

Final Adopted Rule

TITLE 19 **NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**
CHAPTER 31 **HUNTING AND FISHING**
PART 14 **ELK**

19.31.14.1 **ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico department of game and fish.
[19.31.14.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.1 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.2 **SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in elk management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.14.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.2 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.
[19.31.14.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.3 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.4 **DURATION:** April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2023.
[19.31.14.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.4 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.31.14.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.5 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.6 **OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and basic regulation, rules, and procedures governing the issuance of special elk permits and licenses by the department.
[19.31.14.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.6 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.7 **DEFINITIONS:**

- A. **“Antlerless elk” or “A”** shall mean any one elk without antlers.
- B. **“Antler point restricted elk” or “APRE/6”** shall mean any antler point restricted bull elk with a minimum of six visible antler points on one side. A brow tine or eye guard constitutes a point; a burr at the base does not.
- C. **“Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- D. **“Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- E. **“Elk”** as used herein, shall mean any wild cervid of the genus Cervus.
- F. **“Elk enhancement program” and “special elk permits”** as used herein, shall mean the department activity that allows the issuance of not more than two permits for the taking of one bull elk per permit, with the purpose of raising funds for programs and projects to benefit elk.
- G. **“Elk region”** shall mean a portion of the state designated by the department to administer elk management activities. An elk region describes an assemblage of one or more herd units and encompasses one or more GMUs.
- H. **“Either sex” or “ES”** shall mean any one elk.
- I. **“Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- J. **“High demand hunt”** shall mean a special draw hunt where the total number of non-resident applicants for an elk hunt exceeds twenty-two percent of the total applicants based on data for the two immediately preceding years.
- K. **“Mature bull” or “MB”** shall mean 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.
- L. **“Primary management zone”** shall mean designated areas of the state upon which elk management goals and subsequent harvest objectives are based.
- M. **“Private land authorization”** shall mean the document generated by the department and issued to a private landowner that authorizes the holder to purchase a specified license to hunt elk.
- N. **“Quality hunt”** shall mean a hunt designed to provide a hunter with an opportunity to achieve one or more of the following: an enhanced experience based on timing and length of hunt season; lower hunter density; or an increased opportunity for success.
- O. **“Secondary management zone”** shall mean areas of the state that are not part of the primary

management zone or special management zone.

P. “Special Management Zone” shall mean areas of the state not within the primary management zone or secondary management zone and where private land authorization issuance includes eligibility requirements or restrictions.

Q. “To be determined” or “TBD” shall mean the details of a hunt will be provided to the hunter as designated by the director.

R. “Web sale” shall refer to accessing the department’s internet address to initiate the process to purchase specific elk hunting licenses as designated by the director annually.

S. “Wildlife management area” or “WMA” shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.14.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.7 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, or authorizations, up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs (exception: GMU 34, elk licenses and authorizations may be adjusted beyond this amount as necessary to meet management objectives). This adjustment may be applied to any or all permits, authorizations, or licenses for elk in a specific GMU or designated area.

[19.31.14.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.8 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.9 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

A. Validity of license or permit: In the primary management zones, except GMUs 4 and 5A, private land “ranch only” (as defined in 19.30.5 NMAC) elk licenses shall not be valid on any other private lands. In GMUs 4, 5A, secondary and special management zones, private land licenses are valid on any other private lands within the GMU and the same zone designation only if accompanied by written permission.

B. Valle Vidal elk once-in-a-lifetime hunts: No person shall apply for a license to hunt bull elk on the Valle Vidal (as described in 19.30.4. NMAC) if he or she has held a license since 1983 allowing them to take a bull elk on the Valle Vidal. Persons that have held a youth-only license may apply for non-youth only licenses as long as they are eligible. No person shall apply for a license to hunt antlerless elk on the Valle Vidal if he or she has held a license since 1983 allowing them to take an antlerless elk on the Valle Vidal. Persons that have held a youth-only antlerless license may apply for non-youth only antlerless licenses as long as they are eligible. Either sex (ES) or mature bull/antlerless (MB/A) shall be considered as a “bull elk” license, and shall not be considered as an “antlerless” license for this restriction. Persons who have held a Valle Vidal elk license through any incentive program are exempt from this restriction.

[19.31.14.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.9 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.10 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE: The director has the authority to designate possession criteria to any elk hunter where chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a concern. It is unlawful to transport dead elk, or their parts, taken from any GMU or area identified by the director in which the presence of, or possibility of, exposure to chronic wasting disease has been identified, to any location outside that GMU, except for the following:

- A.** meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately);
- B.** quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- C.** meat that has been boned out;
- D.** hides with no heads attached;
- E.** clean skull plates with antlers attached; clean is defined as having been immersed in a bath of at least one part chlorine bleach and two parts water with no meat or tissue attached;
- F.** antlers with no meat or tissue attached;
- G.** upper canine teeth, also known as “ivories”;
- H.** finished taxidermied heads;
- I.** or by prior arrangement to a department office.

[19.31.14.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.10 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.11 QUALITY ELK HUNTS: Quality hunts for elk are as follows:

- A.** all Valle Vidal hunts;
- B.** first three mature bull hunts and both bow hunts on the Sargent WMA as follows: ELK-1-136, ELK-1-137, ELK-1-138, ELK-2-134 and ELK-2-135;

- C. any elk hunt in GMUs 13, 15, 16 and 17, including all sub-units, except antlerless or youth only hunts, that are closest to the rut period of September 15 to October 15 for each weapon type as follows: ELK-2-224, ELK-3-226, ELK-2-232, ELK-3-234, ELK-2-240, ELK-1-242, ELK-2-247, ELK-1-248, ELK-1-249, ELK-2-252, ELK-1-254, ELK-2-259, ELK-1-261, ELK-2-266, ELK-3-268, ELK-2-273, and ELK-3-275
 - D. the mobility impaired elk hunts in GMUs 16A and 16D as follows: ELK-1-241 and ELK-1-260;
 - E. all GMU 6B hunts that allow the hunter to take an antlered bull;
 - F. quality hunt fees in Subsections C and D above shall apply to the conversion of any mature bull or either sex, except youth only, private land authorizations that include any hunt dates from September 15 through October 15 for private lands that lie within the primary management zone.
- [19.31.14.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.11 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.12 SPECIAL ELK HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES:

- A. **Elk enhancement program:**
 - (1) **Program description:** The director of the department shall collect all proceeds generated through the auction and lottery of special bull elk permits, and such monies shall be deposited in the game protection fund. These monies shall be made available for expenditure by the department solely for programs and projects to benefit elk and for direct costs incurred in carrying out these programs. These monies shall be used to augment, and not replace, monies appropriated from existing funds available to the department for the conservation, restoration, utilization, and management of elk.
 - (2) **Requirements for issuance of special elk permits:**
 - (a) The state game commission shall authorize the director of the department to issue not more than two special elk permits in any one license year to take one bull elk per permit. The director shall allow the sale of one permit through auction to the highest bidder and one permit to a person selected through a random drawing of a lottery ticket by the department or an incorporated, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of elk.
 - (b) Unless their hunting privileges have been revoked pursuant to law, any person is eligible to submit a bid for the special elk auction permit or purchase lottery tickets in an attempt to be selected for the special elk lottery permit.
 - (c) The special elk permits issued through auction and lottery may be transferred, through sale, barter or gift by the successful individuals to only other individuals qualified to hunt.
 - (d) Special elk permits granted through auction or lottery, as described above, shall not be considered 'once-in-a-lifetime' permits.
 - (3) **Enhancement hunts:** Elk enhancement licenses shall be valid from September 1 through January 31 for any legal sporting arms. These licenses shall be valid statewide where hunting is allowed. Bag limit shall be one bull elk. The authorization to obtain an elk enhancement license may be used either by the applicant or any individual.
- B. **Elk incentive programs:** The director may annually allow up to two elk authorizations to be issued for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorizations to purchase an incentive license may be used either by the applicant or any individual. The authorization may be transferred through sale, barter or gift. Elk incentive hunts shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the director.
- C. **Encouragement hunts:**
 - (1) Only resident youth hunters as defined by 19.31.3 NMAC who have successfully fulfilled all application requirements and responsibilities for draw hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep or bighorn sheep in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing any licenses will be eligible to apply for licenses for these hunts for 14 days on the department website. Licenses remaining after 14 days shall be available to eligible resident seniors (65 years and older) who have successfully fulfilled all application requirements and responsibilities for draw hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep or bighorn sheep in the current license year and were unsuccessful in drawing any licenses.
 - (2) The director, with concurrence of the chairperson of the state game commission, may adjust the number of licenses available in all encouragement hunts listed below based on management objectives.
 - (3) These hunts will be administered by the department through a web sale, rather than the random draw process. The open GMUs, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limits shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
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5B	11/29 -12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-501	20	A
6A	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-502	50	A
6A	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-503	50	A
6C	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-504	50	A
6C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-505	50	A
10	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-506	35	A
13	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-3-507	60	A
13	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-508	60	A
15	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-3-509	75	A
15	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-510	75	A
16A	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-511	75	A
16A	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-512	75	A
16C	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-513	75	A
16C	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-514	75	A
16D	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-515	75	A
16D	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-516	75	A
16E	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-517	75	A
16E	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-518	75	A
17	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-3-519	60	A
17	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-3-520	60	A
34	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-521	80	A
36	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-522	60	A
36	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-523	60	A
49	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-524	50	A
50	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-525	60	A
51	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-526	75	A
51	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-527	75	A
52	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-528	50	A
53	11/29-12/3	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	11/25-11/29	ELK-1-529	60	A
53	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	12/26-12/30	ELK-1-530	60	A

E. Premium hunt opportunity: One premium elk hunt will be issued each license year through the draw. The hunt area will be statewide on any public land open to hunting, including wildlife management areas and private land with written permission.

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide	9/1/2019-1/31/2020	9/1/2020-1/31/2021	9/1/2021-1/31/2022	9/1/2022-1/31/2023	ELK-1-700	1	MB

[19.31.14.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.12 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.13 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for elk when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the legal sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.14.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.13 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.14 ELK HUNTS IN PRIMARY MANAGEMENT ZONES: This section lists elk management information and subsequent hunting opportunities for GMUs in elk regions where a primary management zone has been established. The listed information includes regional elk population information, management goals, harvest objectives, total number of hunting opportunities, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, bag limits, legal sporting arms, number of licenses available in the public draw and the number and type of authorizations available for private lands within the primary management zone of each GMU.

A. Elk management goals:

(1) Quality hunt management (QHM):

(a) Elk harvest in regional populations, herd units or GMUs within a region results in the trend of annual bull mortality rates to be below thirty-five percent.

(b) Seasons should be designed to ensure timing and length of hunts are desirable.

(c) At least two-thirds of all hunters are "satisfied" with the experience.

(2) Optimal opportunity management (OOM):

(a) Elk harvest in regional populations, herd units or GMUs within a region results in the trend of annual bull mortality rates to be below forty-five percent and harvest near optimal sustainable yield.

(b) Season structure should be designed to ensure timing and length of hunts provides significant amount of opportunity.

(c) At least one-third of all hunters are "satisfied" with the experience.

B. Northwest region: primary management zones in GMUs 2, 5A, 9 and 10.

(1) Optimal opportunity management within primary management zones in GMUs 2, 5A, 9 and 10.

(2) Foundational resource information for the northwest region is indicated below:

northwest region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
San Juan (GMU 2)	1600-2500	37:100:39	130-160	150-170
Lindrith (GMU 5A)	2000-2300	34:100:36	140-170	160-190
Mt. Taylor (GMU 9)	1000-2100	25:100:16	40-100	0
Zuni (GMU 10)	900-1900	37:100:46	100-130	110-140

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2	total licenses
2	OOM	235	235	282	752
5A	OOM	250	250	65	565
9	OOM	267	0	375	642
10	OOM	206	324	368	898
Total		958	809	1090	2857

(3) Public draw elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
2	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-100	120	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-101	120	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-102	125	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-103	75	MB
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-104	100	A
2 youth only	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-105	50	A
2C only	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-106	50	A
5A public land only	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-107	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-108	5	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-109	10	MB
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-110	10	A

	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-111	10	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-112	10	A
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-113	10	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-114	10	A
	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-115	10	MB
	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-116	10	A
9 Marquez WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-117	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-118	5	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-119	4	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-120	5	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-3-121	5	MB
9 including Water canyon WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-122	117	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-123	117	ES
9 including Water canyon WMA, mobility impaired	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-124	30	ES
9 including Water canyon WMA	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-125	50	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-3-126	50	MB
	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-3-127	30	MB
10	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-128	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-129	125	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-130	70	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-131	70	MB
10 youth only	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-132	120	A
10	12/21-12/25	12/19-12/23	12/18-12/22	12/17-12/21	ELK-1-133	100	A

(4) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits, and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 hunt seasons			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES -2	Total
2	35	35	42	112
5A	210	210	55	475
9	93	0	131	224
10	66	104	118	288
Total	404	349	346	1099

(5) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
bows only	2, 5A, 9, 10	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles and bows	2, 10	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31
	9, mobility impaired	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12
	9	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31
any legal sporting arms	2, 10	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31
any legal	5A	any 5 consecutive	any 5 consecutive	any 5 consecutive	any 5 consecutive

sporting arms		days, 10/5-12/31	days, 10/10-12/31	days, 10/9-12/31	days, 10/8-12/31
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C. **North central region:** primary management zones in GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52.

(1) Optimal opportunity management within primary management zones in GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51 and 52.

(2) Foundational resource information for the north central region shall be as indicated below:

north central region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Chama-San Antonio (GMUs 4, 5B, 50, 51, and 52)	23600-27300	38:100:40	1740-2400	2000-2590

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit				total licenses
		MB, ES-1, ES-3, MB/A	A	ES-2		
4	OOM	1060	660	475	2195	
5B	OOM	367	188	160	715	
50	OOM	331	117	156	604	
51	OOM	970	909	434	2313	
52	OOM	685	406	500	1591	
Total		3413	2280	1725	7418	

(3) Public draw elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMU or area, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
4:Sargent WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-134	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-135	10	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-136	10	MB/A
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-137	10	MB/A
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-138	10	MB/A
	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-139	10	MB/A
4:Sargent WMA, youth only	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-140	10	A
4:Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-142	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-143	10	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-144	15	MB/A
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-145	15	MB/A
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-146	10	A
4:Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs, youth only	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-147	15	A
4: Rio Chama WMA only	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-148	15	A
5B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-149	76	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-150	75	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-151	86	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-152	59	A
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-153	86	MB
	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-154	59	A
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-155	87	MB
	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-156	59	A

	12/21-12/25	12/19-12/23	12/18-12/22	12/17-12/21	ELK-1-157	87	MB
50	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-158	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-159	55	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-160	120	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-161	125	MB
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-162	42	A
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-163	45	A
51	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-164	180	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-165	180	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-166	220	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-167	220	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-168	220	MB
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-169	251	A
	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-170	251	A
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-171	252	A
52	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-3-172	145	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-173	230	ES
52	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-174	230	ES
	52 mobility impaired	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-175	50
52	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-176	120	MB
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-177	50	A
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-178	230	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-179	230	MB
52 youth only	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-180	80	A
52 mobility impaired	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-181	56	A
52	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-182	73	A
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-183	115	A

(4) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 hunt seasons			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3, MB/A	A	ES-2	Total
4	990	600	435	2025
5B	21	11	9	41
50	86	30	41	157
51	165	155	74	394
52	55	32	40	127
Total	1317	828	599	2744

(5) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
bows only	4, 5B, 50, 51, 52	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles and bows	52	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31
any legal	4	any 5 consecutive	any 5 consecutive	any 5 consecutive	any 5 consecutive

sporting arms		days, 10/1-12/31	days, 10/1-12/31	days, 10/1-12/31	days, 10/1-12/31
	5B, 50, 51	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31
	52	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31

D. **Jemez region:** primary management zones in GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C and 7.

- (1) Quality hunt management goals for primary management zones in GMUs 6A and 6B.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management within primary management zones in GMUs 6C and 7.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the Jemez region shall be as indicated below:

Jemez region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
Jemez herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
GMUs 6A, 6B, 6C, and 7	6100-7200	33:100:32	380-470	440-510

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2	total licenses
6A	QHM	361	117	297	775
6B	QHM	50	165	50	265
6C	OOM	429	259	300	988
7	OOM	68	62	36	166
Total		908	603	683	2194

(4) Public draw elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
6A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-184	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-185	102	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-186	104	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-187	100	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-188	103	MB
	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-189	99	A
6B:	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-190	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-191	25	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-192	15	ES
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-193	15	ES
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-194	20	ES
6B youth only	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-195	30	A
6B	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-196	35	A
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-197	35	A
6B youth only	11/23-11/27	11/28-12/2	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	ELK-1-198	30	A
6B	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-199	35	A
6B mobility impaired	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	ELK-1-200	TBD	A
6C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-201	150	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-202	105	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-203	155	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-204	105	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-205	105	MB

	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-206	110	A
	11/23-11/27	11/28-12/2	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	ELK-1-207	110	A
7	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-208	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-209	14	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-210	24	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-211	30	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-212	50	A

(5) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 hunt seasons			
	MB, ES-1	A	ES-2	Total
6A	54	18	45	117
6C	64	39	45	148
7	14	12	7	33
Total	132	69	97	298

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the "mobility impaired" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
bows only	6A, 6C, 7	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles & bows	6A, 6C, 7	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31
any legal sporting arms	6A, 6C, 7	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31

E. Southwest region:

(1) Quality hunt management for primary management zones s in GMUs 12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E and 17.

(2) Optimal opportunity management for primary management zones in GMUs 21A, 21B, 23 and 24.

(3) Foundational resource information for the southwest region shall be as indicated below:

southwest region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Fence Lake (GMU 12)	3400-6000	34:100:47	270-590	360-630
Datil (GMU 13)	3600-4500	33:100:32	240-340	280-370
Greater Gila (GMUs 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)	21000-23300	34:100:33	1340-1730	1530-1870
Lesser Gila (GMUs 21A, 21B, 23, 24)	1300-3600	42:100:38	140-190	160-210
San Mateo (GMU 17)	2000-2600	49:100:41	150-180	170-200

GMU	management goals	total licenses by bag limit			total licenses
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2, MB-2, APRE/6	
12	QHM	593	428	224	1245
13	QHM	583	370	556	1509
15	QHM	923	641	769	2333
16A	QHM	232	155	412	799
16B/22	QHM	323	0	394	717

16C	QHM	200	118	294	612
16D	QHM	148	114	171	433
16E	QHM	239	217	217	673
Greater Gila Totals (15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C-E)		2065	1245	2257	5567
17	QHM	291	262	233	786
21A	OOM	107	31	117	255
21B	OOM	127	167	166	460
23	OOM	180	21	222	423
24	OOM	39	5	28	72
Lesser Gila Totals (21A, 21B, 23, 24)		453	224	533	1210
southwest region total		3985	2529	3803	10317

(4) Public draw elk hunts listing the eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
12	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-213	36	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-214	35	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-215	35	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-216	60	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-217	80	MB
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-218	80	MB
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-219	60	A
	11/23-11/27	11/28-12/2	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	ELK-1-220	60	A
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-221	64	A
13	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-2-222	25	APRE/6
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-223	190	ES
13	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-224	138	ES
	13 youth only	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-225	30
13	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-226	80	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-3-227	117	MB
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-3-228	117	MB
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-3-229	110	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-3-230	108	A
15	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-231	350	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-232	250	ES
15 youth only	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-233	25	ES
15	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-234	200	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-3-235	245	MB
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-3-236	250	MB
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-3-237	250	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-3-238	250	A
16A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-239	250	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-240	150	ES
16A mobility impaired	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-241	25	MB
16A	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-242	75	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-243	125	MB

	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-244	75	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-245	75	A
16B/22	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-246	225	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-247	165	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-248	25	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-249	135	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-250	160	MB
16C	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-251	144	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-252	100	ES
16C youth only	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-253	25	ES
16C	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-254	50	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-255	91	MB
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-256	50	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-257	48	A
16D	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-258	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-259	60	ES
16D mobility impaired	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-260	25	MB
16D	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-261	55	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-262	50	MB
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-263	50	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-264	50	A
16E	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-265	90	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-266	60	ES
16E youth only	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-267	25	ES
16E	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-268	70	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-269	70	MB
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-270	75	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-271	75	A
17	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-272	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-273	75	ES
17 youth only	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-274	25	ES
17	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-275	100	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-3-276	100	MB
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-3-277	25	MB
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-3-278	25	A
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-3-279	100	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-3-280	100	A
21A	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-281	50	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-282	50	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-283	15	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-284	35	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-285	55	MB
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-286	30	A
	12/21-12/25	12/19-12/23	12/18-12/22	12/17-12/21	ELK-2-287	15	MB
21B	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-288	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-289	25	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-290	10	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-291	15	MB

	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-292	25	MB
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-293	15	A
	11/23-11/27	11/28-12/2	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	ELK-1-294	15	A
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-295	15	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-296	20	A
	12/21-12/25	12/19-12/23	12/18-12/22	12/17-12/21	ELK-2-297	15	MB
23	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-298	125	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-299	75	ES
23 youth only	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-300	25	ES
23	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-301	75	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-302	75	MB
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-303	20	A
	12/21-12/25	12/19-12/23	12/18-12/22	12/17-12/21	ELK-2-304	15	MB
24- excluding Ft. Bayard management area	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-305	15	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-306	10	ES
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-307	15	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-308	15	MB
24: including Ft. Bayard management area, youth only	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-309	5	ES
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-310	5	A

(5) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 hunt seasons			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2, MB-2, APRE/6	total
12	338	244	128	710
13	239	152	228	619
15	203	141	169	513
16A	7	5	12	24
16B/22	3	0	4	7
16C	34	20	50	104
16D	18	14	21	53
16E	74	67	67	208
17	41	37	33	111
21A	2	1	2	5
21B	77	102	101	280
23	5	1	7	13
24	4	0	3	7
Total	1045	784	825	2654

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility impaired” or “youth only” hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
bows only	12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B/22, 16C, 16D, 16E, 17,	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24

	21A, 21B, 23, 24				
muzzle loading rifles and bows	13, 15, 16E, 17, 23, 24	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31
	youth only: 13, 15, 17	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12
muzzle loading rifles only with approval of director or designee and state game commission chairperson	13: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31
any legal sporting arms	12, 16B/22, 21A, 21B	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31
	16E, 23, 24	any 5 consecutive days, 10/19-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/23-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/22-12/31
	16A, 16C, 16D	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31
	youth only: 16C, 16E, 23, 24	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12
	mobility impaired: 16A, 16D	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12

F. Southeast region: GMUs 34 and 36.

- (1) Quality hunt management for primary management zones in GMU 36.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management goals for primary management zones in GMU 34.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the south central region shall be as indicated

below:

southeast region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Sacramento (GMU 34)	6000-7000	49:100:49	430-550	570-600
Ruidoso (GMU 36)	3300-6600	71:100:52	340-430	450-460

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit			
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2, APRE/6/A	total licenses
34	OOM	633	1410	723	2766
36	QHM	583	278	368	1229
Total		1216	1688	1091	3995

(4) Public draw elk hunts listing the hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit

34	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-311	200	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-312	200	ES
34 youth only	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-313	75	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-314	120	A
34 mobility impaired	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-315	50	ES
34	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-3-316	250	ES
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-317	150	ES
	11/23-11/27	11/28-12/2	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	ELK-1-318	350	A
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-319	350	A
	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-320	350	A
	12/21-12/25	12/19-12/23	12/18-12/22	12/17-12/21	ELK-2-321	200	APRE/6/A
36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-322	133	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-323	132	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-324	140	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-325	140	MB
	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-326	140	MB
	11/23-11/27	11/28-12/2	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	ELK-1-327	100	A
	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-328	100	A

(5) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 hunt seasons			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2, APRE/6/A	total
34	108	240	123	471
36	163	78	103	344
Total	271	318	226	815

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as “ranch only” shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during the “mobility impaired” or “youth only” hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
bows only	34, 36	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14
		9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24
any legal sporting arms	youth only & mobility impaired: 34	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12
muzzle loading rifles and bows	34	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31
	36	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31
any legal sporting arms	34	any 5 consecutive days, 10/19-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/24-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/23-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/22-12/31
	36	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31
rifles only with approval of the	36: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31

director or their designee and state game commission chairperson					
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G. Northeast region:

- (1) Quality hunt management for primary management zones in GMU 45.
- (2) Optimal opportunity management goals for primary management zones in GMUs 48, 49 and 53.
- (3) Foundational resource information for the northeast region shall be as indicated below:

northeast region population information			sustainable harvest pursuant to goals	
herd unit	population estimate (rounded to nearest 100)	bull:cow:calf ratio	bulls	cows
Pecos (GMU 45)	1100-1800	27:100:27	90-170	120-180
Whites peak (GMU 48)	1000-1900	32:100:44	80-170	100-180
Penasco (GMU 49)	1000-1200	28:100:30	70-110	100-120
Ute-Midnight-San Cristobal (GMU 53)	2200-3900	32:100:27	70-160	90-170

GMU	management goal	total licenses by bag limit				total licenses
		MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2		
45	QHM	457	54	163	674	
48	OOM	286	170	304	760	
49	OOM	161	162	125	448	
53	OOM	362	317	174	853	
Total		1266	703	766	2735	

- (4) Public draw elk hunts listing the hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
45	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-329	75	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-330	73	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-331	136	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-332	140	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-333	140	MB
	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-3-334	49	A
48	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-335	93	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-336	92	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-337	50	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-338	74	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-339	50	MB
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-340	50	A
49	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-1-341	54	A
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-342	60	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-343	59	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-344	77	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-345	76	MB
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-346	77	A
53	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-347	77	A
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-348	65	ES

	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-349	60	ES
53 (exc. Cerro portion)	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-350	50	ES
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-351	80	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-352	131	MB
	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-353	94	A
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-354	94	A
53 (North of Sunshine Valley road)	1/4-1/19	1/2-1/17	1/1-1/16	1/7-1/22	ELK-1-355	40	A

(5) Private land elk authorizations for qualifying ranches listing the number of authorizations, bag limits and legal sporting arms shall be as indicated below:

open GMUs or areas	2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 hunt seasons			
	MB, ES-1, ES-3	A	ES-2	Total
45	41	5	15	61
48	112	66	119	297
49	8	8	6	22
53	101	89	49	239
Total	262	168	189	619

(6) Private land elk hunts for ranches designated as "ranch only" shall be limited to the following eligibility requirements or restrictions, season dates and legal sporting arms. All private land mobility impaired and youth only hunters must satisfy licensing requirements as stated in 19.31.3 NMAC in order to hunt during "mobility impaired" or "youth only" hunt periods.

legal sporting arms	open GMUs or area	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates
bows only	45, 48, 49, 53	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24	9/1-9/14 9/15-9/24
muzzle loading rifles and bows	45, 48, 53	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31
any legal sporting arms	45, 48, 53	any 5 consecutive days, 10/12-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/17-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/16-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/15-12/31
	49	any 5 consecutive days, 10/5-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/10-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/9-12/31	any 5 consecutive days, 10/8-12/31
any legal sporting arms. Must have approval of director or designee and state game commission chairperson.	48: antlerless elk only	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31	any 5 consecutive days 1/1-1/31

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19.31.14.15 ELK HUNTS IN SECONDARY MANAGEMENT ZONES: This section includes eligibility requirements or restrictions, GMUs or areas open for hunting, season dates, hunt codes, legal sporting arms, number of available licenses and bag limits.

A. Public draw elk hunts in GMUs where no primary or special management zones are established:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
14	10/12-10/16	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-356	10	ES
18	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-357	25	ES

	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-358	25	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-359	10	ES
19	1/3-1/5 & 1/17-1/19	1/15-1/17 & 1/29-1/31	1/14-1/16 & 1/28-1/30	1/13-1/15 & 1/27-1/29	ELK-1-360	3	ES
28 McGregor range, military only	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-361	10	ES
28 McGregor range	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-362	10	ES
30	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-363	10	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-364	10	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-365	10	ES
	10/12-10/16	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-366	20	ES
37	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-367	40	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-368	30	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-3-369	30	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-370	30	MB
	11/23-11/27	11/28-12/2	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	ELK-1-371	45	A
38	12/7-12/11	12/5-12/9	12/4-12/8	12/3-12/7	ELK-2-372	50	APRE/6
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-373	10	ES
42/47/59	10/12-10/16	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-374	10	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-375	10	ES
43	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-376	10	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-377	10	ES
56	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-378	30	ES
	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-379	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-380	5	ES
	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	10/1-10/5	ELK-1-381	10	MB
57: Sugarite canyon state park	10/12-10/16	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-382	10	A
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	12/14-12/18	12/12-12/16	12/11-12/15	12/10-12/14	ELK-1-387	10	A

B. Private land-only elk hunting: For private lands within secondary management zones, unlimited private land licenses are available over-the-counter. Bow-only either-sex hunts will be limited to 9/1 – 9/24 each year. Any legal sporting arms hunts that are antlerless or either-sex will be limited to five consecutive days from 10/1 – 12/31 each year, except as allowed by 19.30.5 NMAC. [19.31.14.16 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.14.15 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.14.16 ELK HUNTS IN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT ZONES: This section includes eligibility requirements or restrictions. GMUs or areas open for hunting. season dates, hunt codes, legal sporting arms, number of available licenses and bag limits.

A. Public draw elk hunts:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
54: Colin Neblett WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-388	20	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-389	20	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-390	40	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-391	40	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-392	40	MB
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-393	40	A
55A: ES	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-394	5	ES

Barker WMA	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-395	5	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-1-396	10	MB
55A: Urraca WMA	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-397	5	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-398	5	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-399	10	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-400	10	MB
	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-401	10	MB
	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-402	15	A
	11/23-11/27	11/28-12/2	11/27-12/1	11/26-11/30	ELK-1-403	15	A
55A: Valle Vidal	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	9/1-9/14	ELK-2-404	25	ES
	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	9/15-9/24	ELK-2-405	25	ES
	10/5-10/9	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	ELK-3-406	20	MB
	10/12-10/16	10/17-10/21	10/16-10/20	10/15-10/19	ELK-1-407	35	MB
	10/19-10/23	10/24-10/28	10/23-10/27	10/22-10/26	ELK-1-408	40	MB
55A: Valle Vidal, youth only	10/26-10/30	10/31-11/4	10/30-11/3	10/29-11/2	ELK-1-409	20	MB
55A: Valle Vidal, youth only	11/2-11/6	11/7-11/11	11/6-11/10	11/5-11/9	ELK-1-410	35	A
55A: Valle Vidal	11/9-11/13	11/14-11/18	11/13-11/17	11/12-11/16	ELK-1-411	40	A
	11/16-11/20	11/21-11/25	11/20-11/24	11/19-11/23	ELK-1-412	45	A

B. Private land-only elk hunting: For private lands that lie within GMUs designated as special management zones (GMUs 46, 54 west of NM State Road 199, 55A), the department may work with landowners to develop bag limits, legal sporting arms, season dates and authorization numbers for private land hunting on participating ranches. Bow-only either-sex hunts will be limited to 9/1 – 9/24 each year. Any legal sporting arms hunts that are antlerless, mature bull, or either-sex will be limited to five consecutive days from 10/1 – 12/31 each year, except as allowed by 19.30.5 NMAC.
[19.31.14.16 NMAC - N, 4-1-19]

HISTORY OF 19.31.14 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

- Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/67;
- Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/67;
- Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/68;
- Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;
- Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;
- Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/68;
- Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;
- Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;
- Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;
- Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;
- Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;
- Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;
- Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1974, filed 3/4/74;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/76;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/78;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/79;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;

Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;

Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;

Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;

Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;

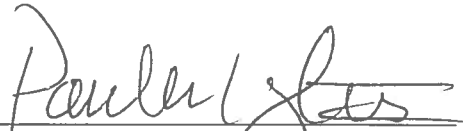
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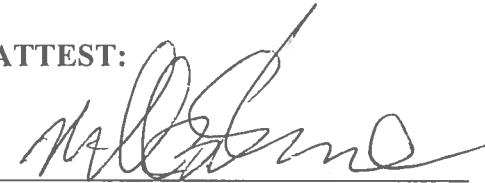
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19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 3-13-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 9-15-2010 - Repealed 3-29-2013.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 3-29-2013 - Repealed 2-27-2015.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 2-16-2015 - Repealed 3-31-2016.
19.31.14 NMAC, Elk, filed 2-29-2016 - duration expired 3-31-2019.

Dated at Roswell, this 30th day of November, 2018.

STATE GAME COMMISSION


Paul M. Kienzle III, Chairman

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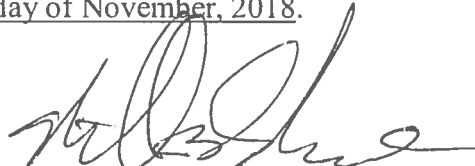

Michael B. Sloane, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

State of New Mexico)
) ss
County of Chaves)

I, Michael B. Sloane, Director of the Department of Game and Fish of the State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing amendment or rule 19.31.14 NMAC Elk rule is a true copy of said amendment of the State Game Commission of the State of New Mexico; that said amendment has been adopted, signed, and filed in the office of the Director in accordance with Section 17-2-5, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, and in the office of the State Records Center of the State of New Mexico in accordance with Section 14-4-1, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Director at Roswell, New Mexico, this 30th day of November, 2018.


Michael B. Sloane, Director



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Findings required for rulemaking adoption.

Findings MUST include:

- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;
- Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule; and
- Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment.

The rulemaking was undertaken to adopt a new Elk rule, 19.31.14 NMAC, which will become effective April 1, 2019. The current Elk rule is set to expire on March 31, 2019.

The new rule adjusts seasons for calendar date shifts. Youth Encouragement hunts are limited to resident youth who put in for the draw but were unsuccessful. If hunts are undersubscribed after 14 days, licenses will also become available to resident seniors (65 years and older) who put in for the draw but were unsuccessful. Antler Point Restriction (APR) hunts are moved into the big game draw (Game Management Units (GMUs) 12, 34, 37). Boundaries in the Core Occupied Elk Range (COER)/primary management zone are being adjusted. Primary management zone is defined as that portion of land within the boundaries of a GMU, as designated

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by the department, upon which elk management goals and subsequent harvest objectives are based. License numbers allocated to the public-private split are being adjusted where COER boundary modifications occur and in situations where land ownership has changed. A full text of changes is available on the Department's website at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us. There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. A wide array of public comments were submitted. To view public comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. It was not possible to incorporate all of the comments into the final rule as many of the comments were mutually exclusive. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

Issuing authority (If delegated, authority letter must be on file with ALD):

Name:

Michael B. Sloane

Check if authority has been delegated

Title:

Director, NMDGF

Signature: (BLACK ink only)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Sloane", written over a horizontal line.

Date signed:

12/5/18