

# **JAVELINA PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SUMMARY**

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*\*The Department remains actively engaged in reviewing biological data and considering public input as the rule development process progresses. Please check back regularly for updates and additional information as decisions are finalized.*

## **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](mailto:DGF-Javelina-Rule@dgf.nm.gov)