

# Operation Game Thief

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: **1-888-248-6866**

## Poaching Harms Everyone.

Poachers are thieves stealing New Mexico's wildlife which is harmful to hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Operation Game Thief (OGT) is a silent witness program to help stop illegal poaching and trafficking by offering rewards for information leading to the arrest of poachers.



## Turn Tips into Cash!

Funded by donations from individuals and organizations and not from tax and license fees, rewards include:

\$750 for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep; \$500 for cases involving deer or oryx; \$350 for cases involving pronghorn antelope; \$250 for cases involving turkey, bear, cougar, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, endangered species, small game, fish, raptors and furbearers; and \$50 for cases where a warning citation is issued.

OGT's toll-free hotline: 1-800-432-4263 is available 24-7-365. Wildlife violations also can be reported online at: <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us/public/ogt>.

## Operation Game Thief Needs Your Support.

If you are an individual or organization concerned about poaching and its impact on New Mexico's wildlife, please contact OGT at 1-800-432-4263 or send your tax-deductible donation to: Operation Game Thief, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. All donations received are used solely to pay rewards and promote the program.

## Additional Rewards Are Offered to Help Protect Turkeys.

The New Mexico Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) offers additional rewards up to \$200 for information leading to the arrest of violators of New Mexico turkey hunting rules or rules protecting the state's endangered Gould's turkey. For more information telephone: (575) 434 2936.

## Rewards Offered for Reporting Off-Road Vehicle Abuse.

The illegal use of off-highway vehicles (OHV) can degrade big-game habitat and negatively impact quality hunting and angling opportunities. The New Mexico chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) offers rewards up to \$250 for information leading to the arrest of violators. For information about how to report abuse, visit online: [www.backcountryhunters.org](http://www.backcountryhunters.org) or contact your local NMDGF officer.