

Important Reminders

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

Purchase Licenses, Apply for Draws and Report 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 2017–2018 season are unavailable through license sales and may be purchased only through the draw application process.

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.

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.

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 11–March 21, 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 22.

New: Premier Statewide Deer and Elk Draw Hunts

Statewide memorial hunts now available by draw for deer and elk. See pages 42, 47 and 70.

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

Hunts on the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) are included in the draw application process. See pages 29, 71, 76, 80 and 110.

New: Extended Seasons and Over-the-Counter Licenses for Javelina

Javelina OTC licenses for certain areas now are available online, by telephone and at license vendors and NMDGF offices. See page 111.

New: Hunters Helping the Hungry

A new program to donate deer and elk meat to help feed the hungry. See page 22.

Online Hunter Education Course (Residents only)

New Mexico residents 11 years of age or older can earn a New Mexico hunter education number online. See page 24.

50% Discounts for Resident Military and Veterans

Residents of New Mexico who are active duty military or veterans can receive 50% discounts on licenses, permits and stamps. See pages 11, 135 and 138 for eligibility requirements and details.

Cougar Trapping on Private and State Trust Lands

Cougars may be trapped or foot-snared on private land and State Trust land. See pages 117–120.

Important Dates

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Big Game Application Deadlines

Feb. 8, 2017

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

March 22, 2017

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. 23, 2017

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. 8 Deadline to apply for bear and turkey draw permits.

Feb. 15 Deadline to submit 2016–17 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. 22 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. 22 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 2016–17 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey (\$8 late fee applies). Reporting is required for all 2016–17 license holders to be eligible for 2017–18 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** 2017–18 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 2016–17 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 7** Spring youth-only turkey season begins.
- April 15** Spring turkey season begins.
- April 26** Big Game Draw License results are available online, by telephone or at NMDGF offices.
- Aug. 23** Deadline to apply for pheasant draw hunts.
- 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. 7** Pheasant season begins statewide, excluding Valencia County (see page 131).