

Wildlife Management Division Rule Development

Deer Rule Proposal 19.31.13 NMAC

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NM State Game Commission Meeting

Albuquerque

Deer Rule Proposals

- Adopt a 4-year rule (2011-14 seasons)
- Establish legal shooting hours as ½ hour before sunrise through ½ hour after sunset
- Include crossbows in the definition of “legal weapon types”
- No change to current (2010) hunt season structure and adjust seasons due to calendar shift

Deer Rule Proposals Cont'd

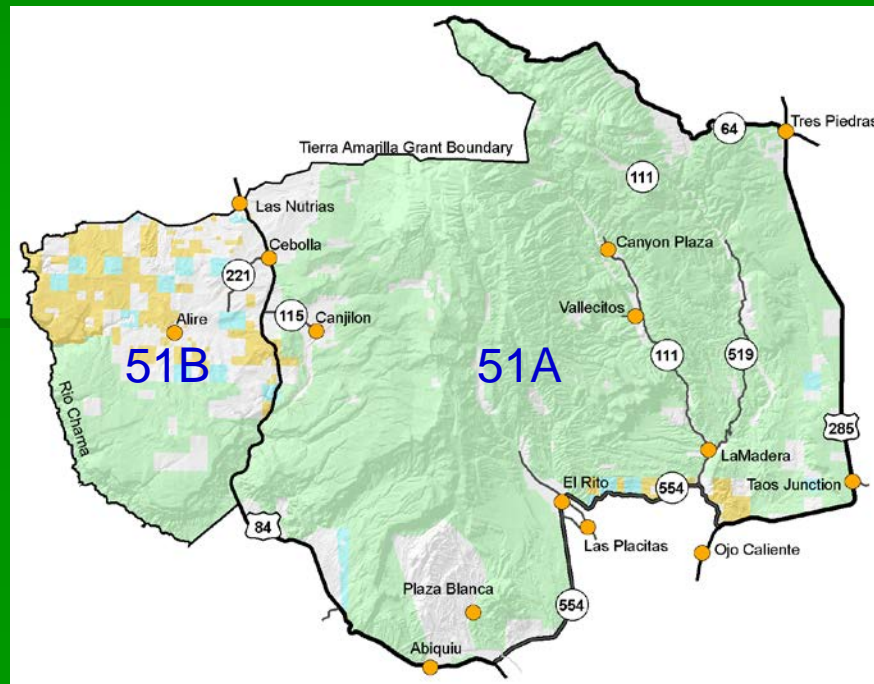
- Increase flexibility for the Department to adjust license numbers for unforeseen circumstances
- Create an option on public draw deer applications for hunters wishing to participate in population management hunts if unsuccessful in the draw (5th Option)
- Incorporate unitization language to include lands other than state trust lands

Deer Rule Proposals Cont'd

- License numbers adjusted based upon management objectives, population trends, harvest and satisfaction data
 - Add 1,223 licenses statewide
 - ❖ 446 rifle licenses
 - ❖ 489 archery licenses
 - ❖ 288 archery licenses
 - Add 130 youth-only licenses

Deer Rule Proposals Cont'd

- Open GMUs 30 and 37 to any muzzleloader
- Add two antlerless hunts near Roswell and Fort Sumner
- Split GMU 51 into 51A and 51B



Deer Rule Proposals Cont'd

Modify Quality Hunts

- Add

- Sugarite Canyon State Park archery hunt
- Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs hunts
- GMU 41 hunts
- All Private Land Incentive hunts

- Remove

- January archery hunts except in Quality GMUs

Deer Rule Proposals Cont'd

- Combine archery hunts in SW Area into one hunt code except in GMUs 17, 23 Burro Mountains, and 27

Public Comment

- Only comments – Support combining the archery hunts in the SW Area