



# **Wildlife Management Division**

## **Deer 19.31.13 NMAC**

**August 23, 2018**

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting**

**Gallup, NM**

# 2017 Harvest Data



- Statewide 36,220 licenses sold/converted
- 88% of hunters reported
- 35% successful in harvesting
- Estimated statewide harvest
  - Bucks = 11,220; Does = 96
- Satisfaction rating = 3.4

# Public Comment on Proposed Changes

- 72 attendees at 4 public meetings
- For (3) and against (6) splitting archery season
- Supportive of new proposed hunts or license adjustments (15)
- Thanksgiving youth hunt (2 for, 2 against)
- Opposed to GMU 32 split (4)
- Supportive of GMU 31 split (1)
- Opposed to moving 34 muzzleloader hunt to Oct. (1)
- Draw process (9)
- Other/unrelated (19)

# Proposed Changes



- Adjust seasons for calendar dates
- Adjust draw license numbers based on biological data & management goals
- Separate archery season into September & January (2 different seasons)\*
- Standardize most youth hunts to a 9 day hunt surrounding Thanksgiving week

# NE Area Proposed Adjustments



- Allow ES white-tailed deer hunting for all white-tailed deer hunts
- **GMU 55**: Create 2 new September archery hunts of 10 licenses in Valle Vidal and 10 licenses in Colin Neblett
- **GMU 56**: Add ESWTD youth hunt (10 licenses, any-legal-weapon)
- **GMU 41**: Create new January archery hunt of 10 licenses
- Increase licenses based on biological data (~6% overall)
  - GMUs: 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 57, 58, 59

# SE Area Proposed Adjustments

- **GMU 30**: Split rifle hunts evenly (800/hunt)
  - Previous license split was 640 in 1<sup>st</sup> hunt and 960 in 2<sup>nd</sup> hunt
- **GMU 31/33**: Decrease youth licenses on Huey\*
  - From 2 hunts of 20 to 2 hunts of 10 licenses
- **GMU 34**: Move muzzleloader hunt out of elk rut
- Increase licenses based on biological data (~3% overall)
  - GMUs: 28, 30, 31, 32, 36



# SW Area Proposed Adjustments

- **GMU 19**: Create any-legal-weapon hunt of 5 licenses on WSMR, move off-range hunt to first weekend in December
- **GMU 23**: Reduce licenses by 13%
- **GMU 24**: Reduce licenses by 10%
- **GMU 23 (Burros)**: Reduce licenses by 13%
  - Decrease from 2 regular any-legal-weapon hunts to 1, but lengthen season to 9 days
  - Create September white-tailed deer archery hunt of 20 licenses
- Allow Burros archery hunters to hunt Silver City Management Area
- Move January FAWTD archery hunt from Jan. 1-15 to Jan. 16-31
  - GMUs 23 (Burros & excluding Burros area), 24, 27
- Other license decreases based on biological data (~6-8%)
  - GMUs: 26, 27

# NW Area Proposed Adjustments

- **GMU 4:**
  - Include Sargent in draw for WMAs
  - Create limited public and private hunt in late November (10 licenses each)
  - Create September archery hunt for WMAs
- **GMU 5A:** Create late September muzzleloader hunt (10 public licenses; 50 private licenses)
- **GMU 5B:** Create September archery hunt (10 licenses) and late September muzzleloader hunt (10 licenses)
- **GMU 12:** Move muzzleloader hunt out of elk rut
- **GMU 14:** Create January archery hunt (25 licenses)
- Increase licenses based on biological data (~5% overall)
  - GMUs: 2B, 2C, 5A, 5B, 6A/C, 7, 8, 14
- Decrease licenses based on biological data (~4-7%)
  - GMUs 10, 12







***Questions?***