

Unique Hunting Opportunities

Big-game Enhancement Packages

Two big-game authorization packages will be auctioned; one by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and one by the Wild Sheep Foundation. All proceeds go toward big-game habitat enhancement, conservation and protection projects in New Mexico. Each package will consist of 5 authorizations one for each of the following species: deer, elk, ibex, oryx and pronghorn antelope. More information is provided on the Department's website.

Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Licenses

The Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) is assisting the Department with an auction of one bighorn sheep authorization and the New Mexico Wild Sheep Foundation (NMWSF) will be assisting the Department with the raffle of one bighorn sheep authorization. Proceeds from the auction and raffle are used for bighorn sheep research, management and propagation in New Mexico.

One authorization to hunt a Rocky Mountain or desert bighorn sheep ram will be auctioned during the WSF National Convention at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, NV, Jan. 19-21, 2012. For more information, please visit their website at www.wildsheepfoundation.org/. By June 1, 2012, the successful auction winner will choose one of the hunts offered below. The license and stamp fees are included for the successful auction winner. See below for detailed hunt information.

A second authorization will be awarded through a raffle. The successful raffle winner will choose one of the remaining hunts not chosen by the auction winner. The license and stamp fees are included for the successful raffle winner. See below for detailed hunt information. The date and location of the drawing will be announced.

Raffle tickets will be sold through NMWSF for \$20 each. Deadline to purchase tickets is June 15. To purchase tickets, send a check or money order to Lanny Rominger, 9117 Luna del Oro NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87111 or call him at (505) 821-5064. Ticket stubs will not be provided. NMWSF will complete and enter all orders not accompanied by tickets. The raffle winner does not have to be present to win. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.

The bag limit for these hunts is any one ram. These hunts do not count as once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

The winning hunter may choose one of the following hunts listed as open on page 46.

Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits

Up to two Gould's turkey enhancement permits may be made available through the National Wild Turkey Federation via lottery and auction. For more information on these permits, send an email to: nmturkeyhunt@bajabb.com.

Deer Enhancement Authorizations

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is assisting the Department with the auction of one deer authorization. RMEF will conduct the auction for one deer authorization at their annual Elk Camp, Feb. 2-4, 2012 at the Riviera Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Please visit the RMEF website at www.rmef.org/.

A second authorization will be raffled through the Mule Deer Foundation. For more information, contact Scott Hampel at shampel@muledeer.org/.

Proceeds from the auction and raffle will be used for deer habitat enhancement and management in New Mexico.

Each authorization will be valid for use from Sept. 1, 2012 through Jan. 31, 2013 with any legal sporting arm. These authorizations will be valid statewide on public land where hunting is allowed (including State Game Commission-owned WMAs) and private land with prior written landowner permission. Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is one buck deer.

Elk Enhancement Authorizations

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is assisting the Department with an auction and raffle of two bull elk authorizations.

RMEF will conduct the auction for one elk authorization at their annual Elk Camp, Feb. 2-4, 2012 at the Riviera Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Please visit the RMEF website at www.rmef.org/.

Raffle tickets for the other authorization will be sold for \$20 each through the New Mexico Chapter of RMEF. For more information, contact Bill Kenney at (505) 407-2299 or bkenney@rmef.org. The raffle drawing will be held on a date and location to be announced. Visit the Department's website for more information.

Authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift. The bag limit for these hunts is one bull elk. These hunts do not count as once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

Proceeds from the auction and raffle are used for elk habitat enhancement and management in New Mexico. The authorizations will be valid for use from Sept. 1, 2012 through Jan. 31, 2013 with any legal sporting arm.

Win An Elk Or Oryx Incentive Authorization

Hunters may be selected by drawing to receive an elk or oryx incentive authorization. To participate, hunters must bring in freshly harvested deer or elk heads to any Department office or field collection station so tissues can be collected for chronic wasting disease testing. To be eligible, hunters are required to deliver the head before brain and lymph tissues decompose, which is less than 48 hours in warm weather. Incentive authorizations may be used either by the recipient or any individual of the recipient's choice through sale, barter or gift.