

Important Reminders

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Purchase Licenses, Apply for Draws and Submit Harvests

Apply for draw hunts, submit harvest reports and purchase licenses online, by telephone or at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) offices (page v).

Before April 1, game hunting licenses and stamps for the 2016–2017 season are unavailable through license sales and only may be purchased through the draw application process.

Information Center Extended Hours

The NMDGF Information Center is open year-round, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (except holidays) to answer your questions and assist with license issues and harvest reporting. Extended hours are March 12–March 22, Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturdays from noon–5 p.m. The Information Center will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 23.

Print Your Licenses and Permits

All licenses and permits are available online and can be printed on standard paper. If a computer and printer are unavailable, licenses and permits may be requested by telephone and are available at NMDGF offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Roswell and Las Cruces.

New 50% Discounts for Resident Military and Veterans

Residents of New Mexico who are active duty military or veterans now can receive 50% discounts on licenses, permits and stamps. See pages 13, 133 and 136 for eligibility requirements and details.

New: (Unit 6B) Valles Caldera Elk and Turkey Draw Hunts

Hunts on the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) now are included in the draw application process (pages 29, 69, 74, 78 and 109). All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on the Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. A 7-day Vehicle Pass (\$20) or an NPS Senior/All America Pass is required. A hunter orientation also is required before scouting areas of VCNP (page 29). For information: www.nps.gov/vall.

New: Oryx Hunts on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR)

Security badge hunts on WSMR are now available through the Population Management (5th-Choice) option only (pages 23, 101).

Mandatory Harvest Reporting. Don't Forget!

Whether or not a hunt or harvest occurred, harvest reporting is mandatory for all Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn antelope, turkey and trapper license holders.

Cougar Trapping on Private and State Trust Lands

Cougars now may be trapped or foot-snared on private land and State Trust land (pages 116–119).

Important Dates

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Big Game Application Deadlines

Feb. 10, 2016

Deadline to apply for turkey and bear draw permits. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).

March 23, 2016

Deadline to apply for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn antelope draw licenses. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

Upland Game Application Deadline

Aug. 24, 2016

Deadline to apply for special-permit pheasant hunts. Applications must be made before 5 p.m. MDT.

Important Dates to Remember for All Game

Feb. 10 Deadline to apply for bear and turkey draw permits.

Feb. 15 Deadline to submit 2015–16 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey license holders. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. Late fees apply after this date.

Feb. 24 Results for the bear and turkey draw permits are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, and permits can be printed on standard paper.

Mar. 23 Deadline to apply for Draw Licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn antelope and oryx, and to apply for Private-land Only Deer License for Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Deadline to submit late 2015–16 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey (\$8 late fee applies). Reporting is required for all 2015–16 license holders to be eligible for 2016–17 draw licenses.

Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications. Additional species hunting and trapping harvest-result reporting deadlines are listed on page 3, 'April 7'.

Important Dates to Remember for All Game—continued.

- April 1** 2016–17 License Year begins. All Over-The-Counter (OTC) license types, including Game-hunting Licenses and Game-hunting & Fishing Licenses, are available online, by telephone, at NMDGF offices and license vendors.
- April 7** Deadline to submit 2015–16 harvest reports for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders to be eligible for big-game licenses. Results can be reported online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all applications.**
- April 8** Spring youth-only turkey season begins.
- April 15** Spring turkey season begins.
- April 27** Big Game Draw License results are available online, by telephone or at NMDGF offices.
- Sept. 1** Dusky (blue) grouse and squirrel seasons begin.
Fall archery-only turkey season begins.
- Nov. 1** Fall turkey season (any legal sporting arms) begins.
- Nov. 15** Quail season begins.
- Dec. 8** Pheasant season begins statewide, excluding Valencia County (see page 131).