



Barbary sheep (top): Both males and females have shaggy front quarters and are sand colored. Males have crescent-shaped horns. NMDGF photo.

Bighorn sheep (right) are grey-brown colored and have white hindquarters. Immature males that do not have fully grown horns may resemble Barbary sheep at first glance. NMDGF photo by Clint Henson.



Barbary Sheep

Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

General Information

- While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 8)
- All Barbary Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 29–30)
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13)
- Legal Sporting Arms for Barbary Sheep Hunting (specified by hunt code, see page 28)
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 40)

Barbary Sheep Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for Barbary sheep draw licenses is March 16, 2022. Up to four persons may apply per application.

Successful applicants will be mailed a Barbary sheep draw license/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Bag Limit: Either sex (any one Barbary sheep).

All public draw Barbary sheep licenses (with the exception of McGregor range license holders who are stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas and have paid the resident fees) shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas with any big-game sporting arm.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 28 McGregor Range				
Any Legal	Dec. 31, '22-Jan. 1, '23	BBY-1-110	20	ES
Any Legal - Military Only	Dec. 31, '22-Jan. 1, '23	BBY-1-111	20	ES
Units 29, 30				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '23	BBY-2-105	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 8-12	BBY-1-106	100	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 3-16	BBY-1-107	250	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20, '23-Feb.2, '23	BBY-1-108	250	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 11-24, '23	BBY-1-109	250	ES
Units 32, 34, 36, 37				
Bow	Jan. 1-15, '23	BBY-2-100	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 8-12	BBY-1-101	75	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 3-16	BBY-1-102	225	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20, '23-Feb.2, '23	BBY-1-103	225	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 11-24, '23	BBY-1-104	225	ES

¹ Barbary sheep hunters in GMU 34 should be aware that bighorn sheep may be present (see page 96).

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Over-the-Counter Licenses

Bag Limit: Either sex (any one Barbary sheep).

Statewide Licenses: Open units (listed below)

Over-the-counter barbary sheep licenses for public and private lands are available at license vendors, NMDGF offices, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**.

If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDGF office. Please note: Barbary sheep draw applicants may not purchase the OTC license before the draw results are released.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag Limit
Units 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19 (portion outside WSMR and Fort Bliss), and 21, 25, 31, 33, 34, 38-59				
Any Legal	Apr. 1-Mar.31, '23	BBY-1-300	Unlimited	ES

⁽¹⁾ The western portion of GMU 34 shall be open to over-the-counter licenses. The eastern portion of GMU 34 shall be closed to any license holder of a BBY-1-300 license. The boundary dividing the western portion of GMU 34 is the line beginning at the junction of NM Hwy 244 and the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation and traveling south to US Hwy 82. Hwy 82 to NM Hwy 130 south to NM Hwy 6563 continuing south as it transitions to County Road E12 (Sacramento River Road). County Road E 12 south to the Unit 34/GMU 28 boundary. Barbary sheep hunters in GMU 34 should be aware that bighorn sheep may be present (see page 96).

Private-land Only Barbary Sheep Licenses

To hunt on private land only, hunters must obtain a private-land only Barbary sheep license and tag—available at NMDGF offices, license vendors, online and by telephone. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. When obtaining a private-land only Barbary sheep license, the hunter must select a hunt code corresponding with a Barbary sheep-draw hunt code for the unit(s), bag limit, sporting arm type(s) and season date. Written permission from the landowner is required while hunting.