

## **DEER RULE PROPOSED CHANGES, 2019-2023**

### **General Statewide Proposed Changes**

- Adjust some seasons for calendar dates
- Adjust draw license numbers based on biological data and management goals
- Separate archery season into September and January (2 different seasons and draws) when a split September and/or January season currently exists
- Create some new opportunities
- Standardize most youth hunts to a 9 day hunt surrounding Thanksgiving week

### **Region Specific Proposed Changes**

#### Northeast

- Allow Either Sex white-tailed deer hunting for all white-tailed deer hunts in the northeast
- GMU 55: consider options to open Valle Vidal to limited archery deer hunting
- Create new archery hunt in Colin Neblett
- Create January archery hunt in GMU 41 and possibly other areas in the northeast
- License increases based on biological data (~5% overall)
  - o GMUs: 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 57, 58, 59

#### Southeast

- GMU 30: split rifle hunts evenly (800/hunt)
- GMU 31/33: Decrease youth licenses on Huey WMA
- Split GMUs 31 & 32
  - o 31 North of US 380 / 31 South of US 380
  - o 32 East of Pecos River / 32 West of Pecos River
- License increases based on biological data (~2% overall)
  - o GMUs: 28\*, 30, 31, 32, 36
- 3% license decreases based on biological data
  - o GMU: 33

#### Southwest

- GMU 19: create limited any-legal-weapon draw opportunity on White Sands Missile Range; move off-range hunt later
- GMUs 23 & 24: Consider reduction in licenses (~6% to 9%)
- GMU 23 (Burros): Consider reducing licenses (~20%) and lengthening hunts to 9 days.
- Allow Burros Archery hunters to hunt Silver City Management Area
- License decreases based on biological data (~6-8%)
  - o GMUs: 26, 27

#### Northwest

- GMU 4: Create limited public and private hunt in late November (10 licenses each); Include Sargent in draw for WMAs; Create archery hunt for WMAs
- GMU 5A: Create late September muzzleloader hunt
- GMU 5B: Create archery hunt and late September muzzleloader hunt
- GMU 14: Create January archery hunt
- License increases based on biological data (~5% overall)
  - o GMUs: 2B, 2C, 5A, 5B, 6A/C, 7, 8, 14
- Minor license decreases based on biological data (~4-7%)
  - o GMUs 10, 12

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