



# New Mexico Big Game and Trapper Rules & Information

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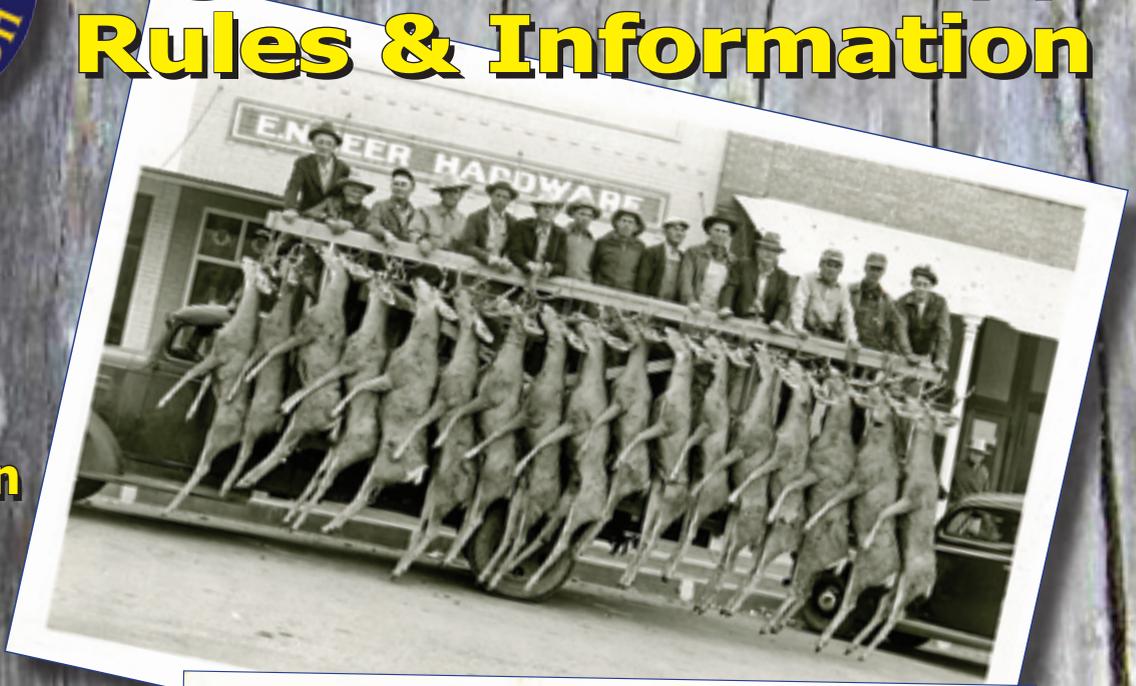
Barbary  
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Cougar

Turkey

Furbearers



**2010 2011 License Year**

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## Customer ID Number

Anyone applying for a public land draw license or permit, or purchasing a license via a private landowner authorization or a Valles Caldera access authorization must first obtain a Customer ID Number in person at any Department office or online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/). This number shall be obtained only from the Department and MUST be included on each application. Any application without a valid Customer ID number will be rejected.

## What's New in 2010-2011

This booklet contains information valid from April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011. All dates refer to 2010 unless otherwise noted.

### New Application Deadlines

**Feb. 3** is the deadline to apply for oryx draw licenses, bear WMA permits, population management hunts, and turkey draw permits. Online applications must be made BEFORE 5 p.m. MST. Changes to applications will be allowed until the deadline.

**April 7** is the deadline to apply for public deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, Barbary sheep, javelina, and bighorn sheep draw licenses. Online applications must be made BEFORE 5 p.m. MDT. Changes to applications will be allowed until the deadline.

### New Application Fee

The new nonrefundable application fee for residents is \$10 and \$27 for nonresidents.

### Full Fee Up Front

Anyone applying for any public draw deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, oryx, ibex, javelina or Barbary sheep license, MUST pay the full license and application fee when applying.

### No Application Restriction-Year Holdout

Hunters who successfully drew a Quality (Q) or High-Demand (HD) deer or elk license or any pronghorn license last year, are allowed to apply for a Quality (Q) or High-Demand (HD) hunt for deer or elk, or any pronghorn license next year.

### Deer Permits/Licenses

There is no longer a Deer Permit. Hunters must only draw a Public Land Deer License or purchase a Private Land-Only Deer License.

### New Unit 6A/6C Boundary

The northern boundary between the two units has moved westward to the Coyote/Cuba Ranger District Boundary in the San Pedro Parks Wilderness. See page 17.

### Furbearer Hunter and Trapper Reporting

Furbearer hunters and trappers MUST report their hunting and trapping results by **April 7**. Additionally, ALL furbearer hunters and trappers, both resident and nonresident, MUST purchase their trapper license from a Department office, online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or via Form 3. Trapper licenses will NOT be available from other license vendors. Those who do not report, cannot purchase a trapper license for the following season.

### New License For Resident Disabled Veterans

Resident Disabled Veterans are now able to purchase a combination Fishing and Small Game license for \$10.00. These licenses are available only at Department offices.

## Important Phone Numbers

General Information	(505) 476-8000
To obtain publications and forms	(800) 862-9310
Hunter Education	(505) 222-4731
Special Hunts License Sales	(505) 476-8087
Special Hunts Fax	(505) 476-8180
Wildlife Management	(505) 476-8038
Depredation Coordinator	(505) 476-8047
Depredation Hotline	(888) 727-4883
Bear Harvest Hotline	(877) 950-5466
Cougar Harvest Hotline	(877) 950-5466
Law Enforcement	(505) 476-8066
Operation Game Thief (to report poaching)	(800) 432-GAME (4263)
Fisheries Management	(505) 476-8055
Conservation Services	(505) 476-8101
TDD (number for hearing impaired)	(505) 476-8143
Mandatory Hunter/Trapper Reporting	(888) 248-6866

## Web Addresses and Offices

**NM Department of Game and Fish:**  
[www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

**Mandatory Hunter/Trapper Reporting:**  
[www.newmexico-hunt.com](http://www.newmexico-hunt.com)

### Main Office

P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or  
1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507

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#### Northwest Office

3841 Midway Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109  
(505) 222-4700 Fax (505) 222-4720

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2715 Northrise Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011  
(575) 532-2100 Fax (575) 522-8382

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## Important Dates For Hunters

**Feb. 3** Deadline to apply for oryx draw licenses, bear WMA permits, population-management hunts, and turkey draw permits.

**15** Deadline for ALL deer and elk hunters to report their hunting results.

**Mar. 10** Results of oryx draw licenses, bear WMA permits, population-management hunts, and turkey draw permits available on the Department's Web site at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or in person at any Department office.

**25** Information available by phone for oryx draw licenses, population-management, bear WMA, and turkey draw permits.

**April 7** Deadline to apply for public land deer draw licenses, Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A private land-only deer licenses, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, Barbary sheep, javelina and bighorn sheep draw licenses.

**7** Deadline for ALL furbearer trappers and hunters to report their trapping and hunting results via [www.newmexico-hunt.com](http://www.newmexico-hunt.com).

**June 1** Elk E-PLUS landowner lists available on Department's Web site.

**9** Results of drawings for public land deer draw licenses, Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A private land-only deer licenses, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, Barbary sheep, javelina and bighorn sheep available on the Department's Web site at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or in person at any Department office.

**23** Drawing results available by phone for public land deer draw licenses, Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A private land-only deer licenses, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, Barbary sheep, javelina and bighorn sheep.

**July 1** Private land deer licenses available at license vendors.

**6** Pronghorn antelope A-PLUS landowner list available on Department's Web site.



# Draw Hunts and Hunter Education

## Introduction

To obtain public-land licenses for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, oryx, WMA or Unit 2 turkey, and WMA bear, hunters must first complete Form 2010 or apply online.

All completed and correct applications are entered into a random computerized drawing that determines which applicants are successfully drawn for permits or licenses. Some applicants may be drawn the first year they apply. Others may apply unsuccessfully for years. New Mexico does not grant preference to unsuccessful applicants. It's truly the luck of the draw.

Applications are drawn one at a time. The computer will attempt to award the applicant's first choice hunt, then the second choice, then the third choice until one of the applicant's choices is filled. If all of the applicant's hunt choices are filled by previous applicants, the computer advances to the next application.

If an applicant listed a fourth choice deer or elk hunt, they are placed in a pool from which some hunts may be awarded by random drawing of unfilled and available hunts. These hunts may not be the most desirable hunts, but still can provide the successful applicant an opportunity to hunt.

If an applicant is awarded a fourth choice hunt, they will be charged the corresponding hunt fee.

Successful draw applicants will be mailed licenses. Please allow one month after draw results are posted on the Department's Web site to receive licenses.

## Refunds and Transfers

No hunt, including fourth choice deer or elk hunts, can be exchanged for another hunt or refunded except: The Director of the Department may grant the refund or transfer of a hunting license or permit if the licensee has died, sustained a severe injury or life-threatening illness, or has been deployed by the United States military prior to the start of the hunt, prohibiting the licensee from hunting. When the transfer of a license results in a higher license fee due to age, residency, etc., the difference must be paid prior to issuance of the new license or permit. The Director may grant the transfer of a license or permit to a person who has been qualified through a non-profit wish granting organization. For more information, please call the Special Hunts Office at (505) 476-8087.

## The Draw Hunt Quota System

New Mexico's hunt drawing system is based on a quota to allocate special draw hunting opportunities on public lands. Draw hunt licenses and permits are awarded by random computer drawing.

Residents receive 78% of the available licenses or permits. Nonresidents who choose to use outfitters will receive up to 12% of the available licenses or permits. Nonresidents who apply to hunt without outfitters will receive up to 10% of the available licenses or permits.

### Hunts Affected by Quotas

- Deer, elk, pronghorn, Barbary sheep, Javelina draw licenses
- Bear and turkey draw permits
- Valles Caldera access authorizations

### Hunts Not Affected by Quotas

- OTC licenses for elk, bear, turkey, cougar, Barbary sheep and off-Florida Mountain hunt for ibex (IBX-1-528)
- Elk and pronghorn antelope licenses obtained via private land authorizations.
- Private land-only deer licenses
- Private land deer draw licenses in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.
- Draw licenses for oryx, ibex and bighorn sheep.

## Hunter Education Rules

No one under 18 years of age may hunt with a firearm or purchase a firearm hunting license without first obtaining a certificate attesting that they have passed New Mexico's or another state's hunter education course. It is illegal for anyone under 18 to apply for any type of firearm license before completing a hunter education course. Uncertified juveniles may shoot (not hunt with) a firearm if under adult supervision or in a supervised program. Youth hunters in New Mexico must carry their hunter education cards on them while hunting.

The New Mexico Department of Game & Fish does not recognize passing an NRA course as satisfying the requirement for passing an approved state hunter education course. Other states may require hunters of any age to have state training. Check their requirements if you plan to hunt out-of-state. All hunters on Fort Bliss, including McGregor Range, are required to have proof of passing a state hunter education course prior to hunting.

Bow hunter education is not mandatory to hunt with a bow and arrow in New Mexico, but the Department highly recommends it. The Department's bow hunting education class teaches responsibilities and ethics, hunt preparation, equipment basics, tree stand safety and shot placement. Be sure to check the local requirements if you will be bow hunting out-of-state.

Hunter education courses are offered year-round throughout New Mexico. There is no minimum age requirement to sign up, however an adult must accompany children younger than 11 years of age. Students are required to read a manual and complete a worksheet prior to class, attend all class sessions and pass both a written test and a firearm proficiency test before becoming certified and receiving a card.

Students have fun and learn a variety of skills, including safe firearm handling, ethics, hunter responsibility, marksmanship, wildlife identification and conservation, and the basics of survival. Some classes are live-fire and cover all the material in a hunter education course plus an additional day of shooting on a certified range. This is the only course that incorporates firearms in a live-fire situation.

The goal is to teach students how to feel comfortable with a loaded firearm and how to shoot and hunt with it safely. Volunteer instructors incorporate many different teaching techniques, including videos, lectures, and hands-on activities.

The Hunter Education Program is always looking for additional volunteer instructors. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, call the Hunter Education Office in Albuquerque at (505) 222-4722 for details.

Don't wait until the last minute to register for a course or you may miss the deadline to apply for a hunt. For class dates and times, contact the Department Office closest to you or call the Hunter Education Program in Albuquerque at (505) 222-4731, or visit: [http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter\\_ed/index.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter_ed/index.htm).

Replacement hunter education cards may be obtained by calling (505) 222-4731 or log onto: [http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter\\_ed/index.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter_ed/index.htm) to print a duplicate New Mexico hunter safety certificate from your home. If you request a duplicate card via the phone, please allow five to seven business days for the new card(s) to arrive.

# Definitions and Terms

## **Ammunition**

Hunters may use only soft-nosed or hollow-point bullets. Full metal-jacketed and tracer bullets are not legal. Use of sabots in muzzleloading rifles, except restricted muzzleloaders, is legal. See page 6 for definition of restricted muzzleloaders.

## **Antelope Management Unit (AMU)**

A portion of the state used to manage pronghorn antelope harvest. These units are different from Big Game Management units. See map on page 44.

## **Antler Point Restricted Elk (APRE/6)**

A legal APRE/6 elk must have six or more points of any length on at least one antler for an APRE/6 hunt. A brow tine or eye guard counts as one point. A burr at the base of the antler does not count as a point.

## **Antlerless Elk (A)**

Any male or female elk without antlers.

## **Bearded Turkey**

A turkey with a visible beard.

## **Big Game Management Unit (GMU)**

A portion of the state used to manage deer, elk, bighorn sheep, Barbary sheep, turkey, bear, cougar, ibex, oryx, and javelina. Different units are used to manage pronghorn antelope. See map on page 17.

## **Big Game Species**

Include deer, elk, bear, cougar, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, javelina, oryx, and ibex.

## **Bighorn Ram**

Any male bighorn sheep.

## **Bow and Arrow**

Bows include compound, recurved and longbows. Sights on bows may not magnify targets or project light. Arrows must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on arrows. Arrows cannot be driven by explosives.

## **Broken-Horn Oryx**

An oryx of either sex that has one or more horns missing at least 25% of its normal growth.

## **Crossbow and Bolt**

Crossbow use is legal by Certified Mobility-Impaired hunters who may use crossbows to hunt any protected species during any legal season unless otherwise restricted. Legally licensed elk hunters may use crossbows during several Elk Rifle, Muzzleloader/Bow hunts. See pages 33, 38 and 39. Sights on crossbows may not magnify targets or project light. Bolts must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on bolts. Bolts cannot be driven by explosives.

## **Depredation Damage Stamp**

A fee required of all big game hunters that has been added to the price of each big game license. The fee is \$3 for each resident and \$10 for each nonresident big game license. Money generated from the sale of these stamps is being used to develop permanent solutions to chronic wildlife nuisance problems throughout the state.

## **Either Sex (ES)**

Any male or female game animal.

## **Either Sex White-tailed Deer (ESWTD)**

Any male or female white-tailed deer.

## **Established Road**

A road, built and/or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

## **Female or Immature Ibex (F-IM)**

An ibex with horns less than 15 inches long.

## **Female or Immature Pronghorn Antelope (F-IM)**

A pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

## **Fork-Antlered Deer (FAD)**

Any deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

## **Fork-Antlered Mule Deer (FAMD)**

Any mule deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

## **Fork-Antlered White-tailed Deer (FAWTD)**

Any white-tailed deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

## **Fourth Choice Deer or Elk Hunt**

Applicants marking a fourth choice indicate they WILL accept a deer or elk license for **ANY HUNT** in a specific quadrant of the state. Be aware that success rates for some fourth choice hunts may be low due to small, localized populations of deer or elk. A hunter drawing a fourth choice elk hunt could receive a license with an antlerless bag limit even if their first three choices were for bull licenses and vice versa. No refunds will be made to successful applicants. The fourth choice assignment will always be for the same sporting arm type as the first choice on an application. See pages 20 and 32 for more information. Not all hunts are included in the fourth choice pool.

## **Habitat Management and Access Validation**

All hunters, trappers and anglers on any lands must purchase and possess a \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation once during the year (April 1-March 31). Fees will be used to lease private land for public use, provide public access to landlocked areas of public land and provide for the improvement, maintenance, development and operation of property for fish and wildlife habitat management. This fee will NOT be charged to hunters, anglers and trappers younger than 18 years of age, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older. This Validation does NOT replace the Habitat Stamp. See page 11.

## **Handicapped Hunter**

To obtain a reduced-fee general hunting or general hunting and fishing license, a handicapped hunter must have a severe physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and must furnish adequate proof of this disability. See page 8.

## **High-Demand or (HD) Hunt**

An elk or deer draw hunt which had at least 22% nonresident applicants for the previous two license years.

## **Junior Elk or Junior Deer Hunting License**

Reduced-fee elk or deer licenses are available to resident hunters younger than 18 years of age. See page 7 for fees.

## **Junior General Hunting and Fishing License or Junior Small Game and Fishing License**

Reduced-fee combination licenses are available to resident hunters younger than 18 years. Junior hunters must provide proof of successfully passing a hunter education course when making application and purchasing a firearms hunting license and must carry this proof while hunting in the field.

## **Landowner Permission**

It is unlawful to hunt, fish or trap on private land without possessing valid written permission from the landowner whose property the hunter or angler is hunting, fishing or trapping unless otherwise allowed in rule. The landowner's signature with a date and telephone number written on a valid license, or other piece of paper, shall constitute valid written permission.

# Definitions and Terms continued

## **License Year**

A 12-month period beginning April 1 through March 31.

## **Mature Buck Pronghorn Antelope (MB)**

A pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ear.

## **Mature Bull Elk (MB)**

A male elk with at least one brow tine extending six or more inches from the main beam or at least one forked antler with both branches six or more inches long. A spike bull is not considered a legal mature bull elk.

## **Mentor/Youth Only Hunt**

A draw hunt consisting of one adult (18 years of age or older) and up to three youths (younger than 18 years of age as of the opening day of the hunt). The exception is the hunt on the Valles Caldera allows only one youth with a mentor.

## **Military Only Hunt**

Applicants must be on full-time active duty in the military and must provide proof of current military assignment by the application deadline.

## **Mobility Impaired-Only Hunts**

See page 8 for definition.

## **Muzzleloader**

Includes rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex, or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder is illegal. Legal muzzleloading shotguns are those capable of being fired from the shoulder only. Muzzleloaders may use in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, and scopes. See Restricted Muzzleloader, next column.

## **Nongame Hunting**

Nongame species include: rabbits, coyotes, skunks, and Himalayan tahr. Residents are not required to have a license to take nongame species. Nonresidents may possess coyotes, tahr, skunks and rabbits but first must purchase either a nonresident, nongame license, or have any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license. Nongame hunting is not permitted on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) with the exception of Water Canyon WMA. See special restrictions on page 12 of this document under State Game Commission Owned Lands before hunting on any WMA.

## **Once-in-a-Lifetime License**

A draw license that can only be issued once in an applicant's lifetime. This license may not be applied for if an applicant has previously held one.

## **Over-the-Counter or OTC License or Permit**

A license or permit available from vendors and Department offices statewide. No drawing is required to purchase these licenses or permits.

## **Population Management Hunt**

A hunt designed to manage the number of deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, or oryx on public or private lands when they damage property or interfere with military operations.

## **Protected Furbearers**

A Trapper License is required for all residents 12 or older, all nonresidents who trap protected furbearers, and all nonresidents who trap and possess unprotected furbearers such as coyotes or skunks. Residents 12-17 may purchase a Junior Trapper License. Protected furbearers are raccoon, badger, weasel, fox, ringtail, bobcat, beaver, muskrat and nutria.

## **Protected Species**

Anyone hunting protected game (big game, turkey, squirrels or game birds) must have a valid license in possession while hunting.

## **Private Land Authorization**

Documentation from a private landowner that allows a hunter to purchase an elk or pronghorn antelope license valid either on the landowner's land or unit wide.

## **Private Land-only Deer License**

A license authorizing hunters to hunt deer only on private land with written permission for a specific Game Management Unit.

## **Quality or (Q) Hunt**

These are hunts designed to provide an increased opportunity to achieve a successful harvest, a harvest from a wider selection of mature deer or elk, or a pleasurable experience based on timing of the hunt and hunter density. Quality hunts are determined by the State Game Commission.

## **Resident**

See page 8 for definition.

## **Restricted Muzzleloader (for certain deer hunts)**

Any muzzle-loading rifle (including a smoothbore flintlock or musket) using open sights in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex, or an equivalent substitute may be used. In-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, multiple projectiles and scopes are illegal.

## **Senior Elk or Senior Deer Hunting Licenses or Senior Small Game/Fishing License**

Reduced-fee licenses are available to resident hunters 65 years of age and older. See page 7 for fees.

## **Senior Hunter**

A resident hunter 65 years of age or older is entitled to a reduced-fee general hunting, senior elk, or general hunting and fishing license.

## **Spike Bull Elk**

A spike bull elk is a male elk with antlers having a single beam without branches. A spike elk may be legally harvested ONLY in an either sex hunt.

## **Standard or (S) Hunt**

These are deer or elk hunts in which the fee charged for a license is the regular fee as opposed to a Quality or High Demand fee.

## **State Trust Land**

Lands administered by the Commissioner of Public Lands and granted to the State of New Mexico from the Federal Government for the economic support of public institutions such as public schools and universities.

## **Two-Track Road**

A road which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

## **Unprotected Species**

Residents are not required to have any license to take unprotected species. Nonresidents may possess coyotes, skunks, tahr and rabbits but first must purchase either a nonresident, nongame license or have any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license.

## **Wildlife Management Area (WMA)**

Properties owned or managed and under the control of the State Game Commission.

## **Youth Hunter**

To be eligible for a hunting license, each applicant for any Youth-Only hunt must be younger than 18 years old on the beginning date of the hunt. Youth hunters must be certified and provide proof of successfully passing a hunter education course when making application or purchasing a license for a firearm hunt. Youth hunters must carry this proof while hunting in the field with a firearm.

# License Information

## Over-the-Counter (OTC) Licenses

Licenses, stamps and validations are available through the Department's Web site, from local vendors, any Department office, or by mail using Form 3. Add \$1 vendor fee. See page 8, for eligibility requirements for Jr/Sr/Handicapped reduced-fee licenses. The Depredation Damage Stamp fee has been added to each big game license. A Habitat Stamp must be purchased and possessed if hunting, fishing or trapping on U.S. Forest Service or BLM lands. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately and possessed while hunting. This fee will NOT be charged to hunters, anglers and trappers younger than 18 years of age, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older.

Type of License	Resident	Nonresident
<b>Private Land Deer</b> (Standard)	\$39.00	\$270.00
<b>Private Land Deer</b> (Quality)	39.00	355.00
<b>Private Land Junior/Senior Deer</b>	27.00	Not Issued
<b>General Hunting</b> (Deer, squirrels and game birds)	43.00	Not Issued
<b>General Hunting &amp; Fishing</b>	62.00	Not Issued
<b>Junior General Hunting</b> (Residents, age 17 and younger)	18.00	Not Issued
<b>Junior General Hunting and Fishing</b> (Residents, age 17 and younger)	23.00	Not Issued
<b>Senior or Handicapped General Hunting</b>	27.00	Not Issued
<b>Senior or Handicapped General Hunting and Fishing</b>	31.00	Not Issued
<b>Turkey</b> First Tag (spring or fall)	25.00	100.00
Second Tag (spring only)	10.00	10.00
<b>Bear</b>	47.00	260.00
<b>Cougar</b>	43.00	290.00
<b>Oryx</b> (Private land-only)	153.00	1,610.00
<b>Barbary Sheep</b> (Statewide and Private land-only) Available ONLY at a Department office, on the Department's Web site or via Form 3.	103.00	360.00
<b>Ibex</b> (off-Florida Mountains only) Available ONLY at a Department office or via Form 3.	103.00	1,610.00
<b>Small Game</b> Squirrel and game birds other than turkey.	20.00	90.00
<b>Resident Small Game &amp; Fishing</b>	33.00	Not Issued
<b>Resident Disabled Veteran Small Game and Fishing</b> (Available only at Department offices)	10.00	Not Issued
<b>Junior or Senior Small Game &amp; Fishing</b>	16.00	Not Issued
<b>Temporary Small Game</b> (4 days)	NA	33.00
<b>Trapper</b> Nonresident Trapper licenses are sold only by the Department of Game and Fish. Apply ONLY at a Department office, on the Department's Web site or via Form 3.	20.00	345.00
<b>Junior Trapper</b> (Residents age 12-17) Apply ONLY at a Department office, on the Department's Web site or via Form 3.	9.00	Not Issued
<b>Nongame Animals</b> Rabbits, ground squirrels, etc. Does not include trapping coyotes or skunks. To hunt nongame, nonresidents must have a nongame or any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license.	Not Required	65.00
<b>Habitat Stamp</b> Mandatory on all U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management properties. Must be purchased only once per year.	5.00	5.00
<b>Habitat Management &amp; Access Validation</b> A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased and possessed by hunters, anglers and trappers. This is a once-per-year fee. This fee will NOT be charged to those younger than 18 years of age, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older.	4.00	4.00
<b>Duplicate License</b> (For lost or destroyed license)	6.00	6.00

## Draw Licenses/Permits

Fees include the nonrefundable application fee and Depredation Damage Stamp fee. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately and possessed while hunting. These must be purchased only once per year.

### Elk Licenses

Residents age 18 to 64 and all Nonresidents

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
A-Antlerless	S-Standard	\$63.00	\$352.00
MB-Mature Bull	S-Standard	93.00	562.00
ES-Either Sex	S-Standard	93.00	562.00
A-Antlerless	Q-Quality	63.00	787.00
MB-Mature Bull	Q-Quality	93.00	787.00
ES-Either Sex	Q-Quality	93.00	787.00
A-Antlerless	HD-High Demand	63.00	787.00
MB-Mature Bull	HD-High Demand	93.00	787.00
ES-Either Sex	HD-High Demand	93.00	787.00

### Junior/Senior Elk Licenses\*

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
A-Antlerless	All	61.00	not issued
MB-Mature Bull	All	61.00	not issued
ES-Either Sex	All	61.00	not issued

\*See pages 5 and 6 for eligibility requirements

### Deer Licenses

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	49.00	297.00
ALL	Q-Quality	49.00	382.00
ALL	HD-High Demand	49.00	382.00

### Pronghorn Antelope Licenses

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	63.00	297.00

### Javelina Licenses

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	68.00	192.00

### Bighorn Sheep Licenses

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	163.00	3,187.00

### Oryx Licenses

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	163.00	1,637.00

### Ibex Licenses

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	113.00	1,637.00

### Barbary Sheep Licenses

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	113.00	387.00

### Bear Permits\*\*

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	10.00	27.00

### Turkey Permits\*\*

Bag Limit	Fee Type	Resident	Nonresident
ALL	S-Standard	10.00	27.00

\*\*Successful applicants also must purchase Over-the-Counter Licenses for these species.

# License Information continued

## A New Mexico Resident Is:

1. A United States citizen who, for a period of not less than 90 days immediately preceding the date of application for the license, has been domiciled in New Mexico and does not claim residency elsewhere for any purpose. Temporary or seasonal residents, who maintain a primary residence outside of New Mexico, DO NOT qualify for resident licenses;
2. A citizen of another country who is legally within the United States and has actually lived in New Mexico for 90 days immediately preceding his license application;
3. A student who has attended an educational institution in New Mexico and has actually lived in the state for at least 1 full term immediately preceding license application and who presents, at the time of purchase, a certificate or letter of their enrollment and attendance signed by the proper authorities of such institution;
4. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces permanently assigned to a military installation located within New Mexico and who presents with their application, a certificate or letter verifying their military assignment signed by their commanding officer;
5. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces, who presents with their application, a certificate or letter verifying their military assignment signed by their commanding officer, and who is officially stationed at a military reservation located partially in New Mexico and an adjacent state, but only for a special license valid only for hunting and fishing in New Mexico and only on those reservations.

## Opportunities for Disabled Hunters Reduced-Fee Resident Handicapped Licenses

A reduced-fee license is available to any resident of New Mexico that provides proof of a severe physical or developmental disability. To qualify an applicant must have one or more disabilities that substantially limit one or more major life activities. Once a handicapped licensee has clearly wounded a legal game animal, another person may assist in tracking, retrieving and killing the game. This license requires the holder to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation as required (see pages 5 and 11). All other laws and rules must be followed.

## 100-Percent Disabled Resident Veteran

A free lifetime general hunting and fishing license is available to resident veterans certified as 100% disabled as a result of having served in the armed forces. To take advantage of this benefit when applying for a public land deer license, the individual must first obtain a Disabled American Veteran (DAV) Card and enter the number on the application form (Form 2010). This DAV Identification Card issued by the Department permits the holder to fish, hunt small game, and not be charged for a deer license. Application forms are available from any Department office or online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/). Once the card is issued, a hunter does not need to get it renewed. Holders of this card must apply for a public draw deer license by completing Form 2010 and submitting it by the application deadline. Applicants DO NOT need to submit an application fee or license fee when applying for the public draw license. Holders of this card may obtain a private land-only deer license, at no charge, at any Department office. Do not obtain a private land-only deer license unless you know you were not successful in the draw. It is illegal to have more than one deer license. With this card it is not necessary for the licensee to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation when angling, hunting small game or deer. All other hunting activities require the purchase and possession of these stamps (see pages 5 and 11). All other laws and rules must be followed.

Reasonable accommodation to shoot from a stationary vehicle or receive other assistance may be granted on an individual basis. Call (505) 476-8029 or write to the Human Resources Division, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

## Disabled Resident Veteran Small Game and Fishing License

Resident veterans who have a service-related disability of less than 100 percent are eligible for a \$10.00 combination Small Game and Fishing License. These licenses are available only at Department offices. Applicants **MUST** provide a copy of the Veterans Administration Award Letter as verification of disability. A Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation are required (see pages 5 and 11). All other laws and rules must be followed.

## Mobility-Impaired (MI) - Residents and Nonresidents

To apply for MI designated antelope, oryx, deer or elk hunts, the individual must have a four-year MI Card PRIOR to submitting an application and enter their MI number on their application.

To qualify for MI certification, an individual must have a permanent impairment that limits their mobility to a walker, wheelchair, two crutches, severely restricts the movement in both arms or have a combination of permanent mobility type disabilities that cause comparable substantial functional limitation which they are unlikely to recover. This form may be obtained by calling 505-476-8087 or on-line at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/). This form must be signed by the applicant's physician attesting that one of the above Mobility-Impaired conditions applies.

The MI card allows the licensee to shoot from a stationary vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. Once the licensee has clearly wounded a legal game animal, another person may assist in tracking, retrieving and killing the game. The MI card allows the licensee to hunt any protected game during their properly licensed season with a crossbow. No additional crossbow permit is necessary (see page 5 and 15 for crossbow restrictions). This MI card requires the holder to purchase and possess a Habitat Stamp and Habitat Management and Access Validation as required (see pages 5 and 11). All other laws and rules must be followed.

## Junior Licenses

Reduced-fee junior licenses are available. A Junior General Hunting or Junior General Hunting/Fishing License or Junior Small Game/Fishing License or Junior Elk License or Junior Deer License is available only to residents who have NOT reached their 18th birthday by the day of their hunt. Hunters wishing to take advantage of any reduced-fee junior license to hunt deer on public land must apply for a public land deer draw license on Form 2010 by the application deadline. Junior licenses to be used for hunting deer on private land can be purchased at local license vendors, any Department office, with Form 3 or online at the Department's Web site. It is recommended the hunter not purchase the private land deer-only license until the hunter knows whether they were successful in the draw. The Junior Elk License is only available through making application for the public draw.

## Senior Licenses

Reduced-fee senior licenses are available. A Senior General Hunting or Senior General Hunting/Fishing License or Senior Small Game/Fishing License or Senior Elk License or Senior Deer License is available only to residents age 65 or older. Other licenses are available at local vendors or Department offices. Hunters wishing to take advantage of any reduced-fee senior license to hunt deer on public land must apply for a public land deer draw license on Form 2010 by the application deadline. Senior licenses to be used for hunting deer on private land can be purchased at local license vendors, any Department office, with Form 3 or online at the Department's Web site. It is recommended the hunter not purchase the private land deer-only license until the hunter knows whether they were successful in the draw. The Senior Elk License is only available through making application for the public draw.

## License Privileges Can Be Revoked

A varying number of points are assessed based on the type of violation committed, including providing false information on a harvest report. Any person accumulating 20 points or more within any consecutive three-year period, shall be considered for revocation and suspension of all hunting, fishing and trapping license privileges, or guiding and outfitting registration or for revocation and suspension of any permit or certificate issued under Chapter 17 and its implementing rules.

Defendants may request a hearing by an outside Hearing Officer if they disagree. Recommendations for point assessment are made to the State Game Commission, which in turn, can revoke a person's license privileges.

As a state participating in the interstate "Wildlife Violator Compact", New Mexico may recognize the suspension of license privileges of a person listed as a wildlife violator by another participating state. Contact the Law Enforcement Division for specific revocation information at (505) 476-8065.

# General Rules

## It Is Illegal to:

- Kill more than one elk, one pronghorn antelope, one cougar, one Barbary sheep, one bighorn sheep, one javelina, one oryx, one ibex, one bear, one deer, or one turkey during any license year except as permitted by rule. This may or may not apply to Native American lands; see Hunting on Native American Lands, page 13.
- Apply for, buy or use more than one license or tag for any big game species during any license year, except as permitted by rule.
- Possess or transport a handgun if one is younger than 19 years of age, unless: attending a hunter education or handgun safety course; using the handgun for target shooting at an established and officially authorized range where shooting is permitted; involved in organized competition with the handgun; participating in or practicing for a performance by an organization that has been granted exemption from federal income tax by the U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue; legally hunting or trapping; traveling with an unloaded handgun to or from one of the activities listed above; or on property of one's parent, grandparent, or legal guardian and supervised by one of these persons. A person who commits unlawful possession of a handgun is guilty of a misdemeanor. A handgun means a loaded or unloaded pistol, revolver, or firearm which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosion, the barrel length of which, not including a revolving, detachable, or magazine breech, does not exceed 12 inches.
- Take or attempt to take any game for another person or to use a license issued to another.
- Take or attempt to take game species over ground baited with any material or scent distributed there to entice the animals, except quail or turkey on private land. Scent-masking agents may be used on one's person, but not to attract big game.
- Use live animals as blinds or decoys to take or try to take game species.
- Use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device to take or try to take protected species except protected furbearers, cougars and nongame species.
- Use tracer or full-metal-jacketed ammunition to take or try to take game species or protected furbearers.
- Park any motor vehicle or camp within 300 yards of any man-made water hole, water well or watering tank used by wildlife or domestic stock without prior consent of the private landowner, private land lessee, or public land management agency.
- Shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take, or kill any protected species or artificial wildlife (decoy) on, from or across any graded and maintained public road, or to shoot at game from within the fenced right-of-way of any paved road or highway or from within 40 feet of the pavement or maintained surface if no right-of-way fence exists.
- Shoot at, pursue, harass, harrass, drive or rally any protected species by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat or aircraft.
- Hunt from, signal game's location to hunters from, or harass game with aircraft; hunt game observed from aircraft within 48 hours of observation; or hunt game the same day of air travel, except by commercial airline or direct flight to a landing strip.
- Shoot a turkey from its roost.
- Shine spotlights or other artificial lights into areas where big game or livestock might be, if persons using the light have in possession any firearm or implement capable of killing big game or livestock.
- Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling or building, not including abandoned or vacated buildings on public land, during the hunting seasons, without permission of the owner or lessee thereof.
- Take any animals that are protected by law but not listed as game species and those that are listed as endangered or threatened species.
- Apply for or buy any firearm hunting license if under the age of 18 without successfully completing a Hunter Education Course.

New Mexico law makes the following unlawful: reckless and careless handling of firearms; improper handling of fire; property damage; polluting streams, lakes and other water; discarding refuse on public or private property without permission; damaging telephone wires by gunfire or otherwise interfering with communications; and hunting while intoxicated.

## Attention: Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Users

New Mexico has requirements for off-highway vehicles (OHV) that became law Jan. 1, 2006. The law is designed to protect the safety of all citizens and ensure responsible OHV use. OHVs include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) snowmobiles, and dirt bikes. It is the owner's responsibility to know the laws.

All OHVs used on public lands must be registered and owners must pay user fees used to promote safety and a system of dedicated OHV trails throughout the state. Nonresidents must purchase either a two-year or a 90 day permit available at Department of Game and Fish offices) unless the OHV is registered and the user paid a user fee in another state.

All riders younger than 18 must wear a helmet and protective eye wear, must have adult supervision (unless they have taken an approved safety course), carry their OHV safety permit, and have a valid license. No rider younger than 18 may carry a passenger even on an OHV specifically designed for two persons. Riders under the age of 10 must have parental supervision and ride an OHV that is age and size appropriate.

Furthermore, the New Mexico Statutes state: "It is unlawful to operate an off-highway motor vehicle on private lands or roads except with the express permission of the landowner or leaseholder of the lands". Vehicles must have U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestors and a headlight and taillight if driven at night. No rider may ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol. There is a 10 M.P.H. speed limit within 200 feet of a business, person, horseback rider or occupied dwelling. OHVs may not be operated on any paved street or highway, except to cross a road after coming to a complete stop.

Department of Game and Fish officers have the authority to request OHV driver identification, registration and check for compliance.

For more information, visit the Web site: [www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com) or call (505) 476-8171.

## Vehicle Travel on Public or Private Lands

It is illegal to drive a motor-driven vehicle off established roads or two-track roads in a hunting, trapping or angling area if the vehicle bears a person licensed to hunt, trap or fish for species on which season is open in that area. It is illegal for a person so licensed to ride in or upon such a vehicle. The Department defines an established road as a road, built and/or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures. It is also illegal to use motor-driven vehicles on any roads or areas closed to vehicular traffic under the Habitat Protection Act or other state or federal regulations, including anywhere within the boundaries of any designated U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management wilderness area or Bureau of Land Management (BLM) National Monument including Tent Rocks National Monument. Obey all postings and know the regulations of the appropriate land management agency.

The U.S. Forest Service is considering new regulations that will prohibit cross-country motorized vehicle travel on many U.S. Forest Service lands, once routes are designated. The Southwest Regional Office (505) 842-3292 can direct you to the appropriate Ranger District for current information regarding the GMU you wish to hunt. Currently, off-road vehicle travel, for any reason, is not permitted in the Lincoln and portions of other National Forests. You may not take vehicles more than 100 yards off established roads in areas protected under the Habitat Protection Act, as posted.

You may take vehicles off established roads on certain public lands to retrieve legally taken and tagged big-game carcasses, provided that state or federal regulations do not prohibit such use. These regulations do not restrict landowners, lessees or their employees from driving off-road on their own or leased State Trust Lands while in connection with legitimate agricultural activities.

# General Rules continued

## Substantial Civil Assessments for Poaching

The State Game Commission has adopted substantial civil assessments for the illegal taking of trophy game animals to recover the loss of public trust resources. Maximum assessments are:

• Elk	\$10,000.00
• Deer	\$10,000.00
• Bighorn sheep	\$10,000.00
• Pronghorn antelope	\$8,000.00
• Ibex	\$10,000.00
• Barbary sheep	\$6,000.00
• Oryx	\$10,000.00
• Turkey	\$500.00
• Trout	\$150.00

In addition to the above civil assessments, poachers may incur criminal fines listed below.

### Criminal Fines for First Offense

- Illegally taking or attempting to take elk, bighorn sheep, oryx, ibex or Barbary sheep; illegally selling big game meat: **\$1,000**;
- Illegally taking or attempting to take deer, pronghorn antelope, javelina, bear, or cougar; exceeding the big game bag limit; falsely purchasing a resident license: **\$400**;
- Hunting with artificial light: **\$300**;
- Attempting to exceed the big game bag limit after having tagged a similar species: **\$200**;
- Hunting without a license, using another person's license: **\$100**;
- Hunting without a Habitat Stamp or Habitat Management and Access Validation: **\$50 to \$500**;

Fines for other offenses can be up to \$500 and/or six months in jail, fines for second, third, and subsequent offenses are increased.

## Possession, Donation or Sale of Game

It is unlawful to possess game without a proper license or other evidence that game was legally taken. Carcasses, meat and internal organs of game mammals or game birds may be donated, but not sold or bartered. Only the skin, head, antlers, horns and claws of legally taken protected species and feathers from non-migratory game birds may be donated, sold or bartered. The person conveying any of the above to another person must supply the recipient with a written statement showing a description of the skin, head, antlers, horns, claws or feathers, or kind and number of the game, the date and county where the item was taken, the disposer's name and address, number of the hunting license under which the hunter took the item, and the date and place of the transaction or donation. (See page 16 for an example of a donation certificate.) It is unlawful to possess the head, horns or antlers of all big game species found in the field (except for obviously shed antlers) without a receipt from the Department of Game and Fish.

## Waste of Game

Anyone who takes a deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn, Barbary sheep, ibex, or oryx, must transport the edible portions of the meat from the field for human consumption. "Edible portions" of game mammals include all four quarters with 90% of the meat taken, backstraps, tenderloins and at least 75% of the neck meat. Hunters are not required to remove the rib cage or organs from the field. Anyone who takes a turkey, must remove the breast, legs and thigh meat from the field. Anyone who wounds or may have wounded any big game species must make a reasonable attempt to track the animal and reduce it to possession. This requirement does not authorize trespass.

## Use of Dogs

Dogs may not be used to hunt big game except bear and cougar. Furbearers may be hunted with dogs. Certain exceptions apply. See specific species sections. When dogs are used during a hunt, the licensed hunter intending to harvest the bear or cougar must be present continuously once any dog is released. Leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead pronghorn antelope, elk, deer, or javelina. Hunters must register at the local Department Area Office before their hunt begins.

## Tagging

All big game and turkeys must be tagged by the person who killed the animal.

1. Immediately after killing any big game or turkey, notch out the month and day of kill from the carcass tag.
2. Attach the tag, NOT THE LICENSE, to the carcass. The tag must remain attached to the carcass when the carcass is left unattended in the field, is in camp, is in any vehicle, is at a residence, or is at a place of storage. To prevent its loss, you may temporarily remove the notched tag from the carcass while you are removing the animal from the field to a camp or vehicle, but you must immediately reattach the tag upon arrival. If you have to make numerous trips to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass you leave in a camp or vehicle.
3. Bear, cougar and bobcats must be tagged with a pelt tag in addition to the tag from the hunting license. See pages 52, 54, and 57.
4. Every bighorn ram head taken in or imported into New Mexico must have affixed to one horn a seal attached by the Department of Game and Fish or other wildlife agency. The seal authorizes possession and transportation of the head within New Mexico. Bighorn heads found in the field in New Mexico remain the property of the State. See page 41.

## Proof of Legal Game

You must keep proof of sex with all game species until you get the game to the place where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage. The antlers or horns (or the scalp and both ears of female or immature animals) of any deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn or Barbary sheep, ibex, or oryx must remain attached to the skull or skull plate. The external genitalia of any bear or cougar must remain attached to the hide and be readily visible until the hide has been inspected and tagged by a Department of Game and Fish representative. The beard and a small patch of feathers surrounding the beard of a turkey must remain attached when the bag limit is a bearded turkey.

## Federal Laws

Transporting illegally taken game across state lines is a violation of the federal Lacey Act. Such transport, if done in connection with commercial activity, may be classified as a felony.

## Storage

Big game and turkey tags must remain with the meat. They authorize possession and storage for one year from the last day of the hunt. To store or possess meat after this date, you must have a storage permit from the Department of Game and Fish.

Trophies taken to a taxidermist should be accompanied by a written statement showing the kind and number of game involved, the name and hunting license number of the person who took it, and the date of delivery to the taxidermist.

## Transportation of Horses

All horses being transported must be inspected by your local livestock inspector. Nonresidents with horses must have proof of ownership. More information is available from the Livestock Board in Albuquerque, NM at (505) 841-6161.

## Blaze Orange

There is no state law requiring hunters to wear blaze orange, but it is highly recommended. However, all hunters on military properties and youth hunters participating in firearm hunts on the Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange, approximately the size of a hunting vest. See specific requirements for each military reservation.

## Transportation of Game

Game properly tagged or accompanied by a written statement may be transported within and outside the state. However, bighorn sheep heads must have a seal; bear, cougar and bobcat hides must have a hide tag. It is unlawful to transport portions of dead deer or elk taken in designated areas in which chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been confirmed. See page 21.

## Forfeitures

Sporting arms may be seized and forfeited if they are used in taking, or attempting to take, or illegally possessing or transporting big game during closed season, exceeding the bag limit on big game during open season, or taking or attempting to take big game by use of spotlight or artificial light. Vehicles and sporting arms used by anyone charged with spotlighting or hunting with the aid of artificial light may be confiscated at the scene and are subject to forfeiture and sale at auction upon conviction.

## Habitat Management and Access Validation

A \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased and possessed by hunters, anglers and trappers. This once-per-year fee will be used to lease private land for public use, provide public access to landlocked areas of public land and provide for the improvement, maintenance, development and operation of property for fish and wildlife habitat management. This fee will NOT be charged to those younger than 18 years of age, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older.

## Habitat Stamp

All anglers, hunters and trappers who use U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands in New Mexico must have a current Habitat Stamp. Only one stamp is required per year to hunt, fish or trap on these lands. The stamp is not required on other public property (such as state, county or municipal lands or parks, or on other federal lands, such as Bureau of Reclamation or Army Corps of Engineers), on private property, or on military reservations. The stamp is NOT required in Unit 28, which is largely Bureau of Land Management property under military withdrawal. Habitat Stamps are not required of anglers or trappers under age 12 or resident anglers over age 70 who have been issued free fishing licenses.

Habitat Stamps must be for the current license year (April 1-March 31). Users must sign the stamp across the face in ink, affix it to a current fishing, hunting or trapping license, and have it in their possession while fishing, hunting or trapping on U.S. Forest Service or BLM lands. Alternatively, users can buy the stamp with the license and sign the license.

A Habitat Stamp is available from the Department of Game and Fish, by using Form 3, online, or from license vendors statewide. The cost is \$5 plus vendor fee. Stamps are not transferable to other persons, and no one may use a stamp signed by another person. Funds derived from these stamps go for improving wildlife habitat. Note: it is not necessary to purchase a habitat stamp when applying for a draw hunt. However, you must purchase one after receiving the license or permit if you will be hunting where one is required.

## Access to Public Lands

New Mexico has 9 million acres of National Forests and about 13 million acres of BLM lands. Most are open to public hunting and other recreation. In addition, the State Game Commission has purchased an easement on state-trust land for fishermen, hunters and trappers to use. It is the individual's responsibility to get all pertinent information from each agency and to know the regulations that each agency has on its managed lands. Unfortunately, all regulations of all land management agencies cannot be included in this booklet.

The U.S. Forest Service and BLM may close some roads seasonally. In addition, there are off-road vehicle restrictions in some units of USFS and BLM lands. See page 9 for new OHV regulations. Their local offices will be able to assist you.

Much of New Mexico's public land is mixed with privately owned property. The private landowner has the right to control the use of private land. Sportsmen must get written landowner permission to cross private land where no public access exists to get to the public land. It is unlawful to post or otherwise restrict lawful uses of public land.

## National Forests

Designated wilderness areas are roadless areas where no vehicles are allowed. In addition, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has closed to vehicular traffic various roads in the National Forests to protect natural resources.

It is unlawful to use vehicles on any roads that are closed under agreements executed under the Habitat Protection Act.

Outfitters and guides providing services in the National Forests must have a permit issued to them by the USFS authorizing them to provide such services on forest lands. Call forest supervisors or district ranger offices responsible for the area you plan to hunt for general information and for information on outfitters and guides authorized to use forest lands. You can get maps from the Office of Information, USFS, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 842-3292.

Hunters may encounter prescribed burns while hunting in national forests. The fires are tools to keep forest fuels at safe levels; to provide a diverse, healthy forest ecosystem; and to improve wildlife habitat. Check with forest managers for burning plans in the area you want to hunt. Forest Service offices: Santa Fe (505) 438-5300, Carson (575) 758-6200, Cibola (505) 346-3900, Lincoln (575) 434-7200, Gila (575) 388-8201 and Kiowa Grasslands (575) 374-9652.

## Valle Vidal

Limited elk and turkey licenses for the Valle Vidal area of the Carson National Forest and the Greenwood Area of the Vermejo Park Ranch Inc. in Unit 55A are issued by draw only. Properly licensed bear hunters who also possess a concurrent Valle Vidal elk license may hunt bears in open season only during the dates of their specified elk hunts. See page 52.

## Valles Caldera National Preserve

All of Unit 6B is closed to hunting and trapping, except elk and turkey. Limited elk licenses are offered only through a special draw. Turkey hunters must possess a Wild Turkey Access Authorization available from the Valles Caldera National Preserve. See page 30 and 47.

## Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest in Units 8 & 14

Open for bow hunting only of bear, cougar and deer draw hunts. Spring turkey hunting is allowed only in the Unit 14 portion of the district.

## Bureau of Land Management Lands

Public lands under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, including Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), are open to public hunting.

Motor or other mechanized vehicles are prohibited in wilderness areas and Tent Rocks National Monument. Vehicle use in other areas, including WSAs, is limited to protect natural resources, and vehicles and other mechanized devices may NOT be taken off-road to retrieve game within WSAs or other travel-limited areas throughout the state. Off-road vehicle travel may be restricted or prohibited on BLM lands depending on location. Check with the local BLM office.

All surface-disturbing activities are prohibited without prior authorization from local BLM offices. Temporary blinds and stands must be removed promptly at the end of each hunt period.

Obey all posted rules. It is your responsibility to know the restrictions and where they apply. Contact the appropriate BLM offices for more information: Albuquerque (505) 761-8700, Carlsbad (575) 234-5972, Farmington (505) 599-8900, Las Cruces (575) 525-4300, Roswell (575) 627-0272, Socorro (575) 835-0412, Taos (575) 758-8851, Santa Fe (505) 954-7400. The BLM Web site is: [www.nm.blm.gov/](http://www.nm.blm.gov/).

# General Rules continued

## **Bureau of Land Management Lands cont.** **Wild Rivers Recreation Area**

An area north of the confluence of the Red River and the Rio Grande west of Questa is closed to hunting and trapping. This area is comprised of all or portions of the following sections, which are east of the west bank of the Rio Grande and north of the Red River: in T. 28N, R. 12E, Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 16; in T. 29N, R. 12E, Sections 16, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.

## **Taos Overlook - Orilla Verde Recreation Area**

A strip one mile wide on each side of the Rio Grande, beginning one mile north of the Taos Junction Bridge and proceeding south to the posted boundary. The Taos Overlook Area is closed to hunting and trapping.

## **Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area**

A portion of land extending 1/4 mile from the shoreline of Santa Cruz Lake and on either side of Rio Medio upstream to the Santo Domingo de Cundiyo Grant is closed to hunting and trapping.

## **Other BLM Lands**

Aguirre Spring Campground, Dripping Springs Natural Area, Datil Well Campground and Three Rivers Petroglyph Site: No shooting within 1/2 mile of the fenced boundary or 1/4 mile of hiking trails.

Hunting and trapping are prohibited within 150 yards of the following developed recreation sites: Valley of Fires Recreation Area, Fort Stanton Cave Campground, Haystack Mountain OHV Area and Mescalero Sands North Dune Areas. In El Malpais National Conservation Area, vehicle use is limited to designated routes, off-road travel is prohibited. From July 1-Sept. 15 and from Nov. 15-April 15, BLM Road 1103 in the BLM's Ignacio Chavez Special Management Area in Unit 9 is closed to motorized vehicles because of soil conditions and erosion problems. The Fort Stanton and Cedar Hills Management areas and the Rio Bonito tracts may have access restrictions.

## **State-Trust Lands**

The State Game Commission has an easement lease ONLY for hunting, fishing and trapping on State-Trust Lands.

### **If you are allowed access to State-Trust Lands:**

#### **You may:**

- Have access to State-Trust Lands, provided that such access is by public road, public trail or public land and, in some situations, roads that are on State-Trust Land.
- Scout for big game seven days prior to the open season.
- Hunt big game or game birds, or trap protected furbearers, during open hours and seasons.
- Hunt unprotected species on State-Trust Lands only during the period in which your license is valid for protected species on those lands.
- Camp with the agricultural lessee's permission unless otherwise authorized by the Commissioner of Public Lands.
- Take up to two guests per license holder on your hunt.

#### **You Must:**

- Have in your possession if required, a valid hunting and/or fishing license and upon demand present it to an employee of either the State Land Office or Department of Game and Fish.
- Respect other uses, such as surface or mineral leases.
- Drive ONLY on established roads.
- Close gates.
- Pack out trash.

#### **You Must Not:**

- Drive off-road for any reason.
- Enter at any time other than to scout for big game before open season, and during open season and hunting hours for species for which you are licensed.
- Use private roads or cross private lands without prior written permission of the landowner.
- Remove wood, sand or gravel, or conduct other commercial or personal activities.
- Harass or injure livestock or wildlife or damage private property such as dwellings or range improvements.

## **State-Trust Lands cont.** **Unitization**

To assure access and create larger, definable hunting areas, hunting and trapping privileges on some state-trust lands have been exchanged for the same privileges on private land. These ranches are posted with signs advising that the private land has been unitized. Watch for these signs and contact the landowner if you have any question about the location of the land open to public use. See [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

## **If You Are Denied Access**

The right of entry to state-trust land is assured if access is available by public road (defined in Section 67-2-1, NMSA 1978) or across other public lands or trails. If you are denied access, call the nearest State Land Office District Resource Manager, giving complete details, including location, date, time, and the name(s) of the person(s) denying access. The State Land Office number in Santa Fe is (505) 827-5760.

## **National Parks and Monuments**

All are closed to hunting and trapping without exception.

## **State Parks and Monuments**

All are closed, except: Portions of Elephant Butte and Navajo Lake are open to big game hunting. Posted areas are closed to centerfire rifle hunting. Sugarite Canyon State Park is open to bow hunting only for spring turkey and for deer and elk draw hunts. Call the State Parks Division for more information at (505) 476-3355.

## **National Wildlife Refuges**

All are closed, except parts of the Bitter Lake Refuge and parts of the Bosque del Apache Refuge are open during deer hunts.

## **State Game Commission-Owned Lands**

Camping, parking, travel, fire, horse, burro and pet restrictions apply on Department lands. Check for rules that may be posted in each area. Trash barrels will not be provided, and hunters must take their trash away when they leave.

Vehicular traffic is restricted on the Barker, Colin Neblett (Cimarron Canyon) and Urraca wildlife areas in Units 54 and 55A; on the Sargent, Humphries, and Rio Chama wildlife areas in Unit 4; and on the Marquez and Water Canyon areas in Unit 9. Closed roads are conspicuously posted. Hunting and retrieving kills must be by foot or horseback on all State Game Commission owned properties. Only hunting for big game species listed below is allowed. No hunting is allowed of unprotected species (rabbits, coyotes, prairie dogs, etc.) except as permitted by rule.

**Heart Bar**-A 1/2-mile strip on each side of the Gila River downstream from the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, as posted, is closed to hunting unless otherwise opened by rule.

**E.S. Barker**-Elk, bear, and deer draw hunts and spring turkey hunting.

**Brantley**-Deer draw hunts. The Seven Rivers and Huey waterfowl management area portion is closed to deer hunting except Youth-Only hunts.

**Colin Neblett**-Elk, bear, and deer draw hunts and spring and fall turkey hunting.

**Humphries**-Elk, bear and deer draw hunts.

**Marquez**-Elk, deer, bear, and spring turkey draw hunts.

**Rio Chama**-Elk and deer draw hunts.

**Sargent**-Elk, spring turkey, and bear draw hunts.

**Urraca**-Elk and deer draw hunts.

**Water Canyon**-Barbary sheep, deer and elk draw hunts and spring turkey and nongame hunting.

**WS Huey**-Deer and turkey draw hunts.

## **Other Lands**

Big Hatchet Management Area (designated area) - Javelina, ibex and cougar hunting during open season in Unit 26.

### Hunting or Traveling on Native American Lands

Permission must be obtained from tribal officials before going on any reservation or tribal lands to hunt or fish. Game or fish taken on or from a reservation must be accompanied by an official tribal document, such as a license or receipt, showing lawful possession. A New Mexico license is not required.

Tribal reservations and pueblos may have firearms, ammunition and travel restrictions that they enforce. It is advisable to completely separate any firearm from its ammunition when travelling across these lands. For specific information on transporting firearms, ammunition, season dates, permits and travel restrictions, hunters must contact the tribes directly.

**Acoma** (within Unit 9 and 13) Game and Fish Office, Pueblo of Acoma, P.O. Box 310, Acoma, NM 87304 (505) 552-9866.

**Jicarilla Apache** (Unit 3) Jicarilla Apache Tribe, Game and Fish, P.O. Box 313, Dulce, NM 87528 (575) 759-3255.

**Mescalero Apache** (Unit 35) Hunting Lodge, P.O. Box 269, Mescalero, NM 88340 (575) 464-9770 or (575) 464-7448.

**Navajo** (Unit 1) Navajo Tribe, Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 1480, Window Rock, AZ 86515 (928) 871-6452.

**Taos** (Unit 53) Taos Pueblo, War Chief Office, P.O. Box 2596, Taos, NM 87571 (575) 758-3883

**Zuni** (Unit 11) Zuni Tribe, Fish and Wildlife Office, P.O. Box 339, Zuni, NM 87327 (505) 782-5851 or (505) 782-2750.

### Military Reservations

Hunting is allowed on some military reservations through cooperation of the U.S. Department of Defense, which controls access to these areas. Hunters must obtain permission and conditions of access to these military reservations directly from each reservation. Hunters on military properties must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange (approximately the size of a hunting vest) while hunting. Hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. The military may close portions of Units 10, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 28 for safety reasons. Due to security concerns, the Director of the Department of Game and Fish may change or cancel all hunts on such lands. ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course prior to hunting.

### Kirtland Air Force Base

The base does not allow trespass within the fenced area.

### Other Areas

All of **Los Alamos County** is closed to trapping, except the northern quarter of the county and a strip along the west bank of the Rio Grande to a line 1,000 feet below the Rio Grande canyon rim. **Jornada Experimental Station** in Doña Ana County is closed to all unescorted public access. New Mexico State University **Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center** (College Ranch) in Doña Ana County is closed to public access. For more information, contact the Office of Real Estate at (575) 646-2807 or visit: <http://chihuahuansc.nmsu.edu/index.htm>.

## WARNING!

### Wolves Are A Protected Species

Parts of New Mexico are within the Mexican Wolf Restoration Area. Wolves are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and by the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act. Shooting a wolf could cost you up to a year in jail and as much as \$50,000 as well as additional penalties under state law for violating the Endangered Species Act.

A combination of federal and state agencies and conservation organizations offer rewards totaling up to \$45,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of wolf poachers.

#### You MAY NOT Legally:

- Kill or injure a wolf because it is near you or your property.
- Kill or injure a wolf if it attacks your pet.
- Kill or injure a wolf feeding on dead livestock.
- Enter posted closures around release pens, active dens and rendezvous sites.
- Shoot a wolf because you thought it was a coyote or anything else.

#### You MAY Legally:

- Harass a wolf without injuring it, provided you report it within seven days.
- Kill or injure a wolf if it is in the act of killing, wounding or biting your cattle, sheep, horses, mules or burros on private or tribal land, but you must report it within 24 hours.
- Kill, injure or harass a wolf in defense of human life, but you must report it within 24 hours.

For more information about Mexican wolves or the Wolf Recovery Program, contact the Department's Conservation Services Division at (505) 476-8101, or visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mexican wolf Web site at: <http://ifw2es.fws.gov/mexicanwolf>.



Mexican Wolf



Coyote

If you are in or around the Gila National Forest, you could encounter a wolf. Some wolves will have radio collars. Wolves appear similar to coyotes, but weigh two to three times as much. Compared to coyotes, Mexican wolves have large, blocky heads; large feet in proportion to their bodies; and a mane around their neck. Wolves can wag their tails above the horizontal plane of their back and sometimes run with their tails straight out. Coyotes often tuck their tails down and under their bodies.

# Unique Hunting Opportunities

## Big Game Enhancement Packages

Two big game authorization packages will be auctioned by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Mule Deer Foundation. All proceeds go toward big game habitat enhancement, conservation, and protection projects in New Mexico. Each package will consist of 5 authorizations one for each of the following species: deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn. More information is provided on the Department's Web site.

## Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Licenses

The Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) is assisting the Department of Game and Fish with an auction of one bighorn sheep license, and the New Mexico Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (NMFNAWS) will be assisting the Department with the raffle of one bighorn sheep license. Proceeds from the auction and raffle are used for bighorn sheep research, management and propagation in New Mexico.

One license to hunt a Rocky Mountain or desert bighorn sheep will be auctioned during the Feb. 4-6, 2010 WSF National Convention in Reno, NV. For more information, please visit their Web site at [www.wildsheepfoundation.org/](http://www.wildsheepfoundation.org/). By June 1, 2010, the successful auction winner will choose one of five hunts offered. The license fee is included for the successful auction winner. See below for detailed hunt information.

A second license will be awarded through a raffle. The successful raffle winner will choose one of the remaining hunts not chosen by the auction winner. The license fee is included for the successful raffle winner. See below for detailed hunt information. The date and location of the drawing will be announced.

Raffle tickets will be sold through NMFNAWS for \$20 each. Deadline to purchase tickets is June 20. To purchase tickets, send a check or money order to Lanny Rominger, 9117 Luna del Oro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, or call him at (505) 821-5064. Ticket stubs will not be provided. NMFNAWS will complete and enter all orders not accompanied by tickets. The raffle winner does not have to be present to win. Authorizations to obtain licenses may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.

The bag limit for these hunts is any one ram. These hunts do not count as once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

## Bighorn Sheep Auction and Raffle Hunts

The winning hunter may choose one of the following hunts:

Open Areas	Max. Licenses	Bag Limit	Hunt Dates
Unit 27	1	1 Ram	Aug. 1-Dec. 31
Units 16B, 22, 23 and 24	1	1 Ram	Aug. 1-Dec. 31
Unit 45	1	1 Ram	Aug. 1-Dec. 31
Unit 53 Wheeler Peak portion south of NM 38	1	1 Ram	Aug. 1-10 and Sept. 1-Dec. 31
Units 53 Latir Mountains north of NM 38 and Latir Mountains portion of Unit 55A	1	1 Ram	Aug. 1-Dec. 31

## Deer Enhancement Authorizations To Be Auctioned and Ruffled

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is assisting the Department of Game and Fish with the auction of one deer authorization. RMEF will conduct the auction for one authorization at their annual Elk Camp on March 4-7, 2010, at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center, Reno, NV. Please visit the RMEF Web site at [www.rmef.org/](http://www.rmef.org/).

A second authorization will be raffled through the Northern New Mexico Chapter, Mule Deer Foundation Chapter. For more information, contact Jacob Tolk at [jtolk@mail.com](mailto:jtolk@mail.com) or Scott Hampel at [shampel@muledeer.org/](mailto:shampel@muledeer.org/).

Proceeds from the auction and raffle will be used for deer habitat enhancement and management in New Mexico.

Each license will be valid for use from Sept. 1, 2010 through Jan. 31, 2011 with any legal sporting arm. These licenses will be valid statewide on public land where hunting is allowed (including Department owned WMAs), and private land with prior written landowner permission. Authorizations to obtain licenses may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is one buck deer.

## Elk Enhancement Authorizations To Be Auctioned and Ruffled

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is assisting the Department of Game and Fish with an auction and raffle of two bull elk authorizations.

Proceeds from the auction and raffle are used for elk habitat enhancement and management in New Mexico. The authorizations will be valid for use from Sept. 1, 2010 through Jan. 31, 2011 with any legal sporting arm.

One elk authorization will be auctioned to the highest bidder by RMEF at their annual Elk Camp on March 4-7, 2010, at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center, Reno, NV. Please visit the RMEF Web site at [www.rmef.org/](http://www.rmef.org/).

Raffle tickets for the other authorization will be sold for \$20 each through the New Mexico Chapter of RMEF. For more information, contact Doug Doherty at (505) 892-1250 or [ddoherty@rmef.org](mailto:ddoherty@rmef.org). The raffle drawing will be held on a date and location to be announced. Visit the Department's Web site for more information.

Authorizations to obtain licenses may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is one bull elk. These hunts do not count as once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

## Win An Elk Or Oryx Incentive Authorization For CWD Testing

Hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. To participate, hunters must bring in freshly harvested deer or elk heads to any Department office or field collection station so tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. To be eligible, hunters are required to deliver the head within 48 hours of taking the animal. Incentive authorizations to purchase licenses may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.

## Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits

Two Gould's turkey enhancement permits will be made available via lottery and auction. For more information on lottery tickets, visit: <http://auctions.nwtf.org/item.php?id=344/>. The other permit will be auctioned at the National Wild Turkey Federation's convention in Nashville, TN. Visit: [http://nwtf.org/special\\_events/convention.html/](http://nwtf.org/special_events/convention.html/).

# Hunting Information

## Legal Sporting Arms

Sporting arms legal for hunting big game species are listed on the individual species' pages. Exceptions to the following descriptions are noted where applicable.

Hunters may use only soft-nosed or hollow-pointed bullets. Full-metal-jacketed or tracer bullets are illegal. No fully automatic arms may be used.

Sights on bows may not magnify targets or project light. Arrows must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on a hunting arrow, and arrows cannot be driven by explosives.

Crossbow use is legal by certified Mobility-Impaired hunters and they may use crossbows to hunt any protected species during any legal season unless otherwise restricted. Legally licensed elk hunters may use crossbows during several Elk Rifle, Muzzleloader/Bow hunts. See pages 33, 38 and 39. Sights on crossbows may not magnify targets or project light. Bolts must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on bolts. Bolts cannot be driven by explosives.

Scopes, sabots, in-line ignition and belted bullets may be used with muzzleloaders but not Restricted Muzzleloaders. See page 6 for definition.

## Criminal Trespass Is Against the Law!

A. Criminal trespass consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon posted private property without possessing written permission from the owner or person in control of the land. The provisions of this subsection do not apply if:

1. The owner or person in control of the land has entered into an agreement with the Department of Game and Fish granting access to public hunters for the purpose of taking any game animals, birds or fish by hunting, fishing or trapping; or
2. A person is in possession of a landowner authorization given to him by the owner or person in control of the land that grants access to that particular private land for the purpose of taking any game animals, birds or fish by hunting, fishing or trapping.

B. Criminal trespass also consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon the unposted lands of another knowing that such consent to enter or remain is denied or withdrawn by the owner or occupant thereof. Notice of no consent to enter shall be deemed sufficient notice to the public and evidence to the courts, by the posting of the fenced property at all vehicular access entries.

C. Criminal trespass also consists of knowingly entering or remaining upon lands owned, operated or controlled by the state or any of its political subdivisions knowing that consent to enter or remain is denied or withdrawn by the custodian thereof.

D. Any person who enters upon the lands of another without prior permission and injures, damages or destroys any part of the realty or its improvements, including buildings, structures, trees, shrubs, or other natural features, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession for civil damages in an amount equal to double the value of the damage to the property injured or destroyed.

E. Whoever commits criminal trespass is guilty of a misdemeanor. Additionally, any person who violates the provisions of Subsection A, B, or C of this section, in connection with hunting, fishing or trapping activity, shall have his hunting or fishing license revoked by the State Game Commission for a period of not less than three years, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17-3-34, NMSA 1978.

## Criminal Trespass cont.

F. Whoever knowingly removes, tampers with or destroys any "No Trespassing" sign is guilty of a petty misdemeanor; except when the damage to the sign amounts to more than \$1,000, in which case he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment in the county jail for a definite term less than one year or a fine not more than \$1,000 or to both imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the judge.

## Unlawful Taking of Game On Private Property

It is unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take or kill any game animal or furbearer on posted private property without written permission of the landowner or person in control of the land, or if consent to remain on the property has been denied or withdrawn. It is unlawful to knowingly enter upon any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal or furbearer without written permission of the landowner or person in control of the land.

Any game animals or furbearers taken in violation of the above, shall be subject to seizure.

## Military Closures

The U.S. Forest Service and the Military may delay or cancel hunts in portions of GMUs 10, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 28 and AMUs 3, 9, 12, 18 and 19 due to concerns for public safety. Closures of these areas could occur on several occasions throughout the year and may affect a number of hunts listed in this booklet.

Closures typically will occur between the hours of 3:00 am and 8:00 am. Evacuation of all people from these areas is required. Roadblocks will be positioned along all roads leading into the closed areas.

The area subject to closure in Unit 10 includes approximately 29 square miles of the Mount Taylor Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, located in the Zuni Mountains directly south and east of Fort Wingate Launch Complex and south of I-40.

The area subject to closure in Unit 13 includes approximately 200 square miles of the western portion of the Magdalena Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, located in the Datil Mountains north of U.S. Highway 60 and northeast of Datil, NM. Authority for the closures is 36 CFR 261.53 (E) and 36 CFR 261.54 (E) New Mexico.

## Law Prohibits Harassing Legal Hunters

New Mexico has a law (NMSA 1978, Chapter 17-2-7.1) prohibiting "hunter harassment" or interfering with another person who is lawfully hunting, trapping or fishing in an area where those activities are permitted. The first offense is a petty misdemeanor, the second a misdemeanor.

If a person who commits interference possesses a license, certificate or permit issued to him/her by the State Game Commission, the license, certificate or permit will be subject to revocation.

### Interference means:

1. Intentionally placing yourself in a location where a human presence may affect the behavior of a game animal, bird, or fish or the feasibility of killing or taking a game animal, bird or fish, with the intent of interfering with or harassing another person who is lawfully hunting, trapping or fishing.
2. Intentionally creating a visual, aural, olfactory or physical stimulus for the purpose of affecting the behavior of a game animal, bird or fish, with the intent of interfering with or harassing another person who is lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping.
3. Intentionally affecting the condition or altering the placement of personal property used for the purpose of killing or taking a game animal, bird or fish.

# Hunting Information continued

## Outfitted Hunts

New Mexico's drawing system for hunts is based on a quota which allocates big-game hunting opportunities among resident and nonresident hunters. Residents receive 78% of the available licenses for any hunt code. Nonresidents who use registered outfitters will receive up to 12% of the available licenses. Nonresidents who hunt without outfitters will receive up to 10% of the available licenses.

Nonresidents who receive a license by using a registered outfitter's number are required by state law to hunt with that outfitter for the duration of their hunt. Nonresidents who received one of the 12% outfitter pool licenses and hunt on their own, may be prosecuted for hunting without a valid license; a misdemeanor offense.

The Department regulates the operations and professional conduct of registered outfitters. A registered outfitter is any person who advertises or holds himself out for hire to the public or accepts compensation for providing equipment or services for hunting activities. A registered guide works for the outfitter and shall have a written agreement or contract with the outfitter. Registered outfitters and guides must follow the State Game Commission's code of conduct when carrying out all outfitter/guide activities. Violations of the rules and regulations can result in revocation of a the outfitter's privileges.

There are more than 250 registered outfitters operating in New Mexico. A list is provided on the Department's Web site at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) and is also available from the Outfitter and Guide Registrar: (505) 222-4711. Hunters hiring an outfitter should fully research perspective candidates and obtain their references prior to hunting.

If using a registered outfitter in New Mexico, both outfitter and hunter are required to sign a contract prior to the hunt. The contract must be dated, signed by all parties and designate the terms, compensation and services to be provided by the registered outfitter.

Anyone outfitting or taking clients on public lands, including landowners or their agents, must obtain a special recreation permit from the appropriate land management agency (BLM, U.S. Forest Service, and/or State Land Office). Public land management agencies may place a limit on the number of outfitters operating on public lands. When negotiating with a prospective outfitter for a public land hunt, make certain that they have the necessary permits. Your written contract should include these details.

Not all individuals are required to be registered as an outfitter in New Mexico. Landowners and their agents are exempt from registration requirements when guiding a hunter that holds a landowner license. If a person buys or has for sale landowner authorizations this does not mean that they are the agent of the landowner.

## White Sands Missile Range

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) only allows the use of outfitters and guides for Oryx Once-In-A-Lifetime, Youth Only and Mobility Impaired hunts. Outfitters and guides are not authorized for Population Management or Security Badged hunts. Only those outfitters and guides registered IN ADVANCE of the hunt with WSMR will be allowed to operate on the Range. It is the hunter's responsibility to insure that their outfitter or guide is in compliance with Range policies. Contact WSMR at (575) 678-7095 or (575) 678-3487 for registration requirements.

## Legal Hunting Hours

Legal hunting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset for all big game species and turkey.

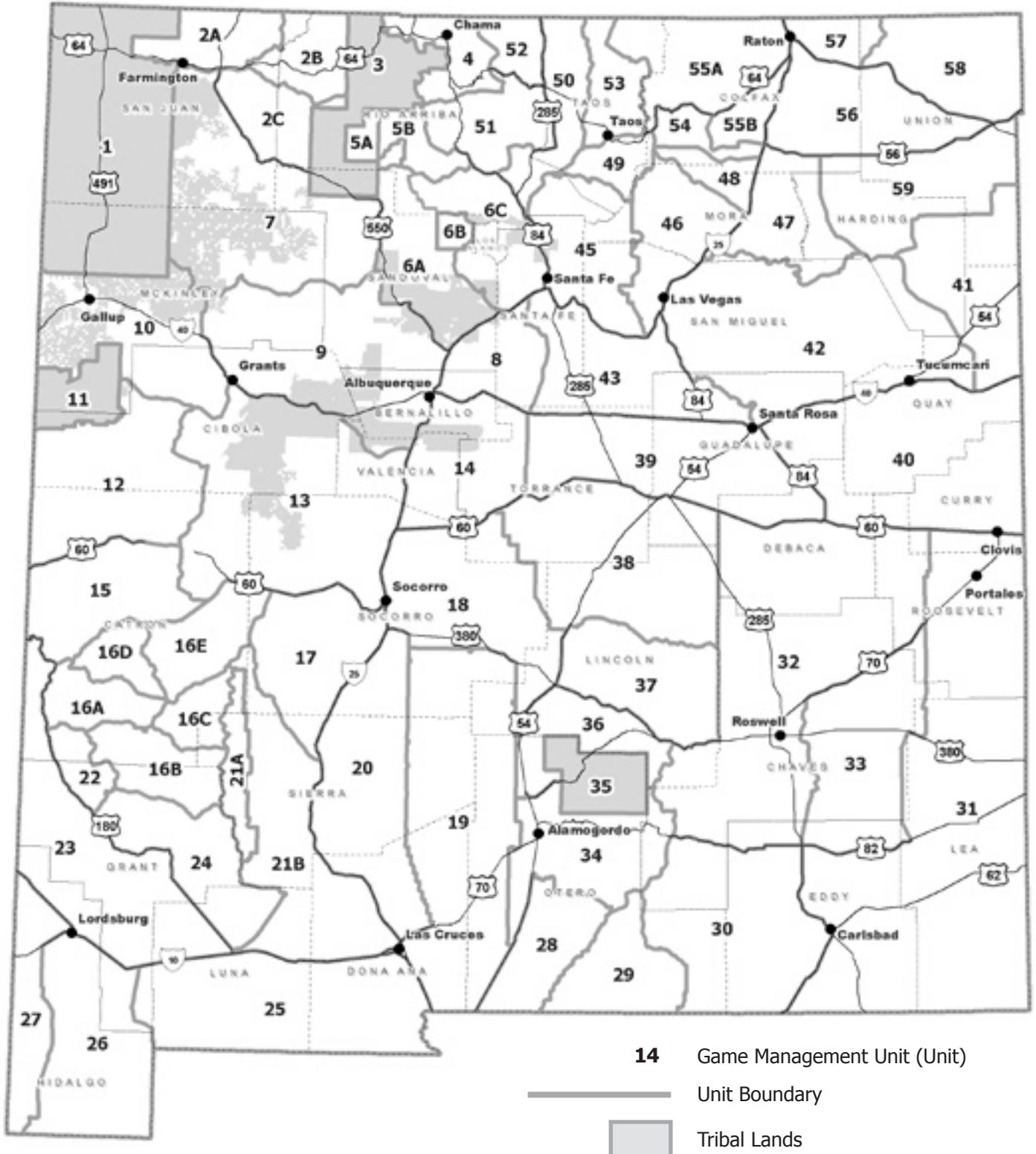
## Albuquerque Area Sunrise and Sunset Times

Mountain Daylight Time (MDT), shown in shaded blocks, begins at **2 AM, March 14, 2010** and ends at **2 AM, November 7, 2010**. Other times are Mountain Standard Time. For areas west of Albuquerque, add one minute for each 12 miles. For areas east of Albuquerque, subtract one minute for each 12 miles.

DATE	RISE	SET	DATE	RISE	SET
Jan. 1	7:15	5:05	July 1	5:56	8:25
5	7:15	5:08	5	5:58	8:24
10	7:15	5:13	10	6:01	8:23
15	7:14	5:17	15	6:04	8:21
20	7:13	5:22	20	6:07	8:18
25	7:10	5:27	25	6:11	8:15
Feb. 1	7:06	5:35	Aug. 1	6:16	8:09
5	7:03	5:39	5	6:19	8:05
10	6:58	5:43	10	6:23	8:00
15	6:53	5:49	15	6:27	7:54
20	6:47	5:54	20	6:30	7:48
25	6:41	5:58	25	6:34	7:42
Mar. 1	6:35	6:02	Sept. 1	6:39	7:32
5	6:30	6:06	5	6:42	7:27
10	6:23	6:10	10	6:46	7:20
15	7:16	7:14	15	6:50	7:13
20	7:09	7:19	20	6:53	7:05
25	7:02	7:23	25	6:57	6:58
April 1	6:52	7:28	Oct. 1	7:02	6:50
5	6:47	7:31	5	7:05	6:44
10	6:40	7:35	10	7:09	6:37
15	6:34	7:39	15	7:13	6:31
20	6:27	7:43	20	7:17	6:24
25	6:21	7:48	25	7:20	6:19
May 1	6:15	7:52	Nov. 1	7:28	6:11
5	6:11	7:56	5	7:32	6:08
10	6:06	8:00	10	6:37	5:04
15	6:02	8:04	15	6:42	5:00
20	5:59	8:08	20	6:46	4:58
25	5:56	8:11	25	6:51	4:56
June 1	5:53	8:16	Dec. 1	6:57	4:54
5	5:52	8:18	5	7:00	4:54
10	5:52	8:20	10	7:04	4:55
15	5:52	8:22	15	7:08	4:56
20	5:52	8:24	20	7:10	4:58
25	5:54	8:25	25	7:13	5:01

## Big-Game Management Units Map

Do not use the map on this page to determine unit boundaries. Individual unit maps can be downloaded from the Department's Web site at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).



# Population Management Hunts

## General Application Information

- Applicant MAY apply for a population management hunt as well as any regular draw hunt, including once-in-a-lifetime hunts, if eligible, but must do so on a separate Form 2010.
- Residents and nonresidents wishing to receive a population management license for elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep and oryx must apply for one on Form 2010 by **Feb. 3, 2010**.
- No one may apply for more than one population management hunt per species.
- Only one person may apply on each Form 2010, and a separate Form 2010 must be used for each species.
- The correct license and application fee must be submitted for each species. Please refer to the Population Management License Fee chart on this page.
- Applications are accepted only by mail or online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/).
- Form 2010 is available at any Department office, on the Department's Web site and from many license vendors.
- A random computer drawing ranks applicants and places them on a list. The ranking number will be printed on the license. A license will be issued to hunters on the list. The license is not valid until issued a validation number by Department personnel.
- When a population management hunt is necessary, Department officials will contact hunters in the order they appear on the list and notify them of the hunt areas, dates, bag limit, sporting arms to be used and any other special restrictions.
- The hunter will be asked to accept or decline. If a hunter declines a hunt, they will be moved to the bottom of the list and another hunter will be contacted.
- Applicants may update their telephone number or address by calling the Depredation Coordinator at (505) 476-8047.
- Being on a population management hunt list does not guarantee you will be contacted for a hunt.

## Drawing and Ranking Results

- All successfully drawn applicants will receive a license.
- Drawing results are available on the Department's Web site or by phone 10 days after the drawing.

## No Refunds or Exchanges

- No refund will be given for any deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep or oryx population management list hunt after it has been validated (issued a validation number). Licenses for persons not contacted to participate in a deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep or oryx list hunt will be refunded after April 2011.
- License fees for persons not successful in drawing a population management hunt will be refunded by May 2010.
- The application fee will not be refunded.
- Licenses cannot be transferred to other persons or exchanged for other areas or hunts.
- For exceptions, see page 4.

## One License Per Species

- No one may have more than one valid deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep or oryx license in a license year.
- Hunters who have an unvalidated population management license CANNOT also hold a regular draw or private land license for that species and must return the unvalidated population management license to the Department.

## Population Management License Fees

Fees listed below include the nonrefundable application fee and the Depredation Damage Stamp fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

Species	Resident	Nonresident
<b>Deer</b>	<b>\$49.00</b>	<b>\$297.00</b>
<b>Elk</b>	<b>\$93.00</b>	<b>\$562.00</b>
This is the fee for a mature bull elk. If the bag limit for your population management hunt is an antlerless elk, you will receive a refund at the end of the license year for the difference in license fees.		
<b>Oryx</b>	<b>\$163.00</b>	<b>\$1,637.00</b>
White Sands Missile Range and Jornada Experimental Station charge a \$150 access fee and San Andres National Wildlife Refuge charges a \$100 access fee to all oryx hunters. Other Federal agencies may charge access fees. Applying for the oryx population management hunt implies acceptance of this additional charge should you be called for one of these hunts. ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course before they hunt. Additionally, hunters must wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest while hunting.		
<b>Pronghorn Antelope</b>	<b>\$63.00</b>	<b>\$297.00</b>

## Population Management List Hunt Application Information

- These hunts are scheduled as needed and possibly on short notice.
- Anyone may apply, but only one person may apply per Form 2010.
- Only one hunt code per species may be chosen.

Species	Hunt Code	Area
<b>Deer</b>	<b>DER-5-100</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
<b>Elk</b>	<b>ELK-5-100</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
<b>Pronghorn</b>	<b>ANT-5-100</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
<b>Barbary Sheep</b>	<b>BBY-5-100</b>	<b>Statewide</b>

## Win An Elk Or Oryx Incentive Authorization For CWD Testing

Hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. To participate, hunters must bring in freshly harvested deer or elk heads to any Department office or field collection station so tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. To be eligible, hunters are required to deliver the head within 48 hours of taking the animal.

**Hunters Called For Population Management List Hunts**

Species	Hunt Code	Area	Hunters Called in 2008-2009
Deer	DER-5-060	NW	0
	DER-5-061	NE	0
	DER-5-062	SW	0
	DER-5-063	SE	0
Elk	ELK-5-465	NW	0
	ELK-5-466	NE	0
	ELK-5-467	SW	0
	ELK-5-468	SE	0
Pronghorn	ANT-5-575	NE	12
	ANT-5-576	SE	18



**Oryx On White Sands Missile Range**

**Oryx Population Management “As Called” Hunts**

Information for both hunts

- These hunts are scheduled as needed and possibly on short notice.
- Applicant MAY NOT apply for any other oryx population management hunt.
- Only one person may apply per Form 2010.
- Only one hunt code may be chosen.
- Application must be made on Form 2010 by **Feb. 3, 2010**.

**Specific information for Standard ORX-5-510 hunts**

- White Sands Missile Range and Jornada Experimental Range charge a \$150 access fee and San Andres National Wildlife Refuge charges a \$100 access fee to all oryx hunters. Other Federal agencies may charge access fees.
- Anyone may apply for the ORX-5-510 hunt. Up to 250 individuals will receive a license with a ranking number.

Standard Hunt	Dates	Hunt Code	Hunters Called in 2008-2009
	TBD	ORX-5-510	104

**Specific information for Fort Bliss ORX-5-511 hunts**

- Only active-duty Fort Bliss military personnel may apply for the ORX-5-511 hunt. Proof of assignment to Fort Bliss must accompany application, or if applying online, forwarded to the Department’s Special Hunts Office by the application deadline. Up to 30 individuals will receive a license with a ranking number.
- All applicants for Fort Bliss hunts must possess proof of successfully completing a state certified hunter education course before their hunt. Hunters must wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest while hunting.

Fort Bliss (west of US 54)	Dates	Hunt Code	Hunters Called in 2008-2009
	TBD	ORX-5-511	10

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# Deer

## General Information

To hunt deer in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents must have a hunting license.

It is recommended that you do NOT purchase a General Hunting or General Hunting and Fishing License until you know if you were successful in the deer draw or unless you have access to private land.

Hunters must have:

1. Public Land Deer Draw License (issued only through the draw), or a Private Land-only Deer License (available at any license vendor, except for Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A) and written permission from the landowner if hunting on private land, AND
2. Habitat Stamp if hunting on BLM or U.S. Forest Service lands, AND
3. Habitat Management and Access Validation when hunting on ANY lands.

It is illegal to apply for, buy or use more than one license, or tag for any big game species during any license year, except when permitted by rule.

## Discounted Resident Combination Licenses

Residents applying ONLINE for public land deer licenses will have the opportunity to select a combination license in conjunction with their deer application.

Residents will have the choice to apply for a General Hunting and Fishing License or a General Hunting License or a Deer License or a Handicapped General Hunting and Fishing or a Handicapped General Hunting or a Junior/Senior Deer License. Additionally, applicants will have the option to purchase a Habitat Management and Access Validation, Habitat Improvement Stamp and/or Harvest Information Program (HIP) number, at the same time.

Online applicants will be charged the full fee up front at the application deadline. An authorization number will be provided prior to April 15 to residents who select one of the combination hunting and fishing license options online along with the proper stamps and validations. This authorization number will serve as their legal Fishing License. Be aware that applicants selecting any combination hunting and fishing license will not be able to fish legally UNTIL they have received their authorization number. If you wish to fish April 1, you MUST purchase a separate Fishing License. Customers may obtain their authorization number by accessing their customer account between April 7 and April 15.

Residents who choose a combination license and who successfully draw for deer will be issued a deer license. Residents who are unsuccessful in the deer draw will be issued a refund for the difference of the full combination package price and the lesser one for which the authorization was issued. No refunds will be issued for licenses tied to an authorization number.

## License Fees

See page 7 for all deer license fees. The full license fee plus a nonrefundable application fee is required when submitting the application. DAV applicants DO NOT need to submit an application fee when applying for a public draw deer license. A Private Land-only Deer License may be purchased any time after July 1.

## Public Land Deer Draw License

A Public Land Deer Draw License is issued only through the regular public draw. To hunt public land, an individual must apply for a Public Land Deer Draw License by submitting application Form 2010 to the Department by April 7, 2010. Anyone applying for a deer draw license, MUST pay the full license and application fee when making application.

Successful applicants will be issued a Public Land Deer Draw License. This License will indicate a hunt code and identify the unit, sporting arms type, season dates, and bag limit. Attached to the license will be a deer carcass tag.

The Public Land Deer License authorizes the hunter to hunt on any open public land within the specified unit or hunt area and any private land in that unit (except for Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A) as long as they secure written permission from each landowner on whose property they hunt.

While hunting, the Public Land Deer Draw License hunter must have in their possession a:

1. Deer or general license for hunting or fishing, indicating the appropriate hunt code,
2. Habitat Stamp if hunting on BLM or U.S. Forest Service lands,
3. Habitat Management and Access Validation when hunting on ANY lands,
4. Written permission from the landowner if hunting on private land.

## Types of Public Land Deer Draw Licenses

There are several types of public land deer hunts. There are standard hunts (S); quality hunts (Q), which are determined by the State Game Commission; and high-demand hunts (HD) for rifle, bow and muzzleloader. Some hunts are both quality and high demand (Q/HD). High-demand hunts are those hunts for which nonresidents were at least 22% of the applicant pool for each of the two previous license years.

## Fourth Choice Hunts

An applicant marking fourth choice indicates that they will accept a deer hunting license for ANY HUNT in a specific quadrant of the state. The 4th choice assignment will always be for the same sporting arm type as the first choice on an application.

Hunters should be aware that success rates for 4th choice hunts may be low due to small, localized populations of deer. Hunters that apply for and receive their 4th choice hunt will NOT receive a refund and cannot obtain a Private Land-only License if they are dissatisfied with the hunt they draw.

If applying for a 4th choice hunt, applicants must choose one of the 4 quadrants of the State listed below:

- NW** May include Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 or 14.
- NE** May include Units 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59.
- SW** May include Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 or 27.
- SE** May include Units 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39 or 40.

## Changing Your Validation

A Public Land Deer Draw License CANNOT be changed or revalidated once issued through the drawing. The only deer license that may be changed are Private Land-only Licenses obtained from vendors, see page 21.

## Bag Limit

The bag limit for most hunts is FAD, FAMD or FAWTD. (See Definitions on page 5). The only exceptions are Youth-Only hunts on the Brantley, Seven Rivers, and Huey WMAs, which are ES (either-sex) and the Youth-Only hunt in Units 41, 58 and 59 which are ESWTD (either-sex white-tailed deer).

The antlers and attached segment of the skull must stay with the deer you take until it reaches the place where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage.

## Legal Sporting Arm Types

### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; any bow and arrows; any muzzleloading rifle. Crossbows may be used only by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15.

### Bow Only

Any bow and arrows. Crossbows may be used only by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15.

### Muzzleloader

Any muzzleloading rifle. Scopes and sabots are legal.

### Restricted Muzzleloader Only

Any muzzleloading rifle (including a smoothbore flintlock or musket) using open sights in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex, or an equivalent substitute may be used. Use of in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, multiple projectiles and scopes are illegal.

## Private Land-only Deer Licenses

To hunt only on private land (except in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A, see below), a hunter must obtain a Private Land-only Deer License from any license vendor or by completing Form 3 or order a license online. Attached to the license will be a deer carcass tag.

While hunting, the Private Land-only Deer License hunter must have in their possession a:

1. Properly validated Private Land-only Deer License indicating the appropriate hunt code, AND
2. Written permission from the landowner(s) on whose private land they are hunting, AND
3. A Habitat Management and Access Validation

The Private Land-only Deer License will indicate a hunt code and identify the unit, sporting arms type, season dates, and bag limit.

**It is unlawful for any person to hunt on public land with a Private Land-only Deer License.**

## Private Land Hunting in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A

Landowners must obtain a specially designated Form 2010 from the Department's NW Area office. Hunters wishing to hunt on private land in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A must obtain the specially designated Form 2010 and the list of special hunt codes from the landowner on whose land they wish to hunt and apply with this form through the regular public draw. Only this special Form 2010 may be used when making application for private land hunts in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A. When applying for private land hunts in GMU 5A, only one person may apply on each application form. This application must be submitted to the Department by **April 7, 2010**.

## Private Land Deer Conservation Incentive Program

Private landowners that are engaged in significant improvements of deer habitat on their lands may be eligible for various incentives. For more information, contact (505) 476-8038.

## Validating Your Private Land-only Deer License

When you obtain a Private Land-only Deer License, you must choose a hunt code that corresponds with a Public Hunt Code for the Unit, Sporting Arm and Season Date. If you are a nonresident and choose a corresponding Public Hunt Code designated as Quality, you must purchase a Quality Deer License. Only Department personnel may revalidate Private Land-only Deer Licenses. The deadline to revalidate your Private Land-only Deer license is by the beginning date of the first season validated.

Units 8 (firearm hunts), 46, 54, and 55 **do not have public land hunts**, therefore the selected hunt code must be one of those listed below. The fee type is standard (S).

Unit	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm</b>				
8	Oct. 16-20	DER-1-450	Unlimited	FAD
46	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-452	Unlimited	FAD
46	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-453	Unlimited	FAD
54	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-456	Unlimited	FAD
54	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-457	Unlimited	FAD
54	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-458	Unlimited	FAWTD
55	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-461	Unlimited	FAD
55	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-462	Unlimited	FAD
55B	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-465	Unlimited	FAWTD
<b>Bow Only</b>				
46	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-454	Unlimited	FAD
54	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-459	Unlimited	FAD
55	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-463	Unlimited	FAD
<b>Muzzleloader and Bow</b>				
8	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-451	Unlimited	FAD
46	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-455	Unlimited	FAD
54	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-460	Unlimited	FAD
55	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-464	Unlimited	FAD

## Chronic Wasting Disease Rules

### Currently Apply to Unit 19 and Control Area of Unit 34

It is unlawful to transport dead deer or elk, or their parts, taken from any Game Management Unit or other area designated by the Director in which the presence of, or possibility of, exposure to chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been identified to any location outside that Game Management Unit except for the following parts of deer or elk:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either privately or commercially.
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the head or spinal column attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean skull plates with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as "ivories."
- Finished heads mounted by a taxidermist.

You may not remove the whole head and spinal column. You must keep proof of sex with all game species until you get the game to the place where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage.

For Control Area Map of Unit 34, go to: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/disease/cwd/documents/CWDcontrolarea2006.pdf](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/disease/cwd/documents/CWDcontrolarea2006.pdf).

## Win An Elk Or Oryx Incentive Authorization For CWD Testing

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continued **Draw Licenses, Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm**

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-188	Q	175	FAD
17	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-189	Q	175	FAD
17 Youth Only	Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12	DER-1-190	Q	100	FAD
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-194	S	100	FAD
18	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-195	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-200	S	100	FAD
20	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-201	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21 Youth Only	Sept. 25-Oct. 3	DER-1-207	S	100	FAD
21	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-205	S	500	FAD
21	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-206	S	500	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-211	HD	100	FAD
22	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-212	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-216	S	450	FAMD
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-217	S	50	FAWTD
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-218	S	450	FAMD
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-219	S	50	FAWTD
23 Burro Mountains hunt area	Oct. 9-13	DER-1-220	Q	50	FAMD
23 Burro Mountains hunt area	Oct. 9-13	DER-1-221	Q	50	FAWTD
23 Burro Mountains hunt area Youth Only	Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12	DER-1-222	Q	25	FAD
<b>Unit 24</b>					
24 Youth Only	Sept. 25-Oct. 3	DER-1-237	S	100	FAD
24	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-233	S	300	FAMD
24	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-234	S	50	FAWTD
24	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-235	S	300	FAMD
24	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-236	S	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-244	S	75	FAD
25	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-245	S	75	FAD
<b>Unit 26</b>					
26 except Big Hatchets management area	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-249	S	75	FAD
26 except Big Hatchets management area	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-250	S	75	FAD
<b>Unit 27</b>					
27	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-254	Q	25	FAMD
27	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-255	Q/HD	25	FAWTD
27	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-256	Q	25	FAMD
27	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-257	Q	25	FAWTD
<b>Unit 28</b>					
28 McGregor Range	Oct. 9-10	DER-1-262	S	10	FAD
28 McGregor Range Military Only	Oct. 9-10	DER-1-263	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-264	S	150	FAD
29	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-265	S	150	FAD
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-268	S	1,000	FAD
30	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-269	S	1,500	FAD
30 Youth Only	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-270	S	250	FAD
30 Youth Only	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-271	S	250	FAD
<b>Unit 31</b>					
31 including Brantley WMA	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-274	S	400	FAD
31 including Brantley WMA	Nov. 20-24	DER-1-275	S	400	FAD
<b>Unit 31/33</b>					
31/33 Brantley WMA only and Huey Waterfowl Management Area only Youth Only	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-286	Q	15	ES

FAD= Any deer with at least 2 points on one side, FAMD=Fork-antlered mule deer, FAWTD=Fork-antlered white-tailed deer, ES=Either-sex deer, ESWTD=Either sex white-tailed deer. Game Management Unit boundary maps are available on the Department's Web site at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

# Deer continued

## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm continued

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 32</b>					
32	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-278	S	600	FAD
32	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-279	S	600	FAD
<b>Unit 33</b>					
33	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-282	Q	150	FAD
33	Nov. 20-24	DER-1-283	Q	150	FAD
<b>Unit 34</b>					
34 <b>Youth Only</b>	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-291	S	50	FAD
34 <b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b>	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-292	S	50	FAD
34	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-289	S	1,200	FAD
34	Nov. 13-17	DER-1-290	S	1,200	FAD
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36 except Fort Stanton BLM Area	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-295	S	300	FAD
36 except Fort Stanton BLM Area	Nov. 20-24	DER-1-296	S	300	FAD
36 including Fort Stanton <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12	DER-1-297	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-301	S	600	FAD
37	Nov. 20-24	DER-1-302	S	600	FAD
<b>Unit 38</b>					
38	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-305	S	350	FAD
38	Nov. 20-24	DER-1-306	S	350	FAD
<b>Unit 39</b>					
39	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-309	S	50	FAD
39	Nov. 20-24	DER-1-310	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 40</b>					
40	Nov. 6-10	DER-1-313	S	50	FAD
40	Nov. 20-24	DER-1-314	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 41</b>					
41	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-317	S	35	FAD
41	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-318	S	35	FAD
41 <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-320	S	5	FAD
41 <b>Youth Only</b>	Dec. 4-8	DER-1-321	S	15	ESWTD
41	Dec. 11-15	DER-1-319	S	10	FAWTD
<b>Unit 42</b>					
42	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-324	S	60	FAD
42	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-325	S	60	FAD
42	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-326	S	10	FAWTD
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-329	S	50	FAD
43	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-330	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45 <b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b>	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-336	S	25	FAD
45	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-333	S	275	FAD
45	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-334	S	275	FAD
45 <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 25-28 and Dec. 4-5	DER-1-335	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 47</b>					
47	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-340	S	20	FAD
47	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-341	S	20	FAD
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-344	S	50	FAD
48	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-345	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-347	S	100	FAD
49	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-348	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-350	S	50	FAD
50	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-351	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-353	S	100	FAD
51	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-354	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-356	S	100	FAD
52	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-357	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-360	S	100	FAD
53	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-361	S	100	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 54 and 55</b>					
54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-363	S	15	FAD
54 and 55 Colin Neblett WMA	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-364	S	15	FAD
<b>Unit 55</b>					
55 ES Barker WMA	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-365	S	5	FAD
55 ES Barker WMA <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-366	S	5	FAD
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-367	S	10	FAD
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-368	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-369	S	15	FAD
56	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-370	S	15	FAD
56 <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-371	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-374	S	25	FAD
57	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-375	S	25	FAD
57 <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-377	S	10	FAD
57	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-376	S	10	FAWTD
<b>Unit 58</b>					
58	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-381	S	30	FAD
58	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-382	S	30	FAD
58 <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-384	S	10	FAD
58 <b>Youth Only</b>	Dec. 4-8	DER-1-385	S	15	ESWTD
58	Dec. 11-15	DER-1-383	S	10	FAWTD
<b>Unit 59</b>					
59	Oct. 23-27	DER-1-388	S	35	FAD
59	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-1-389	S	35	FAD
59 <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 25-28	DER-1-391	S	5	FAD
59 <b>Youth Only</b>	Dec. 4-8	DER-1-392	S	15	ESWTD
59	Dec. 11-15	DER-1-390	S	10	FAWTD

**Draw Licenses, Seasons for Bow Only**

**What You Must Know Before You Hunt**

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**Restricted Areas:** Units 1, 3, 11, 35 and other tribal reservations. Contact tribal officials directly.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
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**Private Land Only-Licenses may NOT be issued by license vendors for hunts in units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.**

<b>Unit 2</b>					
2A Public Land Only	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-103	S	40	FAD
2A Public Land Only	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-104	Q/HD	80	FAD
2B Public Land Only	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-116	S	130	FAD
2B Public Land Only	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-117	Q/HD	180	FAD
2B Public Land Only <b>Youth Only</b>	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-118	S	20	FAD
2B Public Land Only <b>Youth Only</b>	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-119	Q	50	FAD
2C Public Land Only	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-127	Q/HD	66	FAD
<b>Unit 5</b>					
5A Public Land Only	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-141	S	30	FAD
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A and 6C	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-147	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-150	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 8</b>					
8 <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 20-28	DER-2-153	S	50	FAD
8	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-152	Q	50	FAD
<b>Unit 9</b>					
9 including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-156	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-163	S	120	FAD

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## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Bow Only continued

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-166	S	75	FAD
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-171	S	150	FAD
13	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-172	Q	150	FAD
<b>Unit 14</b>					
14	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-175	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-177	S	100	FAD
15	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-178	Q	100	FAD
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-185	S	200	FAD
16	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-186	Q	200	FAD
16B is almost entirely wilderness, no motorized travel allowed.					
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-191	Q	200	FAD
17	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-192	Q	200	FAD
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-196	S	50	FAD
18	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-197	Q	50	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-202	S	25	FAD
20	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-203	Q	25	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-208	S	150	FAD
21	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-209	Q	150	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-213	S	25	FAD
22	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-214	Q	25	FAD
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-223	S	100	FAMD
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-224	S	75	FAWTD
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-225	Q	100	FAMD
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-226	Q	75	FAWTD
23 Burro Mountains hunt area	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-227	Q	50	FAMD
23 Burro Mountains hunt area	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-228	Q/HD	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 24</b>					
24	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-238	S	100	FAMD
24	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-239	S	50	FAWTD
24	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-240	Q	100	FAMD
24	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-241	Q	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-246	S	50	FAD
25	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-247	Q	50	FAD
<b>Unit 26</b>					
26 except Big Hatchets management area	Sept. 1-24	DER-2-251	S	25	FAD
26 except Big Hatchets management area	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-252	Q	25	FAD
<b>Unit 27</b>					
27	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-258	Q	25	FAMD
27	Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-259	Q/HD	30	FAWTD
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-266	Q	200	FAD
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-272	Q/HD	300	FAD
<b>Unit 31</b>					
31 including Brantley WMA	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-276	Q	200	FAD
<b>Unit 32</b>					
32	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-280	Q	200	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 33</b> 33	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-284	Q	100	FAD
<b>Unit 34</b> 34	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-293	Q/HD	800	FAD
<b>Unit 36</b> 36 including Fort Stanton BLM Area	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-298	Q	250	FAD
<b>Unit 37</b> 37	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-303	Q	200	FAD
<b>Unit 38</b> 38	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-307	Q	200	FAD
<b>Unit 39</b> 39	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-311	Q	50	FAD
<b>Unit 40</b> 40	Sept. 1-22 <u>and</u> Jan. 1-15, '11	DER-2-315	Q	50	FAD
<b>Unit 41</b> 41	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-322	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 42</b> 42	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-327	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 43</b> 43	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-331	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 45</b> 45	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-337	S	120	FAD
<b>Unit 47</b> 47	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-342	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 48</b> 48	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-346	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 49</b> 49	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-349	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 50</b> 50	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-352	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 51</b> 51	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-355	S	80	FAD
<b>Unit 52</b> 52	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-358	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 53</b> 53	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-362	S	90	FAD
<b>Unit 56</b> 56	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-372	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 57</b> 57 57 Sugarite Canyon State Park	Sept. 1-22 Nov. 1-30	DER-2-378 DER-2-379	S S	15 40	FAD FAD
<b>Unit 58</b> 58	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-386	S	15	FAD
<b>Unit 59</b> 59	Sept. 1-22	DER-2-393	S	10	FAD

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## Mandatory Harvest Reporting New Mexico's Hunter-Trapper Reporting System

By **Feb. 15**, anyone who is licensed to hunt deer or elk, or by **April 7**, anyone who is licensed to hunt or trap furbearers in New Mexico, must report the results of their hunt or trapping season. This is true whether or not they hunted, trapped or harvested animals. Deer, elk, and furbearer hunters and trappers that do not report, will have ALL applications for draw hunts, population management authorizations, private land authorizations or trapper license application will be rejected the following year.

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## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Muzzleloader and Bow

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth Only Hunts:** Applicants must be under 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply for and carry their certificate while hunting with a firearm. **Units 10, 18, 19 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Closed Areas:** Military reservations, national parks and monuments, state parks and monuments, recreation areas, national and state wildlife refuges and areas, and other locations may be closed or have restrictions placed on hunting. In addition, the following other areas are closed to deer hunting: All state Wildlife Management areas are closed unless specifically open to hunting. **Restricted Areas:** Units 1, 3, 11, 35 and other tribal reservations. Contact tribal officials directly.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
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Private Land Only-Licenses may NOT be issued by license vendors for hunts in units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

<b>Unit 2</b>					
2A Public Land Only	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-107	S	60	FAD
2B Public Land Only	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-122	S	175	FAD
2B Public Land Only <b>Youth Only</b>	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-123	S	20	FAD
2C Public Land Only	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-129	Q	27	FAD
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A and 6C	Oct. 9-13	DER-3-148	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-151	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-164	S	90	FAD
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-167	S	75	FAD
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-173	S	500	FAD
<b>Unit 14</b>					
14 Sandia Ranger District is open to bow only	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-176	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15 <b>Youth Only</b>	Sept. 25-Oct. 3	DER-3-180	S	100	FAD
15	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-179	S	250	FAD
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16 <small>16B is almost entirely wilderness, no motorized travel allowed.</small>	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-187	S	300	FAD
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-193	Q	200	FAD
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-198	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 19</b>					
19 except the White Sands Missile Range portion, <b>mandatory</b> check-in and check-out	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-199	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 20</b>					
20	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-204	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-210	S	500	FAD
<b>Unit 22</b>					
22	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-215	S	100	FAD
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-229	S	450	FAMD
23 except the Burro Mountains hunt area	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-230	S	50	FAWTD
23 Burro Mountains hunt area	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-231	Q	50	FAMD
23 Burro Mountains hunt area	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-232	Q	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 24</b>					
24	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-242	S	300	FAMD
24	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-243	S	50	FAWTD
<b>Unit 25</b>					
25	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-248	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 26</b>					
26 except Big Hatchets management area	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-253	S	75	FAD
<b>Unit 27</b>					
27	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-260	Q	25	FAMD
27	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	DER-3-261	Q/HD	25	FAWTD
<b>Unit 29</b>					
29	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-267	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 31</b>					
31 including Brantley WMA	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-277	S	120	FAD

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 31/33</b>					
31/33	Brantley WMA, Seven Rivers & Huey waterfowl management areas only		<b>Youth Only</b>		
	Nov. 25-28	DER-3-287	Q	30	ES
31/33	Brantley WMA, Seven Rivers & Huey waterfowl management areas only		<b>Youth Only</b>		
	Dec. 26-Jan. 1, '11	DER-3-288	Q	10	ES
<b>Unit 32</b>					
32	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-281	S	125	FAD
<b>Unit 34</b>					
34	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-294	S	350	FAD
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36	except Fort Stanton BLM Area	DER-3-299	S	75	FAD
36	including Fort Stanton <b>Youth Only</b>	DER-3-300	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 38</b>					
38	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-308	S	200	FAD
<b>Unit 39</b>					
39	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-312	S	50	FAD
<b>Unit 40</b>					
40	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-316	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 41</b>					
41	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-323	S	25	FAD
<b>Unit 42</b>					
42	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-328	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-332	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-338	S	110	FAD
45	Oct. 2-6	DER-3-339	S	40	FAD
<b>Unit 47</b>					
47	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-343	S	20	FAD
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-373	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-380	S	15	FAD
<b>Unit 58</b>					
58	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-387	S	15	FAD
<b>Unit 59</b>					
59	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-394	S	25	FAD

**Draw Licenses, Seasons for Restricted Muzzleloader Only**

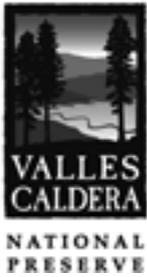
**Restricted Muzzleloader Firearm:** Any muzzle loading rifle (including a smoothbore flintlock or musket) using open sights in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex, or an equivalent substitute may be used. Use of in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, multiple projectiles and scopes are illegal. **Youth hunters** must provide hunter education certificate number on application.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 9</b>					
9	including Water Canyon and Marquez WMAs				
	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-157	S	10	FAD
<b>Unit 30</b>					
30	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-273	S	500	FAD
<b>Unit 33</b>					
33	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-285	Q	50	FAD
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Oct. 23-27	DER-3-304	S	225	FAD
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52	Sept. 24-30	DER-3-359	S	30	FAD

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# Elk

## VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE (UNIT 6B)-2010 ELK HUNT



*An experiment in public land management...*

### A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

The Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP), Unit 6B, is one of New Mexico's premier elk hunting locations and possibly the best place in the U.S. to harvest a trophy bull on public land. An abundant elk herd occupies the Preserve much of the year for breeding, calving and foraging. Our hunts are designed to pay homage to man's oldest relationship with animals.

### SOLITUDE BY DESIGN

At the mandatory orientation session, you will draw a specific area of the Preserve for your hunt. There will be time to scout the Preserve before the hunt begins. Prime locations are abundant and we've eliminated the stress of competing with other hunters. You'll share your 3,000-6,000 acre area with a limited number of hunters.

### TWO CHANCES TO HUNT NEW MEXICO

You can enter the NMDGF's state draw for other game management units, and the VCNP lottery for unit 6B at the same time. The VCNP lottery will be conducted first and applicants selected to hunt the VCNP will be removed from the NMDGF's public elk drawing.

### DIRECT ENTRIES

Once you have your NMDGF Customer ID Number, there are three ways to apply for this year's lottery.

- Apply online at [www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk](http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk)
- Apply over the phone by calling 1-866-382-5537
- Apply by mail using the VCNP lottery ticket form

### STATE QUOTA SYSTEM WILL BE APPLIED

The State quota (78% to residents, 12% to non-residents with an outfitter, and 10% to non-residents without an outfitter) will be applied to this lottery.

### INCREASE YOUR CHANCES

You may purchase up to 20 tickets per hunt code and enter as many hunt codes as you like.

### LOTTERY WINNERS

The Valles Caldera Trust will send you an access authorization that enables you to purchase an elk hunting license from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for Unit 6B. Authorizations are non-transferable. **VCNP hunts ARE NOT once-in-a-lifetime hunts.**

### AFFORDABLE FEES

You must purchase at least one lottery ticket. Ticket prices are \$30 per ticket for bull/either sex hunts and \$20 per ticket for antlerless hunts. There are discount packages for purchasing more than one ticket. There are no other required VCNP fees, but you will need to purchase your New Mexico Department of Game and Fish elk hunting license once you have been selected as lottery winner.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

All state laws, federal laws and all New Mexico Department of Game and Fish rules apply on the VCNP. For a complete description of the VCNP rules and regulations, please visit our Web site.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is midnight April 7.



Apply now at (866) 382-5537, or  
[www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk](http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/elk)

Sporting Arm Type	Hunt Date	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Bow Only	Sept. 1-7	Q	17	ES
Bow Only	Sept. 11-15	Q	15	ES
Muzzleloader Only	Oct. 2-6	Q	15	MB
Muzzleloader Only	Oct. 2-6	S	10	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm	Oct. 9-13	Q	15	MB
Any Legal Sporting Arm	Oct. 9-13	S	8	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm	Oct. 16-20	Q	15	MB
Any Legal Sporting Arm	Oct. 16-20	S	8	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm <b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b>	Oct. 23-25	S	15	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm <b>Youth/Mentor*</b>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1	S	28	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm <b>Youth/Mentor*</b>	Nov. 6-8	S	28	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm <b>2-Person*</b>	Nov. 13-15	S	26	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm	Nov. 20-22	S	25	A
Any Legal Sporting Arm	Nov. 27-29	S	25	A

\*Two persons are required to apply for each of these hunts. Both are able to hunt.

## Private Land Authorization Certificates

### Private Land Authorizations

In order to purchase a private land elk license, the hunter negotiates with a qualified landowner who then provides hunt information to the hunter. Using that information, the hunter completes a PLUS License Request form (available on our Web site on the Apps/ Permits page, Department offices or directly from the landowner).

The completed form may be mailed with required fees to the Department's Santa Fe office. Hunters may NOT hold both a private land and public elk license in the same year. Hunters may NOT exchange a public draw license for a private land license. Please note: Landowner participation in the Elk Private Land Use System (E-PLUS) is voluntary. Their experience with elk hunters directly affects access to private land that hunters have in future years. Contacting the participating landowner before accessing an enrolled unit wide property, while not required, is a courtesy the Department encourages.

### Ranch Only or Unit Wide

Check with the landowners to see if their authorizations are Ranch-Only or Unit-Wide before negotiating. Report any hunting violations by other hunters or access restrictions by the landowner to the district conservation officer.

**Unit-Wide:** Unit-wide landowners must allow free, unrestricted and equal access, including vehicular access, to any legally licensed public or Unit-Wide private land elk hunter to their entire ranch during each public elk hunt in that Unit. This permission does not constitute permission to hunt any other species or during any other time period.

**Ranch-Only:** The ranch-only private land hunter is restricted to the property's deeded acreage and hunt periods listed below. In Units 4, 5A, 46, 54, 55A, 56, 57 and 58, the hunter may also obtain valid written landowner permission to hunt other private lands within that Unit. No public land can be hunted using a Ranch-Only elk license.

### Private Land License Fees\*

	Resident	Nonresident
Antlerless elk	\$72.00	\$361.00
Mature Bull or Either-Sex elk	102.00	571.00
Quality Antlerless elk	72.00	796.00
Quality Mature Bull or Either Sex elk	102.00	796.00
Junior/Senior elk license	70.00	Not Available

\*High-Demand (HD) fees do not apply to private land hunts.

Fees include an administrative fee and Depredation Damage Stamp fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must also be purchased separately.

### Quality Ranch-Only Elk Hunts

Quality elk license fees shall apply to any mature bull (MB) or either sex (ES) private land authorization, except Youth Only, that include any hunt dates from Sept. 15-Oct. 15 for private lands that lie within the COER in Units 13, 15, 16 and 17, but shall not apply to private lands outside COER areas.

### Quality Unit-Wide Elk Hunts

Quality elk license fees shall apply to any mature bull (MB) or either sex (ES) private land license, except Youth Only, for the following hunts:

### Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

ELK-1-249, ELK-1-250, ELK-1-257, ELK-1-264, ELK-1-271, and ELK-1-272

### Bow Only Hunts

ELK-2-229, ELK-2-238, ELK-2-248, ELK-2-256, ELK-2-262, ELK-2-270, ELK-2-278 and ELK-2-287.

### Muzzleloader and Bow Hunts

ELK-3-231, ELK-3-240, ELK-3-280 and ELK-3-289.

## Private Land (Ranch-Only) Hunts

Elk hunters hunting on **inside** COER ranch-only properties are restricted to the following hunt dates and sporting arm types. For hunting **outside** COER properties, check directly with the landowner for hunt details since bag limits, season dates and sporting arm types vary from ranch to ranch.

### Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Dates	Units
Oct. 1-Nov. 30	41, 42, 43, 47 and 59
Oct. 1-Dec. 31	4
Oct. 1-Jan. 31, '11	46, 54, 55A, 56, 57 and 58 (Jan. 1-31 is restricted to antlerless elk hunts only)
Oct. 9-13	24
Oct. 30-Dec. 31 (antlerless elk only)	9
Oct. 2-Dec. 31	5A
Oct. 9-Dec. 31	2, 5B, 10, 45, 49, 50-53
Oct. 16-Dec. 31	6A, 6C, 7, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 21A, 21B, 34, 36 and 48
Oct. 23-Dec. 31	16E and 23
Nov. 1-Dec. 31 (antlerless elk only)	41, 42, 43, 47 and 59
Jan. 1-31, '11 (Rifle only, Antlerless elk only)	36 and 48 (restricted to specific ranches with prior written Department approval)

### Bow Only Hunts

License valid for entire the hunt period

Sept. 1-10	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 23, 34 and 36
Sept. 1-15	2, 5B, 9, 10, 6A, 6C, 7, 21A, 21B, 48, 51 and 52
Sept. 1-22	4, 5A, 41-45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55A, 56, 57, 58 and 59
Sept. 11-18	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17, 23
Sept. 13-22	34 and 36
Sept. 16-22	2, 5B, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 10, 48, 51 and 52
Sept. 16-24	21A and 21B
Sept. 19-24	13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17 and 23

### Muzzleloader and Bow Hunts

License limited to any five consecutive days within the hunt period

Oct. 2-Dec. 31	2, 10, 45, 48, 52 and 53
Oct. 9-Dec. 31	6A, 6C, 7, 9, 34 and 36
Oct. 16-Dec. 31	13, 15, 16E, 17 and 23
Jan. 1-31, '11 Muzzleloader only, antlerless elk only	13 (restricted to specific ranches with prior written Department approval)

### Youth-Only Hunts License limited to dates below

#### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Oct. 2-6	34
Oct. 9-13	16C, 16E and 23

#### Muzzleloader or Bow Only

Oct. 9-13	13, 15 and 17
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### Mobility-Impaired Hunts License limited to dates below

#### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Oct. 2-6	34 and 52
Oct. 9-13	16A and 16D

#### Muzzleloader and Bow

Oct. 2-6	9
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## Public Land Draw Licenses

### General Information

There are several types of elk draw licenses available to hunters. These four types are designated in the column entitled **FEE TYPE** in the **ELK SEASONS** chart. There are standard hunts (S); quality hunts (Q), which are determined by the State Game Commission; and high-demand hunts (HD) for rifle, bow and muzzleloader. Some hunts are both quality and high-demand hunts (Q/HD). High-demand hunts include all hunts for each sporting arms type for which nonresidents were at least 22% of the drawing pool for each of the two previous license years.

Each elk draw license is valid only for a specific hunt in a specific area and for the dates designated on the license issued. **DRAW LICENSES MAY NOT BE TRADED FOR A PRIVATE LAND LICENSE, RETURNED FOR A REFUND, TRANSFERRED, SOLD OR BARTERED.** See page 4 for exceptions.

It is illegal to apply for, buy or use more than one license or tag for any big game species during any license year, except as permitted by rule.

### Application and License Fees

New Mexico residents pay the same fee for standard, quality or high-demand hunts. Nonresidents pay a higher fee for quality and high-demand hunts. Fees differ for mature bull, either-sex, and antlerless elk. Habitat Stamps are required if hunting on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A reduced-fee resident Junior or Senior elk license is available. The cost is \$61. See page 7 for all elk license types and fees. Fees already include a nonrefundable application fee and the Depredation Damage Stamp. A \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately and possessed. See page 5. This fee will NOT be charged to hunters, anglers and trappers younger than 18 years of age, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older.

Up to four persons may apply on an application for an elk draw license. It is unlawful to submit more than one application per species per year. If a hunter submits more than one application for the same species, all applications may be rejected. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Application deadline for the drawing is **April 7, 2010**.

If the license fees of your various hunt choices are different, you must send the **HIGHEST** fee. If the license you are allotted in the drawing is a lower-cost license, you will receive a refund for the difference. The application fee is nonrefundable.

Anyone may apply for an elk license, except for hunts specifically set aside as Youth-Only and Mobility-Impaired Only. Youth-Only hunts are open only to those younger than 18 years of age on the opening day of the hunt. Hunter-education certification is required to apply for Youth-Only hunts.

### Late Season Over-the-Counter Licenses For Bow Only

An opportunity to bow hunt elk continues in Units 12, 34 and 37. Hunting elk outside the rut can be difficult and harvest success could be very low. Harvest is restricted to an APRE/6. See page 39 for open units, hunt dates and hunt codes. See page 7 for license fees.

### Mobility-Impaired Hunters

Applicants for mobility-impaired licenses must include their mobility-impaired certification number on their application. See page 8 for definition of mobility-impaired hunter, or call the Department of Game and Fish at 505-476-8087 for more information.

### Fourth Choice Hunts

An applicant marking fourth choice indicates that they will accept an elk hunting license for **ANY HUNT** in a specific quadrant of the state. The fourth choice assignment will always be for the same sporting arm type as the first choice on an application.

**Hunters should be aware that success rates for 4th choice hunts may be low due to small, localized populations of elk. Hunters that apply for and receive their 4th choice hunt will NOT receive a refund if they are dissatisfied with the hunt they draw. Not all hunts are available in the fourth choice hunt pool.**

A hunter drawing a fourth choice could receive a license with an antlerless bag limit even if their first three choices were for bull licenses and vice versa.

If applying for a 4th choice hunt, applicants must choose one of the 4 quadrants of the State listed below:

- NW** May include Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 or 14
- NE** May include Units 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59
- SW** May include Units 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 or 27
- SE** May include Units 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39 or 40

### Valle Vidal

It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for an elk license in the Valle Vidal if they held a license for elk in Valle Vidal anytime since 1983. Exceptions: A person who has held a license with a bag limit allowing the hunter to take an antlered bull may apply for an antlerless elk license and vice versa; a person who has held a Valle Vidal license issued through the incentive authorization program may apply. Youth hunters are eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (younger than 18). Successful applicants may apply for the other elk hunts thereafter if they qualify.

### Legal Sporting Arms

#### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Centerfire rifle or handgun, .24 caliber or larger; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrows; any muzzleloader rifle no smaller than .45 caliber. Crossbow use is legal by certified Mobility-Impaired hunters who may use crossbows to hunt any protected species during any legal season unless otherwise restricted. Legally licensed elk hunters may use crossbows during a few Elk Rifle, Muzzleloader/Bow hunts. See pages 33, 38 and 39.

#### Bow Only

Any bow and arrows. Crossbows may only be used by Certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15.

#### Muzzleloader

Any muzzleloading rifle no smaller than .45 caliber. Scopes and sabots are legal for all elk hunts.

### Bag Limit (See Definitions and Terms)

- MB** One mature bull. A spike bull is not legal.
- A** One antlerless elk.
- ES** Any one elk.
- APRE/6** An elk with six or more points on at least one antler.

### Win An Elk Or Oryx Incentive Authorization For CWD Testing

Hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. To participate, hunters must bring in freshly harvested deer or elk heads to any Department office or field collection station so tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. To be eligible, hunters are required to deliver the head within 48 hours of taking the animal.

## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt - Any Legal Sporting Arm

**License Fees:** See page 7. **Youth Only:** Applicants must be under 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate while hunting with a firearm. **Unit 10 and 13:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Unit 34:** Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible with military permission only.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-103	S	75	MB
2	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-104	S	100	A
2 Youth Only	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-105	S	50	A
<b>Unit 4</b>					
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 2-6	ELK-1-143	Q	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-144	Q/HD	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-145	Q	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-146	HD	10	MB
4 Sargent WMA	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-147	S	10	A
4 Sargent WMA Youth Only	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-148	S	10	A
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Oct. 2-6	ELK-1-151	S	15	MB
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-152	S	15	MB
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-153	S	10	A
4 Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs Youth Only	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-154	S	15	A
<b>Unit 5</b>					
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 2-6	ELK-1-108	S	10	MB
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 2-6	ELK-1-109	S	10	A
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-110	S	11	MB
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-111	S	10	A
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-112	S	11	MB
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-113	S	10	A
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-114	S	11	MB
5A Public Land Only	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-115	S	8	A
5B	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-157	S	165	MB
5B	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-158	S	100	A
5B	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-159	S	165	MB
5B	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-160	S	100	A
5B	Dec. 18-22	ELK-1-161	S	12	MB
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-193	S	89	MB
6A	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-194	S	88	MB
6A	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-195	S	92	A
6C	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-215	S	160	MB
6C	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-216	S	104	MB
6C	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-217	S	156	A
6C	Nov. 27-Dec. 1	ELK-1-218	S	157	A
6C	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-219	S	108	A
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-224	S	30	MB
7	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-225	S	50	A
<b>Unit 9</b>					
9 including Water Canyon but not Marquez WMA	<b>Crossbow use allowed</b>				
	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-131	S	200	A
9 including Water Canyon but not Marquez WMA	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-132	S	200	A
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-137	S	70	MB
10 Youth Only	Nov. 6-10	ELK-1-138	S	120	A
10	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-139	S	100	A
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Oct. 2-6	ELK-1-361	HD	30	MB
12	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-362	S	30	A

Unit 6C has low elk numbers with scattered populations. Please contact the Department's NW Area Office before applying for these hunts.

## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm continued

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16A <b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b>	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-249	Q/HD	25	MB
16A	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-250	Q/HD	75	MB
16A	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-251	HD	125	MB
16A	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-252	S	150	A
<b>Units 16B and 22</b>					
16B <b>and 22</b>	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-257	Q/HD	160	MB
16B <b>and 22</b>	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-258	S	160	MB
16C <b>Youth Only</b>	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-263	HD	25	ES
16C	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-264	Q/HD	50	MB
16C	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-265	HD	96	MB
16C	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-266	S	100	A
16D <b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b>	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-271	Q/HD	25	MB
16D	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-272	Q/HD	53	MB
16D	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-273	HD	50	MB
16D	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-274	S	100	A
16E <b>Youth Only</b>	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-279	S	25	ES
16E	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-281	S	71	MB
16E	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-282	S	75	A
16E	Dec. 11-15	ELK-1-283	S	75	A
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21A	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-296	S	50	MB
21A	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-297	HD	50	MB
21B	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-301	S	25	MB
21B	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-302	S	25	MB
21B	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-303	S	15	A
21B	Nov. 20-24	ELK-1-304	S	15	A
21B	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-305	S	15	A
21B	Dec. 11-15	ELK-1-306	S	15	A
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23 <b>Youth Only</b>	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-310	S	25	ES
23	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-312	HD	50	MB
<b>Unit 24</b>					
24 <b>Youth Only</b>	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-314	S	10	ES
<b>Unit 28</b>					
28 <b>Military Only</b>	Dec. 11-15	ELK-1-364	S	8	ES
28	Dec. 11-15	ELK-1-365	S	8	ES
<b>Unit 34</b>					
34 <b>Youth Only</b>	Oct. 2-6	ELK-1-317	S	150	ES
34 <b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b>	Oct. 2-6	ELK-1-318	HD	50	ES
34	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-320	S	150	MB
34	Nov. 27-Dec. 1	ELK-1-321	S	250	A
34	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-322	S	250	A
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-327	S	85	MB
36	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-328	S	75	A
36	Oct. 30-Nov.3	ELK-1-329	HD	86	MB
36	Oct. 30-Nov.3	ELK-1-330	S	75	A
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-370	S	25	MB
37	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-371	S	25	A
<b>Unit 38</b>					
38	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-372	S	15	ES
<b>Unit 43</b>					
43	Sept. 25-29	ELK-1-373	S	60	ES
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-334	S	140	MB
45	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-335	S	140	MB

16B is almost entirely wilderness, no motorized travel allowed.

There is limited public land access in Unit 21B

continued **Draw Licenses, Seasons for Any Legal Sporting Arm**

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-342	S	35	MB
48	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-343	S	40	A
48	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-344	S	35	MB
48	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-345	S	60	A
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-348	S	80	MB
49	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-349	S	75	MB
49	Nov. 6-10	ELK-1-350	S	80	A
49	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-351	S	75	A
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-164	S	127	MB
50	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-165	S	13	A
50	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-166	S	125	MB
50	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-167	S	10	A
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-171	S	218	MB
51	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-172	S	218	MB
51	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-173	S	219	MB
51	Nov. 6-10	ELK-1-174	S	238	A
51	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-175	S	239	A
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-183	S	227	MB
52	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-184	S	227	MB
52 <b>Youth Only</b>	Nov. 6-10	ELK-1-185	S	50	A
52 <b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b>	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-186	S	50	A
52	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-187	S	60	A
52	Nov. 20-24	ELK-1-188	S	151	A
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53 except the Cerro portion	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-355	S	75	MB
53 except the Cerro portion	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-356	S	125	MB
53 except the Cerro portion	Nov. 6-10	ELK-1-357	S	60	A
53 except the Cerro portion	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-358	S	70	A
<b>Unit 54</b>					
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-375	S	20	MB
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-376	S	20	MB
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-377	S	20	MB
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-378	S	20	A
<b>Unit 55</b>					
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-380	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-381	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-382	S	20	MB
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-383	S	20	A
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-386	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-387	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 23-27	ELK-1-388	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-389	S	10	MB
55 Urraca WMA	Nov. 6-10	ELK-1-390	S	15	A
55 Urraca WMA	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-391	S	15	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-395	Q/HD	15	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas <b>Youth Only</b>	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-396	Q	20	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-397	Q	35	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas <b>Youth Only</b>	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-398	Q	35	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	ELK-1-399	Q	35	A
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Nov. 13-17	ELK-1-400	Q	50	A
<b>Unit 56</b>					
56	Oct. 9-13	ELK-1-402	S	10	MB
56	Oct. 16-20	ELK-1-403	S	10	A
<b>Unit 57 and 58</b>					
57 and 58*	Oct. 2-6	ELK-1-405	S	10	MB
57 and 58*	Dec. 4-8	ELK-1-406	S	10	A

\* Except the northeast portion of Union County located in T32N, R35E, R36E and R37E

MB= Mature bull elk, A= Antlerless elk, or ES= Either sex elk. Game Management Unit boundary maps are available on the Department's Web site at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Bow Only and Muzzleloader

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt - Bow Only and Muzzleloader

**License Fees:** See page 7. **Youth Only:** Applicants must be under 18 on the opening day of the hunt. **Units 10, 13 and 18:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Unit 34:** Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only.

## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Bow Only

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-100	S	120	ES
2	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-101	S	120	ES
<b>Unit 4</b>					
4 Sargent WMA	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-141	Q/HD	10	ES
4 Sargent WMA	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-142	Q/HD	11	ES
4 Humphries WMA	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-149	S	10	ES
4 Humphries WMA	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-150	S	10	ES
<b>Unit 5</b>					
5A Public Land Only	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-107	S	11	ES
5B	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-155	S	75	ES
5B	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-156	S	75	ES
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-190	S	130	ES
6A	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-191	HD	99	ES
6C	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-212	S	159	ES
6C	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-213	S	158	ES
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-221	S	13	ES
7	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-222	S	12	ES
<b>Unit 9</b>					
9 Marquez WMA	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-117	S	5	ES
9 Marquez WMA	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-118	S	5	ES
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-125	S	158	ES
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-126	S	157	ES
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-134	S	125	ES
10	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-135	S	125	ES
<b>Unit 12</b>					
12	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-360	HD	30	ES
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-227	S	125	ES
13	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-228	S	100	ES
13	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-229	Q/HD	75	ES
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-236	HD	250	ES
15	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-237	HD	200	ES
15	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-238	Q/HD	150	ES
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16A	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-246	HD	150	ES
16A	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-247	HD	150	ES
16A	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-248	Q/HD	100	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-254	HD	128	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-255	HD	128	ES
16B and 22	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-256	Q/HD	127	ES
16C	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-260	HD	100	ES
16C	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-261	HD	75	ES
16C	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-262	Q/HD	75	ES
16D	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-268	HD	60	ES
16D	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-269	HD	50	ES
16D	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-270	Q/HD	40	ES

16B is almost entirely wilderness, no motorized travel allowed.

continued **Draw Licenses, Seasons for Bow Only**

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 16</b> continued					
16E	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-276	S	50	ES
16E	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-277	HD	50	ES
16E	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-278	Q/HD	50	ES
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-285	HD	75	ES
17	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-286	HD	75	ES
17	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-287	Q/HD	50	ES
<b>Unit 18</b>					
18	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-363	S	50	ES
<b>Unit 21</b>					
21A	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-294	HD	50	ES
21A	Sept. 16-24	ELK-2-295	S	50	ES
21B	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-299	S	25	ES
21B	Sept. 16-24	ELK-2-300	S	25	ES
There is limited public land access in Unit 21B					
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-307	S	75	ES
23	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-308	S	75	ES
23	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-309	HD	50	ES
<b>Unit 34</b>					
34	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-315	S	200	ES
34	Sept. 13-22	ELK-2-316	HD	200	ES
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-324	S	82	ES
36	Sept. 13-22	ELK-2-325	HD	82	ES
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Sept. 1-10	ELK-2-366	S	15	ES
37	Sept. 11-18	ELK-2-367	HD	15	ES
37	Sept. 19-24	ELK-2-368	S	15	ES
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-332	S	150	ES
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-338	S	90	ES
48	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-339	S	85	ES
<b>Unit 49</b>					
49	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-347	S	120	ES
<b>Unit 50</b>					
50	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-163	S	117	ES
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-169	HD	176	ES
51	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-170	S	176	ES
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-178	HD	230	ES
52	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-179	HD	230	ES
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-353	S	120	ES
<b>Unit 55</b>					
55 ES Barker WMA	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-384	S	10	ES
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Sept. 1-15	ELK-2-392	Q	20	ES
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Sept. 16-22	ELK-2-393	Q/HD	20	ES
<b>Unit 57</b>					
57 Sugarite Canyon State Park	Sept. 1-22	ELK-2-404	HD	5	ES

MB= Mature bull elk, A= Antlerless elk, or ES= Either sex elk. Game Management Unit boundary maps are available on the Department's Web site at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)



**Do Not Bring Firewood Into New Mexico From Another State!**

The movement of firewood from one state to another has become the principal method of introducing new damaging insect pests and diseases into our forests. Emerald ash borer, Sirex woodwasps, gypsy moth, Asian longhorn beetle, and oak wilt disease can be transported in firewood. They have caused significant damage to forests in other states. These pests are almost always fatal to trees and will decimate forests and riparian areas if they get established. If you inadvertently bring firewood into New Mexico from another state, **burn all of it immediately**. Please purchase or collect your firewood within New Mexico. Call the New Mexico Department of Agriculture at **575-646-3207** or visit: [www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/hot\\_issues/invasive\\_species&firewood/index.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/hot_issues/invasive_species&firewood/index.shtml).

## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Muzzleloader and Bow

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 2</b>					
2	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-102	S	125	MB
<b>Unit 6</b>					
6A	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-192	S	100	MB
6C	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-214	S	190	MB
<b>Unit 7</b>					
7	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-223	S	25	MB
<b>Unit 9</b>					
9 Marquez WMA	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-119	S	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-120	S	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA	Oct. 16-20	ELK-3-121	S	5	MB
9 Marquez WMA	Oct. 23-27	ELK-3-122	S	5	A
9 Marquez WMA	Oct 30-Nov. 3	ELK-3-123	S	5	A
9 Marquez WMA	Nov. 13-17	ELK-3-124	S	5	A
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-127	S	40	ES
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-128	S	70	MB
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Oct. 16-20	ELK-3-129	S	70	MB
9 including Water Canyon, but not the Marquez WMA	Oct. 23-27	ELK-3-130	S	40	MB
<b>Unit 10</b>					
10	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-136	S	70	MB
<b>Unit 13</b>					
13 Youth Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-230	S	25	ES
13	Oct. 16-20	ELK-3-231	Q/HD	75	MB
13	Oct. 23-27	ELK-3-232	S	113	MB
13	Nov. 20-24	ELK-3-233	S	100	MB
13	Dec. 4-8	ELK-3-234	S	100	A
<b>Unit 15</b>					
15 Youth Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-239	S	25	ES
15	Oct. 16-20	ELK-3-240	Q/HD	200	MB
15	Oct. 23-27	ELK-3-241	HD	244	MB
15	Nov. 20-24	ELK-3-242	HD	250	MB
15	Dec. 4-8	ELK-3-243	S	250	A
15	Dec. 11-15	ELK-3-244	S	250	A
<b>Unit 16</b>					
16E	Oct. 16-20	ELK-3-280	Q	71	MB
<b>Unit 17</b>					
17 Youth Only	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-288	HD	25	ES
17	Oct. 16-20	ELK-3-289	Q/HD	97	MB
17	Oct. 23-27	ELK-3-290	S	100	MB
17	Dec. 4-8	ELK-3-291	S	100	A
17	Dec. 11-15	ELK-3-292	S	100	A
<b>Unit 23</b>					
23	Oct. 16-20	ELK-3-311	S	50	MB
<b>Unit 34</b>					
34	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-319	HD	250	MB
<b>Unit 36</b>					
36	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-326	HD	135	MB
<b>Unit 37</b>					
37	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-369	S	25	MB
<b>Unit 45</b>					
45	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-333	S	140	MB
45	Nov. 13-17	ELK-3-336	S	50	A

## Draw Licenses, Seasons for Muzzleloader and Bow

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 48</b>					
48 Crossbows allowed	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-340	HD	30	MB
48	Oct. 9-13	ELK-3-341	S	65	MB
<b>Unit 51</b>					
51	Dec. 4-8	ELK-3-176	S	145	ES
<b>Unit 52</b>					
52 Mobility-Impaired Only	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-180	S	50	MB
52	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-181	S	120	MB
52	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-182	S	50	A
<b>Unit 53</b>					
53 except Cerro portion	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-354	S	50	ES
<b>Unit 54</b>					
54 Colin Neblett WMA-south	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-374	S	20	MB
<b>Unit 55</b>					
55 Colin Neblett WMA-north	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-379	S	20	MB
55 ES Barker WMA	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-385	S	10	MB
55 Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas	Oct. 2-6	ELK-3-394	Q/HD	35	MB

## Late Season Elk Hunting Opportunities - Online Application Only

### Any Legal Sporting Arm - What You Must Know Before You Hunt

DO NOT apply for these hunts during the regular public draw. These hunts **MAY** or **MAY NOT** be offered depending on harvest rates during the regular season. To receive information about how to obtain one of these licenses, visit our Web site [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) after Oct. 15, 2010.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 2</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-106	S	100	A
<b>Unit 5B</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-162	S	100	A
<b>Unit 6B</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-211	S	75	A
<b>Unit 6C</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-220	S	65	A
<b>Unit 7</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-226	S	100	A
<b>Unit 9</b> including Water Canyon but not Marquez WMA					
	To Be Determined	ELK-1-133	S	308	A
<b>Unit 10</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-140	S	100	A
<b>Unit 34</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-323	S	100	A
<b>Unit 45</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-337	S	25	A
<b>Unit 48</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-346	S	46	A
<b>Unit 49</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-352	S	48	A
<b>Unit 50</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-168	S	100	A
<b>Unit 51</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-177	S	250	A
<b>Unit 52</b>	To Be Determined	ELK-1-189	S	256	A
<b>Unit 53</b> except Cerro portion	To Be Determined	ELK-1-359	S	100	A
<b>Unit 55</b> Valle Vidal/Greenwood Areas	To Be Determined	ELK-1-401	Q	123	A

### Bow Only - What You Must Know Before You Hunt

DO NOT apply for these hunts during the regular public draw. These hunts **MAY** or **MAY NOT** be offered depending on harvest rates during the regular season. To receive information about how to obtain one of these licenses, visit our Web site [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) after Oct. 15, 2010.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 12</b>	Nov. 21-24	ELK-2-451	S	To Be Determined	APRE/6
<b>Unit 34</b>	Dec. 11-15	ELK-2-452	S	To Be Determined	APRE/6
<b>Unit 37</b>	Dec. 4-8	ELK-2-453	S	To Be Determined	APRE/6

MB= Mature bull elk, A= Antlerless elk, ES= Either sex elk, APRE/6= A bull elk with at least 6 points on one side.  
Game Management Unit boundary maps are available on the Department's Web site at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## Chronic Wasting Disease Rules

### Currently Apply to Unit 19 and Control Area of Unit 34

It is unlawful to transport dead deer or elk, or their parts, taken from any Game Management Unit or other area designated by the Director in which the presence of, or possibility of, exposure to chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been identified to any location outside that Game Management Unit except for the following parts of deer or elk: • Meat that is cut and wrapped either privately or commercially • Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the head or spinal column attached • Meat that has been boned out. • Hides with no heads attached. • Clean skull plates with antlers attached. • Antlers with no meat or tissue attached. • Upper canine teeth, also known as "ivories." • Finished heads mounted by a taxidermist. You may not remove the whole head and spinal column. You must keep proof of sex with all game species until you get the game to the place where it will be consumed or placed in cold storage. For Control Area Map of Unit 34, go to: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/disease/cwd/documents/CWDcontrolarea2006.pdf](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/disease/cwd/documents/CWDcontrolarea2006.pdf).

## Youth Encouragement Hunts - Online Application Only

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

DO NOT apply for these hunts during the regular public draw. Only youth hunters who successfully fulfilled all application requirements and responsibilities for Public Land draw hunts ( including hunts sold through the lottery, secondary sale, Web site or late season sale) for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, oryx, or bighorn sheep in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing or obtaining any of these licenses, will be eligible to register for these hunts. The Director, with concurrence of the Chairman of the State Game Commission, may adjust the number of licenses available in all Youth Encouragement Hunts listed below based on changes in population levels, harvest rates, habitat availability, or increases in unlawful hunting activities resulting from these hunts. These hunts will be administered by the Department through an Internet registration process and web sale, rather than the random draw process. The open GMUs, hunt dates, hunt code, number of licenses and bag limit shall be as indicated below. To receive information about how to obtain one of these licenses, visit our Web site [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) after Oct. 1, 2010.

### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 5B	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-419	S	20	A
Unit 6A	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-420	S	50	A
Unit 6A	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-421	S	50	A
Unit 6C	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-422	S	50	A
Unit 6C	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-423	S	50	A
Unit 10	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-426	S	35	A
Unit 13	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-427	S	60	A
Unit 13	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-428	S	60	A
Unit 15	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-429	S	60	A
Unit 15	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-430	S	60	A
Unit 16A	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-431	S	60	A
Unit 16A	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-432	S	60	A
Unit 16C	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-433	S	60	A
Unit 16C	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-434	S	60	A
Unit 16D	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-435	S	60	A
Unit 16D	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-436	S	60	A
Unit 16E	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-437	S	60	A
Unit 16E	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-438	S	60	A
Unit 17	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-439	S	60	A
Unit 17	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-440	S	60	A
Unit 34	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-441	S	80	A
Unit 36	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-442	S	60	A
Unit 36	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-443	S	60	A
Unit 49	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-444	S	50	ES
Unit 50	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-445	S	80	A
Unit 51	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-446	S	90	A
Unit 51	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-447	S	90	A
Unit 52	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-448	S	50	A
Unit 53	Nov. 26-30	ELK-1-449	S	40	ES
Unit 53	Dec. 26-30	ELK-1-450	S	100	ES

### Muzzleloader and Bow

Unit 9	Nov. 26-30	ELK-3-424	S	150	ES
Unit 9	Dec. 26-30	ELK-3-425	S	50	ES

## Mandatory Harvest Reporting

### New Mexico's Hunter-Trapper Reporting System

By **Feb. 15**, anyone who is licensed to hunt deer or elk, or by **April 7**, anyone who is licensed to hunt or trap furbearers in New Mexico, must report the results of their hunt or trapping season. This is true whether or not they hunted, trapped or harvested animals. Deer, elk, and furbearer hunters and trappers that do not report, will have ALL applications for draw hunts, population management authorizations, private land authorizations or trapper license application rejected the following year.

# Pronghorn Antelope

## Draw Licenses for Public Hunts and Private Land Authorizations

### General Information

A license to hunt pronghorn in New Mexico may be obtained through a public drawing or by obtaining a private-land authorization. Refer to PUBLIC LAND HUNTS and PRIVATE LAND HUNTS on next page.

The Director may cancel portions of any pronghorn hunt or change the bag limit if population surveys indicate the need for such action.

### License Required

A resident or nonresident pronghorn antelope license is required to hunt. Each public-draw and private-land license is valid only on the ranch or lands for which it is issued and for a specific hunt. Public hunters drawn for Bow, Mobility-Impaired and the AMU 52 Muzzleloader hunt **ARE NOT** assigned to a specific ranch and are required to hunt on legally accessible public lands or obtain written permission from landowners to hunt private land. Hunters must possess a pronghorn antelope license with a valid carcass tag while hunting. A hunter may not hold both a private land and a public land pronghorn license in the same license year. Licenses may not be refunded or transferred to other persons. See page 4 for exceptions.

### Legal Sporting Arms

#### Any Legal Sporting Arm

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a slug; any bow and arrows; any muzzleloading rifle. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters. For more information, see pages 5, 6, 8 and 15.

#### Bow Only

Any bow and arrows. Crossbows may be used only by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see pages 5, 6, 8, and 15.

#### Muzzleloader

Any muzzleloader rifle. Scopes and sabots are legal. See pages 6 and 15.

### No Off-Road Vehicle Travel

Whether on private or public land, it is unlawful for a legally licensed pronghorn antelope hunter to drive, or to ride in or on any motor vehicle that is operated off established roads. Hunters **MAY NOT** drive off established roads unless specifically allowed. See **Vehicle Travel on Public Lands**, pages 9, 11, and 12.

### Hunting on Military Properties, Check Stations, and Wearing Blaze Orange

For some hunts, hunters will be required to check in and out in person at a check station. McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. See page 13. AMU 3, 10, 12, 18 and 29 are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. **ALL hunters on McGregor Range /Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course prior to hunting.** Hunters entering McGregor Range/Fort Bliss will be subject to security searches.

### Mobility-Impaired Hunters

Applicants for Mobility-Impaired licenses are required to write their Mobility-Impaired (MI) certification number on their application. See page 8 for the definition of Mobility-Impaired hunter, or call the Department of Game and Fish at 505-476-8087.

### Bag Limit (See Definitions and Terms)

**MB** A pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ear.

**F-IM** A pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

**ES** Any one male or female pronghorn antelope.

## Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration Program



Each year anglers, boaters, hunters and recreational shooters support fish and wildlife conservation efforts through the purchase of licenses, sporting equipment and fuels. The Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration program provides essential funding to professional wildlife and sport fish management agencies through excise taxes collected from the sale of fishing equipment, motorboat fuel, sporting arms, ammunition and archery equipment. These funds are distributed yearly to help fund wildlife projects.

In New Mexico, funds are used to support the restoration of bighorn sheep and Gila trout; the management of game species; the operation of state fish hatcheries; lake renovations; and the operation and maintenance of waterfowl habitat. These are just a few of the many worthwhile and important conservation projects funded with this money. So, every time you buy a license, ammunition, or hunting and fishing gear, remember: You are part of the most successful user-pay, user-benefit wildlife conservation program in history!

## Skulls Are State Property

The antlered skulls of deer and elk, as well as the horned skulls of ibex, oryx, bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope, are both fascinating and valuable. If found in the field, the skull remains state property unless from an animal taken legally by a licensed hunter during an approved hunting season, or a skull purchased from the State or a legally licensed hunter. This rule applies to everyone, hikers as well as hunters.

The State Game Commission adopted this rule to combat poaching of our valuable big game resources. It's a very important law for conservation officers. It's critical to regulate the shooting of big game animals taken just for their heads.

Deer and elk shed antlers every year. It's legal to have shed antlers in your possession. However, skulls with attached antlers found in the field are only available by purchase from the State. Owners must retain the resulting paperwork. If there is probable cause, conservation officers can confiscate any skull if they believe the animal was unlawfully killed or unlawfully possessed. So if you find a skull with antlers or horns attached, leave it there and contact a conservation officer.

# Pronghorn Antelope continued

## Draw Licenses for Public Land Hunts and Private Land Authorizations

### Public Land Hunts

#### Application and Licenses

Up to four persons may apply on Form 2010. The deadline for application is **April 7, 2010**. See page 43 for a list of Public Land Hunts.

Public hunters drawn for any legal sporting arm and muzzleloader hunts (except in AMU 52) will be assigned to a particular ranch to hunt. Ranch assignments are made following the draw by the Area Offices. Members of the same hunting party may be assigned to separate but nearby ranches. Area Offices will mail a letter and ranch map to assigned hunters notifying them of their assigned ranch. Public hunters, when assigned to a ranch, have free, equal and unrestricted access to hunt the entire ranch including all private deeded land and public leased land associated with the ranch. Hunters are allowed to scout the ranch two days before the start of their hunt.

Public hunters drawn for Bow, Mobility-Impaired and the AMU 52 Muzzleloader hunt **ARE NOT** assigned to a specific ranch and are required to hunt on any legally accessible public lands or obtain written permission from landowners to hunt private land.

#### Public Land License Fees

License fee type is Standard (S).

**Resident \$63 Nonresident \$297**

Hunters must possess a pronghorn antelope license with valid carcass tag while hunting. **Anyone applying for a pronghorn antelope draw license, MUST pay the full license and application fee when making application.** Fees include the nonrefundable application fee and Depredation Damage Stamp fee. A \$5 Habitat Stamp is required if hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately, see page 11.

#### Bag Limit (See Definitions and Terms)

The bag limit will be specified on each public draw license.

### Private Land Hunts

Pronghorn antelope hunting opportunities on private lands are issued through the Antelope Private Lands Use System (A-PLUS) to qualifying landowners who sign hunting agreements with the Department.

#### Obtaining a Private Land License

Hunters wishing to hunt pronghorn antelope on private lands must first negotiate with a participating landowner. If successful, the landowner will provide the hunter with the appropriate information to convert an authorization into a license.

A list of participating ranches who receive pronghorn antelope authorizations is available on the Department's Web site at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

Hunters can purchase a private-land pronghorn antelope license by submitting their required authorization information along with the proper license fee(s) by mail to the Department's Special Hunts Office or delivering it in person to any Area Office.

Hunts on private land will coincide with public draw hunts, unless otherwise specified. Private land pronghorn antelope authorizations may be available from qualified participating landowners for the following areas, bag limits and dates.

#### Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts Female-Immature Pronghorn Antelope

**Sept. 11-12 or Sept. 18-19**

Selected ranches in AMUs 3, 5, 6, 10, 23-28, 31-34, 36-40 and 43.

**Aug. 28-29**

Selected ranches in the NE Area

#### Mature Buck Pronghorn Antelope

**August 21-23 or Sept. 11-13**

Selected ranches in AMUs 41, 42, 44-49 and 53-58.

**Sept. 11-12**

Selected ranches in AMUs 3, 5, 6, 10, 23-28, 31-34, 36-40 and 43.

**Oct. 2-4**

AMUs 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15-18 and 20.

#### Either-Sex Pronghorn Antelope-Youth Only hunters

**Sept. 18-19**

Selected ranches in the SE Area

#### Private Land License Fees

**Resident \$72 Nonresident \$306**

Fees include the Depredation Damage Stamp fee and an administrative fee to cover the costs of administering the A-PLUS system. A \$5 Habitat Stamp is required if hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately, see page 11.

#### Bag Limit (See Definitions and Terms)

The bag limit for a private land hunt will be specified on the authorization and the license.

#### Reassignable vs. Ranch-Only Hunt Options

Both public draw and private land licenses are issued based on whether the authorized contact for each participating ranch has chosen the **reassignable/unit-wide** or **ranch-only** hunting option. Licenses issued to hunters as **ranch-only** are valid **ONLY** on that specific ranch and no reassignments will be allowed.

After the first day of the hunt, hunters issued **reassignable/unit-wide** licenses may be moved to other reassignable/unit-wide ranches within the same AMU upon approval by a District Conservation Officer. Only ranches with signed hunting agreements with the Department are open to pronghorn antelope hunting. The entire AMU is not open.

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## Draw Licenses for Any Legal Sporting Arm, Bow, Muzzleloader and Mobility-Impaired

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**No Over-the-Counter Licenses:** There are no OTC licenses for pronghorn antelope. **Youth Only:** Applicants must be under 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate while hunting with a firearm. **Mentor/Youth Only Hunt:** A hunt consisting of one adult (18 years of age or older) and up to three youths (younger than 18 years of age as of the opening day of the hunt). **Antelope Management Units (AMU) 3, 10, 12, 18, and 29:** Parts of these AMUs are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. Hunters drawn for Bow, Mobility-Impaired, or the AMU 52 muzzleloader hunts are **NOT** assigned to a specific ranch, and are required to hunt on any legally accessible public lands or obtain written permission from landowners to hunt their private land. **AMU 29: ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course prior to hunting.** **Blaze Orange Clothing:** McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Maximum Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm</b> (Centerfire, muzzleloader and bow)					
AMU 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15-18, 20	Oct. 2-4	ANT-1-100	S	100	MB
AMU 3, 5, 6, 10, 23-28, 31-34, 36-39, 43	<b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b>				
	July 31-Aug. 1	ANT-1-101	S	45	MB
AMU 12	July 30-Aug. 1	ANT-1-102	S	2	MB
AMU 13	July 30-Aug. 1	ANT-1-103	S	5	MB
AMU 16	July 30-Aug. 1	ANT-1-104	S	2	MB
AMU 18	July 30-Aug. 1	ANT-1-105	S	5	MB
AMU 6, 23-27, 31-34, 36-40, 43	Sept. 11-12	ANT-1-106	S	300	MB
Selected ranches in the SE Area	Sept. 18-19	ANT-1-107	S	75	F-IM
AMU 20	July 30-Aug. 1	ANT-1-111	S	2	MB
AMU 42, 44-49, 53-58	July 31-Aug. 1	ANT-1-112	S	25	MB
Selected ranches in the NE Area	Aug. 21-23	ANT-1-113	S	20	MB
AMU 41, 42, 44-49, 53-58	Aug. 21-23	ANT-1-114	S	500	MB
Selected ranches in the NE Area	Aug. 28-29	ANT-1-115	S	50	F-IM

### Bow Only

AMU 42-58 are predominantly private land. Hunters are encouraged to obtain written permission from landowners before applying for a hunt in these units.

AMU 3, 5, and 10	Aug. 14-22	ANT-2-100	S	10	MB
AMU 12	Aug. 14-22	ANT-2-101	S	15	MB
AMU 13	Aug. 14-22	ANT-2-102	S	30	MB
AMU 16	Aug. 14-22	ANT-2-103	S	25	MB
AMU 17	Aug. 14-22	ANT-2-104	S	2	MB
AMU 20	Aug. 14-22	ANT-2-105	S	30	MB
AMU 6, 23-27, 30-34, 36-40, and 43	Aug. 14-18	ANT-2-106	S	200	MB
AMU 42, 44-49, and 53-58	Aug. 7-11	ANT-2-107	S	100	MB

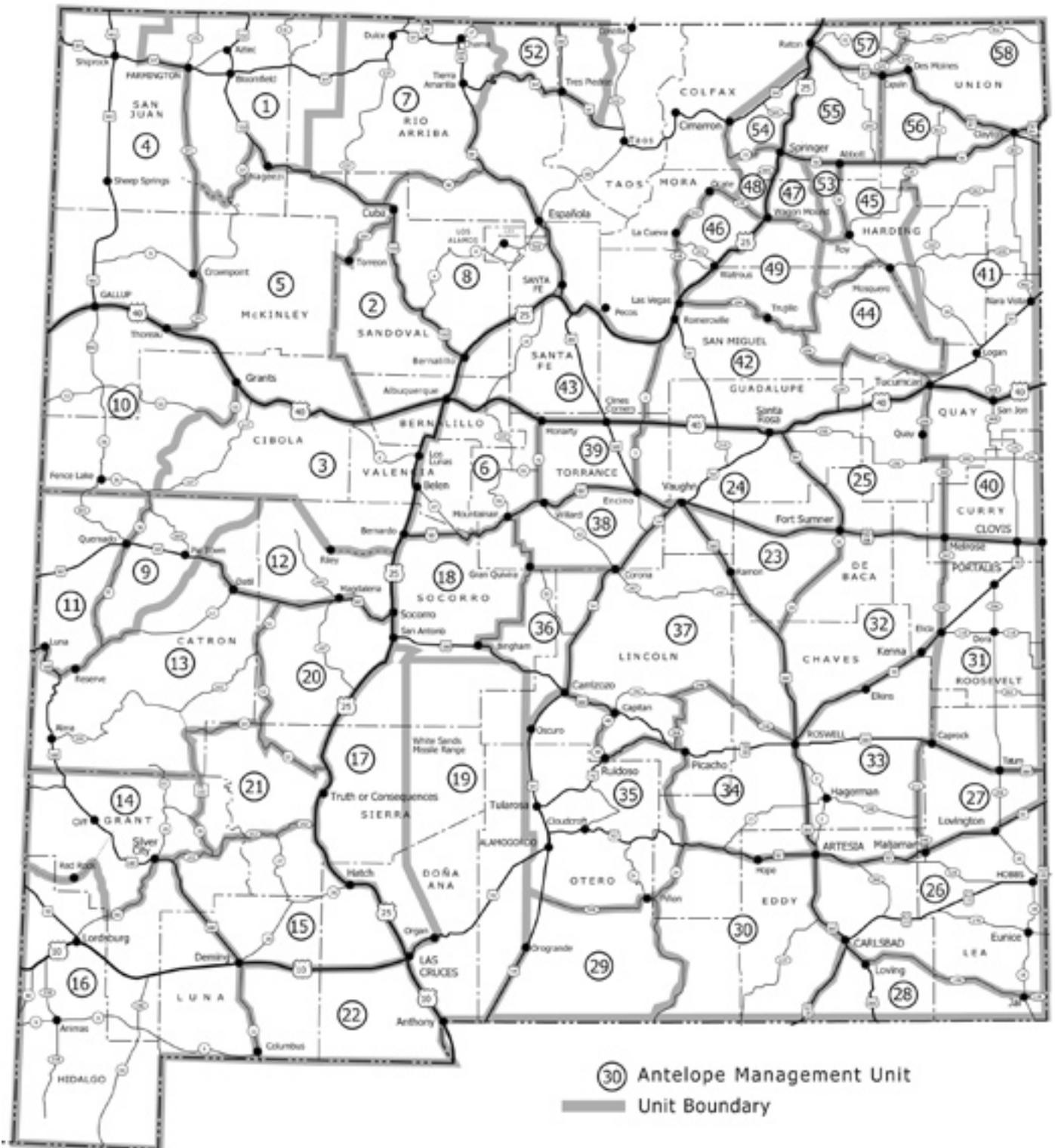
### Muzzleloader and Bow

AMU 11	Oct. 2-4	ANT-3-100	S	25	MB
AMU 29	Sept. 4-5	ANT-3-101	S	40	MB
AMU 29 McGregor Range	Sept. 4-5	ANT-3-102	S	10	MB
AMU 29 McGregor Range	Sept. 4-5	ANT-3-103	S	10	MB
AMU 29 Selected Ranches	Sept. 4-5	ANT-3-104	S	10	MB
AMU 52 Portion west of Rio Grande	Aug. 14-17	ANT-3-105	S	25	MB
AMU 52 Portion west of Rio Grande	Aug. 14-17	ANT-3-106	S	150	MB

# Pronghorn Antelope continued

## Antelope Management Units

Management units shown on this map apply to antelope only.



# Bighorn Sheep

## Draw Licenses for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep

### Application and Licenses

Bighorn ram licenses are once-in-a-lifetime licenses. You may apply for both Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn sheep subspecies in the same license year. If applying for **both** bighorn sheep, the applicant must do so on a single application, Form 2010. Anyone who has held a Bighorn Sheep Enhancement license may apply for either one of these licenses. See Unique Hunting Opportunities on page 14. Hunters must apply by **April 7, 2010**. Only one person may apply per form. **Anyone applying for a bighorn draw license MUST pay the full license and application fee when making application.**

### Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

Anyone may apply for a draw license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn except those who have previously held a draw license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn in New Mexico. Anyone who has held a license to hunt desert bighorn sheep may apply for a draw license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. You may specify three choices of hunts for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

### Desert Bighorn Sheep

Anyone may apply for a draw license to hunt desert bighorn sheep except those who have previously held a draw license to hunt desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico. Anyone who has held a draw license to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep may apply for a draw license to hunt desert bighorn sheep.

### Youth Only Hunt

Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate while hunting with a firearm. The bag limit for this hunt is one ram. Youth hunters are eligible for this hunt only once as a youth (younger than 18). Successful applicants may apply for the other bighorn hunts thereafter if they qualify.

### License Fees

License fee type is Standard (S).

**Resident** \$163 **Nonresident** \$3,187

Fees include the nonrefundable application fee and Depredation Damage Stamp fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately.

### Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun of .24 caliber or larger; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrows; or a muzzleloading rifle no smaller than .45 caliber. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15.

### Bag Limit

One ram

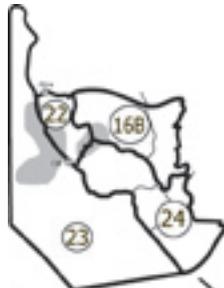
### Ram Heads Must Have a Seal Attached

Every bighorn ram taken in New Mexico must have a seal affixed to one horn by the Department. This seal authorizes possession and transportation of the head within the state. Bighorn sheep legally taken and sealed in another jurisdiction (state, tribal entity, or country), do not have to be sealed again in New Mexico. Bighorn heads found in the field in New Mexico must remain in the field, and may not be legally possessed. Sealing must be done within 10 days after the animal is taken, before being imported into New Mexico, or before it is exported from New Mexico.

Persons who take bighorn rams in New Mexico or who bring unsealed bighorn ram heads into the state must notify the Department so that the seal can be affixed within the 10 day period. Imported heads not so declared are subject to seizure. Only legally taken heads will be sealed. When the Department attaches the seal, the head will be measured and photographed.

## Bighorn Hunt Areas

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep



Desert Bighorn Sheep



Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep



Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep



## Seasons

Hunt Area

### Desert bighorn sheep

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 27 Peloncillo Mountains	Nov. 1-30	BHS-1-100	1	1 Ram

### Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep

Unit 45 - Pecos Mountains	Aug. 21-27	BHS-1-101	5	1 Ram
Unit 45 - Pecos Mountains	Aug. 28-Sept. 3	BHS-1-102	4	1 Ram
Unit 45 - Pecos Mountains <b>Youth Only</b>	Aug. 28-Sept. 3	BHS-1-103	1	1 Ram
Unit 53 - Wheeler Peak portion south of NM 38	Sept. 5-15	BHS-1-106	4	1 Ram
Units 53 and 55A - Latir Mountains portion north of NM 38 in Unit 53 and the Latir Mountains portion of Unit 55A	Aug. 14-20	BHS-1-107	1	1 Ram
Units 16B, 22, 23, 24 Turkey Creek and San Francisco River	Jan. 8-16, '11	BHS-1-108	2	1 Ram

# Ibex

## Over-the-Counter Licenses, Draw Licenses

### General License Information

There are two types of ibex licenses available: an over-the-counter and a draw license. Hunters must have an ibex license with a valid tag.

### Over-the-Counter License

The over-the-counter ibex license for outside the Florida Mountains Hunt Area is IBX-1-528. It can be purchased only from Department offices or by mail, using Form 3. Form 3 must be filled out when purchasing an IBX-1-528 license. DO NOT apply for the IBX-1-528 hunt on Form 2010. There is no deadline and no limit on the number of IBX-1-528 licenses. Holders of an IBX-1-528 license have an unlimited number of tags available to them upon request at any Department office.

### Over-the-Counter License Fees

**Resident** \$103      **Nonresident** \$1,610

Fees include a nonrefundable application fee and Depredation Damage Stamp fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately.

### Draw License

Licenses for the IBX-1-525 rifle hunt are once-in-a-lifetime licenses issued by drawing. To receive an ibex draw license for this hunt on the Florida Mountains Hunt Area, apply on Form 2010 by **April 7, 2010**. Only one person may apply per form. Holding an OTC license does not preclude a hunter from applying for a draw license. If you have purchased an OTC license, you may apply for a Draw License by submitting only the nonrefundable application fee of \$10 for residents and \$27 for nonresidents, indicating your OTC license number. You may apply for the once-in-a-lifetime license only if you never held a IBX-1-525 ibex license. Any valid ibex license can be used for the year-round IBX-1-528 hunt.

### Draw License Fees

License fee type is Standard (S).

**Resident** \$113      **Nonresident** \$1,637

Hunters must apply by **April 7, 2010**. Anyone applying for an ibex draw license, **MUST** pay the full license and application fee when making application. Fees include a nonrefundable application fee and the Depredation Damage Stamp fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately.

### Bag Limit (See Definitions)

**F-IM:** One female or immature ibex only.

**ES:** Any one ibex of either sex.

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Youth Only Hunt:** Applicants must be under 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate while hunting with a firearm. **Cougar Hunting in Unit 25, Florida Mountains Hunt Area:** Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida Mountains Hunt Area during any ibex hunt.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Any Legal Sporting Arm</b> (Centerfire, muzzleloader and bow)				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25 <b>Youth Only</b>	Sept. 25-Oct. 3	IBX-1-500	15	ES
Florida Mountains in Unit 25	Oct. 9-17	IBX-1-520	50	F-IM
Florida Mountains in Unit 25 <b>Once-in-a-Lifetime</b>	Nov. 27-Dec. 12	IBX-1-525	15	ES
Statewide except Florida Mountains Hunt Area - Apr. 1, '10-Mar. 31, '11 IBX-1-528 Over-The-Counter 1 ES per tag				
<b>Bow Only</b>				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25	Jan. 1-15, '11	IBX-2-535	100	ES
<b>Muzzleloader and Bow</b>				
Florida Mountains in Unit 25	Feb. 12-20, '11	IBX-3-540	20	ES

### Legal Sporting Arms

#### Any Legal Sporting Arm

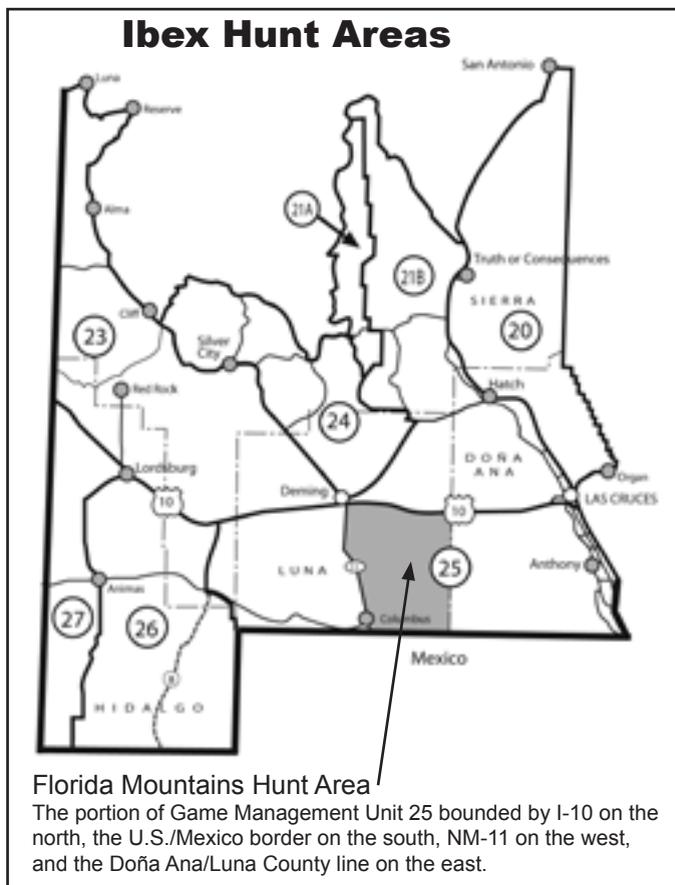
Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; any muzzleloading rifle; or any bow and arrows. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see pages 8 and 15.

#### Bow

Any bow and arrows. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see pages 8 and 15.

#### Muzzleloader and Bow

Any muzzleloader rifle or any bow and arrows.



## Over-the-Counter Licenses, Draw Permits

### General Information

Turkey hunters have a spring and fall hunting season and may purchase an over-the-counter license and may apply for a draw permit.

### Licenses and Tags

A resident or nonresident spring or fall turkey over-the-counter license with valid tags is available from Department offices, license vendors, online, or by mail using Form 3. Hunters may purchase both spring and fall licenses. Spring turkey hunters will be issued one tag with their license and may purchase a second tag. See Bag Limit below.

### One Turkey Bag Limit Units – Use of First Spring Turkey Tag

Spring turkey hunters may take only one turkey in Units 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 24. The first spring turkey tag shall ONLY be valid in the above units. Turkeys tagged with a 2nd Spring Turkey Tag in any of these Units are tagged improperly and are subject to seizure.

### Two Turkey Bag Limit Units – Use of Second Spring Turkey Tag

Spring turkey hunters may take two turkeys in the open portions of Units 4, 5, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, 10, 12-14, 17, 18, 20, 29, 32-34, 36-49 and 51-59. The first spring turkey harvested may be tagged with either the first or second turkey tag in these units. However, the second turkey tag cannot be used to tag a turkey in those Units with a one turkey bag limit (15, 16, 21, 22, 23 or 24).

### License Fees

Fee type is Standard (S).	Resident	Nonresident
Spring License	\$25	\$100
Second Tag (spring only)	10	10
Fall License	25	100

Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately.

### Legal Sporting Arms

Any shotgun, including muzzleloading shotguns using shot only, or bow and arrows. No centerfire or rimfire rifle or handgun use is allowed. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15. It is illegal to shoot a wild turkey roosting in a tree or a structure.

## OTC License Hunts

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Unit 34:** Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only. **Units 10, 13, 18 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. **Closed Areas:** The Urraca WMA in Unit 55, the Rio Chama and Humphries WMAs in Unit 4, Rattlesnake Canyon in Unit 2A. The Valle Vidal is open only to hunters who possess a draw permit. See Draw Permit Hunts, next column.

### Open Areas For OTC License Hunts

#### Spring Season-April 15-May 10\*

Units 4 (except Sargent, Humphries, and Rio Chama wildlife areas), 5, 6A, 6B\*\*, 6C, 7, 9 (including Water Canyon WMA but not Marquez WMA), 10, 12-14 (bows only in Sandia Ranger District), 15-18, 20-24, 29, 32, 33, 34, 36-49, 51-54 (including Colin Neblett/south), 55 (including Colin Neblett/north and Barker but not Urraca WMA or Valle Vidal/Greenwood areas), 56, 57 (bow only in Sugarite Canyon State Park) 58 and 59.

\*A Youth Only hunt is April 10-11 in any of the above open areas.

\*\*Valles Caldera National Preserve-Contact the VCNP directly for more information about this hunt. Bag limit is one bearded turkey.

### Bag Limit for Spring Season

The bag limit is a bearded turkey. In the open portions of the units listed above, the beard and a patch of feathers surrounding the beard must remain on the bird until it is delivered to the place where it will be eaten or placed in cold storage.

## OTC License Hunts continued

### Fall Season-Sept. 6-14

Units 7, 9 (except Marquez WMA), 10, 12, 13, 15-17, 21-24, 29, 34, 36, 37, 40-42, 45-48, 54 (including Colin Neblett/south), 55 (including Colin Neblett/north but not Urraca WMA, Valle Vidal/Greenwood areas), 56, 58, and 59.

### Bag Limit for Fall Season

The bag limit is any one turkey in the units listed above.

## Draw Permit Hunts

Application for these draw permits must be made by **Feb. 3, 2010**, using Form 2010 or online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) submitting a nonrefundable application fee of \$10 for residents and \$27 for nonresidents. Two applicants may apply per form. Successful applicants must purchase an OTC turkey license. Habitat Stamps are required for hunters and trappers on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately. **Youth Only Hunts:** Applicants must be under 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply, and carry their certificate while hunting with a firearm.

### Bag Limit for Draw-Permit Hunts

The bag limit is any one bearded turkey. Youth hunters may take 2 bearded turkeys during any Youth Only hunt on the W.S. Huey WMA if they possess a second turkey tag. Properly licensed Draw Permit hunters may take a second turkey if they purchase and possess a second turkey tag.

### Areas Open For Draw Permit Hunts

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Permits
Unit 2 except the Rattlesnake Canyon closure area	Apr. 15-30	TUR-1-100	100
Unit 2 <b>Youth Only</b> except the Rattlesnake Canyon closure area	Apr. 15-30	TUR-1-101	50
Sargent WMA in Unit 4	Apr. 15-30	TUR-1-102	5
Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs in Unit 4	Apr. 15-30	TUR-1-103	12
Marquez WMA in Unit 9	Apr. 15-30	TUR-1-104	5
Huey WMA Unit 33 <b>Youth Only</b>	Apr. 10-11	TUR-1-105	3
Huey WMA Unit 33 <b>Youth Only</b>	Apr. 17-18	TUR-1-106	3
Huey WMA Unit 33 <b>Youth Only</b>	Apr. 24-25	TUR-1-107	3
Huey WMA Unit 33 <b>Youth Only</b>	May 1-2	TUR-1-108	3
Huey WMA Unit 33 <b>Youth Only</b>	Sept. 11-12	TUR-1-109	4
Huey WMA Unit 33 <b>Youth Only</b>	Sept. 18-19	TUR-1-110	4
Huey WMA Unit 33 <b>Youth Only</b>	Sept. 25-26	TUR-1-111	4
Valle Vidal Unit 55	Apr. 15-30	TUR-1-112	20



**REWARD!** The New Mexico Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will pay a reward of up to \$200, in addition to any reward paid by Operation Game Thief, for information leading to the conviction of any person who violates New Mexico turkey hunting rules or rules protecting the state-endangered Gould's turkey.

# Javelina and Barbary Sheep

## Javelina Draw Licenses

### Application and Licenses

Hunters must possess a valid resident or nonresident javelina license with valid tag. All licenses are issued by drawing. Up to four persons may apply on Form 2010. Application must be made by **April 7, 2010**.

### Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; any muzzleloading rifle or muzzleloading handgun; or bow and arrows. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15.

## What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**No Over-the-Counter Licenses:** There are no OTC licenses for javelina. **Youth Only:** Applicants must be under 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate while hunting with a firearm. **Units 13 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **JAV-1-100, JAV-1-104 and JAV-2-103 Hunt:** Javelina will be in small, isolated groups except in Units 23-27 (including the Big Hatchets). ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course before they hunt. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest.

### License Fees

License fee type is Standard (S).

**Resident \$68 Nonresident \$192**

**Anyone applying for a javelina draw license, MUST pay the full license and application fee when making application.**

Fees include a nonrefundable application fee and Depredation Damage Stamp fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

**Bag Limit** One javelina.

## Draw Hunts Any Legal Sporting Arm (Centerfire, muzzleloader and bow)

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Statewide Youth Only	Jan. 1-Mar. 31, '11	JAV-1-100	100	ES
Unit 19 and 23-27	Feb. 1-15, '11	JAV-1-102	1000	ES
Statewide (except Units 19, and 23-27)	Jan. 16-Mar. 31, '11	JAV-1-104	1000	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range <b>Military Only</b>	Jan. 1-2, '11	JAV-1-105	5	ES
<b>Bow Only</b>				
Unit 19 and 23-27	Jan. 16-31, '11	JAV-2-101	300	ES
Statewide (except Units 19, and 23-27)	Jan. 1-15, '11	JAV-2-103	300	ES

## Barbary Sheep Draw, Private land and Statewide Licenses

### License Required

Hunters must possess a valid resident or nonresident Barbary sheep license with valid tag. Licenses for Units 28 (McGregor Range-Military Only), public land within 29-34, 36 and 37 are issued only by drawing. For draw licenses, up to four persons may apply on Form 2010. Application must be made by **April 7, 2010**. Private land and statewide hunt licenses are available through Department offices, on the Department's Web site and via Form 3.

**License Fees: Draw Resident \$113 Nonresident \$387. Private Land and Statewide Resident \$103 Nonresident \$360.** Anyone applying for a Barbary sheep draw license, MUST pay the full license and nonrefundable application fee when making application. Hunters must apply by **April 7, 2010**. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately and possessed.

**Bag Limit** One Barbary sheep.

### Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; any muzzleloading rifle; or any bow and arrows. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15.

## Draw Hunts Any Legal Sporting Arm (Centerfire, muzzleloader and bow)

McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course before they hunt.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Units 29, 31-34, 36 and 37	Feb. 1-March 15, '11	BBY-1-100	600	ES
Unit 30	Feb. 1-28, '11	BBY-1-101	600	ES
Unit 28 McGregor Range <b>Military Only</b>	Jan. 1-2, '11	BBY-1-102	5	ES

## Private Land and Statewide Hunts Any Legal Sporting Arm (Centerfire, muzzleloader and bow)

**Closed Areas:** Units 8, 13, 14, 16, WSMR and Fort Bliss portions of Units 19, 22-24, 26-34, 36 and 37, Sugarite Canyon State Park, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Area including the Taos Valley Overlook, all WMAs except Water Canyon, the Valle Vidal and the Valles Caldera.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Units 29, 31-34, 36 and 37 <b>Private Land Only</b>	Feb. 1-March 15, '11	NA	Unlimited	ES
Unit 30 <b>Private Land Only</b>	Feb. 1-28, '11	NA	Unlimited	ES
Statewide, except <b>Closed Areas</b> listed above	April 1, '10-March 31, '11	NA	Unlimited	ES

## Draw Licenses

### Application and Licenses

These hunts all occur on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). Up to two persons may apply per Form 2010. Application must be made by **Feb. 3, 2010**. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR Security Badge Hunts. Foreign nationals may apply for Premier Once-In-A-Lifetime hunts, but those that are drawn must be escorted by an authorized WSMR official at all times while on the Range. Hunters must possess a valid oryx license, issued by drawing. Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if there are concerns for public safety. The number of licenses may be reduced from the maximum number listed, depending on population survey results.

### License Fees

License fees for all hunts except Private Land-only Hunts

**Resident \$163 Nonresident \$1,637**

Fees include a nonrefundable application fee and Depredation Damage Stamp fee. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately. WSMR charges a \$150 access fee per hunter for all hunts taking place on the missile range. Successful applicants will receive an instruction letter from WSMR detailing payment of the fee, including deadline dates for payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee is not paid by the deadline.

### WSMR Security

All vehicles entering WSMR are subject to a security search by WSMR officers. Items that are banned by WSMR include: alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, camcorders, radar detectors, and concealed weapons. Discovery of banned items or failure to comply with WSMR requirements or any other applicable law or regulation, may result in citation, arrest, and/or removal from WSMR and prosecution by federal or state officials. It is illegal to enter any "CLOSED" area. Violations may result in the revocation of future hunting privileges on WSMR. Hunters do not get a second chance to correct violations. If you are escorted off WSMR, your license fees will NOT be refunded.

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

There are no OTC licenses for oryx. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property.

## Premier Hunts, Once-In-A-Lifetime

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Rhodes Canyon _____	Aug. 21-22	ORX-1-100	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon _____	Oct. 9-10	ORX-1-102	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon _____	Dec. 11-12	ORX-1-104	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon _____	Jan. 29-30, '11	ORX-1-106	70	ES
Rhodes Canyon _____	Feb. 26-27, '11	ORX-1-108	70	ES
Red Canyon _____	Sept. 25-26	ORX-1-110	30	ES
Red Canyon _____	Jan. 1-2, '11	ORX-1-112	30	ES
Stallion Range _____	Aug. 14-15	ORX-1-114	70	ES
Stallion Range _____	Nov. 13-14	ORX-1-116	70	ES
Stallion Range _____	Jan. 15-16, '11	ORX-1-118	70	ES
Stallion Range _____	Feb. 12-13, '11	ORX-1-120	70	ES
Stallion Range _____	March 19-20, '11	ORX-1-122	70	ES
<b>Mobility-Impaired Only</b> _____	TBA	ORX-1-124	15	ES

(WSMR will attempt to accommodate Mobility-Impaired hunters, in terms of hunt area and hunt date. Please contact WSMR directly if you have questions before applying.)

### Once-In-A-Lifetime Hunt

All oryx hunts are once-in-a-lifetime hunts except: Population management, Youth Only, Broken-Horn, Incentive and WSMR Security Badged hunts.

### Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt

Broken-Horn hunts are not once-in-a-lifetime. See Definitions. **Those who have held an once-in-a-lifetime oryx license may apply for a Broken-Horn Oryx hunt.**

### Bag Limit

**ES** Any one oryx of either sex      **BHO** Any one broken-horn oryx

### Special Restrictions

- **All oryx licenses (except population management, WSMR security badge, youth-only, broken horn, private land-only and incentive hunts) are once-in-a-lifetime licenses.** You may not apply for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license if you have previously held a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license or authorization. However, you may apply for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license even if you have held a population-management, broken horn (non-typical), or incentive oryx license.
- You may designate up to three hunt choices per Form 2010. Address questions of eligibility for a license to any of the Department's Area Offices or the Special Hunts office in Santa Fe.
- Oryx hunters must check in and out of the White Sands Missile Range as described in the information letter they will receive if they are selected for a hunt. Hunters will be provided a hunt area map which identify "CLOSED" areas where no hunting is allowed.
- Up to three guests capable of assisting the hunter in cleaning and loading a downed oryx may accompany each licensed hunter. Only U.S. citizens may be guests of permitted hunters. No other help will be available for this purpose. The guests may not help the licensed hunter kill the oryx.

### Legal Sporting Arms

Only a centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun, .24 caliber or larger, shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug, muzzleloading rifle .45 caliber or larger or any bow and arrows. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15.

## Youth Only Hunt

Centerfire Firearm, Muzzleloader and Bow **This hunt is NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime**

**Youth Only:** Applicants must be under 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply, and carry their certificate while hunting with a firearm.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Stallion Range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Sept. 11-12	ORX-1-138	20	ES

## Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts

### Centerfire Firearm, Muzzleloader and Bow These hunts are NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Rhodes Canyon	Aug. 21-22	ORX-1-139	10	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 9-10	ORX-1-140	10	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Dec. 11-12	ORX-1-141	10	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 29-30, '11	ORX-1-142	10	BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 26-27, '11	ORX-1-143	10	BHO
Red Canyon	Sept. 25-26	ORX-1-144	5	BHO
Red Canyon	Jan. 1-2, '11	ORX-1-145	5	BHO
Stallion Range	Aug. 14-15	ORX-1-146	10	BHO
Stallion Range	Nov. 13-14	ORX-1-147	10	BHO
Stallion Range	Jan. 15-16, '11	ORX-1-148	10	BHO
Stallion Range	Feb. 12-13, '11	ORX-1-149	10	BHO
Stallion Range	March 19-20, '11	ORX-1-150	10	BHO

## WSMR Security Badge Hunts

### Centerfire Firearm, Muzzleloader and Bow These Hunts are NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

**DO NOT APPLY** for these hunts if you are not a U.S. citizen or do not have an appropriate WSMR security and hunt badge or cannot be escorted by someone who does. Only badged sponsors with an approved 2010 WSMR Hunt Permit and their guests will be allowed to participate in these hunts. Badged sponsors must have received a 2010 WSMR Hunt Permit by Feb. 3, 2010. Hunters applying for a badged hunt must be certain that they have a permitted badged sponsor prior to applying for a badged hunt. Hunters who do not have a permitted sponsor will be denied access to the hunt. If in doubt, do not apply. Oryx hunts ORX-1-130 through ORX-1-137 are available ONLY to U.S. citizens with appropriate WSMR security and hunt badges and their guests in accordance with WSMR provisions. There is no guarantee of access to WSMR for these hunts. These hunts will be held on remote areas of White Sands Missile Range. Hunts will be conducted only on weekends, non-duty days and holidays. These hunts are NOT considered once-in-a-lifetime. Two persons may apply per Form 2010. Application must be made by Feb. 3, 2010. Applicants may choose up to three hunt code choices. For further information on access and badging requirements, contact WSMR at (575) 678-7095 or (575) 678-3487.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
WSMR TBA	May 1-31	ORX-1-130	32	ES
WSMR TBA	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-131	32	ES
WSMR TBA	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-132	32	ES
WSMR TBA	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-133	32	ES
WSMR TBA	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-134	32	ES
WSMR TBA	Jan. 1-31, '11	ORX-1-135	32	ES
WSMR TBA	Feb. 1-28, '11	ORX-1-136	32	ES
WSMR TBA	Mar. 1-31, '11	ORX-1-137	32	ES

## Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans-Only Hunts

### Centerfire Firearm, Muzzleloader and Bow Premier Hunts, Once-In-A-Lifetime

Twelve hunts (below) have been established for **New Mexico Resident Veterans** who served on active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. All hunts occur on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). Up to two persons may apply per Form 2010. Application must be made by **Feb. 3, 2010**.

**Proof of Service is Required:** Applicants must supply proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan by the application deadline. Submit a **COPY** of your Orders or DD-214 along with your Form 2010. If applying online, applicants must mail a copy of their proof of service with their application number written on it. Mail proof of service to: Department of Game and Fish, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25125, Santa Fe, NM 87504. **Blaze**

**Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property. **Crossbows:** Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Rhodes Canyon	Aug. 21-22	ORX-1-101	5	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Oct. 9-10	ORX-1-103	5	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Dec. 11-12	ORX-1-105	5	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 29-30, '11	ORX-1-107	5	ES
Rhodes Canyon	Feb. 26-27, '11	ORX-1-109	5	ES
Red Canyon	Sept. 25-26	ORX-1-111	5	ES
Red Canyon	Jan. 1-2, '11	ORX-1-113	5	ES
Stallion Range	Aug. 14-15	ORX-1-115	5	ES
Stallion Range	Nov. 13-14	ORX-1-117	5	ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 15-16, '11	ORX-1-119	5	ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 12-13, '11	ORX-1-121	5	ES
Stallion Range	March 19-20, '11	ORX-1-123	5	ES

**Off White Sands Missile Range Hunts** These hunts are NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

- Open areas include: lands administered by Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, State Trust Lands and private property with written permission.
- Closed areas include: private lands without written permission, White Sands Missile Range, Jornada Experimental Station, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss areas in units 19 and 28, and other lands closed to hunting.
- Applicant may choose up to three hunt code choices.
- Successful applicants for off-range hunts will receive a license.
- Application deadline is **Feb. 3, 2010**.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Statewide, off-range _____	April 1-30	ORX-1-200	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	April 1-30	ORX-1-201	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	May 1-31	ORX-1-202	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	May 1-31	ORX-1-203	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	June 1-30	ORX-1-204	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	June 1-30	ORX-1-205	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	July 1-31	ORX-1-206	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	July 1-31	ORX-1-207	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-208	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-209	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-210	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-211	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-212	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-213	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-214	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-215	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-216	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-217	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	Jan. 1-31, '11	ORX-1-218	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Jan. 1-31, '11	ORX-1-219	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	Feb. 1-28, '11	ORX-1-220	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Feb. 1-28, '11	ORX-1-221	15	ES
Statewide, off-range _____	Mar. 1-31, '11	ORX-1-222	50	ES
Statewide, off-range <b>Youth Only</b> _____	Mar. 1-31, '11	ORX-1-223	15	ES

**Private Land-only Hunts** These hunts are NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

**Private Land-only License Fees**  
**Resident \$153 Nonresident \$1,610**

Private land-only oryx licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must possess valid written permission from the landowner on whose property they wish to hunt. They are restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arm types and bag limits that correspond to the public land hunts listed above as Off White Sands Missile Range Hunts (ORX-1-200 through ORX-1-223). The number of private land-only licenses is unlimited. These licenses are available through Department offices, on the Department's Web site or Form 3.

**McGregor Range Hunts** These hunts are NOT Once-In-A-Lifetime

- These hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss which may charge an access fee.
- Anyone may apply for the ORX-1-224 and the ORX-1-226 hunt.
- **All applicants for Fort Bliss/McGregor Range hunts must possess proof of successfully completing a certified hunter education course before their hunt.**
- Hunters must wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest while hunting.
- Application deadline is **Feb. 3, 2010**.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range _____	Jan. 8-9, '11	ORX-1-224	25	ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range <b>Military Only</b> —	Jan. 8-9, '11	ORX-1-225	25	ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range _____	Feb. 5-6, '11	ORX-1-226	25	ES
Fort Bliss/McGregor Range <b>Military Only</b> —	Feb. 5-6, '11	ORX-1-227	25	ES

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## Draw Permits and Over-the-Counter Licenses

### General Information

The state has been divided into six Bear Management Zones. This allows the Department to better manage bear populations on a regional basis. All zones have two different harvest limits. One is the total number of bears that may be harvested. The other limit is the number of female bears that may be harvested.

### Harvest Limits for All Zones

The harvest limit for each Bear Management Zone is listed in the chart on the next page. The first number indicates the total number of bears that may be harvested in each zone followed by the number of female bears that may be harvested. **All Bear Management Zones will be closed when the harvest is within 10% of the total sustainable harvest limit or female harvest sub-limit. This measure is taken to avoid exceeding sustainable harvest of the resource.** Bears taken from the Sargent WMA and Humphries WMA in Zone 1 or the Barker/Neblett WMAs in Zone 2 and the Marquez WMA in Zone 3 shall count toward the harvest limit in those zones.

### Zone Closure

Hunters **MUST** call (877) 950-5466 toll-free, or check our Web site [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) to ensure that they do not hunt in a zone that has been closed.

### Over-The-Counter License

An over-the-counter (OTC) license with valid carcass tag may be purchased from license vendors, Department offices, online, or by mail using Form 3 (inside back cover). One carcass tag comes with each license. **You must purchase a license to hunt bear AT LEAST TWO DAYS BEFORE HUNTING.**

### Draw Permit

Draw permits for bear hunting are available for Unit 2 Youth Only hunt and the Sargent, Humphries, Marquez, Barker and Colin Neblett WMAs. Application for these draw permits must be made by **Feb. 3, 2010**, using Form 2010 or online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) submitting a nonrefundable application fee of \$10 for residents and \$27 for nonresidents. Only one hunter may apply per Form 2010. A hunter who receives a permit then must purchase an OTC bear license at least two days before hunting. Hunters who draw a license for a WMA hunt may also hunt during the OTC season if they possess an unused tag and have not taken a bear.

### License Fees

License fee type is Standard (S)

**Resident \$47      Nonresident \$260**

Fees include the Depredation Damage Stamp fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

### Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifle; or bow and arrows. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15. In the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest, only bows and arrows may be used.

### Baiting and Trapping

Baiting or trapping is not a legal method of taking bear. Anyone who accidentally traps a bear must either release it or call the Department for assistance in its release.

### Tagging of Bear Hides

Bears must be tagged with both a carcass and pelt tag. The carcass tag, which is received with the purchase of the license, must be attached immediately after the animal is taken by the hunter. The hunter then must present the license and hide for pelt tagging to any District Conservation Officer or any Department office within five days of taking the bear or before taking the hide out of New Mexico, whichever comes first. **A hunter who takes any bear IS REQUIRED to present the unfrozen skull with the mouth fixed open, to any Department office for removal of a premolar tooth.** The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Improperly tagged hides may be seized by the Department.

State law does not require bear meat to be taken from the field.

### Proof of Sex

The male bear's testicles, penis, or baculum or the female bear's vulva must remain attached to the hide of any bear taken and remain visible to the Department's tagging official. **The Department will only pelt tag a harvested bear if proof of sex is attached to the hide and readily visible to the tagging official. Bears presented to the Department for tagging without proof of sex attached, may be seized.**

### Use of Dogs

Dog use is **NOT ALLOWED** on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) or the Valle Vidal area.

Dog use is **NOT ALLOWED** from Sept. 1-22 in ANY unit. Dog use is **NOT ALLOWED** on Sept. 23 and 24 in Zone 5 (Units 12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26 and 27).

Dog use is **REQUIRED** during the Oct. 15-Nov. 15 season in Zone 4.

**NOTE:** When dogs are used in hunting bears, the licensed hunter intending to harvest the bear must be present continuously once any dog is released. There is no "pursuit" or "training" season outside the regular open season.

### Bag Limit

The bag limit is one bear. A hunter may not take any cub younger than a year old or any female accompanied by a cub(s). Only male bears may be taken during the Oct. 15-Nov. 15 season in Zone 4.

### Valle Vidal

It is unlawful to hunt bears in the Valle Vidal, except for properly licensed bear hunters who also possess a concurrent Valle Vidal rifle, muzzleloader or bow elk license and only during the dates of their specified elk hunts. The bear season must be open and Bear Harvest in Zone 2 must also be open for bear hunting. The legal sporting arm for taking bears is the same as the concurrent elk hunt. Dog use is **NOT** allowed in the Valle Vidal.

### Livestock Damage

Landowners, lessees, or their regular employees may, without a license, kill any bear that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. The person taking such action **MUST** report it to the Department of Game and Fish within 24 hours. Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under the provisions listed above are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be turned in to the Department.

## Draw Permits and Over-the-Counter Licenses

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Closed Areas:** The following units are closed to bear hunting: Units 2 (except by permit), 19, 25, 28-33, 39 and 40. All state Wildlife Management Areas are closed unless specifically open to hunting. See additional closures listed below. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property. **Restricted Areas:** It is unlawful to hunt bears in the Valle Vidal except as noted on page 52. Grapevine Canyon and McGregor Range Buffer Zone area in Unit 34 of Zone 6 are accessible by permit and military permission only. **Units 10 of Zone 3 and Units 13, 18 and 20 of Zone 5:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during missile firings. **Zone 4:** Hunters may use only bow and arrows to hunt bear in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest in Zone 4. During the Sept. 1-22 bow season, dog use is not allowed and hunters may harvest a female bear. During the Oct. 15-Nov. 15 season, hunting with dogs is required. The bag limit is one male bear only. **No female bears or cubs younger than a year old may be taken.**

### Seasons For Over-the-Counter Hunts

Zone	Open Units	Hunt Dates	Sporting Arm Type	Dog Use	Total Limit or Female Limit
Zone 1	Units 4-7, 51, and 52	Sept. 1-22	Bow Only	Not Allowed	87 <u>or</u> 35
		Sept. 23-Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed	
Zone 2	Units 41-43, 45***, 46-50 and 53-59	Sept. 1-22	Bow Only	Not Allowed	166 <u>or</u> 66
		Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed	
Zone 3	Units 9 (except Marquez WMA) and 10	Sept. 1-22	Bow Only	Not Allowed	18 <u>or</u> 7
		Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 15	Any Legal	Allowed	
Zone 4*	Units 8 and 14	Sept. 1-22	Bow Only	Not Allowed	12 <u>or</u> 5
		Oct. 15-Nov. 15	Any Legal	Required	
Zone 5	Units 12, 13, 15***, 16***, 17***, 18, 20-24, 26, and 27	Sept. 1-24	Bow Only	Not Allowed	77 <u>or</u> 31
		Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 25-Nov. 30	Any Legal	Allowed	
Zone 6**	Units 34*** and 36-38	Sept. 1-22	Bow Only	Not Allowed	46 <u>or</u> 18
		Aug. 16-31 and Sept. 23-Nov. 30	Any Legal	Allowed	

\* In Zone 4, only male bears may be harvested from Oct. 15 thru Nov. 15.

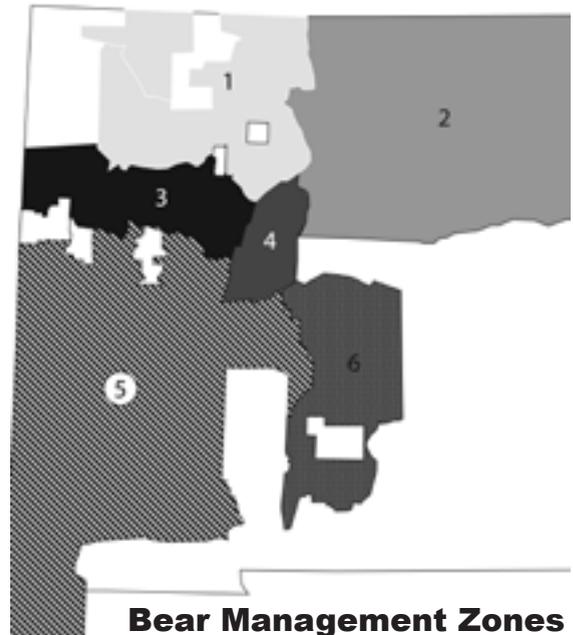
\*\* In Unit 34 of Zone 6, only 22 total bears or 9 female bears may be harvested.

\*\*\* Bear hunting is NOT allowed in the following Units during the following dates, except by deer and elk hunters who possess a valid deer or elk license for these hunts. Deer or elk hunters choosing to hunt bear under this provision must adhere to the hunt area and sporting arm type restriction specified by their deer or elk license.

Unit	Closed Dates
Unit 15	Sept. 1-Oct.3 and Oct.9-13
Unit 16A, C, D and E	Sept. 1-Oct.3 and Oct.9-13
Unit 16B,	Sept.1-Oct. 3 and Oct. 16-20
Unit 17	Sept. 1-24 and Oct. 9-13 and Oct. 30-Nov. 3
Unit 34	Sept. 1-22 and Oct. 2-6 and Oct. 23-27
Unit 45	Sept. 1-Oct. 6

### Seasons For Draw Permit Hunts

Area	Date	Hunt Code	Permits
Sargent WMA	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-100	10
Humphries WMA	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-101	5
Marquez WMA	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-102	5
<b>Barker and Colin Neblett WMAs</b>			
	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-103	12
Unit 2 Youth Only	Aug. 1-31	BER-1-104	5



**Bear Management Zones**

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## Over-the-Counter Licenses

### General Information

The state is divided into 17 Cougar Management Zones. This allows the Department to better manage cougar populations on a regional basis. All zones have two different harvest limits.

### Cougar Season

**Public land season** is Oct. 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

**Private land cougar season** is April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. All cougar mortalities on public and private lands shall count against the sustainable mortality and/or the female sub-limits for that zone. All cougar hunting will cease for zones that have met sustainable and/or female sub-limits.

### Harvest Limits for All Zones

The harvest limit for each Cougar Management Zone is listed in the chart on the next page. The first number indicates the total number of cougars that may be harvested in each zone followed by the number of female cougars that may be harvested. **All Cougar Management Zones will be closed when the harvest is within 10% of the total sustainable mortality limit. This measure is taken to avoid exceeding sustainable harvest of the resource.**

### Zone Closure

Hunters **MUST** call (877) 950-5466 toll-free, or check our Web site [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) to ensure that they do not hunt in a zone that has been closed.

### License Required

A resident or nonresident cougar license with valid carcass tag is available from license vendors and Department of Game and Fish offices, online or by mail using Form 3. **You must purchase a license to hunt cougar AT LEAST TWO DAYS BEFORE HUNTING.**

### License Fees

License fee type is Standard (S)

**Resident \$43      Nonresident \$290**

Fees include the Depredation Damage Stamp fee. Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

### Legal Sporting Arms

Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifle; or bow and arrows. Crossbows may only be used by certified Mobility-Impaired Hunters, see page 15. In the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest in Units 8 and 14, only bows and arrows may be used. Electronic calls may be used statewide.

### Livestock Damage

Landowners, lessees or their regular employees may, without a license, kill any cougar that has killed domestic livestock or presents an immediate threat to human life or property. The person taking such action **MUST** report it to the Department of Game and Fish within 24 hours. Pelts, claws and other parts of depredating animals taken under the provisions listed are the property of the State of New Mexico and must be turned in to the Department.

### Use of Dogs

Dogs may be used in hunting cougars. NOTE: When dogs are used in hunting cougar, the licensed hunter intending to harvest the cougar must be present continuously once any dog is released. There is no "pursuit" or "training" season outside the regular open season.

### Bag Limit

Bag limit is one cougar. No hunter may take any spotted kitten(s) or any female accompanied by a spotted kitten(s).

### Tagging of Cougar Hides

Cougars must be tagged with both a carcass and a pelt tag. The carcass tag, which is received with the purchase of the license, must be attached immediately after the animal is taken by the hunter. The hunter then must present the license and hide for pelt tagging to any District Conservation Officer or any Department office within five days of taking the cougar or before taking the hide out of New Mexico, whichever comes first. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Improperly tagged hides may be seized by the Department. **A hunter who takes a FEMALE cougar IS REQUIRED to present the unfrozen skull with the mouth fixed open, to any Department office for removal of a premolar tooth.**

### Proof of Sex

The male cougar's testicles, penis, or baculum or the female cougar's vulva must remain attached to the hide of any cougar taken and remain visible to the Department's tagging official. **The Department will only pelt tag a harvested cougar if proof of sex is attached to the hide and readily visible to the tagging official. Cougar hides presented to the Department for tagging without proof of sex attached, may be seized.**

State law does not require meat from a cougar to be taken from the field.

### Baiting and Trapping

Cougar baiting is not legal in New Mexico. Trapping is not a legal method of taking cougar except on private land as permitted by the Department. Any private land owner wishing to use traps or snares on their property, **MUST** contact the Department's Wildlife Management Division at (505) 476-8038. Anyone who accidentally traps a cougar or other protected animal must either release it or call the Department for assistance in its release.

### Season Limits

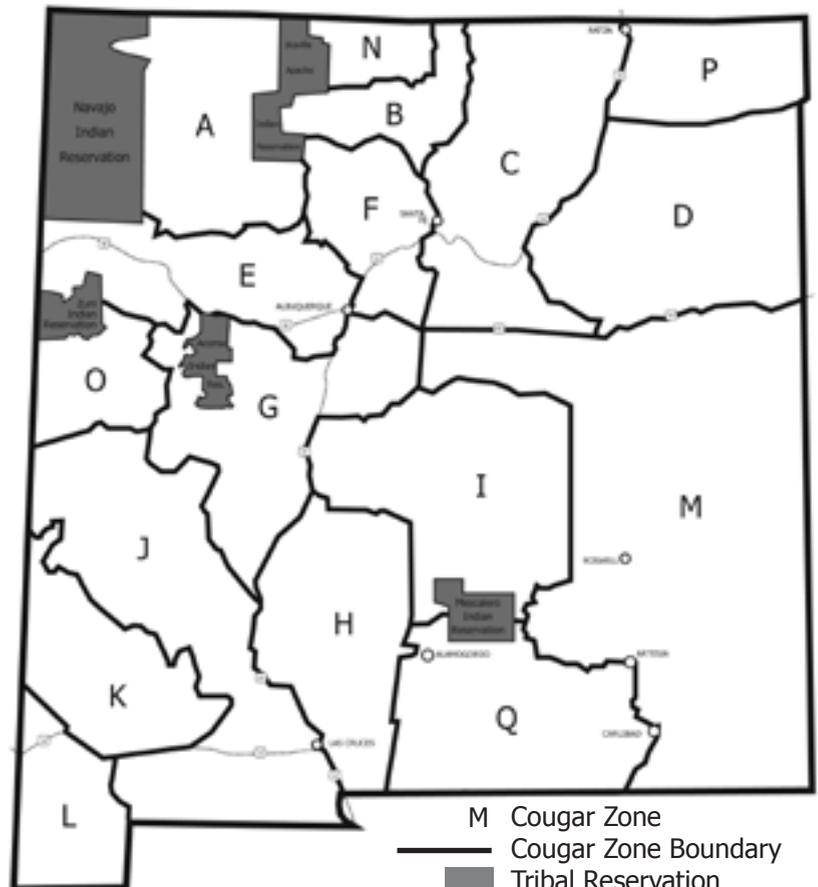
Zone	Open Units	Sustainable Mortality	Female Limit
A	Units 2 and 7	27	7
B	Units 5, 50 and 51	15	4
C	Units 43, 45, 46, 48, 49 and 53-55	53	13
D	Units 41, 42, 47 and 59	13	3
E	Units 9* and 10	30	8
F	Units 6 and 8**	19	5
G	Units 13, 14** and 17	46	12
H	Units 19 and 20	22	6
I	Units 18 and 36-38	34	9
J	Units 15, 16, 21 and 25	69	17
K	Units 22-24	38	10
L	Units 26 and 27	13	3
M	Units 31-33, 39 and 40	35	9
N	Units 4 and 52	10	3
O	Unit 12	6	2
P	Units 56, 57 and 58	11	3
Q	Units 28-30 and 34	46	12

\* Except the Marquez and Water Canyon WMAs  
 \*\* Bow only in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest

### What You Must Know Before You Hunt

**Grapevine Canyon, McGregor Range Buffer Zone:** This area in Unit 34 is accessible by military permission only. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze orange while hunting on military property. Fort Bliss/McGregor Range require all hunters to wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. **Closed Areas:** San Andres National Wildlife Refuge and the Valle Vidal/Greenwood areas are closed to cougar hunting. All state Wildlife Management Areas are closed unless specifically open to hunting. For additional closed areas, see pages 11-12. **Restricted Areas:** Hunters may use only bow and arrows to hunt cougar in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest in Units 8 and 14. **Units 10, 13, 18, 19 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. **Unit 25, Florida Mountains Hunt Area:** Cougar hunting is closed in the Florida Mountains Hunt Area during any ibex season.

### Cougar management zones



# Furbearers

## Licenses

**All trappers, both resident and nonresident, MUST purchase their trapper license from a Department office or from the Department's Web site at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or via Form 3. Trappers who do not report their trapping results by the deadline of April 7, may not purchase a trapper license for the 2010-2011 season.**

**Residents** ages 12 to 17 who hunt or trap protected furbearers must purchase a Junior Trapper License. Residents age 18 or older who hunt or trap protected furbearers must buy a Trapper License. Residents need no license to take unprotected furbearers. See **Unprotected Furbearers** below. Trappers must permanently mark their traps and snares with the trapper's name and address or have a Trapper ID number, which is provided free by the Department. There is no closed season or bag limit on unprotected furbearers or unprotected species.

**Nonresidents** who trap protected or unprotected furbearers in New Mexico must have a nonresident Trapper license. Trappers must permanently mark their traps and snares with the trapper's name and address or have a Trapper ID number, which is provided free by the Department. Nonresidents who hold a nonresident nongame license or any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license may use firearms or bows to hunt for or kill coyote, rabbit, prairie dog or skunk, but may not set traps or snares unless they also have a nonresident Trapper license. Nonresidents should call any Department office for licenses.

### License Fees

Resident	Nonresident
\$20.00	\$345.00

Nonresident Trapper licenses are NOT available to those who live in a state that does not permit a New Mexico resident to purchase a nonresident trapper's license. For more information, call any Department office.

Junior Trapper	Resident	Nonresident
(Residents age 12-17)	\$9.00	Not Issued

Habitat Stamps are required for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately.

### Bag Limit

There is no bag limit on any furbearer or unprotected species.

### Protected Furbearers

Protected furbearers that may be taken during open season are raccoon, badger, weasel, fox, ringtail, bobcat, muskrat, beaver and nutria. There are other protected furbearers, but their take is prohibited. These include, but are not limited to pine marten, river otter, black-footed ferret, and coatimundi.

### Unprotected Furbearers

Unprotected furbearers are coyote and skunk.

### Legal Means of Harvest

Furbearers may be taken with dogs, firearms, bows and arrows, and traps and snares. Calls, including mechanically or electrically recorded calling devices, are legal in hunting protected furbearers. Dogs may be used to take protected furbearers only during open trapping season. There is no "pursuit or training season" outside the regular open season.

### Trap Inspection

A licensed trapper or his representative (agent) must make a visual inspection of each trap every 24 hours. All traps must be personally checked by the trapper every other calendar day and all wildlife removed. A release device or catchpole shall be carried to release domestic animals, nontarget or undesirable animals. If wildlife is held captive in the trap, the trapper or agent(s) must remove the wildlife. Each trapper will be allowed one or more agent(s), who must possess written permission from the trapper and a valid Trapper license. The permission must include the trapper's full name, address, Trapper license number, Trapper ID number and general location or route of traps.

### Trap Identification

The following restrictions apply in the setting of any trap or snare that could reasonably be expected to catch a protected furbearer. Each trap or snare used to take furbearers must be permanently marked with either the user's name and address or have a Trapper ID number that is issued only by the Department. To get a free Trapper ID number, call the Department at (505) 476-8038. The identification number or name and address must be stamped on the bottom of the frame or included on a metal tag riveted, welded, or otherwise securely attached to the trap frame, chain or cable.

### Land Sets

A land-set trap is a trap or snare set on land. No foot hold trap with an outside jaw spread larger than 6 1/2 inches (or 7 inches if laminated) and no tooth-jawed trap may be used in making a land set. A "laminated trap" means any alteration, modification or manufactured change to the jaws of a foot hold trap that increases the jaw width and therefore decreases jaw pressure.

All foot hold traps with an inside jaw spread equal to or greater than 5 1/2 inches must be offset. An "offset" means any alteration, modification or manufactured change to a foot hold trap resulting in a gap of no less than 3/16 inches between the jaws when the trap is sprung.

No land set may be placed within one-quarter (1/4) mile of an occupied dwelling without prior, written permission of the dwelling's occupant, except for a land set placed by a landowner on his own land. No land set may be placed within one-quarter (1/4) mile of an established public campground, roadside rest area, picnic area or boat launching area. No land set may be placed within 25 yards of any U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management system trail designated by the agency on a map provided for the general public, or within 25 yards of the shoulder of any public road annually maintained with public funds. When a boundary fence is present, sets must be made on the side of the fence opposite the road. No land set may be placed within 50 yards of any man-made livestock or wildlife catchment, pond or tank containing water, except on private land with written permission of the landowner.

If setting Conibear-type traps on land, the following restrictions apply. No Conibear-type trap with an inside jaw spread greater than 7" may be set on land. A Conibear-type trap with a jaw spread of 6" but less than 7" must be used in conjunction with a cubby set such that the trap trigger is recessed in the cubby at least 8" from the entrance. Conibear-type traps with an inside jaw spread less than 6" are not required to be used in conjunction with a cubby set. Foot hold traps may be used in conjunction with a cubby set as defined above under **Land Sets**.

### Water Sets

A water-set trap is a trap or snare set fully or partially under water. No steel trap with an inside jaw spread larger than 7 1/2" or Conibear-type trap with a jaw spread greater than 12" may be used in making a water set.

### Visible Bait, Trap Flags

It is illegal to place, set or maintain any snare or steel trap within 25 feet of bait that is visible from any angle and that consists of the flesh, hide, fur, viscera or feathers of any animal. However, a cubby set is legal when the bait can only be seen from a height of three feet or less above ground level at a distance of 25 feet from the trap. The bait must be placed within the natural or man-made cubby but the trap may be outside. Bones that are entirely free of flesh, hide, fur, viscera or feathers may be used as visible bait. The restriction on visible bait does not apply to a trap flag that is suspended above the ground and is made from materials other than parts of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles or amphibians.

**Importation & Possession of Live Furbearers**

It is illegal to import or possess protected furbearers or other wild-by-nature animals in New Mexico.

**Possession**

It is illegal to import any furbearer, or to retain alive in captivity, any protected furbearer. The Director of the Department may issue a permit for retention of raccoons or other activity permitted by rule. A person must receive a permit prior to possessing a raccoon.

**No Bear or Cougar Trapping**

There are no open trapping seasons on bear or cougar, except as permitted for cougars. Livestock owners or others suffering depredation from bear or cougar should call the nearest Area Office of the Department of Game and Fish for assistance. See page 3 for phone numbers.

**Tagging of Bobcat Pelts**

Anyone who takes a bobcat in New Mexico must present the pelt to a licensed fur dealer or any Department of Game and Fish office for pelt tagging. District Conservation Officers do NOT have bobcat tags. The trapper or his agent must arrange for all bobcat pelts to be tagged no later than April 14 annually and report the county in which the bobcat was harvested. Anyone (except residents younger than 12 years of age) presenting a bobcat pelt for tagging must present a valid Trapper license. It is illegal to present for tagging the pelt of any bobcat taken outside New Mexico. No one shall transport across state lines, sell, barter or otherwise dispose of any bobcat pelt taken in New Mexico unless it has been properly tagged.

It is unlawful for a fur dealer to tag any bobcats contrary to the Furbearer Rules.

**Accidental Trapping of Mexican Wolves, River Otters, Lynx and Other Species**

Mexican Wolves are federally protected species. River otters are a state protected species. Both may occur in parts of New Mexico. If you should capture a river otter, you must release it immediately.

If you capture a Mexican wolf, please contact the Department of Game and Fish 24-hour dispatch phone at (800) 432-GAME (4263) or call your local conservation officer or call the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Office at (888) 459-9653 immediately. An officer will respond to remove the wolf and secure it until a member of the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team can arrive to process and radio collar the wolf. Trappers should consider double staking traps and/or using heavier drags in order to minimize injury to accidentally captured Mexican wolves.

If you happen to trap a legally protected mammal (other than Mexican wolf) or bird or trap a protected furbearer during closed season, you must release it. Trappers must carry a device for release of non-target animals. If, however, it is badly injured, or its release would be dangerous to accomplish, you must advise the Department of Game and Fish as soon as possible. The Department will release the animal and, if necessary, treat its injuries.

Trappers will not be held criminally liable if they accidentally capture a wolf, river otter or lynx in New Mexico. Any river otter inadvertently taken in a trap, must be reported to the Department of Game and Fish and released if alive or turned over to the Department if dead.

**Mandatory Harvest Reporting**

By **Feb. 15**, anyone who is licensed to hunt deer or elk, or by **April 7**, anyone who is licensed to hunt or trap furbearers in New Mexico, must report the results of their hunt or trapping season. This is true whether or not they hunted, trapped or harvested animals. Deer, elk, and furbearer hunters and trappers that do not report, will have ALL applications for draw hunts, population management authorizations or private land authorizations rejected the following year.

**What You Must Know Before You Hunt or Trap**

**Closed Areas:** All of Los Alamos County is closed to all trapping except the northern quarter and a strip along the west bank of the Rio Grande, (north of Water Canyon, from the Rio Grande to a line 1,000 feet below the canyon rim); the Valles Caldera National Preserve (formerly the Baca Ranch); the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River; Orilla Verde and Santa Cruz Lake recreation areas; the Valle Vidal/ Greenwood area; Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center; state parks; national parks and monuments; national wildlife refuges and state wildlife management areas. Ft. Bliss/McGregor Range only allows furbearer hunting and is closed to trapping (see **Military Reservations** page 13). The Gila, Cibola, Lincoln and Apache Sitgreaves National Forests are all closed to beaver trapping.

**Seasons**

**Badger, Weasel, Fox, Ringtail and Bobcat**

Nov. 1, 2010 - March 15, 2011

**Beaver, Muskrat and Nutria**

April 1 - April 30, 2010 and Nov. 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011

**Raccoon**

April 1 - May 15, 2010 and Sept. 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011

**There is no open season on pine marten, river otter, black-footed ferret, or coatimundi.**

**Know the Difference Between a Bobcat and a Lynx**

**Bobcat**

- Underside of tail is white all the way to the tip
- Ear tufts are under 1 inch long
- Cheek tufts are not prominent
- Brownish in color, usually black spots on the belly
- Total length is 25 to 37 inches
- Feet appear small with no hair between pads
- Track size is under 2.5 inches wide
- Stride length is 20 inches

**Lynx**

- Tail has black tip, not white underneath
- Ear tufts are at least 1.5 inches long
- Cheek tufts are prominent
- Grayish color, no spots on the belly
- Total length is 32 to 37 inches
- Feet appear quite large, pads covered with hair
- Track size is 3.5 to 4.5 inches wide
- Stride length is 28 inches



Colorado Division of Wildlife

This is a **lynx**. Note the long ear and cheek tufts, black tail, large fur-covered feet and no spots on the belly.



## Applying for Draw Licenses, Permits & Population Management Hunts

- 4 For elk and deer draw hunts, there are standard (S), quality (Q), high-demand (HD), or both quality and high-demand (Q/HD) hunts. There are no quality or high-demand hunts for any other species. Those hunt types are all standard (S). Refer to deer and elk pages for the correct fee type.
- 5 Fill in the total amount enclosed with this form. This is the total dollar amount for all hunters applying on the form. Applicants should include the appropriate license fee listed on page 7. **Hunters should send the fee for THE MOST EXPENSIVE HUNT for which they are applying.** If you draw a less expensive hunt, you will receive a refund for the difference. Bear and turkey draw applicants should send only a nonrefundable application fee for each applicant. Make checks, cashier's checks, or money orders payable to the Department of Game and Fish. **Do not send cash, a blank check or a blank money order.**
- 6 Up to 4 hunters per form may apply for deer licenses (except private land hunts in Unit 5A), or elk, javelina, Barbary sheep, and pronghorn antelope draw licenses. When more than one person applies per form for pronghorn antelope, members of the party may be assigned to separate but nearby ranches. Up to 2 hunters may apply for oryx and turkey draw hunts. Only 1 hunter may be listed per application for Unit 5A private land-only deer, bighorn sheep, ibex, bear and all population management hunts.
- 7 For ibex only: If you have purchased an ibex IBX-1-528 license and are applying for a draw ibex hunt, indicate license number here and submit only a nonrefundable application fee. Do not apply for IBX-1-528 on Form 2010.
- 8 Applicants for deer or elk draw licenses may choose to accept any license (same sporting arms type as the applicant's first choice) in one of the four quadrants of the state by designating the fourth choice on the application. See pages 20 and 32 for more information on 4th choice hunts. A hunter who draws the fourth choice will receive a license for a specific hunt within that quadrant. A hunter drawing a fourth choice elk hunt could receive an antlerless license even if the first three choices were for mature bull licenses and vice versa. If any choice is for a bull elk, the bull elk license fee must be sent.
- 9 Nonresidents must indicate whether they will be using an outfitter. Use of an outfitter is optional, see page 16. Those nonresidents who plan to contract with an outfitter must have a signed contract before applying for a draw hunt and include that outfitter's number on the application form. State law requires that nonresidents who use an outfitter's number on a Form 2010 must have a valid contract with that outfitter and must use that outfitter for the hunt. Lists of registered outfitters are available from Department offices and are on our Web site at: **www.wildlife.state.nm.us/**. Residents will receive 78% of the licenses or permits drawn. Nonresidents who submit a valid outfitter's registration number on their application, and hire that outfitter, will receive up to 12% of the licenses or permits. Nonresidents who apply to hunt without outfitters will receive up to 10% of the licenses. This quota does not apply to oryx, ibex and bighorn sheep hunts.
- 10 Check and initial the top box if you want your **LICENSE** or **PERMIT** mailed to your outfitter instead of to you. Check and initial the bottom box if you want your **REFUND** mailed to your outfitter instead of to you. If you do not check either box, your license and/or refund will be mailed directly to you.
- 11 If you are using an outfitter, fill in their registration number here. You must have the outfitter's current permission to use their number.
- 12 Applicants must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number when applying for a license or permit.
- 13 **ALL applicants MUST include their Customer ID Number.**
- 14 Fill in your check or money order number here. Each applicant should indicate his or her check number if multiple checks are submitted.
- 15 Fill in the amount submitted for this applicant. Total amount for all applicants combined goes on the front of application under total amount enclosed. See License Fees on page 7.
- 16 Check the appropriate boxes.
- 17 Applicants must enter their correct **MAILING** address.
- 18 Fill in the applicant's daytime phone number. This should be a telephone number where the applicant can be reached during normal business hours, 8 AM to 5 PM.
- 19 To apply for a free resident DAV Deer License, the hunter must enter their DAV number here.
- 20 Any applicant younger than age 18 on the day they apply for a firearm hunting license must submit proof of passing a certified hunter education course. In addition, to be eligible for a youth only hunt, they must be younger than age 18 on the first day of the youth only hunt for which they are applying. If the hunter education certificate has no number, attach a photocopy of it to Form 2010.
- 21 If the applicant has been certified Mobility-Impaired, place that number here. See page 8, License Information, for definitions.
- 22 **EVERY** applicant must read, sign and date the application in the appropriate box. Unsigned applications will be rejected.

### Your Application May Be Rejected

Your application may be rejected for ANY of the following reasons.

- You did not provide your Customer ID Number.
- You did not report your hunting or trapping results to the New Mexico Hunter-Trapper Reporting System.
- You provided an incomplete application.
- There are more applicants than allowed for on Form 2010.
- You have previously held a once-in-a-lifetime license for that species or hunt area.
- You are not certified as Mobility-Impaired when applying for a Mobility-Impaired hunt.
- You did not submit required military certification with application.
- You did not submit the specially marked Form 2010 for deer hunting private land in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4, or 5A.
- You do not meet age requirements for youth only hunts or did not include the hunter education certificate number on your application.
- The application number is a duplicate. You cannot reproduce Form 2010.
- You improperly submitted more than one application for the same species.
- You did not submit enough money with your application.
- Your check was returned for insufficient funds.
- Your credit card was rejected for insufficient funds.
- Your hunting, fishing, and/or trapping privileges have been revoked.
- An individual applicant may be rejected on a party application.
- Rejected applications will be charged the application fee.

If you re-submit a rejected application, it must still be postmarked by the deadline.

# Operation Game Thief

## Turn in a Poacher, Earn a Reward!

Rewards for the arrest or charges against game violators are:

**\$750** for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep

**\$500** for cases involving deer or oryx

**\$350** for cases involving pronghorn antelope

**\$250** for cases involving turkey, bear, cougar, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, endangered species, small game, fish, raptors and furbearers.

Call: **(800) 432-4263** to report poachers and remain anonymous



## Operation Game Thief

Operation Game Thief (OGT) continues to be a successful deterrent to wildlife law violators. Operation Game Thief was established in 1977 as a way to report game and fish violations. It allows the reporter to remain anonymous. The reward fund does not use tax or license fees. It comes from clubs, organizations, businesses and from thousands of men and women who have contributed anywhere from a few to hundreds of dollars each.

Operation Game Thief needs your support. Please send a check payable to Operation Game Thief and mail it to the Department of Game and Fish, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Your donation is tax-deductible. All the money is used to pay rewards in wildlife cases and promote the program.

During 2008/2009, the Department received \$17,000 in donations to Operation Game Thief. Conservation Officers investigated a total of 105 new cases that were generated as a result of calls to the OGT telephone number. The result from these tips led to 85 criminal charges. More than 29 convictions and \$6,521 in fines were levied because concerned citizens like yourself took the time to call in a tip for Conservation Officers to investigate.

The State Game Commission revoked all hunting, fishing and trapping privileges of 399 people who failed to pay penalty assessment, 295 for big game violations, and 725 people who failed to comply with the Parental Responsibility Act. In total, the Commission revoked 1,419 people of their hunting, fishing and trapping privileges. A total of \$44,325 in penalty assessments was collected.

## Parental Responsibility Act

The New Mexico Parental Responsibility Act requires the State Game Commission revoke the recreational and professional licenses of anyone who does not comply with a court-ordered child support obligation.

The purpose of the act is to eliminate child support arrearage. This will help reduce the number of children living at or near the poverty level and decrease the financial obligation that falls to the state when parents do not provide for their children.

There are currently 5,947 individuals that have their hunting and fishing privileges suspended because of the Parental Responsibility Act. For more information about this law, please contact the Department's Law Enforcement Division at (505) 476-8065.



## Donation Certificate

Use this certificate if you give game meat, fish or parts of game animals to someone.



I, \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby convey to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

The following game animal(s) or animal parts:

\_\_\_\_\_

The animal(s) was (were) taken by me under NM Hunting License:

License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ License Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

We affirm that the above information is true and correct. We understand it is unlawful to postdate, predate, or otherwise falsify a Donation Certificate.

# Gaining Access Into Nature

# GAIN

Learn more about **Gaining Access into Nature**, a new Game and Fish program at Wildlife Management Areas across New Mexico.

## What is GAIN?

Gaining Access Into Nature (GAIN) is a program offered by the Department of Game and Fish. Many Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are being opened to additional wildlife associated recreation activities beyond the traditional uses of hunting and fishing. Depending on the WMA, wildlife viewing and wildlife photography opportunities are accessible by hiking, bicycling, skiing, snowshoeing and horseback. These activities are designed to offer new incentives to recreate and draw attention to the conservation of public trust wildlife and the habitats they depend on.

## Which Wildlife Management Areas are open to GAIN activities?

Open areas may include: Pecos River Complex (Bert Clancy, Mora, Terrero, and Jamie Koch areas), Charette Lakes, Colin Neblett, Elliott Barker, McAllister Lake, Rio de los Pinos, Urraca, Wagon Mound, Bluebird Mesa, Edward Sargent, Jackson Lake, Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Complex (Bernardo and La Joya), Rio Chama, Water Canyon, William Humphries, Bear Canyon, Bill Evans, Heart Bar, Lake Roberts, Mimbres, Red Rock, Socorro-Escondida, Brantley, Lesser Prairie Chicken Areas, Seven Rivers, William Huey and the Sandhills Prairie.

## Who needs a GAIN Permit?

Anyone 18 years or older must purchase a GAIN Permit and a Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV) to access one of the above WAs for a GAIN activity. Anyone who holds a current hunting, fishing, trapping, or limited use license, a Permit, a valid park permit issued for a state park associated with that land, or a special activity permit where required does NOT need to purchase a GAIN Permit. Persons younger than 18 do NOT need a permit or HMAV.

## What activities are LEGAL

Any person, holding a valid GAIN permit and HMAV may, unless specifically prohibited:

- View and/or photograph wildlife.
- Hike, horseback ride, snowshoe, ski or bicycle if specifically allowed at that WA.
- Camp, if the WA is open to camping, for no more than 9 consecutive days.
- Licensed hunters and their guests may camp during their hunt.
- Have an open fire only if it is contained in a metal fireplace, charcoal grill or is otherwise contained.
- Pets must be leashed and under control at all times except during established seasons when hunting dog use is permitted.

## What activities are ILLEGAL

It is illegal for a person to:

- Operate any motorized vehicle or bicycle off established roads or on closed roads within a WA.
- Deface or remove any rocks, minerals, plants, firewood or man-made features from a WA.
- Excavate, injure, destroy, or remove any cultural resources or artifacts from a WA.
- Violate any of the provisions of signs posted on WAs.
- Use or possess any hay or feed that is not certified "weed free."



## GAIN Properties



## How much are the fees?

Each person 18 years or older who does not hold a license or special permit listed above, must purchase a GAIN Permit and a HMAV to participate in any GAIN activity. Permits available include:

- An Annual GAIN Permit is \$15 + HMAV \$4 = \$19.
- A Temporary (5 consecutive days) GAIN Permit is \$4 + HMAV \$4 = \$8.
- A \$1 vendor fee may be charged if you purchase them from a license vendor.
- If you purchase it online, a \$4.95 convenience fee will be charged.
- Both permit types are valid statewide.

## Do I need another HMAV if I purchased one with my hunting or fishing license?

No. Only one HMAV must be purchased each license year (April 1-March 31).

## Where can I get more information?

Visit the Department's Web site at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or call (505) 476-8000.

# Form 3, Licenses By Mail

## Discounted Resident Combination Licenses

Residents applying ONLINE for public land deer licenses will have the opportunity to select a combination license in conjunction with their deer application.

Residents will have the choice to apply for a General Hunting and Fishing License or a General Hunting License or a Deer License or a Handicapped General Hunting and Fishing or a Handicapped General Hunting or a Junior/Senior Deer License. Additionally, applicants will have the option to purchase a Habitat Management and Access Validation, Habitat Improvement Stamp and/or Harvest Information Program (HIP) number, at the same time.

Online applicants will be charged the full fee up front at the application deadline. An authorization number will be provided prior to April 15 to residents who select one of the combination hunting and fishing license options online along with the proper stamps and validations. This authorization number will serve as their legal Fishing License. Be aware that applicants selecting any combination hunting and fishing license will not be able to fish legally UNTIL they have received their authorization number. If you wish to fish April 1, you MUST purchase a separate Fishing License. Customers may obtain their authorization number by accessing their customer account between April 7 and April 15.

Residents who choose a combination license and who successfully draw for deer will be issued a deer license. Residents who are unsuccessful in the deer draw will be issued a refund for the difference of the full combination package price and the lesser one for which the authorization was issued. No refunds will be issued for licenses tied to an authorization number.

## Free Fishing Day

June 5, 2010, is Free Fishing Day. Whether you're an old hand at fishing or if you feel like testing the waters for the first time, June 5th is the perfect time to get out and make a cast or two at lakes and streams across New Mexico - no license required.

There will be free fishing clinics across the state. Almost all of them will be generously stocked with catchable-sized trout or channel catfish before the events. Anglers of all ages are encouraged to participate. All you need is some basic fishing equipment and a desire to fish in New Mexico's great outdoors. Most clinics will offer prizes for kids who register and attend educational stations!

For more information about the clinics, contact Kevin Holladay Kevin.holladay@state.nm.us or call (505) 476-8095.

## National Hunting and Fishing Day

Sept. 25, 2010 is National Hunting and Fishing Day. License-free fishing, fly tying, archery and air rifle shooting are among activities sponsored by the Department of Game and Fish.

For a schedule and location of events, visit the Department's Web site at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

## Instructions for Form 3

### Over-the-Counter Licenses by Mail

Anyone who hunts protected game must have a license, regardless of age. All nonresidents must be licensed, even for hunting unprotected nongame species.

**You are advised NOT TO purchase a Private Land-Only Deer License until you know whether you were successful in the deer draw or have access to hunt private land.**

Use Form 3 ONLY for the licenses, stamps and validations listed. Do not use this form to apply for draw licenses or permits. Over-the-Counter licenses (except ibex, Barbary sheep, Trapper and Resident Junior Trapper) are available from all license vendors in New Mexico.

- Print all information legibly.
- Photocopies of Form 3 are acceptable but it must have an original signature.
- Check all applicable licenses or permits.
- Submit fees listed on Form 3.
- Do not fax Form 3.
- Add a \$1 vendor fee to the total amount for all licenses.
- Mail orders for licenses should be received in our office at least 14 days before the license is needed.
- Pay only by credit card, check or money order made payable to Department of Game and Fish. Do not mail cash. Persons using any license purchased with a check or credit card returned for insufficient funds can be prosecuted for using a license unlawfully procured and are subject to a one-year revocation of all hunting and fishing privileges.
- You must sign Form 3.

Return Form 3 with your payment to any Department office or mail it to:

**Special Hunts Office  
Department of Game and Fish  
PO Box 25125, Santa Fe, NM 87504**

## Refunds and Transfers

You can only get a refund for a license after it has been issued under **VERY LIMITED** circumstances. See page 4. It is unlawful to alter, predate or postdate any license. If you are not selected for a draw hunt or population management hunt, your money, minus the application fee, will be refunded.

# Form 3, Licenses By Mail

## FORM 3 Application to purchase hunting or fishing license by mail

- Please print legibly.
- Applicants must sign this form. DO NOT fax this form.
- Do not use this form to apply for any draw license.

Day-time Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 Digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ Date Residency Established (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter Education No.: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Required for firearms hunting licenses issued to persons under 18 years of age.

State of Driver's License: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing	Resident	Nonresident
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fishing	\$25.00	56.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Fishing (ages 12-17)	5.00	28.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Senior Fishing (ages 65-69)	8.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Handicapped Fishing	8.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Free Fishing (age 70 and older)	Free	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Day Fishing *(Specify dates below)	12.00	12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Day Fishing *(Specify dates below)	24.00	24.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Second Rod Validation	4.00	4.00

\*For any Temporary License, please specify dates:  
 Starting 12:01 AM \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YY)  
 Ending 11:59 PM \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YY)

- Harvest Information Program (HIP) Number (Required of all migratory bird hunters) 1.00 1.00
- Habitat Stamp (Required if hunting, trapping or fishing on any U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management properties. Required only once per season.) 5.00 5.00
- Habitat Management and Access Validation (For hunting, trapping or fishing on **any** lands. Once per season.) 4.00 4.00

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Keep This Information Confidential (Master Card or Visa Card Only)

Please check one: Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mastercard  Visa  (MM/YY)

Total Amount Enclosed (DO NOT MAIL CASH) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Add \$1.00 vendor fee. Make checks payable to: NM Dept. of Game and Fish

I attest that this information is true and correct. I understand the rules of eligibility and that I am eligible for this license as per chapter 17 N.M.S.A. 1978 and associated rules.

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 Signature of License Applicant

## Hunting Licenses, Stamps, Validations

**Resident Nonresident**  
 Do not purchase any OTC deer license until you know your results in the draw or have access to private land to hunt.

<input type="checkbox"/> Private Land Deer - Standard (S)	\$39.00	\$270.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Land Deer - Quality (Q)	39.00	355.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Land Resident Jr/Sr Deer	27.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident General Hunting (Deer, squirrel, game birds)	43.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident General Hunting and Fishing (Deer, squirrel, game birds and fish)	62.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Junior General Hunting (Residents younger than 18 years old)	18.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Junior General Hunting and Fishing (Residents younger than 18 years old)	23.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Senior (Residents 65 and older) or Handicapped General Hunting	27.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Senior (Residents 65 and older) or Handicapped General Hunting and Fishing	31.00	Not Issued

### Private Land-Only Deer Licenses

You **MAY NOT** use this form to purchase a Private Land License for hunting in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4, or 5A. Private Land-Only Licenses are issued for a specific unit, sporting arm type and hunt period as defined by a hunt code. You must provide the hunt code in the boxes below.

Deer Hunt Code: 

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<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Small Game and Fishing	33.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Jr/Sr Small Game and Fishing (Younger than 18 and 65 years and older)	16.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Game (Squirrel and game birds but not turkey)	20.00	90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Small Game (4-day) *(Specify dates in box to the left)	NA	33.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Turkey	25.00	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Turkey-Second Tag	10.00	10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Turkey	25.00	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bear	47.00	260.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cougar	43.00	290.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonresident Nongame Animals (Not required of any nonresident holding a NM nonresident hunting license.)	NA	65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ibex IBX-1-528 (off Florida Mountain hunt area). Valid all year and only in Units 20, 21, 23-25 (except Florida Mountain hunt area), 26 and 27. Available only by mail using this form or in person at any Department office.	103.00	1,610.00

Private Land Oryx (See page 51) 153.00 1,610.00  
 Oryx Hunt Code: 

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<input type="checkbox"/> Private Land and Statewide Barbary Sheep	103.00	360.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Trapper (Not available to nonresidents who live in a state that does not permit a New Mexico resident to purchase a nonresident license. Available only by mail, on the Department's Web site or in person at any Department office.)	20.00	345.00

<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Junior Trapper (Not available to nonresidents who live in a state that does not permit a New Mexico resident to purchase a nonresident license. Available only by mail, on the Department's Web site or in person at any Department office.)	9.00	Not Issued
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# NEW MEXICO

## Off-Highway Vehicle Program



New Mexico has new requirements for off-highway motor vehicles (OHVs) designed to protect the safety of all OHV users and ensure responsible and sensitive OHV use. The law requires all OHV users to register or acquire a permit for their OHV if it is used on public land.

### REGISTRATION (IF USED ON PUBLIC LAND)

#### Vehicles that are considered to be OHVs & must be registered:

- All-terrain vehicles (ATVs)
- Dirt bikes
- Off-road vehicles (ORVs, UTVs or Mule type vehicles)
- Snowmobiles

#### Vehicles not required to be registered for off-highway motor vehicle use:

- Motorcycles registered for use on public streets
- Vehicles used strictly for agricultural use
- Vehicles used strictly on private land

### SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

#### Riders under 6:

- May not operate an ATV on public land.

#### Riders under 18 MUST:

- Wear an approved, securely fastened helmet.
- Wear approved, protective eye wear.
- Never carry a passenger, even on OHVs designed for two persons.
- Be visually supervised when operating an OHV, unless:
  - ◆ Age 13 and above with a valid motorcycle license.
  - ◆ Age 15 and above with a valid driver's license.
- Complete a certified OHV course and obtain a safety permit.

### PROHIBITED USES:

#### It is illegal for any person to use an OHV to:

- Damage or destroy signs, windmills or other property.
- Operate any OHV in a way that damages the environment, plants, animals or creates excessive noise.
- Harass, pursue or hunt wildlife or domestic animals.
- Operate any OHV where prohibited or on private land without permission.
- Operate an OHV on paved roads or highways.
- Negatively affect livestock and or agricultural practices.
- No one, regardless of age, may drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### RIDING RESPONSIBLY & ON DESIGNATED TRAILS:

- Know before you go. Contact the local U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or other appropriate agency office to find out about trails, roads or areas open to OHV use.
- It is your responsibility to obtain permission to travel across private lands.

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

This document is not to be used as a substitution for New Mexico Statutes 66-3-1001 to 66-3-1020 or Title 18 of the New Mexico Administrative Code. It is intended to provide basic information regarding the requirements for OHVs and users. It is your responsibility to know the law.

### REGISTRATION AND FEES:

#### New Mexico resident registration and fees

Contact: **New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)**

Phone: (505) 827-4636 Toll-free: (888) 683-4636

Web site: [www.state.nm.us/tax/mvd](http://www.state.nm.us/tax/mvd)

Or any field office

- \$53 for initial registration - \$50 thereafter (Must be renewed every two years from the date of initial registration.)

#### Nonresident permit and use fees\*

Contact: **New Mexico Department of Game and Fish**

Phone: (505) 476-8000

Web site: [www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com) or [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

Or any New Mexico Department of Game and Fish office

- Two-year permit – (Must be renewed every two years from the date of initial registration.) \$48
- 90-day permit \$18

\*Non-residents who have proof of a valid OHV registration, user fee or similar fee, may not need to purchase the New Mexico Permit. Please check the Web site for a listing of those states.



● Be Safe ● Stay on trails ● Tread Lightly ● Enjoy

[www.B4uRide.com](http://www.B4uRide.com)