

Enhancement Hunts

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All proceeds are used solely for habitat enhancement, conservation and management projects in New Mexico for the species auctioned or raffled.

Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. These hunts do not count as Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. Additional information will be provided online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Big-game Enhancement Packages

Two big-game authorization packages will be auctioned by NMDGF — one through the Mule Deer Foundation at the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo on Feb. 11–14, 2016 in Salt Lake City, UT — and one through the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at their Banquet on March 26, 2016 in Tucson, Ariz. Each package will consist of five authorizations, one for each of the following: deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn antelope. The season dates are Sept. 1, 2016–Jan. 31, 2017 for deer and elk; April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017 for ibex and oryx; and Aug. 1–Nov. 1, 2016 for pronghorn antelope.

Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Authorizations

Two authorizations will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Wild Sheep Foundation — one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep — during their convention on Jan. 21–23, 2016 in Reno, Nev. The successful bidder for desert bighorn sheep will choose one desert bighorn hunt from the list on pages 93–94, and the successful bidder for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep will choose one Rocky Mountain bighorn hunt from the list on pages 92–93. Each successful bidder must select his/her hunt by June 1, 2016.

Two authorizations will be raffled by NMDGF with the assistance of the New Mexico Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation — one for desert bighorn sheep and one for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. Raffle tickets must be purchased by midnight June 22, 2016. To purchase tickets contact Lanny Rominger: lanny.rominger@yahoo.com or (505) 821-5064.

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 Aug. 1–Dec. 31, 2016, except in GMU 53 (Wheeler Peak), where the dates are Aug. 1–10, 2016 and Sept. 1–Dec. 31, 2016.

Deer Enhancement Authorizations

One deer authorization will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Mule Deer Foundation at the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo on Feb. 11–14, 2016 in Salt Lake City, UT. One deer authorization also will be raffled with the assistance of the Mule Deer Foundation by June 30, 2016. The bag limit for these hunts is one buck deer.

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Elk Enhancement Authorizations

One bull-elk authorization will be auctioned by NMDGF with the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at the RMEF Banquet on March 26, 2016 in Tucson, Ariz. One bull-elk authorization will be raffled with the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at the NMDGF Santa Fe office in June, 2016.

Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits

One Gould's turkey enhancement permit will be auctioned and one Gould's turkey enhancement permit will be raffled by NMDGF with the assistance of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) at the NWTF Convention and Sport Show. For information email: nmturkeyhunt@bajabb.com.

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.

