

Management Hunts

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Population Management Hunts

Residents and nonresidents wishing to be considered for Population Management Hunts for Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, oryx or pronghorn antelope **must select the 5th-choice option on the application**. Applications must be completed online or by telephone by March 23.

If selecting the 5th-choice option for oryx, applicants will have an option to enter a WSMR security authorization code (see page 104) for themselves or their escort to be eligible for oryx hunts on the White Sands Missile Range.

Applicants must apply for at least one regular draw hunt choice to be eligible for the Population Management Hunt of the same species. By choosing this option hunters are indicating their willingness, if unsuccessful in drawing their 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th choice, to be placed on a list of eligible hunters for that species.

Should a Population Management Hunt become necessary, a NMDGF official will contact hunters to notify them of the hunt areas, dates, bag limit, allowable sporting arm and any other special restrictions. The hunter will be asked to accept or decline a hunt. If a hunter declines, another hunter will be contacted. Bag limits for Population Management Hunts will be primarily female animals, since these hunts are intended to reduce populations in specific areas.

Choosing a Population Management Hunt option is not a guarantee the applicant will be contacted for a hunt.

Population Management Hunt Fees

If unsuccessful for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th choice, applicants will be refunded the license fee.

If a hunter is contacted and accepts a 5th-choice hunt, she/he will be required to purchase the appropriate licenses for the species that she/he will hunt (page 7, *License Fees*). In addition to licenses, hunters 18 years or older will be required to purchase a Habitat Management & Access Validation and may be required to purchase a Habitat Stamp, if she/he will be hunting on Forest Service or BLM land.

White Sands Missile Range and Jornada Experimental Range each charge a \$150 access fee to all oryx hunters. Other federal agencies may charge access fees. Choosing the Oryx Population Management Hunt implies acceptance of additional fees should a hunter be called for one of these hunts.