

# Important Reminders

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## **Mandatory Harvest Reporting**

All Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn, turkey and trapper license holders must submit a harvest report, whether they hunted or not. Deadlines for species are listed on page 6. Harvest reports may be submitted online, by telephone or in person at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish offices. Remember to keep your confirmation number!

## **Electronic Tag (E-Tag) Option for Big Game and Turkey**

Hunters may choose the E-Tag option when purchasing or applying for any big-game or turkey hunt. You will not receive a carcass tag if you choose this option. Hunters who choose to E-Tag are required to download the NM E-Tag app on their smartphone, and must be able to show the license on their phone while in the field. A printed license and/or carcass tag are not required, but the animal must still be physically tagged. See pages 8–9 for details.

## **License and Tag Combined If Purchased Online or by Phone**

Hunters who choose to receive a physical carcass tag may not need to carry a separate license. If purchased online or by telephone, the top section of the carcass tag will display all annual license and stamp purchases, and will serve as a valid license. Hunters must carry the license/carcass tag with them in the field while hunting (details, page 8). If you do not purchase the habitat stamp through the draw, or prior to May 16, 2022, a printed copy may be required. The combined license/tag is not available for license purchases and/or duplicate tags at over-the-counter (OTC) license vendors.

## **Habitat Stamp**

The habitat stamp must be purchased prior to hunting or fishing on BLM and Forest Service lands. To be included in a combined license/tag, the habitat stamp must be purchased before May 16, 2022. Proof of habitat stamp purchase must be carried while in the field.

## **Draw Carcass Tags will be Mailed**

Successful draw applicants who did not choose the E-Tag option will receive the license/tag(s) via U.S. Postal Service in late-May or early-June.

## **Online Hunter Education Course (Residents Only)**

New Mexico residents 10 years of age or older can take New Mexico hunter education online (page 18).

## **Purchase 2022 Game Hunting License through Draw Application**

Draw applicants purchasing 2022 game-hunting licenses to apply for draw hunts must click “Draw Hunt Applications” in the main menu and purchase the license as part of the application process. Do not click “License Sales.”

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## **Game Hunting License Options**

Big-game draw applicants will be required to purchase a habitat management and access validation (HMAV) with their nonrefundable game-hunting license. Applicants will have the option to add the habitat stamp, harvest information program (HIP) number and/or second rod validation, if applicable, to their purchase. Hunters must purchase the habitat stamp prior to May 16, 2022 to avoid having to print it separately.

## **Early Purchase Available for 2022–23 Licenses**

Licenses for the 2022–23 license year which begins April 1 will be available online, by telephone, and at license vendors and NMDGF offices beginning March 23.

## **Duplicate License Fee**

A \$6 duplicate license fee will be charged for all duplicate tags/licenses in accordance with New Mexico state law. This fee will be charged only when a duplicate tag is obtained requiring reprinting the license with a new tag number. Big-game and turkey hunters are advised not to purchase their licenses online if they plan to obtain the tag(s) at a license vendor.

## **Over the Counter (OTC) Licenses for Some Species Available July 1**

OTC licenses for javelina, fall turkey, private-land deer, private-land pronghorn, private-land Barbary sheep, and secondary management zone private-land elk, and federal duck stamps will be available beginning July 1.

## **Information Center Extended Hours**

The NMDGF Information Center is open year-round, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (except holidays) to answer your questions and assist with license issues and harvest reporting. Extended hours are March 7–11 from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. and March 14–15 from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. The Information Center will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 16.

## **Requirements for Military Documentation**

Proof of service for all military only hunts and returning Iraq/Afghanistan veteran oryx hunts must be received by NMDGF prior to application.

## **Mobility Impaired Eligibility Requirements**

Individuals must have a permanent impairment that limits mobility to a walker, wheelchair or crutches, or have one or more permanent disabilities or conditions that substantially limit their ability to walk.

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## Draw Refunds

Draw license fee refunds for unsuccessful applicants will be processed shortly after draw results are released in April. Applications paid by credit card will be refunded directly to the credit card used for the transaction within 10 business days. Applications paid by cash will be refunded by check by the end of May. Game-hunting license and stamp purchases will not be refunded.

## Donate an Unused License

A license may be donated to NMDGF for transfer to a youth (17 years of age or younger), a resident veteran or a resident first responder who has been qualified through a nonprofit organization that promotes hunting (page 20).

## 50% Discounts for Resident Military and Veterans

New Mexico residents who are active duty military or honorably discharged veterans are eligible for 50% discounts on licenses, permits and stamps. Proof of service may be requested to verify eligibility. See page 16 and *Glossary*, pages 120–125 for eligibility requirements and details.

## Private-land Elk Licenses and Fees

See pages 65–68 for private-land elk hunting rules, fees and information.

## Unit-wide Ranch Maps

Unit-wide elk hunting property maps are available online:  
[www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/maps/)

## Pronghorn Draw and Private-land Only Licenses

All draw licenses are valid on public lands and private land with written permission within the game management unit(s).

Most private-land only pronghorn licenses are now available over the counter. A public-land hunt code must be selected when purchasing this license. These licenses are not valid on any public land. Written permission from the landowner is required.

## Eligibility Rules for Encouragement Elk Hunts

Only eligible resident youth hunters may purchase these hunts for the first 14 days of the sale. Licenses remaining after the first 14 days of the sale will also be available to eligible resident seniors (65 years and older). Nonresidents, and resident applicants who were successful for any species (except javelina), are not eligible. See page 81 for eligibility information.

## Free Hunting and Recreation Maps (page 126)

Free maps of New Mexico big-game hunting units and recreational areas on public lands can be downloaded to your mobile device at: [www.blm.gov/nm/huntingmaps](http://www.blm.gov/nm/huntingmaps)

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## **Bear and Turkey Draw Permits**

Bear and turkey draw permits cannot be printed until all appropriate licenses have been purchased.

## **Premium Statewide Deer and Elk Hunts**

Statewide memorial hunts are available by draw for deer and elk (page 36).

## **Contact Land Management Agencies Before Hunting**

Prescribed burns and/or other activities that could affect hunting may be conducted by land management agencies during hunting seasons (visit: [nmfireinfo.com](http://nmfireinfo.com)). NMDGF recommends contacting the appropriate management agency prior to your hunt for information on activities that may affect access or animal behavior in your hunting area. For contact information, please see Federal Lands (pages 38–40).

## **Mexican Gray Wolf: Encounters and Identification**

Know where wolf encounters may occur and how to distinguish the Mexican gray wolf from coyotes (pages 117 and 118).

## **Legal Shooting Hours**

Legal shooting hours for big game and turkey are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, unless otherwise noted.

## **Marked Animals**

It is legal to harvest an animal with a radiocollar, eartag, or other human-placed identifying mark. Please contact the Department at (505) 476-8038 to return radiocollars as they store data and can be used on another animals.

# Important Dates

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## Important Dates to Remember for All Game

- Feb. 9** Deadline to apply for bear and turkey draw permits. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).
- Feb. 15** Deadline to submit 2021–22 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey license holders. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. Late fees apply after this date.
- Feb. 23** Results for bear and turkey draw permits are available online, by telephone and at NMDGF offices. Permits will be available in the E-Tag app and can be printed on standard paper after the appropriate license(s) are purchased.
- Mar. 16** Deadline to apply for draw licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn, oryx, and private-land only deer licenses in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).
- Deadline to submit late 2021–22 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey. All 2021–22 license holders must report to be eligible for 2022–23 draw licenses. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** An \$8 late fee applies after February 15, 2022. Remember to keep your confirmation number.
- Mar. 23** 2022–23 over-the-counter (OTC) license types, including game-hunting licenses and game-hunting & fishing licenses, are available online, by telephone and at NMDGF offices and license vendors.
- April 1** 2022–23 license year begins. All 2021–22 licenses are no longer valid.
- April 7** Deadline to submit 2021–22 harvest reports for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders to be eligible for big-game licenses. Reports can be submitted online or by telephone. **Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** An \$8 late fee applies after April 7, 2022. Remember to keep your confirmation number.
- April 27** Big-game draw results are available online, by telephone or at NMDGF offices.