

BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX RULE PROPOSED CHANGES, 2019-2023

Barbary sheep

- Combine units together for public draw (29, 30, 32, 34, 36, 37)
- Increase draw licenses by 25% in response to increasing population size
- Split hunts to distribute hunters (no longer a single month-long season)
 - o Late Oct. (5 days): 175 licenses (unique opportunity to hunt barbary sheep during their breeding season)
 - o Early Dec. (10 days): 475 licenses
 - o Late Jan. (10 days): 475 licenses
 - o Mid Feb. (10 days): 475 licenses
- Allow public hunters to hunt on private land (for which their license is valid) with written permission
- Modify description of GMU 34 west side for clarity
- Increase McGregor hunts by 33%
- Adjust some seasons for calendar dates

Oryx

- Adjust seasons for calendar dates
- White Sands Missile Range hunts
 - o Add 4 new hunts to accommodate more hunters (all data suggests oryx numbers are increasing both on and off-range)
 - White Sands Missile Range is proposing these hunts to be open to all applicants (i.e. not once-in-a-lifetime hunts)
 - The New Mexico Department of Game & Fish is proposing these hunts be once-in-a-lifetime
 - o Increase once-in-lifetime hunts
 - o Increase broken horned hunts (would not happen if once-in-a-lifetime designation is removed for 4 on-range hunts, as described above)
 - o Increase veteran hunts (and modify the current veteran hunts to be valid for ANY New Mexico veteran [only allowed for Iraq/Afghanistan veterans presently])
- Off-range hunts
 - o Increase regular and youth hunts
- Adjust seasons for calendar dates

Ibex

- Increase F/IM draw licenses & add new hunt(s) to maintain a stable ibex population (we have been conducting population management hunts in an effort to stabilize the ibex population, but annual F/IM harvest will be necessary moving forward to maintain this)
- Adjust seasons for calendar dates

If you would like to comment on the proposal, please send an email to:
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