

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 wildlife 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 or telephone your local New Mexico State Police office. 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 (NWTFF) 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 or contact your local NMDGF officer.

