Agenda Item 15

Amend Exotics Rule 19.31.12 NMA



The Department Proposes:
Amend 19.31.12 NMAC (Exotics rule)

 Add <u>Barbary Sheep</u> to current language describing valid uses of licenses, including use on 'unitized' properties.

Amend oryx hunts, move the 2 Small Missile Range hunts to the Red Canyon hunt area and reduce licenses in 2010-11 season.

Unitization

- 1. Manages hunter access where private lands historically blocked access to state lands
- 2. In place since 1988
- 3. Currently 8 ranches participate

Unitization example: Stokes Ranch, Lincoln Co.

- Ranch located on both sides of HWY 246
- Hunters historically trespassed, now have open access on and across deeded lands.
- Agreement opens 160 acres of deeded land and closes 120 acres of State Leased land
- Private land has better access and more deer than the accessible state lands
- And, private land provide access to more than 10 sections of U.S. Forest Service lands



Additional properties with Unitization agreements:

- Armstrong Ranch
- Pajarito Ranch
- Cuevo Canyon Ranch
- Rio Grande-Alameda, Ltd.
- Hendricks: I BAR X Ranch
- High Lonesome Ranch
- Bettis Stoval Ranch