

Enhancement Hunts

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Big-game Enhancement Packages

Two big-game authorization packages will be auctioned — one by the Mule Deer Foundation during their Convention, February 19–22, 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT, and one by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation during the Banquet on January 31, 2015 in Tucson, AZ. All proceeds will be used for big-game habitat enhancement, conservation and management projects in New Mexico. Each package will consist of five authorizations, one for each of the following: deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn antelope. The season dates are September 1, 2015–January 31, 2016 for deer and elk; April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 for ibex and oryx; and August 1–November 1, 2015 for pronghorn antelope.

Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Licenses

With the assistance of the Wild Sheep Foundation, NMDGF will auction two authorizations — one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep during their convention on January 8–10, 2015 in Reno, NV. The successful bidder for desert bighorn sheep will choose one desert bighorn hunt from the list on page 93, and the successful bidder for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep will choose one Rocky Mountain bighorn hunt from the list on page 92.

With the assistance of the New Mexico Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, NMDGF will raffle two authorizations — one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. The raffle winner for desert bighorn sheep will choose one hunt from the desert bighorn hunts remaining after the auction winner has chosen his/her hunt. The raffle winner for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep will choose one hunt from the Rocky Mountain bighorn hunts remaining after the auction winner has chosen his/her hunt. Hunt dates are August 1–December 31, 2015, except in the Wheeler Peak unit where the dates are August 1–10, 2015 and September 1–December 31, 2015.

Deer Enhancement Authorizations

With the assistance of the Mule Deer Foundation, NMDGF will auction one deer authorization during the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo on February 19–22, 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT. With the assistance of the Mule Deer Foundation, NMDGF will raffle one deer authorization. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is one buck deer. Proceeds from the auction and raffle will be used for deer habitat enhancement and management in New Mexico. Additional information will be provided online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Elk Enhancement Authorizations

With the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, NMDGF will auction one bull elk authorization during the RMEF Banquet on January 31, 2015 in Tucson, AZ, and raffle one bull elk authorization. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is one bull elk. These hunts do not count as an Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt. Proceeds from the auction and raffle are used for elk habitat enhancement and management in New Mexico. Additional information will be provided online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

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Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits

By auction, one Gould's turkey-enhancement permit will be made available through the Mule Deer Foundation. For more information telephone: 1-888-375-3337.

By raffle, one Gould's turkey-enhancement permit will be made available through the National Wild Turkey Federation. For more information e-mail: slerich@nwtf.net.

Win an Elk or Oryx Incentive Authorization by Helping Test for Chronic Wasting Disease!

To participate, bring your freshly harvested deer or elk head to any NMDGF office or field collection station, where tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. Hunters must deliver the head **within 48 hours** of killing the animal to be eligible. Participating hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. Incentive Authorizations can be used by the recipient or by any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.

