

STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission ("Commission") will be hosting a meeting and rule hearing on Friday May 28, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the NM Institute of Mining and Technology, Fidel Student Union Building, 801 Leroy Pl., Socorro, NM 87801. Please check the Department's website for any changes at <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/commission/meeting-agendas/>. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on the proposed changes to the Turkey Rule and the Javelina Rule.

Synopsis:

Turkey Rule

The proposal is to amend the Turkey Rule 19.31.16 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2027. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2027. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Adjust hunt dates based on calendar dates
2. Increase up-to permit number for Gould's once-in-a-lifetime hunt in GMU 26 and 27 to 15
3. In unit 8, increase permits from 15 to 20
4. Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting.

Javelina Rule

The proposal is to amend the Javelina Rule 19.31.21 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2027. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2027. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Increase licenses in OTC areas - Any-legal weapon: 1,200 increase to 1,300 (8%)
2. Expand the validity of the GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 (bootheel) javelina licenses to include OTC areas (excluding GMU 28), effectively making these "statewide" licenses. This approach is consistent with an existing youth hunt, which already allows this.
3. Eliminate GMU 28 hunt of 10 licenses (only 30% of hunters show up for hunt and its logistically challenging for the military to implement).
4. Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting.

A full text of changes for all rules will be available on the Department's website at: <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/>. Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes for the Turkey Rule to DGF-Gamebird@dgf.nm.gov, and for the Javelina Rule to DGF-Javelina-Rule@dgf.nm.gov. Individuals may also submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 1:00 p.m. on May 26th, 2026. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on May 28, 2026. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearings to be held on May 28, 2026.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rules, 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 <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/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 <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/> 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.

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 21 JAVELINA

19.31.21.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico department of wildlifegame and fish.
 [19.31.21.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.1 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in javelina hunting and management. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.
 [19.31.21.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.2 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state gamewildlife commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds and fish.
 [19.31.21.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.3 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.4 DURATION: April 1, 2023-2027 through March 31, 2027-2031.
 [19.31.21.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.4 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2023-2027, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
 [19.31.21.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.5 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of javelina licenses by the department.
 [19.31.21.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.6 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. **“Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of wildlifegame and fish.
 - B. **“Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of wildlifegame and fish.
 - C. **“Either sex” or “ES”** shall mean any one javelina.
 - D. **“Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
 - E. **“Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.
- [19.31.21.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.7 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST LIMITS: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state wildlifegame commission or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses for javelina up or down by no more than twenty percent of the total licenses available in the area or GMU to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. The director may change or cancel all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.
 [19.31.21.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.8 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.9 JAVELINA HUNTING SEASONS: Javelina hunts for the 2023-24-2027-2028 through 2026-27-2030-2031 hunt seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. All WMAs shall remain closed to javelina hunting, except the prairie-chicken areas, Heart Bar, Double E, River Ranch, Red Rock (outside of the high-fence bighorn sheep enclosure only), and Socorro-Escondida WMAs are open to javelina hunting.

A. Draw hunts:

<u>open GMUs or areas</u>	<u>2023-2024 hunt dates</u>	<u>2024-2025 hunt dates</u>	<u>2025-2026 hunt dates</u>	<u>2026-2027 hunt dates</u>	<u>hunt code</u>	<u>licenses</u>	<u>bag limit</u>
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Statewide except GMU 28, youth only	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-100	180	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-101	330	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-102	1100	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range, military only	12/30-12/31	12/28-12/29	12/27-12/28	12/26-12/27	JAV-1-105	5	ES
	12/30-12/31	12/28-12/29	12/27-12/28	12/26-12/27	JAV-1-106	5	ES

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMU 28, youth only	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-STW-R1-ES-YTH	180	ES
Statewide, except GMU 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-STW-B1-ES-PUB	330	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-STW-R1-ES-PUB	1100	ES

B. Over-the-counter hunts: The hunt area shall be statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

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Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-103	360	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-104	1200	ES

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-OTC-B1-ES-PUB	360	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-OTC-R1-ES-PUB	1300	ES

[19.31.21.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.9 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.12.10 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for javelina when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the legal sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.21.10 NMAC - N, 4/1/2027]

HISTORY OF 19.31.21 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/1967;
Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/1967;
Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/1968;
Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/1968;
Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/1968;
Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/1968;
Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/1968;
Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/1969;
Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/1969;
Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/1969;
Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/1969;
Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/1970;
Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/1970;
Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1970;
Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/1971;
Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/1971;
Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1971;
Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/1971;
Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/1972;
Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/1972;
Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/1972;
Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/1972;
Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/1973;
Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/1973;
Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/1973;
Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/1974;
Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/1974;
Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/1974;
Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/1975;
Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/1975;
Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/1975;
Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1976;
Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/1977;
Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/1978;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1979;
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/1980;
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/1981;
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/1982;
 Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/1983;
 Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/1984;
 Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/1985;
 Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/1986;
 Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/1987;
 Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/1987;
 Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/1989;
 Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/1989;
 Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989;
 Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/1991;
 Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/1992;
 Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993.

History of Repealed Material:

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3/1/2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3/3/2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12/1/2004 - duration expired 3/31/2007.
 19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 12/1/2006 - duration expired 3/31/2009.
 19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 3/13/2009 - duration expired 3/31/2011.
 19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 8/15/2010 - duration expired 3/31/2015.
 19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 3/17/2015 - duration expired 3/31/2019.
 19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 5/31/2018 - duration expired 3/31/2023.
 19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 6/9/2022 - duration expired 3/31/2027.

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Provide your agency's specific statutory or other authority authorizing rulemaking: Check with your agency's general counsel office to determine the correct citation(s) authorizing your agency to make rules.

Provide your Notice date(s) (when notice of rulemaking was published in Register): Hearing date(s) (if agency has board or commission): Rule adoption date: (see note below) and Rule effective date (date rulemaking becomes effective)

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- There must be at least **30** days between the notice publication date and hearing date.
- Your agency **must file** your rule within **15** days from rule adoption date. The date of adoption of the proposed rule shall be the date the concise explanatory statement is signed by the agency, unless otherwise specified in the concise explanatory statement. Unless your rule is an emergency filing, the rule effective date cannot be any earlier than the publication date in the New Mexico Register.

Findings required for rulemaking adoption. If attaching a separate document as findings or as concise explanatory statement, please indicate as such in findings section.

Check with your agency's general counsel office regarding substance of any required findings to be filed.

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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.

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3. Eliminate GMU 28 hunt of 10 licenses (only 30% of hunters show up for hunt and its logistically challenging for the military to implement).
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There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. There were no substantive arguments made through public comment that were not accepted. To view public comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

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

Name:

Michael B. Sloane

Check if authority has been delegated

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Title:

Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Signature: (BLACK ink only OR Digital Signature)

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Javelina Rule 19.31.21 NMAC

May 28, 2026

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting



Background: javelina

- Management direction: maintain huntable population in SW.
- Monitor population status through hunter harvest metrics
- 2025 harvest data
 - Licenses sold: 3,069
 - Proportion hunting: 67%
 - Success bootheel: 27% (any-legal), 23% (bow)
 - Success statewide: 27% (youth), 30% (any-legal), 31% (bow)
 - Satisfaction rating: 3.3



Javelina recommendations

- Increase licenses for OTC area
 - Any-legal: 1,200 → 1,300 (8%)
- Allow bootheel draw hunters to also hunt OTC area
- Eliminate GMU 28 hunt of 10 licenses
 - Only 30% of hunters show up for hunt



Public Outreach

- Held 2 hybrid virtual/in-person public meetings (ABQ, Las Cruces)
 - 40 people in attendance
- Public comment summary (17 written comments)
 - Support for proposals
 - Some opposition to draw licenses being valid in OTC area (5), in support (2)
 - Support increasing licenses in OTC area (4)
 - Javelina densities too high (3)
 - 12 “other” comments



Hunter survey results

- **Hunters like unique javelina hunting experience**
 - 63% of hunters cited it as most important objective
 - 77% of those who were satisfied cited they appreciated the unique experience
 - Most important objective: “unique javelina hunting experience” (63%)
- **Reason for being dissatisfied**
 - Low javelina density



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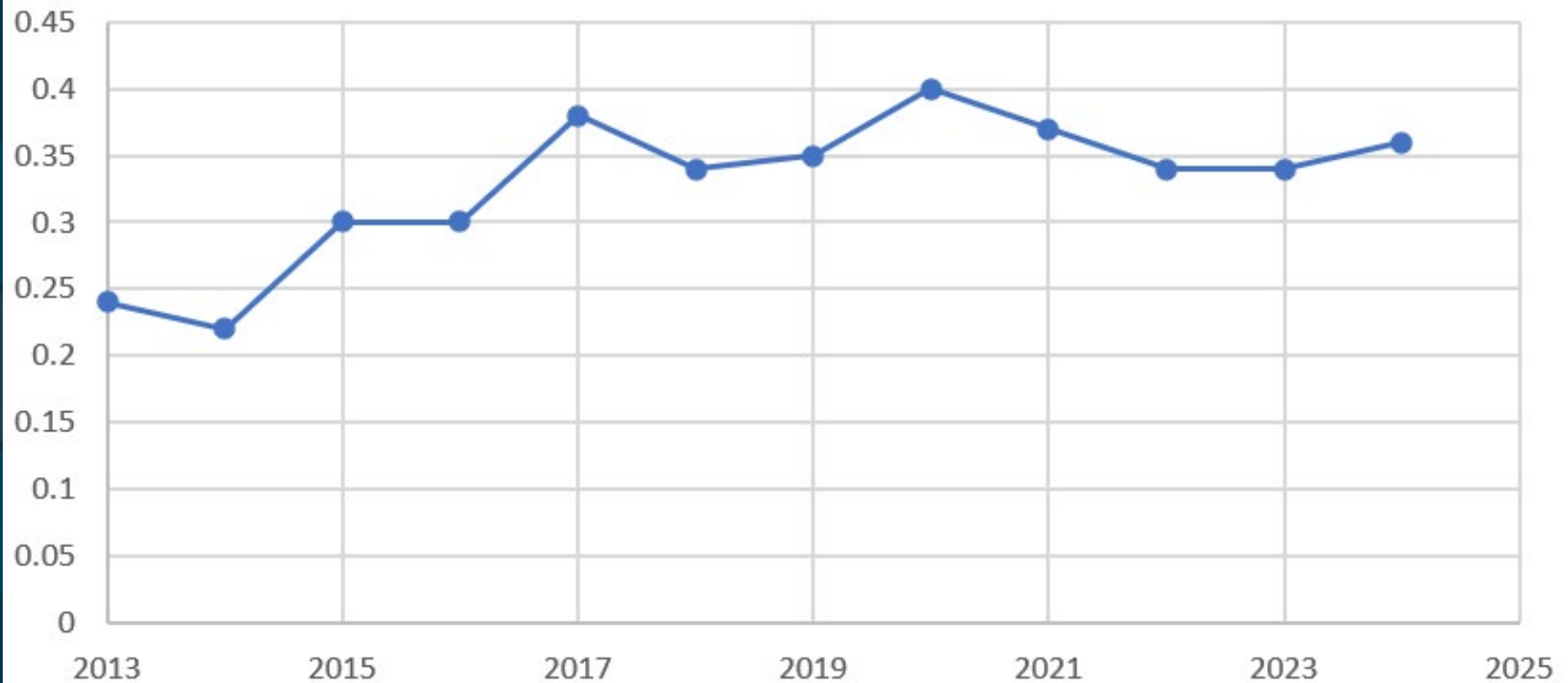
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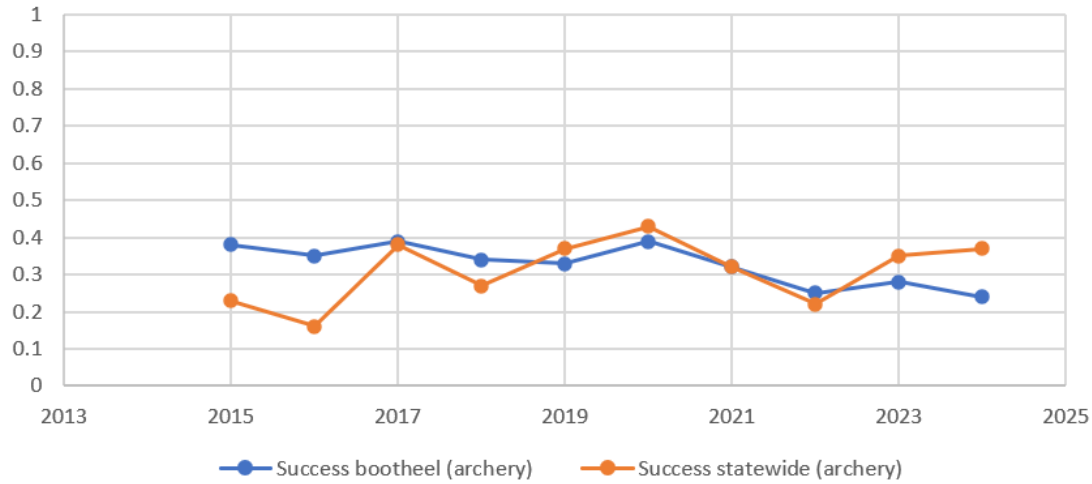


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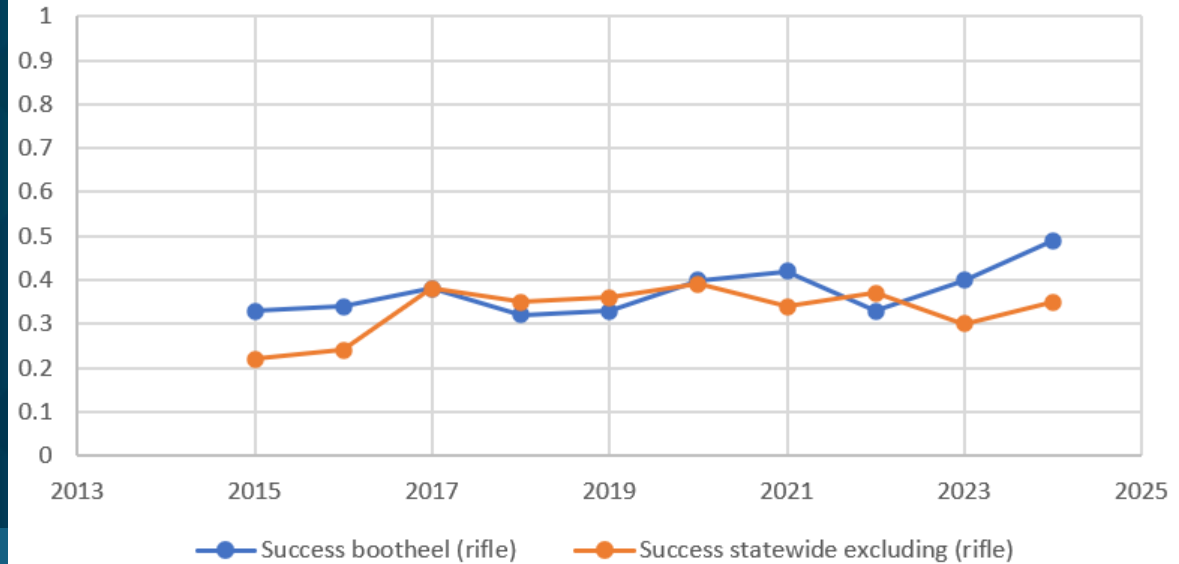
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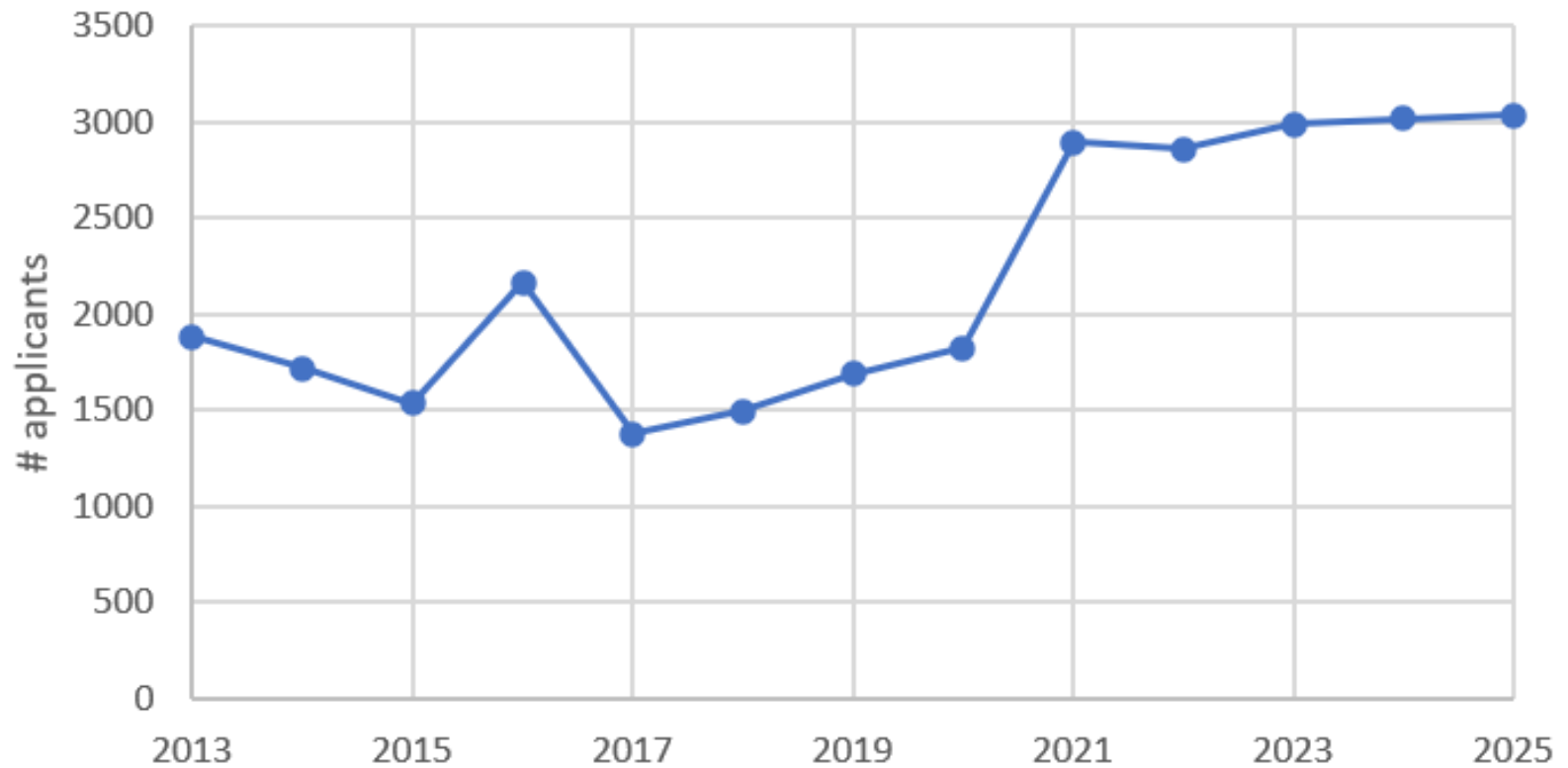
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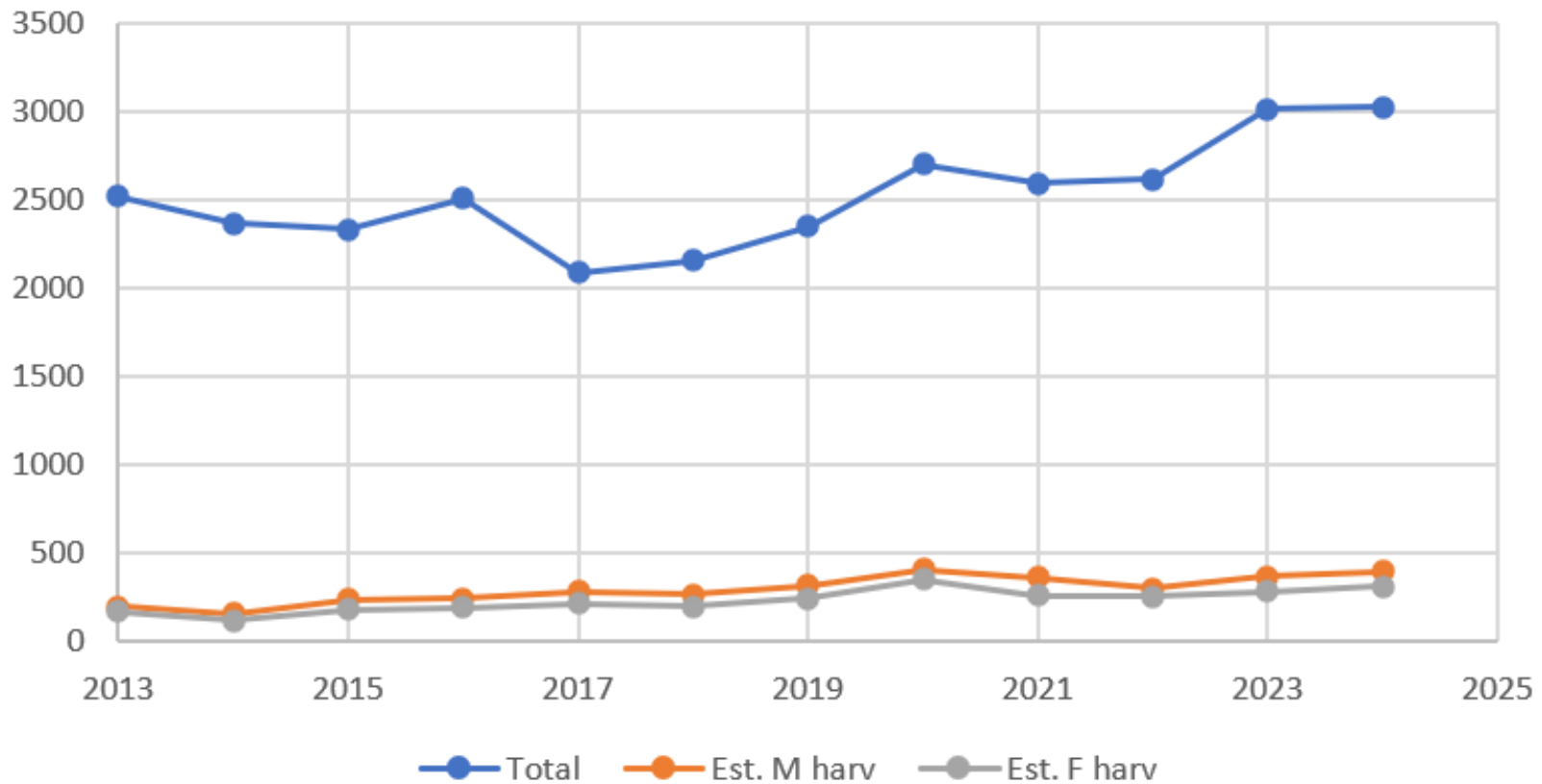
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Javelina applicants



Javelina licenses and harvest through time



JAVELINA PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SUMMARY

Final Recommendations: 5/13/2026

JAVELINA BIOLOGY & BACKGROUND

Javelina are primarily concentrated in the southern part of New Mexico. Based on available information, current harvest levels are not expected to negatively affect statewide populations. Interest in javelina hunting appears to have increased in recent years. Population indices suggest javelina populations may be increasing numerically and expanding geographically.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO JAVELINA HUNTING

- 1) Increase licenses in OTC areas
 - a. Any-legal weapon: 1,200 → 1,300 (8%)
- 2) Expand the validity of the GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 (bootheel) javelina licenses to include OTC areas (excluding GMU 28), effectively making these “statewide” licenses.
 - a. This approach is consistent with an existing youth hunt, which already allows this.
- 3) Eliminate GMU 28 hunt of 10 licenses (only 30% of hunters show up for hunt and its logistically challenging for the military to implement).
- 4) Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Department continues to receive public comment. If you would like to comment on the proposals, please send an email to: DGF-Javelina-Rule@dgf.nm.gov

TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR JAVELINA RULE DEVELOPMENT



PURPOSE

Maintain current javelina populations and offer hunting opportunity that does not significantly impact javelina across the state.

JAVELINA BIOLOGY & BACKGROUND

Javelina are concentrated in the southern part of New Mexico. Javelina in New Mexico are likely not significantly impacted by hunting at the level they are currently hunted. Javelina hunting appears to be more popular recently, with hunts that were previously going unfulfilled now being oversubscribed. Additionally, population indices suggest that javelina populations may be increasing numerically and geographically.

Figure: Javelina hunter success rates through time.



Figure: Javelina licenses and harvest through time.

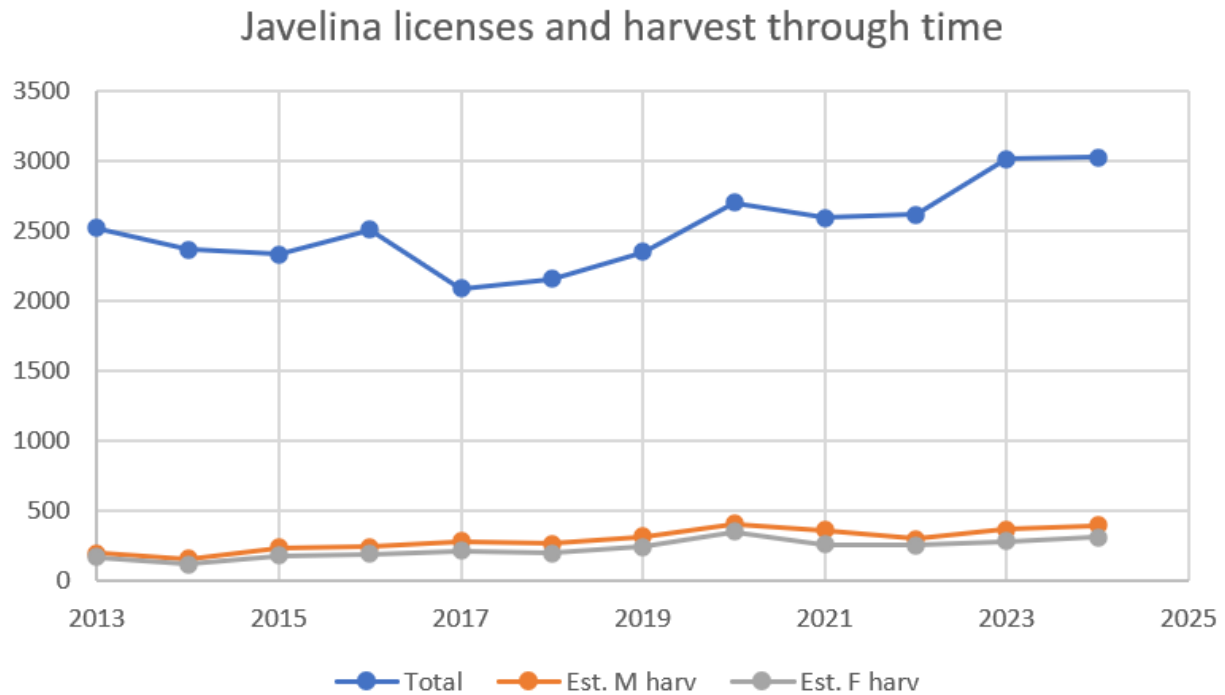


Figure: Javelina archery success rates separated by bootheel or statewide hunts, through time.

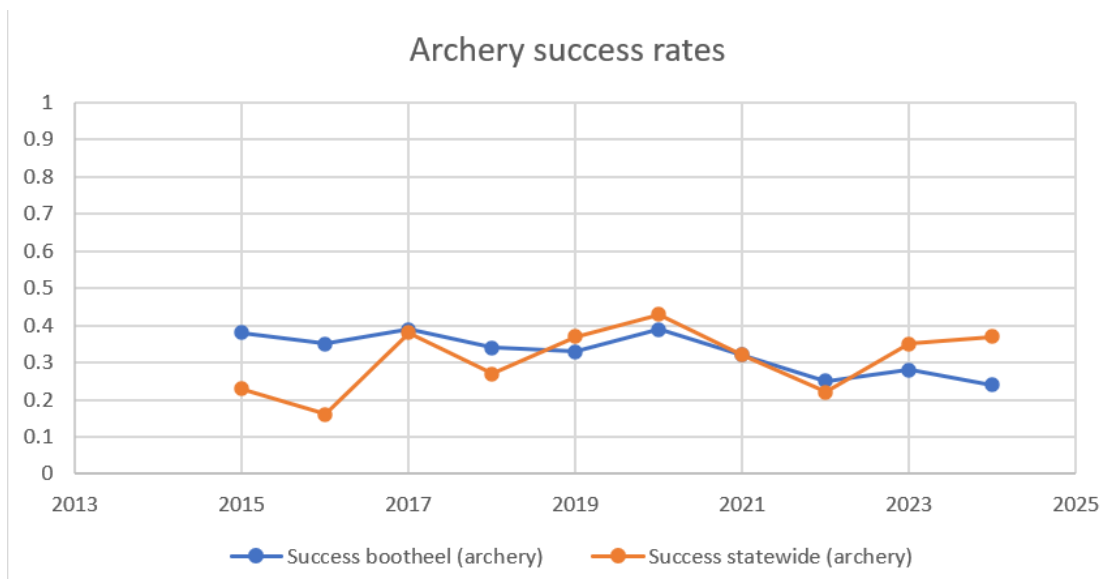


Figure: Javelina rifle success rates separated by bootheel or statewide hunts, through time.

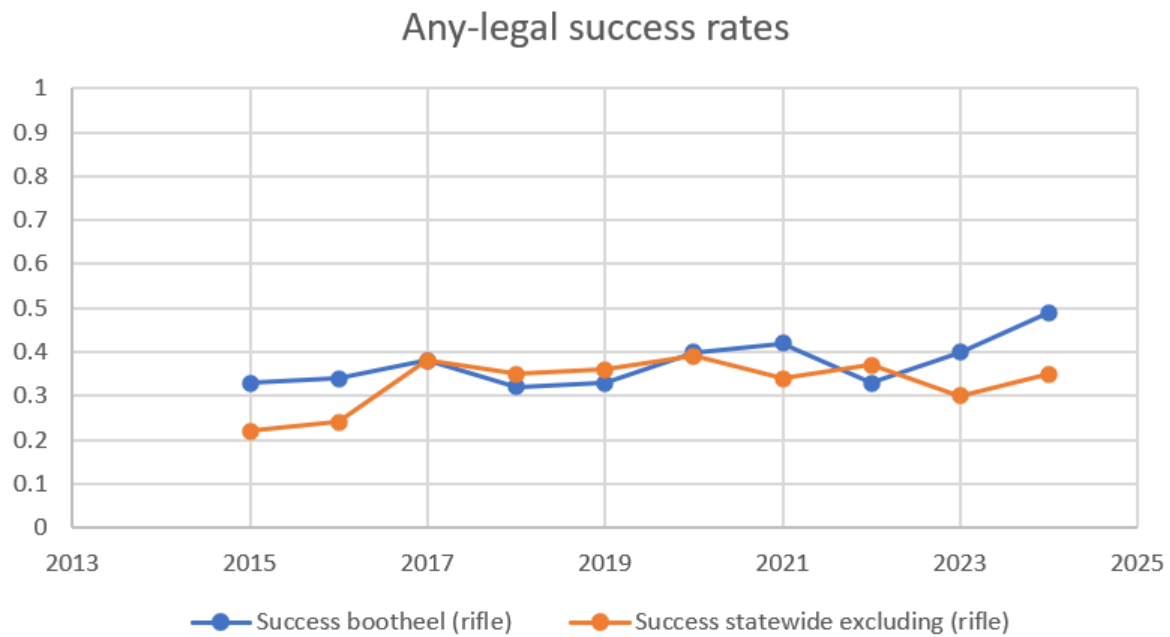
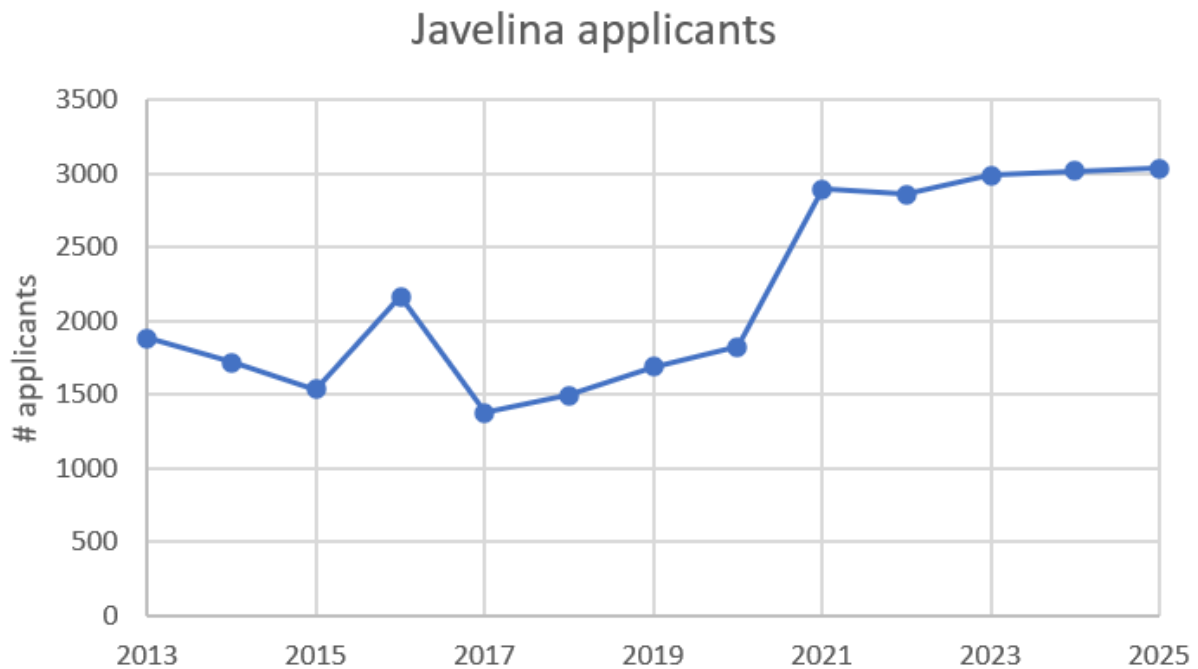


Figure: Javelina applicants through time.



Tables: Javelina harvest reports, license years 2016-2017 through 2024-2025.

2016-17 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish												
				Licenses Sold/Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Success Rate	Number of Days Hunted	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction	
AREA				Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates			Males	Females	Rating	
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2017	100	ES	87	38	4.16	16	6	3.60
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2017	1000	ES	920	34	3.21	111	92	3.39
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2017	999	ES	895	24	4.53	85	58	3.07
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 26-27	5	ES	4	0	1.50	0	0	NA
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 26-27	5	ES	5	0	2.00	0	0	4.00
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2017	301	ES	281	35	3.78	29	33	3.35
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2017	96	ES	87	16	4.98	6	2	2.73
	Javelina Hunts Total				2506		2279	30%	3.87	246	192	3.36

2017-18 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish												
				Licenses Sold/Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Success Rate	Number of Days Hunted	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction	
AREA				Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates			Males	Females	Rating	
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2018	150	ES	133	35	4.73	19	12	3.29
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2018	1005	ES	931	38	3.00	136	80	3.58
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2018	590	ES	518	38	3.99	91	80	3.29
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 30-31	5	ES	5	33	2.00	0	1	3.00
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 30-31	5	ES	5	0	0.00	0	0	NA
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2018	301	ES	278	39	3.59	24	39	3.50
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2018	61	ES	59	38	3.47	13	5	3.63
	Javelina Hunts Total				2117		1929	38%	3.87	284	217	3.38

2018-19 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish													
				Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	% Reprtd	Success Rate	Number of Days Hunted	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction	
GMU				Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt Dates				Males	Females	Rating	
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2019	150	ES	141	94%	42%	3.3	19	17	3.4
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2019	1002	ES	939	94%	32%	3.2	98	76	3.4
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2019	633	ES	558	88%	35%	4.2	108	76	3.4
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 29-30	5	ES	4	80%	50%	2.0	0	1	4.0
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 29-30	5	ES	5	100%	0%	2.0	0	0	1.0
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2019	300	ES	293	98%	34%	3.8	31	26	3.4
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2019	59	ES	52	88%	27%	5.1	8	6	3.2
	Special Licenses	JAV-1-601	Any Legal	Apr. 1 - Mar. 31	1	ES	1	100%	0%	12.0	0	0	1.0
Javelina Hunt Totals					2155		1993	92%	34%	3.7	264	201	3.4

2019-20 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

					Licenses	Bag	No. of	#	%	Success	Number of	Estimated		Satisfaction
					Sold/Converted	Limit	Hunters	reports	Reprtd	Rate	Days	Males	Females	Rating
AREA	Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates								Hunted			
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan.1 - Mar. 31, 2019	150	ES	139	90	93	38%	3.1	22	15	3.5
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2019	1000	ES	905	542	91	33%	3.1	113	86	3.4
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2019	820	ES	749	622	91	36%	4.1	139	109	3.5
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 28-29	5	ES	4	2	80	50%	1.5	1	0	3.5
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 28-29	5	ES	3	0	60	0%	0.0	0	0	N/A
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2019	300	ES	282	153	94	33%	3.6	30	24	3.6
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2019	66	ES	63	49	95	37%	4.1	12	7	3.4
	Javelina Hunts Total				2346		2145	1458	91%	35%	3.9	316	243	3.5

2020-21 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

					Licenses	Bag	No. of	#	%	Success	Number of	Estimated		Satisfaction
					Sold/Converted	Limit	Hunters	reports	Reprtd	Rate	Days	Males	Females	Rating
AREA	Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates								Hunted			
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan.1 - Mar. 31, 2020	150	ES	141	100	94	39	3.58	18	23	3.53
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2020	1000	ES	940	543	94	41	3.12	128	106	3.61
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2020	1142	ES	1062	884	93	40	4.21	204	174	3.56
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Jan. 2-3, 2021	5	ES	4	3	80	67	1.33	3	0	2.66
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Jan. 2-3, 2021	5	ES	5	2	100	0	2.00	0	0	3.00
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2020	300	ES	296	165	99	39	4.25	32	33	3.65
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2020	99	ES	96	80	97	43	4.31	23	12	3.85
	Javelina Hunts Total				2701		2544	1777	94%	40%	3.87	408	350	3.41

2021-22 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

						Licenses	# Hunters	Percent	Estimated	Success	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction	Days
AREA						Sold	Reporting	Reporting	Hunters	Rate	Males	Females	Rating	Hunted
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan.1 - Mar. 31, 2022	ES	150	128	85	90	40%	19	18	3.46	3.77
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2022	ES	1000	890	89	536	42%	121	104	3.56	3.23
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2022	ES	1001	828	83	803	34%	166	109	3.43	4.44
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Jan. 1-2, 2022	ES	5	4	80	3	0%	0	0	3.00	1.50
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Jan. 1-2, 2022	ES	5	3	60	3	0%	0	0	2.00	2.00
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2022	ES	300	280	93	163	32%	30	23	3.45	3.80
	Statewide (exluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2022	ES	130	121	93	101	32%	27	5	3.46	4.38
	Javelina Hunts Total					2591	2254	87%	1699	37%	363	259	3.19	3.87

2022-23 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

						Licenses	# Hunters	Percent	Estimated	Success	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction	Days	
						Sold	Reporting	Reporting	Hunters	Rate	Males	Females	Rating	Hunted	
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan.1 - Mar. 31, 2023	ES	150	137	91	74	44%	24	9	3.02	3.23	
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2023	ES	1000	907	91	571	33%	107	84	3.36	3.20	
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2023	ES	1001	908	91	721	37%	141	127	3.45	4.37	
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 31, 2022 - Jan. 1, 2023	ES	5	5	100	2	50%	0	1	4.00	2.00	
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 31, 2022 - Jan. 1, 2023	ES	5	4	80	1	100%	1	0	5.00	1.00	
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2023	ES	300	292	97	162	25%	18	23	3.30	4.10	
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2023	ES	153	149	97	108	22%	12	11	3.26	5.03	
	Javelina Hunts Total						2614	2402	92%	1639	34%	303	255	3.63	3.28

2023-24 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

						Licenses	# Hunters	Percent	Estimated	Success	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction	Days	
All Hunts	AREA	Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates	Bag Limit	Sold	Reporting	Reporting	Hunters	Rate	Males	Females	Rating	Hunted	
	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Feb. 1, 2024 - Mar. 31, 2024	ES	180	165	92	112	41%	27	19	3.36	3.67	
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1, 2024 - Mar. 1, 2024	ES	1100	978	89	566	40%	125	101	3.50	3.33	
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Feb. 1, 2024 - Mar. 31, 2024	ES	1203	1076	89	896	30%	159	112	3.38	4.59	
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 30, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023	ES	5	4	80	3	100%	0	3	5.00	1.00	
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 30, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023	ES	5	4	80	4	0%	0	0	1.67	2.33	
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2024	ES	330	318	96	176	28%	30	20	3.41	3.93	
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2024	ES	192	183	95	155	35%	26	28	3.36	4.47	
	Javelina Hunts Total						3015	2728	90%	1912	34%	367	283	3.38	3.33

2024-25 Javelina Hunter Harvest Report

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Hunt Area	Hunt Type*	Hunt Code	Hunt Dates	Bag Limit	Licenses Sold	Number of Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Estimated Hunters	Success Rate**	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
										Males	Females		
Statewide (excluding Unit 28)	Youth Only	JAV-1-100	1 Feb. - 31 Mar. '25	ES	180	163	91%	115	49%	39	18	3.4	2.8
Units 19, 23-27 (excluding Ft. Bliss)	Public	JAV-2-101	1-31 Jan. '24	ES	330	306	93%	178	24%	25	17	3.4	3.6
	Public	JAV-1-102	1 Feb. - 31 Mar. '25	ES	1101	998	91%	598	39%	115	117	3.4	3.2
Unit 28 - McGregor Range	Military Only	JAV-1-105	28-29 Dec. '24	ES	5	3	60%	3	0%	0	0	2	2
	Public	JAV-1-106	28-29 Dec. '24	ES	5	5	100%	1	0%	0	0	5	2
	Draw Hunt Totals				1621	1475	91%	895	37%	178	152	3.4	3.2
Statewide	OTC	JAV-2-103	1-31 Jan. '25	ES	197	186	94%	150	37%	26	29	3.4	4.4
		JAV-1-104	1 Feb. - 31 Mar. '25	ES	1206	1065	88%	931	35%	191	131	3.3	3.9
	Over-the-Counter Totals				1403	1251	89%	1081	35%	218	160	3.4	4
Statewide Totals					Licenses Sold	Number of Hunters Reporting	Percent Reporting	Estimated Hunters	Success Rate	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating	Days Hunted
					3024	2726	90%	1972	36%	395	312	3.4	3.6

*OTC = Over The Counter

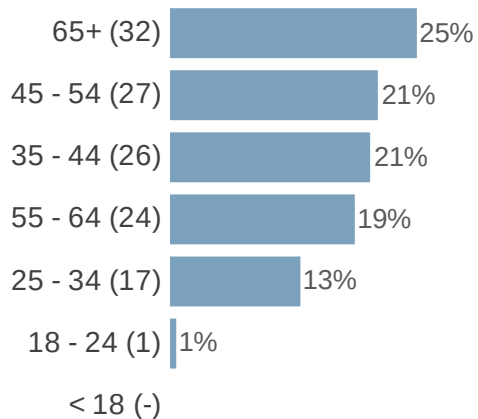
**Success rate is calculated from the number of licensed hunters reporting that they went afield.

If you have any questions, please contact Madeleine Kaleta at madeleine.kaleta@dgf.nm.gov

This report was generated on 03/16/26. Overall 127 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'. A total of 127 cases fall into this category.

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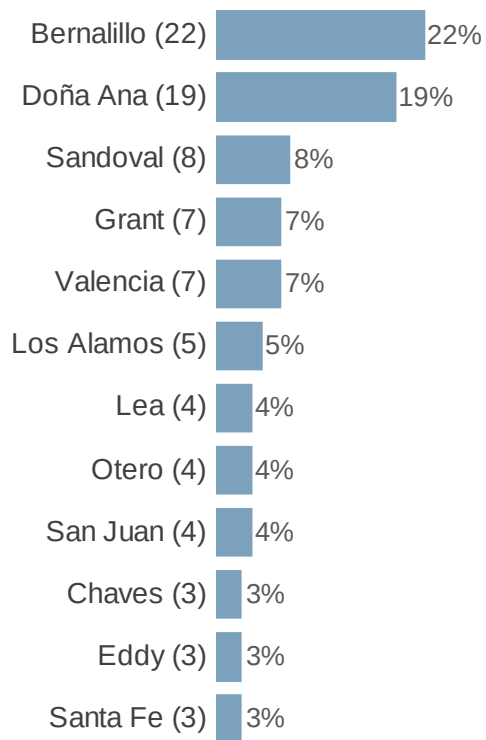
What is your age range?



Are you a New Mexico resident?



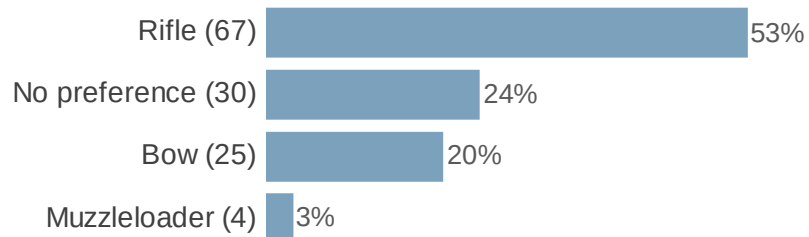
If you're a New Mexico resident, in which county do you live?



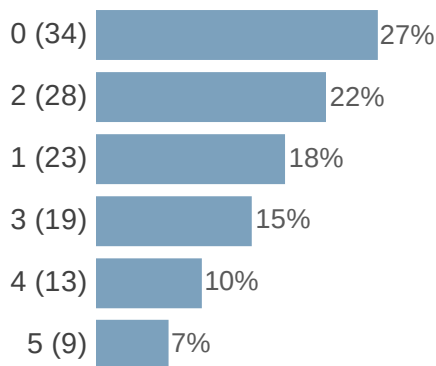
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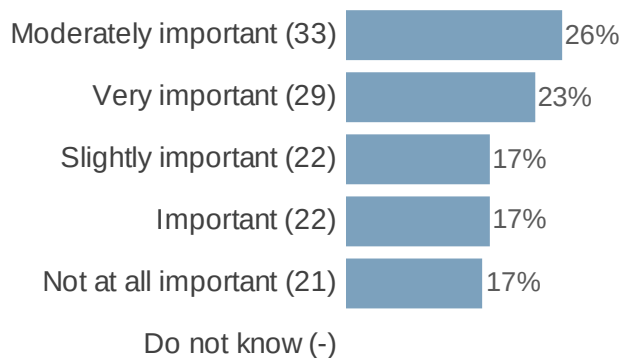
What is your preferred weapon to hunt javelina?



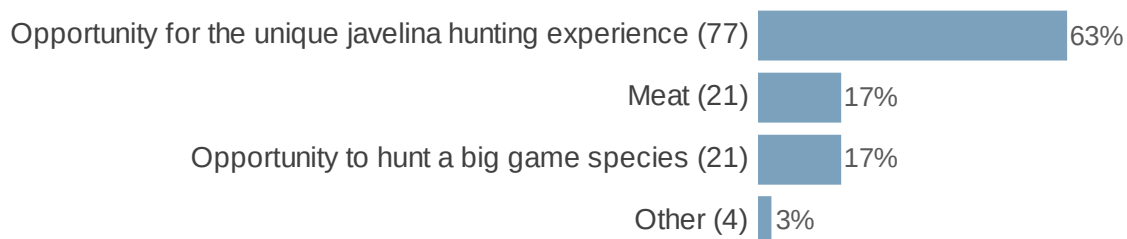
Over the last five years, how many times have you held a javelina license?



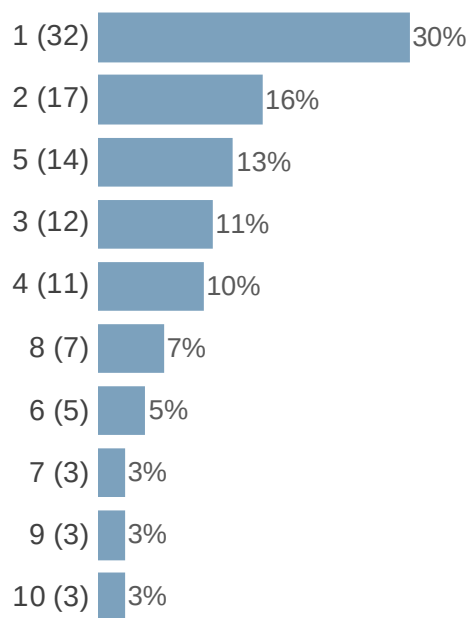
How important is it to you to hunt javelina in New Mexico every year?



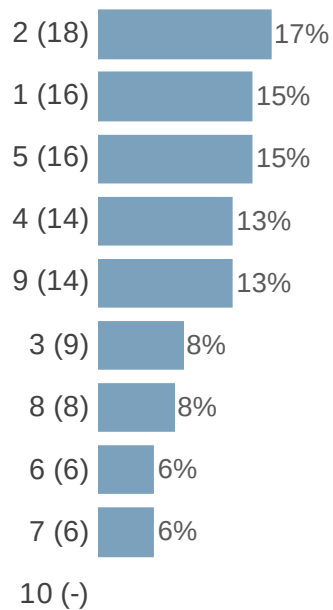
What is the most important objective for you when you hunt javelina? (What is the most important objective for you when you h...)



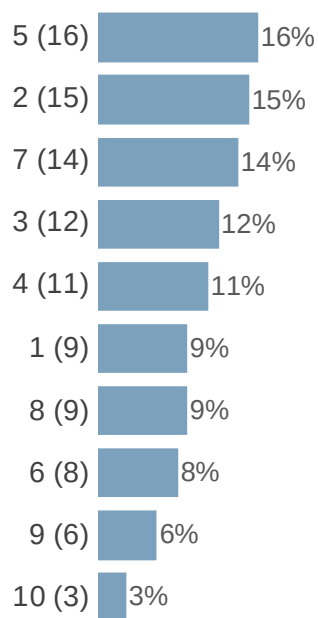
Rank the following items based on how important (1 being the most important) they are to you for a pleasurable Javelina hunt in New Mexico. (Click and drag into the grey box)
(High javelina density)



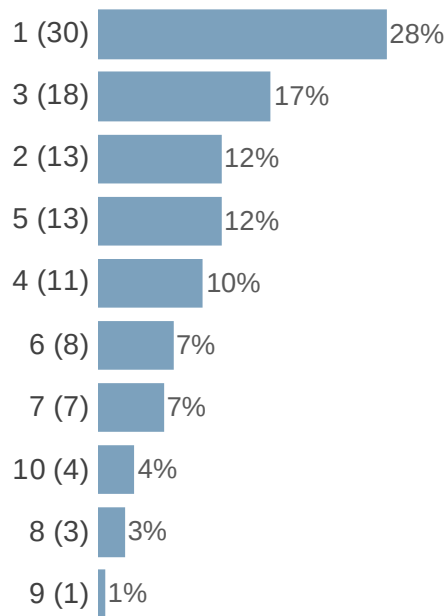
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(Successfully harvest an animal)



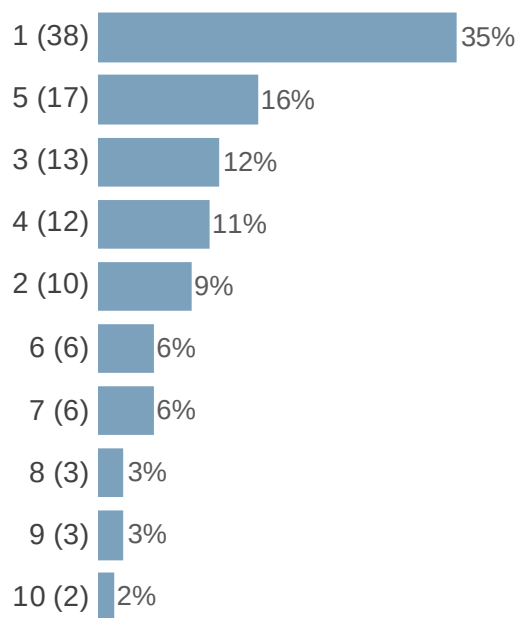
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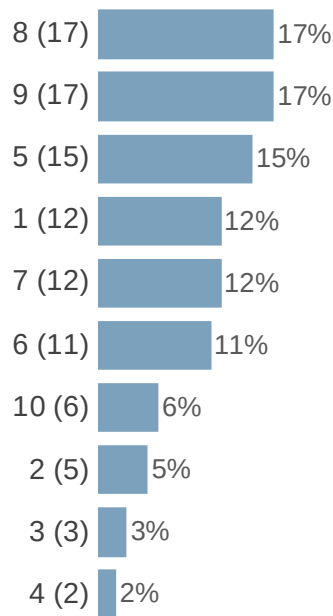
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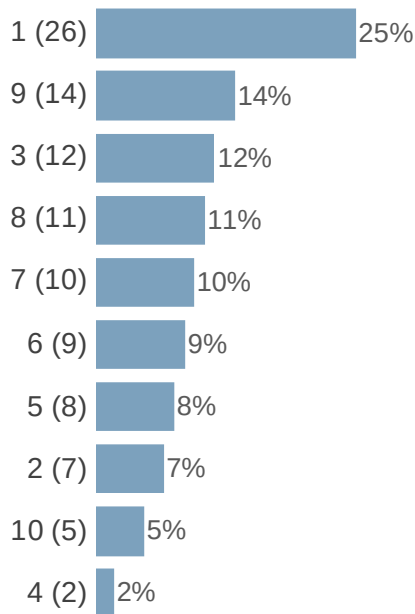
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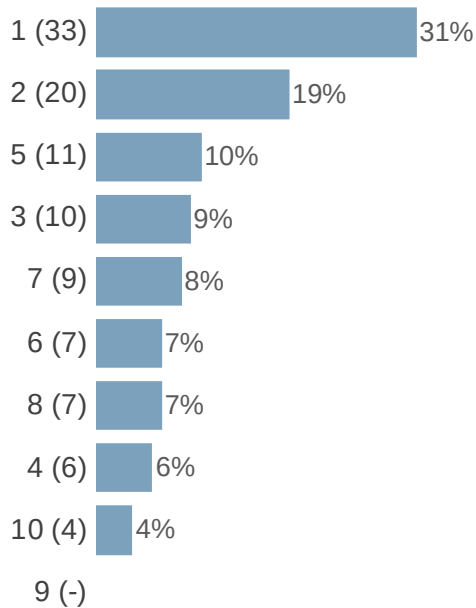
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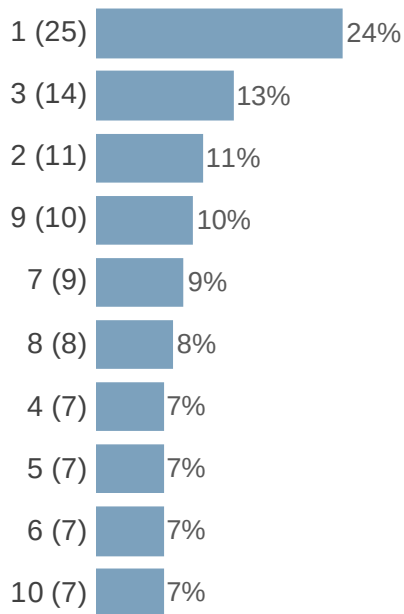
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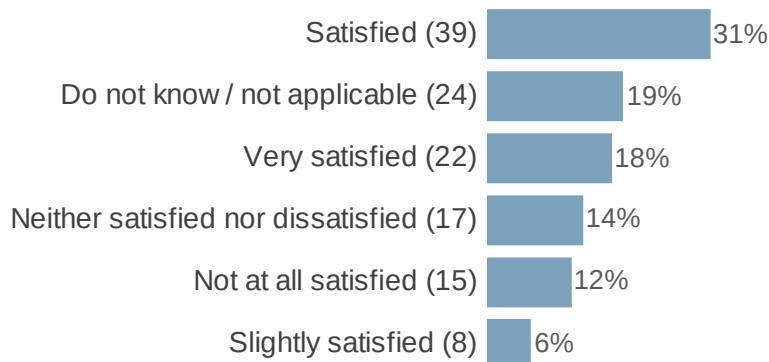
Rank the following items based on how important (1 being the most important) they are to you for a pleasurable Javelina hunt in New Mexico. (Click and drag into the grey box) (Opportunity to go hunting)



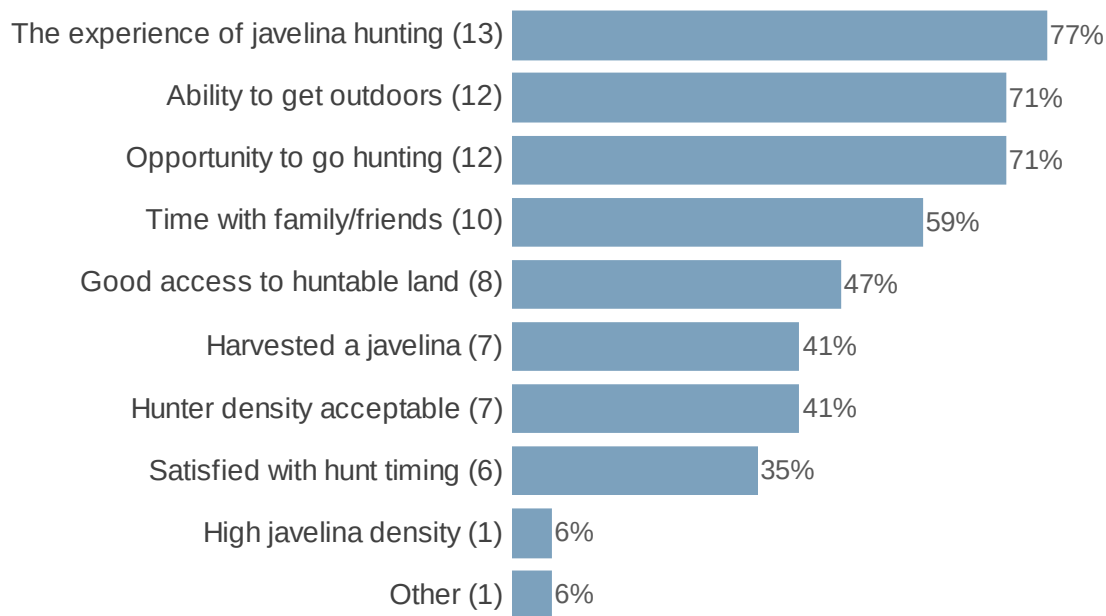
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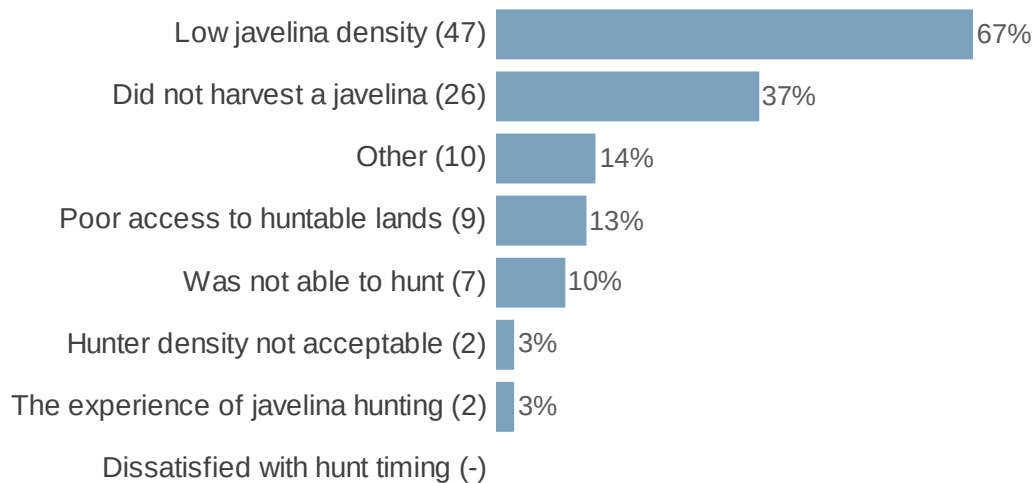
How satisfied were you with your javelina hunting experience the last time you hunted in New Mexico? (How satisfied were you with your deer hunting experienc...)



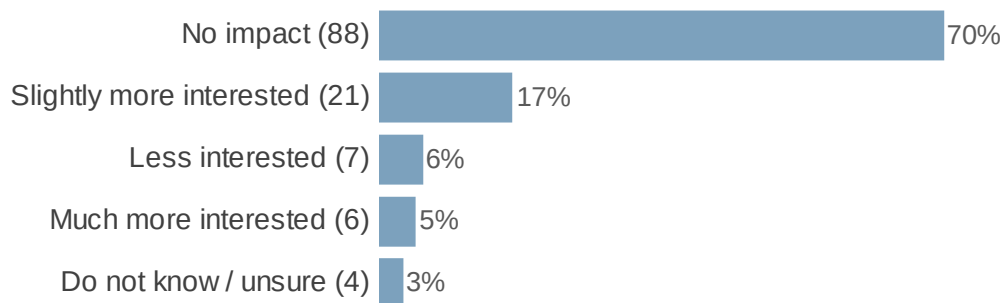
What were the reasons you were satisfied with your most recent javelina hunting experience in New Mexico?
(Mark all that apply). (What were the reasons you were dissatisfied with your mos...)



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(Mark all that apply). (What were the reasons you were dissatisfied with your mos...)

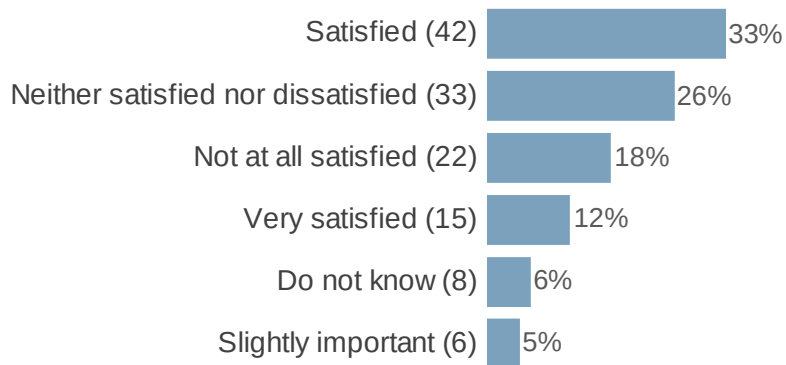


Javelina have recently been added as a new category of trophy species to the Boone and Crockett and Pope and Young Club's record books. Does this new trophy potential impact your interest in hunting javelina?



How satisfied are you with the Department's current approach for managing hunting opportunities for javelina, using a combination of draw and Over-The-Counter hunt types/areas?

(Please see an explanation of the Department's current approach below).



Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jesi Watson <jesiw@nmflb.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 1:00 PM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Rule Proposed Changes Comments
Attachments: Javelina 4YearRule Update Comments.pdf

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Greetings,

Please find New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau's comments on the 4-year rule update for Javelina attached. If you have any issues accessing the document, please let me know.

Thank you,

Jesi Watson

Regional Field Manager

New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau

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May 26, 2026

NMDGF Main Office
1 Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Submitted Via E-Mail

RE: Javelina Proposed Rule Changes.

New Mexico Game Commission,

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau (NMF&LB) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed changes to the Javelina Rule.

NMF&LB represents members involved in all aspects of agriculture from dairy and livestock to fruits and vegetables. Our mission is to promote and protect agriculture in the great State of New Mexico. We are charged with the important task of representing our members' interests when it comes to impending regulations and programs. NMF&LB recognizes the continuing efforts of the New Mexico Game Commission and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to manage our states game animals.

NMF&LB supports the increase of licences in over the counter areas and expanding the validity of GMU 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 licenses to effectively make them statewide licenses. We support these efforts as an attempt to ensure the proper management of this species population levels. While we are in support of increasing licenses and their validity to increase havest rates, we also understand and support the elimination of the Unit 28 Javelina hunt.

Once again, NMF&LB appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed changes to the Javelina Rule. NMF&LB looks forward to further engaging with the commission and appreciates your consideration of our members' viewpoints.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Hopkins, Keely <KHopkins@scifirstforhunters.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2026 10:46 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SCI Comments
Attachments: NM Javelina Rule Change-WLH Signed.pdf

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Good Morning,

Please find attached SCI's comments for the Javelina rule.

Thank you,



Keely Hopkins, J.D.
Western State and Local Liaison

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7 April 2026

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
State Game Commission
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Re: Proposed Changes to Javelina Rule 19.31.21

Dear Commissioners and Director Sloane:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Javelina Rule 19.31.1.

The proposed changes generally demonstrates responsible and sustainable management of these species while maintaining a high level of opportunity for hunters. SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including javelina, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Javelina Rule 19.31.1. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International

Javelina Rule 2026

I think it would be in the best interest to restore the ability of Archery Javelina draw license hunters to pursue Javelina while hunting other species such as deer and elk with same weapon type as was previous to last big game draw cycle. This is especially helpful for youth and archery hunters hunting southern New Mexico outside the main draw area and also helps with limiting the expansion of the javelina range! It would simply return to the way it has been done for a long time to help limit expansion and would give better opportunities to archery hunters!

Thanks for taking the time to hear my concerns!

Charles Tripp

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Colleen Payne <payne.m.colleen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 10:34 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Javelina Rule Changes

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NMDGF,

Please accept this email as a public comment record for the proposed Javlina Rule Changes for the 2027-2031 license years.

Support of the requirement to purchase the license at least one day prior to the hunt. Would suggest a "licenses must be purchased at least two calendar days before hunting" requirement, similar to current bear and cougar rules.

Support of increasing OTC licenses

Support of allowing draw tag hunters to hunt OTC areas during season dates.

Support of removing the McGregor range hunt, but would encourage the Department to leave the door open for conversations with McGregor/DOD to allow organized youth or new hunter mentored hunts by organizations or Department staff on McGregor range and also help support any depredation complaints.

I would also encourage the Department to support javelina research projects to better understand the species and growing population dynamics in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Colleen Payne

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Wild Trout <jeff.young.elk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 8:40 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment

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Support all proposed changes

Jeff Young
Sandia Park

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kerrie Romero <kerrieroxromero@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:59 AM
To: Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; gfulfer@gmail.com; Harwood, Kyle, DGF
Cc: DGF-Javelina-Rule; DGF-Waterfowl; DGF-Gamebird; DGF-Exotics-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NMCOG's Official Recommendations as they relate to the Javelina, Turkey, Migratory Bird, & Exotics Rules

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Good Morning Mr. Chairman & Commissioners,

Please accept the following as the official recommendations of the New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides as it relates to the Proposals Under Consideration for Javelina, Turkey, Migratory Bird, and Exotics as of March 19, 2026.

JAVELINA

Support Department's proposed changes as published in the Commission Agenda Meeting Briefing dated March 20, 2026

TURKEY

Generally supportive of the Department's proposed changes as published in the Commission Agenda Meeting Briefing dated March 20, 2026.

NMCOG additionally recommends that the fall turkey hunts, specifically in GMU 6, 10, & 17 become "1 bearded turkey". These hunts are currently either sex. Outfitters in these GMUs have expressed that turkey numbers are noticeably lower compared to previous years. While we recognize that hen harvest is not a large percentage of the overall turkey harvest, eliminating hen harvest is one area where the Dept. has the ability to at least prevent additive mortality.

MIGRATORY BIRD

Generally supportive of the Department's proposed changes as published in the Commission Agenda Meeting Briefing dated March 20, 2026.

NMCOG additionally recommends that the Estancia Valley Sandhill Crane hunts be moved from November 1st to either mid December or January. Over the past several years outfitters report seeing very few to no sandhill cranes in the Estancia Valley during November. However, during late December and January (after the hunt dates have concluded) there are hundreds of cranes in nearly every agricultural field in the Estancia Valley.

EXOTICS

Generally supportive of the Department's proposed changes as published in the Commission Agenda Meeting Briefing dated March 20, 2026.

Oryx

NMCOG Generally supports most of the Department's proposed changes.

We are NOT in favor of increasing the number of off-range Oryx licenses. Outfitters do not agree that the number of public land off-range Oryx is high. We understand that the success rate has increased but we believe this due to an increase in harvest on private lands. Outfitters hunting BLM and State land are seeing very few oryx and it is not uncommon to hunt several days or more without seeing any oryx. The current number of licenses is already bordering on overcrowding in the field. We recommend that the number of off-range Oryx licenses be reduced or at least remain at current levels.

NMCOG additionally recommends that the Department clarify the definition, in Rule, of Broken Horn Oryx. The current definition is confusing and does not clearly specify that Oryx that are completely missing horn(s) would be interpreted as a Broken Horn Oryx. Additionally, NMCOG would recommend the Department eliminate a portion of the second sentence of the definition. That sentence is very hard to understand for most people and causes confusion in the field. Outfitters have indicated that they have failed to allow hunters to harvest obviously broken horn oryx because they are not certain what it means that the "terminal end would not taper to a point for another 25% growth".

It is important to remember that the reason we have a definition of Broken Horn Oryx is because we want to encourage the harvest of these animals. This definition does the opposite by generating confusion that results in outfitters/hunters passing up the chance to harvest a BHO because they are unsure if it meets the definition. NMCOG has spoken with representatives of the White Sands Missile Range and they are supportive of amending the definition. They agree that the current definition causes confusion amongst hunters.

The current definition reads as follows:

“Broken-horned oryx” or “BHO” shall mean an oryx of either sex that possesses at least one horn missing at least twenty-five percent of its normal growth. This may be determined by comparing the broken horn’s length to the remaining horn or where it is readily apparent the terminal end would not taper to a point for another twenty-five percent of growth.

We would recommend that the definition be amended to read something similar to the below suggestion:

“Broken-horned oryx” or “BHO” shall mean an oryx of either sex that possesses at least one horn missing at least twenty-five percent of its normal growth. This may be determined by comparing the broken horn’s length to the remaining horn or if both horns are obviously missing 25% of normal growth. Also to include an oryx of either sex that is missing one or both horns.

Ibex

NMCOG fully supports the Department's decision to dramatically reduce Ibex licenses.

NMCOG has been vocal in expressing concern about the continued decline of the Ibex population for several years. We also understand that the current mortality issue is not a result of hunter harvest. We would like to see the Department allocate additional resources towards helping restore the Ibex population. We would recommend the Dept. consider a more dedicated predator

management emphasis (for both lion and eagle). We have also been notified by outfitters that there are at least 3 water catchment structures in the Florida Mountains (originally installed by the BLM for the benefit of Ibex) and ALL of them are currently non-functional and in disrepair. Perhaps this would be an area where the Dept. might be able to work with the BLM to restore those drinkers.

Barbary Sheep

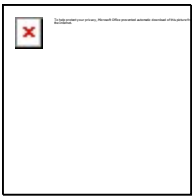
Support Department's proposed changes as published in the Commission Agenda Meeting Briefing dated March 20, 2026

Thank you for your consideration!

Kerrie Cox Romero - Executive Director

Cell: 505-440-5258

New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides



Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Ahlgrim, Brian J CIV USARMY ATEC (USA) <brian.j.ahlgrim.civ@army.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:22 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on proposed rule changes for Javelina - [UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: [EXTERNAL] Comments on proposed rule changes for Javelina - [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Milton Romney <romneyappraisal@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 7:01 PM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina are regular pests now in Mesilla valley.

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Drought and other management conditions have resulted in javelina moving and establishing in the Rio grande valley of southern New Mexico. I've had to fence my garden areas, get a dog I have not needed in the past to keep out the numerous groups of javelina coming in mostly fall evenings in Mesilla valley past 10 to 15 years. They are pests and destroy a garden in one visit with bacteria infested damage to garden produce. Can be seen during the day on the run. Dangerous to travelers on I-10 interstate and other local highways between Las Cruces Hatch and El Paso. They are a protected pest animal need to open up more windows of time to hunt them back to the deserts of Arizona.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Jared Burns <jbhunter79@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 1:55 PM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Proposals

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Hello, I would like the following proposals looked at.

- Make all draw javelina licenses valid for all OTC areas. I don't think a draw license show not be valid for a license that I can purchase OTC.
- Make Archery and Any Legal Sporting Arm Season the same length of time. Currently archery only goes Jan 1-31 and Any Legal Sporting Arms is Feb 1-March 31. Most hunts it is the opposite where archery hunters get more time than those who can use rifles. I propose to make Archery season Jan 1-Feb 14 and Any Legal Sporting Arm Feb 15 - March 31.

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Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Kevin <kevzzz@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 8:26 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Rule Change

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Good morning,

I support the increase of OTC licenses for Javelina. I would also support allowing those who drew a Javelina tag for the "bootheel" area that the hunter can take their Javelina during any big game hunt they draw a tag for. In other words, if someone had a tag for deer or elk in unit 21, and that person drew a javelina tag for the bootheel, they can take their javelina during their deer or elk hunt in October, November December etc...

Kevin Kelleher
Santa Fe, NM
"Let's Roll" Todd Beamer: Never Forget 9/11

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: jason tuttle <jasontuts@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 7:23 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina

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I believe that we need to include January as any legal weapon for OTC hunts.

I believe we need to have the ability to bag a javelina during the time of hunting another big game species under the draw you successfully received as long as you have a successful draw for javelina.

Best regards,
Jason J Tuttle
218-341-2034

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: bkrogers at gilanet.com <bkrogers@gilanet.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 11:29 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina proposal

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I would like to add my comments to the proposed changes in javelina hunting. The summary seemed a little unclear to me. I'm not sure if the proposal was to open the SW area, Units 19-27 to OTC? If this is the case, I would like to see the SW area remain as a "draw only" area. OTC would open the area to too many hunters, unless the number of OTC licenses would be limited. NM should continue to manage javelina for population growth as this is a unique species that can only be hunted in three states.

Thank you for your consideration.

B. Keith Rogers
575-574-2004
Silver City, NM

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Mervin Leppo <mervleppo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 8:44 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina hunting

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This should be a free hunt to get rid of them. They are an invading species just like hogs! They will multiply and be very destructive! Ask Texas!

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Charles Tripp <chtrippjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 12:14 PM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule; Stump, Richard, DGF; Clemente, Fernando, DGF; Fulfer, Gregg, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Witt, Christopher, DGF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Rule changes comment
Attachments: Javelina Rule 2026.docx

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I would like to see the draw hunt licensed hunters be able to hunt javelina during deer and elk hunts like it was before the last rule change!

Charles Tripp
chtrippjr@gmail.com

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: cody creager <armyccreager@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 9:11 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Do not pass this rule. The quality of the OTC hunts will be ruined. We can't draw tags hardly anyway and now you want to ruin the quality of a good OTC hunt that we have to look forward to. Please do not pass this.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: idratherbeoutdoorz <idratherbeoutdoorz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 8:11 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina

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I'd like to suggest bringing back being able to have a javelina license during a big game hunt like it was a few years ago.

Sent from my Galaxy

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: dsheft82@pvttn.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 10:05 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina rule comments

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I strongly oppose the proposal to allow draw hunters with limited draw licenses to hunt the statewide OTC units if they are not successful in their special draw hunts. Based on last year's harvest report this alone would potentially add 1100 hunters to the OTC units. These hunters already have the privilege of hunting in the areas with higher javelina populations. This is a poorly conceived and unfair proposal which appears to be based on the personal desire of some individual within the Department. I do support an increase in the number of available OTC licenses if biological data supports it.

David Heft, CWB
PO Box 13
Mayhill, NM 88339

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: James Lucero <jimmluc57@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 2:58 PM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina rule

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To whom it may concern,

I do not agree with allowing the "draw" javelina hunters to hunt OTC units. As a OTC license holder, one is not allowed to hunt in the "draw" units. I feel they need to be licensed as they are now

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James Lucero

Lord, help me be the man my dog thinks I am.

Tatman, Nicole, DGF

From: Edwards, Travis <Travis.Edwards@T-Mobile.com>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 10:04 AM
To: DGF-Javelina-Rule
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Rules

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Good morning,

I wanted to comment on Javelina Rules for the next 4 year cycle (2027 – 2030). I listened to the commission meeting on the 9th and heard what has been initially proposed.

- I'm in favor of increasing the quota for the OTC areas. I've really seen an increase in Javelina in these areas and they seem to be popping up in new areas. I don't think the increase should be too much though, maybe a couple hundred more. I don't want the population to get overhunted.
- I'm NOT in favor in allowing people that draw the tag to be able to hunt OTC areas for a few reasons
 - One, I really have enjoyed seeing more Javelina and them expanding their range in the OTC areas. I'm concerned that having an increased cap for the OTC and then having an additional 1200 tag holders being eligible to hunt OTC will be too much pressure.
 - I also think this will make draw odds go down for the draw hunt because people that usually hunt OTC areas will probably apply for the draw hunt so they can hunt both areas. I think this will make people that just like to hunt the draw area upset if they have a harder time drawing what is now a pretty easy tag to draw.
 - I know that one of the rational given was comparing Javelina to Barbary where someone that draws the Barbary tag can use the tag for OTC areas, but Barbary are an invasive species that we don't want expanding especially into Bighorn areas. The same can't be said of Javelina. They are a native species that is just naturally expanding their range and don't have a negative impact on other species. I don't think comparing Barbary and Javelina makes sense here.
- I think my next feedback needs to be brought to the legislature, but I think G&F/commission should do everything in their power to change this and that's the waste of game law. It is absolutely shameful that somebody can shoot a Javelina and not have to bring out the meat. Predator hunting is different because it's used as a prey population management practice. Javelina is a prey animal and don't need to be controlled in the same way, so the meat needs to be taken out. Again I know that has to be passed by the legislature, but I still think the G&F/commission can do more to get that changed. I think G&F/commission can change what is required to take out for proof of kill though. I think it's crazy that somebody can shoot a Javelina, leave the whole thing lay and the only thing they have to do legally is notch the tag. They should be required to bring out the head as "proof of sex".

Thank you for taking my comments!

Travis

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: May 28, 2026

Agenda Number: 12

Presenter: Stewart Liley

Corroborator: N/A

Agenda Title: Rule Making Hearing: Javelina rule (19.31.21 NMAC) for the 2027 – 2030 hunting seasons.

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will present biological and proposed changes to the javelina rule (19.31.21 NMAC) based on biological information, public feedback, and management goals.

The Department proposes the following changes:

- Increases in licenses for OTC area (from 1,200 to 1,300 any-legal weapon licenses)
- Expand the validity of the GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 (bootheel) javelina licenses to include OTC areas (excluding GMU 28), effectively making these “statewide” licenses.
- Eliminate GMU 28 McGregor hunt of 10 licenses based on discussions with Fort Bliss staff (over time, an average of only 3 of the 10 hunters show up for the hunt and it is logistically burdensome to organize for the military)
- Require the purchase of a license at least one day prior to hunting

2. Background Information

The javelina rule is re-evaluated every four years and changed based on biological data, harvest data, and management goals. In addition, the Department will receive public feedback and consider it in the context of the species biological and management goals. The Department has reached out to the public for input.

Javelina are concentrated in the southwestern part of the state. Javelina continue to be observed in new areas. The Department strives to balance javelina hunting opportunity with population sustainability.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The process as presented to the Commission meets the Conservation Services Program Objectives 1, 2 and 5 of the Department's Strategic Plan: FY 2019 – FY 2023

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The Department has posted proposed changes to the javelina rule on the Department's website. Input has been gathered via email. Hybrid in person/virtual public meetings were held March 11th in Albuquerque and March 12th in Las Cruces.

Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicated a different course of action:

“Move to repeal and replace 19.31.21 NMAC, as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filling this rule with State Records and Archives.”

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 21 JAVELINA

19.31.21.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico department of **wildlifegame and fish**.
[19.31.21.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.1 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in javelina hunting and management. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.21.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.2 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state **gamewildlife** commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds and fish.
[19.31.21.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.3 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.4 DURATION: April 1, **20232027** through March 31, **20272031**.
[19.31.21.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.4 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, **20232027**, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.31.21.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.5 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of javelina licenses by the department.
[19.31.21.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.6 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of **wildlifegame and fish**.
 - B. "Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of **wildlifegame and fish**.
 - C. "Either sex" or "ES"** shall mean any one javelina.
 - D. "Game management unit" or "GMU"** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
 - E. "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs"** shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.
- [19.31.21.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.7 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST LIMITS: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state **wildlifegame** commission or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses for javelina up or down by no more than twenty percent of the total licenses available in the area or GMU to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. **The director may change or cancel all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.**
[19.31.21.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.8 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.21.9 JAVELINA HUNTING SEASONS: Javelina hunts for the **2023-242027-2028** through **2026-272030-2031** hunt seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. All WMAs shall remain closed to javelina hunting, except the prairie-chicken areas, Heart Bar, Double E, River Ranch, Red Rock (outside of the high-fence bighorn sheep enclosure only), and Socorro-Escondida WMAs are open to javelina hunting.

A. Draw hunts:

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMU 28, youth only	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-100	180	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-101	330	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-102	1100	ES

GMU 28 McGregor range, military only	12/30- 12/31	12/28- 12/29	12/27- 12/28	12/26- 12/27	JAV 1-105	5	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range	12/30- 12/31	12/28- 12/29	12/27- 12/28	12/26- 12/27	JAV 1-106	5	ES

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMU 28, youth only	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-STW- R1-ES- YTH	180	ES
Statewide, except GMU 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-STW- B1-ES- PUB	330	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-STW- R1-ES- PUB	1100	ES

B. Over-the-counter hunts: The hunt area shall be statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV 2-103	360	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV 1-104	1200	ES

open GMUs or areas	2027-2028 hunt dates	2028-2029 hunt dates	2029-2030 hunt dates	2030-2031 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-OTC- B1-ES- PUB	360	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-OTC- R1-ES- PUB	1300	ES

[19.31.21.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.9 NMAC, 4/1/2027]

19.31.12.10 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for javelina when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the legal sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.21.10 NMAC - N, 4/1/2027]

HISTORY OF 19.31.21 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/1967;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/1967;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/1968;
Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/1968;
Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/1968;
Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/1969;
Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/1969;
Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/1969;
Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/1969;
Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/1970;
Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/1970;
Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1970;
Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/1971;
Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/1971;
Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1971;
Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/1971;
Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/1972;
Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/1972;
Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/1972;
Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/1972;
Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/1973;
Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/1973;
Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/1973;
Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/1974;
Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/1974;
Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/1974;
Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/1975;
Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/1975;
Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/1975;
Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1976;
Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/1977;
Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/1978;
Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1979;
Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/1980;
Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/1981;
Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/1982;
Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/1983;
Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/1984;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/1985; Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/1986; Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/1987; Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/1987; Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/1989; Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/1989; Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989; Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/1991; Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/1992; Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993.

History of Repealed Material:

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3/1/2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3/3/2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12/1/2004 - duration expired 3/31/2007.
19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 12/1/2006 - duration expired 3/31/2009.
19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 3/13/2009 - duration expired 3/31/2011.
19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 8/15/2010 - duration expired 3/31/2015.
19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 3/17/2015 - duration expired 3/31/2019.
19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 5/31/2018 - duration expired 3/31/2023.
19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 6/9/2022 - duration expired 3/31/2027.