

**IMPORTATION APPLICATION  
PROTECTED UNGULATE**



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME & FISH  
FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION  
SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROGRAM  
ONE WILDLIFE WAY  
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<b>FOR DEPT. USE ONLY</b>
Check # _____
Amount\$ _____
Date ____/____/____
Initials _____

**Prior to submitting application, contact the Special Use Permits Program to discuss the application process.**

**Non-refundable Fee Structure:**

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) initial \$500.00/source & up to 2 animals (valid 6 months)\*
  - b) for additional animals, not to exceed 30 ungulates from the same source property/owner 50.00 per animal\*
  - c) for additional animals, greater than 30 ungulates from the same source property/owner 5.00 per animal\*
- \*(if no acquisitions to source herd during 6 months period of validity).

**Estimated date of entry into the State of New Mexico: \_\_\_\_\_**

<b>APPLICANTS NAME</b>		<b>EMAIL</b>	
<b>BUSINESS NAME</b>		<b>WEBSITE</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b> (mailing)		<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>		(physical)	
<b>TELEPHONE</b> (Cell)		(Home)	
<b>SPECIES REQUESTED TO BE IMPORTED</b>			<b>QUANTITY</b>
			Note (S or N) Spayed or Neutered
Common Name	Specify Scientific Name (family, genus, species, sub sp.)	Males	Females
<b>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</b>			
<b>SUPPLIERS NAME</b>		Exact Herd Location (detailed description & attach map)	
<b>BUSINESS NAME</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>CITY, ST, ZIP</b>			
<b>PHONE / FAX</b>			
<b>EMAIL / WEBSITE</b>			
<b>DESTINATION AND PURPOSE FOR IMPORTATION</b>			

**19.35.7 NMAC - IMPORTATION CONDITIONS:** (Subject to regulation amendments)

All live protected wildlife species of the families Bovidae, Antilocapridae, and Cervidae imported in the state of New Mexico shall meet the following criteria:

- A. Be permanently and uniquely tattooed in at least one ear and tagged with USDA metal ear tags. The numbers shall be registered with the department of game and fish;
- B. Be examined by an accredited veterinarian prior to importation. Each animal shall be accompanied by a pre-approved health certificate, certifying a disease-free status;
- C. Test negative for brucellosis. Serum testing shall be done not more than thirty (30) days prior to importation. All serum samples shall be tested by a cooperative state federal brucellosis laboratory.
- D. Test negative for bovine tuberculosis not more than ninety (90) days prior to importation. Animals to be imported must originate from a herd that had a negative whole-herd tuberculosis test not more than (12) months prior to importation or have a current “tuberculosis free herd” certificate issued from the state of origin through a department of agriculture accreditation program. Bovine tuberculosis testing must be performed with the current U.S. department of agriculture approved method and be conducted by a federally accredited veterinarian. Exception: Wild sheep are exempt from this testing requirement.
- E. Test negative for Paratuberculosis (Johne’s disease) with Serologic testing methods. Test results must be verified by the attending veterinarian.
- F. All cervids to be imported into the state must come from a facility where whole herd or complete monitoring occurs by verifiable proof, and the animal(s) must have shown no sign of chronic wasting disease for sixty (60) months prior to time of importation. All cervids entering New Mexico must have the following statement signed by the owner: “The animals on this application originate from a herd which has complete monitoring and in which chronic wasting disease has not been diagnosed in the last sixty months. These animals originate from a herd that has not been identified as a trace or source herd for chronic wasting disease. These animals have no history and no evidence of ever having been exposed to chronic wasting disease.”
  - (1) No cervid shall be allowed to enter the state if it has had any contact with a CWD suspect, exposed, positive, trace-forward or trace-back animal within 60 months prior to time of importation.
  - (2) No cervid coming through closed herd sales, a mixed herd or mixed herd sales shall be allowed to enter the state if the herd or auction facility has had any CWD suspect, exposed, positive, trace-forward or trace-back animal on the premises within 60 months prior to time of importation.
  - (3) No cervid shall enter the state in a conveyance that has held CWD suspect, exposed, positive, trace-forward or trace-back animal within 60 months prior to time of importation.
  - (4) No cervid shall enter the state, unless it comes from a herd which has complete monitoring.
- G. All elk to be imported into the state of New Mexico shall be tested for genetic purity. Only Rocky Mountain elk (*Cervus elaphus nelsoni*) will be allowed to be imported into the state of New Mexico. Any elk showing red deer hybridization or hybridization of other elk subspecies will not be allowed into the state. All testing shall be done ONLY by a New Mexico department of game and fish approved laboratory;
- H. All progeny from female elk impregnated prior to importation into New Mexico shall be tested for hybridization of red deer and other elk subspecies;
- I. White-tailed deer subspecies to be imported into the state of New Mexico must have originated and must exist west of the 100<sup>th</sup> meridian and test negative for meningeal worm;
- J. Be permitted in compliance with Subsections of 19.35.7 NMAC:
  - (1) Cost of Testing: All testing will be at owner’s expense;
  - (2) After entering the state, all animals shall be held in a separate facility by the owner and/or importer. All imported animals, prior to release, may be inspected at any time by a department of game and fish official or designee.
  - (3) Owners/importers must notify the department of game and fish within 24 hours of any disease indications or symptoms that manifest themselves among the imported animals prior to final inspection.
  - (4) Animals shall be held in isolation in the event of an animal health emergency as declared by the director.
  - (5) Final Inspection / Permit Validation: No animals may be released from the separate facility into the class A park or other enclosure until the owner has received a release approval signed by a department of game and fish official.

**IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ**

The New Mexico Department of Game & Fish (the department) recommends submitting **preliminary** documentation regarding the past sixty (60) months of the suppliers herd location (map), herd inventory and CWD testing results prior to all other testing requirements. Please contact the department for further explanation. Upon satisfying the regulations regarding CWD trace back/forward, the department will recommend the completion of all other tests at the applicant’s expense. The application process may be substantially delayed with failure to submit preliminary documents. Importation approval is not guaranteed. A valid importation permit must be issued for lawful entry into the State of New Mexico.

By signing a signature below, **applicant agrees** to notify the department of any changes from the original application. Applicant understands that they must notify the department if any animal show signs of an infectious or contagious disease, that animal and any animals it may have come into contact with may be subject to quarantine. Animals considered infectious or contagious may be destroyed as deemed necessary by the department or authorized agents acting on behalf of the department.

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Signature of applicant

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Date