

## General Information

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## Oryx Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for oryx draw licenses is March 18, 2020. 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 unless the E-Tag option is chosen.

All once-in-a-lifetime, broken horn 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.

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. Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts.

### Bag Limit (Glossary, page 121)

ES: Either sex (any one oryx).

BHO: Any broken-horn oryx (missing a minimum of 25% of one horn).

### White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security

Hunters who successfully draw for a WSMR hunt, and their guests, 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 and guests 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, 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. If escorted off WSMR, license fees are nonrefundable.

## White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security—continued.

### Special Restrictions

- All WSMR draw oryx hunts with an either-sex bag limit 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 once-in-a-lifetime hunts.
- For eligibility questions 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 the guest(s) 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.
- Foreign nationals may apply for once-in-a-lifetime hunts, however, if drawn they must be escorted at all times by an authorized WSMR official while on WSMR.
- Blaze-orange clothing: Hunters, and their guests, must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on WSMR and/or McGregor Range.

**Outfitted Hunts:** 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 WSMR policies. For further information about registration requirements contact WSMR at: (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

## Oryx Draw Licenses

### Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Stallion Range . . . . .	Sept. 11-13 . . . . .	ORX-1-100 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Sept. 25-27 . . . . .	ORX-1-101 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Oct. 23-25 . . . . .	ORX-1-102 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Stallion Range . . . . .	Nov. 6-8 . . . . .	ORX-1-103 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Dec. 4-6 . . . . .	ORX-1-104 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Stallion Range . . . . .	Jan. 15-17, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-105 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Stallion Range . . . . .	Jan. 29-31, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-106 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Small Missile Range . . . . .	Feb. 12-14, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-107 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Red Canyon . . . . .	Feb. 26-28, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-108 . . . . .	.65 . . . . .	ES
Stallion Range - Mobility Impaired Only	Oct. 9-11 . . . . .	ORX-1-109 . . . . .	.20 . . . . .	ES

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### *Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts—continued.*

#### **Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only 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 17). 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 18, 2020.

**New - Proof of Military Service Required:** Each year, applicants must provide proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan prior to application. A copy of orders or DD-214 can be emailed: [specialhunts@state.nm.us](mailto:specialhunts@state.nm.us), faxed: (505) 476-8180, or mailed to: NMDGF, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504.

#### **White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) - Iraq / Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only**

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Stallion Range . . . . .	Sep. 11-13. . . . .	ORX-1-110 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Sep. 25-27 . . . . .	ORX-1-111 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Oct. 23-25 . . . . .	ORX-1-112 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Stallion Range . . . . .	Nov. 6-8 . . . . .	ORX-1-113 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Dec. 4-6 . . . . .	ORX-1-114 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Stallion Range . . . . .	Jan. 15-17, '21. . . . .	ORX-1-115 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Stallion Range . . . . .	Jan. 29-31, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-116 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Small Missile Range . . . . .	Feb. 12-14, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-117 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES
Red Canyon . . . . .	Feb. 26-28, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-118 . . . . .	.S. . . . .	5 . . . . .	ES

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

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Stallion Range - Youth Only	Oct. 9-11 . . . . .	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 Limit
Stallion Range . . . . .	Sep. 11-13. . . . .	ORX-1-120 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Sep. 25-27 . . . . .	ORX-1-121 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Oct. 23-25 . . . . .	ORX-1-122 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO
Stallion Range . . . . .	Nov. 6-8 . . . . .	ORX-1-123 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO
Rhodes Canyon . . . . .	Dec. 4-6 . . . . .	ORX-1-124 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO
Stallion Range . . . . .	Jan. 15-17, '21. . . . .	ORX-1-125 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO
Stallion Range . . . . .	Jan. 29-31, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-126 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO
Small Missile Range . . . . .	Feb. 12-14, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-127 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO
Red Canyon . . . . .	Feb. 26-28, '21 . . . . .	ORX-1-128 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	BHO

## 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 application. 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](mailto:david.j.black46.civ@mail.mil).

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Unit 28 (McGregor Range)</b>					
Any Legal	Dec. 19-20	ORX-1-224	.S.	.25	ES
Any Legal - Military Only	Dec. 19-20	ORX-1-225	.S.	.25	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 9-10, '21	ORX-1-226	.S.	.25	ES
Any Legal - Military Only	Jan. 9-10, '21	ORX-1-227	.S.	.25	ES

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

**Open Areas:** Lands administered by the Forest Service, 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 Range areas in units 19 and 28, and other lands closed to hunting.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
<b>Statewide - Off-range</b>				
Any Legal	Jun. 1-30	ORX-1-204	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Jun. 1-30	ORX-1-205	.20	ES
Any Legal	Jul. 1-31	ORX-1-206	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Jul. 1-31	ORX-1-207	.20	ES
Any Legal	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-208	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-209	.20	ES
Any Legal	Sep. 1-30	ORX-1-210	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Sep. 1-30	ORX-1-211	.20	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-212	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-213	.20	ES
Any Legal	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-214	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-215	.20	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-216	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-217	.20	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 1-31, '21	ORX-1-218	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Jan. 1-31, '21	ORX-1-219	.20	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1-28, '21	ORX-1-220	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Feb. 1-28, '21	ORX-1-221	.20	ES
Any Legal	Mar. 1-31, '21	ORX-1-222	.80	ES
Any Legal - Youth Only	Mar. 1-31, '21	ORX-1-223	.20	ES

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

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).

**Standard-hunt areas (excluding WSMR and McGregor Range):** Applicants should choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying.

**Secure-hunt areas (WSMR only):** To also be eligible for secure-hunt areas, applicants must have arranged with an approved WSMR 2020 security sponsor. This sponsor must apply and be approved for a WSMR security-sponsor permit by February 15, 2020. An approved security sponsor will provide a hunt authorization code that the applicant must enter in his/her oryx 5th-choice management hunt application. Only U.S. citizens with a WSMR hunt authorization code may apply for WSMR population management hunts.

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.

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

Private-land oryx licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must possess written permission from the landowner. Private-land oryx licenses must correspond to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements/restrictions, sporting arm type and bag limits listed for the statewide, off-range hunts listed on page 102.

Statewide private-land, off-range licenses are also available for April (ORX-1-200) and May (ORX-1-202). Licenses are available at NMDGF offices and license vendors, online: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://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 unless the E-Tag option is chosen. Please note: Oryx draw applicants may not purchase a private-land license before the draw results are released.

