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December 14, 2020

RE: Silver City Deer Management Area Hunt

Dear Hunter:

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish would like to remind you of a unique opportunity for hunters holding an archery deer license in:

- GMU 23 (Excluding the Burro Mountains Hunt Area). Hunt Codes: DER-2-232, DER-2-233, DER-2-234 and DER-2-235.
- GMU 23 (Burro Mountains Hunt Area). Hunt Codes: DER-2-241, DER-2-242 and DER-2-243.
- GMU 24 (Excluding Fort Bayard Management Area). Hunt Codes: DER-2-252, DER-2-253, DER-2-254 and DER-2-255.

Archery hunters **who did not harvest a buck** during the September 1-24, 2020, January 1-15, 2021 or January 16-31, 2021 hunt dates may use their existing license to archery hunt for one **antlerless** deer. The hunt will be restricted to the boundaries of the Silver City Deer Management area (See Attached Map) from Jan 16-Feb 5, 2021. **This opportunity does not apply to those holding a draw license for Any Legal Sporting Arm or Muzzleloader.** Eligible hunters may take either a mule deer or white-tailed deer and may hunt both GMU 23 and GMU 24 within the Silver City Deer Management Area, regardless of bag limit and GMU listed on the qualified license.

Eligible hunters are reminded that they must continue to follow all Game and Fish rules and regulations as outlined in the New Mexico Hunting Rules and Information Booklet. This includes obtaining written permission to hunt on private lands and not hunting within city limits (See Map). All harvest data must be submitted by February 15, 2021.

High deer numbers around Silver City, NM have led to increased automobile-deer collisions, damage to landscapes and habitats, and direct conflicts between residents and deer. The goal of this hunt is to reduce excessive deer numbers and conflicts in Silver City. The Department of Game and Fish would like to thank all responsible hunters for their assistance in this management effort.

**Notice that most hunting opportunities in this area are on private land, so please begin asking landowners for written hunting permission early.** For questions concerning this hunting opportunity, please contact our customer service hotline at 1-888-248-6866 or visit our website listed in the header above.

Sincerely,

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