-term or unusual circumstances that are typically not associated with the normal presence of pronghorn using land and forage on the property exist. In these instances, if the landowner desires to continue contributing to pronghorn, the department may allow the landowner to continue participating in this system while seeking resolution to the short-term or unusual damage pursuant to the depredation program.

(4) Landowner must agree that participation is voluntary, is based upon annual pronghorn populations, and there is no guarantee of a specific number of authorizations issued each year.

(5) All participating properties shall be subject to annual review per the requirements found in this section.

B. Enrollment process:

(1) Initial application:

(a) Landowners who choose to enroll in the system must submit a completed application form approved by the department. Application must include all documentation requested on the department application form.

(b) Both public and private land within a ranch boundary shall be enrolled.

(c) Application must be submitted to the department, hand delivered or post marked, no later than the deadline date indicated on the application. Applications received without all required documentation or hand delivered or post marked after the deadline date indicated on the application shall be rejected. Rejected applications may be corrected and resubmitted by a date designated by the department that year if the application was submitted by the original deadline date indicated on the application and the applicant mistakenly omitted required documentation or can document a family emergency, sickness or death which resulted in the application deadline being missed.

(d) Landowners with properties that do not meet the requirements set forth in Subsection A of 19.30.7.8 NMAC and minimum qualifying acreage shall be advised and given the right to appeal the department's decision with regard to meeting the minimum requirements for participation.

(2) Participating ranches:

(a) All authorized ranch contacts for participating ranches that have been allocated hunting opportunity shall receive an agreement and affidavit of ownership form annually.

(b) The agreement and affidavit of ownership form shall list the name, address, and phone number of the authorized ranch contact, the ranch's enrolled acreage and the qualifying deeded and leased acres for which allocations of licenses and authorizations will be based upon. It shall provide the opportunity to appeal the listed acreage and allow for the authorized ranch contact to notify the department of appropriate changes. If changes include the addition or reduction of deeded or leased acreage, required documents as listed to include a new ranch boundary map must be submitted with the form. The agreement portion of the form shall set out the terms and conditions for participation.

(c) The agreement and affidavit of ownership form must be signed and initialed where designated and returned to the department via hand delivery, fax, scanned/email, or post marked no later than a date designated by the department each year. Failure to meet these requirements shall result in the ranch being placed on review until the following year. If circumstances beyond the control of the authorized ranch contact or a documented family emergency, sickness or death, resulted in this deadline being missed, the department may accept completed agreement and affidavit of ownership forms on a case by case basis.

(d) If the department determines there has been a breach of the terms set forth in the agreement, false representation of a ranch's deeded or leased acreage, rightful ownership, or legal representation of a ranch, the department shall immediately inactivate the ranch, void all unconverted authorizations issued to the ranch, and the owner or authorized ranch contact shall be subject to the processes set forth in 19.31.2 NMAC.

(e) After 3 years of non-receipt of the agreement and affidavit of ownership, the department shall inactivate the respective ranch until a new initial application has been submitted.

(f) Properties that are sold or transferred to new ownership must re-apply as required for initial enrollment by a date designated by the department. The previous owner must report any reduction in acreage resulting from sale or transfer on their annual affidavit of ownership and provide required documents as listed indicating the acreage reduction. Properties or portions of properties that have been reported by the previous owner(s) as sold or transferred shall be considered inactive until the new owners submit an initial application.

(g) All enrolled ranches that the department determines do not meet the minimum participation requirements or do not meet the minimum qualifying acreage requirements for allocation of hunting opportunity shall be sent written or e-mail notice.

C. The department shall establish properties enrolled as public draw only ranches which will consist of 100% leased state or federal lands that offer reasonable pronghorn antelope hunting opportunity with legal public access to those lands. These properties shall be subject to the minimum qualification requirements as found in 19.30.12.9 NMAC.

D. If a landowner represents or permits the false representation of the property's enrolled acreage, or breaches or violates the conditions of any A-PLUS hunting agreement with the department, the landowner will be inactivated from further participation in A-PLUS and any other department sponsored private land program for a period of up to 3 years. The landowner shall be notified via certified mail upon the department's determination that a violation or breach has occurred. The landowner may request a hearing that shall be held in accordance with the processes set forth in 19.31.2.13 NMAC (without reference to points) through Subsection A of 19.31.2.22 NMAC. [19.30.12.8 NMAC - N, 4-1-11; A, 7-31-12]

19.30.12.9 DISTRIBUTION OF PRONGHORN AUTHORIZATIONS AND DRAW LICENSES TO QUALIFYING RANCHES:

A. The department shall determine the acreage of pronghorn habitat within each GMU.

B. The department shall base the number and kind of hunting authorizations and licenses by bag limit and weapon type available in each GMU based upon sustainable harvest as outlined in the department's pronghorn antelope management plan.

C. The number of pronghorn mature buck hunting authorizations and licenses per ranch shall be set as follows.

(1) A ranch's total acreage of pronghorn habitat divided by the unit's enrolled acreage of pronghorn habitat equals the percent qualifying acreage for that ranch.

(2) The percent qualifying acreage for that ranch multiplied by the total remaining mature buck authorizations and licenses to be issued in the GMU equals the total allocation for that ranch. The department may apply a contribution rating to a ranch's final qualifying acreage based on pronghorn densities.

(a) The total allocation multiplied by the percentage of qualifying private land acreage of the ranch equals the number of private land authorizations to issue per ranch.

(b) The total allocation multiplied by the percentage of qualifying public land acreage of the ranch equals the number of public draw pronghorn hunting licenses per ranch. These public licenses drawn will be assigned to ranches to hunt.

D. Female/immature male (F/IM) authorizations and licenses will be issued within GMUs with sufficient populations to provide additional hunting opportunity. This allocation will be to appropriate public and private lands based on harvest objectives of the GMU and the percentage of qualifying public and private land acreage.

E. A portion of total annual authorizations and licenses not to exceed 10% from each GMU may be held by the department for the purpose of addressing special management circumstances or properties as determined by the area chief.

F. All authorizations and licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be ranch only and valid only within the boundaries of the enrolled ranch. With the exception of GMUs 50, 52 and 29 where all authorizations and licenses issued within the boundaries of these GMUs will be issued as "unit wide" and all landowners who participate will agree to, in writing annually, to allow for free, equal and unrestricted access to their privately deeded lands to any legally licensed pronghorn antelope hunter during the designated seasons pursuant to 19.31.15 NMAC.

C. All pronghorn authorizations issued pursuant to this section are valid for any available hunt code with a lesser weapon type within the GMU the authorization was issued.

H. All qualifying ranches who are assigned public draw hunters shall be issued one authorization valid for a free pronghorn license pursuant to 17-3-14 NMSA 1978.

I. Throughout this allocation process, the department will encourage landowners to cooperate and combine acreage to the extent possible on a willing basis to help them qualify for the most beneficial or useful issuance of authorization certificates.

J. If a ranch's acreage falls across two GMU boundaries, the ranch will be assigned to the GMU in which the majority of acreage occurs. The calculation of hunting opportunities will be based on the qualifying number of acres within each GMU.

[19.30.12.9 NMAC - N, 4-1-11; A, 4-1-11; A, 7-31-12]

19.30.12.10 LANDS OUTSIDE DESIGNATED PRONGHORN HABITAT AND PROPERTIES IN CLOSED GMUS: The department may issue authorizations and licenses to properties that lie outside designated pronghorn habitat or in GMUs that have been closed where pronghorn antelope exist within sufficient population levels to provide hunting opportunities within sustainable harvest objectives. Authorizations or licenses shall be issued at a ratio equal to the qualifying private and public land acreage of the ranch.

[19.30.12.10 NMAC - N, 4-1-11; A, 7-31-12]

19.30.12.11 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT PROPERTIES: In all GMUs, the department may treat specifically identified properties as special management properties and allocate authorizations and licenses to these properties based upon unique contributions to department pronghorn management goals. Landowners that elect to participate pursuant to this section shall be required to develop a pronghorn management plan in cooperation with the department that determines hunting opportunity based upon land status and special contributions to pronghorn. Authorizations or licenses allocated via this section will be at a ratio equal to the qualifying private and public land acreage of the ranch. Landowners that elect to participate pursuant to this section shall be ineligible for any appeal process.

[19.30.12.11 NMAC - N, 4-1-11; A, 7-31-12]

19.30.12.12 LANDOWNER RIGHT TO APPEAL:

A. Landowners shall have the right to appeal only the following:

(1) The number of qualifying acres of pronghorn habitat.

(2) A decision by the department that a property does not meet the minimum requirements to participate.

B. Appeals for newly enrolling properties that are based upon failure to meet the minimum requirements to participate shall be submitted to the department in writing and post marked no later than April 1.

C. The department may take the necessary amount of time needed to properly consider any appeals.

D. In all cases of appeal, the landowner shall be responsible for providing the appropriate documentation required substantiating the claim.

E. All appeals shall be made to the respective area chief.

[19.30.12.12 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

19.30.12.13 DEPARTMENT RIGHT TO REQUEST UPDATED DOCUMENTATION AND CONDUCT AUDITS. The department reserves the right to request the submission of verifiable documentation that substantiates fulfillment of the minimum requirements to participate. Each request shall be written and shall include a reasonable time for compliance. Any failure to comply with the request for documents shall result in the property being inactivated and removed from participating in A-PLUS during the current license year. If the landowner wishes to participate again, they will be required to reapply the following license year pursuant to the enrollment process as outlined under Subsection B of 19.30.12.8 NMAC.

[19.30.12.13 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

HISTORY OF 19.30.12 NMAC: [RESERVED]

Final Adopted Rule

The New Mexico State Game Commission (Department of Game and Fish) approved, at its 5/22/2018 hearing, to repeal its rule 19.30.12 NMAC, Pronghorn License Allocation System, filed 11/16/2004, effective 4/1/2019.

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Concise Explanatory Statement for rulemaking adoption:

Specific statutory or other authority authorizing rulemaking:

17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978

Notice date(s): April 10, 2018

Hearing date(s): May 22, 2018

Rule Adoption date: May 22, 2018

Rule Effective date: April 1, 2019

Findings required for rulemaking adoption.

Findings MUST include:

- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;

- Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule; and

- Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment.

The rulemaking was undertaken to repeal the Pronghorn License Allocation System 19.30.12 NMAC. There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. This repeal is occurring in conjunction with filing a new rule for Pronghorn Antelope 19.31.15 NMAC, and the new language supersedes this rule. A wide array of public comments were submitted. To view these comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. It was not possible to incorporate all of the comments into the final rule as many of the comments were mutually exclusive. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

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Findings required for rulemaking adoption continued

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Issuing authority (If delegated, authority letter must be on file with ALD):

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Title: Director, NMDGF

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Date signed: 5/25/18

Wildlife Management Division

Pronghorn License Allocation System 19.31.12 NMAC

May 22, 2018

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Los Alamos, NM

Wildlife Management Division

EXHIBIT 3

New Pronghorn rule

- New rule nullifies the Pronghorn License Allocation System Rule
- Propose to repeal

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Public comment summary

- 4 public meetings: 71 attendees signed in
- Written responses: emailed – 111; letters – 29
  - Comments help shape proposal
- Major Comments:
  - Private Land OTC (32)
  - Public tags/opportunities (29)
  - Concerns about conflicts (26)
  - Hunt dates (21)
  - Access (14)
  - APLUS System (11)
  - Youth hunt dates (2)

Questions?

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Technical Information for Pronghorn Rule Development

Survey and Harvest Data

A new survey design was implemented in 2015 that uses a Mark Recapture Distance Sampling technique. In addition to allowing the Department to obtain composition ratios, this technique allows for abundance estimation across the landscape. Pronghorn surveys are flown according to Pronghorn Management Unit (PMU; Figure 1) which are delineated by pronghorn population segments in New Mexico and encompass several GMUs. Fixed-wing aerial surveys were conducted in 14 separate PMUs from 2015 through 2017 in July and August of each year; surveys are scheduled for the July-August time frame each year because July is past the period in which the majority of fawn death has occurred but it still allows observers to discern fawns from adults does. Survey intensity has been modified after each year's survey to obtain more accurate estimates of abundance and composition ratios.

The average buck:doe ratio for all PMUs for all years was 35 bucks per 100 does (Table 4; range 14-51 bucks per 100 does). The average fawn ratio for all PMUs for all years was 38 fawns per 100 does (range 14-64 fawns per 100 does). In the 13 separate PMUs that were surveyed, there were an estimated 47,000 – 49,000 pronghorn (Table 6).

Low fawn survival is suspected to be one of the primary causes of pronghorn population declines observed throughout the state. Poor habitat conditions exacerbated by drought are likely the primary cause of the low fawn:doe ratios reported for some PMUs. Fawn:doe ratios are sufficient for sustainable populations throughout much of the state with most PMUs experiencing overall population growth. Significant local variation in observed ratios and differences in fawn survival across the state are likely the result of varying habitat conditions and rainfall levels and timing. Observed buck:doe ratios are sufficient to ensure optimal conception rates and birth timing. Disparity in sex ratios is likely the result of differing natural limiting factors and variable hunting pressures. Differences in probability of detection for bucks, does, and fawns may also have impacted results from one location to another. The survey results suggest that pronghorn abundance and fawn survival remain substantially higher in the northeastern portion of New Mexico compared with other regions. The southeastern region of the state contains the second highest population with the southwest having the 3rd most pronghorn. Although the population in the northwestern region of the state remains healthy and sustainable, this region holds the fewest pronghorn of any region. The Tres Piedras pronghorn population is a high elevation population that is separated from other pronghorn populations by high mountain ranges.

EXHIBIT 4

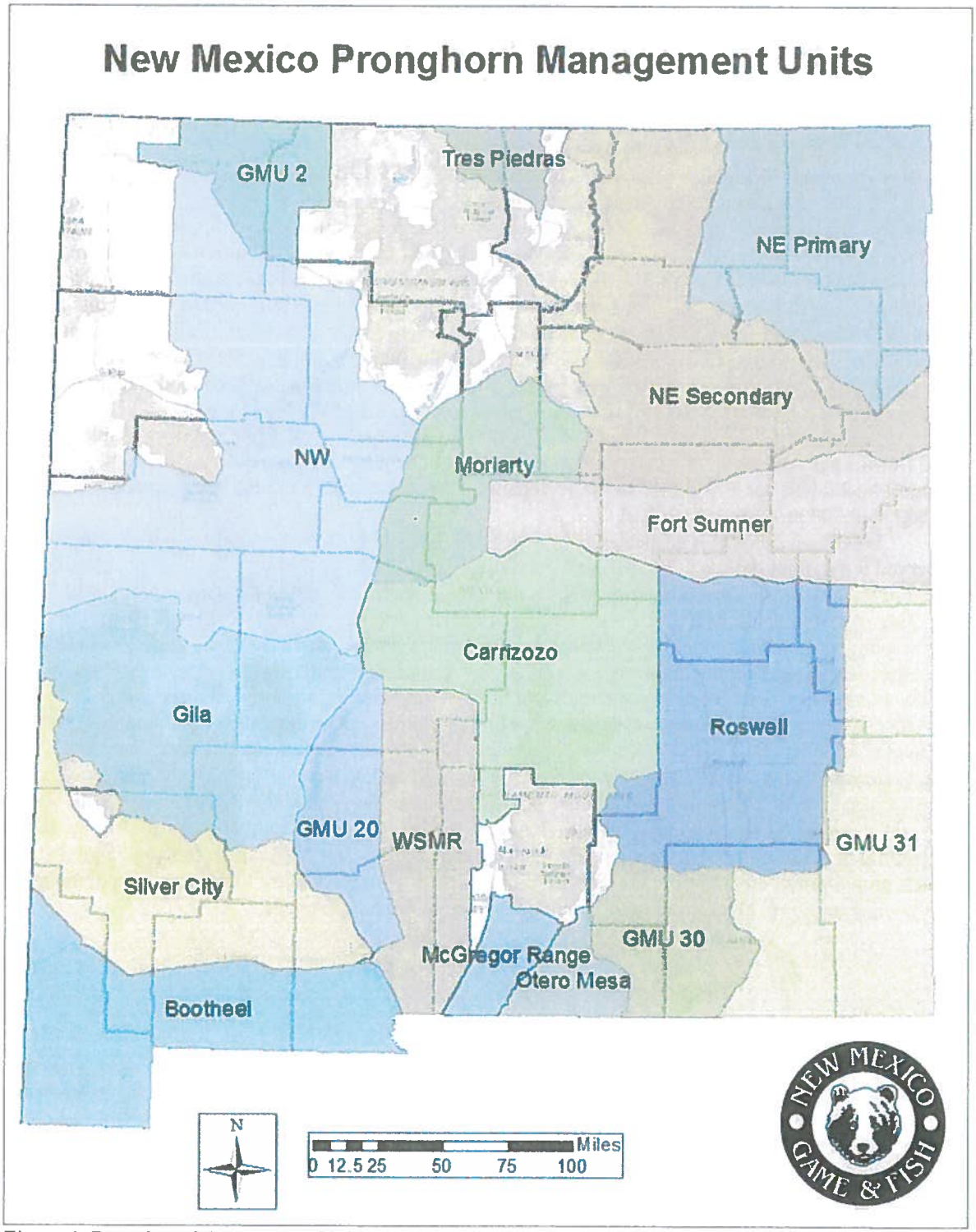

Figure 1. Pronghorn Management Units (PMU) that define potentially interbreeding herds of pronghorn in New Mexico and are used to define survey areas, estimate pronghorn densities, and determine potential harvest levels, New Mexico, USA, 2015-2017

Table 1. Estimated occupied habitat for each Pronghorn Management Unit (PMU), units surveyed, total miles flown, and total area covered during the 2015, 2016, and 2017 New Mexico pronghorn surveys, NMDGF.

	PMU[a]	Occupied Habitat[b]	Units Surveyed	Covered Area[c]	Miles Surveyed[d]
2015 Survey	Gila	1,738	17	499.30	416.08
	GMU 20	1,454	20	464.50	387.08
	GMU 30/31	4,665	39	1,199.81	999.84
	Northeast Primary	6,781	60	1,434.02	1,195.02
	Northwest	2,223	26	689.98	574.98
	2015 Total	**16,861**	**162**	**4,287.60**	**3,573.00**
2016 Survey	Bootheel	1,822	19	442.97	369.14
	Moriarty	661	10	278.38	231.98
	Northeast Secondary	5,026	57	1,319.45	1,099.54
	Roswell	6,899	57	1,595.52	1,329.60
	Silver City	1,934	22	574.08	478.4
	Tres Piedras	343	10	320.62	267.18
	2016 Total	**16,685**	**175**	**4,531.01**	**3,775.84**
2017 Survey	Carrizozo	4,695	61	1382.91	1152.43
	Fort Sumner	5,715	70	1615.21	1346.01
	Roswell	6,889	65	1508.05	1256.71
	Tres Piedras	343	13	281.01	234.17
	2017 Total	**17,642**	**209**	**4,787.18**	**3989.32**

[a] Pronghorn Management Unit (PMU)
[b] Estimated potential occupied pronghorn habitat (mi^2) within a PMU based on habitat layers and models.
[c] Total area surveyed for each PMU and for each year (mi^2)
[d] Total linear miles flown in each PMU

Table 2. Estimated densities of each PMU surveyed during the 2015, 2016, and 2017 New Mexico pronghorn surveys, NMDGF.

	PMU[a]	Density[b]	SE[c]	CV[d]	LCL[e]	UCL[e]	DF[f]
2015 Survey	Gila[g]	0.98	0.52	0.53	0.34	2.81	17.14
	GMU 20[g]	0.08	0.05	0.60	0.03	0.27	20.05
	GMU 30/31	0.69	0.18	0.26	0.42	1.15	51.77
	Northeast Primary	2.66	0.53	0.20	1.8	3.92	100.59
	Northwest[g]	0.56	0.23	0.42	0.25	1.27	28.01
	2015 Total	**1.44**	**0.24**	**0.17**	**1.03**	**2.01**	**162.22**
2016 Survey	Bootheel[g]	0.0091	0.0092	1.01	0.0016	0.053	18.44
	Moriarty[g]	0.55	0.3489	0.63	0.1496	2.026	9.57
	Northeast Secondary	2.45	0.6793	0.28	1.4263	4.213	78.37
	Roswell	0.4	0.1284	0.32	0.2159	0.748	71.85
	Silver City[g]	0.08	0.046	0.55	0.0293	0.242	22.83
	Tres Piedras	1.38	0.3466	0.25	0.8147	2.35	13.82
	2016 Total	**0.97**	**0.222**	**0**	**0.6156**	**1.515**	**106.3**
2017 Survey	Carrizozo	0.59	0.18	0.30	0.33	1.06	65.31
	Fort Sumner	0.76	0.16	0.21	0.50	1.16	79.35
	Roswell	0.58	0.12	0.21	0.38	0.88	75.86
	Tres Piedras	0.65	0.21	0.32	0.33	1.30	13.19
	2017 Total	**0.64**	**0.09**	**0.14**	**0.49**	**0.85**	**273.10**

[a] Pronghorn Management Unit (PMU)
[b] Estimated density of pronghorn per square mile of occupied habitat
[c] Standard Error
[d] Coefficient of variation
[e] 95% confidence intervals (LCL is lower confidence interval, UCL is upper confidence interval)
[f] Degrees of freedom
[g] Estimated densities for Bootheel, Gila, GMU 20, Moriarty, Northwest, and Silver City PMUs should be interpreted with caution. The high CVs indicate high variability in the estimate. Further stratification into expected High and Low density areas for these PMUs could help increase sample size and thus precision for these PMUs.

Table 3. Expected group/herd sizes from observations obtained during the 2015 and 2016 New Mexico pronghorn surveys, NMDGF.

	PMU[a]	Expected Group Size	SE[b]	CV[c]
2015 Survey	Gila	6.28	1.74	0.28
	GMU 20	2.25	0.57	0.25
	GMU 30/31	4.9	0.45	0.09
	Northeast Primary	6.19	0.71	0.11
	Northwest	5.24	0.99	0.19
	2015 Total	**5.88**	**0.53**	**0.09**
2016 Survey	Bootheel	1.00	0.00	0.00
	Moriarty	5.43	0.80	0.15
	Northeast Secondary	6.42	0.97	0.15
	Roswell	2.94	0.44	0.15
	Silver City	2.00	0.80	0.40
	Tres Piedras	4.78	0.66	0.14
	2016 Total	**5.15**	**0.67**	**0.13**
2017 Survey	Carrizozo	6.32	1.29	0.20
	Fort Sumner	3.80	0.56	0.15
	Roswell	3.56	0.52	0.15
	Tres Piedras	3.02	0.57	0.19
	2017 Total	**4.08**	**0.39**	**0.09**

[a] Pronghorn Management Unit (PMU)
[b] Standard Error
[c] Coefficient of variation

Table 4. Estimated composition ratios for each PMU obtained from both on transect detections and offline observations of pronghorn during the 2015 and 2016 New Mexico pronghorn surveys, NMDGF.

		Buck:Doe Ratio				Fawn:Doe Ratio			
	PMU[a]	Estimate[b]	CV[c]	LCL[d]	UCL[d]	Estimate[b]	CV[c]	LCL[d]	UCL[d]
2015 Survey	Gila	0.25	0.15	0.23	0.28	0.21	0.16	0.19	0.23
	GMU 20	0.25	0.42	0.19	0.33	0.64	0.3	0.52	0.79
	GMU 30/31	0.29	0.12	0.27	0.31	0.43	0.1	0.4	0.47
	Northeast Primary	0.3	0.07	0.28	0.31	0.37	0.06	0.35	0.39
	Northeast Secondary	0.26	0.12	0.24	0.29	0.63	0.09	0.59	0.66
	Northwest[e]	0.14	0.28	0.12	0.17	0.14	0.28	0.12	0.17
	2015 Total	**0.28**	**0.05**	**0.27**	**0.28**	**0.4**	**0.04**	**0.38**	**0.41**
2016 Survey	Bootheel[e]	0.4	0.84	0.23	0.7	0.4	0.84	0.23	0.70
	Moriarty	0.11	0.53	0.08	0.16	0.14	0.48	0.1	0.19
	Northeast Secondary	0.51	0.072	0.48	0.53	0.45	0.075	0.43	0.48
	Roswell	0.3	0.16	0.27	0.33	0.4	0.14	0.37	0.44
	Silver City[e]	1.27	0.28	1.05	1.54	0.18	0.54	0.13	0.26
	Tres Piedras	0.21	0.23	0.18	0.24	0.41	0.18	0.37	0.47
	2016 Total	**0.43**	**0.06**	**0.42**	**0.45**	**0.42**	**0.06**	**0.4**	**0.44**
	FortSumner	0.45	0.09	0.42	0.48	0.40	0.09	0.38	0.43
	Carrizozo	0.27	0.11	0.25	0.29	0.29	0.11	0.27	0.31
	TresPiedras	0.38	0.21	0.33	0.44	0.22	0.26	0.19	0.26
	Roswell	0.47	0.10	0.44	0.51	0.33	0.12	0.30	0.35
	2017 Total	**0.39**	**0.05**	**0.38**	**0.41**	**0.33**	**0.06**	**0.32**	**0.35**
2015-2017 All PMUs Averaged		**0.35**	**0.031**	**0.34**	**0.35**	**0.38**	**0.03**	**0.37**	**0.39**

[a] Pronghorn Management Unit (PMU)

[b] Estimates are reported as a decimal. To obtain composition ratios as whole numbers per 100 does, multiply the estimate by 100.

[c] Coefficient of variation

[d] 95% confidence intervals (LCL is lower confidence interval, UCL is upper confidence interval)

[e] Sample size for Bootheel, Silver City Moriarty, and Northwest were small with high coefficients of variation. Therefore, these estimates should be interpreted with caution.

Table 5. Estimated population sizes for each PMU and for the entire New Mexico 2015, 2016, and 2017 pronghorn surveys, NMDGF.

	PMU[a]	Estimate	CV[b]	LCL[c]	UCL[c]	DF[d]
2015 Survey	Gila	1,705	0.53	595	4,891	17.14
	GMU 20	122	0.6	38	390	20.04
	GMU 30/31	3,219	0.26	1,937	5,350	51.77
	Northeast Primary	18,019	0.2	12,207	26,597	100.59
	Northwest	1,243	0.42	548	2,819	28.01
	2015 Total	**24,309**	**0.17**	**17,439**	**33,884**	**162.22**
2016 Survey	Bootheel$_a$	17	1.01	3	96	18.44
	Moriarty$_a$	364	0.63	99	1339	9.57
	Northeast Secondary	12,320	0.28	7,169	21,173	78.37
	Roswell	2,773	0.32	1,489	5,162	71.85
	Silver City$_a$	163	0.55	57	469	22.83
	Tres Piedras	475	0.25	279	806	13.82
	2016 Total	**16,111**	**0.23**	**10,271**	**25,270**	**106.3**
2017 Survey	Carrizozo	2,760	0.30	1,529.22	4,980.31	65.31
	Fort Sumner	4,368	0.21	2,867.65	6,653.20	79.35
	Roswell	3,998	0.21	2,636.63	6,061.66	75.86
	Tres Piedras	224	0.32	113.38	444.49	13.19
	2017 Total	**11,350**	**0.14**	**8,600.82**	**14,977.81**	**273.10**

[a] Pronghorn Management Unit (PMU)
[b] Coefficient of variation
[c] 95% confidence intervals (LCL is lower confidence interval, UCL is upper confidence interval)
[d] Degrees of freedom

Table 6. Estimated number of does, bucks, and fawns for each PMU surveyed during the 2015, 2016, and 2017 New Mexico pronghorn surveys, NMDGF.

	PMU[a]	Estimate	Does	Bucks	Fawns
2015	Gila	1,705	1,166	295	244
Survey	GMU 20	122	65	16	41
	GMU 30/31	3,219	1,870	539	811
	Northeast Primary	18,019	10,807	3,216	3,997
	Northwest	1,243	973	135	135
	2015 Total	**24,309**	**14,547**	**4,010**	**5,751**
2016	Bootheel	17	9	4	4
Survey	Moriarty	364	291	32	40
	Northeast Secondary	12,320	6,288	3,194	2,839
	Roswell	2,773	1,633	483	657
	Silver City	163	66	85	12
	Tres Piedras	475	293	61	121
	2016 Total	**16,111**	**8,704**	**3,765**	**3,642**
2017	FortSumner	4,368	2,363	1,058	946
Survey	Carrizozo	2,760	1,769	479	511
	TresPiedras	224	140	53	31
	Roswell	3,998	2,224	1,049	724
	2017 Total	**11,350**	**6,579**	**2,581**	**2,191**
2015 – 2017 Total[b]		**48,773**	**28,184**	**10,163**	**10,425**

[a] Pronghorn Management Unit (PMU)

[b] When a PMU was surveyed more than once, 2015-2017 survey totals were calculated using the best estimate from table 5. Best estimate was determined by the estimate that had the lowest coefficient of variation.

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PUBLIC DRAW LICENSES

ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM (RIFLE) - PUBLIC

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
NORTHWEST REGION											
2	Rifle	Oct 5-7	1	MB	1	100%	0%	0	0	1.0	2.0
2 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	1	ES	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
7, 9, 12, 13	Rifle	Oct 5-7	27	MB	26	96%	86%	20	0	3.8	1.8
7, 9, 12, 13 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	8	ES	8	100%	63%	5	0	4.1	1.9
8, 14, 43	Rifle	Oct 5-7	8	MB	8	100%	63%	5	0	3.6	2.5
8, 14, 43 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	3	ES	3	100%	67%	2	0	5.0	1.7
12 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	10	MB	8	80%	83%	6	0	3.7	1.7
13 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	10	MB	10	100%	60%	6	0	4.5	1.6
14, 43 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	5	MB	5	100%	20%	1	0	4.0	2.2
NORTHWEST TOTAL	Rifle		73		70	96%	69%	46	0	3.9	1.8
SOUTHWEST REGION											
15	Rifle	Oct 5-7	8	MB	7	88%	57%	5	0	4.1	1.7
15 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	5	ES	4	80%	100%	5	0	4.8	1.0
16	Rifle	Oct 5-7	46	MB	44	96%	91%	41	0	4.4	1.4
16 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	5	MB	5	100%	75%	3	0	4.8	1.8
16 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	8	ES	7	88%	86%	7	0	4.9	1.1
17	Rifle	Oct 5-7	13	MB	13	100%	70%	7	0	4.1	1.9
17 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	5	MB	5	100%	100%	4	0	4.3	1.8
17 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	4	ES	4	100%	100%	4	0	5.0	1.3
20	Rifle	Oct 5-7	2	MB	2	100%		0	0	3.0	3.0
20 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	2	ES	2	100%	50%	1	0	1.5	2.0
21	Rifle	Oct 5-7	8	MB	8	100%	75%	6	0	4.4	1.5
21 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	2	ES	2	100%	50%	1	0	5.0	1.0
23	Rifle	Oct 5-7	11	MB	10	91%	78%	8	0	3.7	1.7
23 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	10	MB	10	100%	88%	7	0	3.9	1.9
23 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	3	ES	3	100%	100%	3	0	3.7	1.3
24	Rifle	Oct 5-7	3	MB	3	100%	100%	2	0	4.0	1.0
24 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	1	ES	1	100%	0%	0	0	3.0	2.0
25	Rifle	Oct 5-7	2	MB	2	100%	100%	1	0	3.0	1.0
25 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	1	ES	1	100%	0%	0	0	5.0	1.0
26	Rifle	Oct 5-7	5	MB	5	100%	75%	3	0	4.0	1.5
26 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	1	ES	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
SOUTHWEST TOTAL	Rifle		145		139	96%	82%	108	0	4.1	1.5
SOUTHEAST REGION											
18, 36-38	Rifle	Oct 5-7	80	MB	73	91%	84%	56	0	4.2	1.4
18, 36-38 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	10	MB	9	90%	67%	7	0	4.1	1.7
18, 36-38 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	10	ES	9	90%	100%	8	0	4.6	1.6
31	Rifle	Oct 5-7	44	MB	38	86%	74%	29	0	3.3	1.5
31 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	10	MB	10	100%	78%	7	0	4.1	1.6
31 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	9	ES	9	100%	100%	8	0	3.6	1.4
32 (Portions)	Rifle	Dec 1-15	30	F-IM	26	87%	35%	0	8	2.6	2.4
32 (Portions) Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	3	ES	3	100%	0%	0	0	2.3	2.7
32, 33	Rifle	Oct 5-7	101	MB	87	86%	70%	63	0	3.4	1.8
32, 33 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	15	MB	14	93%	69%	10	0	4.2	1.6
32, 33 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	10	ES	8	80%	75%	6	1	4.0	1.4
39, 40	Rifle	Oct 5-7	34	MB	34	100%	85%	23	0	4.1	1.6
39, 40 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	10	MB	9	90%	100%	10	0	4.7	1.1
39, 40 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	5	ES	5	100%	75%	2	1	4.3	1.8
SOUTHEAST TOTAL	Rifle		371		334	90%	74%	228	10	3.8	1.7
NORTHEAST REGION											
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	Rifle	Aug 24-26	364	MB	350	96%	72%	243	0	3.8	1.8
41-43, 46-48, 54-59 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	July 27-29	25	MB	25	100%	77%	17	0	4.2	1.7
41-43, 46-48, 54-59 Youth	Rifle	Aug 24-26	50	ES	47	94%	76%	33	1	4.1	1.6
41-43, 46-48, 54-59 Youth	Rifle	Aug 31-Sept 2	52	F-IM	47	90%	62%	6	23	3.7	1.8
41-43, 46-48, 54-59 Youth	Rifle	Oct 26-28	50	ES	50	100%	88%	35	8	4.5	1.7
NORTHEAST TOTAL	Rifle		541		519	96%	73%	334	32	4.1	1.7
ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE											
Statewide	Rifle	Aug 1-Nov 1	2	MB	2	100%	100%	2	0	5.0	4.0
STATEWIDE ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM (RIFLE) TOTAL											
STATEWIDE	Rifle		1132		1064	94%	75%	718	43	4.0	1.7

ARCHERY - PUBLIC

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
NORTHWEST REGION											
7, 9, 12, 13	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	25	MB	23	92%	5%	1	0	3.5	4.1
8, 14, 43	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	5	MB	5	100%	40%	2	0	3.2	3.6
NORTHWEST TOTAL	Archery		30		28	93%	12%	3	0	3.3	3.8
SOUTHWEST REGION											
15	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	10	MB	10	100%	38%	3	0	3.9	3.6
16	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	30	MB	29	97%	42%	10	0	4.0	4.7
17	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	30	MB	30	100%	27%	7	0	3.6	4.6
20	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	3	MB	3	100%	0%	0	0	1.7	4.3
23	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	10	MB	9	90%	14%	1	0	3.4	4.1
25	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	2	MB	2	100%	0%	0	0	3.5	4.5
26	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	10	MB	10	100%	30%	3	0	2.8	3.8
SOUTHWEST TOTAL	Archery		95		93	98%	30%	24	0	3.3	4.2
SOUTHEAST REGION											
18, 36-38	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	25	MB	25	100%	11%	2	0	3.1	4.4
30	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	25	MB	24	96%	23%	5	0	3.4	4.0
31	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	75	MB	72	96%	51%	36	0	4.1	3.2
32, 33	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	75	MB	71	95%	22%	15	0	3.1	4.4
39, 40	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	10	MB	8	80%	50%	4	0	3.7	3.2
SOUTHEAST TOTAL	Archery		210		200	95%	33%	62	0	3.5	3.8
NORTHEAST REGION											
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	Archery	Aug 3-11	100	MB	97	97%	28%	25	0	3.3	3.8
STATEWIDE ARCHERY TOTAL											
STATEWIDE	Archery		435		418	96%	30%	114	0	3.4	4.0

MUZZLELOADER - PUBLIC

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
SOUTHEAST REGION											
28	Muzzleloader	Aug 31-Sept 1	5	MB	5	100%	67%	2	0	3.7	1.7
28 Military	Muzzleloader	Aug 31-Sept 1	10	MB	10	100%	40%	4	0	3.7	1.8
28 Youth	Muzzleloader	Aug 31-Sept 1	10	MB	10	100%	38%	3	0	3.9	1.6
29	Muzzleloader	Sept 6-9	10	ES	10	100%	60%	6	0	3.9	2.9
29	Muzzleloader	Sept 6-9	35	MB	35	100%	81%	26	0	3.7	1.9
29 Youth	Muzzleloader	Oct 26-28	5	ES	4	80%	100%	5	0	2.8	1.8
SOUTHEAST TOTAL	Muzzleloader		75		74	99%	67%	46	0	3.6	1.9
NORTHEAST REGION											
50, 52	Muzzleloader	Aug 10-13	150	MB	141	94%	51%	72	0	4.1	2.5
50, 52 Youth	Muzzleloader	Aug 10-13	25	ES	22	88%	70%	11	5	4.3	2.0
50, 52 Youth	Muzzleloader	Oct 26-28	16	ES	16	100%	53%	6	2	4.2	2.3
NORTHEAST TOTAL	Muzzleloader		191		179	94%	53%	90	7	4.2	2.3
STATEWIDE MUZZLELOADER TOTAL											
STATEWIDE	Muzzleloader		266		253	95%	57%	136	7	3.8	2.0

STATEWIDE PUBLIC DRAW TOTAL

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
STATEWIDE	All	All	1833		1735	95%	61%	968	49	3.8	2.2

PRIVATE LAND LICENSES

ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM (RIFLE) - PRIVATE

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
GMUs 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15-17, 20, 21, 23-27											
12	Rifle	Oct 5-20	8	MB	2	25%	100%	8	0	4.5	2.0
13	Rifle	Oct 5-20	13	MB	8	62%	100%	13	0	4.8	1.8
15	Rifle	Oct 5-20	8	MB	5	63%	80%	6	0	3.8	1.6
16	Rifle	Oct 5-20	36	MB	23	64%	83%	30	0	4.7	2.1
17	Rifle	Oct 5-20	13	MB	8	62%	88%	11	0	4.1	1.9
20	Rifle	Oct 5-20	2	MB	0	0%		2	0		
21	Rifle	Oct 5-20	6	MB	5	83%	80%	5	0	4.8	1.8
23	Rifle	Oct 5-20	12	MB	6	50%	100%	8	0	4.0	1.5
24	Rifle	Oct 5-20	4	MB	3	75%	67%	3	0	4.7	2.0
25	Rifle	Oct 5-20	2	MB	2	100%	100%	2	0	4.0	1.0
26	Rifle	Oct 5-20	10	MB	7	70%	86%	9	0	4.6	2.6
TOTAL	Rifle		114		69	61%	87%	97	0	4.4	1.8
GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59											
41	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	16	F-IM	15	94%	73%	1	11	4.3	1.8
41	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	191	MB	105	55%	90%	171	0	4.3	1.7
42	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	47	MB	18	38%	94%	44	0	4.1	1.9
43	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	9	MB	2	22%	100%	9	0	4.0	1.0
46	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	2	F-IM	2	100%	100%	0	2	5.0	1.0
46	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	41	MB	18	44%	88%	34	0	4.4	1.9
47	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	2	F-IM	1	50%	0%	0	0	1.0	3.0
47	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	72	MB	34	47%	88%	64	0	4.3	1.8
48	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	14	F-IM	10	71%	90%	0	13	4.5	1.9
48	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	19	MB	9	47%	100%	19	0	4.7	1.3
54	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	8	MB	5	63%	80%	6	0	4.8	1.8
55	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	19	F-IM	17	89%	81%	0	15	4.5	1.5
55	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	73	MB	39	53%	92%	67	0	4.7	1.9
56	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	70	F-IM	64	91%	69%	5	43	3.9	1.8
56	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	442	MB	242	55%	84%	362	0	4.1	2.0
57	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	16	F-IM	13	81%	77%	1	11	3.8	1.8
57	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	54	MB	43	80%	100%	54	0	4.7	1.6
58	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	45	F-IM	42	93%	81%	0	36	4.4	1.9
58	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	164	MB	90	55%	83%	133	0	4.5	1.7
59	Rifle	Aug 24-Dec 31	47	F-IM	44	94%	60%	4	24	3.8	2.1
59	Rifle	Aug 24-Sept 8	254	MB	143	56%	81%	201	0	3.9	1.9
TOTAL	Rifle		1605		956	60%	83%	1176	153	4.2	1.8
GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59. Mobility Impaired											
42 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	July 27-29	1	MB	1	100%	0%	0	0	5.0	1.0
56 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	July 27-29	1	MB	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
TOTAL	Rifle		2		2	100%	50%	1	0	5.0	1.0
GMUs 8, 12-14, 16-18, 23, 31-33, 36-40. Mobility Impaired											
32, 33 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	1	MB	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
39 Mobility Impaired	Rifle	Aug 17-19	1	MB	0	0%		1	0		
TOTAL	Rifle		2		1	50%	100%	2	0	5.0	1.0
GMUs 8, 14, 18, 31-33, 36-40, 43											
8	Rifle	Oct 5-20	9	MB	8	89%	88%	8	0	4.6	1.3
14	Rifle	Oct 5-20	9	MB	6	67%	83%	8	0	3.8	1.7
18	Rifle	Oct 5-20	56	MB	31	55%	77%	42	0	4.2	1.9
31	Rifle	Oct 5-20	51	MB	25	49%	73%	33	0	4.0	1.8
32	Rifle	Oct 5-20	124	MB	51	41%	86%	105	0	4.2	1.8
33	Rifle	Oct 5-20	26	MB	11	42%	73%	19	0	4.5	1.9
36	Rifle	Oct 5-20	1	MB	1	100%	100%	1	0	4.0	1.0
37	Rifle	Oct 5-20	28	MB	14	50%	85%	22	0	4.4	1.7
38	Rifle	Oct 5-20	107	MB	51	48%	80%	86	0	4.2	1.8
39	Rifle	Oct 5-20	79	MB	53	67%	91%	72	0	4.3	1.6
40	Rifle	Oct 5-20	130	MB	82	63%	94%	119	0	4.5	1.7
43	Rifle	Oct 5-20	10	MB	8	80%	88%	9	0	4.8	1.9
TOTAL	Rifle		621		333	54%	86%	521	0	4.3	1.7
STATEWIDE ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM (RIFLE) TOTAL											
STATEWIDE	Rifle		2344		1361	58%	84%	1797	153	4.3	1.7

ARCHERY - PRIVATE

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
GMUs 7-9, 12-18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 31-33, 36-40, 43											
31	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	2	MB	2	100%	50%	1	0	3.0	6.5
39	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	3	MB	3	100%	100%	3	0	5.0	2.7
40	Archery	Aug 24-Sept 1	1	MB	0	100%		1	0		
TOTAL	Archery		6		5	83%	80%	5	0	4.0	4.6
GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59											
41	Archery	Aug 3-11	1	MB	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	4.0
43	Archery	Aug 3-11	1	MB	0	0%		1	0		
55	Archery	Aug 3-11	2	MB	2	100%	50%	1	0	3.0	4.5
56	Archery	Aug 3-11	2	MB	1	50%	100%	2	0	3.0	4.0
58	Archery	Aug 3-11	2	MB	2	100%	0%	0	0	3.0	7.0
59	Archery	Aug 3-11	3	MB	2	67%	0%	0	0	3.0	2.0
TOTAL	Archery		11		8	73%	50%	5	0	3.4	4.3
STATEWIDE ARCHERY TOTAL											
STATEWIDE	Archery		17		13	76%	64%	10	0	3.6	4.4

MUZZLELOADER - PRIVATE

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
GMU 29											
29	Muzzleloader	Sept 6-9	5	MB	4	80%	25%	1	0	2.5	4.0
GMUs 50, 52											
50	Muzzleloader	Aug 10-13	9	MB	6	67%	80%	6	0	3.0	3.0
52	Muzzleloader	Aug 10-13	5	MB	5	100%	80%	4	0	4.8	1.6
TOTAL	Muzzleloader		19		15	79%	80%	10	0	3.4	2.9
STATEWIDE MUZZLELOADER TOTAL											
STATEWIDE	Muzzleloader		19		15	79%	64%	11	0	3.4	2.9

STATEWIDE PRIVATE LAND TOTAL

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
STATEWIDE	All	All	2380		1389	58%	83%	1818	153	4.2	2.1

PUBLIC DRAW AND PRIVATE LAND LICENSES

STATEWIDE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TOTAL

GMU(s)	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Percent Reported	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating (5= Best)	Days Hunted
								Bucks	Does		
STATEWIDE	All	All	4213		3124	74%	72%	2786	203	4.0	2.2

* Success rates are based on the number of licensed hunters who actually went afield

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PUBLIC DRAW LICENSES

ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM - PUBLIC

	GMU(s)	Type	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
NORTHEAST REGION	41-43, 43-48, 54-59	MIP	Rifle	Jul 26-28	MB	25	24	96%	91%	22	0	4.0	1.7
	41-43, 43-48, 54-59	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-25	MB	371	357	96%	75%	253	0	4.1	1.7
	41-43, 43-48, 54-59	YOU	Rifle	Aug 23-25	ES	50	48	96%	100%	45	2	4.7	1.5
	41-43, 43-48, 54-59	YOU	Rifle	Aug 30-Sept 1	F-IM	54	54	100%	69%	5	30	3.9	1.6
	41-43, 43-48, 54-59	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	50	49	98%	83%	32	9	4.4	1.6
	NORTHEAST TOTAL					550	532	97%	78%	356	41	4.1	1.7
NORTHWEST REGION	2	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
	2	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	3.0	1.0
	12	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	10	9	90%	44%	4	0	4.1	2.4
	13	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	10	10	100%	90%	9	0	4.0	1.6
	14, 43	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	5	5	100%	40%	2	0	3.0	2.4
	7, 9, 12, 13	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	26	23	88%	91%	24	0	4.3	1.6
	7, 9, 12, 13	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	8	8	100%	75%	5	1	4.4	1.3
	8, 14, 43	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	8	7	88%	80%	5	0	3.6	1.6
	8, 14, 43	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	3	3	100%	50%	1	0	4.5	2.0
	NORTHWEST TOTAL					72	67	93%	77%	52	1	4.1	1.7
SOUTHEAST REGION	18, 36-38	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	10	10	100%	90%	9	0	4.6	1.4
	18, 36-38	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	78	76	97%	75%	53	0	4.0	1.8
	18, 36-38	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	10	10	100%	100%	9	0	4.4	1.7
	31	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	10	9	90%	100%	10	0	4.0	1.3
	31	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	57	50	88%	77%	41	0	3.5	1.7
	31	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	9	9	100%	88%	5	2	4.3	1.5
	32 (Portions)	REG	Rifle	Dec 1-15	F-IM	30	29	97%	48%	2	9	3.3	2.5
	32 (Portions)	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	3	3	100%	67%	2	0	3.3	1.7
	32, 33	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	15	15	100%	93%	13	0	3.9	1.2
	32, 33	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	98	89	91%	70%	64	0	3.4	1.6
	32, 33	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	10	9	90%	75%	7	0	4.5	2.0
	39, 40	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	10	10	100%	89%	8	0	4.4	1.3
	39, 40	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	35	27	77%	81%	27	1	4.0	1.7
	39, 40	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	5	5	100%	80%	3	1	5.0	2.0
	SOUTHEAST TOTAL					380	351	92%	76%	253	14	3.8	1.7
SOUTHWEST REGION	15	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	9	8	89%	71%	6	0	4.3	1.6
	15	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	5	5	100%	75%	3	0	4.8	1.8
	16	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	5	5	100%	100%	5	0	4.6	1.6
	16	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	55	49	89%	87%	45	0	4.5	1.5
	16	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	8	8	100%	100%	8	0	4.3	1.6
	17	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	5	5	100%	80%	4	0	5.0	1.6
	17	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	13	10	77%	80%	10	0	4.3	1.2
	17	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	4	4	100%	67%	2	0	4.3	1.3
	20	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	4	4	100%	0%	0	0	1.0	3.0
	20	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	3.0	2.0
	21	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	9	8	89%	100%	9	0	4.3	1.4
	21	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	4.0	1.5
	23	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	10	10	100%	60%	6	0	3.5	1.9
	23	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	8	8	100%	63%	5	0	4.1	2.0
	23	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	3	3	100%	100%	3	0	5.0	2.0
	24	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	3	2	67%	100%	3	0	5.0	1.0
	24	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	3.0	1.0
	25	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	2	2	100%	100%	1	1	5.0	1.0
	25	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
	26	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
	26	YOU	Rifle	Oct 25-27	ES	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	2.0
	27	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-6	MB	1	0	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	SOUTHWEST TOTAL					152	139	91%	82%	116	1	4.3	1.5
SPECIAL HUNTS	Enhancement	REG	Rifle	Aug 1-Nov 1	MB	2	0	0%	NA	2	0	NA	NA

ARCHERY - PUBLIC

	GMU(s)	Type	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
NORTHEAST REGION	41-43, 43-48, 54-59	REG	Archery	Aug 2-10	MB	100	97	97%	29%	25	0	3.6	4.2
NORTHWEST REGION	7, 9, 12, 13	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	25	25	100%	20%	5	0	3.4	4.5
	8, 14, 43	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	5	4	80%	0%	0	0	3.8	4.0
	NORTHWEST TOTAL					30	29	97%	17%	5	0	3.5	4.4
SOUTHEAST REGION	18, 36-38	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	25	21	84%	32%	7	0	3.9	3.1
	30	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	25	23	92%	36%	9	0	3.4	3.8
	31	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	75	70	93%	40%	28	0	3.8	3.3
	32, 33	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	75	71	95%	26%	18	0	3.4	3.7
	39, 40	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	10	9	90%	56%	6	0	3.6	3.8
	SOUTHEAST TOTAL					210	194	92%	34%	67	0	3.6	3.5

	GMU(s)	Type	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
SOUTHWEST REGION	15	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	10	9	90%	25%	2	0	3.6	3.8
	16	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	30	30	100%	42%	11	0	3.9	3.9
	17	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	30	29	97%	39%	11	0	3.9	3.8
	20	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	3	3	100%	33%	1	0	3.3	2.0
	23	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	10	9	90%	29%	2	0	3.6	4.6
	25	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	5.0	2.0
	26	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	10	10	100%	10%	1	0	2.9	3.9
	SOUTHWEST TOTAL					95	92	97%	36%	31	0	3.7	3.8

MUZZLELOADER-PUBLIC

	GMU(s)	Type	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
NORTHEAST REGION	50, 52	REG	Muzzleloader	Aug 9-12	MB	150	145	97%	41%	57	0	4.0	2.8
	50, 52	YOU	Muzzleloader	Aug 9-12	ES	25	24	96%	43%	9	0	3.9	3.0
	50, 52	YOU	Muzzleloader	Oct 25-27	ES	15	15	100%	50%	5	2	4.5	2.4
	NORTHEAST TOTAL					190	184	97%	42%	71	2	4.0	2.8

SOUTHEAST REGION	28	MIL	Muzzleloader	Aug 30-31	MB	10	10	100%	50%	4	0	4.1	2.0
	28	REG	Muzzleloader	Aug 30-31	MB	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	4.0	2.0
	28	YOU	Muzzleloader	Aug 30-31	MB	10	10	100%	67%	6	0	4.3	1.4
	29	REG	Muzzleloader	Sept 5-8	ES	10	10	100%	67%	6	0	4.2	2.7
	29	REG	Muzzleloader	Sept 5-8	MB	35	35	100%	58%	18	0	3.7	2.2
	29	YOU	Muzzleloader	Oct 25-27	ES	5	5	100%	80%	3	1	3.2	1.8
	SOUTHEAST TOTAL					75	75	100%	60%	37	1	3.9	2.1

PRIVATE LAND LICENSES

ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM - PRIVATE

	GMU(s)	Type	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
GMUs 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15-17, 20, 21, 23-27	12	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	8	2	25%	100%	8	0	4.0	2.0
	13	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	7	4	57%	100%	7	0	4.8	1.8
	15	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	7	5	71%	80%	6	0	3.8	1.6
	16	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	39	26	67%	96%	38	0	4.5	1.9
	17	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	16	8	50%	100%	14	2	4.4	1.4
	18	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	3.0	2.0
	21	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	4	3	75%	100%	4	0	4.3	1.3
	23	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	11	7	64%	86%	9	0	4.3	1.9
	24	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	4	3	75%	67%	3	0	4.3	2.0
	25	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	2.0
	26	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	7	4	57%	100%	7	0	4.8	1.8
	27	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	2.0
	7	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	2	1	50%	100%	2	0	3.0	3.0
	GMUs 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15-17, 20, 21, 23-27 TOTAL					108	66	61%	94%	100	2	4.4	1.8

GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59	41	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	35	28	80%	86%	1	29	4.3	1.5
	41	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	196	87	44%	92%	178	0	4.4	1.7
	42	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	1	1	100%	100%	0	1	5.0	1.0
	42	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	39	12	31%	82%	29	0	3.6	1.8
	43	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	10	3	30%	100%	10	0	5.0	2.7
	46	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	9	4	44%	100%	0	9	4.8	1.0
	46	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	36	12	33%	67%	24	0	4.8	1.3
	47	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	3	2	67%	50%	0	2	3.5	2.0
	47	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	71	43	61%	74%	53	0	4.0	1.8
	48	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	11	9	82%	89%	0	10	4.4	1.4
	48	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	29	7	24%	86%	25	0	4.7	1.6
	54	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	9	4	44%	100%	9	0	5.0	1.3
	55	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	23	19	83%	89%	1	19	4.6	1.4
	55	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	76	38	50%	95%	70	0	4.5	1.8
	56	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	91	80	88%	76%	6	63	4.1	1.8
	56	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	458	241	53%	86%	390	0	4.3	1.9
	57	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	15	12	80%	92%	0	14	4.3	1.6
	57	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	57	45	79%	98%	56	0	4.7	1.6
	58	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	47	39	83%	85%	1	39	4.4	1.7
	58	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	164	81	49%	93%	152	0	4.7	1.7
	59	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Dec 31	F-IM	41	36	88%	67%	0	27	3.7	1.7
	59	REG	Rifle	Aug 23-Sept 7	MB	273	161	59%	81%	217	0	4.0	1.9
	GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59 TOTAL					1694	964	57%	85%	1221	212	4.3	1.8

GMUs 8, 14, 18, 31-33, 36-40, 43	14	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	7	4	57%	100%	7	0	4.0	1.5
	18	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	50	20	40%	60%	30	0	4.0	1.8
	31	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	35	27	77%	81%	29	0	4.1	1.6
	32	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	142	74	52%	84%	117	0	4.1	1.8
	33	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	39	25	64%	88%	33	0	4.1	1.8
	36	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	3	3	100%	100%	3	0	4.3	1.3
	37	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	22	10	45%	70%	15	0	4.0	1.7
	38	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	108	67	62%	75%	81	0	4.2	2.0
	39	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	85	58	68%	91%	78	0	4.2	1.7
	40	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	119	64	54%	79%	93	0	4.3	1.9
	43	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	8	5	63%	40%	3	0	3.4	1.4
	8	REG	Rifle	Oct 4-19	MB	11	6	55%	100%	11	0	4.5	2.0
	GMUs 8, 14, 18, 31-33, 36-40, 43 TOTAL					629	363	58%	81%	409	0	4.2	1.8

Mobility Impaired	38	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	2.0
	40	MIP	Rifle	Aug 16-18	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	4.0	1.0
	41	MIP	Rifle	Jul 26-28	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
	56	MIP	Rifle	Jul 26-28	MB	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	4.0	1.0
	MOBILITY IMPAIRED TOTAL					5	5	100%	80%	4	0	4.4	1.2

ARCHERY - PRIVATE

	GMU(s)	Type	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59	41	REG	Archery	Aug 2-10	MB	4	1	25%	100%	4	0	1.0	3.0
	55	REG	Archery	Aug 2-10	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	4.0	4.0
	56	REG	Archery	Aug 2-10	MB	6	1	17%	0%	0	0	3.0	3.0
	58	REG	Archery	Aug 2-10	MB	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	4.5	2.0
	GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59 TOTAL					13	5	38%	60%	6	0	3.4	2.8
GMUs 7-9, 12-18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 31-33, 36-40, 43	14	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	4.0	5.0
	16	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	4.0	2.0
	18	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	7.0
	31	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	5.0	2.5
	33	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	3.0	1.0
	37	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	1.0	4.0
	38	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	3.0
	39	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	5.0	2.0
	40	REG	Archery	Aug 23-31	MB	2	1	50%	100%	2	0	5.0	1.0
	GMUs 7-9, 12-18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 31-33, 36-40, 43 TOTAL					13	12	92%	75%	10	0	4.3	2.8

MUZZLELOADER - PRIVATE

	GMU(s)	Type	Weapon	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
GMU 29	29	REG	Muzzleloader	Sept 5-8	MB	5	5	100%	40%	2	0	3.8	2.8
GMUs 50, 52	50	REG	Muzzleloader	Aug 9-12	MB	10	8	80%	38%	4	0	3.4	3.0
	52	REG	Muzzleloader	Aug 9-12	MB	5	3	60%	100%	5	0	4.7	2.0
	GMUs 50, 52 TOTAL					15	11	73%	55%	9	0	3.7	2.7

STATEWIDE TOTALS

PUBLIC DRAW LICENSES	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM - PUBLIC	1156	1089	94%	78%	779	57	4.0	1.7
ARCHERY - PUBLIC	435	412	95%	32%	128	0	3.6	3.8
MUZZLELOADER - PUBLIC	265	259	98%	47%	108	3	4.0	2.6
TOTAL - PUBLIC	1856	1760	95%	63%	1015	60	3.9	2.3

PRIVATE LAND LICENSES	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM - PRIVATE	2436	1398	57%	84%	1825	214	4.3	1.8
ARCHERY - PRIVATE	26	17	65%	71%	16	0	4.0	2.8
MUZZLELOADER - PRIVATE	20	16	80%	50%	11	0	3.8	2.8
TOTAL - PRIVATE	2482	1431	58%	84%	1852	214	4.3	1.8

ALL LICENSES	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating (5=Best)	Days Hunted
TOTAL - STATEWIDE	4338	3191	74%	73%	2867	273	4.1	2.1

*Success rate based on number of hunters who actually went afield.

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Public Draw Licenses

Northeast Region

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-121	Aug 29-31	MB	372	349	94%	71%	244	0	3.8	1.7
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-122	Aug 29-31	ES	50	48	96%	89%	40	3	4.6	1.4
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-123	Sept 26-28	F-IM	53	50	94%	83%	4	33	4.5	1.4
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-147	Oct 24-26	ES	50	48	96%	84%	34	5	4.2	1.3
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-166	Aug 8-10	MB	26	24	92%	100%	22	0	4.3	1.4
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	REG	Archery	ANT-2-184	Aug 15-23	MB	100	97	97%	42%	35	0	4.0	4.2
GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59 Public Total						**651**	**616**	**95%**	**72%**	**378**	**41**	**4.0**	**2.0**
50, 52	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-150	Aug 15-18	ES	40	39	98%	59%	19	4	3.9	2.1
50, 52	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-193	Aug 22-25	MB	150	144	96%	41%	58	0	3.9	2.7
GMUs 50, 52 Public Total						**190**	**183**	**96%**	**45%**	**78**	**4**	**3.9**	**2.6**

Northwest Region

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
2	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-100	Oct 3-5	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	4.0	1.0
2	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-130	Oct 24-26	ES	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
GMU 2 Public Total						**2**	**2**	**100%**	**100%**	**2**	**0**	**4.5**	**1.0**
12	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-156	Aug 15-17	MB	11	11	100%	90%	9	0	4.2	1.9
GMU 12 Public Total						**11**	**11**	**100%**	**90%**	**9**	**0**	**4.2**	**1.9**
13	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-157	Aug 15-17	MB	11	10	91%	90%	10	0	4.3	1.5
GMU 13 Public Total						**11**	**10**	**91%**	**90%**	**10**	**0**	**4.3**	**1.5**
7, 9, 12, 13	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-101	Oct 3-5	MB	30	29	97%	72%	22	0	3.8	1.9
7, 9, 12, 13	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-131	Oct 24-26	ES	8	8	100%	86%	6	0	4.3	1.3
7, 9, 12, 13	REG	Archery	ANT-2-170	Aug 22-30	MB	26	25	96%	23%	5	0	3.1	4.0
GMUs 7, 9, 12, 13 Public Total						**64**	**62**	**97%**	**55%**	**33**	**0**	**3.6**	**2.6**
8, 14, 43	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-102	Oct 3-5	MB	7	7	100%	43%	3	0	2.6	2.3
8, 14, 43	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-132	Oct 24-26	ES	3	3	100%	67%	2	0	4.3	1.7
8, 14, 43	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-158	Aug 15-17	MB	6	5	83%	80%	5	0	3.4	2.2
8, 14, 43	REG	Archery	ANT-2-171	Aug 22-30	MB	5	5	100%	33%	1	0	4.3	3.0
GMUs 8, 14, 43 Public Total						**21**	**20**	**95%**	**56%**	**11**	**0**	**3.4**	**2.3**

Southeast Region

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
28	MIL	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-188	Sept 5-6	MB	11	11	100%	100%	11	0	4.5	1.2
28	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-189	Sept 5-6	MB	5	5	100%	40%	2	0	4.6	1.6
GMU 28 Public Total						**16**	**16**	**100%**	**81%**	**13**	**0**	**4.5**	**1.3**
29	YOU	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-149	Oct 24-27	ES	6	6	100%	50%	2	1	3.5	2.3
29	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-191	Oct 24-27	MB	35	35	100%	36%	10	0	3.7	2.9
GMU 29 Public Total						**41**	**41**	**100%**	**38%**	**12**	**1**	**3.6**	**2.8**
30	REG	Archery	ANT-2-179	Aug 22-30	MB	25	23	92%	60%	13	0	4.0	4.0
GMU 30 Public Total						**25**	**23**	**92%**	**60%**	**13**	**0**	**4.0**	**4.0**
31	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-112	Oct 3-5	MB	61	57	93%	76%	40	0	4.0	1.8
31	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-142	Oct 24-26	ES	10	10	100%	80%	8	0	4.3	1.4
31	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-162	Aug 15-17	MB	10	10	100%	56%	5	0	3.6	1.6
31	REG	Archery	ANT-2-180	Aug 22-30	MB	75	70	93%	50%	35	0	4.2	3.4
GMU 31 Public Total						**156**	**147**	**94%**	**62%**	**88**	**0**	**4.1**	**2.5**
32	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-116	Dec 1-15	F-IM	30	28	93%	83%	4	16	4.0	1.8
32	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-144	Oct 24-26	ES	3	3	100%	67%	2	0	4.0	1.3
GMU 32 Public Total						**33**	**31**	**94%**	**81%**	**6**	**16**	**4.0**	**1.7**
15-17, 21	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-103	Oct 3-5	MB	80	77	96%	87%	68	0	4.1	1.6
15-17, 21	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-133	Oct 24-26	ES	19	19	100%	83%	15	0	4.4	1.8
15-17, 21	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-159	Aug 15-17	MB	11	11	100%	100%	11	0	4.3	1.3
15-17, 21	REG	Archery	ANT-2-172	Aug 22-30	MB	70	69	99%	37%	23	0	3.8	4.2
GMUS 15-17, 21 Public Total						**180**	**176**	**98%**	**68%**	**117**	**0**	**4.0**	**2.6**

	GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Southeast Region	18, 36-38	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-117	Oct 3-5	MB	91	83	91%	73%	61	0	4.0	1.9
	18, 36-38	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-145	Oct 24-26	ES	11	11	100%	70%	7	0	4.0	1.7
	18, 36-38	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-164	Aug 15-17	MB	10	10	100%	70%	7	0	3.8	1.9
	18, 36-38	REG	Archery	ANT-2-182	Aug 22-30	MB	27	27	100%	50%	12	0	3.6	3.5
	GMUs 18, 36-38 Public Total						**139**	**131**	**94%**	**68%**	**87**	**0**	**3.9**	**2.2**
	21, 23, 24	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-106	Oct 3-5	MB	18	15	83%	79%	13	0	4.1	2.1
	21, 23, 24	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-136	Oct 24-26	ES	6	6	100%	100%	5	1	4.3	1.5
	21, 23, 24	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-161	Aug 15-17	MB	11	11	100%	90%	9	0	4.0	1.5
	21, 23, 24	REG	Archery	ANT-2-176	Aug 22-30	MB	11	10	91%	14%	1	0	3.4	3.0
	GMUs 21, 23, 24 Public Total						**46**	**42**	**91%**	**73%**	**28**	**1**	**4.0**	**2.0**
	32, 33	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-114	Oct 3-5	MB	101	92	91%	70%	67	0	3.7	1.7
	32, 33	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-143	Oct 24-26	ES	11	9	82%	89%	10	0	4.0	1.7
	32, 33	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-163	Aug 15-17	MB	15	15	100%	79%	11	0	4.3	1.3
	32, 33	REG	Archery	ANT-2-181	Aug 22-30	MB	76	65	86%	50%	35	0	4.0	3.8
	GMUs 32, 33 Public Total						**203**	**181**	**89%**	**65%**	**123**	**0**	**3.8**	**2.4**
	39, 40	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-119	Oct 3-5	MB	39	36	92%	76%	28	0	4.1	1.6
	39, 40	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-146	Oct 24-26	ES	5	5	100%	80%	2	2	4.8	1.2
	39, 40	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-165	Aug 15-17	MB	10	10	100%	80%	8	0	4.5	1.5
	39, 40	REG	Archery	ANT-2-183	Aug 22-30	MB	10	9	90%	43%	3	0	4.3	3.6
	GMUs 39, 40 Public Total						**64**	**60**	**94%**	**73%**	**42**	**2**	**4.3**	**1.8**

	GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Southwest Region	19	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-134	Oct 2-4	ES	6	4	67%	0%	0	0	4.7	2.3
	GMU 19 Public Total						**6**	**4**	**67%**	**0%**	**0**	**0**	**4.7**	**2.3**
	20	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-105	Oct 3-5	MB	4	4	100%	50%	2	0	1.8	2.5
	20	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-135	Oct 24-26	ES	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	1.5	2.0
	20	REG	Archery	ANT-2-175	Aug 22-30	MB	3	3	100%	100%	3	0	4.0	2.0
	GMU 20 Public Total						**9**	**9**	**100%**	**67%**	**6**	**0**	**2.4**	**2.2**
	25-27	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-109	Oct 3-5	MB	4	3	75%	67%	3	0	3.3	2.3
	25-27	YOU	Rifle	ANT-1-139	Oct 24-26	ES	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	4.5	1.0
	25-27	REG	Archery	ANT-2-177	Aug 22-30	MB	12	10	83%	22%	2	0	2.6	2.7
	GMUs 25-27 Public Total						**18**	**15**	**83%**	**36%**	**6**	**0**	**3.0**	**2.4**

Special Hunts	Enhancement		Rifle	ANT-1-501		MB	2	1	50%	100%	2	0	5.0	2.0
	Enhancement		Rifle	ANT-1-601		MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	2.0
	Enhancement Tag Total						**3**	**2**	**67%**	**100%**	**3**	**0**	**5.0**	**2.0**

Private Land Licenses

	GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
Northeast Region	41	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	224	78	35%	95%	213	0	4.5	1.7
	41	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	37	34	92%	94%	1	34	4.4	1.7
	GMU 41 Private Total						**261**	**112**	**43%**	**95%**	**214**	**34**	**4.5**	**1.7**
	42	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	67	24	36%	91%	56	0	4.3	1.6
	GMU 42 Private Total						**67**	**24**	**36%**	**91%**	**56**	**0**	**4.3**	**1.6**
	43	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	5	3	60%	67%	3	0	5.0	1.0
	43	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	7	6	86%	83%	6	0	4.0	2.3
	GMU 43 Private Total						**12**	**9**	**75%**	**78%**	**9**	**0**	**4.3**	**1.9**
	46	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	41	15	37%	80%	33	0	4.6	1.4
	46	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	4	1	25%	100%	0	4	5.0	1.0
	GMU 46 Private Total						**45**	**16**	**36%**	**81%**	**33**	**4**	**4.6**	**1.4**
	47	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	66	25	38%	92%	61	0	4.1	1.5
	47	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	8	6	75%	50%	0	4	3.3	1.8
	47	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 15-23	MB	3	2	67%	50%	2	0	4.0	3.0
	GMU 47 Private Total						**77**	**33**	**43%**	**82%**	**62**	**4**	**4.0**	**1.7**
	48	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	24	10	42%	90%	22	0	4.6	1.5
	48	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	18	11	61%	100%	2	16	4.6	1.5
	GMU 48 Private Total						**42**	**21**	**50%**	**95%**	**23**	**16**	**4.6**	**1.5**

Northeast Region

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
50	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-1930	Aug 22-25	MB	10	9	90%	56%	6	0	3.8	2.8
GMU 50 Private Total						**10**	**9**	**90%**	**56%**	**6**	**0**	**3.8**	**2.8**
52	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-1930	Aug 22-25	MB	5	5	100%	40%	2	0	4.2	2.8
GMU 52 Private Total						**5**	**5**	**100%**	**40%**	**2**	**0**	**4.2**	**2.8**
54	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	9	5	56%	100%	9	0	4.4	1.6
GMU 54 Private Total						**9**	**5**	**56%**	**100%**	**9**	**0**	**4.4**	**1.6**
55	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	91	46	51%	91%	79	0	4.8	1.6
55	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	40	30	75%	97%	0	39	4.8	1.1
55	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 15-23	MB	3	1	33%	100%	3	0	4.0	8.0
GMU 55 Private Total						**134**	**77**	**57%**	**93%**	**82**	**39**	**4.8**	**1.5**
56	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	498	239	48%	90%	448	0	4.3	1.9
56	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	80	59	74%	70%	8	46	4.4	1.5
56	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-706	Aug 8-10	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	3.0	1.0
56	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 15-23	MB	4	2	50%	50%	2	0	3.0	2.0
GMU 56 Private Total						**583**	**301**	**52%**	**86%**	**458**	**46**	**4.3**	**1.8**
57	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	54	32	59%	87%	44	0	4.5	1.6
57	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	16	15	94%	93%	1	14	4.7	1.5
GMU 57 Private Total						**70**	**47**	**67%**	**89%**	**45**	**14**	**4.5**	**1.6**
58	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	178	94	53%	94%	163	2	4.6	1.9
58	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	55	46	84%	82%	4	41	4.4	1.7
58	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 15-23	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	4.0	6.0
GMU 58 Private Total						**234**	**141**	**60%**	**90%**	**167**	**43**	**4.5**	**1.8**
59	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 29-Sept 13	MB	271	138	51%	84%	222	0	4.1	1.8
59	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 29-Sept 13	F-IM	40	35	88%	68%	2	24	3.7	1.6
59	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 15-23	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	1.0	4.0
GMU 59 Private Total						**312**	**174**	**56%**	**80%**	**224**	**24**	**4.0**	**1.8**

Northwest Region

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
8	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	11	5	45%	100%	11	0	4.8	1.8
GMU 8 Private Total						**11**	**5**	**45%**	**100%**	**11**	**0**	**4.8**	**1.8**
12	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	12	7	58%	57%	7	0	4.3	2.9
GMU 12 Private Total						**12**	**7**	**58%**	**57%**	**7**	**0**	**4.3**	**2.9**
13	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	10	9	90%	88%	8	0	4.3	2.1
13	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 22-30	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	2.0	7.0
GMU 13 Private Total						**11**	**10**	**91%**	**78%**	**8**	**0**	**4.0**	**2.7**
14	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	6	3	50%	100%	6	0	3.7	1.3
14	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 22-30	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	3.0	4.0
GMU 14 Private Total						**7**	**4**	**57%**	**75%**	**6**	**0**	**3.5**	**2.0**

Southeast Region

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
18	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	58	29	50%	83%	48	0	4.8	1.7
18	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 22-30	MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	4.5	4.0
GMU 18 Private Total						**60**	**31**	**52%**	**84%**	**50**	**0**	**4.7**	**1.8**
29	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-1910	Oct 24-27	MB	7	5	71%	80%	6	0	2.0	1.6
GMU 29 Private Total						**7**	**5**	**71%**	**80%**	**6**	**0**	**2.0**	**1.6**
31	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	44	23	52%	82%	34	0	4.1	1.5
31	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 22-30	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	2.0	3.0
GMU 31 Private Total						**45**	**24**	**53%**	**78%**	**34**	**0**	**4.0**	**1.6**
32	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	121	77	64%	84%	101	0	4.1	1.9
32	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-707	Aug 15-17	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	4.0	1.0
GMU 32 Private Total						**122**	**78**	**64%**	**84%**	**102**	**0**	**4.1**	**1.9**
33	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	31	15	48%	64%	19	0	4.5	1.9
GMU 33 Private Total						**31**	**15**	**48%**	**64%**	**19**	**0**	**4.5**	**1.9**
36	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	4	4	100%	100%	4	0	4.5	1.0
GMU 36 Private Total						**4**	**4**	**100%**	**100%**	**4**	**0**	**4.5**	**1.0**

Southeast Region

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
37	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	16	10	63%	70%	11	0	4.2	1.8
GMU 37 Private Total						**16**	**10**	**63%**	**70%**	**11**	**0**	**4.2**	**1.8**
38	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	119	58	49%	95%	113	0	4.5	1.6
38	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 22-30	MB	2	2	100%	0%	0	0	4.0	4.0
GMU 38 Private Total						**121**	**60**	**49%**	**92%**	**113**	**0**	**4.5**	**1.7**
39	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	90	58	64%	91%	82	0	4.5	1.8
39	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 22-30	MB	3	3	100%	67%	2	0	4.3	4.0
GMU 39 Private Total						**93**	**61**	**66%**	**90%**	**84**	**0**	**4.5**	**1.9**
40	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 3-18	MB	138	60	43%	88%	120	0	4.4	1.7
40	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-707	Aug 15-17	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
40	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 22-30	MB	2	2	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	2.0
GMU 40 Private Total						**141**	**63**	**45%**	**89%**	**122**	**0**	**4.4**	**1.7**

Southwest Region

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
15	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	6	4	67%	75%	5	0	4.5	1.0
GMU 15 Private Total						**6**	**4**	**67%**	**75%**	**5**	**0**	**4.5**	**1.0**
16	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	41	25	61%	96%	39	0	4.0	1.7
16	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-707	Aug 15-17	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	3.0	1.0
GMU 16 Private Total						**42**	**26**	**62%**	**96%**	**40**	**0**	**4.0**	**1.7**
17	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	10	7	70%	100%	9	0	4.3	1.8
GMU 17 Private Total						**10**	**7**	**70%**	**100%**	**9**	**0**	**4.3**	**1.8**
21	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	8	5	63%	60%	5	0	4.4	1.6
GMU 21 Private Total						**8**	**5**	**63%**	**60%**	**5**	**0**	**4.4**	**1.6**
23	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	14	10	71%	70%	10	0	4.1	1.8
GMU 23 Private Total						**14**	**10**	**71%**	**70%**	**10**	**0**	**4.1**	**1.8**
24	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	7	5	71%	100%	7	0	5.0	1.4
GMU 24 Private Total						**7**	**5**	**71%**	**100%**	**7**	**0**	**5.0**	**1.4**
26	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 3-18	MB	8	1	13%	100%	8	0	5.0	3.0
GMU 26 Private Total						**8**	**1**	**13%**	**100%**	**8**	**0**	**5.0**	**3.0**

STATEWIDE TOTALS	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
ALL LICENSES	4526	3191	70%	75%	3114	289	4.1	2.0

* REG = Regular, YOU = Youth, MIP = Mobility Impaired, MIL = Military

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GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate**	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
2	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-100	Oct 1-3	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-130	Oct 22-24	ES	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
GMU 2 Public Total						**2**	**2**	**100%**	**100%**	**2**	**0**	**5.0**	**1.0**
12	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-156	Aug 13-15	MB	11	11	100%	100%	9	0	3.7	2.0
GMU 12 Public Total						**11**	**11**	**100%**	**100%**	**9**	**0**	**3.7**	**2.0**
13	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-157	Aug 13-15	MB	11	10	91%	100%	10	0	4.6	1.6
GMU 13 Public Total						**11**	**10**	**91%**	**100%**	**10**	**0**	**4.6**	**1.6**
19	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-134	Oct 14-16	ES	6	6	100%	80%	4	0	4.4	1.6
GMU 19 Public Total						**6**	**6**	**100%**	**80%**	**4**	**0**	**4.4**	**1.6**
20	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-105	Oct 1-3	MB	3	3	100%	50%	1	0	1.0	1.5
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-135	Oct 22-24	ES	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	4.5	1.5
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-175	Aug 20-28	MB	3	3	100%	0%	0	0	2.0	2.5
GMU 20 Public Total						**8**	**8**	**100%**	**50%**	**3**	**0**	**2.5**	**1.8**
28	Reg	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-188	Sept 3-4	MB	11	11	100%	90%	9	0	4.8	1.3
	Reg	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-189	Sept 3-4	MB	6	6	100%	80%	4	0	4.6	1.2
GMU 28 Public Total						**17**	**17**	**100%**	**87%**	**13**	**0**	**4.7**	**1.3**
29	Youth	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-149	Oct 22-25	ES	5	5	100%	40%	1	1	4.2	2.4
	Reg	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-191	Oct 22-25	MB	36	35	97%	76%	27	0	4.3	2.1
GMU 29 Public Total						**41**	**40**	**98%**	**72%**	**28**	**1**	**4.3**	**2.1**
30	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-179	Aug 20-28	MB	25	25	100%	40%	10	0	3.3	4.0
GMU 30 Public Total						**25**	**25**	**100%**	**40%**	**10**	**0**	**3.3**	**4.0**
31	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-112	Oct 1-3	MB	60	54	90%	85%	49	0	4.1	1.2
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-142	Oct 22-24	ES	9	9	100%	75%	6	0	4.4	1.3
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-162	Aug 13-15	MB	10	10	100%	100%	9	0	4.8	1.0
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-180	Aug 20-28	MB	75	73	97%	53%	36	0	4.0	3.4
GMU 31 Public Total						**154**	**146**	**95%**	**70%**	**99**	**0**	**4.1**	**2.3**
32	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-116	Dec 1-15	F-IM	15	13	87%	70%	1	7	4.1	1.7
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-144	Oct 22-24	ES	3	3	100%	67%	2	0	2.7	2.7
GMU 32 Public Total						**18**	**16**	**89%**	**69%**	**3**	**7**	**3.8**	**1.9**
7, 9, 12, 13	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-101	Oct 1-3	MB	26	26	100%	62%	13	0	3.8	1.6
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-131	Oct 22-24	ES	8	7	88%	71%	5	1	4.0	1.4
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-170	Aug 20-28	MB	26	25	96%	23%	5	0	3.5	3.8
GMUs 7, 9, 12, 13 Public Total						**60**	**58**	**97%**	**46%**	**23**	**1**	**3.7**	**2.6**
8, 14, 43	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-102	Oct 1-3	MB	8	8	100%	38%	3	0	3.6	1.9
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-132	Oct 22-24	ES	3	3	100%	100%	3	0	4.3	1.7
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-158	Aug 13-15	MB	5	4	80%	100%	3	0	4.0	2.5
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-171	Aug 20-28	MB	5	5	100%	0%	0	0	3.3	5.3
GMUs 8, 14, 43 Public Total						**21**	**20**	**95%**	**50%**	**8**	**0**	**3.8**	**2.6**
15, 16, 17, 21	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-103	Oct 1-3	MB	84	79	94%	88%	65	0	4.2	1.5
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-133	Oct 22-24	ES	19	18	95%	88%	15	0	4.8	1.8
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-159	Aug 13-15	MB	11	11	100%	82%	9	0	4.5	1.5
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-172	Aug 20-28	MB	70	68	97%	28%	18	0	3.7	4.6
GMUs 15, 16, 17, 21 Public Total						**184**	**176**	**96%**	**65%**	**106**	**0**	**4.1**	**2.7**

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate**	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
										Bucks	Does		
21, 23, 24	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-106	Oct 1-3	MB	17	16	94%	75%	13	0	4.4	1.8
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-136	Oct 22-24	ES	6	6	100%	100%	5	0	4.8	1.6
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-161	Aug 13-15	MB	11	11	100%	82%	9	0	4.5	1.3
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-176	Aug 20-28	MB	11	11	100%	29%	2	0	3.9	4.9
GMUs 21, 23, 24 Public Total						**45**	**44**	**98%**	**72%**	**29**	**0**	**4.4**	**2.2**
25, 26, 27	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-109	Oct 1-3	MB	6	6	100%	100%	6	0	4.0	1.5
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-139	Oct 22-24	ES	2	1	50%	NA	0	0	NA	NA
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-177	Aug 20-28	MB	12	12	100%	30%	3	0	4.0	4.5
GMUs 25, 26, 27 Public Total						**20**	**19**	**95%**	**56%**	**9**	**0**	**4.0**	**3.4**
32, 33	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-114	Oct 1-3	MB	110	108	98%	86%	85	0	4.0	1.5
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-143	Oct 22-24	ES	11	11	100%	100%	10	1	4.6	1.3
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-163	Aug 13-15	MB	15	13	87%	83%	12	0	4.7	1.3
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-181	Aug 20-28	MB	75	75	100%	48%	33	0	3.9	4.2
GMUs 32, 33 Public Total						**211**	**207**	**98%**	**72%**	**139**	**1**	**4.0**	**2.5**
18, 36, 37, 38	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-117	Oct 1-3	MB	96	95	99%	74%	64	0	4.1	1.6
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-145	Oct 22-24	ES	11	10	91%	100%	10	0	4.4	1.6
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-164	Aug 13-15	MB	11	10	91%	90%	10	0	4.4	1.7
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-182	Aug 20-28	MB	26	26	100%	60%	15	0	3.6	4.6
GMUs 18, 36, 37, 38 Public Total						**144**	**141**	**98%**	**74%**	**98**	**0**	**4.1**	**2.2**
39, 40	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-119	Oct 1-3	MB	37	32	86%	88%	32	0	4.2	1.5
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-146	Oct 22-24	ES	5	4	80%	100%	5	0	4.8	1.5
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-165	Aug 13-15	MB	10	10	100%	100%	10	0	4.7	1.4
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-183	Aug 20-28	MB	11	9	82%	38%	4	0	3.6	3.6
GMUs 39, 40 Public Total						**63**	**55**	**87%**	**83%**	**52**	**0**	**4.2**	**1.8**
41-43, 46-48, 54-59	Reg	Rifle	ANT-1-121	Aug 27-29	MB	379	367	97%	80%	278	1	4.0	1.7
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-122	Aug 27-29	ES	50	48	96%	93%	38	4	4.4	1.5
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-123	Sept 24-26	F-IM	52	50	96%	91%	7	34	4.5	1.4
	Youth	Rifle	ANT-1-147	Oct 22-24	ES	50	48	96%	89%	41	1	4.2	1.5
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-166	Aug 6-8	MB	25	25	100%	95%	20	0	4.6	1.2
	Reg	Archery	ANT-2-184	Aug 13-21	MB	100	95	95%	40%	33	0	3.7	3.6
GMUs 41-43, 46-48, 54-59 Public Total						**656**	**633**	**96%**	**78%**	**417**	**40**	**4.0**	**1.9**
50, 52	Youth	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-150	Aug 13-16	ES	40	38	95%	62%	18	6	4.1	2.3
	Reg	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-193	Aug 20-23	MB	150	146	97%	36%	48	0	3.5	2.8
GMUs 50, 52 Public Total						**190**	**184**	**97%**	**42%**	**66**	**6**	**3.6**	**2.7**

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7	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	2	0	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
GMU 7 Private Total						**2**	**0**	**0%**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
8	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	11	8	73%	100%	10	0	4.9	1.4
GMU 8 Private Total						**11**	**8**	**73%**	**100%**	**10**	**0**	**4.9**	**1.4**
12	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	10	7	70%	100%	10	0	4.9	1.9
GMU 12 Private Total						**10**	**7**	**70%**	**100%**	**10**	**0**	**4.9**	**1.9**
13	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	7	3	43%	67%	5	0	4.7	1.3
GMU 13 Private Total						**7**	**3**	**43%**	**67%**	**5**	**0**	**4.7**	**1.3**
14	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	9	6	67%	100%	9	0	4.0	1.3
GMU 14 Private Total						**9**	**6**	**67%**	**100%**	**9**	**0**	**4.0**	**1.3**
15	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	7	4	57%	75%	5	0	4.0	1.5
GMU 15 Private Total						**7**	**4**	**57%**	**75%**	**5**	**0**	**4.0**	**1.5**
16	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	41	26	63%	85%	35	0	4.2	1.7
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-707	Aug 12-14	MB	2	1	50%	100%	2	0	3.0	1.0
GMU 16 Private Total						**43**	**27**	**63%**	**85%**	**37**	**0**	**4.1**	**1.6**

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate**	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
										Bucks	Does		
17	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	15	6	40%	100%	15	0	4.7	2.0
GMU 17 Private Total						**15**	**6**	**40%**	**100%**	**15**	**0**	**4.7**	**2.0**
18	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	60	28	47%	85%	49	0	4.5	1.7
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	4.0	2.0
GMU 18 Private Total						**61**	**29**	**48%**	**82%**	**48**	**0**	**4.5**	**1.8**
20	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	1	0	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
GMU 20 Private Total						**1**	**0**	**0%**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**
21	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	5	5	100%	100%	5	0	4.0	1.6
GMU 21 Private Total						**5**	**5**	**100%**	**100%**	**5**	**0**	**4.0**	**1.6**
23	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	15	9	60%	89%	13	0	4.7	1.4
GMU 23 Private Total						**15**	**9**	**60%**	**89%**	**13**	**0**	**4.7**	**1.4**
24	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	5	4	80%	75%	4	0	4.8	2.0
GMU 24 Private Total						**5**	**4**	**80%**	**75%**	**4**	**0**	**4.8**	**2.0**
25	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	2.0
GMU 25 Private Total						**1**	**1**	**100%**	**100%**	**1**	**0**	**5.0**	**2.0**
26	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	9	2	22%	100%	9	0	5.0	2.5
GMU 26 Private Total						**9**	**2**	**22%**	**100%**	**9**	**0**	**5.0**	**2.5**
27	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-704	Oct 7-22	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	3.0	1.0
GMU 27 Private Total						**1**	**1**	**100%**	**100%**	**1**	**0**	**3.0**	**1.0**
29	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-1910	Oct 21-24	MB	3	1	33%	100%	3	0	5.0	2.0
GMU 29 Private Total						**3**	**1**	**33%**	**100%**	**3**	**0**	**5.0**	**2.0**
31	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	58	27	47%	96%	56	0	4.6	1.6
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-707	Aug 12-14	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 19-27	MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	4.5	1.0
GMU 31 Private Total						**61**	**30**	**49%**	**97%**	**59**	**0**	**4.6**	**1.5**
32	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	138	81	59%	91%	126	0	4.4	1.5
GMU 32 Private Total						**138**	**81**	**59%**	**91%**	**126**	**0**	**4.4**	**1.5**
33	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	38	26	68%	76%	28	0	4.3	1.7
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 19-27	MB	2	2	100%	50%	1	0	4.0	3.5
GMU 33 Private Total						**40**	**28**	**70%**	**74%**	**29**	**0**	**4.3**	**1.9**
36	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	6	3	50%	100%	6	0	4.0	1.3
GMU 36 Private Total						**6**	**3**	**50%**	**100%**	**6**	**0**	**4.0**	**1.3**
37	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	20	13	65%	85%	17	0	4.2	1.3
GMU 37 Private Total						**20**	**13**	**65%**	**85%**	**17**	**0**	**4.2**	**1.3**
38	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	120	61	51%	82%	98	0	4.4	1.9
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-707	Aug 12-14	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	2.0
GMU 38 Private Total						**121**	**62**	**51%**	**82%**	**100**	**0**	**4.4**	**1.9**
39	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	92	59	64%	88%	81	0	4.3	1.8
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 19-27	MB	1	1	100%	0%	0	0	3.0	3.0
GMU 39 Private Total						**93**	**60**	**65%**	**87%**	**81**	**0**	**4.3**	**1.8**
40	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	139	64	46%	92%	126	0	4.4	1.6
	MIP	Rifle	ANT-1-707	Aug 12-14	MB	2	1	50%	100%	2	0	5.0	1.0
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-709	Aug 19-27	MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	4.5	3.0
GMU 40 Private Total						**143**	**67**	**47%**	**92%**	**130**	**0**	**4.4**	**1.6**

GMU(s)	Type*	Weapon	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	# Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Success Rate**	Estimated Harvest Bucks	Estimated Harvest Does	Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
41	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	212	82	39%	98%	204	0	4.4	1.6
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	42	40	95%	100%	1	40	4.2	1.4
GMU 41 Private Total						**254**	**122**	**48%**	**98%**	**167**	**79**	**4.4**	**1.5**
42	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	71	21	30%	81%	57	0	4.2	2.0
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	1	0	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 12-20	MB	1	0	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
GMU 42 Private Total						**73**	**21**	**29%**	**81%**	**59**	**0**	**4.2**	**2.0**
43	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	7	4	57%	100%	7	0	3.8	1.3
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	3	2	67%	100%	2	0	5.0	1.0
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-702	Oct 7-22	MB	7	6	86%	50%	4	0	3.5	1.3
GMU 43 Private Total						**17**	**12**	**71%**	**73%**	**11**	**0**	**3.7**	**1.3**
46	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	41	16	39%	80%	31	0	3.9	2.4
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	10	8	80%	88%	0	9	4.5	1.3
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 12-20	MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	4.0	4.0
GMU 46 Private Total						**52**	**25**	**48%**	**83%**	**27**	**15**	**4.1**	**2.1**
47	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	66	41	62%	80%	53	0	3.7	1.9
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	4	4	100%	100%	0	4	4.5	1.3
GMU 47 Private Total						**70**	**45**	**64%**	**82%**	**51**	**6**	**3.7**	**1.8**
48	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	26	5	19%	100%	26	0	4.6	2.0
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	15	8	53%	88%	0	13	4.4	1.4
GMU 48 Private Total						**41**	**13**	**32%**	**92%**	**16**	**22**	**4.5**	**1.6**
50	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-1930	Aug 19-22	MB	8	6	75%	50%	4	0	3.3	2.2
GMU 50 Private Total						**8**	**6**	**75%**	**50%**	**4**	**0**	**3.3**	**2.2**
52	REG	Muzzleloader	ANT-3-1930	Aug 19-22	MB	5	5	100%	60%	3	0	4.0	3.0
GMU 52 Private Total						**5**	**5**	**100%**	**60%**	**3**	**0**	**4.0**	**3.0**
54	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	12	5	42%	100%	12	0	4.4	1.8
GMU 54 Private Total						**12**	**5**	**42%**	**100%**	**12**	**0**	**4.4**	**1.8**
55	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	97	38	39%	95%	92	0	4.8	1.7
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	41	36	88%	92%	3	34	4.7	1.4
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 12-20	MB	3	2	67%	50%	2	0	3.5	2.0
GMU 55 Private Total						**141**	**76**	**54%**	**92%**	**74**	**56**	**4.7**	**1.6**
56	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	524	251	48%	88%	457	0	4.3	1.8
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	88	76	86%	81%	3	67	4.2	1.7
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 12-20	MB	2	1	50%	0%	0	0	3.0	4.0
GMU 56 Private Total						**614**	**328**	**53%**	**86%**	**416**	**109**	**4.3**	**1.8**
57	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	53	26	49%	88%	47	0	4.7	1.6
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	17	14	82%	79%	1	12	4.4	1.6
GMU 57 Private Total						**70**	**40**	**57%**	**85%**	**42**	**18**	**4.6**	**1.6**
58	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	170	75	44%	96%	163	0	4.8	1.7
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	63	51	81%	88%	4	51	4.3	1.8
GMU 58 Private Total						**233**	**126**	**54%**	**93%**	**139**	**76**	**4.6**	**1.8**
59	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-700	Aug 26-Sept 10	MB	274	130	47%	75%	200	0	3.8	1.9
	REG	Rifle	ANT-1-701	Aug 26-Dec 31	ES	35	30	86%	76%	5	21	4.3	1.8
	REG	Archery	ANT-2-708	Aug 12-20	MB	3	2	67%	50%	2	0	4.5	3.5
GMU 59 Private Total						**312**	**162**	**52%**	**75%**	**193**	**35**	**3.9**	**1.9**
Enhancement Tag		Rifle	ANT-1-501		MB	2	2	100%	100%	2	0	5.0	1.0
		Rifle	ANT-1-601		MB	1	1	100%	100%	1	0	5.0	1.0
Enhancement Total						**3**	**3**	**100%**	**100%**	**3**	**0**	**5.0**	**1.0**
STATEWIDE TOTAL						**4619**	**3264**	**71%**	**77%**	**2933**	**378**	**4.1**	**2.0**

* REG = Regular, YOU = Youth, MIP = Mobility Impaired, MIL = Military

** Success rate is calculated from the number of licensed hunters reporting that they went afield

If you have any questions, please contact Orrin Duvuvuei at orrin.duvuvuei@state.nm.us

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From: Walrath, Ryan, DGF
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 8:03 AM
To: Liley, Stewart, DGF
Cc: Osborn, Robert, DGF; Goldstein, Elise J., DGF; Martensen, Rex, DGF; Quintana, Nicole, DGF; Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF
Subject: FW: A Plus Proposal Comments - Jim Welles
Attachments: A Plus Proposed Change Comments.pdf

Stewart,

Received Pronghorn Proposal comments from Jim Welles yesterday (Sunday, 10/22/17). Comments are attached.

Mr. Welles cc'd me and Kerrie Romero but the original e-mail was sent to Commissioners Ricklefs, Ramos and Ryan.

Regards,

Ryan Walrath

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From: Jim Welles [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2017 9:45 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Walrath, Ryan, DGF; 'Kerrie C. Romero'
Subject: A Plus Proposal Comments

Dear Commissioners Ricklefs, Ramos, and Ryan,

Please allow the following to entered into the public records as comments with regard to the A Plus System proposed changes.

Thank you,

Jim Welles
[redacted]

A Plus Proposed Change Comments

Name: James (Jim) Welles

[redacted]

Representing Myself-

1) Recommend keeping A PLUS "as is" with the following modifications
   a) Place new hunt codes in GMU's as presently published in RIB to allow for 10-20 rifle hunts per specified GMU's behind A Plus published dates. This process will allow for ranches not signed up to be hunted if legal access allows and or written permission is obtained by the landowner. This would include access to existing A Plus Ranch public lands, if available.
   b) Publish/provide list of small ranches (acreage limitation) signed up but not receiving authorizations to hunters drawing these tags to contact for written permission to access deeded lands.
   c) Consider creating A Plus SCR with minimum acreage of 320 acres (1/2 section) to allow for ranches not qualifying to receive UW authorizations similar to E PLUS.

In my opinion, these suggestions/modifications would allow for the following:

1) Greater pronghorn hunter opportunity
2) Greater possibility of meeting harvest goals
3) Adding additional acreage to hunt lands not currently enrolled in A Plus

As everyone knows the current rule and ACREAGE formula does not work in pronghorn units as effectively as it does E Plus.

-The above suggestions allow the existing system to stand for landowners that are ok with how it works.

-The above suggestion would not place huge additional burden on landowners to sign lands not signed today, which is a tremendous burden.

- The above suggestions will allow for additional pronghorn hunter opportunity

Bottom line is that the above is already being done with Archery Hunters, MI Hunters, and Youth Hunters. I see this as a simple win-win for the all concerned.

Thank you for allowing me to comment,

Jim Welles
[redacted]

PS-SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO GO WITH YOUR CURRENT PROPOSAL-**PLEASE PUT MI HUNTERS FIRST!!! THEY DESERVE THE BEST.**

From:	Kevin Menicucci
To:	Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject:	Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management Proposed Changes
Date:	Thursday, October 05, 2017 1:56:32 PM

This is a really bad idea, you can't compare antelope and deer in New Mexico. The deer population is way down and way too many licenses are given. You can do that with deer because success rates are very low, even on private land. If you open up the private land for antelope to unlimited licenses you will wipe out the antelope population in a couple years. You have close to 100 percent success rates for Private land antelope with any legal weapon and I can promise you that landowners will only care about the dollar that they can charge to outfitters to bring people on. Many landowners are relying on private land hunts as their main income.

If a rancher has antelope and they don't want to hunt then trap and relocate the antelope. You have done that in the past and can do that in the future.

As for increasing hunting opportunities then I say you can increase archery tags for public lands and be allowed access to private lands just like rifle hunters are.

Archery success rates are much lower and you can give way more tags for archery than you can for rifle.

Thank you

From:	Gus Harbaugh
To:	Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject:	Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management Proposed Changes
Date:	Friday, October 06, 2017 6:54:35 AM

Good morning Ms. Quintana,

The Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management proposed changes is a horrible idea, as you will completely wipe out the antelope population. You have close to 100 percent success rates for Private land antelope with any legal weapon. This is a very important source of income to the land owners and more importantly gives our youth hunters a really good opportunity to harvest an animal. If a rancher has antelope and they don't want to hunt then trap and relocate the antelope. As for increasing hunting opportunities then I say you can increase archery tags for public lands and be allowed access to private lands just like rifle hunters are. Archery success rates are much lower and you can give way more tags for archery than you can for rifle.

Please do not screw up antelope hunting like the State has done to Ibex. I would be happy to discuss this further anytime.

Kind Regards,

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: England, Michael <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:18 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management Comments

To Whom it may concern,

I am liking the idea of changing the way tags are allocated for antelope. I have my concerns with allowing private landowners to have unlimited OTC tags for their properties. Some landowners will be responsible and some will not be. Just like hunters in the field. Some are law abiding responsible hunters and some are not. I would like to see landowners be held to a standard when allowing access to public and private land hunters. I will list a few ideas that I have that can help track private land hunting of pronghorns in this state. I have talked with landowners and outfitters on this subject. Most landowners I have spoken with are going to in deed increase the number of antelope harvested on their properties. They want the revenue generated for the ranch without the welfare of the wildlife in mind. I have a problem with that. I understand not all landowners will abuse the unlimited tags but I feel enough will that it will have an impact on quantity and quality of trophy antelope. This will turn antelope hunting in New Mexico an "opportunity hunt" and not a "trophy quality experience". These ranches I have spoken with are also going to ask for the same amount of money per tag they are receiving now. They are also comfortable in asking those prices because they know the demand for an antelope tag is high. This program will not decrease the cost to hunt private land as a few game and fish officials have stated. They believe the increase in private land tags will drive the price per tag down. I don't agree with that comment based off what the ranchers are telling me. It will simply generate more revenue for the private land owner and the state which I am all for. Only person it hurts is the hunters who do not have the resources to go hunt these private ranches. So the only opportunity they get is to draw a public tag. I also want this hunter to have a good quality experience as well. Unlimited landowner tags may affect this quality.

New Mexico is known for top trophy quality and limited opportunity is a big reason for that in my mind. I have to disagree that an Antelope reaches full trophy size in 2 even 3 years. I'm not a biologist and have no science to argue my point. I live and work daily in the field where antelope inhabit. I watch antelope bucks grow from yearling to 5-6 years old. There is considerable difference in a 3 year old MB and 5 year old MB. Being a guide in NM I have harvested a few antelope as well as one in Wyoming. Once antelope I would consider trophy class scoring over 82" per Boone and Crockett measuring methods was tooth aged by Texas A&M university at 5.5 years old. The other two antelope I have were both aged by same department at 3.5 years old and both scored around the 72" mark. Not trophy quality in my book. Mature bucks at breeding age, Yes, Trophy bucks not necessarily but still respectable. I would like to see the Game and Fish conduct a study on age class and trophy quality. Ask hunters to bring in harvested bucks to a check station and tooth age bucks and record B&C score to see what age a buck should reach for full trophy potential. Provide incentive to those that choose to participate. Put in for special drawing for a region wide antelope tag or something along those lines. Collect other biological data to make it worthwhile to study these antelope.

A few things I would like to see Game and Fish consider from landowners and hunters with this new proposal.

1. Ranches that want to allow hunting to either public draw hunters and/or private (OTC) tags/access must sign up the ranch and be issued a Ranch ID number. Information needed would be Ranch name, Ranch contact, total ranch acres both public and private deeded acres maps similar to what is currently provided to public draw hunters that are assigned a ranch.
    a. To purchase a private OTC antelope tag the hunter must use the Ranch ID in which he/she wishes to purchase a tag for. No Ranch ID, no purchase of an antelope license

i. This will allow the Game and Fish to track license sales for each enrolled ranch. This will help identify which ranches are managing wildlife for opportunity and which ranches are managing for trophy potential.
ii. Require private land hunters to report harvest data including private ranch ID to track number of animals harvested on each ranch

b. Ranches allowing public draw hunters access must also provide Ranch ID to each public hunter they provide permission.
i. Hunter would be required to input Ranch ID on license and carcass tag and harvest report once the animal has been harvested. The hunter must have written permission but only inputs ranch ID once animal is harvested. This would give the hunter the ability to go outside the ranch within the unit boundaries and hunt either other properties with permission or legally accessible public land.

2. Ranches with large pieces of inaccessible public land or checker boarded tracts. Difficult situation that seems always favors the private landowners and is very difficult for Game and Fish to patrol. Below are ideas to help out both parties.
a. State needs to define how to legally access public land. Maybe they do and I haven't seen it on the website or hunting rules and info book each year.
i. Is "corner hopping legal in New Mexico". Can a hunter or fisher cross from one parcel of public land to another in which they only join or touch at corners?

b. Fair unitization is probably the best situation for all parties involved. I don't like how the landowner has complete control on whether or not to enter agreement. I understand game and fish is involved in negotiations but it rarely favors hunters as the game and fish make it seem. Yes it opens up opportunities to be in the field hunting and opens up limited access otherwise not accessible. However the quality of experience is far from good in my opinion. I stay out of those areas for that reason.
i. Must be a true acre for acre swap
ii. Cannot take away any already legally accessible public land
iii. Must provide similar hunting opportunities. Ranches can't agree to swap land to provide access to land that does not have sustainable numbers of animal being targeted.
iv. Limit number of public hunters that enter the unitized property. Hunters can sign up on Game and Fish website for access to unitized ranches. First come first serve basis or draw basis. Once public hunters draws a tag they can then apply to access any given unitized property. This allows game and fish, and landowners the ability to know who is on the unitization.

c. Open gate programs for those landowners that are willing to provide hunters access. Once again limit the numbers that can access to provide a good experience to those using the property.

d. Ranch-Wide tags. Similar to what is done for elk. If a rancher wants to have a some tags but ranch has large tracts of inaccessible public land. Offer a fair number of ranch wide tags allowing the rancher to sale some hunts OTC on a limited basis but also allow a limited number of public draw hunters. Maybe on different dates to allow good hunting for both parties. Numbers to be determined by % of public/private acres. Example: 80% public land 20% private land give 80% of sustainable harvest to public and 20% to the landowner and let both parties hunt the entire ranch. Ranch tags go first season then limited number of public comes in on next season dates. Limited numbers would be as described above.

e. Hunter Management Areas- Wyoming has a program on ranches that enroll in open gate type programs or as they call Hunter management areas. The rancher and game and fish establish a certain number of hunters that can be allowed on the ranch based off acreage and sustainable harvest. Hunters wishing to hunt a certain open gate property must apply for an access permit/vehicle tag that is must be in the vehicle or on person while in the field. Once game and fish issue the number of access permits no one else is allowed to access that open gate area. Certain rules can be added by the rancher such as no ATV's/UTV's , no hunting around water sources, bow hunting only, etc. They are called hunter management areas.

Once again, I am excited to see that the Commission is looking at improving the system that is in place. All I ask is that the commission decides that landowners need to be held accountable and be responsible in tag allocations for their properties. I understand they raise the wildlife right alongside their livestock and for that I am grateful. What I don't want to see is the Game and Fish just allow landowners to wipe the quality of pronghorn that New Mexico has to offer. Please consider creating a system that tracks license sales to ranches and harvest data from ranches as well. I would personally like to see this implemented for all big game species.

Thanks for the time to read and consider my thoughts and ideas. Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding my thoughts. [redacted]

Thanks,
Michael England

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Casey Myers [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management Inquiry

Hello Nicole,

My name is Casey Myers and I am the Wildlife Biologist for Philmont Scout Ranch here in Cimarron, NM. I have been reviewing the most recent summary for the Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management. I understand that we are to contact you with comments but at this moment I have some questions that I was hoping you could answer for me.

Under current set of dates for units 54/55 it is my understanding that we are allowed to set any three consecutive days between Aug. 25-Sept. 9. With the proposed changed I am understanding that we would lose that flexibility and be constrained to hunt the 3rd or 4th Sat. in Aug., the 4th Sat. in Sept., and then either mid-week in mid-Aug. or last Sat. in Sept. (all dates for rifle). Could you please clarify for me how this would lend itself to be a better structure that would promote the NMDGF goal of meeting harvest quotes?

In regards to the Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program, could you please explain to me what the qualifications for this program would be and what the alternative season dates would look like? Some things I have read about this new proposal would open up the number of tags on a private land from an allocated number NMDGF previously set to an OTC unlimited tag allocation for private land (does this lend itself to allowing private deeded land to manage herd numbers?), is this true and what is the benefit of opening up the tag limit to be unlimited? Would this also allow to have archery hunts for pronghorn?

In regards to the GMU's and public hunts, would this new structure force in any way private deeded lands to be open to public hunters?

Again I apologize for any seeming so un-informed on this issue but I am trying to get a better grasp on how this will affect our operation in the 2019-2020 season. Thank you for taking your time to answer these questions and assisting me in navigating this proposal.

Casey Myers | Wildlife Biologist

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From: [redacted] on behalf of Spencer McElhannon
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Manangement Proposal

Ms. Quintana,

As a Union County landowner and participant in the A-Plus program I strongly support the proposed changes to the rules.

Thank you,

--
Spencer McElhannon
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growing communities one business at a time.
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Brent Taft <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management

Dr. Quintana,

I'd like to express my support for the proposed alternative pronghorn hunt management.

Thanks,
Brent Taft

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Speck, Hunter - NRCS, Tucumcari, NM <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management

Howdy, I think it is a grand idea.

Hunter Speck
Rangeland Management Specialist
USDA – NRCS – Team 6
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Jay Houston <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Alternative Pronghorn Hunting

I'm Jay Houston from Cow Springs Ranch GMU 15. We really like the system the way it is but that being said I understand there is a lot of public land that is not getting hunted under the current system. I am asking you to think out of the box for the SW region to keep Ranch assignment but after 2 or 3 days open the GMU to all public and private land that can be legally accessed by all tag holders that have not harvested. I believe this would keep the public/rancher relationship positive and accomplish the harvest quota that the Department and the Hunters are trying to achieve.

Thank you for your consideration

Jay D. Houston

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: debbie oneil <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antalope Hunt

NMDGF,

Just voicing my concern on extended days for antelope hunts and dates during elk hunts. As I was lucky enough to draw handicap hunt (16A) for elk this last season. During my hunt was very surprised to see many hunters hunting antelope at same time. I had talked with a few hunters and found they were hunting antelope, with added pressure the elk were scarce until the antelope hunters were done. Also they all were hunting land owner tags that were open land tags, I do not understand if a land owner is getting many tags and not having animals to hunt on their property. I do understand many ranches only have small amount of deeded acres and most of their use land is BLM or Trust land which a lot is inaccessible to public hunters. I do understand the need to change the antelope situation, for as I've tried drawing for 15+ years and not been successful.

Sincerely,

Concerned NM Hunter

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Seth D Skiles <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 2:40 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope

Hello,

I am a hunter and life-long resident of New Mexico. I am writing to express my support of the alternative antelope management proposal. I think it is a well-researched and thoughtful proposal that balances the interests of hunters with that of appropriate game management. I would wholeheartedly support adopting it. Thanks for your time.

Seth D Skiles

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Mike Collins <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope

Hi Nicole,
This would be a great asset to the draw system. I have been putting in for years and never got a tag for antelope maybe now I can get drawn Mike

Sent from my iPhone

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Russ Behrens <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope

Hi Nicole,

I just returned from my second trip to New Mexico this season and had a wonderful time.

I have read the proposal and the most significant concern I have is the possible conflicts that will arise between hunters trying to access public land on these ranches and losing access to land locked public land.

I have antelope hunted three times in New Mexico and have had tremendous experiences working with the ranchers (Kipp Cattle Ranch by Lordsburg and Luera in 16E were especially accommodating).

On a third trip we were assigned to a very small ranch and it would have been nice to been able to move another ranch like they allowed years ago or go hunt other public land in the area.

I might recommend splitting the rifle season into two seasons to spread the hunters out a little if there is going to be more pressure on the public lands.

A final note, we were checked by a young warden in the Valle Vidal this weekend. Like all your officers he was thorough and pleasant.

Thank You.

Russell L. Behrens
[redacted]
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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: David Coffelt <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope Changes

I agree with the for mentioned changes. Thank you

Sent from my iPad

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Oscar Alvarado <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:53 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope changes

Hi Nicole,

From what I understand to the propose changes, the mobility hunt next to the youths will be the last hunts for antelope.

My dad is 85 now and confined to a wheelchair for the last 5 years. He still enjoys hunting but is very limited on being able to shoot. We have been fortunate to draw mobility tags which is the one thing that can brighten his whole year knowing that he has a hunt.

What we have enjoyed is being the first group to be able to hunt when the game is not spooked. He can only hunt game that is within 200 yards from the vehicle.

To move or have mobility hunters go last there is very little chance for a mobility hunters to be successful.

Please consider, those who still enjoying hunting but can not walk and need all the advantages possible. Please have mobility hunters go first.

Thank you
Oscar

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Jeff & Patti Young [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 5:29 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Re: Antelope Changes

Hi Nicole

I spoke with Jesse Deubel of United Bowhunters. He indicated he met with you for a a few hours to discuss this proposal and was comfortable that this would produce a positive outcome.

Although I am still skeptical given my thoughts below, I also trust Jesse's judgement. So if he supports the proposal, then I do as well.

But for the record, I am concerned!

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Sandia Park

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Christine Shreffler [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: antelope changes

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
My largest concern is with the unlimited otc license. there is a large problem in unit 31 with that on deer. How many people can you (the game and fish)put out there to make sure they don't shoot over the fence of private property onto public land to harvest a deer or antelope . it happens a lot. You look to people to be ethical most are not and its getting worse. We need to stick with the authorization for private land and also go that way with deer. limit the amount of hunters that private land owners can have on their acres. Give the small places one or 2 . if you go OTC you will see the number of antelope fall drastically. THANKS FOR LISTENING please think of all the unethical people out there more than you all know .

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Pantuso, Mark A [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 8:04 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: RE: antelope changes

Nicole thank you for the info. I think this is a good idea it seems we have plenty of antelope but the trifle tags almost seem like they are once in a lifetime hopefully there will be a better chance to hunt. I support the proposed changes.

From: Quintana, Nicole, DGF [mailto:Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 1:32 PM
To: Pantuso, Mark A
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: antelope changes

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your interest! Try these links below:

http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/commission/rule-development/Alternative-Pronghorn-Hunt-Management-Summary.pdf

http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/commission/rule-development/Alternative-Pronghorn-Hunt-Management-Presentation.pdf

Sincerely,

Nicole T. Quintana
Big Game Program Manager
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
office: (505) 476-8035

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From: Pantuso, Mark A [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: antelope changes

Could I get the proposed changes emailed to me I am unable to view from your website thank you

[redacted] www.enmmc.com

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Pantuso, Mark A <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 11:55 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope changes

Good morning Nicole, I was looking at the changes for antelope I wish that the hunts would be 5 days but either way I hope the Game and fish gets this going anything is better than what we have thank you

[redacted]
www.enmmc.com

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Jeff & Patti Young
Subject: RE: Antelope Changes

Thank you for getting us your thoughts! I truly appreciate those who take an interest in what we do, take care- Alexa

Alexa Sandoval, Director
New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish
PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504
1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507
(505) [redacted]
(505) 476-8123 - Fax

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From: Jeff & Patti Young [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 5:30 AM
To: Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF
Subject: Fwd: Antelope Changes

Hi Alexandra

See my comment to Nicole below.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Jeff Young
Sandia Park

From: "Jeff & Patti Young" <[redacted]>
To: "nicole quintana" <nicole.quintana@state.nm.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 5:29:21 AM
Subject: Re: Antelope Changes

Hi Nicole

I spoke with Jesse Deubel of United Bowhunters. He indicated he met with you for a a few hours to discuss this proposal and was comfortable that this would produce a positive outcome.

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Dave Garrett <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 6:00 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope comments

I think it's a good idea. My only concern is the dates. Maybe starting the rifle hunts on private land on the 4th Saturday in August and leave it open for 2 weeks, and leave the archery hunt as proposed. My landowners like the change as well.

Dave Garrett
[redacted]
www.trophyhuntingadventures.com

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Bridger Petrini <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope date suggestions.

Hi ma'am! I've seen all the changes and now the dates. Speaking for myself and several others I've visited with basically the dates will work for rifle. But he last date still is going to conflict badly with elk and as I said at the meeting I think it will reduce harvest. For what it's worth my suggestion would be to do the second Saturday in October rather than the first. It really needs to be after the 11th of the month because EVERYONE hunts elk hard those first 10-12 days. Just my suggestion.

Hope this finds you doing good. Please let me know your thoughts.

Take care!

Bridger Petrini

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Pete Tully <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope hunt

To whom it may concern, As a landowner, I am not in favor of your plan to change the antelope hunt. If you wish to increase hunting opportunities, increase landowner permits back to the level they were at prior to the drought. Your new plan will only stress landowners further by increasing both trespass and poaching over a much longer period of time. The most successful antelope hunting here was when it was a September hunt for two days where everyone in the unit hunted at the same time. Yours Sincerely, Pete Tully 75 Ranch Company

Sent from my iPhone

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Durga Deason <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope hunt

I have read your proposed changes to the pronghorn hunt. Should these proposals be enacted we will NOT be signing the agreement for the hunt.
Sincerely your,
Durga Deason
Sunset Ranch LLC

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Charles <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope hunt changes

It is about time these hunts were available to everyone rather the select outfitters, ranch owners, and game commissioners.

Sent from my iPad

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Joe & Beverly Reeser <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 7:59 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: antelope hunt comments

I am against the changes to the present antelope hunting as proposed. I am a landowner with 1 section of state land. I also have 2,000 acres of deeded land. I do not participate in the antelope hunts anymore. The reasons are listed below.

1. 1 state hunter and 2 private tags, they all want to come on the same weekend, 3 hunters on 2500 acres, pissed off hunters. The private tags were sold with the expectation of some opportunity for good hunting, they meet up with a state hunter with the same expectations, antelope don't like lots of pressure, they leave, I have 3 mad hunters.

2. NM tax and revenue want gross receipts taxes paid, I have to file a separate business tax twice a year to do this, if I am late I am penalized, I do not have any other need to report gross receipts taxes.
If I don't sell my tags I am taxed as though I still sold them.

3. Poor assistance or total lack of NMGF to keep road hunters controlled.

4. No matter how good the state hunter is behaved, they are still present and an interference with my ranch work. I hate deer season as every road hunter in the county drives by wanting to pick off a deer. No or very little help from NMGF, because it is state land.

5. Do you enjoy going to work when you know there could be someone shooting in the same area as you are trying to work? I don't either...

Joe A Reeser, [redacted] area

[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Tim Barraclough <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope Hunt proposal

These are the items that I see wrong with the proposal as presented.

On your alternative Pronghorn hunt management presentation, I respectfully disagree with some of your statements.

Slide 2

You forget that you are in New Mexico and this state very seldom has ideal weather for antelope birthing. In times of stress, it is a known biological fact that some does will give birth and leave the fawn under times of stress. In cases of late spring green up and drought conditions and bad winters, you will have a very small fawn crop, the others will be left to die. Also, coyotes like to dine on baby antelope, a proven fact.

Your statement that fawn survival is important to sustain population levels is consistent with any wild animal population

Slide 3

You need to define what quality is, having the ability to hunt may or may not be what is quality, but to harvest a quality buck is. The problem is that currently in some units what would be considered a quality buck does not exist.

Slide 4

I agree that a survey method allows for population estimates, the problem is that NM Game and Fish does not survey annually and they tend to forget that trends in antelope populations can change dramatically in a few years. Throw in some drought, a little blue tongue, and poor fawn crops and you can have a crash. While your biologists are pushing papers, they have no idea what is going on in the field. I was in the Raton office and was told by a former Game Manager that he does not have time to go to the field and look at antelope populations.

I used to fly antelope surveys and never seemed to have a problem telling females from yearling males.

Slide 5

Option 1 is an option if you want to decimate the population

Slide 6

Harvest objectives cannot be met..... If you do a three-year agreement with a rancher instead of a one year agreement, you reduce your work load by 2/3. You have agreements in hand and the only way you change them is by change in ownership or in size of the ranch.

Properties not meeting minimum acreage..... Life is tough and since when do we need to award a "participation award" for owning land. Sounds like the Department is wanting money for tags.

Slide 7

Harvest should be conservative, as you are in the job to conserve animal populations for future generations, or did I mistread that in the Game Department mission.

Slide 8

So you are going to allow 265 ranches to hunt antelope because they do not have the acreage necessary to get a tag. A "participation award" for those ranchers.

Slide 9

The issues are valid

- Most ranchers do not like public hunters because they consider public lands as private. Consider the road closure in Chaves county with the rancher closing roads because of the activities of the public hunter. If you think that this will lessen conflicts between ranchers and the public hunter, get ready for a real surprise. I see this program as one that will open up old wounds with ranchers.

- Ranchers don't currently receive other tags. Simple, change the regulation let them change their rifle tags into other hunt tags. All you have to do is add hunt codes to the authorizations. Then you have the same number of tags but allow them for any hunt that they want.

- The Rancher wants more and bigger antelope and the Department wants to kill them, that is the basic line

- Very few complain and those that do are probably on very small ranches without any antelope.

Slide 10

I can see that the Department wants to kill more antlope, sell more tags and still maintain quality hunting opportunites. That does not seem logical at all.

Slide 11

Antelope and deer are apples and oranges. Ranchers like deer and they dislike Antelope. They feel that antelope are a direct competitor to their cattle operation and given the opportunity to sell more tags and kill more anelope they will. I have dealt with ranchers my entire life and they do not like antelope and the only reason there are huntable populations is that they do not have any more permits to kill any more antelope.

The problem that I see is pretty simple, in the simplicity of the program you are comparing deer to antelope, which is apples and oranges. Ranchers have always liked deer and they have always either not liked or offered a limited toleration to antelope. Also you can not compare deer to antelope and in all of your slides with units on them, you listed the number of permits per species but you failed to list the success rates by species. Deer would be lucky to make 40% success rate, while antelope would more likely be in the 95% success. Antelope are easier to hunt, easier to find and offer more shot opportunities than deer.

If you take those items above into consderation you will find that the rancher is likely to over exploit his population of antelope.

Take a ranch in unit 56, that is 10,000 acres in size, with a basic issuance of one permit to 1000 acres gives that rancher currently 10 permits.

Now make those tags unlimited, give him 7 hunts and I can visualize that rancher will, if he can sell them, 10 hunts on the first hunt, 10 on the second hunt and possibly 10 scattered throughout the other four hunts.

His ranch is not big enough to manage and money matters to him, he will sell them

Substantiation of the above. A ranch in GMU 56, southwest of Clayton was issued 12 permits in 2016 and 2017. I surveyed that ranch with the ranch's game manager from Texas in July of 2016. We counted 3 buck antelope on the whole ranch. I had the public hunter on that ranch and was going to buy tags if the population was good. The ranch manager and I discussed the situation and I was told that it was his recommendation not to hunt there that year. I showed up with the public hunter and there were 12 hunters on the ranch and 8 bucks. Every buck was killed on the ranch. The ranch manager told me that the rancher had decided to sell the

tags because he wanted the money and didnd't like the antelope. This is a USUAL situation and one that will get worse.

The problem is, if you institue the new procedure, by the time you do your surveys, budget and analyze the data, the population will be in the trash. If you want to try this then pick a unit or two and try it BUT do not do it statwide. If it works then that is great and can be expanded but I feel pretty confident that I know ranchers and I know how they will think and they will sell as many tags as possible to hunt private property. The big ranches will be conservative and manage but the middle size ranches and the smaller ranches will not.

Tim Barraclough

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: violet norman [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope hunt

I think that's a great idea . I also think that handicap hunters should have more tags for handicap hunters as well, I am and handicap hunter and haven't drawn out in 3 years since your adding more tags to the general hunters I believe it should only be fair for us Handicap hunters to be able to have the same draw opportunities.

Thanks,

Violet Norman

Sent from my iPhone

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Linda Taylor [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope Hunting changes proposal

I am in favor of the proposed changes. Thank You for letting us have an opinion on this matter. Lynwood Taylor

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Russell Berglund <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope Hunting Revisions

THANK YOU! Who ever is responsible for the "possible" revisions should be promoted. The state of New Mexico has been controlled by "special interest" requests for way to long. I had started hunting in other states (Colorado, Kansas) because of the VERY limited draw results here. This state has almost unlimited opportunities for outdoor recreation and hunting especially, if it is managed properly. However, the part where unlimited tags will be sold for private ranches is totally unbelievable!!!!! Didn't the Game Department propose that exact same plan on deer about 2-3 years ago? I attended the meeting in Roswell office, and asked the question: If the states game officers attend college to learn carrying capacities, harvest amounts, laws and all the needed information, WHY would the Game Dept. turn over the control of a STATE OWNED ANIMAL to private citizens? Is that not privatization of a STATE OWNED animal? Here again, the ranchers are subsidized by the private hunters of the state, and again, STATE owned animals. And though this is a major step in the right direction, why doesn't the game commision look into the program that Colorado implements, Ranching for wildlife. That way, both the ranchers AND the tax paying state hunter benefit.....Or the state can continue on the way it is now, last on all the "good" lists, and FIRST on all the bad lists....

Thank you,

Russell Berglund

[redacted]

[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: john teahan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 10:41 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope Hunting

Nicole, I am a landowner in GMU 4 SE of Chama. I have noted a growing population of Antelope on Our 3500 acres in the high country (above 10,000 ft.) over the past 7 years. This year we had 3 herds totalling about 50 animals with bucks comprising about 15%. They compete with the Elk, Deer and cattle for feed. I am in favor of offering permits to landowners to increase hunting oppurtunities and control the populations so they co-exist in harmony with our other incredible species. Regards JJT P.S. Are you a game biologist working out of Santa Fe ? I think you checked in a Bear for us that was harvested in September during the Archery season. (Brazos Box Ranch) Thanks

John Teahan
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: James Noble <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: antelope hunts

Dear Nicole Quintana:
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Secondly, I support the proposed changes in the system.

Thanks,
Jim Noble

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NOBLE & VRAPI
James V. Noble, Jr.
Immigration Law
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Walrath, Ryan, DGF
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 2:22 PM
To: James Noble
Cc: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: RE: antelope hunts
Attachments: A-PLUS_Application_2018-2019.pdf; A-PLUS_Schedule_2018-2019.pdf

Mr. Noble,

Thank you for submitting your comments about the pronghorn proposal and for your interest in how pronghorn are managed in New Mexico.

You may re-enroll in the A-PLUS Program by submitting the attached 2018-19 A-PLUS Application and the mandatory supporting documentation that is listed on page 2 of the application. These materials must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2017 (21 days from now) in order to be eligible for the 2018-2019 season next fall.

I have also attached a PDF that outlines the annual A-PLUS schedule.

If you have questions while completing the A-PLUS application you can reach me at (505) 476-8042.

Regards,

Ryan Walrath

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From: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
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To: James Noble
Cc: Walrath, Ryan, DGF
Subject: Re: antelope hunts

Mr. Noble,

Thank you for your comment. I have copied Ryan Walrath here, he is our APLUS program manager and is the person to talk to about getting re-enrolled.

Ryan, see below.

Cheers,
Nicole

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Lane <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope ideas for the future

Please give more bow tags! Do you actually think bowhunters make a dent in the population 😂
And make the season for a month, maybe then we could help make a dent and actually have a good hunt.
Sounds like NMGF doesn't want the bowhunters to be successful in my opinion....look at Montana/Wyoming/ND for example...
Thanks Lane

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Droid

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Jordan Stailey <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope Management Changes

Nicole,

I think Game & Fish is on the right track with these proposals. I have been putting in for antelope hunts since 2003 and have only drawn one rifle tag and one bow tag(which is still pretty lucky). With the number of antelope in this state I know we could provide more opportunity than what is currently offered, so I'm excited that changes could be taking place. I do have a couple questions, though:

1. When will the changes be taking effect?

2. Will hunts still be offered by region (ex. units 18, 36-38), or will it be by individual unit?

Thank you for your time!

Jordan

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Courtney <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope proposal

Nicole, I have read the Antelope/Deer proposal and agree with most of it. Like the GMU changes and a slight increase in public licenses. What I don't like is the unlimited private license part. The landowners that do or don't receive tags can still give or sell unlimited trespass permits . That will increase the harvest. Those that choose not to have hunters on their property, well nothing can be done about that.
I think the "unlimited' part is dangerous to OUR game population.
Sincerely,

Courtney Hines
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Carl Johnson <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 7:52 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF; [redacted] ISPA, DGF
Subject: Antelope Proposal

Nicole Quintana,

After hearing about, and reading the new antelope hunting proposal, and then rereading it about 5 more times it has been made apparent to me that there is no fix, no adjustment, no tweaking to this proposal. This document should be shredded and a totally new approach should be started.

I will make one suggestion: That the author or authors, organizations, departments, or whom ever has a hand in ANY proposal put their name , background, credentials, and whatever else there is to identify them on the document so that those of us who are the most affected by their actions know who it is that is adversely our lives and livelihoods.

Thank you,

Carl L. Johnson Nine Ranch. Tatum, N.M.

Sent from my iPad

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Liley, Stewart, DGF
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: FW: Antelope Proposal comment 11-17
Attachments: Antelope_comments_11-13-17_final_mm.docx

Importance: High

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CONSERVING NEW MEXICO'S WILDLIFE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

From: Caren Cowan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 1:46 PM
To: [redacted]); Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF; Bob Ricklefs ; [redacted] Elizabeth Atkinson Ryan ([redacted]); Paul Kienzle; Ralph Ramos; Robert Espinosa; Robert Espinosa [redacted])
Cc: Liley, Stewart, DGF; Comins III, James C., DGF
Subject: Antelope Proposal comment 11-17
Importance: High

Please let us know if you have questions.

We had a very productive meeting with the Department last week and appreciate that some of our concerns are being addressed.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Caren

November 13, 2017 Comments on the
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish (NMDGF)
August 2017 Antelope Proposal
Eliminating the current A-Plus System of license authorizations
From the
New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association & New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc.

The annual membership meeting of the NMCGA, New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc., the New Mexico Federal Lands Council, the Dairy Producers of New Mexico, the Dairy Farmers of America, and the New Mexico CowBelles will be held in early December. It is possible that policy direction on this issue could be developed there.

As a general comment, the proposal has been met with virtually no support from the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association (NMCGA) Board of Directors or members who have contacted the NMCGA office. The NMCGA has also received calls from outfitters who are opposed to the proposal.

Specific issues of concern from the landowners and steward who provide the habitat and water to all the state's wildlife are:

- The number of hunts at a time when ranchers are gathering their livestock for fall sale --- the only payday ranchers get every year. The Department has expressed willingness to work on this. Hunts would probably have to go thru last September because of the Sept 1 -15 archery season.

- The length of the hunts. The NMDGF's own data shows that most antelope hunters are successful in 1.8 days. A three day hunt is more than enough time for true hunters to bag their antelope. We greatly appreciate that the Department has changed their proposal to 3 days.

- The impact on checkerboard ranches who have been willing participants in the current A Plus program. There is no way these ranches will not be hammered by the proposal. We appreciate that the Department has some ideas. We are exploring those with membership.

- The number of additional hunt codes is excessive. Fawn survival rates contemplated in the proposal are inaccurate. The proposal could put the antelope population at risk.

- There are ranches within the A-Plus system who need more tags due to the antelope populations they are carrying. Those issues need to be addressed before the whole-sale disposal of the current program.

- There are large ranches that do not use the A Plus tags issued to them. If they routinely don't use the tags, those should be reassigned to ranches that do want them.

- The over-the-counter approach could result in additional trespass and conflict between landowners and hunters as well as a substantial depletion of the antelope herds in selected places.

- Landowners question the validity of harvest data. One of the needs for change has been herd management. How can this happen with no control over harvest of private land harvest?

- What happens when game shot or wounded on public lands but dies on private land when?

- Some Game Management Units are too large and need to be broken up. The Department has made plans to divide up GMUs 31 and 32. If there are others that need to be broken down as well, they are open to suggestion.

Potential Solutions:

According to the proposal, there are some 256 ranches that do not have the acreage to qualify for the program. Can't those ranches who want hunters be included to the A Plus system?

Learning from our past:

- Start hunts at the northern part of the state and move with the weather south. This would allow concentration of Department resources in specific areas for a limited amount of time, allowing the staff to move south with the hunts. The Department has indicated they are open to more work on this.

- The first hunts should start in mid-August with the enter season completed by September 15 when most ranches begin their "fall works" which last generally to November 15. Hunts should only be scheduled in areas where the Department has the resources to adequately patrol and control hunting.

- There should be "hunting stations" where the Department can check hunters in two hours prior to legal hunting and close at 5pm. These stations could be staffed by non-conservation officers, leaving conservation officers free to adequately patrol.

- Have one rifle hunt. Allow scouting two days prior to the hunt opening. Combine the archery, youth, handicapped, and muzzle hunts with two days of scouting and two days of hunting. These hunts could be after the rifle hunt.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: marc leszczynski [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope proposal comments

Nicole,

Hope these comments are included, here are a few points for NMDGF to consider

While it could potentially help the public land hunter, this proposal appears to help the private land owner much more with unlimited tags. Public land opportunities are hard to get, more emphasis on preserving experiences to sportsman who fund the majority of wildlife mgmt. today would be helpful

Also, unlimited private could be used for outfitters to funnel people through ranches and also use adjacent public land in the GMU if not regulated by G&F , which is not done today, so what would be the plan for that?

Assuming this happens, how would dwindling herd populations be discovered and accounted for ?

Also, a problem with the current system is the minimum acreage size for distributing landowner tags, it eliminates 200+ ranches that could participate in herd management.

And finally, proposed hunt types and dates are just wrong. One has only to look at elk/deer seasons as a model.

Youth hunts should be first or spread out by weapon/season, followed by muzzleloader, and then by rifle, and adjusted for any rut activities that may also be included. With kids being the future for supporting NM Wildlife, putting those opportunities first should remain a priority as it is with other species.

Please confirm receipt and how this email actually gets included in public comments, thanks

Regards

Marc

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Brian Young [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:16 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope proposal

My name is Brian young I've been hunting as since around 7 years old. I personally believe that the over the counter pronghorn tags are a great idea. Hunting in New Mexico used to be a lot more fun. Used to be able to talk to your nabour and get permission to hunt usually all the time and now days the ranch's say nope got it leased to an outfitter or yea you can deer hunt for $3000. Same with antelope $1600 a tag here in quay to hunt you guys want quotas met it's hard to meet those quotas when the ranchers and outfitters have turned your a-plus and e-plus tags into a money making trophie hunt only thing. Most of us nm residents won't get to hunt antelope unless we draw out thank you .

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Blake Barber <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: antelope proposals

Hello,
I was reading over the new proposals for antelope hunting and I like what I see. Me and my dad are going to Wyoming to hunt them next year. We would much prefer to hunt new Mexico since its quite a bit closer to Oklahoma, but without an outfitter it's almost impossible to get a tag. We've hunted mule deer in New Mexico in the past, but opted to go to Colorado last year just because it wasn't as hard to get a tag. If New Mexico makes it a little easier for non residents to come hunt then I know I will be out there to hunt many times for years to come.

Thanks for your time,
Blake Barber
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Penelope Gregory [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope Proposals

Ms. Quintana,

As a landowner in Unit 50, I host Antelope year-round and would like to see the proposed changes implemented, including management of this resource by Unit and having a draw for tags. As a landowner I would like to have landowner tags that I can provide to Hunters and would be so glad to host Hunters on my Ranch.

I think the proposed changes to the rules are well thought-out and a better management approach that would provide more hunting opportunities for New Mexicans. I feel the draw for tags should be restricted to New Mexico residents.

Thank you.

Penelope Gregory
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: John Kirkpatrick <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope proposed hunt structure

Nicole, the proposed hunt structure looks good to me. From what I read you are trying to make antelope hunting in New Mexico more flexible for the hunter so more antelope are harvested. I like the longer season where a hunter is not limited to a 3 day hunt. As long as the private land owners still have the say on who hunts on their place and how many antelope are harvested we are good with the changes. Thank you! Drew Kirkpatrick with the Ruby Ranch Northeast of Las Vegas.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: David Shea <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope public tags

Hello,

I am a aviator in the Air Force and hunter. I fly all over the state and hunt also. My last deer hunt recently I saw massive herds. I also see them all over the state when I am flying. Most of us don't even bother putting in for tags because it seems impossible to draw. We are really looking forward to these new proposals if they take effect. Otherwise we might have to go out of state to get a tag. Thanks.

David Shea

Sent from my iPhone

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Patrick Valentine <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 6:28 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope revisions.

Hello, just putting in my 2 cents as far as the possible revisions to the pronghorn antelope hunts are concerned. I would love to be able to hunt pronghorn, but currently the August hunting season is prohibitive as it conflicts with my busiest time of year as a USFS wildland firefighter. I would apply every year if there was a hunt in mid September or later.

Thank you for all you and your agency do
-Patrick

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Jamie White <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope rule change proposal

Hi Nicole. I just wanted to send an email with my comments for the proposed antelope rule changes. I am 100% in favor of the proposed hunt structure. This would definitely fix most of my gripes with the way antelope tags are handled in this state. I'm not sure that I'm on board with unlimited private land licenses, unless that is ONLY for deeded land though. I feel like a landowner should be able to do what they wish on their own land, but ONLY on deeded ground.

Thanks for trying to fix this broken system...Again, I think this looks MUCH better than the current antelope system!

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Jamie White[redacted]

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: THOMAS W KING [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 8:55 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope rule change

I see several problems with the proposed rule changes:

1) Ranchers do not see deer as competitors for grass for their cattle, therefore they don't mind deer on their ranch. Antelope are viewed as competitors for grass with cattle and the rancher's don't like them

2) If ranchers get unlimited licenses, many will sell all the hunts they can without regard to population, number of antelope, buck to doe ratio or any consideration except money and killing as many antelope as possible.

3) There is not enough accessible public land or large enough tracts of public land with huntable antelope populations for public draw hunters to have successful, enjoyable hunts.

4) This could very well lead to enough hunter frustration that trespassing will increase, as well as road hunting. Shoot a antelope near the road, grab it and go. This is similar to the problem that Colorado has created for themselves.
This becomes a Law Enforcement Division problem created by the Administration Division. And makes wildlife offenders out of frustrated hunters.

5) Two and half times as many hunt codes will cause confusion and frustration among the public as well as the landowners. Sorta like the confusion caused by the HMAV and the Habitat Stamp and the old GAIN stamp does now.

1. *6) Public hunters are restricted to hunting only a specific ranch and cannot pursue pronghorn in other areas of the GMU.*

   Solution: Change this in the current scheme

   5) Some private landowners do not want to accommodate public hunters on their ranch and therefore choose not to participate in the program. This limits hunting opportunity.

   1. Solution: Some landowners are opposed to hunting and will not change.

      4) Private landowners do not receive licenses for archery and mobility impaired hunts, although these licenses are allocated to public hunters. This creates an inequity in the number of public versus private licenses

      Solution: Change this in the current scheme

      1. *2) Some properties cannot be hunted because they do not meet minimum qualifying acreage in a Game Management Unit (GMU) despite having a huntable population and a desire to hunt pronghorn.*

Solution: Change the minimum qualifying acreage in the current scheme.

The current system should be continued or modified to address the concerns raised the Department list of concerns and the Game & Fish Department should get out and talk to the landowners.

Tom King

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Keith M. Shije <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:47 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope rule

Hello Nicole,

As a NM resident I am highly against the proposed changes in the revisions to the pronghorn rule. Managing the pronghorn like the deer is not the solution. NM currently has fantastic pronghorn hunting opportunities and the deer of NM has been poor.

Thank you
Keith Shije

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 12:22 PM
To: Liley, Stewart, DGF; Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: FW: antelope seasons

FYI... thank you

Alexa Sandoval, Director
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From: Pathfinder Environmental [redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 11:05 AM
To: Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF
Subject: antelope seasons

Dear Ms. Sandoval,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. I truly appreciate it.

My son, who is going to be 16 years old this coming March, would like to go on a draw antelope hunt. I looked into it last year for the 2017 season, but unfortunately, virtually all of the dates were scheduled during weeks when his mother (we are divorced) had visitation rights. We have a schedule where he is with me every other week and with his mother on the alternate weeks.

Because the antelope season schedule provides a rest week between each hunting week, and because it happens that the hunting weeks are aligned with the weeks that my son's mother has him, I was unable put in for a draw hunt last year. I had hoped that for 2018, the schedule would maybe be such that hunting periods would be aligned with my weeks to have my son. Unfortunately, once again, they are ALL aligned with his mother's periods of responsibility! Aaack!

While I realize there is probably nothing that can be done now for 2018, could you please, please, please! take a look at arranging the schedule for 2019 so that there are some hunting periods somewhere during each week of the fall? Please? I am certain I am not the only parent who has run into this problem. There are many, many divorced parents who are on week-on/week-off schedules with their kids.

Most sincerely, a highly disappointed dad,

Devin

Devin Kennemore

p.s. I simply cannot afford a private ranch hunt, so unfortunately, that isn't an option for us.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Greg Burpo <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:18 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope.

I fully support this. I think that if G&F could partner with local sports men organizations to go after millions in private monies in foundations and endowments, we could improve the millions of public lands here in NM. No reason to depend on private landowners to hunt because they have a well.

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Derek <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, December 03, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Antelope

Dear Nicole,
I strongly appose the antelope rule change and unlimited tags on private land. This will decimate our herds and be very abused! This is already abused with our deer herds. Enforcement is none existent in keeping these tag holders on private land. These tag holders end up on Public, this is elk and deer hunters. Please consider a differ approach to managing our antelope herds.
Private land owners should charge trespass fees instead of receiving elk, deer and antelope tags. The Eplus system is the most abused in the west and should be removed. Most unit wide land owners can not be reached and maps Are Not provided by the department.
Thanks for time
Concerned sportsmen
Derek Driggers

Sent from my iPhone

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Peter Romero <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: A-Plus Comments
Attachments: A-Plus proposed Changes Arguments.docx

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Peter Romero
Shop Teacher
Moriarty/Edgewood Middle School

A-Plus proposed changes

A few of my thoughts on these changes.

1) If you look at the allocated tags (not Converted, but Allocated) already given and the public tags already given, in most cases those add up to more then their new projected total. There is common feeling among landowners it seems that there is not enough antelope to use all the tags they are given.

2) They talk about the Minimum Acreage and that many don't meet the minimum acreage, then do away with the minimum acreage. Do like the small contributing E-Plus and put all those that say there are antelope on their place into a draw and draw a given number of tags out of there ever year. Restrict these tags to their given ranch.

3) G&F complains about to many hunters in one ranch at once, under the current system they could already be able to create more hunt dates. They can still use their new hunt dates with the current system.

4) Ranchers that don't want to accommodate public hunters on their land that is split between public and private should not get tags. Also if the public land is accessible then public hunters should be able to hunt it.

5) I think you should still be assigned a ranch just like in the current system, but you should also be able to hunt any accessible public land that is not already in the A-Plus system. Like mentioned in #4, rancher that don't enter into the A-Plus and lease accessible public land, this public land should be able to be hunted by any one in the unit that DREW a tag in that unit. They can send you a map that shows your ranch and also shows all the accessible public land you can hunt that was not already included an A-Plus system ranch.

When I was lucky enough to draw out antelope in the unit I did, it was nice to be able to hunt a 20,000 acre ranch. If I would not have been able to do this I would have had very limited accessible public land to find antelope. I would have also been sharing the limited accessible public land with ALL the other draw hunters in that unit.

I don't like that I could draw out with 15 other people and all of us end up in the same piece of public land and all of us be able to shoot every last bucks in that area as well.

Sorry, one last thing. I also don't like the over the counter idea. If Joe Blow owns 20 acres and has never seen a antelope on his place, but all the sudden a couple days before antelope season sees 5 bucks on his land, is now able to get a tag. I don't mind if he is able to get ONE tag, but with 5 bucks there he can now get him and four friends a tag and kill all 5 of those bucks. He knows they won't be there again on his land and he is not hunting for management at that point, but the tags are over the counter and he would have the ability to shoot all 5.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Coach Caffrey <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: A-Plus program

I spoke to Ryan Walrath about the A-plus program and he suggested I put my thoughts in writing.

Years ago, before the current program was put in place, I got 1-3 permits every year to hunt antelope on our family ranch between Mountainair and Willard. When the changes were made I go no permits despite the fact that there were times I would see as many as 60 to 70 head of Antelope at a time on the ranch. I called to complain and was told our ranch wasn't big enough (1400 acres). I feel the changes were made to cater to the large ranch owners who obviously have more money and thus more clout. This is unfair.

The proposed system seems to take into account my primary complaint. I think smaller land owners have been treated unfairly and if the new system allows for permits for smaller ranches I am for it.

I am not interested in opening my ranch up for public hunters on a large scale (GMU).

There is no public land within the boundaries of our ranch.
Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions.

Brian Caffrey
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Ryan Nogosek [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 8:45 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: A-plus

To whom it may concern,
I am in favor of the rule change to the existing antelope hunting regulations for various reasons.
I have had clients show up and not see antelope to hunt on the specific ranch that they were assigned. They have spent a significant amount of money on the tag, travel, time away from work, ect. If they had the whole unit to hunt it would give the tag holder an optimistic hope of the possibilities of harvesting a mature antelope. New Mexico has always been known for producing Big antelope and having a chance at actually hunting them in an entire unit like it used to be would be beneficial to the paying consumer. Thank you.

Ryan Nogosek
[redacted]
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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Chris Smith <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Changes to Pronghorn hunts

LONG over due to break up the draw in the Northeast part of the state. To have so many units clumped together made it almost seem like a once in a life time tag to draw. Really hope the changes are made. Most other states, lets just say every other state it is by the unit, not the area. more option's would be the best for the future of hunting in New Mexico.

As for the A-Plus program, it has its plus and negative on hunting here. I was looking at some of the Ranches on the list and them getting over 50 to 100 tags and then turning around and selling them for $1500 to $5000 is not the Opportunity or choice for getting new Hunters or everyday hard worker a chance. Especially when i can go to other states for third of that and do it myself.

--
Chris Smith

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Brandon Loard <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Comments on proposed antelope hunt changes

We have read your proposed antelope hunt changes presentation and we DO NOT think this will improve hunting on our ranch or help the APLUS program. We would like to keep the APLUS program the same as it is now and not make any changes. We participate in the APLUS program and allow hunters to have access to hunt on our ranch, just as the program is designed. We don't think these new proposed changes will improve any hunting opportunities in our Unit 56.

Thank you,
Brandon Loard, Ranch Manager
Bonds Ranch, Ranch # 19767, Unit 56

Brandon Loard
[redacted]
Vangie Loard
[redacted]

Bonds Ranch New Mexico
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From:	PS Toles <[redacted]>
Sent:	Tuesday, January 02, 2018 10:09 AM
To:	Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Cc:	Beth Ryan; Bill Montoya; Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF; Liley, Stewart, DGF; Goldstein, Elise J., DGF
Subject:	Re: COMMENTS on Proposed Rules - A-PLUS Program

Nicole.
Thank you for your response. It was perfect and just what I was needing.
Perry Toles

P.S. Commissioners, please vote for the proposed rule change!!!! :-)

On Tue, Jan 2, 2018 at 8:36 AM, Quintana, Nicole, DGF <Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us> wrote:

Hi Perry & others;

I've copied and pasted my response below, I hope it gets to everyone this time!

Hi Perry,

Thank you for your interest in pronghorn management and hunting in New Mexico! The proposal you are referring to online, if the Commission ultimately votes to approve it, would essentially allow pronghorn to be hunted like deer are hunted across the state. That is, for private deeded land licenses would be over-the-counter and would be unlimited. What we see with deer hunting is that private landowners are generally conservative with their buck harvest and like the ability to manage buck harvest to meet the needs of their particular property. For pronghorn this would also mean that the APLUS program goes away completely, allowing private landowners to have control of pronghorn buck harvest on their deeded land. Public draw hunters would be allowed to hunt publically accessible public land within the GMU that they draw but cannot hunt private deeded land without written permission (and it would be up to the landowner to decide whether he/she wanted to grant permission to public draw hunters). I realize my response is a short summary, but I hope this clarifies the proposal a bit. I will be out of the office until January 2, but would be glad to talk with you more about the proposal if you have additional questions. My phone number is below.

Sincerely,

Nicole T. Quintana

Big Game Program Manager

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Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations

From: PS Toles [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Beth Ryan
Cc: Bill Montoya; Quintana, Nicole, DGF; Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF
Subject: Re: COMMENTS on Proposed Rules - A-PLUS Program

Nicole,

I also did not receive your response. Would you please resend to this group. Thanks!

Perry Toles

On Dec 30, 2017 6:07 PM, "Beth Ryan" <[redacted]> wrote:

Hey Perry!

I did not receive your initial email or Nicole's response to you. This is my correct email address. Would you forward me Nicole's response? Then I look forward to visiting with you next week. I'm sorry I missed you this week. I have caught the flu and have been out of the office the past few days.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 30, 2017, at 1:55 PM, Bill Montoya <[redacted]> wrote:

I see that Mrs. Quintana has responded to your concerns. I think the response gives and good and simple answer on how the new A-Plus will operate.
When in the Ruidoso area give me a call[redacted]
Bill

From: [redacted] on behalf of Perry <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 7:47 PM
To: Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us
Cc: Beth Ryan; Bill Montoya
Subject: COMMENTS on Proposed Rules - A-PLUS Program

To the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish

I am very encouraged that State Game & Fish have recognized the problems with the current A-PLUS program and the need to change the rules. After reading the Summary and Presentation of the proposed rules, I'm still not sure how the changes would affect our ranch and opportunities to hunt Pronghorn. The A-PLUS Program Manager is out of the office until January 8th, so I have cc:ed a couple of Commissioners who I hope might be able to give me a general summary of how the proposed rule change would affect our ranch. -Thanks!

Below are my comments regarding the proposed changes and the long over-due need to change the rules:

We have just received our "No authorization" letter for the 8th year in a row (since 2011) under the current A-Plus program rules. Prior to the current rules our 2,000+ acre ranch in GMU:32 had always received at least one mature buck Pronghorn hunt authorization, most years we received multiple authorizations.

I do not question G&F's sustainable harvest levels or utilizing objective standards under the current program. However, I object to the methodology utilized to allocate the authorizations which benefit larger ranches at the expense of smaller ranches. A couple of years ago I analysed how GMU 32 was allocated: 30 ranches out of the 120 were small enough not to qualify for a

single hunting authorization. The total amount of acreage from those smaller ranches totaled almost 57,000 acres which in the aggregate would be entitled to 15 hunting authorizations which obviously ended up being assigned to the larger ranch owners. This is unfair and arguably a violation of the Fifth Amendment prohibition of government taking private property without just compensation.

Since the rules make it impossible to grant small ranch owners a partial authorization, "half an antelope" the Department could ROUND UP the number of authorizations for the small ranch owners, and ROUND DOWN the number for the large ranch owners. There is a BIG difference between a small ranch owner receiving either 0 or 1 hunting authorizations versus a large ranch owner receiving 9 or 10.

One of the consequences of denying approximately a quarter of the ranches that own about 5% of the acreage in GMU 32 the opportunity to harvest antelope is that it creates havens on many of those ranches where the Pronghorns can hide out. In my opinion, this is a very inefficient means of insuring that the proper number of antelope are harvested each year. A better way would be to spread out the authorizations on as many ranches as possible to maximize the hunt efficiency.

We consistently find herds of 20 or more Pronghorns on our ranch, the same ranch that has received no authorizations for the past eight years. We are not inclined to combine our private lands with public lands to allow public hunters access when the land owners are denied the opportunity to hunt their own lands. Hopefully, when the A-PLUS rules are changed these issues will be resolved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Perry Toles

obo Ranch # 19164 (GMU 32)

Toles-Com-Ltd, LLC, et al.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: William R. Green <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Drawing a hunting tag

Nicole--my suggestion for the State of NM is to adopt a system like Colorado when it comes to drawing a hunt tag no matter which animal you wish to apply for. If you are not familiar with it a person applies for a tag for Elk, Deer, etc. If that person does not draw a tag for the particular animal, then they will acquire one point for that animal for that year. Next year when that same person applies for the same animal they have a one point advantage over everyone who drew a tag the year before. The person doesn't draw a tag for the same animal a second time next year, that person obtains another point. So next year that person will have two points when applying for that same animal.

I drew a tag this year, first one in four years.

New Mexico has to realize that the current system simply does work and is very unfair. I have other friends that have drawn several years in a row and other's like myself that have not.

Thank you very much, if you have any questions please contact me.

William R Green
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:11 PM
To: Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF; Liley, Stewart, DGF
Subject: FW: From New Mexico Wildlife Federation
Attachments: SCAN0022.PDF; SCAN0023.PDF

FYI, see attached. The NM Wildlife Federation letters of support for the new pronghorn rule & APLUS repeal.

Stewart -- I'll send them a similar letter & notice of rulemaking to what was sent out to the waterfowl person today.

Nicole M. Tatman
Big Game Program Manager
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
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Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations

From: Susan Calt[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:04 PM
To: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Subject: From New Mexico Wildlife Federation

Susan Calt
Office Manager
[redacted]
New Mexico Wildlife Federation
[redacted]

NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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Comments on draft Pronghorn Rule, 19.30.15

On behalf of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation (NMWF) membership, staff and board of directors, here are our organization's comments and recommendations on proposed rule 19.30.15 NMAC (Pronghorn Rule) scheduled for review and vote by the State Game Commission on May 22, 2018.

First, NMWF commends the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMWF) for its innovative and effective approach to public involvement during the months-long development of this rule as a replacement for the existing Antelope Private Land Use System (A-PLUS). It is apparent the staff listened to stakeholders' suggestions and concerns, as reflected in the final proposal. NMWF believes the agency worked diligently to develop an equitable, biologically driven rule.

We recommend and support passage of this rule. NMDGF's commitment to flexibility as the new system is implemented is greatly appreciated and was a major selling point in gaining support. We're counting on the agency to thoroughly monitor and evaluate the system as it develops, during the hunts and post-season, to determine what is working, identify any flaws and formulate corrections to policies or rules as needed.

There are several elements to the new rule that NMWF is especially pleased to see. We also have some suggestions for its implementation, and for a possible amendment to the rule as proposed, for your consideration.

The core constructive features: The rule will increase hunter opportunity and more fully utilize the pronghorn resource while removing what many public-land hunters and some ranchers perceive as inherent imbalances in A-PLUS.

It achieves the latter by opening currently un-hunted pronghorn habitat on public lands, thereby increasing the number of public draw licenses, and by offering opportunities for additional ranchers to allow pronghorn hunting on their deeded properties.

It addresses the former by removing grazing permittees' ability to veto pronghorn hunting on public lands, and keeps land-locked public lands from being private

whether game law violations, or hunting on public lands with private-land-only licenses (or vice-versa), for example.

We recommend that NMDGF vigorously pursue opening private and land-locked public lands to pronghorn hunting, utilizing the Open Gate program. Our members have frequently remarked that ranches open to public-land licensees under unit-wide elk agreements are difficult to locate and often poorly marked. To begin addressing that under the new pronghorn hunting system, we'd like to see that "pronghorn hunting ranch" addresses, access points, and boundaries are available on the NMDGF website and GPS mapping systems to assure equitable utilization, with standardized signage required at access points.

While perhaps not perfect, this new rule is a major step forward in removing administrative headaches and addressing many hunters' judgment that the current system is inequitable. NMWF's assessment is that it deserves to be implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

NEW MEXICO WILDLIFE FEDERATION

[redacted]

NMWF comments on draft rule 19.30.12, Repeal of the A-PLUS management rule

Dear Nicole Quintana,

On behalf of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation (NMWF) membership, staff and board of directors, here are our organization's comments on proposed rule 19.30.12 NMAC (Repeal Pronghorn Antelope Private Land Use System) scheduled for review and vote by the State Game Commission on May 22, 2018.

The Federation fully supports the repeal of the Antelope Private Land Use (A-PLUS) system and commends the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) for taking the initiative to eliminate and replace it. A-PLUS has devolved into a bureaucratic quagmire that needlessly consumes agency resources, excludes some landowners who would like to have pronghorn hunting on their ranches, wrongly empowers federal and state grazing permittees to veto pronghorn hunting on public lands, and guarantees that the pronghorn resource is underutilized and hunter opportunity on both public and private lands is unnecessarily diminished. This rule is a big step toward rectifying many shortcomings in the current system.

NMWF also want to acknowledge here the NMDGF staff members' extensive public outreach and involvement as they presented the justification for repealing A-PLUS and developed an alternative replacement that fixes many of the A-PLUS shortcomings. It is apparent that the staff was diligent in listening to stakeholders' suggestions and modifying the draft replacement rule to reflect users' input.

NMWF recommends adoption of the rule. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors New Mexico Wildlife Federation

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Adrian Zamora <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Fwd: FWD Antelope
Attachments: IMG953039.png; No Name_3.txt

Hello, My name is Adrian Zamora. I heard about the proposed change with antelope. I really think that allowing private land owners to give out as many tags as they want, will hurt the amount and the quality of our antelope. It seems to me like its all about money anymore, instead of the wildlife. I don't understand why? Concerned, Adrian Zamora

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To: Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us

From: Mike Lopez

Proposed antelope changes

Yesterday at 9:48 PM

Hello, My name is Mike Lopez. I am a
hunting guide, and a father of two boy
have grown up living the outdoor lifes
am taking this time to express my
overwhelming concerns with this prop
change. I have discussed these propc
changes with numerous land owners,
hunters, guides and outfitters. I have

We need as many people as possible to write something stating our opposition to that crazy proposed change to antelope tags. Just a couple of sentences. Send them to the email on the pic. Spread the word if you agree! I will send you guys my whole letter. I also wrote one the NM wildlife federation. Thanks!
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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Lucero, Eric, NMDWS
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Cc: Varela, Paul, DGF
Subject: FW: Hunters - Take Notice and Speak Up

Hello Nicole,

To all the staff at NMDGF, keep up the great work! The new system will allow more access to Antelope hunters in the future. Hope all the staff have a great Thanksgiving Holiday!

Thank you,

Eric M. Lucero
NMDWS
[redacted]
"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence" Martin Luther King Jr.

From: New Mexico Wildlife Federation [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Lucero, Eric, NMDWS <[redacted]>
Subject: Hunters - Take Notice and Speak Up

Learn more about the New Mexico Wildlife Federation at www.nmwildlife.org.

Hello Eric Lucero,

Antelope Hunting and Licensing System being Revised

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) is developing major revisions to how we hunt pronghorns. From what we've seen of the process so far, we believe they're on the right track.

NMDGF is shaping the plan now and asking that we hunters help shape it, so look at the draft proposals and let the Game and Fish Department know what you like and what you'd like tweaked.

Read about the rule on the NMDGF website:

- **Proposals under consideration**
- **Updated rule summary**

- **Pronghorn rule presentation**

The revision aims to:

- Increase the number of public draw licenses and number of antelope taken
- Open up virtually all legally accessible public-land antelope habitat to public draw hunters, eliminating restrictive ranch assignments
- Issue licenses and manage pronghorns by Game Management Unit (GMU), instead of by quadrants of the state
- Eliminate or sharply reduce ranch signups – issue unlimited over-the-counter licenses valid only on private, deeded property.
- Increase the number of ranches allowing pronghorn hunting
- Diversify hunting seasons to accommodate more hunters without impairing hunt quality

The current A-PLUS system is overly bureaucratic, and keeps us from fully utilizing the antelope resource. Revamping the system could increase harvest and hunting opportunities and open up hundreds of thousands of acres of public and private land now closed to pronghorn hunting. The proposals are a step toward fixing that and deserve a full, fair vetting by hunters, ranchers, and outfitters.

Make sure you speak out now while NMDGF is accepting public comment. The most important input is yours!

Comments can be sent to:

- **Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us**
- Mail: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Attn: Nicole Quintana, 1 Wildlife Way, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe New Mexico 87507

Sincerely,
The New Mexico Wildlife Federation
www.facebook.com/nmwildlife
www.twitter.com/nmwildlife

P.S. Support our work protecting public lands by **making a donation** today!

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: John Waters <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: My Public Comment on Pronghorn Antelope Rule Changes

To whom it may concern:

As an lifelong NM hunter and a person with an academic background in Biology, I agree with the rule changes proposed by the NM Game and Fish Department, option 1. I believe that the state's populations of Pronghorn can easily support this change in harvest. In addition, this would open up more opportunities for people to hunt and thus generate more revenue for the NMGF and wildlife conservation.

I applaud the NMGF for this change and hope that a similar review can occur with the Javelina populations in southeast New Mexico.

Regards,

John Waters
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Dennis Francish <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: New antelope hunting proposed rule making--my comment!

Dear Ms. Quintana:

After reviewing the proposed changes for antelope hunts I am totally against the rule change that allows: 1) over the counter licenses for land owners or non land owners. 2) any rule that increases the present harvest more than five percent (5%).

The proposed rule changes fly in the face of conservation and on its face is a rancher's dream. Lets face it, rancher's have consistently sought to reduce antelope populations, which compete with cattle for forage. The proposed rule changes look as though they were written by and for ranchers.

To drive along New Mexico's highways and see small herds of antelope every so often is a most wonderful sight. Nothing should be enacted which diminishes this tremendous natural resource!

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Franciskovic

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Ed Alvarez <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: New Antelope Proposal

Mrs. Quintana,

I read over the proposal and concerned that the proposal will deplete the population or have a possible negative affect on the overall numbers. I reside in the Southwest corner of the state and unit 23 for deer is over hunted in my opinion due the low deer numbers in relation to tags issued. I would NOT like to see more hunting permits issued for antelope. possibly impacting the herd numbers in a negative way. Thank You for your requesting our input as hunters. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Brian <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: NM Antelope Hunt

Good Morning,
My name is Brian Olney. I am a NM outfitter, and my family owns a cattle ranch between Socorro and Magdalena. I am taking this time to express my concerns over the proposed antelope hunting changes. In the last few years, I have seen our antelope herd decline in this area. I cannot see how there can be increased tags to an already diminishing population? I would be willing to take off work to show someone around this area and to stop by ranches that have exactly the same concerns as i do. Even antelope numbers on San Augustine's plains have dropped drastically and ranchers there feel the same way that i do.

Thank You for taking the time to read my letter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Brian Olney
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Nathaniel Sims <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Private land owners and hunting tags

Hunting tags in the state of NM have become big business for private land owners who have well over half of all antelope tags and now even have more than 50% of the elk tags in the state. Many of these tags are not restricted d to land that the ranch owns but can be used unit wide. I don't believe that these laws have ever had the best interest of the sportsman of new mexico in mind. Many of these wealthy private land owners also restrict access to the public land around them because of the big money associated with having control of large tracts of quality hunting land. I myself just witnessed the closure of the cloverdale road south of Animas blocking some of the only access into one of the best public land hunting areas in the state. Private interests of a wealthy landowner named Seth Hadley were behind that closure and that sort of thing is common place in this state. It is about time that someone stuck up for the majority of hunters in this state who rely on public land! I hope to see major changes in all landowner related tags especially antelope and elk. Antelope tags for archers should also be available during october rut times instead of August when the heat threatens to spoil the meat of all antelope not recovered quickly. Thank you for your time!

sincerely,
nate sims

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From:	Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Sent:	Tuesday, May 15, 2018 10:15 AM
To:	Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF
Subject:	Fwd: Pronghorn antelope proposed rules - see attached
Attachments:	protest.doc

Will you file this and add this gentleman to the list we have going for the pronghorn rule. I can't open his attachment on my phone either so I have no idea what he is protesting.

Thanks,
Nicole

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Frank1murray <[redacted]
Date: 5/14/18 10:35 PM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Tatman, Nicole, DGF" <Nicole.Tatman@state.nm.us>
Subject: Pronghorn antelope proposed rules - see attached

COMMENTS AND PROTEST ON:

Department of Game and Fish proposed repeal of Rule 19.30.12 and adoption of Rule 19.31.15

Wildlife in New Mexico belongs to the people and not to any individual or private land owner.

For many years New Mexico has utilized an equitable distribution of hunting licenses between public citizen draw hunters and private land owner hunters. This system permits the allocation of private land licenses to citizen hunters where the landowner wishes to control big game on their property.

As a draw hunt participant I object to the repeal of rule 19.30.12 and the adoption of proposed rule 19.31.15 and if not the entire rule to specific parts as set forth below.

The Departments proposed rule 19.31.15 proposes to adopt a system favoring the private land owner at the expense of the public draw hunter by establishing special rules providing "Private land-only pronghorn licenses" which allow hunting throughout the entire game management unit on both public and private land (the rule states private licenses are valid "...within the GMU or area allowed by hunt code"). We further recommend the language stating "Private land-only pronghorn licenses are not restricted to only one ranch or property" be removed from the rule and that private licenses be restricted to the private land owned by the private land owner.

As a draw hunt participant we believe it is unfair to allow those receiving special private licenses to hunt on public lands with such licenses and propose that the language in proposed Sec. 19.31.15(B) NMAC stating "...within the GMU or area allowed by hunt code" be stricken.

The Department's own survey shows declining antelope numbers throughout the state but at the same time proposes to allow "unlimited" private over the counter licenses. This reinstates market hunting within NM by allowing private land license holders to sell hunts within the entire unit. Market hunting is one of the reasons there was almost no big game left in NM by 1912 and was one of the evils the Game Department was created to combat. Unlimited hunting of any type can only further devastate diminishing Antelope numbers. We recommend that any reference to unlimited licenses be stricken and limits be placed on private land permit licenses in accordance with sound management practices.

Unlimited private licenses also appears to directly violate two NM sstatutes
17-2A-2. Statewide system for hunting activities.
The state game commission shall develop a statewide system for hunting activities that **increases participation by New Mexico residents** and considers hunter safety, quality hunts, high demand areas, guides and outfitters, quotas and local and financial interests.

17-3-16. Funds; special drawings for licenses.

B. Beginning with the licenses issued from a special drawing for a hunt code that commences on or after April 1, 2012:
(1) licenses shall be issued as follows:
(a) ten percent of the licenses to be drawn by nonresidents and residents who will be contracted with a New Mexico outfitter prior to application; and
(b) six percent of the licenses to be drawn by nonresidents who are not required to be contracted with

an outfitter; and
(2) **a minimum of eighty-four percent of the licenses shall be issued to residents of New Mexico.**

The new rule is not designed and will not increase the participation for NM residents and paid hunting on private and public land will violate the 84% New Mexico resident requirements.

In short:
1We object to the repeal of Rule 19.30.12 and adoption of Rule 19.31.15;
2We ask that any private license be restricted to the deeded land owned by the private land owner;
3We request that strict limits be set on the number of private licenses issued;
4We object to the inclusion of Ranch-wide agreements allowing private licenses to be utilized on public lands;
5We object to "alternative season dates" being provided to the privileged few;
6We further object to the privatization of public game.

Respectfully submitted:

Frank Murray Minnie Murray

[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Bob . [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn antelope rule changes

Congrats and Cheers to the NMDG&F!
As per "Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management" doc. I received in the mail.

To simplify the antelope hunting rules and making them the same as deer hunting makes all the sense in the world.
All of the concerns (6) are real and with your rule proposals are being met.
AND, backed by biology.

Hats off to you.

Please move forward on this.

Very best regards,

Bob King
Santa Fe Guiding Company LLC
[redacted]
Please visit our web site at: WWW.SANTAFEGUIDINGCO.COM

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Nick Andrews <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn changes

For one thing, we need to stop referring to them as antelope in any way, since they are not an antelope and are not related to any antelope. They are unique.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Gregg Flores [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 05, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn Changes Public Comment

Nicole,

The proposals look like they would be beneficial to hunters. My only comment would be to ask that the archery hunts are extended. The current time allotted for our pronghorn archery hunts is incredibly short. For example neighboring states offer pronghorn archery hunts that are 24-30 days in length. The pronghorn archery hunts are a great challenge and a lot of fun but I think success rates would increase if the archery seasons was increased in length. At least to 15 days but ideally to 21-25 days in length.

Is this something that has been discussed?

Sincerely,

Gregg J. Flores
Alb, NM

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Joshua Gorman <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn Changes

I support the proposed changes to the Pronghorn rules. I would also prefer the September option for the youth hunt.

Thanks,
Josh

Sent from my iPhone

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Young, Jeffrey T [redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn Comments

Hi Nicole

I discussed this at lengthy with my son. He and I are both in agreement and although I trust Jesse Deubel of United Bowhunters to look out for hunters. I am not convinced he has spent much time in the antelope plains nor does he understand the culture. That is my belief.

I grew up in eastern NM. And have been on various antelope hunts when my kids drew the youth tags.

My son and I are both in agreement that while I understand biologically you all have put together a proposal you believe is best. Given there is so little public land or state land in eastern NM, I am skeptical of this working. I suspect many public tag holders will not ask for written permission and you will have many of these public tags gathered on what limited amount of state or public land there is. In addition, landowners are obviously under no obligation to allow them to hunt. Once a landowner is known to allow access, anyone with a public tag is going to try and get on that property. Thus, more issues.

I also do not agree with allowing landowners unlimited licenses. I am not sure how that is a good thing. Especially given many of the landowners do not want the antelope on their property anyway.

Deer country is different given there is much public land available. But even then, I think it does not quite ring true.

Again, thank you for allowing us to comment. And I appreciate your work. I hope to come to your meeting in ABQ tomorrow night.

If you have questions, let me know.

Jeff Young
[redacted]

"The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter til the full light of day." Proverbs 4:18

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: John Davis [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn Hunt public comment

Ms. Quintana,
After reviewing the posted presentation and associated documents my comments are as follows:
Please continue forward with this management proposal, as a public land hunter in New Mexico my opportunities are very limited as it stands for drawing Antelope. Under the new proposal I will have more of an opportunity (markedly more in some units) to apply, draw and hunt. All to frequently private landowners deny access and/or hunting opportunities on their land unless one is an outfitter or hired an outfitter. The days of simply asking permission to hunt someone's land are long gone.
I agree with the proposal as written. It is more than fair to the private land owners based on the numbers and animal populations in the given geographical location.
Thank you and respectfully,
--
John Davis, Vice President CD-3
New Mexico Professional Firefighters Association
[redacted]
Sent from Gmail Mobile

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Bob . [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn hunt rule changes

Hunters and wildlife managers have pronghorn in New Mexico today in good numbers owing thanks to the NMDG&F trapping and relocation projects during our earliest days of statehood.
If the Dept. believes backed by current biology that the population can continue to meet goals set with the new rule proposal and that the Dept. would like to discontinue the A Plus system I beleive we should give this a try.
To simplify the hunting rules making deer and pronghorn the same will make it easier for hunters to follow the rules.
Certainly as a professional land manager tasked with bring all value to our land, we can decide how many bucks can be taken just as we do already with deer.
I understand some of my land owner frl ends in opposition to this have checkerboard places with lots of public lands and do not have deer hunters already due to lack of... and now will have antelope hunters when before they have allowed no hunting. Checker boarded raniches have always had this problem.
As for over harvest by antelope hating land owners.... maybe, but soon to be out of business due to poor management and if they really didn't want the critters on them, maybe the Dept could relocate them to a better place.
I think we should give this a try AND continue a diligent watch on its affects on overall poplations.
Then, we all know it has every thing to do with Mother Nature supplying the right pronghorn conducive weather on top of all this.

Thank you
Bob King
SFGC

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Devin Henderson <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2018 7:22 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn hunt

Hi Nicole I think the youth hunt should be held held when they have the best chance of harvesting a animal. i do not know what time of year that is but I bet you do.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Vanita Menapace [redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:37 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn hunting

I believe all the new proposed hunting season will do is relieve the Department of Game and Fish of responsibilities and place it on the landowners as to the regulation of hunting the pronghorn. Archery and mobility impaired hunts should not be allowed regardless. All this will do is take away the private landowners rights.

Vanita Menapace

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Joel Gay <[redacted]>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn proposal

Hi Nicole, I support the NMDGF proposal on pronghorn. I believe it will provide better opportunity for NM hunters, be simpler for landowners, and easier and less expensive to manage for NMDGF, which is a long-term benefit to us all.

Specifically, I appreciate the science-driven increase in draw tags, allocating tags by GMU rather than geographic region, and concurrent hunts for draw and private land hunters.

Probably the best element of the proposal is eliminating APLUS. Doing so allows landowners to sell access to their land, rather than sell tags that are actually owned in trust by all New Mexicans. I would prefer to see an overall harvest cap on each GMU, so that in the event that hunting must be curtailed for conservation reasons, the cuts are shared equally by landowners and draw hunters.

I hope the Game Commission has the good sense to adopt this proposal as written. And I hope NMDGF continues on the same track with elk. I think it's time to get rid of EPLUS, too, and replace it with a system that better serves New Mexico hunters.

Thanks for all your work.

Joel Gay
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 4:40 PM
To: Anne Wall
Cc: Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF
Subject: RE: Pronghorn Proposal

Hi Ms. Wall;

Thank you for your interest in the pronghorn proposal. To summarize, we are proposing to hunt pronghorn similar to how deer are hunted in New Mexico. That is, public licenses will be allocated by GMU through the big game draw. Public hunters can hunt accessible public land in the GMU and private deeded land with written permission (it will be up to the private landowner to decide whether or not to give access to public hunters). Private licenses will be unlimited for mature bucks and offered over-the-counter during established seasons (concurrent with public hunts in the same GMU). These private hunters can hunt private deeded land with written permission. In developing our proposal we chose to spread out hunters in space and time on the landscape to discourage hunter density issues. By doing so, there will be relatively few hunters on the landscape at one time, unlike how we hunt pronghorn currently (with many hunters present on the landscape at one time). If you have additional questions, please let us know.

Thank you,

Nicole M. Tatman
Big Game Program Manager
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507
office: (505) 476-8035

Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations

From: Anne Wall [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn Proposal

Good Morning Nicole,

I am a landholder in New Mexico and I have been looking at the new Pronghorn proposal on your website, and am a little confused as to what this means for private property owners. I am hoping you can give me a summary and clarify what this new proposal actually says and how it will be monitored and how protection for citizens will be enforced.

I am concerned that opening up or changing hunting practices on private property, or even implying that - encourages trespassers and property damage - and armed confrontations. I hope this is not the case as this ultimately poses dangerous situations for my own personal safety as well as my family and other ranchers.

Thank you for your time,

Anne Marie Wall

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Jim <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:12 PM
To: Tatman, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn Rule

Dear Nicole-

I have been out in the state reviewing ranch property at various location throughout the state.

Again, after noting significantly low numbers of pronghorn except in the west I-25 corridor north of Watrous to Raton, I again strongly disagree with the departments proposal and firmly believe given the extreme drought we are in right now, this proposal will drastically affect pronghorn numbers even more to the negative.

Additionally, the additional undue burden to landowners regarding the requirement to legally post lands not posted now due the rule change, places a huge annual financial burden on the landowner.

Clearly this train has left the station. I do hope I am wrong in my assessment. However, if after 4 years under this rule has basically changed the New Mexico population drastically negative, I will be the first to stand up at a commission meeting and hold the department and commission responsible for the pronghorn's demise in NM.

Jim Welles

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Jacob Shriver <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 8:38 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Pronghorn

Ma'am,
I think this is a very good idea.

Jake Shriver
--
Sent from Outlook Email App for Android

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Georgiann Smith [redacted]>
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposal

Ms. Quintana, Thank you so much for your phone call and explanation of the proposal. I'm elderly and appreciate the patience you had in explaining this to me. My main concern was not being compensated for the grass and water on our property, as well as damage to livestock, fences and gates during the hunts. If we are able to maintain our hunters and recoup the losses I'm in favor of the proposal. Thank you again for your patience.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Ian Peterson Gmail [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed 2018 Mobility Impaired Antelope Hunt Changes

Mrs. Quintana,

I'm writing regarding proposed changes to the Disabled Antelope Hunting Season.

I moved to the Roswell area of New Mexico 4 years ago to pursue Skilled Nursing Facility Management. I have hunted New Mexico for more than a decade, growing up in Lubbock. In 2006 I sustained a spinal cord injury leaving me a quadriplegic. As such, I am a Mobility Impaired Hunter and have immensely enjoyed the mobility hunts here in New Mexico, feeling that they set an example for hunting programs across the country to follow. With that being said I feel I must disagree with the proposed changes to the Mobility Impaired Hunts as the proposed changes severely limits any competitive advantage granted by the mobility hunts.

As the email that was sent regarding proposed changes to the hunting dates and limits states, the changes will be;

- Increases to the number of public draw licenses and number of antelope taken
- With a goal to diversify hunting seasons to accommodate more hunters without impairing hunt quality

These are wonderful goals but I must point out that the Mobility Impaired Hunters receive no increase in licenses. I find this hard to understand with the stated purpose above. I have listed several examples below.

GMU 41 NM is proposing 51 NEW public licenses (100% increase) and ZERO increase for people with disabilities
GMU 42 NM is proposing 50 NEW public licenses and ZERO increase for people with disabilities
GMU 58 NM is proposing 66 NEW public licenses (200% increase) and ZERO increase for people with disabilities

The second issue I feel I must speak up about is that the proposed changes move the Mobility Impaired Hunts to the 4th Sat. in September. I feel this is an even bigger limiting factor to disabled hunters as the Antelope will have been hunted at least twice by able bodied hunters prior to disabled hunters having an opportunity. Then the 2nd Rifle hunt for abled bodied hunters is scheduled at the same time, this will significantly if not completely eliminate harvest opportunities for people with disabilities. Disabled hunters as well as all hunters have a better opportunity for harvest when animals have had no/little hunting pressure. Many abled bodied hunters nowadays hunt by driving roads thus reducing the disabled hunter chances further by pushing animals away from roads and 2 track trails.

I hunt based out of land in GMU 34 near Weed for the hunting opportunities offered through the Mobility Impaired Hunter program. This land has been a huge blessing for myself and my family, however during able-bodied hunting seasons, the gravel roads are like highways with many; sometimes 5-10 cars bumper to bumper traveling in the same direction. The only true opportunity for disabled hunters is private land during normal

hunts. Disabled hunters many of whom (like myself) cannot walk at all and as such must rely on these roads and even 2-track roads. The vehicle many of us drive is not 4 wheel drive because we hunt from our wheelchairs. As such, we can NOT get out to look over the next ridge or hill for animals unless there is a 2-track road going that way due to rules about staying on roads. Our shot opportunity is greatly diminished by the mere fact we are not allowed to go off these 2-track roads to look over that next hill or ridge so the opportunity to hunt when animals are closer to areas we can access is much appreciated. Please do not initiate changes to combine the Mobility Impaired Hunts with the Standard Bow, Rifle, and Muzzleloader seasons as it severely limits my ability to effectively hunt New Mexico

Please pass this along to the Commissioners, Board Members, and those involved in the pending changes. Thank you for your time and energy regarding this matter.

Best Regards,

Ian Peterson, NHA/MHA

[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Lauvray, Todd A MAJ USARMY ATEC (US) <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Ms. Quintana,

I have a question/concern with the proposed ALTERNATIVE PRONGHORN HUNT MANAGEMENT.

If I am understanding this correctly, the assignment to specific ranches would disappear. The successful draw would be able to hunt the public land within their GMU assigned and private land with permission from the land owner. Doesn't this mean it will be even harder to access those private locations that may hold larger herds or better quality animals? What will keep the private land owners from requiring fees (and probably even larger fees at that) to hunt their land? At least with the current system hunters had a chance of drawing a very much sought after pronghorn tag in private areas like around the VLA by getting assigned to a specific ranch, and not have to pay a fee to the land owner.

I think a better way would be keep the same system but ALSO allow the hunter who drew a ranch to hunt the public land within the GMU of the ranch if the desire to. This would eliminate the possibility that the private land owners could require additional fees to hunt their land. I don't think the state will accomplish what they want (herd reduction) unless the ability for the private land owner to charge a fee is removed. Many hunters don't have the funds available to pay additional fees in order to hunt. Another area that may need addressed is the amount of tags for the ranches in order to meet targeted harvest objectives. The allocation of tags for ranches may need to increase for both the land owner and the public hunter on the ranches if the state believes the animal population on those ranches should be reduced. The private land owners would still receive licenses that the state deems is appropriate in amount for their property if they choose to participate then. This would also allow them to still receive income from the hunting of animals on their property. If they choose not to participate, then they do not receive licenses from the state.

In regards to the issue of properties not meeting the minimum acreage that may have a huntable population, I would recommend either a change to the acreage amount required, or make those properties muzzleloader and/or bow only properties if there is a concern for allowing rifle hunting. This could be done and an appropriate amount of tags issued to the land owner and public hunters as well if the land owner chooses to participate in the program (current program).

My opinion is the proposed change will not benefit the public hunter but benefits the landowners only. It will allow the private land owner to allow more hunting on their property, however, they may charge fees to those who want to hunt on the private land. If the land owner is allowed to charge fees to the public hunter, and the assignment to ranches is removed (current system), the state has effectively made it more expensive and probably removed the possibility for the public hunter without funds to pay fees to the land owner to hunt areas that may be better than public areas.

Please let me know if I am mistaken with my thoughts regarding this subject. Thanks

v/r

Todd Lauvray

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Rick Kaliska <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed Anteloope hunt changes

Nicole,

I'm writing regarding the proposed changes for Antelope hunting.

I have hunted New Mexico for more than a decade and enjoy myself immensely. I am a Mobility Impaired Hunter and feel strongly that hunters with disabilities are the clear losers with these proposed changes.

The 1st and last bullet of the email states

- Increase the number of public draw licenses and number of antelope taken
- Diversify hunting seasons to accommodate more hunters without impairing hunt quality

The Mobility Impaired Hunters receive no increase in licenses. I find this almost impossible to understand given the first and last bullets. Here are a few examples.

GMU 41 NM is proposing 51 NEW public licenses (100% increase) and ZERO increase for people with disabilities
GMU 42 NM is proposing 50 NEW public licenses and ZERO increase for people with disabilities
GMU 58 NM is proposing 66 NEW public licenses (200% increase) and ZERO increase for people with disabilities

The proposed changes to move the Mobility Impaired Hunts to the 4th Sat. in September is a second problem. Perhaps bigger than not allowing disabled hunters to participate in more licenses.
The Antelope will have been hunted it appears at least twice by able bodied hunters prior to disabled hunters having an opportunity. Then the 2nd Rifle hunt for abled bodied hunters is scheduled at the same time (huge problem). This will significantly if not completely eliminate shot opportunities for people with disabilities. People with disabilities as well as all hunters shot opportunities become better when animals have had none/little hunting pressure. Many abled bodied hunters nowadays hunt by driving

roads thus reducing the disabled hunter chances and it makes the animal more frightened of vehicles which again reduces shot opportunity for the disabled hunter.

My wife and I purposely purchased a home and land in GMU 34 near Weed for the hunting opportunity through the Mobility Impaired Hunt program. In 2014 I lobbied NMGF to separate the Mobility Impaired hunt from the 1st abled bodied rifle hunt. Which they did and I applaud them for their good choice. Prior to that some years they issued 1,250+ licenses for the same 5 day period. The gravel roads were like highways with many sometimes 5-10 cars bumper to bumper traveling in the same direction. The only true opportunity for disabled hunters was private land.

Disabled hunters many of whom (like myself) cannot walk at all must rely on these roads and even 2-track roads. The vehicle many drive is not 4 wheel drive because they must hunt from their wheelchair. They can NOT get out and look over the next ridge or hill for animals unless there is a 2-track road going that way. Our shot opportunity is greatly diminished by the mere fact we are NOT allowed to go off these 2-track roads to look over that next hill or ridge.

Please pass this along to the commissioners and I appreciate the opportunity to have input.

Rick Kaliska

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Tom Caldwell [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:35 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed Antelope Changes,

Thank You for asking for my input for Pronghorn Management,

Yes I am for rifle hunts for Antelope and like the proposed hunt dates, I had applied for A-Plus some years back but did not meet the property requirements, I do get an elk tag.
Whether it is all a draw or if small land owners can apply for tags, I Am For the Changes.
Thank You,

Thomas Caldwell
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Mike Lopez <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 9:48 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed antelope changes

Hello, My name is Mike Lopez. I am a hunter, hunting guide, and a father of two boys that have grown up living the outdoor lifestyle. I am taking this time to express my overwhelming concerns with this proposed change. I have discussed these proposed changes with numerous land owners, hunters, guides and outfitters. I have yet to speak to anyone that views these proposed changes as a positive. This is extremely alarming to me! I can't understand how allowing private land owners the opportunity to issue as many tags as they wish is a good management practice. It is impossible to predetermine how many tags will be issued. How can you adjust for drought or poor fawn survival etc. Another question I have is why such a massive and sudden proposed increase to tags? Is there good survey data supporting this huge increase? Why not a much smaller change then evaluate the effects and adjust accordingly? I spend a lot of time in antelope country and don't see how these increases can be supported. Every single rancher I have spoken to expressed the same concern. These are multi generation ranches and have not seen an increase in antelope numbers. Many have expressed that they think numbers are down. I can't figure out who this benefits? I love taking my sons hunting more than anything, but I understand that herd numbers and good survey data should always dictate the number of tags issued. I know there is a problem with ranches not meeting the required acreage amounts to get a tag. Why not have a rotation or draw like the small contributing ranches for elk? Every few years they would have a tag. This seems much more manageable and easily enforced. I sincerely hope the NMDGF reconsiders these proposed changes!
Thank you!
Mike Lopez
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Bob Culp [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed Antelope Hunt Changes

I believe that the proposed changes to the antelope regulation will reduce the opportunity for public draw hunters to have a quality antelope hunt. The public hunters will be reduced to hunting small pieces of state trust land that happen to have county road access. In the presentation one point discussed is the loss of hunting opportunity on ranches that do not sign up due to not wanting to have public hunters. Which amount of land lost will be greater, the ranches that don't currently sign up or the land locked state trust land that cannot be hunted due to these changes. Under this proposal private land hunters could not legally hunt state trust land that they have land locked and public hunters could not access it. Also if the Department believes that the private hunters will not illegally hunt state trust land within the ranch boundary I believe they are incorrect.

From my point of view this is a thinly veiled attempt to make the ranching community happy by getting rid of public hunters that are allowed on their land by the current system. It is not a way to improve hunter opportunity as presented. It also opens the door for the ranching community to start purchasing the hunting rights to state trust land since the next argument will be that it does the Department no good to purchase rights to those lands since it is landlocked.

I this proposal does pass the logical next step would be to make all private land elk permits valid only on deeded land and eliminate the option for unit wide tags. It seems to me that if the Department's logic is correct for antelope and deer that is would also be correct for elk.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Ben Brown <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed Changes in Pronghorn License Issue

I support the department's proposed changes in pronghorn license allocation and sales.

Bennett A. Brown

[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Marvin Estes [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 9:35 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed changes to antelope hunts

I currently am enrolled in the A-PLUS permit system for antelope hunts. I am **strongly in favor** of changing the system to allow more hunters for antelope. Many of my neighbors have several antelopes grazing their crops but don't have enough acreage to qualify for a permit. I have wheat land on the western side of the farm land in our area. There are times when I may have 70 to 100 antelope on one small field. Under the current system you can't do anything about the numbers without putting you out of compliance for the A-PLUS system. The one permit we get doesn't even come close to covering the damage large herds can inflict on our wheat late in its growing season. The other frustration we have is that our hunter can't shoot an antelope if it is on the wrong side of the fence on the days they are allowed to hunt on our land. Our "ranch" is small by ranching standards. If the antelope happen to be grazing somewhere else our hunter is out of luck for the 3 day season, since permits are "ranch only".

I would gladly give up my permit for an expanded hunting season. I enjoy seeing wildlife, but sometimes our numbers are too high and become a burden. It's especially tough during a drought when we don't have enough feed for our cattle and the antelope are grazing wheat that shouldn't be grazed because of erosion hazards.

Thanks,

Marvin Estes
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Brad Norman [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:48 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed changes to antelope seasons and private land allocations

Dear Game and Fish,

On behalf of myself and two elementary aged sons, please consider keeping the current antelope hunting regulations! The proposed changes including to unlimited landowner tags with no acreage restrictions combined with significant changes to the method in which the public accesses private land will be detrimental to the working-class hunting public. I am sure that out of state hunters and private land owners would like to see a change to unlimited private land tags to increase the number of non-resident hunter tags past quota amounts! This simply means more $ in their pockets with little regard to the general hunting public.

I am strongly opposed to the changes regarding the over-the-counter private land tags. I could go for longer seasons, but whatever NMDGF has been doing to manage antelope has been working incredibly well based on the number of trophies harvested each year. NM harvests a larger percentage of trophy antelope than even states like Wyoming with much better numbers.

I urge the commission to please not change the antelope rules.

Brad Norman
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Gary Hightower [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 8:17 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed changes to pronghorn hunt

To Mr. Kienzle and State Game Commission Board,

I am commenting on the proposed changes to the pronghorn hunt program. I am a rancher who has participated in the A-Plus program. I have found no problem with the A-Plus program and would encourage the retention of it. There have been years that I did not participate only because there were not any pronghorn on my property. It seems that I am managing the game population without the Game Department's knowledge or recognition. It seems that the loss of revenue to the Game Department, when a rancher does not participate, is driving the call for change. In my case, non participation is justified because sometimes there are not enough pronghorn to hunt. This brings me to the problem: Why aren't there enough pronghorn to hunt? The coyote population is a major factor in a decreased pronghorn population. Most years, the survival rate of pronghorn fawns is almost zero, solely because of the predator population.

I am opposed to the proposed change because it is going down a path of increased confrontation between land owners and hunters. The need for more enforcement people will be dramatic. My suggestion is to tweek A-Plus a little bit to allow public hunters to go to accessible public land withing a GMU, but please don't throw it out. A-Plus works!

Thank You for you consideration,

Gary Hightower

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Bill Stovell [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed changes to Pronghorn hunting

I would like to comment on the proposed changes to the pronghorn hunting program

We own a ranch in northern Chaves county and we participate in the current A Plus program. We prefer the A Plus over any of your hunting programs.

With the current system the land owner knows before the scheduled hunt the contact information of every hunter that is assigned to our ranch.
We are in contact with the hunter and visit with them about conditions at the ranch and what to expect when they arrive. We would prefer the hunter to harvest the older mature animals and we try to educate them on what to look for.

The current hunt length is adequate for the hunter and does not disrupt our ranch operation. Any addition in length of time of the hunt will disrupt our operations. October is when we have our fall works and to have hunts right on top of that is really not safe for us.

I realize the the A Plus system might be a administrative cost to the department but it seems to work for us.

If you are in need of increase harvest just increase the number of permits. Both public and private. The land owner is being treated unfairly because of the archery and impaired hunts.

Our experience with your current deer hunt programs has not been good.. we have never had a deer hunter contact us for permission to hunt on our ranch. We just find them in the pasture hunting our private land. We have to be the policeman. If we have a gate left open or trash on the ranch we have no idea who was there or who to talk to about it. With the A Plus ranch only system we know in advance who the hunters are and we call them and let them know the rules of our ranch and if we find a problem we know who to talk to about it.

We worry about liability issues with hunters that just show up and we don't have the ability to communicate with them about what their obligation is to us as private land owners.

In summary we would prefer no change to the existing A Plus system for the pronghorn hunts.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this issue.

Bill Stovell
JY Ranch Inc
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Jose Ray [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed Hunting Antelope

Thank You for this opportunity for comments-I welcome the proposed changes for this species-we/I would be benefit for more issuances of Public Licenses for Antelope. I believe that with careful consideration among all participating parties-this would be move for better
communication for us Hunters and NMGFD. The idea of having different areas is also a plus-maybe 16A & 16D be one area-also how about having Elderly Hunters hunt with the Youth Hunts even with ELK and Deer Big Game. I belong to the NMGFD Citizens Group in the South
part of New Mexico.

Respectfully

[redacted]

Jose A. Ray, Jr.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Michael R. Perry <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed new antelope hunts

I like the proposal but I am wondering about what the percentage of non-resident permits would be allocated.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Elissa Ruddick <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 8:48 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed Pronghorn changes

I agree with everything except unlimited tags for private land owners, especially if the tags can be sold.
Elissa Ruddick
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Mark Reeb <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Proposed Pronghorn Hunting Rule Changes

Nicole

We own approximately 45,000 acres in Unit 12 (12-28644). We support the proposed changes as outlined in the Department's October 2nd letter.

Thank you.

Mark Reeb
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Charles McDonald <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 7:22 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Public Hunting

I like the way Game & Fish moving to benefit hunters. The antelope access is only the beginning. We should have access to all public land. It is public.
Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Pathfinder Environmental <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 2:32 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Re: FW: antelope seasons

Hi Nicole,

I like the proposed changes to the schedule, but I would also like to add one more thing to it. If the seasons in GMUs north of I-40 could be scheduled during off-weeks/weekends of the seasons south of I-40, that would at least create a situation where there is a hunt going on every week somewhere, either north, or south, of I-40, which would really open up the schedule and make it a lot easier for hunters to find dates that they can work with to apply for.

Of course, everyone has a preference for where they would like to hunt, but just being able to hunt at all, would be better than not being able to find open dates where you particularly want to hunt.

That's my two cents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very best regards,

Devin

Devin Kennemore

On Jan 9, 2018, 10:46 AM -0700, Quintana, Nicole, DGF <Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us>, wrote:

Hi Devin,

Thank you for your interest in changing pronghorn hunt seasons. Now is a good time to consider changes to pronghorn hunts because the rule is open for revisions/changes. Our current proposal can be found here:

http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/commission/rule-development/Alternative-Pronghorn-Hunt-Management-Summary.pdf

http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/commission/rule-development/Alternative-Pronghorn-Hunt-Management-Presentation.pdf

If you have any additional input please send it along to me. I am compiling public comments and suggestions and will present them at an upcoming commission meeting

Cheers,

Nicole T. Quintana

Big Game Program Manager

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Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations

From: Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 12:22 PM
To: Liley, Stewart, DGF; Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: FW: antelope seasons

FYI... thank you

Alexa Sandoval, Director

New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish

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CONSERVING NEW MEXICO'S WILDLIFE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

From: Pathfinder Environmental [redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 11:05 AM
To: Sandoval, Alexandra J., DGF
Subject: antelope seasons

Dear Ms. Sandoval,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. I truly appreciate it.

My son, who is going to be 16 years old this coming March, would like to go on a draw antelope hunt. I looked into it last year for the 2017 season, but unfortunately, virtually all of the dates were scheduled during weeks when his mother (we are divorced) had visitation rights. We have a schedule where he is with me every other week and with his mother on the alternate weeks.

Because the antelope season schedule provides a rest week between each hunting week, and because it happens that the hunting weeks are aligned with the weeks that my son's mother has him, I was unable put in for a draw hunt last year. I had hoped that for 2018, the schedule would maybe be such that hunting periods would be aligned with my weeks to have my son. Unfortunately, once again, they are ALL aligned with his mother's periods of responsibility! Aaack!

While I realize there is probably nothing that can be done now for 2018, could you please, please, please! take a look at arranging the schedule for 2019 so that there are some hunting periods somewhere during each week of the fall? Please? I am certain I am not the only parent who has run into this problem. There are many, many divorced parents who are on week-on/week-off schedules with their kids.

Most sincerely, a highly disappointed dad,

Devin

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Devin Kennemore

p.s. I simply cannot afford a private ranch hunt, so unfortunately, that isn't an option for us.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Joseph Lopez <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Re: NM Game & Fish meeting to discuss possible changes to pronghorn hunting

Hello Nicole,

Any updates, I was unable to attend the Las Vegas meeting but for what it is worth I am supporting an over the counter tags for pronghorn hunts. I am not supporting the use of private land such as our private ranch for any public/draw hunts.

Thanks,

Joseph Lopez
[redacted]

On Monday, July 31, 2017 1:23 PM, "Quintana, Nicole, DGF" <Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us> wrote:

Hi Joseph,

Unfortunately we don't have a phone option available. There will be additional meetings in the NE area of the state later this year so you will still have an opportunity to participate. In addition, we will have material available on our website later this month that you can look at and comment on. Lastly, if you would like to call me this week I would be happy to discuss it with you (it will obviously be more brief, but I can certainly give you an overview). However, I am heading into the field today and will not be back in the office until Thursday (8/3).

Thanks for your interest in participating in the discussion!

Nicole T. Quintana
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Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations

From: Joseph Lopez [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 9:14 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Re: NM Game & Fish meeting to discuss possible changes to pronghorn hunting

That will be a difficult day for me to attend. Any chance I could join by phone?

-Joseph Lopez
[redacted]
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2017, at 8:59 AM, Quintana, Nicole, DGF <Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us> wrote:

> Dear Landowner,
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> The New Mexico Department of Game & Fish would like to discuss some changes being considered for how pronghorn are hunted across the state. We have scheduled a meeting at **6:00 PM on Monday, August 7 at the NE Area New Mexico Department of Game and Fish office; 215 York Canyon Road, Raton, NM 87740**. Since you have identified yourself as a stakeholder in how pronghorn are hunted in New Mexico, we would like your involvement if you are able to attend. We will be having further public meetings to discuss this proposal in the coming months, but at this time we are particularly interested in your feedback.
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> Thank you,
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> Nicole T. Quintana
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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Daniel Shockey [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Response to Antelope Hunting and Licensing System being Revised

I agree with most of the proposal, except one. I disagree with giving an unlimited number of over the counter tags to private property owners. They should also have a limited number of tags based on a herd management procedures to ensure herd populations on private lands are not depleted by over hunting.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 8:21 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF; Walrath, Ryan, DGF
Subject: FW: Splitting of Unit 7
Attachments: CCE_20180130_064945_0001.pdf

FYI – comments at the bottom for the pronghorn proposal from Jim Welles

NQ – I took note on deer comments and forwarded to the Deer Rule Development email.

Orrin Duvuvuei
Deer and Pronghorn Biologist
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From: Jim Welle[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 7:17 AM
To: Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF
Subject: Splitting of Unit 7

Good Morning Orrin-

Hope you are well.

I am writing to offer a proposal of splitting Unit 7 into subunits. The reason is the abuse that is taking place and to spread hunters out within this huge unit and of course the selling language of "we would like to provide more hunter opportunity to the publics☺"

It is my opinion that there are lots of folks buying private land tags and hunting wherever they want. I have talked to Stewart about getting a simple one line addition to the harvest survey requiring those that hunt a private deer tag be required to indicate the ranch they hunted and be subject to some form of penalty in the event of fraud. In my opinion, 7 has all the makings of a 2C and needs to managed similar to 2C.

I have attached a map providing input where it should be split. Basically take a straight south line from the SW corner of the Jic to the Continental Divide, then follow the divide to it junction with unit 9.

Other Items:

DEER:I would also like to propose a handful of MI Hunt Only be offered for mule deer. Not sure where, but we have them for elk, antelope, and Oryx. Why mule deer have been excluded escapes me.

Is there a way to look at the limits of landowner deer authorizations in Unit 2 whereby a ranch over 640 total acres receives a minimum of one (1) authorization per weapon type instead of the current method?

ANTELOPE: I have been following the antelope proposal updates. While I still am not on board with the new proposal, please make sure the MI hunts are before any other hunts! You guys have your hands full on this one!

Please pass the unit 7 map/ proposal on to Bill Taylor. He and I have briefly spoken about the Unit 7 split.

Thanks for your consideration,

Jim Welles
[redacted]

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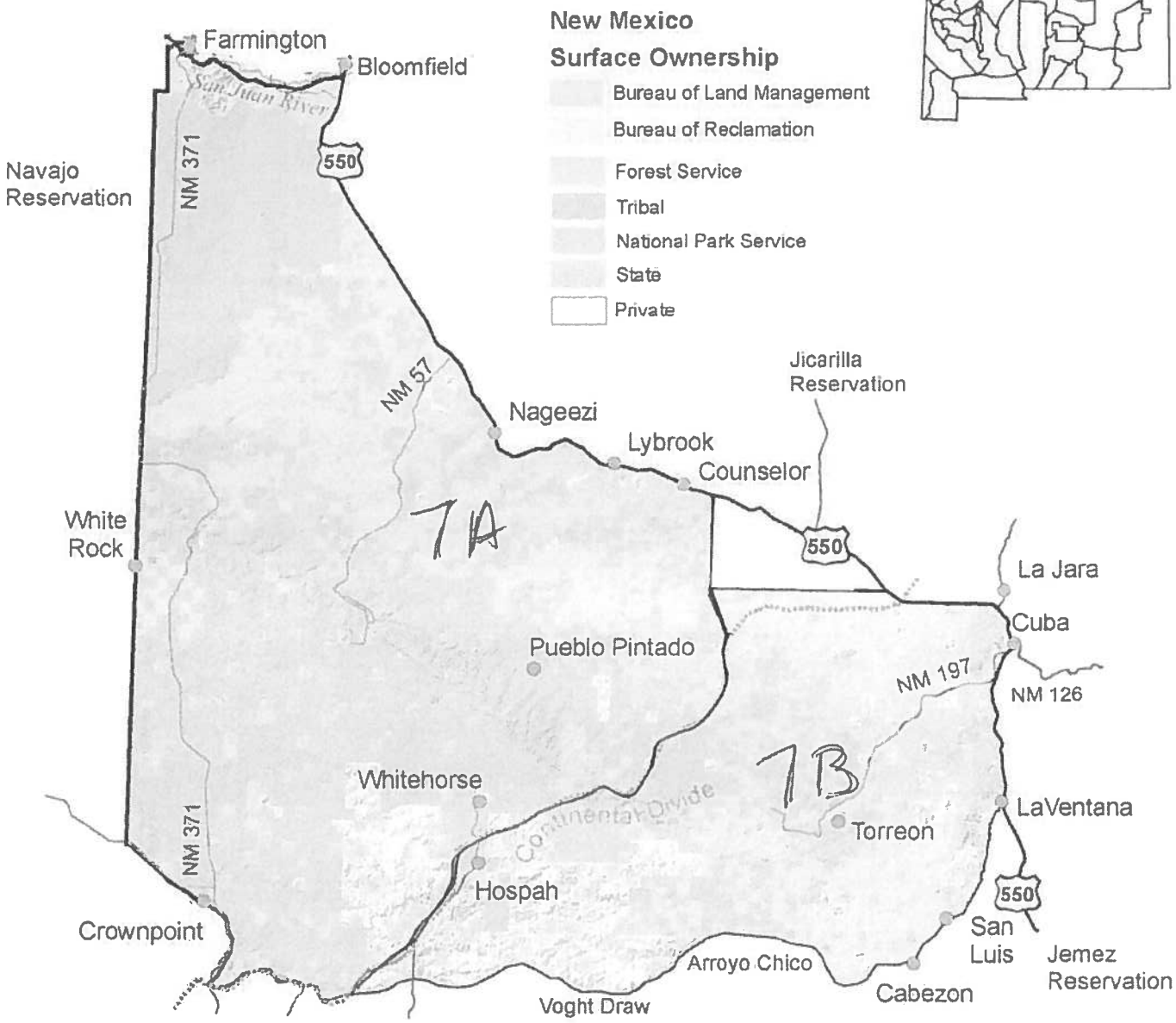

GMU 7: Beginning at the intersection of the east boundary of the Navajo Reservation and the road between Crownpoint and Standing Rock and running north along the reservation boundary to the northeastern corner immediately west of Farmington, then east along the San Juan River to its intersection with US 550 at Bloomfield, then southeast along US 550 to its intersection with the west boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, then south along the west boundary of the reservation and east along its south boundary to its intersection with US 550, then east and south along US 550 to its intersection with the north boundary of the Jemez Indian reservation south of La Ventana, then west along the north boundary of the reservation and south along its west boundary to its intersection with BLM road 1103 (the San Luis road, leading from US 550 to Cabezon and Mount Taylor), then southwest along BLM road 1103/San Luis road to its intersection with Arroyo Chico, then west up Arroyo Chico to its junction with Voght Draw, then west up Voght Draw to its junction with Inditos Draw, then west up Inditos Draw to its intersection with CR 19, south of Hospah, then southwest along the CR 19 to its junction with the Continental Divide (near Borrego pass), then westerly along the Continental Divide to its intersection with NM 371, then north along NM 371 to its junction with the Crownpoint-Standing Rock Road, then northwest along the Crownpoint-Standing Rock Road to its intersection with the east boundary of the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Maps for GMU 7

BLM Maps: Abiquiu Quad, Chaco Canyon Quad, Chaco Mesa Quad, Farmington Quad, Gallup Quad, Los Alamos Quad, and Toadlena Quad.

These and other maps may be found at NM Public Lands Information Center, (877) 851-8946, or visit http://plicmapcenter.org/NM/.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Ginger Howard <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 11:36 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Thank you. I believe that it is time to open up the pronghorn hunting option.

Ginger Howard
[redacted]

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: B Anderson [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2017 5:51 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF

GET RID OF THE DRAW HUNT.

GO BACK TO HUNTING BEFORE THE DRAW CAME INTO EFFECT.

BELINDA S ANDERSON

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Robert Maresco <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:03 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF

Antelope changes need more permits for disabled people also what ever you decide if it is not working change it right away dont let it go to far before you change it this change will put you further behind Hcp hunts unit 39an40
Onlyhave10 permits see how large that un is thank you need any help let me know Bob Maresco

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Louie Castaneda [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF

Dear Quintana

These changes are very good idea. An increase in licenses gives an out of state hunter as myself a little more opportunity to get drawn and be able to go to my home state and hunt.

Thank You

Louie Castaneda Jr.

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Jack [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:14 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF

You have some of the best quality Antelope hunts in unit 16 please do not mess with the management of the public or private hunts it is working please do not make any changes leave as is.

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Gus Holm (TEI-Vermejo) [redacted]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:23 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Cc: Lance Bernal (Vermejo Park Ranch); Jeremy Gingerich (TEI-Vermejo); Les Dhaseleer (TEI-Vermejo); Lief Ahlm (TEI-Vermejo)
Subject: Vermejo Comments to Pronghorn Rule
Attachments: 2018-02 Vermejo Comments to NMGFD Pronghorn Rule.pdf

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Gus Holm
Vermejo Park Ranch
[redacted]

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Sincerely,

Gus Holm
Ranch Manager, Vermejo Park Ranch

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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Gus Holm (TEI-Vermejo) [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Cc: Lance Bernal (Vermejo Park Ranch); Jeremy Gingerich (TEI-Vermejo); Les Dhaseleer (TEI-Vermejo); Lief Ahlm (TEI-Vermejo); Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF; Walrath, Ryan, DGF; Liley, Stewart, DGF
Subject: RE: Vermejo Comments to Pronghorn Rule

Nicole:

Thank you. Vermejo appreciates the partnership that NMGFD fosters with private landowners concerning conservation and the opportunity to work with NMGFD on alternate season dates. Please feel free to contact any of us here at Vermejo if you have any questions or there if there is anything can do to be of assistance to NMGFD.

Sincerely,

Gus Holm
Vermejo Park Ranch

From: Quintana, Nicole, DGF [mailto:Nicole.Quintana@state.nm.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Gus Holm (TEI-Vermejo) [redacted]
Cc: Lance Bernal (Vermejo Park Ranch) [redacted] Jeremy Gingerich (TEI-Vermejo) [redacted]; Les Dhaseleer (TEI-Vermejo) [redacted]; Lief Ahlm (TEI-Vermejo) [redacted]; Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF <Orrin.Duvuvuei@state.nm.us>; Walrath, Ryan, DGF <Ryan.Walrath@state.nm.us>; Liley, Stewart, DGF <Stewart.Liley@state.nm.us>
Subject: RE: Vermejo Comments to Pronghorn Rule

Hi Gus and others;

Thank you for the letter and your interest in pronghorn management in New Mexico. I wanted to update you on a change we recently (1/30/2018) made to the pronghorn proposal. We included the option of a pronghorn conservation program which would recognize properties that conduct or maintain substantial habitat improvements on deeded lands that directly and significantly benefit pronghorn. For these properties, the Department would be able to work with landowners on alternative season dates. This program is structured similar to the private land deer incentive program you're familiar with. It would be an option if the published season dates do not work for the property, which falls in line with what you proposed in your letter. You can find the updated documents at the links below. Pay particular attention to the red or green text, it denotes a change (addition or modification) from the initial proposal.

Updated presentation: http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/commission/rule-development/Alternative-Pronghorn-Hunt-Management-Presentation.pdf

Updated summary: http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/commission/rule-development/Alternative-Pronghorn-Hunt-Management-Summary.pdf

I have copied Stewart, Orrin, & Ryan here. We will be presenting this to the Commission again on March 1, 2018 and at this time we will provide the entire Commission with feedback we've received regarding the proposal. If you would like to discuss the proposal further please let me know, I'd be happy to schedule a phone call to answer any questions.

Thank you,

Nicole T. Quintana
Big Game Program Manager
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
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Santa Fe, NM 87507
office: (505) 476-8035

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Vermejo Park Ranch
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Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Lance Bernal (Vermejo Park Ranch) [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Vermejo Park Ranch Comments to Proposed Pronghorn Rule Change
Attachments: VPR 2019-20 Rule Comments_Signed.pdf

Importance: High

Nicole,

Attached is a letter from Vermejo Park Ranch regarding the proposed Pronghorn Rule change. I was not sure when the comment period closes so I am sending an electronic copy to be sure it is on record and a hard copy is in the mail. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to get a hold of me. I hope all is well

Regards

Lance

Lance J. Bernal
Wildlife Biologist
Vermejo Park Ranch
[redacted]

Vermejo Park Ranch

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Re: Proposed Rule Change for Pronghorn Antelope Hunting in New Mexico

This letter provides comments regarding the proposed rule change for pronghorn antelope hunting in New Mexico starting in the 2019-2020 season.

1. Vermejo Park Ranch (VPR) supports the proposed change of switching pronghorn hunt licenses on private land to over-the-counter licensing. An over-the-counter licensing system would not hinder our pronghorn hunts. VPR has always been conservative regarding the harvest of pronghorn and would continue to harvest pronghorn at a level we feel the ranch can sustain under the new proposed rule change.

2. However, Vermejo Park Ranch opposes the proposed hunt structure for the 2019-2020 season. We would rather prefer more flexibility in choosing our own dates since we are a 100% deeded property and no public hunting occurs on the ranch. The type of flexibility we would prefer is longer time window (such as 3 weeks or the 4th Saturday in August through the 1st Saturday in September) in which we can pick any three days to conduct our hunts. Under the current system, we typically have 2 hunts occurring during the allotted time period and would like to maintain that for scheduling purposes.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lance Bernal, Wildlife Biologist – [redacted]

Sincerely,

Gus Holm

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Ranch Manager, Vermejo Park Ranch

cc: Orrin Duvuvuei, Deer and Pronghorn Biologist NMDGF, Ryan Walrath, A-PLUS Program Manager NMDGF, Dr. Quintana, Mr. Duvuvuei, and Mr. Walrath

Georgia Smith Kuykendall
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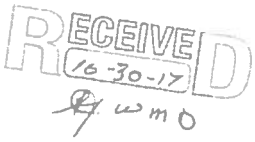

October 19, 2017

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
P.O. Box 25112
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87504

Nicole Quintana,
I oppose the changes in the Alternative Pronghorn Hunt Management Notice. We ranch in northern New Mexico as fifth generation New Mexicans. We have always catered to hunters and wildlife.

We were getting 2 antelope permits. We used the proceeds to maintain fences damaged by the antelope we have on our property. Antelope thrive on native grasses, meadows, and fresh water from our 9 earthen tanks and six steel water troughs. Damaged gates, cut barbed wire fences, off road travel across our meadows and grass land cost us every hunt. Two permits didn't cover the damage, but it was better than nothing.

Hunters are successful on our ranch. We have to have monetary compensation for this hospitality.

Respectfully,
Georgia S. Kuykendall
Mrs. Georgia S. Kuykendall

Point of Rocks Ranch

G. E. "Pete" and Faye Gaines

[redacted]

To State Game Commission

I have read and reread your proposal—

The part that really concerns me is "new rule will be modeled after the deer hunting program" and at the meeting I understand I have nothing to say about who hunts or the damage they do. My agreement with the State Land is that I will take care of the State Land. My State Land has a County road in the near middle. I will have livestock that I am responsible for. It seems to me that you are taking care of a few large ranches that sell Trophys.

I live on the ranch, I see antelope daily I donot agree with much of state that the lady game is Las Vegas.

Its not broke - Don't fix

Sincerely
Faye Gaines

[redacted]

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
Attn: Nicole Quintana
P.O. Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Ms. Quintana;

By way of introduction, we are ranchers south of Encino in GMU 38. Our family has been ranching in New Mexico for well over 100 years and has a long standing good relationship with the N.M. Department of Game and Fish. We are in the unique position of being both landowners and hunters.

We have tried to be good stewards of our land and the wildlife which make it home. In the past few years we have utilized wildlife professionals as consultants. Following their recommendations several miles of our fence have been modified to make them antelope friendly. We curtail grazing over several pastures from April to July to coincide with antelope fawning.

Let me first address two inaccurate statements in your letter under the CONCERNS WITH THE CURRENT ANTELOPE PRIVATE LAND USE SYSTEM, first section 4. This section states that archery and mobility licenses are not available to landowners. This is a false statement in that we, as landowners, have always had these as an option. Second, section 6 states that hunters are restricted to hunting only a specific ranch. This is at the option of the landowner.

Over the years we have found that it is much easier to designate our ranch as a ranch only hunt. We have never opened it to the public hunters without regret. In past years we have had livestock shot, both cattle and horses, windmills, drinkers, and equipment have bullet holes. We have had gates left open and fences cut. Campsites have been left with burning camp fires and trash.

No greater use of diplomacy has been utilized than when we have approached hunters in their camp who have been enjoying adult beverages, to

chide them for leaving gates open between bull and heifer pastures.

In short, hunting is an imposition on a landowner. While we enjoy having hunters that we know, my job during hunting season involves patrolling our fenceline to expell trespassers and verify that our fences have not been cut. Hunters entering our land, even past signs and locked gates, is the norm, not an unusual occurance.

Our recommendations: First, do not extend the season. Second, base decisions on good data. New Mexico transects are flown at 300 feet while neighboring states fly at 100 where bucks, does and fawns are distinguishable. Flying should be the only job of the pilot. If safety or terrain concerns preclude lower flight, utilize video recorders which will provide video images to enlarge at a monitor giving accurate population counts. Third,revisit the quota system as smaller landowners are involved. We know several owners who are below the minimum acre requirement in their area who received permits pre A-PLUS, but now are not able to open their land for hunting.

Be very careful in buck-doe ratio studies. While one buck will service many does, a longer fawning period results in greater losses to predators. The fact that a doe conceives, does not result in a huntable animal if it doesn't survive for recruitment. On our ranch losses to coyotes are a very significant consideration. If we don't witness a kill, there will be no physical evidence left behind in 48 hours. We don't advocate doe hunting for increasing buck/doe ratios, but leaving a few buck which might be harvested one year may result in a greater huntable population the following year and years in the future.

As a family of hunters/landowners our vision is not only of sustainable hunting, but one with increasing opportunities. This is a legacy worthy of passing on to future generations.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight Luna
Spur L Ranch

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Vermejo Park Ranch

[redacted]

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Stewart

RIM ROCK RANCH
A New Mexico Heritage Ranch
No Agua, NM

November 1, 2017

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
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P.O. Box 25112
Santa Fe NM 87504

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Very Truly Yours,

Frank K. Smith

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Rim Rock Ranch Authorized Contact
[redacted]

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New Mexico Cattlegrowers Association

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A New Mexico Heritage Ranch
No Agua, NM

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New Mexico Cattlegrowers Association

NM DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH

November 6, 2017

I currently have approximately 7000 acres of deeded land in Union county enrolled in pronghorn hunting.

I have recently purchased approximately 8500 more acres that I had planed to enroll in the program!

That makes 15,500 acres of land that would be enrolled in the program if the rules are not changed!

I am opposed to the proposed changes that the game department is proposing.

If the changes are made, I will no longer allow pronghorn hunting on deeded acres!

It is our belief that it will be impossible to control the hunting and police who is hunting on it if the proposed changes are made.

THANK YOU

BARRY POLING

October 27, 2017

NM Department of Game and Fish
Attn: Nicole Quintana
PO Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Ms. Quintana:

In regard to the proposed change in the pronghorn hunting program, **I would like it to remain the same**. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chester Kimber

[redacted]

cc: file

Georgia Smith Kuykendall
[redacted]

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Respectfully,
Mrs. Georgia S. Kuykendall
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October 17, 2017

Harold Daniels

[redacted]

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Attn: Nicole Quintana

P. O. Box 25112

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Received a letter Dated October 2, 2017 about the proposed changes in the antelope hunts on my property. As we are unable to come to the public meetings we are writing this letter.

We have antelope on our ranches and we are very concerned about the changes you are discussing would be very bad for the land owner and the hunters.

If you make the changes proposed it would make it impossible to do our fall cattle work. As the hunting last 35 days, just when we need to do our gathering of our cattle and the shipping our livestock to the markets. The private hunters would be hunting with the state hunters which makes a dangerous climate. If the landowner can buy as many permits the wish they will over kill the antelope if they just want the income without any thought to how many antelope on their land.

The method you are using is working fine LEAVE IT ALONE. Thank for your time.

Sincerely,

Harold Daniels

Harold Daniels

Commissioner

I am writing this letter to Support the change in over the counter pronghorn tags as I own 80 acres near Cimarron and would love to hunt my own property

Thanks
Clark Shidaker

Clark Shidaker
[redacted]

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To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the letter I recieved on proposed changes for hunting pronghorn, I am very much in agreement.

I am excited to see this proposal and hope to utilize it in the near future.

Thank-you
Clark Shideler

Dear Ms Quintana,

We realize that goal of the NMG+F is to provide as many hunting opportunities as possible and to try to keep everyone "happy".

As a small rancher in N.M, I encourage you to change the antelope hunt in the state from the A+ system to a plan that gives land owners more control.

This year we planted wheat which was watered at the cost of at least $25 a day. We were saving the wheat and three small pastures for calving in the spring. One hundred fifty antelope wiped all of it out.

Your A+ system offered one hunting permit. As a former math teacher, I give your present system a grade of D- Not even close to "A+".

We requested help from the Roswell dnd were told they could fence the irrigated pasture. What

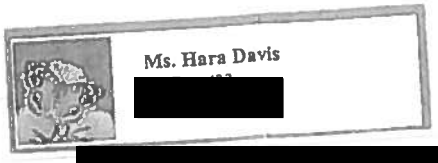
we need is a reduction in the herd size.

If land owners are able to control the hunting on their land a balance of controlled herd populations and "happy" hunters can be accomplished. We could have 15 hunters a year instead of 1.

At some point a doe hunt will also be needed to get rid of these eating machines. The mineral we feed cattle cost $26 for a 50 lb sack. As soon as we empty a sack the antelope appear to consume it - We just can't afford to support such a large herd of antelope.

Your consideration of the land owners for a better plan than the A+ will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Reba Luce



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NM Dept Game + Fish
att Nicole Quintana

10/31/2017

Dear Game + Fish

I THINK THAT ANTELOPE SHOULD BE HUNTED BY THE MEXICAN GRAY WOLF. I THINK ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON RESTORING PREDATOR / PREY RELATIONSHIP, WITH MUCH LESS EMPHASIS ON HUNTING.

Thank-you,
Hara Davis

NM GAME AND FISH
Nichole Quintana

10/20/2017

DEAR Ms Quintana,

AS PER OUR CONVERSATION OF, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th 2017, REGARDING THE NEW MEXICO GAME AND FISH, PRONGHORN HUNT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE 2019-2020 HUNTING SEASON, I AS THE SOLE OWNER OF THE

THE DOUBLE D RANCH
UNIT NO: 50-26632
RANCH NAME: DOUBLE D
DEED OF ACERAGE: 2320
EMAIL ADDRESS: thedoubledaol.com
575-613-2544 (CONTACT)
RANCH PHONE:
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[redacted]

THE DOUBLE D RANCH

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The Double D Ranch

has stood firmly behind the very successful projects of the State of New Mexico Game and Fish since I first purchased the property.

Herd Management, whether it be Wild or Domestic — is VITAL to the future of our land and our HERITAGE!

Thanking you in advance for your support.

I REMAIN

Dee Dee Siegel

Double D Ranch

OWNER

10/20/2017

Duvuvuei, Orrin, DGF

From: Benjamin Baca [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Quintana, Nicole, DGF
Subject: Youth Pronghorn Hunts

Hello,

Regarding the pronghorn proposal, I would recommend a weekend start date in August or weekends in September. Mid-week is difficult as mentors/parents have to take off more work time, and additionally, mid-august may mark the early start of fall sports practices around the state, reducing the number of chances a youth can hunt. Consider work/school when proposing hunt dates if you want a bigger pool of applicants.

Thank you,

Benjamin Baca

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

4A Program License Allocation

New Mexico State Game Commission

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EXHIBIT 6

MEETING MINUTES
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION
Holiday Inn Express
60 Entrada Drive
Los Alamos, NM 87544
Tuesday May 22, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES

Chairman Paul Kienzle

Vice Chairman Bill Montoya

Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek

Game Commissioner Craig Peterson

Game Commissioner Ralph Ramos

Game Commissioner Bob Ricklefs

Game Commissioner Elizabeth Ryan

ABSENT None

[Audio in progress-Roll call]

COMMISSIONER: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Ryan.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Present.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Ricklefs.

COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Commissioner Salopek.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Present.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Vice Chairman Montoya.

VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Here.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Chairman Kienzle.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Present.

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

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I'm going to screw this up so my apologies in advance. Hearing Officer's opening statement. This hearing will please come to order. My name is Paul Kienzle. I am Chairman of the State Game Commission. I will be serving as the hearing officer and may be advised by the Commission and its counsel from the Office of the Attorney General. The purpose of this hearing is for consideration of the Commission for final adoption of the following proposed rules. There are four in front of us today. I will read a summary of the four and then we will take them in order. We will vote at the end of each particular final rule. First hearing item is

number 1 for the Commission to receive public comment on proposed new bighorn sheep rule Title 19, Chapter 31, Part 17 of the New Mexico Administrative Code which will become effective April 1, 2019. The current bighorn sheep rule is set to expire on March 31, 2019. Second hearing item is number 2 for the Commission to receive public comment on proposed new Javelina rule Title 19, Chapter 31, Part 21 of the New Mexico Administrative Code which will become effective on April 1, 2019. Current Javelina rule is set to expire on March 31, 2019. Third hearing item is number 3, for the Commission to receive public comment on proposed new pronghorn antelope rule Title 19, Chapter 31, Part 15 of the New Mexico Administrative Code which will become effective on April 1, 2019. Current pronghorn antelope rule is set to expire on March 31, 2019. Fourth hearing item is number 4, for the Commission to receive public comment on the proposed repeal of the pronghorn allocation system rule Title 19, Chapter 30, Part 12 of the New Mexico Administrative Code which the repeal will become effective on March 31, 2019. The new pronghorn antelope rule Title 19, Chapter 31, Part 15 will replace the current pronghorn licensing allocation systems rule. These sets of hearings are being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Game and Fish Act and the State Rules Act. The hearing is being audiotape recorded. Anyone interested in a copy of the audio tape record should contact Sandra with the Department of Game and Fish. Public notice of this hearing was advertised in the New Mexico Register, the Albuquerque Journal and the Santa Fe New Mexican, the New Mexico sunshine portal and on the Department's website. Copies of the proposed new rule have been available on the Department's website and at the Department office. Those that are speaking today, I need you to sign an attendance sheet and we will deal with that again to make sure we get that into the record. The attendance sheet while not exactly at the back of the room is at the side of the room and we will later enter that into the record as an exhibit. Now, let's see,

these sets of rule hearings will be conducted in the following manner. Staff will present pre-filed exhibits. Exhibits admitted into evidence are available for view by the public but exhibits may not be removed from this room. Colonel Griego will enforce that rule I'm sure. After all exhibits are entered, we will proceed to the presentation of the proposed rule after which testimony will be taken from anyone who has signed in in accordance with what I said earlier. I will place a time limit, typically I think we've had 2 minutes per speaker. For good cause or at discretion of the chair that time limit can be waived. In order to ensure that the hearing is accurately recorded, only one person at a time shall be allowed to speak. Any person recognized to speak is asked to (1) identify themselves by name and who they are affiliated with for the record each time you are recognized or each time you speak at the microphone which is to say, speak at the microphone not from your seat. And (2) speak loud and clear so the audio record is accurate and contains all of your comments. After a person has offered comment, they may be questioned by the hearing officer or other members of the Commission. The audience may direct questions to the Commission which may or may not then be answered by the Commission or by members of the Department subject to how that is handled by the Chair. This hearing is not subject to judicial rules of evidence. However, in the interest of efficiency, I do reserve the right to limit any testimony or comment deemed irrelevant, redundant or unduly repetitious. The Commission may discuss the proposed rules after public comment portion of the hearing. Final Commission action including adoption of the rules may occur after the conclusion of the presentation and public comment period of the hearing. If members of the Department recall, we do an informational portion, we close the record and then we actually go to a final action vote on the agenda item that's before us. As I said at the outset, we will vote on each agenda item as the record is closed on that rather than rolling them all up in one big vote at the end. I think the better practice is to

take things individually rather than lumping them all together under the circumstances today. Okay, all of that having been said, I think I did the throat clearing part.

Hearing item number 4, informational portion, repeal of pronghorn license allocation system, 19.30.12 NMAC. Stewart. Hearing is now open. Are there any exhibits for proposed repeal of rule 19.31.12 [phonetic] for the record?

STEWART LILEY: Mr. Chairman, I have 5 exhibits: Exhibit 1, the notice of the rulemaking; Exhibit 2, the initial proposed repeal of the rule; Exhibit 3, the presentation given to the Commission today; Exhibit 4, the technical information that was relied upon for the repeal; and Exhibit 5, the 140 public comments.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Are those the same public comments from the other?

STEWART LILEY: Mr. Chairman, that is correct.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Otherwise, it would be too much of a coincidence. And that's exhibit numbers 1 through . . .

STEWART LILEY: Five.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: . . . 5. Exhibits 1 through 5 are admitted into the record. Does the public have any exhibits they wish to introduce at this time? They will get the opportunity again before we close the record. Okay. You can introduce the proposed repeal of rule for 19.31.12 [phonetic].

STEWART LILEY: Mr. Chairman, the rule that you just passed at the last hearing nullifies the pronghorn rule. Therefore, we are proposing to repeal it. That is it.

COMMISSIONER 1: Short and sweet.

COMMISSIONER 2: That's it?

[Laughter]

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Out with a whimper and not a bang.

COMMISSIONER: You want a motion?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Well, let me get any more, I've got one public comment. Katy DeLorenzo. Katy DeLorenzo, in the back. Maybe I should shout.

KATY DELORENZO: I think I put my comment on the wrong one. I already made my statement, so I'm good to go.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So we will put this down as a 3a.

KATY DELORENZO: Yep. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: And we already have your name on the sheet for 3a, so I think we're okay adding that. Is there any public comment then on item number 4? Nothing further back there? Okay, no public comment. Anything else to put in the record. All right. I will close the record on item number 4a, and we will move on to the action item number 4b. We'll vote on the repeal of the pronghorn license allocation system rule 19.30.12 NMAC.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: So, Mr. Chair, just for the record?

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: That's just part of the exhibit.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Six.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Whatever the one was that had the attendance sheet and all that, from the previous rule.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Right. But Mr. Chairman, we do need to acknowledge that there was no public comment for this, so this will be item number 6 for this purpose for 4a. So, Mr. Chairman, we had no public comment for the hearing and so we'll acknowledge this as no public comment as Exhibit Number 6 for this hearing.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So why don't we just pull a blank sheet and put a 6 on it. Because that's not accurate.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: I made the correction. It doesn't matter either way but we do need—

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So give me a blank one. That one belongs in the hearing before.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Mr. Chairman, we have captured her signature on the other sign in sheet so we do have that reflected in 3a.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: We'll just do a blank one I think for this one.

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: So for the record, Mr. Chairman, this will be Exhibit Number 6.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes. Drop a 4a on the top of that.

[Background sounds only]

DIRECTOR SANDOVAL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So Exhibits 1 through 6 are admitted. Record's closed. We're now on to the action item portion of it. Can I get a motion on action item number 4b?

VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: I move to repeal the pronghorn license allocation system 19.31.12 NMAC as presented by the Department.

COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any further discussion, questions or comments? Seeing none, all in favor?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: The ayes have it.

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