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#### **General Information**

- While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 9)
- All Oryx Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 31–32)
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–14)
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## **Oryx Draw Licenses**

Deadline to apply for Oryx Draw Licenses is March 20, 2019. Up to two persons may apply per application. The majority of these hunts occur on the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR).

Successful applicants will be mailed an Oryx Draw License/tag. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

All Premier, Broken Horn, Returning Veteran and Youth-only Oryx Hunts are three-day hunts. Friday will be primarily for checking into WSMR. If no military missions are scheduled, hunting may be allowed on Friday afternoons after check-in. Additional information concerning Friday opportunities will be emailed to each license holder.

Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if public safety is of concern. The number of licenses issued may be reduced below the maximum number listed, if population survey results warrant.

WSMR will charge a \$150 per hunter access fee. Successful WSMR applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for fee payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the specified deadline.

## Bag Limit (Glossary, pages 135, 136)

ES: Any oryx of either sex. BHO: Any broken-horn oryx.

# White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security

Hunters who successfully draw for a WSMR hunt (guests included) must first complete a security-background check to be allowed on WSMR. Security-background registration forms will be sent in advance to all successful license holders prior to the hunt. All hunters (guests included) must have completed forms approved prior to being allowed access to WSMR. Vehicles entering WSMR are subject to search by WSMR security officers.

WSMR bans all alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, camcorders, radar detectors and concealed weapons. Discovery of banned items and/or failure to comply with WSMR requirements or other laws and regulation can result in revocation of hunting privileges on WSMR. Violators will not be afforded opportunity to correct violations. If escorted off WSMR, license fees are nonrefundable.



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#### **Special Restrictions**

- All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts and may not be applied for if previously held. If another oryx license type that is not Once-in-a-Lifetime has been previously held, applicants remain eligible and may still apply for Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunt.
- No more than three hunt choices may be designated on each application. For questions about eligibility for a license, contact any NMDGF area office or telephone: 1-888-248-6866.
- Successful applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for check-in and check-out at WSMR. A hunt-area map will be provided at check-in to identify closed areas where no hunting will be allowed.
- No more than three guests may accompany each licensed hunter to assist in cleaning and loading a downed oryx. Only U.S. citizens may be guests of permitted hunters, unless guests of an approved foreign-national hunter with an official escort. No additional help for cleaning and loading will be available. Guests may not help the licensed hunter kill the oryx.

**Hunting Guides:** White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) only allows use of outfitters and guides for Oryx Once-in-a-Lifetime, Broken-horn, Youth-only and Mobility-impaired Hunts. Only those outfitters and guides registered with WSMR in advance of the hunt will be allowed to operate on the range **Outfitters and guides are not authorized for Population-management Hunts.** It is the hunter's responsibility to verify that an outfitter or guide is in compliance with WMSR policies. For further information about registration requirements contact White Sands Missile Range at: (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

# **Oryx Draw Licenses: Seasons for All Sporting Arms**

Blaze-Orange Clothing: Hunters (guests included) must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property. Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts: All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt: Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts (pages 135, 138). Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License may apply for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt. Bag Limit: ES (any oryx of either sex); BHO (any broken-horn oryx).

# Premier Hunts (These are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunt Area						Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range						. Sept. 13–15	ORX-1-100	65	.ES
Rhodes Canyon						. Sept. 27–29	ORX-1-101	65	.ES
Rhodes Canyon						. Oct. 25–27	ORX-1-102	65	.ES
Stallion Range						. Nov. 8–10	ORX-1-103	65	.ES
Rhodes Canyon						. Dec. 6–8	ORX-1-104	65	.ES
Stallion Range						. Jan. 3–5, '20	ORX-1-105	65	.ES
Stallion Range						. Jan. 17–19, '20	ORX-1-106	65	.ES
Small Missile Ra	nge	e.				. Feb. 14-16, '20	ORX-1-107	65	.ES

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Red Canyon	. Feb. 28-Mar. 1, '20	ORX-1-108.	65	.ES
Stallion Range - Mobility Impaired Only .	. Oct. 11–13	ORX-1-109.	20	.ES

## Youth-only Hunt (This is not a Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt.)

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range - Youth Only	. Oct. 11–13	ORX-1-119	40	.ES

### **Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts** (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License may apply for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt.

Hunt Area						Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range						. Sept. 13-15	. ORX-1-120	15	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon						. Sept. 27–29	. ORX-1-121	15	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon						. Oct. 25–27	. ORX-1-122	15	.BHO
Stallion Range						. Nov. 8-10	. ORX-1-123	15	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon						. Dec. 6–8	. ORX-1-124	15	.BHO
Stallion Range						. Jan. 3-5 '20	. ORX-1-125	15	.BHO
Stallion Range						. Jan. 17-19 '20	. ORX-1-126	15	.BHO
Small Missile Ra	nge	е.				. Feb. 14-16 '20	. ORX-1-127	15	.BHO
Red Canyon .						. Feb. 28-Mar. 1 '2	0. ORX-1-128	15	.BHO

# Population Management Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Only U.S. citizens with a WSMR hunt authorization code may apply for WSMR Population Management Hunts. Foreign nationals may apply for Premier Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts, however, if drawn they must be escorted at all times by an authorized WSMR official while on the WSMR.

# Oryx population management hunts may occur on or outside WSMR.

Hunts may occur on two types of areas, standard-hunt areas and secure-hunt areas (formerly Security Badged Hunt areas). United States citizenship is required.

**Standard-hunt areas (These hunts occur outside WSMR):** Applicants should choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying.

**Secure-hunt areas (These hunts occur on WSMR):** To also be eligible for secure-hunt areas, applicants must have arranged with an approved WSMR 2019 Security Sponsor. An approved Security Sponsor will provide a hunt authorization code that the applicant must enter in his/her oryx 5th-choice management hunt application.

Do not apply unless you have a valid hunt authorization code. Hunters unaccompanied by a sponsor will be denied access to the hunt. If uncertain about your eligibility, please telephone NMDGF: 1-888-248-6866.

# Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Hunts (These are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

The hunts listed below have been established for New Mexico resident veterans who have served on active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan (see *Oryx Hunts for Iraq-Afghanistan Returnees*, page 20). All hunts are held on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 20, 2019. **Proof of Military Service Required:** Each year, applicants must provide proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan before the application deadline. A **copy** of Orders or DD-214 can be emailed: specialhunts@state.nm.us, faxed: (505) 476-8180, or mailed to: NMDGF, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504. **Blaze-Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property.

Hunt Area										Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) - Iraq / Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only													
Stallion Range										. Sept. 13–15	ORX-1-110	5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon										. Sept. 27–29	ORX-1-111	5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon										. Oct. 25–27	ORX-1-112	5	.ES
Stallion Range										. Nov. 8–10	ORX-1-113	5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon										. Dec. 6–8	ORX-1-114	5	.ES
Stallion Range										. Jan. 3–5, '20	ORX-1-115	5	.ES
Stallion Range										. Jan. 17–19, '20	ORX-1-116	5	.ES
Small Missile Ra	nge	е.								. Feb. 14-16, '20	ORX-1-117	5	.ES
Red Canyon .										. Feb. 28-Mar. 1, '20	ORX-1-118	5	.ES

# McGregor Range Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss. All hunters may apply for the ORX–1–224 and the ORX–1–226 hunt. Applicants for military only hunts must submit proof of current active-duty status prior to the application deadline (page 6). Hunters are required to possess proof of passing a certified Hunter Education Course, are required to wear a blaze-orange hat and vest, and will be subject to security searches. Hunters may be required to visit El Paso, Texas to obtain an access pass. For further information, contact Fort Bliss: david.j.black46.civ@mail.mil.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Unit 28 (McGregor Range)				
Any Legal	Dec. 21–22	. ORX-1-224	S 25	. ES
Any Legal - Military Only	Dec. 21–22	. ORX-1-225	S 25	. ES
Any Legal	Jan. 11–12, '20	. ORX-1-226	S 25	. ES
Any Legal - Military Only	Jan. 11–12, '20	. ORX-1-227	S 25	. ES



#### Off-WSMR Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

**Open Areas:** Lands administered by the Forest Service and BLM, State Trust Land, and private property with written permission. **Closed Areas:** White Sands Missile Range, Jornada Experimental Range, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss / McGregor areas in units 19 and 28, and other lands closed to hunting.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code L	icenses Bag									
Statewide - Off-range												
Any Legal	June 1–30	. ORX-1-204	.80ES									
Any Legal - Youth Only	June 1–30	. ORX-1-205	.20ES									
Any Legal	July 1–31	. ORX-1-206	.80ES									
Any Legal - Youth Only	July 1–31	. ORX-1-207	.20ES									
Any Legal	Aug. 1–31	. ORX-1-208	.80ES									
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Any Legal - Youth Only	Mar. 1–31, '20	. ORX-1-223	.20ES									

# Private-land Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must obtain and possess written permission from the landowner. Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid for a period of one month and must correspond to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements/restrictions, sporting arm type and bag limits listed in the above table. In addition to the dates listed above statewide private-land, off–range licenses are available for April and May. Licenses are available at NMDGF offices and license vendors, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tag.