

# **Pronghorn 19.31.15 NMAC**

**April 11, 2022**

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting**





# Summary of previous rule change

- APLUS: Public & private hunters assigned to ranches
- 2019-2022 Pronghorn Rule
  - Similar to deer hunting and secondary mgmt. zone for elk
  - Public draw hunters allowed to hunt public land within the drawn GMU
  - Private land licenses over the counter (OTC).





# Summary of Public Comments

- The department received 31 emails regarding proposed changes

Subject	Number of comments
Want later hunt dates	13
Keep current hunt dates	13
More permits for non-residents	3
No OTC	5
Keep GMU 52 hunts muzzleloader only	6
5 day hunts	1





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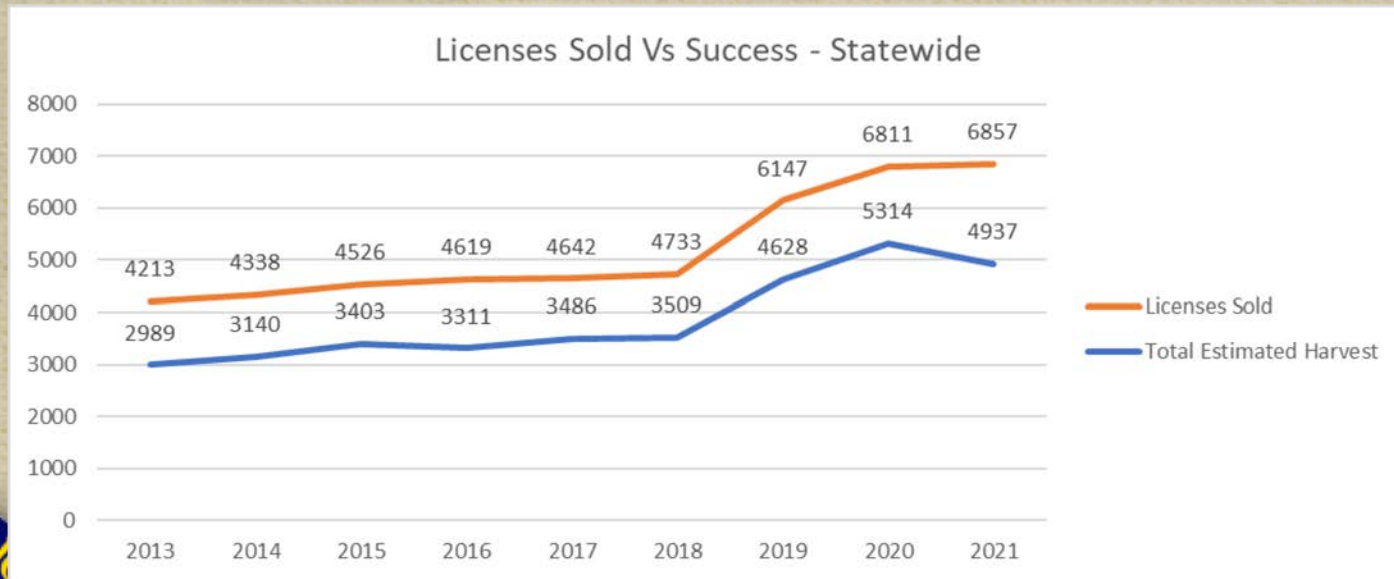
- Addressed unhunted populations and high B:D ratios in some locations
- Increased public draw licenses by 22%
- Increased resident draw licenses by 26%





# Pronghorn Biology

- Statewide population estimate: ~70,800 (midpoint)
- 36 bucks: 100 does: 25 fawns (2019-2021 survey data)





# 2021-2022 Pronghorn License and Harvest

- 6,857 Licenses sold
  - 94% are for bucks
- 65% of hunters reported
- 70% successful in harvesting
- Estimated statewide harvest
  - Bucks = 4655; Does = 282
- Satisfaction rating = 4.1





# Pronghorn Biology: NE Area

- Population estimate: ~45,000
  - (stable to slightly ↑)
- 32 bucks\*: 100 does: 27 fawns
- Proposed changes
  - Because of limited access to public land in GMU 57, the Department recommends decreasing each hunt by 5 licenses each and moving these licenses to adjacent GMU 58 that has more public access.





## Pronghorn data: SE Area

- Population estimate: ~20,000 (stable)
- 35 bucks: 100 does: 31 fawns
- Actively restoring populations (fence modifications & translocation)
- Create an injured service member pronghorn hunt on Melrose Air Force Range in GMU 32
- Allow pronghorn hunting on prairie chicken areas (PCAs)
- McGregor range adjusting tags from 5 MB non military and 10 MB military to 7 MB of each





# Pronghorn data: SW Area

- Population estimate: ~ 3,000 (stable to slightly decreasing)
- 58 bucks\*: 100 does: 17 fawns
- GMUs 15 and 16
  - GMU 15: eliminate the 2nd hunt but reallocate the 5 licenses to the 1st
  - GMU 16: eliminate the 2nd a hunt but reallocate the 10 licenses to remaining hunts





# Pronghorn data: NW Area

- Population estimate: <1,000 (slightly decreasing)
- Ratios: N/A - Due to low survey abundance
- Proposed changes
  - - Due to low pronghorn numbers decrease license in GMUs 2, 7, 9, 10 from 15 bow licenses down to 10 and from 15 any sporting arm licenses down to 5.





# Pronghorn data: Tres Piedras



- Population estimate: <500 (Stable)
- 50 bucks: 100 does: 12 fawns

No change to the weapon type of the last pronghorn hunt





# Pronghorn Antelope 19.31.15 NMAC

	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Archery</b>	Aug. 12-20	Aug. 10-18	Aug. 9-17	Aug. 15-23
<b>Youth hunt (ES)</b>	Aug. 26-28	Aug. 24-26	Aug. 23-25	Aug. 29-31
<b>Rifle 1*</b>	Aug. 26-28	Aug. 24-26	Aug. 23-25	Aug. 29-31
<b>Rifle 2</b>	Sept. 30 - Oct. 2	Sept. 28-30	Sept. 27-29	Sept. 26-28
<b>MIP</b>	Sept. 30 - Oct. 2	Sept. 28-30	Sept. 27-29	Sept. 26-28
<b>Rifle 3</b>	Oct. 7-9	Oct. 5-7	Oct. 4-6	Oct. 3-5
<b>Special hunts:</b>				
<b>Late Youth FIM hunts</b>	Oct. 14-16	Oct. 12-14	Oct. 11-13	Oct. 10-12
<b>Muzzleloader hunt 1 (GMU 29)</b>	Aug. 26-28	Aug. 24-26	Aug. 23-25	Aug. 29-31
<b>Muzzleloader hunt 2 (GMU29)</b>	Sept. 30 - Oct. 2	Sept. 28-30	Sept. 27-29	Sept. 26-28
<b>GMUs 4, 50, 52 - Youth ES</b>	Aug 5-7	Aug 3-5	Aug 2-4	Aug 1-3
<b>GMUs 4, 50, 52 - Archery</b>	Aug 8-16	Aug 6-14	Aug 5-13	Aug 4-12
<b>GMUs 4, 50, 52 - Muzzle 1</b>	Aug 19-21	Aug 17-19	Aug 16-18	Aug 15-17
<b>GMUs 4, 50, 52 - Muzzle 2</b>	Aug 26-28	Aug 24-26	Aug 23-25	Aug 22-24
<b>WSMR</b>	Oct. 6-8	Oct. 4-6	Oct. 3-5	Oct. 2-4
<b>McGregor</b>	Sept. 2-3	Aug. 31– Sept. 1	Aug. 30-31	Sept. 5-6
<b>Melrose</b>				
<b>Roswell FIM hunt</b>	Dec 1 - 15	Dec 1 - 15	Dec 1 - 15	Dec 1 - 15



# Questions

Comment on Proposals:  
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