

Definitions and Terms

Ammunition

Hunters may use only soft-nosed or hollow-point bullets. Full metal-jacketed and tracer bullets are not legal. The use of sabots is legal in muzzleloading rifles, except restricted muzzleloader hunts. See page 7 for definition of restricted muzzleloaders.

Antler Point Restricted Elk (APRE/6)

A legal APRE/6 elk must have six or more points of any length on at least one antler for an APRE/6 hunt. A brow tine or eye guard counts as one point. A burr at the base of the antler does not count as a point.

Antlerless Deer or Elk (A)

Any male or female deer or elk without antlers.

Big-game Species

Include deer, elk, bear, cougar, pronghorn antelope, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, javelina, oryx and ibex.

Bighorn Sheep Ram

Any male bighorn sheep.

Bighorn Sheep Ewe

Any female bighorn sheep.

Bow and Arrow

Bows include compound, recurved and longbows. Sights on bows may not magnify targets or project light. Arrows must have broadheads (fixed or mechanical) with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on arrows. Arrows cannot be driven by explosives.

Broken-Horn Oryx

An oryx of either sex that has one or more horns missing at least 25% of its normal growth.

Crossbow and Bolt

Crossbow use is legal during "Any Legal Sporting Arm" hunts and "Muzzleloader" hunts. Sights on crossbows may not magnify targets or project light. Bolts must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on bolts. Bolts cannot be driven by explosives.

Depredation Damage Fee

A fee required of all big-game hunters that has been included in the price of each big-game license. The fee is \$3 for each resident and \$10 for each nonresident big-game license. Money generated is being used to develop permanent solutions to chronic wildlife depredation problems throughout the state.

Either Sex (ES)

Any male or female of the big-game species.

Either Sex White-tailed Deer (ESWTD)

Any male or female white-tailed deer.

Established Road

A road built and/or maintained by equipment and which shows no evidence of ever having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

Female or Immature Ibex (F-IM)

An ibex with horns less than 15 inches long.

Female or Immature Pronghorn Antelope (F-IM)

A pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

Fork-Antlered Deer (FAD)

Any deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fork-Antlered Mule Deer (FAMD)

Any mule deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fork-Antlered White-tailed Deer (FAWTD)

Any white-tailed deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.

Fourth Choice Deer or Elk Hunt

Applicants marking a fourth choice indicate they WILL accept a deer or elk license for ANY HUNT in a specific quadrant of the state. Be aware that success rates for some fourth choice hunts may be low due to small, localized populations of deer or elk. A hunter drawing a fourth choice elk hunt could receive a license with an antlerless bag limit even if their first three choices were for bull licenses and vice versa. No refunds will be made to successful applicants. The fourth choice assignment will always be for the same sporting arm type as the first choice on an application. See pages 21 and 32 for more information. Not all hunts are included in the fourth choice pool.

Game-hunting or combination Game-hunting and Fishing License

An annual **Game-hunting License** is valid for hunting all small game, both upland and migratory game birds. An annual combination **Game-hunting and Fishing License** is valid for fishing in addition to hunting small game. Both types of licenses may be purchased at license vendors statewide including all Department offices and online at the Department's website.

All hunters must purchase one of these licenses in order to apply for any big game license or before purchasing any over-the counter big game or turkey license.

Habitat Management and Access Validation

All hunters, trappers and anglers on any lands must purchase and possess a \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation once during the year (April 1-March 31). Fees will be used to lease private land for public use, provide public access to land-locked areas of public land and provide for the improvement, maintenance, development and operation of property for fish and wildlife habitat management. This fee will NOT be charged to anglers or trappers younger than 12 years of age. 100% Disabled Resident Veterans or resident anglers 70 years of age and older will not be charged for this validation in conjunction with their free licenses. This Validation does NOT replace the Habitat Stamp. See page 9.

Handicapped Hunter

To obtain a reduced-fee Game-hunting or Game-hunting and Fishing License, a handicapped hunter must have a severe physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. See page 9.

High-Demand or (HD) Hunt

An elk or deer draw hunt which had at least 22% nonresident applicants for the previous two license years.

Junior Elk or Junior Deer Hunting License

Reduced-fee elk or deer licenses are available to resident hunters younger than 18 years of age. See page 8 for fees.

License Year

A 12 month period, April 1 through March 31.

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Landowner Permission

It is unlawful to hunt, fish or trap on private land without possessing valid written permission from the landowner whose property the hunter or angler is hunting, fishing or trapping unless otherwise allowed in rule. The landowner's signature with a date and telephone number written on a valid license, land owner tag or other piece of paper, shall constitute valid written permission.

Mature Buck Pronghorn Antelope (MB)

A pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ear.

Mature Bull Elk (MB)

A male elk with at least one brow tine extending six or more inches from the main beam or at least one forked antler with both branches six or more inches long. A spike bull is not considered a legal mature bull elk.

Mentor/Youth-only Hunt

A draw hunt consisting of one adult (18 years of age or older) and up to three youths (younger than 18 years of age as of the opening day of the hunt). Exception: The Valles Caldera Mentor Hunts allow only one youth and one adult per application.

Military Only Hunt

Applicants must be on full-time active duty in the military and must provide proof of current military assignment to the Special Hunts Office in Santa Fe, by the application deadline.

Muzzleloader

Includes rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder is illegal. Legal muzzleloading shotguns are those capable of being fired from the shoulder only. Muzzleloaders may use in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets and scopes. See Restricted Muzzleloader, next column.

Nongame Hunting

Nongame species include: prairie dogs, rabbits, ground squirrels, coyotes, skunks and Himalayan tahr. **Residents** are not required to have any license to take nongame species. **Nonresidents** may hunt and/or possess nongame species but first, must purchase a Nonresident Nongame License or have any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license. Nongame hunting is not permitted on any Wildlife Management Areas unless specifically permitted by rule.

Once-in-a-Lifetime License

A draw license that can only be issued once in an applicant's lifetime. This license may not be applied for if an applicant has previously held one.

Over-the-Counter or OTC License

A license available from vendors, Department offices statewide and the Department's web site. No drawing is required to purchase these licenses.

Population Management Hunt

A hunt designed to manage the number of deer, elk, pronghorn antelope or oryx on public or private lands when they damage property or interfere with military operations.

Private Land Authorization

Documentation from a private landowner that allows a hunter to purchase an elk or pronghorn antelope license.

Private Land Only Deer License

A license authorizing hunters to hunt deer only on private land with written permission for a specific GMU.

Protected Furbearers

A Trapper License is required for all residents 12 or older, all nonresidents who trap protected furbearers and all nonresidents who trap and possess unprotected furbearers such as coyotes or skunks. Residents ages 12-17 may purchase a Junior Trapper License. Protected furbearers are raccoon, badger, weasel, fox, ringtail, bobcat, beaver, muskrat and nutria.

Protected Species

Protected species include all big game, turkey, squirrels and game birds. A hunter must have a Game-hunting or Game-hunting and Fishing License. If hunting big game, hunters also must have a specific big-game species license with attached carcass tag. Hunters also may need to have a Turkey or Bear Permit. See page 48 or 53. Hunters must have, in their possession, **ALL** appropriate licenses and/or permits in the field while hunting any of these species.

Quality or (Q) Hunt

These are hunts designed to provide an increased opportunity to achieve a successful harvest, a harvest from a wider selection of mature deer or elk or a pleasurable experience based on timing of the hunt and hunter density. Quality hunts are determined by the State Game Commission.

Restricted Muzzleloader (for certain deer hunts)

Any muzzleloading rifle (including a smoothbore flintlock or musket) using open sights in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder, in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets, multiple projectiles and scopes are illegal.

Senior Hunting Licenses

Reduced-fee licenses are available to resident hunters 65 years of age and older. See page 8 for fees.

Spike Bull Elk

A spike bull elk is a male elk with antlers having a single beam without branches. A spike elk may be legally harvested **ONLY** with an either sex license.

Standard or (S) Hunt

These are deer or elk hunts in which the fee charged for a license is the regular fee as opposed to a Quality or High-Demand fee.

State Trust Land

Lands administered by the Commissioner of Public Lands and granted to the State of New Mexico from the Federal Government for the economic support of public institutions such as public schools and universities.

Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Properties owned or managed and under the control of the State Game Commission.

Youth-only Hunt

To be eligible for a Youth-only hunt, each applicant must be younger than 18 years old on the beginning date of the hunt. No one younger than 18 years of age may hunt with a firearm or purchase or apply for a firearm hunting license without first obtaining a certificate attesting that they have passed New Mexico's or another state's hunter education course.