

DEER RULE PROPOSED CHANGES, 2019-2023 (Updated 8/20/2018)

General Statewide Proposed Changes

- Adjust some seasons for calendar dates
- Adjust draw license numbers based on biological data and management goals (see details below)
- Separate archery season into September and January (2 different seasons and draws) when a split September and/or January season currently exists (see Table 1 at end of document)
- Create some new opportunities (see details below)
- Standardize most youth hunts to a 9 day hunt surrounding Thanksgiving week

Region Specific Proposed Changes

Northeast

- Allow Either Sex (ES) white-tailed deer hunting for all white-tailed deer hunts in the northeast
- GMU 55: create new September archery hunt of 10 licenses in Valle Vidal
- Create new archery hunt of 10 licenses in Colin Neblett
- Create January archery hunt of 10 licenses in GMU 41
- Create December youth hunt of 10 licenses for ES white-tailed deer in GMU 56
- License increases based on biological data (~5% overall)
 - o GMUs: 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 57, 58, 59

Southeast

- GMU 30: split 2 rifle hunts evenly (800/hunt; previously 1st rifle hunt was 640 and 2nd rifle hunt was 960 licenses)
- GMU 31/33: Decrease youth licenses on Huey WMA from 2 hunts of 20 to 2 hunts of 10 licenses each (the Department no longer has management authority over Brantley and Seven Rivers)
- Do not split GMUs 31 & 32
- License increases based on biological data (~3% overall)
 - o GMUs: 28, 30, 31, 32, 36

Southwest

- GMU 19: create any-legal-weapon hunt of 5 licenses on White Sands Missile Range; move off-range muzzleloader hunt from October to first weekend in December
- GMU 23: Reduce licenses by 13%
- GMU 24: Reduce licenses by 10%
- GMU 23 (Burros): Reduce licenses by 13%, decreasing from 2 regular any-legal-weapon hunts to 1, but lengthening the season to 9 days (35 licenses for mule deer and 40 licenses for white-tailed deer [mule deer and white-tailed deer hunters will hunt at separate times]). Also, create a new white-tailed deer hunt of 20 archery licenses in September.
- Allow Burros Archery hunters to hunt Silver City Management Area
- Move January FAWTD archery hunt from Jan. 1-15 to Jan. 16-31
 - o GMUs 23 (Burros & excluding Burros area), 24, 27
- Other 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 September archery hunt for WMAs
- GMU 5A: Create late September muzzleloader hunt (public licenses = 10; private licenses = 50)
- GMU 5B: Create September archery hunt (10 licenses) and late September muzzleloader hunt (10 licenses)
- GMU 14: Create January archery hunt (25 licenses)
- License increases based on biological data (~5% overall)
 - o GMUs: 2B, 2C, 5A, 5B, 6A/C, 7, 8, 14
- License decreases based on biological data (~4-7%)
 - o GMUs 10, 12

TABLE 1: Details on proposed changes to split September and January archery seasons for the 2019-2023 seasons.

GMU	Prior rule Sept/Jan draw #'s	Proposed Sept draw #'s	Proposed Jan draw #'s	% change
15	100	100	50	50%
16	400	230	175	1%
18	85	50	40	6%
20	50	40	25	30%
21	500	300	200	0%
22	50	30	25	10%
23 (FAMD)	305	155	150	0%
23 (FAWTD)	200	120	100	10%
24 (FAMD)	200	125	75	0%
24 (FAWTD)	100	60	40	0%
25	70	45	30	7%
26	35	25	15	14%
29	150	100	50	0%
30	250	200	100	20%
31	250	175	100	10%
32	200	150	100	25%
33	100	60	50	10%
34	750	450	350	7%
36	300	225	125	17%
37	150	100	80	20%
38	100	65	40	5%
39	40	25	15	0%
40	25	15	10	0%
OVERALL	4410	2845	1945	9%

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