

# ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT 2017-18 Arizona Hunting Regulations



**This booklet includes annual regulations for statewide hunting of deer, fall turkey, fall javelina, bighorn sheep, fall bison, fall bear, mountain lion, small game and other huntable wildlife.\***

**Hunt permit application deadline is Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Arizona time.**

**You may purchase Arizona hunting licenses and apply for the draw online.**

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## From the Director's Desk

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Welcome to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Hunting Regulations for 2017-18! Whether you hunt with a bow, a muzzle loader, a rifle or a shotgun, we are pleased to offer you so many hunting opportunities across our state. In this publication, you'll find many of the great ways to enjoy hunting in Arizona.

Unlike other states where private land ownership limits the places where hunting is allowed, Arizona is fortunate to have abundant public lands where hunting, camping and other uses are not only allowed but encouraged. Arizona's private landowners also understand the economic value of hunting, and the Game and Fish Department works with them to allow hunting on their land. Such agreements have opened up more than 4.3 million acres of private property to hunting. Combine all this hunting territory with nearly perfect weather year-round, and you'll understand why Arizona is a hunter's paradise.

Arizona hunters aren't just one-season wonders, they also take advantage of our year-round opportunities to hunt. Even if you miss getting a tag during the big-game draws in the spring and fall, our plentiful small game, migratory waterfowl and over-the-counter tag hunts provide the chance to get out into nature, spend time with close friends and maybe even bring some meat home to the family table.

A recent survey by outdoor research firm Responsive Management examined the reasons why people go hunting. While it's likely no secret to the hunting community, the researchers were surprised at the number one reason people gave for hunting... and it wasn't to score a set of antlers for the rec-room wall. Most people say they hunt to provide good food for their families.

Think about that. More Americans are starting to question the quality of the foods they eat, and rather than filling the freezer with store-bought meats laced with antibiotics, growth hormones, genetic modifications and other unnatural additives, health-conscious Americans are embracing the idea of eating locally harvested organic meat.

Hunting means much more than just bringing home the harvest. Ingrained in a hunter's psyche is an inherent love of all wildlife, which is why we refer to hunters as the First Conservationists. Through their purchases of licenses and tags, and through extra taxes they pay on sporting equipment, Arizona hunters have contributed to the conservation and protection of all wildlife across the state. They've paid for reintroductions of species near extinction, habitat improvements, wildlife surveys, water catchments and numerous other projects and services that give our state a wide array of healthy wildlife.



Many hunters find fulfillment and fun by joining hunting groups or habitat partnership organizations. Volunteering their time, members of hunting and wildlife organizations work side by side with AZGFD, providing the "boots-on-the-ground" labor needed to complete these important projects

If picking up these regulations is your first step toward becoming a hunter, I want to offer congratulations... and some friendly advice. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is here to help you get involved in hunting, or fishing, or pretty much anything associated with the Great Outdoors. Enroll in a Hunter Education course to learn firearm safety, hunting regulations and more about the concept of "Fair Chase."

And don't forget to sign up for a free membership in the Arizona Game and Fish Portal, your online gateway to all things wild. Once you have a Portal account ([www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)), you'll be able to access all our special maps, species information, hunting and fishing info, and all the latest news from the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Finally, becoming a hunter means joining a time-honored tradition, and getting in touch with nature in more ways than you thought possible. We hope you'll peruse every page of these regulations and make this the year you become a sportsman, a conservationist... a hunter.

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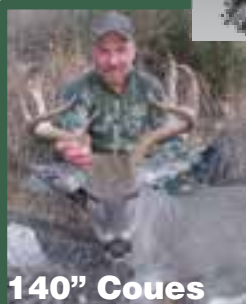
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## Important Information for 2017-2018

*This list is for informational purposes only and lists the major changes that have occurred since publication of the last regulations booklet. Individuals should thoroughly read and understand the appropriate regulations prior to submitting an application or going afield. If you have questions, please call 602-942-3000.*

**Mountain Lion Hunters** The Arizona Game and Fish Department no longer offers Daylong shooting hours for mountain lion seasons. All seasons are Daylight shooting hours only.

**Keep Credit Card Information Updated** Online applicants are encouraged to keep their credit card payment information current. **If your payment is declined at the time of the draw, your application will not be drawn.** The Arizona Game and Fish Department will no longer call customers to obtain payment on drawn applications where credit cards have failed. Deadline for updating your credit or debit card information online is 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) Thursday, July 6, 2017.

**NOTE: If your credit/debit card has been used for multiple applications, please notify your banking institution that multiple charges from Arizona Game and Fish could be processed simultaneously.**

**Drones** Drones are considered aircraft and shall not be used to harass wildlife or assist in the taking of wildlife. For more specific information, please review Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-319 and R12-4-320 located in the back of this book. Also, see Fair Chase information on page 56.

**International Border Suspicious Activity** Homeland Security Issues along the International Border may affect the quality of a person's hunt (see page 71). Call 800-BE-ALERT to report suspicious activity.

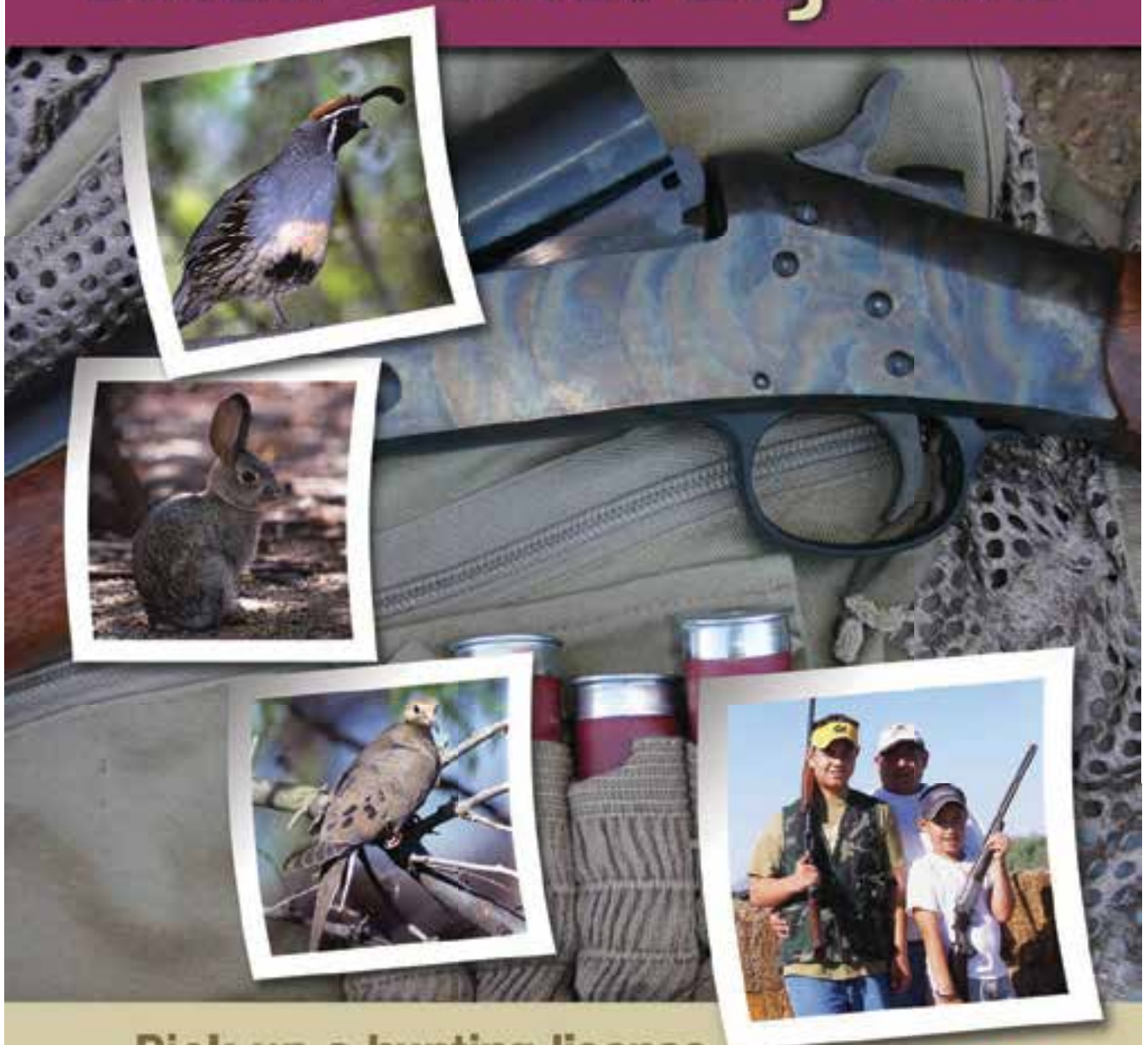
**Resident Licenses Available for Military Spouses** The Arizona Game and Fish Department now offers a resident license for the taking of wildlife by the spouse of an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is permanently or temporarily stationed in Arizona. The license also will allow the spouse of an active duty member to apply for big game hunt permit-tags as a resident.

**PointGuard – Tag Surrender, R12-4-118** Hunters may now choose to surrender their hunt permit-tag prior to the start of their hunt. Hunters must have a Department Portal Account and purchase the Department's PointGuard Membership for \$5 at the time of application for each species. Refer to page 13 for more information.

**Hunter Harvest Questionnaire** Completing your hunter questionnaire, honestly and accurately, is very important to the management of wildlife in Arizona. Watch for your questionnaire in the mail then submit your response online.

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# Getting Started Checklist

*Welcome to hunting in Arizona. If you don't know where you want to hunt, what you need, or even what you can hunt in Arizona, this section is for you. It is designed to help NEW hunters get started. Following is some basic information you should consider while planning your hunt. The best way for all hunters to prepare themselves to hunt in Arizona is to take a Department-sponsored hunter education course (see page 30).*

## ❑ Step 1. Where to Start

### 1. What animal(s) can you hunt?

- Small game: cottontail rabbit, tree squirrel, migratory game birds, and upland game birds like quail.
- Big game: black bear, bighorn sheep, bison, deer (mule and white-tailed), elk, javelina, mountain lion, pronghorn antelope, and turkey.
- Predator/fur-bearer: coyotes, skunks, foxes, raccoons, bobcat, ringtail, weasel, and badgers.
- Other birds and mammals.

### 2. Do you have a hunting license?

To hunt in Arizona, a license is required. Check out page 14 for a list of our hunting permit and license fees. You can purchase hunting licenses online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). You also can purchase licenses, tags, and/or stamps from any of our 200+ license dealers (information is online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)), or Department offices statewide (see page 3 for office locations).

**Are you a resident?** See "resident" definition on page 7. You cannot be a resident of more than one state.

### 3. Did you validate your license?

You must first sign your license. For some species you must also purchase a stamp or stamp privilege for the license to be valid. You will need a tag in addition to a valid license to hunt big game, sandhill cranes, and pheasants. You must also sign all tags before going afield for them to be valid.

## ❑ Step 2. Where/When to Hunt

### 1. Where do you want to hunt?

Arizona is divided into Game Management Units (GMU or unit) composed of state, federal, military, and private land. Review the GMU maps (pages 70-77), and the "Where you can hunt section" (page 96) for more information.

### 2. When do you want to hunt?

There are several different seasons in which you can hunt a species. Go to individual species to determine their seasons.

## ❑ Step 3. "To Apply or not to Apply?"

### 1. Don't Apply.

For most small game species, and all predator/fur-bearer and other birds and mammals you simply need a license and any required validations (for example: stamps) to hunt.

There are also several big game species that you may pursue simply by purchasing an over-the-counter nonpermit-tag in addition to your license. These hunts include archery turkey, mountain lion, fall bear, some archery deer and elk. Mountain lion, bison, bear and bighorn sheep have mandatory reporting requirements, so check the information on the corresponding Commission Order.

### 2. Apply.

Permits for most big game species, sandhill crane, and pheasant are issued through a hunt drawing. If interested in hunting any of these species, you must apply for a tag in a drawing; refer to page 16 in this booklet or the appropriate supplement for specific information. You can apply online or by paper application. The sample application form on page 19 will help you to apply for both a tag and license. Follow the instructions on the sample form and DON'T forget to include your correct fee(s).

## ❑ Step 4. Do Your Homework

### 1. Common violations

Before you go hunting we recommend you read pages 104-105 to be aware of the most common violations. Also, take a look at the Arizona laws and rules beginning on page 108 to learn what you can and can't do in Arizona. If you are witness to a violation please call our Operation Game Thief hotline at 1-800-352-0700 to report the violation. You may be eligible for a cash reward.

### 2. Care/transport information

Before you go in the field, review our laws and rules to understand requirements to possess and transport wildlife after your hunt. Generally, you need to keep your license on your person and your tag affixed to your carcass at all times during transport. The Department has information available to properly care for your wildlife (see page 3 for regional office locations and phone numbers).

### 3. You're on your way!

These are just some basic steps to help you start your first hunt. Please read through the rest of the hunting and trapping regulations to better familiarize yourself with hunting in Arizona. If this section fails to answer your questions, contact any Arizona Game and Fish office or visit our website [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).

## Definitions

**Big Game:** Any of the following species: mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, turkey, javelina, bear, bighorn sheep, bison and mountain lion. All species require a hunt permit-tag, except for archery turkey, youth turkey, fall bear, mountain lion and some archery deer; these species require a nonpermit-tag.

**Big Game Drawing:** A random computerized lottery drawing to determine issuance of hunt permit-tags. Three separate draws occur each year for various species.

**Bonus Point:** An accumulated credit that authorizes the Department to issue a Big Game Drawing applicant additional computer-generated random numbers during a draw.

**Commission Order:** A document adopted by the Commission that does any or all of the following: open, close, or alter seasons and open areas for taking wildlife; specify wildlife that may or may not be taken; set bag or possession limits for wildlife; or set the number of permits available for a hunt.

**Daylong:** the 24-hour period between midnight and midnight.

**Department ID:** A number used to identify the hunter by name and address, and to accumulate bonus points. A hunter may designate their Social Security number or a Department issued, computer-generated number. (Federal regulations require all applicants must provide their Social Security number.)

**Game Management Unit:** An area established by the Commission for management purposes, commonly referred to as GMU or Unit (see maps on pages 70-77, and boundary definitions on page 114).

**Genus:** A major category in the classification of animals and plants ranking above the Species level and below the Family level.

**HAM:** Designates weapon type as handgun, archery, or muzzleloader.

**Hunt Area:** A game management unit (GMU or unit), portion of a unit, group of units, or any portion of Arizona and not included in a GMU that is open to hunting by a particular hunt number.

**Hunt Number:** The number assigned by Commission Order to a hunt where a limited number of hunt permit-tags is available. The hunt number will specify species, dates, boundaries of the hunt area, weapon type, number of available permits, legal wildlife, and who may hunt. Hunt numbers are assigned for any species where hunt permit-tags are issued through a drawing.

**Hunt Permit-tag:** A tag for a hunt in which a Commission Order has assigned a hunt number. The number of tags is limited by the Commission Order and may only be obtained through a random drawing. A hunt permit-tag along with a license authorizes an individual to hunt a designated species during the designated hunt.

**Hunter Pool:** A computerized database comprised of individuals wishing to be considered for a restricted nonpermit-tag when a supplemental hunt is authorized. Entry into the hunter pool consists of completing an application (page 65) and submitting it along with the application fee to the Department.

**License Dealer:** A business authorized to sell Arizona hunting, fishing, and other licenses and stamps.

**Muzzleloading Handgun:** A firearm intended to be fired from the hand, incapable of firing fixed ammunition, having a single barrel, loaded through the muzzle with black powder or synthetic black powder, and a single projectile.

**Muzzleloading Rifle:** A firearm intended to be fired from the shoulder, incapable of firing fixed ammunition, having a single barrel and single chamber, loaded through the muzzle with black powder or synthetic black powder, and a single projectile.

**Nonpermit-tag:** A tag for a hunt in which a Commission Order does not assign a hunt number and the number of tags is not limited (over-the-counter tag). A nonpermit-tag along with a license authorizes a hunter to hunt certain game species. A nonpermit-tag may be purchased at Department offices or from licensed dealers.

**Resident:** "Resident" means a person who is domiciled (claims the state of Arizona as their true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence) in this state for six months immediately preceding the date of application for a license, permit, tag, or stamp and does not claim residency for any purpose in another state or jurisdiction; or is a member of the armed forces of the United States, or spouse of, who is on active duty and stationed in this state for either permanent or temporary duty; or is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty stationed in another state or country but who lists this state as their home of record at the time of applying for a license, permit, tag, or stamp.

Arizona Residents may purchase a resident license. All other individuals must purchase a non-resident license.

**Restricted Nonpermit-tag:** A tag issued for a supplemental hunt.

**Season:** The legally established time a species can be hunted.

**Small Game:** Any of the following species: cottontail rabbits, tree squirrels, upland game birds (quail, blue grouse, chukar partridge, and pheasants), and migratory game birds (doves, waterfowl, sandhill crane, coots, gallinules, snipe, and band-tailed pigeons).

**Species:** A naturally existing population of similar organisms that usually interbreed only among themselves.

**Stamp:** A form of authorization in addition to a license that allows the license holder to take wildlife specified by the stamp. The form of the stamp may be an actual stamp affixed to the back of the license, a printed privilege on the license itself, or a printed privilege on a separate license form.

**Supplemental Hunt:** A season established for a particular species by the Commission for the following purposes: take of depredating wildlife, take of wildlife under an Emergency Season, or take of wildlife under a population management hunt. The Commission through Commission Order shall approve a season or seasons and prescribe a maximum number of restricted nonpermit-tags for specific species that the Director may authorize for issuance.

**Trapper Registration Number:** A trapper's registered number shall be issued by the Department and entered upon the trapping license at the time of purchase. A trapper's registration number is not transferable. All traps shall plainly be identified with the trapper registration number or the trapper's name and address.

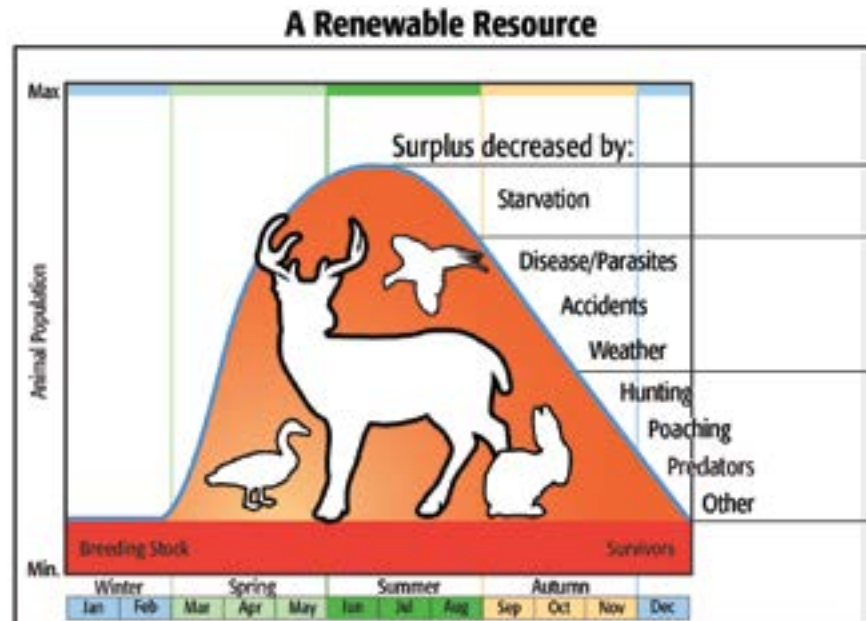
# The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

## Did You Know?

*The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for wildlife management in the state and receives no state tax dollars. Hunters and anglers pay for wildlife conservation through their purchase of licenses, tags and stamps, and excise taxes on hunting and fishing gear. The conservation dollars paid by hunters and anglers benefit both game and nongame species and their habitats.*

## What Is It?

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation is the world's most successful system of conservation. No other continent retains such a complete balance of native wildlife species. While other countries struggle to conserve the little they have left, we enjoy great diversity and abundance of wildlife. This user-pay, public-benefit model relies on sound science, public participation, active habitat management, strict regulation, and active law enforcement to sustain wildlife populations. The end result is a harvestable surplus of game species every year, and an opportunity for all to enjoy it.



## Sportsmen's Role in Wildlife Conservation

Whether one chooses to actively participate in hunting or angling, people interested in wildlife and its future should understand the role sportsmen and women play in conservation. Hunters and anglers were the forward-thinking conservationists who developed the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation over a century ago. Hunting, angling and shooting sports continue to be the primary source of funding for conservation efforts in North America. Through a 10 percent to 12 percent excise tax on hunting, angling and shooting sports equipment, participants in those activities



**Sandhill cranes**

have generated more than \$10 billion toward wildlife conservation since 1937.

Though past conservation efforts have focused on hunted species, non-hunted species reap the rewards as well. Countless numbers of non-hunted species have been saved from peril by protecting wetlands for ducks, forests for deer and grasslands for pronghorn.

## If Hunting and Angling Ended

There is no alternative funding system in place to replace the potential lost funds for conservation. If hunting and angling end, funding for wildlife conservation, including enforcement of all wildlife laws, will be jeopardized.

Hunters, anglers, shooters and boaters actively support wildlife conservation through tangible actions such as buying licenses and paying excise taxes on hunting, fishing and shooting equipment and motor boat fuel.

Why are hunters and anglers so willing to support conservation through their pocketbooks? Because people place added value on – and are willing to pay for – what they can use.

Given the rate of population growth, particularly in western states, the percentage of people participating in hunting and fishing is decreasing. Therefore, it is important to engage in traditional outdoor recreational activities and introduce others to these opportunities.

# The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

## Arizona's Core Concepts

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation is the foundation for wildlife conservation in Arizona and throughout the country. Hunters and anglers are its backbone. The Arizona Game and Fish Department's core concepts of the North American Model are:

### Wildlife is held in the public trust

The public trust doctrine means that wildlife belongs to everyone. Through shared ownership and responsibility, opportunity is provided to all.

### Regulated commerce in wildlife

Early laws banning commercial hunting and the sale of meat and hides ensure sustainability through regulation of harvest and regulating commerce of wildlife parts.

### Hunting and angling opportunity for all

Opportunity to participate in hunting, angling and wildlife conservation is guaranteed for all in good standing, not by social status or privilege, financial capacity or land ownership. This concept ensures a broad base of financial support and advocacy for research, monitoring, habitat conservation and law enforcement.

### Hunting and angling laws are created through public process

Hunting seasons, harvest limits and penalties imposed for violations are established through laws and regulations. Everyone has the opportunity to shape the laws and regulations applied in wildlife conservation.

### Hunters, Anglers, Boaters and Shooters Fund Conservation

Hunting and fishing license sales and excise taxes on hunting, shooting and fishing equipment and motor boat fuels pay for the management of all wildlife, including wildlife species that are not hunted.

### Wildlife is an international resource

Proper stewardship of wildlife and habitats is both a source of national pride and an opportunity to cooperate with other nations with whom we share natural resources. Cooperative management of migrating waterfowl is one example of successful international collaboration.

### Science is the basis for wildlife policy

The limited use of wildlife as a renewable natural resource is based on sound science. We learn as we go, adapting our management strategies based on monitoring to achieve sustainability.



*Scientific information gathered from animals, like this radio-collared elk, contribute to wise wildlife management decisions. Sportsmen's dollars help pay for wildlife research in the user-pay, public-benefit model of conservation.*



*The reward for this successful model of conservation is the opportunity for all.*



*Regulations for the taking of wildlife are forged through public input. Enforcement of these laws is critical to wildlife conservation.*

## Ethical Hunting is Everyone's Business

"Ethics is not only about what you should not do, but what you should do. Offer to lend a hand to another hunter if they are retrieving downed game, share information on hunting conditions and engage in helpful conversation with beginners you happen to meet. Hunting is a heritage we all share, and together, we can continue to share it for generations to come."

– Arizona Game and Fish Department

## What are Ethics?

Ethics generally relate to fairness, respect and responsibility. Aldo Leopold once said "ethical behavior is doing the right thing when no one else is watching—even when doing the wrong thing is legal." They are the personal unwritten rules that we value. When we talk about an ethical hunter their behavior is an example of the sportsmanship they demonstrate in the field.

## Ethics with Landowners

- Ask permission for access prior to the season before hunting on private property;
- Go out of your way to respect landowners and their property. Be courteous, visit with them, be thankful, offer assistance when necessary, or share your harvest with them;
- Leave the land better than you found it. Return all gates to the way they were. Notify the landowner of any damage or repairs needed to fences that you find and offer your help;
- When "nature calls," walk away from roads and trails. Find a discrete location and bury the waste;
- Drive only on existing roads approved for use;
- Leave livestock and other property undisturbed.

## Ethics with Other Hunters

- Follow safe firearms and bow handling practices at all times;
- Abide by game laws and regulations;
- Refrain from interfering with another hunter's hunt or campsite. If you see someone in that area, back out;

- If you meet up with another hunter in the field, be polite engage in conversation and share information.
- A trophy is calculated not by score but by memories. Be respectful and congratulate others for their harvest, regardless of antler size.

## Ethics with Waterholes

- Waterholes on public and state lands belong to everyone, and everyone should enjoy free and equal access;
- Responsible hunters should respect other hunters' privileges. They should leave the area if another hunter gets to a waterhole first;
- Ethically responsible hunters will always yield to another hunter who has reached the waterhole first on any given morning or evening during the hunt;
- Simply posting a sign/notice on or near a waterhole does not give anyone the exclusive right to hunt that waterhole; the hunter actually needs to be present;
- Hanging a tree stand or setting a blind near a waterhole does not entitle a person to exclusive hunting rights to that waterhole. Depending on the location it may be unlawful to leave tree stands hanging or blinds set for extended periods of time. They may be considered abandoned property and subject to seizure.
- It is unlawful for a person to camp within one-fourth mile of a natural water hole containing water or a man-made watering facility containing water in such a place that wildlife or domestic stock will be denied access to the only reasonably available water.
- Hunters are asked to please be courteous and not hunt over waters all day to allow time for livestock to access waters.

## Ethics about "First-Come, First-Served"

"First Come – First Serve" is a common courtesy that should be used when more than one person wants to hunt the same area or waterhole, regardless of who has a tree stand or blind in the area. The Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds all hunters that confrontations in hunting situations can

involve firearms and hot tempers. Whether you are in the city or next to a waterhole, any threats, intimidation, assault, or disorderly conduct can result in citations, arrests and/or jail time. Please refrain from confrontational behavior – ethical hunting is everyone's business.

## Ethics with the Quarry

- Only take a well-placed shot in a vital area of the game species you are permitted to take;
- Know your limitations. Be mindful of your effective shot range. Avoid extreme distance shots, risky angles and situations where you do not feel confident in your shot. Strive for a quick, clean harvest;
- Select appropriate equipment for your quarry. Be aware of the equipment's limitations as well as your effective range. Take time to practice to ensure an accurate shot;
- Respect your personal capabilities under various conditions that you could potentially encounter during a hunt. Consider your general health, physical condition, weather and elevation in the area you plan to hunt. Be sure to hunt areas that are within your physical limitations.
- Bowhunters should keep in mind shots at greater distances may result in the quarry moving before the arrow reaches it. Kinetic energy is extremely important on larger game animals as energy is lost at longer distances which can result in wounded or lost game;
- Learn about the habits and habitat of the game species you are hunting;
- Make every possible effort to recover game;
- Adhere to the rules of fair chase;
- Follow up every shot at game with a search for sign. You cannot always tell immediately that an animal has been hit.

## Ethics with Carcass Disposal

Thanks to recreationists, the Operation Game Thief Program has enjoyed great success with the Department receiving thousands of calls each year many of which lead to the apprehension of wildlife law violators. The Arizona Game and Fish Department also receives calls regarding the dumping of wild-

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life that have been legally killed because the reporting party is unable to discern that the animal was taken legally. Under these circumstances the Department expects and appreciates notification. In most cases the reports are from individuals that find the carcasses in dumpsters, close to urban areas, and in or near campsites and roads. In an effort to reduce unnecessary reports the Department asks that sportsmen take care to dispose of their lawfully taken carcasses so that they are not discovered by the general public. The Department recommends burying the carcasses or leaving them under a tree away from camping areas and roads. Additionally if utilizing a dumpster use trash bags or wrap the carcass to reduce offensive odors. Remember that sportsmen are obligated to remove game from the field and are prohibited from wasting game meat.

### Ethics with Non-hunters

- Show respect for other users of the land and their property. They possess the

same rights as you do to use the lands;

- Be courteous to non-hunters when transporting your game from the field. Transport animals discreetly;
- Don't leave remains of field dressing in places where it is easily visible. Respect other people that may be walking by;
- Clean up to the best of your ability before entering into a public place when returning from a hunt if you cannot change clothes. Present a professional image;
- Take tasteful photographs of your hunt;
- Invite someone new to come hunting with you.

### Ethics in Reporting Honest Mistakes

The Arizona Game and Fish Department realizes that with the hundreds of thousands of hunters that take to the field each year there are bound to be some unfortunate circumstances that may occur. It might be a case where a hunter mistakes a doe for a buck,

shoots a second elk due to a pass-through shot, or accidentally shoots an extra dove over the limit. While these accidents are infrequent, they do occur to honest hunters every year.

Your decisions in the time immediately after you make a mistake can make a huge difference in the outcome. Mistake or accident, the sportsman is ultimately responsible for their actions. Although self-reporting may not get you out of a citation, it will greatly reduce the likelihood of being cited for a revocable offense. When accidents happen it is critical you notify the Department as soon as possible. If you find yourself in this situation don't compound your mistake by trying to conceal it. Call the Operation Game Thief Hotline (800-352-0700) at your first opportunity and follow the instructions provided by the operator. A wildlife manager will be dispatched to the scene to assist you. In almost all cases, the meat from animals involved in a self-reported violation will be donated to a charitable organization.

### Landowner Compact

The Landowner Compact is a new initiative that the Department has developed to help ensure hunters have access to and through private property and provides landowners an assurance that the Department is working with all hunters to promote ethical use of the land and respect for private property. Landowners enrolling on the Landowner Compact authorize AZGFD wildlife managers to act as their agent to enforce trespass laws and ranch rules specifically designed to address ethical issues that arise on a ranch due

to poor behavior by anyone recreating on the ranch. If someone is caught engaging in poor behavior by breaking wildlife laws and ranch rules, that person no longer has permission to hunt, recreate, or pass through private lands enrolled in the Landowner Compact. This program aims to raise awareness that our hunters can influence future access through respect and appreciation of the value of private lands for wildlife. For more information visit <http://agfd-landownerrelations.com/ranch-compact-overview/>

## Report vandalism at 1-800-VANDALS

### PROTECT YOUR ACCESS!

Vandalism has been identified by numerous surveys as one of the top reasons for denial of access through private lands.

Vandalism is the malicious and deliberate destruction of someone else's property, and this includes destruction of property out in the countryside, such as shooting salt blocks, windmills, and water troughs, cutting fences, removing boards from corrals to use as firewood, etc.

These are not wildlife violations, but they

certainly can affect your hunting access. A single act of vandalism to ranch improvements or livestock can result in a landowner locking gates on private lands. Don't allow a few unethical individuals to cause the loss of access privileges to areas where you and your friends like to hunt. Help maintain your public access by reporting violations.

If you observe somebody committing vandalism or causing damage to livestock, note a description of the persons, vehicles, license plate numbers, location, time, date and any other information.

Report this information to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 24-hour hotline at 1-800-VANDALS (826-3257). Callers can remain confidential and rewards may be offered for information that leads to an arrest.

Vandalism is not a victimless crime; it affects us all. Don't let irresponsible vandals degrade wildlife habitat and steal your hunting and outdoor recreational opportunities.

**If you observe vandalism or livestock depredation, please call: 1-800-VANDALS (826-3257).**

# License Information

## Who Can Go?

Everyone needs a license to hunt wildlife in Arizona. You need in your possession a valid hunt or combination hunt and fish license, plus any required hunt permit-tags, nonpermit-tags, or stamps. Neither a Short-term Combination Hunting and Fishing License nor an Apprentice Hunting License is valid for big game.

Youth ages 10–17 must purchase a Youth Combination Hunting and Fishing license. The license fee is \$5.

A person under 10 may hunt wildlife other than big game without a license only when accompanied by a properly licensed person 18 years or older. No more than two unlicensed children may accompany any license holder.

No one under the age of 14 may hunt big game without having completed a Hunter Education Course. No one under age 10 may hunt big game in Arizona. To hunt big game, anyone 10 to 13 years of age must have in their possession a valid combination hunt and fish license, a valid Hunter Education Course completion card, plus any required permit-tags or nonpermit-tags.

## Where to Buy Licenses

Arizona hunting licenses may be purchased online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). If you purchase a license online, **you must print the license from your home printer**. The Arizona Game and Fish Department will not mail your license to you. Licenses also can be obtained from any license dealer or Arizona Game and Fish Department office (see locations on page 3 of this booklet).

If you are applying for a big game permit-tag or bonus points on a paper application, you may purchase your general hunt (available for residents only) or combination hunt and fish license while you are entering your application for the draw. The license will not be issued and mailed until the draw is complete.

## Lifetime License Holders

If a lifetime license holder changes residency status from Arizona, the licensee must then purchase non-resident stamps, tags, and permits. A non-resident tag or stamp can accompany your lifetime resident license. If

you are a lifetime license holder who has moved out of state, the 10 percent non-resident cap does not apply to you. The lifetime license will remain legal for the taking of all wildlife as permitted by law. Residency may be re-established after moving back to Arizona and meeting the required time period as defined below.

## Residency Requirements

“Resident” means a person who is domiciled (claims the state of Arizona as their true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence) in this state for six months immediately preceding the date of application for a license, permit, tag, or stamp and does not claim residency for any purpose in another state or jurisdiction; or is a member or spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed in this state for either permanent or temporary duty; or is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty stationed in another state or country but who lists this state as their home of record at the time of applying for a license, permit, tag, or stamp.

Arizona residents may purchase a resident license. All other individuals must purchase a non-resident license.

## Apprentice License

Resident licensed hunters are able to obtain a free Apprentice Hunting License valid for two days for use when mentoring a new hunter. This affords new hunters the opportunity to “try before you buy,” under the supervision of a licensed hunter.

An Apprentice Hunting License is valid for two consecutive days when the apprentice is accompanied in the field by a mentor. An apprentice hunting license is valid for the taking of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, and upland game birds. Any required stamps must be purchased in addition to obtaining an Apprentice Hunting License. An apprentice may be a resident or non-resident and may only be licensed pursuant to this paragraph once per calendar year. A mentor must be a domiciled resident of this state who is at least 18 years of age and must possess an annual hunting or combination license or a complimentary or lifetime license. A mentor

may apply for no more than two apprentice hunting licenses per calendar year. When applying for an apprentice license, the mentor must name the person he or she will be taking afield.

## High Achievement Scout License

The High Achievement Scout License is offered to a resident youth who has attained either the rank of Eagle Scout (Boy Scout) or received a Gold Award (Girl Scout). The fee for the reduced license is \$5. The applicant must present proof of their rank or award by providing their certification letter, wallet card, or award certificate at any Department office, and complete the High Achievement Scout License application (Form 306, available on the Department website or at any Department office). This license is not available through the draw. At the age of 21, an Eagle Scout or Gold Award recipient is no longer eligible for the High Achievement Scout License, and from that point forward would be required to purchase an adult license.

## Lost License or Tag Replacement

Lost licenses, hunt permit-tags, and nonpermit-tags may be replaced for a \$4 fee at any Arizona Game and Fish Department license dealer. Licenses purchased online can be reprinted for free. Duplicate licenses can be purchased online. Consult R12-4-103 (page 112) Duplicate Tags and Licenses for additional information. Stamps cannot be replaced, they must be repurchased.

## Physically Challenged Hunters

Those hunters who are physically challenged may qualify for a Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP). Consult R12-4-217 for information about this permit (page 124). Contact any Arizona Game and Fish Department office for additional information and application.

## Non-US Citizens Wanting to Hunt in Arizona

Pursuant to regulations by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), non-immigrant aliens who want to temporarily import firearms and/or ammunition into the United States for the allowable purpose of taking wildlife will need an ATF import permit and valid hunting license in

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possession at the time of entry/import into the United States. For further information or to make application for the import permit, contact ATF's Firearms and Explosives Import Branch at 304-616-4550, or download an application from the ATF website at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).

### Tag Transfers

Should you be unable to use your big game permit, the Department is unable to reimburse you for your fees or reinstate your bonus points (except as provided below). However, under Arizona Revised Statutes and Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rules there are ways people can transfer big game tags. A \$4 transfer fee applies, unless donating to a non-profit organization. The Commission may prescribe the manner and conditions of transferring and using permits and tags under this paragraph, including an application process for a qualified organization, to allow a person to transfer the person's big game permit or tag to a qualified organization for use by:

- A minor child who has a life-threatening medical condition or by a minor child who has a permanent physical disability.

If a child with a physical disability is under 14 years of age, the child must satisfactorily complete the Arizona hunter education course or another comparable Hunter Education Course that is approved by the director.

- A veteran of the armed forces of the United States who has a service-connected disability. For the purposes of this paragraph "disability" means a permanent physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities requiring the assistance of another person or a mechanical device for physical mobility.
- "Qualified organization" means a non-profit organization that is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code and that affords opportunities and experiences to children with life-threatening medical conditions or with physical disabilities or to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

A parent, grandparent or legal guardian may allow the parent's, grandparent's or guardian's minor child or minor grandchild to use

the parent's, grandparent's or guardian's big game permit or tag to take big game pursuant to the following requirements:

- The parent, grandparent or guardian must transfer the permit or tag to the child in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
- The child receiving the permit or tag must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent or guardian when in the field.
- The child must possess a valid hunting license and, if under 14 years of age, must satisfactorily complete the Arizona hunter education course or another comparable hunter education course that is approved by the director.
- Any big game that is taken counts toward the child's bag limit. Once a tag is transferred at a Department office, the original permittee may no longer use it.

Visit [www.azgfd.gov/hunting](http://www.azgfd.gov/hunting) and scroll to the additional hunting information. There you will find a link titled "Tag Transfer." Organizations you can donate your tag to are listed on the page.

## PointGuard (Tag Surrender, R12-4-118)

Tag Surrender allows a hunter to surrender his or her tag to the Department for any reason prior to close of business the day before the hunt starts.

### Requirements:

- Only available to applicants applying online (not available to paper applicants)
- Hunters must have a Department Portal Account
- Hunters must purchase the Department's PointGuard Membership. Cost is \$5 per species. This membership is purchased at the time of application for each species (Select PointGuard Membership at the end of your online application)
- Hunters are only eligible to surrender one tag per species then the next time drawn for that species, the tag will have to be used (expends bonus points). Once you

have expended your bonus points, you will then be eligible to participate in Tag Surrender again.

### When you surrender your hunt permit-tag:

- The bonus points you expended to draw the hunt permit-tag will be reinstated
- The bonus point you would have accrued had you not drawn will be awarded

### If you transfer your hunt permit-tag to a qualified nonprofit, you may still participate in Tag Surrender:

- You must meet the requirements (listed in the left column)

- Hunters must provide acceptable proof to the Department of the Tag Transfer (i.e., receipt from the qualified nonprofit)

- You must submit your Tag Surrender request and provide proof of the tag being donated within 60 days of the donation; and no less than 30 days prior to the next draw deadline for that species

According to rule, the Department has multiple options for re-issuance of surrendered tags. Proximity to start of a hunt, type of tag and demand for the tag will guide decisions about re-issuance of surrendered tags.



# Hunt Permit-tag and License Fee Information

*The fees listed on this page are valid for 2016 hunts. Please refer to Notes below.*

| LICENSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PRIVILEGES      |                     | RESIDENT                                       | NON-RESIDENT                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| General Hunting <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Allows take of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, and upland game birds. A valid tag or stamp is required for the take of big game animals and migratory game birds.                                                                                        |                 |                     | \$37                                           | Not available.<br>See Combination.       |
| Combination Hunt and Fish <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Allows take of all aquatic wildlife statewide, including Community Fishing waters, small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, and upland game birds. A valid tag or stamp is required for the take of big game animals and migratory game birds.                    |                 |                     | \$57                                           | \$160                                    |
| Youth Combination Hunt and Fish <sup>1,2</sup><br>(ages 10–17)                                                                                                                                                                           | Allows take of all aquatic wildlife statewide, including Community Fishing waters, small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, migratory birds and upland game birds. A valid tag is required for the take of big game animals.                                      |                 |                     | \$5                                            | \$5                                      |
| Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish <sup>2,3</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Allows take of all aquatic wildlife statewide, including Community Fishing waters, small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, and upland game birds. A valid stamp is required for the take of migratory game birds. <i>(Not valid when applying for the draw.)</i> |                 |                     | \$15/day                                       | \$20/day                                 |
| <b>HUNT PERMIT-TAGS</b> <i>Obtained only through application and drawing procedures, prices shown include a \$13 application fee per applicant for residents and a \$15 application fee per applicant for non-residents.<sup>4</sup></i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>RESIDENT</b> | <b>NON-RESIDENT</b> | <b>RESIDENT YOUTH</b>                          | <b>NON-RESIDENT YOUTH</b>                |
| Bonus Point                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$13            | \$15                | \$13                                           | \$15                                     |
| Antelope Hunt Permit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$103           | \$565               | \$103                                          | \$565                                    |
| Bighorn Sheep Hunt Permit-tag <sup>5</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$313           | \$1,815             | \$313                                          | \$1,815                                  |
| Turkey Hunt Permit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$38            | \$105               | \$23 <sup>7</sup> (for Youth-Only hunts)       | \$25 <sup>7</sup> (for Youth-Only hunts) |
| Bear Hunt Permit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$38            | \$165               | \$38                                           | \$165                                    |
| Javelina Hunt Permit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$38            | \$115               | \$28 <sup>7</sup> (for Youth-Only hunts)       | \$30 <sup>7</sup> (for Youth-Only hunts) |
| Elk Hunt Permit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$148           | \$665               | \$63 <sup>7</sup> (for Youth-Only hunts)       | \$65 <sup>7</sup> (for Youth-Only hunts) |
| Deer Hunt Permit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$58            | \$315               | \$38 <sup>7</sup> (for Youth-Only hunts)       | \$40 <sup>7</sup> (for Youth-Only hunts) |
| Pheasant Hunt Permit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$13            | \$15                | \$13                                           | \$15                                     |
| Bison – Bull/Any Hunt Permit-tag <sup>5</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$1,113         | \$5,415             | \$1,113                                        | \$5,415                                  |
| Bison – Cow/Yearling Hunt Permit-tag <sup>5</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$663           | \$3,265             | \$663                                          | \$3,265                                  |
| Bison – Yearling only Hunt Permit-tag <sup>5</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$363           | \$1,765             | \$363                                          | \$1,765                                  |
| Raptor Hunt Permit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$13            | \$15                | \$13                                           | \$15                                     |
| <b>NONPERMIT-TAGS</b> <i>These tags may be purchased over-the-counter at Department offices or license dealers.</i>                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>RESIDENT</b> | <b>NON-RESIDENT</b> | <b>RESIDENT YOUTH</b>                          | <b>NON-RESIDENT YOUTH</b>                |
| Archery Turkey Nonpermit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$25            | \$90                |                                                |                                          |
| Youth-Only Turkey Nonpermit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                 |                     | \$10                                           | \$10                                     |
| Bear Nonpermit-tag <sup>5</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$25            | \$150               |                                                |                                          |
| Mountain Lion Nonpermit-tag <sup>5</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$15            | \$75                |                                                |                                          |
| Javelina Nonpermit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$25            | \$100               |                                                |                                          |
| Elk Nonpermit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$135           | \$650               |                                                |                                          |
| Archery Deer Nonpermit-tag                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$45            | \$300               |                                                |                                          |
| Bobcat Seal (for sale or export) <sup>6</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$3             | \$3                 |                                                |                                          |
| <b>STAMPS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>RESIDENT</b> | <b>NON-RESIDENT</b> | <b>YOUTH<sup>8</sup></b>                       |                                          |
| Migratory Bird Stamp <i>Allows take of band-tailed pigeons, moorhen, coots, doves, ducks, geese, snipe, and swans (Valid July 1 – June 30)</i>                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$5             | \$5                 | <i>Included with Youth Combination license</i> |                                          |
| Federal Waterfowl Stamp <i>(valid July 1 – June 30)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$25            | \$25                | \$25                                           |                                          |

## Notes:

- Licenses are valid one year from date of purchase.
- All licenses that allow fishing allow for simultaneous fishing with two poles.
- A Short-term Combo license may be purchased for any day. Purchaser selects date(s) of validity at time of purchase. If purchased for multiple days, the days need not be consecutive.
- A portion of the application fees are designated for habitat, access and recruitment/retention.
- Mandatory harvest reporting and physical check-in.
- Not available at license dealers.
- Permit-tag fees are for "Youth-Only" designated hunts. **A youth must pay the higher fee unless applying only for "Youth-Only" hunts.**
- Youth, 16 years of age and older, are required to purchase a federal waterfowl stamp.

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One-year subscription to Arizona Wildlife Views magazine. This award-winning, bi-monthly magazine is loaded with spectacular photos and compelling stories about wildlife and outdoor recreation.

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# Draw Information

## The Draw

When the number of hunt permits for a species in a particular area must be limited to prevent over-harvest of wildlife, the Commission Order governing seasons for that species assigns a hunt number to a designated area, and a hunt permit-tag is required to take that species in that area. Hunt permit-tags are issued through a computerized random drawing. Big game tags not issued through the drawing process are called nonpermit-tags.

## Qualifications

Individuals wishing to participate in a drawing or to obtain bonus points must apply online or in writing using the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form, and submit the form by the deadline specified in the Hunt Permit-tag Application Schedule found in the current year's hunt regulations (page 20).

An applicant must possess a license (including lifetime, pioneer or disabled veteran's) that is valid on the last day of the application deadline for that draw. **Youth applying for big game hunts must be licensed.** If an applicant does not have a license that meets that requirement, he or she must purchase the license at the time of application. An applicant must submit the information and fees required for a license on **each** paper application submitted. Only one license will be issued. License refunds will be made for additional applications. Licenses will not be issued until the draw occurs.

## Applying for a Hunt

The online application service will be available early to mid-May, see page 18 or visit [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw) for more information.

Paper applications for hunt permit-tags must be made on Hunt Permit-tag Application Forms available at Department offices, website, and license dealers. Please use the current year's application form, that is WHITE in color. **Do not cut or alter application form.** Applications not prepared in a legible manner may be deemed not valid and shall be rejected as specified in R12-4-104(L). Use standard blue or black ink (no gel ink).

No more than four people may apply on one application in one envelope. All applicants in a group must apply for the

same hunt number(s) and in the same order of preference on the same form.

No person, including Youth, may submit more than one valid application per genus of wildlife in any calendar year, except as specified in R12-4-104(H), when genera are drawn in multiple drawings; however the annual bag limit still applies.

Each applicant shall complete only one block per application.

No more than one genus may be included on each Hunt Permit-tag Application Form. **Use a separate form, payment and envelope for each genus of wildlife you wish to hunt. More than one (1) application in an envelope may result in rejection of all applications.** You can list a general hunt as your first choice and another weapon type hunt for the same genus as another choice on the same application – just be sure they are in the same numerical series. Use only one application per genus, even if you are mixing weapon choices.

## Hunt Permit, Bonus Points Disclaimer

The issuance of any big game permit has no express or implied guarantee or warranty of hunter success. Any person holding a valid permit assumes the risk that circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Game and Fish Department may prevent the permit holder from using the permit. In such situations, the Arizona Game and Fish Department disclaims any responsibility to reissue or replace a permit, to reinstate bonus points or to refund any fees, except under specific circumstances, such as activation of military or emergency personnel, as stated in R12-4-107(M).

## Fees

Information about fees associated with the online draw process is on page 18.

When submitting paper applications, each applicant shall enclose the following fees:

1. The fee for the appropriate hunt permit-tag, which includes the permit application fee.
2. Fee for a hunting or combination hunt and fish license, if a license is requested. Be sure to enclose license fees on **each** application, if required, for each person

who is applying on the application for a license. Only one license will be issued per person.

## 3. Discounted hunt permit-tag fees are for "Youth-Only" designated hunts. A youth must pay the higher fee unless applying only for "Youth-Only" hunts.

Each payment enclosed with a hunt permit-tag application shall be made by certified check, cashier's check, money order, or personal check or draft payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Cash will not be accepted and will result in rejection.

One personal check or money order can cover all fees for each application, or separate checks or money orders may be submitted in one envelope for each individual applicant.

The permit and license fees are specified in the fee schedule on page 14. The hunt permit-tag fees on page 14 include the non-refundable application fee.

## Submitting Applications

The online application service will be available in early to mid-May. Please check the Department's website or sign up for free e-newsletters for regular updates. You can register for e-news at [www.azgfd.gov/signup](http://www.azgfd.gov/signup).

**Attention online applicants: Deadline for updating your credit or debit card information online is 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) Thursday, July 6, 2017.**

Applications (except first-come, sand-hill crane, and raptor applications) may be hand-delivered to Department offices in Phoenix, Mesa, Tucson, Flagstaff, Pinetop, Kingman, or Yuma. Mailed applications must be sent only to the Department's Phoenix Office at P.O. Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052. On deadline days, Department business offices close at 5:00 p.m. (Arizona time), but applications can be delivered to drop boxes until 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time). Drop boxes are locked promptly at 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time). All applications must be **received by** the Department before the deadline. Deadlines for submission are specified in the Hunt Permit-tag Application Schedule on page 20. **Postmarks don't count.**

Applications will be accepted as soon as the applicable year's hunt regulations are available. Please consult the current year's

## Draw Information

hunt regulations as unit areas and season dates may change each year.

**Complete and proper preparation of an application is the sole responsibility of the applicant.**

### What Happens to My Application?

Any application not properly prepared, submitted with insufficient fees or one that is illegible is not valid and will be rejected.

If any applicant in a group is rejected for any reason, all other applicants in that group will also be rejected and no bonus points will be awarded.

No hunt permit-tag will be issued to anyone in a group if there are not sufficient hunt permit-tags available for all applicants in that group.

Hunt permit-tags will be mailed to each successful applicant.

### What if I'm not Drawn?

Please use one of the methods (online or phone) listed on page 5 to access draw results. These methods of access shall serve as the official notification of draw results.

Over-payments and hunt permit-tag fees received with unsuccessful applications will be returned to applicant "A," as shown on the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form. Application and license fees will not be refunded. You will not be issued more than one license and a refund of any remaining fees will be issued. An overpayment of \$5 or less will not be refunded, and shall be considered a donation to the Arizona Game and Fish Fund.

If you or a member of your group elected to donate your fees or a portion thereof, the donation will not be refunded.

If an application is rejected and a license has been requested, the license will not be issued. The license fee will be refunded; however, the application fee will not be refunded.

Unsuccessful, valid applications will be awarded bonus points.

Big game hunt permit-tags remaining after the drawing will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis as specified in the Hunt Permit-tag Application Schedule on page 20.

First-come permit-tag results are not posted. If successful, you will receive your tag in the mail within 10-15 business days.

### Obtaining a Bonus Point Only

In the event you do not wish to participate in a big game drawing for species offered in this draw, but still wish to accumulate bonus points for these genera, you may "obtain a bonus point."

When completing your application, you must choose the bonus point hunt number established for that genus as your first choice. A bonus point hunt number is established within each applicable Commission Order. If you choose this hunt number, you may not choose any other hunt number on your application. **If the bonus point hunt number is any choice other than the first choice or any other hunt numbers appear on the application, your application will be rejected.** You may obtain only one bonus point per genus per drawing.

**To apply for a bonus point only, the individual must be 10 years old by the deadline date as specified in the Hunt Permit-tag Application Schedule on page 20.**

To apply for a bonus point only, you must have previously purchased a hunting license or apply for a hunting license through the draw for the year in which the hunt will take place. You must also include the application fee per applicant. If applying for a bonus point, you will not receive a refund on the license fee or the application fee. Do not include the fee for the hunt permit-tag for the genus in which you are applying for the bonus point. **A bonus point costs you only the license fee (if needed) and the application fee per applicant. See page 14 for license fees.**

**If applying for more than one species for bonus points, you must complete a separate application for each species. Only a single application and the correct fees may be included in one envelope.**

If you apply for a bonus point only using the established bonus point hunt number, you may **NOT** submit another application for the same genus. To do so will cause both applications to be rejected as duplicate applications.

All applicants in a group must apply for the same established bonus point hunt number. The application will not be included in the random number drawing and the individual(s) on the application will each receive a bonus point for that genus.

## Thank You Hunters and Recreational Shooters

Arizona's rich outdoor heritage is enjoyed by all – thanks to hunters like you, whose purchase of hunting and recreational shooting equipment supports wildlife management and habitat enhancement in the Grand Canyon State. When you purchase a rifle, ammunition, archery equipment, and other sporting gear, you pay a federal excise tax and import duties.

Since 1937, this money has been collected by the federal government and redistributed to the states using a



formula based on hunting license sales and the state's land area. In 2016, that meant more than \$24 million for game management in Arizona. This money pays for game surveys, hunter education classes, wildlife water catchment construction, wildlife research and shooting range development and operations, among other projects.

Hunters like you are part of the largest and most successful wildlife conservation programs in the world... thank you.

## The online application will be available early to mid-May.

### Why apply online?

There are many advantages to submitting an online application:

- Apply from home or work – no driving, no mailing;
- Easy to meet the deadline – go to [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) and click on “Apply for a Draw”;
- Reduces chances for errors (you must still read your options closely);
- The initial cost to you is only the application fee and license fee (if you don’t already have a current license);
- The permit-tag cost will only be charged if you are drawn for that species;
- Easy to donate to the Big Game Habitat Fund and benefit wildlife populations; and
- Opportunity to purchase PointGuard.

### What if I buy a license when I apply for my hunt?

If you purchase a hunting or fishing license online, you must print the license from your home printer. Your license will not be mailed to you.

### Are there any additional fees for applying online?

No. The application fee per applicant is the same whether applying online or by paper. The application fee includes a \$13 application

fee per applicant for residents and a \$15 application fee per applicant for non-residents.

### Can I apply for a bonus point only?

Yes. Select Bonus Point Only when prompted. You must have a current hunting license or purchase one. You will be charged the appropriate application fee (\$13 application fee per applicant for residents and a \$15 application fee per applicant for non-residents).

### What are the license requirements?

When applying for a hunt, you must have a license valid through deadline day of that draw. If drawn for a hunt permit-tag, you must also have a valid license at the time of the hunt. These may not be the same license. Please contact customer service if you have any questions. See page 5 for phone numbers.

### How do I pay?

A valid credit or debit card (Visa or MasterCard) must be used when applying online. Your card will be charged once for the application fee and second time if you are successful in drawing a permit-tag. **Online applicants are encouraged to keep their credit card payment information current. If your payment is declined at the time of the draw, your application will not be drawn. The Arizona Game and Fish De-**

**partment will no longer call customers to obtain payment on drawn applications where credit cards have failed. Deadline for updating your credit or debit card information online is 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) Thursday, July 6, 2017.**

**If your credit/debit card has been used for multiple applications, please notify your banking institution that multiple charges from Arizona Game and Fish could be processed simultaneously.**

**IMPORTANT:** Applicants are encouraged to keep their credit or debit card information up to date, if your card becomes invalid for any reason before the credit card update deadline, update your information online for **each** species you applied for by selecting the “update my payment information” option and providing the required information. The Department is not responsible for any overdraft charge incurred due to insufficient funds.

To apply online, simply log on to the Arizona Game and Fish Department website at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov), place the cursor on “Apply for a Draw” on the main webpage and follow the step by-step instructions. We recommend you have your hunter list (including first and last names, dates of birth, Department identification number, and Social Security Number) and hunt choices completed with all the required information for each hunter prior to logging on to apply. This will make for a quicker application process.

## How to Apply for the Draw: Paper

If you choose not to participate in the online application, you must correctly fill out and sign a paper hunt permit-tag application form and submit it by mail or drop it off to any of the seven Arizona Game and Fish Department offices along with a check or money order for the correct amount. Paper application forms are available at all Department offices, more than 250 license dealers statewide, and as a downloadable PDF electronic document from the Department's website at [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw). A list of dealers can be found on the Department's website.

R12-4-104 and R12-4-114 explain application and drawing procedures in detail. Complete and proper preparation of an application is the sole responsibility of the applicant. If any applicant in the group fails to complete any required portion of the application, all applicants in the group will be rejected.

1. You must use a separate application, a separate payment AND a separate envelope for each genus (deer, elk, etc.) for which you apply. No more than one (1) application (up to 4 applicants) may be included in the same envelope. NOTE: All hunt choices for each genus, regardless of weapon type, must be requested on the same application.
2. You must use valid Hunt Numbers; make sure you refer to appropriate Hunting Regulations. Do not use game management unit numbers.
3. In accordance with federal requirement, 42 U.S.C. Section 666 A13 and state requirement, A.R.S. 25-320 (P) and 25-502 (K), you must provide your Social Security Number in the space provided. This is kept on file with the Department of Economic Security for use in identifying and tracking child support offenders. If you are not a U.S. Citizen you must write "Not US Citiz" in the Social Security field. Applicants declaring "Not US Citiz" must provide a Department I.D. Number (refer to item #7).
4. You must fill in your name, home mailing address, city, state, and zip code. You must include your date of birth. You must specify your date of birth with a two-digit month, a two-digit day, and a four-digit year. (For example: if you were born on Jan. 5, 1950, you would write: 01-05-1950 in the Date of Birth field.)
5. You must check either the resident or non-resident box for each applicant.

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|   |  | First Choice<br>Hunt Number | Second Choice<br>Hunt Number | Third Choice<br>Hunt Number | Fourth Choice<br>Hunt Number | Fifth Choice<br>Hunt Number |
| 2 |  |                             |                              |                             |                              |                             |

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|                                                                                       |  | <b>APPLICANT A</b>                                         |                   | 9 |
| Date of Birth<br>(m m) (d d) (y y y y)<br>12 4 12 19 12                               |  | Federal Requirement: Social Security Number<br>123-23-4567 |                   | 3 |
| Arizona Hunting License Number<br>(must include the 2 letter prefix)<br>XX 6 2 34 567 |  | Department I.D. Number if different from SSN               |                   | 7 |
| Last Name<br>DOE                                                                      |  | First Name<br>JOE                                          |                   | 4 |
| Address<br>2345 E BEACH ST                                                            |  |                                                            |                   |   |
| City<br>MY TOWN                                                                       |  | State<br>AZ                                                | Zip Code<br>85560 |   |
| Daytime Phone Number<br>480-567-1912                                                  |  |                                                            |                   |   |
| SIGN ON LINE BELOW                                                                    |  |                                                            |                   |   |
| Signature (Must be signed by or for Applicant A) X 8                                  |  |                                                            |                   |   |

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| PERMIT-TAG FORM • A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | PERMIT-TAG FORM • A                                                                                                  |  |
| Complete only to apply for a Hunt License<br>Hunting Res-G A <input type="checkbox"/> Hunt/Fish Non-Res-F D <input type="checkbox"/><br>Hunt/Fish Res-F B <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Hunt/Fish Non-Res-Y E <input type="checkbox"/><br>Youth Hunt/Fish Res-Y C <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Sex Weight Height Ft. In. Hair Eyes AZ Residency Yrs. Mos.<br>No license refund will be issued if you are not drawn. |  |

6. You must either enter your Arizona Hunting License Number (including the two-character prefix) OR you must fill out the LICENSE FORM section (bottom portion for each applicant) and specify the class of license you wish to purchase by checking the appropriate box and include payment for that license with each application. An applicant must possess a license that is valid on the last day of the application deadline for that draw. If an applicant does not have a license that meets that requirement, they must purchase the license at the time of application. No license refund will be issued if you are not drawn. Only one license will be issued to you. License refunds will be made for additional applications. Licenses will not be issued until the draw occurs.
7. You must enter your Department I.D. Number (previously called Sportsman I.D.) if different from your Social Security Number. This number is only for those individuals who use a Department issued I.D. Number instead of a Social Security Number to track bonus points or for non-U.S. citizens. You must still provide a valid Social Security Number or "Not US Citiz." NOTE: A Department I.D. Number must be obtained from AZGFD prior to application.
8. The applicant or an appointed individual must sign each completed applicant block.
9. Each applicant shall complete only one block per application (for example: Applicant A, Applicant B, etc.)
10. You must include all information per applicant in one block only. You may not use multiple applicant blocks to provide information for one applicant.
11. You must include ALL the appropriate license, permit, and application fees in each envelope. No cash will be accepted. Any check returned to the Department for non-payment will result in rejection of your application.
12. You must refer to the appropriate Hunting Regulations to obtain the current fees for licenses and/or hunt permit-tags or you may call the Department at 602-942-3000 for that information.
13. Only Hunting; Hunting and Fishing Combo; and Youth Combo licenses are available for residents through the draw. Only Hunting and Fishing Combo and Youth Combo licenses are available for nonresidents through the draw.
14. Enclose check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for the total amount due, along with your application and mail to: Arizona Game and Fish Department P.O. Box 74020 Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052; or drop it off at any Department office.

# Hunt Permit-tag Application Schedule – Fall 2017

Hunt permit-tag applications will be accepted and processed in accordance with R12-4-104 and R12-4-114 and this schedule.

## Drawing

|                | ACCEPTANCE DATES <sup>1</sup>      | DEADLINE DATES <sup>2</sup>                                  |                                |                                |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HUNT           | Applications accepted on or after: | Deadline 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) in Department offices on: | Hunt permit-tags mailed out by | Refund warrants mailed out by: |
| Deer           | (See notes 1, 2, 3)                | June 13, 2017                                                | Aug. 4, 2017                   | Aug. 11, 2017                  |
| Turkey         | (See notes 1, 2, 3)                | June 13, 2017                                                | Aug. 4, 2017                   | Aug. 11, 2017                  |
| Javelina       | (See notes 1, 2, 3)                | June 13, 2017                                                | Aug. 4, 2017                   | Aug. 11, 2017                  |
| Bighorn Sheep  | (See notes 1, 2, 3)                | June 13, 2017                                                | Aug. 4, 2017                   | Aug. 11, 2017                  |
| Bison          | (See notes 1, 2, 3)                | June 13, 2017                                                | Aug. 4, 2017                   | Aug. 11, 2017                  |
| Pheasant       | (See notes 1, 2, 3)                | June 13, 2017                                                | Aug. 4, 2017                   | Aug. 11, 2017                  |
| Sandhill Crane | July 31, 2017 <sup>3</sup>         | Aug. 25, 2017 <sup>3</sup>                                   | Sept. 11, 2017                 | N/A                            |
| Raptor         | Feb. 20, 2018 <sup>3</sup>         | March 13, 2018 <sup>3</sup>                                  | March 20, 2018                 | N/A                            |

## First Come<sup>4</sup>

|                | Applications accepted by mail on or after 8:00 a.m. (Arizona time): | Permits available for purchase with a completed application at all Department offices after 8:00 a.m. (Arizona time): |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HUNT           | ACCEPTANCE DATES                                                    | ACCEPTANCE DATES                                                                                                      |
| Deer           | July 31, 2017                                                       | Aug. 7, 2017                                                                                                          |
| Turkey         | July 31, 2017                                                       | Aug. 7, 2017                                                                                                          |
| Javelina       | July 31, 2017                                                       | Aug. 7, 2017                                                                                                          |
| Bighorn Sheep  | July 31, 2017                                                       | Aug. 7, 2017                                                                                                          |
| Bison          | July 31, 2017                                                       | Aug. 7, 2017                                                                                                          |
| Pheasant       | July 31, 2017                                                       | Aug. 7, 2017                                                                                                          |
| Sandhill Crane | Sept. 11, 2017                                                      | N/A                                                                                                                   |
| Raptor         | March 27, 2018                                                      | N/A                                                                                                                   |

## Online Applicants<sup>5</sup>

| Deadline for updating your credit or debit card information online by 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday July 6, 2017                                                                           |

## Notes:

- The Department will accept Hunt Permit-tag Applications for big game and Pheasant listed above as soon as the applicable year's hunt information is available on the Department's website ([www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)), or from any Game and Fish Department office or license dealer, unless otherwise noted in the Hunt Permit-tag Application schedule.
- Department offices at Flagstaff, Kingman, Mesa, Phoenix, Pinetop, Tucson and Yuma will close for business at 5 p.m. (Arizona time); completed applications will be accepted at these locations until 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) on deadline days. No applications will be accepted after this time regardless of the postmark. Deadline dates and times will apply to online as well as paper applications. Deadline dates may be extended in the event of a Department-related system failure that prevents the public from submitting an application within the deadlines listed above. The online system slow down due to heavy traffic is not considered a Department-related system failure and may not result in a deadline extension. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to avoid the last minute rush. Application assistance can be obtained Monday through Friday (8 a.m.–5 p.m. Arizona time) by contacting the Department. Only on deadline day, from 5 p.m. to 11:59 p.m., after the close of normal business, the Department can be reached at 623-236-7424 for online application assistance.
- Sandhill Crane and Raptor applications are accepted by mail only at the following addresses: P.O. Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052; or at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000. These applications may not be hand delivered to any Department office.
- First come permits are issued if available and will sell very quickly. Applicants are advised to check with the Department before submitting an application for leftover permits. No person, including Youth, may submit more than one valid application per genus for the First Come process, with the exception of javelina (see the javelina bag limit description). A listing of leftover permits is available online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) under "Big Game Draw" or at any Department office. To submit first come applications by U.S. mail only, please send to: 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086, ATTN: DRAW/FIRST COME.
- Online applicants are encouraged to keep their credit card payment information current. If your payment is declined at the time of the draw, your application will not be drawn. The Arizona Game and Fish Department will no longer call customers to obtain payment on drawn applications where credit cards have failed. If your credit/debit card has been used for multiple applications, please notify your banking institution that multiple charges from Arizona Game and Fish could be processed simultaneously.**

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## Special Youth Opportunities

### Robbins Butte Youth-Only Dove Hunt

Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (RBWA) is about seven miles southwest of Buckeye and comprises more than 1,600 acres. RBWA was purchased for its potential as waterfowl habitat. Three ponds were built in 1952 and by 1957 an estimated 30,000 ducks used these ponds. However, increased demand for agricultural water coupled with invasion of salt cedar trees led to dramatic waterfowl declines by 1960.

In response, the Department purchased the adjacent Black Butte Farm to expand RBWA. This land contained some of the last pristine honey mesquite bosque remaining along the lower Gila River. This acquisition protected the bosque, and provided cultivated grain crops for small game. The combination of wildlife food crops, natural foods and nesting habitat now attracts a combined average of 5,000 breeding white-winged and mourning doves each year.

A portion of RBWA is managed strictly for youth hunters. The special hunt is open to youth up to their 18th birthday, those 10 years and older need a valid hunting license and migratory bird stamp (included in youth license). Shooting locations are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must check in prior to hunting and check out when finished. On Sat., Sept. 2 plan to arrive by 4:30 a.m. for



*A dove hunt at Robbins Butte is one opportunity available to youth.*

a safety briefing and location assignments. Afterward, visit the check-in tables and enjoy a free breakfast provided by the Youth Outdoors Unlimited. Oh, and don't forget to bring plenty of shells. This area can produce lots of chances to fill your bag. Please refer to the current Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Regulations for specific season dates at [www.azgfd.gov/dove](http://www.azgfd.gov/dove).

## Game Camps, Scholastic Clays and Archery

### Learn to Hunt Events

The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers camps on hunting basics to individuals who are interested in hunting but may not know where to start. These hands-on workshops teach the skills necessary to successfully pursue the variety of game animals found in Arizona. Both adults and youth are invited to participate. The camps include instruction and the opportunity to interact with experienced mentors and other camp participants. Attendees will learn information on firearm safety, hunting opportunities, game care, archery instruction and more. There will also be hands-on hunting opportunities. A schedule of upcoming camps is listed on page 24–28 and also at [www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills](http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills).

### Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Scholastic Clay Target Program is a team-based youth development program that uses the shotgun sports to instill discipline, safety, teamwork, ethics, self-confidence and

other life values. Team members can participate in any or all three clay target disciplines: trap, skeet and sporting clays. For more information, contact the Shooting Sports coordinator at (623) 236-7305 or visit [www.azgfd.gov/sctp](http://www.azgfd.gov/sctp).

### National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers the national Archery in the Schools Program based on a national physical education curriculum introduced in 2003. The core content covers archery, history, safety, techniques, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement. In addition, the curriculum provides interesting and creative possibilities for integration with core content in social studies, mathematics, visual arts, history and English/language arts. The program provides school PE programs with training, equipment and curriculum to introduce youth to archery. For more information, contact the Archery coordinator at (623) 236-7287 or visit [www.azgfd.gov/archery](http://www.azgfd.gov/archery).

## Commission-owned Shooting Ranges are Great for Practice

Shooting facilities provide a safe environment to practice for upcoming hunting seasons. Shooting ranges provide shooters with many benefits, including controlled settings, training and education. At a range, shooters at any skill level can practice, sight-in firearms, receive instruction and discover communities of like-minded enthusiasts.

| Name                                                       | Address and Phone                                                                                                                                | Facilities Include                                                                                                                            | Website                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ben Avery Shooting Facility                                | 4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd.,<br>Phoenix AZ, 85086<br>(623) 582-8313 Main Range<br>(623) 434-8119 CTC                                              | Outdoor Pistol (100 yds), Outdoor Rifle (1000 yds), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, Archery, Airgun         | <a href="http://www.azgfd.gov/basf">www.azgfd.gov/basf</a><br><a href="http://www.azgfd.gov/bactc">www.azgfd.gov/bactc</a> |
| Northern Arizona Shooting Range                            | I-40 East to Winnona Exit, go south to Forest Service Road 128/128A for 7.3 miles<br>Contact: <a href="mailto:tmmackin@q.com">tmmackin@q.com</a> | Outdoor Pistol (50 yds), Outdoor Rifle (100 yds), Shotgun, Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays and Archery                                            | <a href="http://www.northernarizonashootingrange.org">www.northernarizonashootingrange.org</a>                             |
| Rio Salado Sportsman's Club/ Utery Mountain Shooting Range | 3960 N. Utery Pass<br>Mesa AZ, 85207<br>(480) 984-9610                                                                                           | Outdoor Pistol (7 to 300 yds), Outdoor Rifle (7 to 300 yds), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Muzzleloading, Airgun, Sporting Clays, Trap | <a href="http://www.rsscraz.com">www.rsscraz.com</a>                                                                       |
| Seven Mile Hill Shooting Range                             | 3155 Oatman Road<br>Golden Valley AZ, 86413<br>(928) 753-8038                                                                                    | Outdoor Pistol (200 yds), Outdoor Rifle (200/1000 yds), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Muzzleloading, Trap, Archery, Skeet              | <a href="http://www.mohavesportsmanclub.com">www.mohavesportsmanclub.com</a>                                               |
| Sierra Vista Shooting Range                                | 3300 S. Sharp Shooters Road<br>Tombstone AZ, 85638<br>(520) 508-9846                                                                             | Outdoor Pistol (to 200 yd/mtr), Outdoor Rifle (to 500 yd/mtr), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Muzzleloading, Shotgun, Trap, Skeet       | <a href="http://www.sierravistarange.org">www.sierravistarange.org</a>                                                     |
| Silver Creek                                               | 88 Hatchery Road,<br>Show Low, AZ 85901<br>(928) 242-1285                                                                                        | Archery                                                                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.whitemountainbowhunter.com">www.whitemountainbowhunter.com</a>                                         |
| St. John's Shooting Range                                  | 320 CR6350,<br>St. Johns, AZ 85936<br>(928) 337-2254                                                                                             | Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery events                                                                                                        | <a href="http://www.nasashootingsports.com">www.nasashootingsports.com</a>                                                 |
| Three Points Public Shooting Range                         | 18300 W. Ajo Highway<br>Tucson AZ, 85735<br>(520) 822-5189                                                                                       | Outdoor Pistol (25-200 yds), Outdoor Rifle (100-1000 yds), Rifle Silhouette, Pistol Silhouette, Muzzleloading                                 | <a href="http://www.tucsonrifleclub.org">www.tucsonrifleclub.org</a>                                                       |
| Tri-State Shooting Park                                    | Boundary Cone Road at mile marker 7 (closest town is Bullhead City) (702) 371-1532                                                               | Outdoor Rifle and Pistol (200 yds), Outdoor Pistol (50 yds), Shotgun, Trap, Skeet                                                             | <a href="http://www.tristateshootingpark.com">www.tristateshootingpark.com</a>                                             |
| Second Knoll Target Range                                  | 4.5 miles east of the intersection of SR77 and U.S. 60, on U.S. 60. Turn south on Forest Service Road 206.<br>(928) 205-3609                     | Outdoor Rifle and Pistol (100 yards), Outdoor Pistol (25 yards)                                                                               | <a href="http://www.wmsainc.org">www.wmsainc.org</a>                                                                       |

**The Where to Shoot website ([www.wheretoshoot.org](http://www.wheretoshoot.org)) provides easy access to target shooting and hunting facilities. Simply specify a state to view all ranges within that state, or narrow the search by area code or zip code.**

# Learn Outdoor Skills: Hunt, Trap, Fish, Shoot, Wildlife Recreation

## Are you interested in going hunting, but not sure where to start?

Look no further. The Arizona Game and Fish Department along with an extensive network of partnering organizations host dozens of learn how to hunt, fish, shoot, trap and other outdoor skill development events throughout the year. Most of these events offer mentoring (not guides), hands-on activities, seminars, a hot meal and campfires for sharing your story.

Event types and descriptions are merely guidelines to help you choose what is best for you – they are not prerequisites – most events offer activities that are suitable for all skill levels and interests. Further, hunting is just one portion of these events. Many of these events are also open to people wishing to learn more about wildlife, habitat, conservation, camping and the outdoors.

**For continually updated list of events and to register, visit: [www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills](http://www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills)**



**PLAN AHEAD:** Hunter Education Classes and Field Days are limited and fill up quickly. Before applying for a big game hunt permit-tag and associated event, youth hunters are encouraged to make sure they allow sufficient time to complete the class and field day prior to the event by consulting the available Hunter Education class and Field Day schedule and wait lists by visiting: [www.azgfd.gov/huntered](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntered). Big game species include: black bear, buffalo, bighorn sheep, elk, javelina, turkey, mountain lion, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and white-tailed deer.

## INTRODUCTORY

- No hunting or pursuit of wildlife, shooting lessons, instructional, typically 1-day activity.  
**Introductory** – knowledge or information imparted:
  - Skill Meter: 0-5
  - Mentoring Meter: 7-10

## BEGINNER

- Basic take of wildlife, 1-day event, pass shooting, species include dove, ducks, squirrel.  
**Beginner** – a person who is inexperienced; novice; a person who has begun a course of instruction or is learning the fundamentals:
  - Skill Meter: 1-5
  - Mentoring Meter: 7-10

## DEVELOPING

- Pursuit of wildlife, overnight events, remote locations, species include quail, rabbit, predator, javelina, turkey. **Developing** – one who is learning by practical experience under skilled workers of a trade, art, or calling:
  - Skill Meter: 3-7
  - Mentoring Meter: 6-9

## INTERMEDIATE

- Pursuit of more challenging species, deer, elk, stalking, remote locations, overnight, lots of field time. **Intermediate** – applies some already learned basic skills to adapt and meet the next level of learning, skill development:
  - Skill Meter: 5-8
  - Mentoring Meter: 3-6

## EXPERIENCED *coming soon, minimal mentoring, base camps and “meet ups”*

- Base camps and meet ups that provide similar feel to of learn how to events, but are self-supported by attendees at a designated camping area and timeframe, possibly portable potties, and some facilities, possibly a camp host with unit hand hunting information.  
**Experienced** – having knowledge or skill in a particular field, especially a profession or job, gained over a period of time:
  - Skill Meter: 7-9
  - Mentoring Meter: 0-2

## INTRODUCTORY

**Skill Meter:** 0-5

**Mentoring Meter:** 7-10

**Description:** No hunting or pursuit of wildlife, shooting lessons, instructional, typically 1-day activity

**Introductory:** knowledge or information imparted

## June: Outdoor Skills Summer Adventure Camps - AOE

Multiple overnight camps for kids ages 8-17 for beginners, intermediate and advanced to learn outdoor skills: camping, wildlife watching, archery, air gun, shotgun, .22 rifle, paintball, kayaking, fishing, hiking, survival skills, outdoor games, Flagstaff Extreme Ropes and more.

Transportation included, Fee required.

- Dates: Multiple camps in June
- Locations: Arizona Game and Fish, Northern Arizona, Flagstaff
- Hosted by: Arizona Outdoor Experience
- Contact: Kent Younger, (623) 810-4633 6-9 pm, [younger@azoutdoorexperience.com](mailto:younger@azoutdoorexperience.com)
- Register: [www.azoutdoorexperience.com](http://www.azoutdoorexperience.com)

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## May: Cabela's Fall Hunt University "BEFORE the Hunt"

BEFORE the Hunt clinics will help you get prepared on who, what, where, when, how, rules, regulations, safety, animal behavior and signs, navigating, equipment and more, with comprehensive mentoring, education, hands-on hunting clinics for novice to experienced hunters of all ages and genders. Free.

- Dates: Saturdays in May, 10 am to 1 pm
- Location: Cabela's, Glendale, AZ
- Hosted by: Cabela's and our conservation partners
- Information: [www.cabelas.com/glendale](http://www.cabelas.com/glendale)
- Register: Josh Vanover, David. [Vanover@cabelas.com](mailto:Vanover@cabelas.com)

## June: Cabela's Fall Hunt University "DURING the Hunt"

DURING the Hunt clinics will help you to be successful using archery and rifles with lessons on gear, playing the wind, calling, timing, stalking, filming your hunt, safety, blinds, tree stands, tracking and more, with comprehensive mentoring, education, hands-on hunting clinics for novice to experienced hunters of all ages and genders. Free.

- Dates: Saturdays in June, 10 am to 1 pm
- Location: Cabela's, Glendale, AZ
- Hosted by: Cabela's and our conservation partners
- Information: [www.cabelas.com/glendale](http://www.cabelas.com/glendale)
- Register: Josh Vanover, David. [Vanover@cabelas.com](mailto:Vanover@cabelas.com)

## June 17: J.A.K.E.S. Day

Kids 17 and younger learn the basics of fly-fishing, bass fishing, map and compass reading, and kayaking. All equipment will be provided, lunch and a 1-year NWTF JAKES membership included. FREE.

- Location: Parker Canyon Lake, Elgin/Sonoita area
- Hosted by: Huachuca Gould's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation

- Register by June 12: [www.nwtfhuagoulds.org](http://www.nwtfhuagoulds.org)
- Information: John Millican (520) 508-4272, [j2dbmill@msn.com](mailto:j2dbmill@msn.com) or Wayne Kaiser (520) 678-9827, [lmkwak@cox.net](mailto:lmkwak@cox.net)

## June 24: Shoot 'N' Shindig – Stan Greer Memorial

A family event for youth to compete in silhouette target shooting using a .22 rifle with scope, pot luck lunch, raffles and prizes. Equipment and safety gear provided. Free, starts at 9 am.

- Location: Sierra Vista Shooting Range, Sierra Vista
- Hosted by: Huachuca White-Tail Club
- Register by June 18: Tom Green, (520) 255-1652, [tmgreen\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:tmgreen_1@hotmail.com)

## July: Cabela's Fall Hunt University "AFTER the Hunt"

AFTER the Hunt clinics will cover all the topics after the shot including, tracking, signs to your fallen animal, step by step field dressing (we will be using harvested goats for these classes), taxidermy preparation, meat processing, cooking and more, with comprehensive mentoring, education, hands-on hunting clinics for novice to experienced hunters of all ages and genders. Free.

- Dates: Saturdays in July, 10 am to 1 pm
- Location: Cabela's, Glendale, AZ
- Hosted by: Cabela's and our conservation partners
- Information: [www.cabelas.com/glendale](http://www.cabelas.com/glendale)
- Register: Josh Vanover, David. [Vanover@cabelas.com](mailto:Vanover@cabelas.com)

## July 14-16: Bowhunter Happening 3D Shoot at Mormon Lake

Family friendly fun 3D animal target archery shoot, 7 courses including: 1 extreme and 1 kids course. Novelty competitions with prize (bow) for each of 3 groups (men, women, youth) for long shot and aerial shoot, many other raffles including several bows.

- Location: Mormon Lake Lodge, Mormon Lake/Flagstaff area

- Hosted by: Arizona Bowhunters Association
- Information: [www.arizonabowhunters.org](http://www.arizonabowhunters.org), Darr Colburn (602) 284-1722, [darrcolburnrealtor@gmail.com](mailto:darrcolburnrealtor@gmail.com)

## July 18: Elk & Pronghorn Antelope Hunting Seminars/Show – CHA

This is the largest event of its kind. Tons of vendors, dinner, great raffles, auctions, kids-only raffles, door prizes and more. Elk seminar by Corky Richardson-Cabela's/PSE Pro Staff; pronghorn antelope presented by Eli and Tony Grimmett-Pronghorn Guide Service (seminars occur simultaneously). Opens at 5 pm, presentations at 6 pm. Seating is limited. Non-perishable food donation special raffle (one ticket per item).

- Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85029, west side entrance
- Hosted by: Christian Hunters of America, AZ Elk Society, AZ Antelope Foundation, Ruger Firearms
- Info: [Christianhuntersofamerica.org](http://Christianhuntersofamerica.org), [davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org](mailto:davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org), (602) 309-3430

## Sept 8-10: Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Workshop for adult women (18 and older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in a fun non-threatening environment, including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, rappelling, camping, GPS and more. Evenings slated for entertainment, socializing and fun. Fee required, includes meals and lodging.

- Location: Friendly Pines Camp, Prescott
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Information: [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org), click on Education/BOW
- Register: [awf@azwildlife.org](mailto:awf@azwildlife.org), (480) 644-0077

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## Sept. 23-24: Southwest Fur Harvesters Annual Fall Rendezvous

Learn about the history of trapping, trapping demos and supplies. Trappers Education Course offered Sunday morning. The event is free, camping in area available.

- Location: North of Strawberry, east of Camp Verde
- Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters
- Information: [www.southwestfurharvesters.com](http://www.southwestfurharvesters.com), Bob Rhoton, [brhoton@gmail.com](mailto:brhoton@gmail.com)

## September – December: Learn to Camp – Family Campout Program

For families that have little or no experience camping. Learn the basics of camping at AZ's State Parks, and about hiking, archery, geocaching, fishing, local wildlife, campfire stories, bike clinic, service projects, and more. Multiple dates and locations.

- Location: AZ State Parks (varies)
- Hosted by: Arizona State Parks
- Fee: \$70 family (up to 4)
- Register: [AZStateParks.com/family](http://AZStateParks.com/family)

## Jan. 16, 2018: Javelina Hunting Seminar – CHA

Free seminar on hunting javelina covering tips, tactics, techniques, how to scout, calling, shot placement, field care and more. Raffles, door prizes, and refreshments. Opens at 6 pm, presentations at 7 pm. Non-perishable food donation special raffle (one ticket per item). Free, seating is limited.

- Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy (I-17), Phoenix, AZ 85029, west side entrance
- Hosted by: Christian Hunters of America, Ruger Firearms
- Info: [Christianhuntersofamerica.org](http://Christianhuntersofamerica.org), [davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org](mailto:davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org), (602) 309-3430

## Jan. 20, 2018: Wickenburg Youth Target Shooting Event

Family event with instructors providing hands-on firearms safety and training on archery, rifle, shotgun and BB gun shooting. All equipment is provided (no

personal firearms please).

- Location: Wickenburg Sportsman's Club 1385 Constellation Road, Wickenburg
- Hosted by: Wickenburg Sportsman's Club, Arizona Game and Fish
- Register: Craig Heath, [cheath@azgfd.gov](mailto:cheath@azgfd.gov) (928) 856-0764

## Jan. 26-28, 2018: Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Workshop for adult women (18 and older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in a fun non-threatening environment, including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking and others related to the Sonoran Desert. Evenings slated for entertainment, socializing and fun. Fee required, includes meals and lodging.

- Location: Saguaro Lake Ranch, Mesa
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Information: [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org), click on Education/BOW
- Register: [awf@azwildlife.org](mailto:awf@azwildlife.org), (480) 644-0077

## Mar. 20, 2018: Turkey Hunting Seminar & Show – CHA

Free turkey hunting seminar with amazing videos, presented by Colburn and Scott Outfitters. Learn scouting, locating and calling so you can bag one of these wily birds. Raffles, auctions, door prizes, refreshments, and more. Opens at 6 pm, presentation at 7 pm. Seating is limited. Non-perishable food donation special raffle (one ticket per item).

- Location: Calvary Community Church, 12612 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85029, west side entrance
- Hosted/Sponsored by: Christian Hunters of America, Colburn and Scott Outfitters, Ruger Firearms
- Info: [Christianhuntersofamerica.org](http://Christianhuntersofamerica.org), [davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org](mailto:davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org), (602) 309-3430

## April 13-15, 2018: Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Workshop for adult women (18 and older) that teaches basic outdoor skills in

a fun non-threatening environment, including sessions on fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking, rappelling, camping, GPS and more are offered. Evenings slated for entertainment, socializing and fun. Fee required, includes meals and lodging.

- Location: Friendly Pines Camp, Prescott
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Information: [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org), click on Education/BOW
- Register: [awf@azwildlife.org](mailto:awf@azwildlife.org), (480) 644-0077

## BEGINNER

**Skill Meter:** 1-5

**Mentoring Meter:** 7-10

**Description:** Basic take of wildlife, 1-day event, pass shooting, species include dove, ducks, squirrel

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## Sept. 1-2: Safford Youth Dove Hunting Clinic and Hunt

Experts teach youth new to hunting about firearm safety, dove science and ID, locating, hunting, cleaning and cooking dove. Evening clinic, followed by live hunt next day.

- Location: Dry Lake Park, Safford area
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, South Eastern Arizona Sportsmen Club
- Register by August 30: Matt Pelto, (928) 713-0562, [mpelto@azgfd.gov](mailto:mpelto@azgfd.gov) or Devin Skinner, (520) 591-7880, [dskinner@azgfd.gov](mailto:dskinner@azgfd.gov)

## Sept. 2: Robbins Butte Mentored Youth Dove Hunt

Learn how to dove hunt from experienced hunters and shotgun instructors, bird identification, hunting tips, gun safety, mentoring and food.

- Location: Robbins Butte Wildlife Area, Buckeye
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Arizona Outdoor Sports,

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National Wild Turkey Federation,  
Arizona Game and Fish

- Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

## Sept. 6 & 9: Youth and Families Beginner's Dove Hunt – CJ Biller Memorial

Classroom instruction Wednesday on hunting doves, shotgun instruction, firearm safety and clay target shooting; followed by a real live dove hunt on Saturday. 30 spaces available.

- Location: Mesa, Utery Mountain Shooting Range, Game and Fish Mesa Office
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, CJ Biller Family, Arizona Outdoor Sports, Arizona Game and Fish
- Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

## Oct. 6-8: Unit 1 Squirrel Hunting Camp

Introductory event for kids and families to learn how to hunt squirrels, how to cook them, and other outdoor skills activities, food provided.

- Location: Los Burros Campground, Pinetop – Lakeside area
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, RMEF, AES, Arizona Game and Fish
- Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

## Oct. 6-8: Outdoor Skills, Squirrel Hunting and Fishing Camp

Camp is for individuals who are brand new to hunting and/or fishing, bird-watching, and outdoor skills. Outdoor cooked meals will be provided. Limited to 75 participants.

- Location: Sharps Creek Campground, Payson area, Unit 23
- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, Red Bear Outfitters, SCI – Phoenix Chapter, Mogollon Sportsmen Association
- Register: Joe Sayer, [JSayer@azgfd.gov](mailto:JSayer@azgfd.gov), (928) 853-0963

## Nov. 10-12: Youth Trappers Ed & Campout

3-day event teaching the Trapping Education Course with an actual trapping session for kids and adults alike. Demonstrations of skinning, fleshing, stretching and using foothold traps (private lands) and cages traps (public lands). Primitive camping available, porta potties and food provided. Kids are free.

- Location: Chauncey Ranch, north of Mayer
- Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters
- Register: Bob Rhoton, [brhoton@ymail.com](mailto:brhoton@ymail.com), [www.southwestfurharvesters.com](http://www.southwestfurharvesters.com)

## Dec. 8-10: Cibola Youth Waterfowl Camp

Learn how to hunt ducks and geese with an experienced mentor. Activities for the whole family include trap shooting, 3D archery, decoys and calling clinic, Dutch oven cooking, wildlife watching.

- Location: Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, Blythe area
- Hosted by: Arizona Outdoor Sports, Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Arizona Game and Fish
- Contact: Yuma AZGFD, [getoutside-az@gmail.com](mailto:getoutside-az@gmail.com), (928) 342-0091

## DEVELOPING

**Skill Meter:** 3-7

**Mentoring Meter:** 6-9

**Description:** Pursuit of wildlife, overnight events, remote locations, species include quail, rabbit, predator, javelina, turkey

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## Aug. 12-13: Predator Hunting Boot Camp – PSCI George Knox Memorial

Adult-focused, families and youth welcome: Beginners can learn about predator calling, hunting, the life history of predators and fur-bearers, other outdoor skill activities, food provided and camping.

- Location: Vincent Ranch, Woods Canyon Lake area, Unit 4A
- Hosted By: Phoenix Varmint Callers, Arizona Elk Society
- Register: Ray Evridge, [evridgeknives@sportsmancommunity.com](mailto:evridgeknives@sportsmancommunity.com)

## Oct. 13-15: Yuma Youth Small Game Hunting Camp – YVRG

Learn to hunt desert quail and rabbits (small game) from experienced hunters, mentoring, shooting instruction, seminars, raffles, camping, and food.

- Location: Yuma area, TBD
- Hosted by: Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, Southwest Arizona HPC, Arizona Game and Fish
- Information: Thom or Crystal Mango, [Thom.cmcs@gmail.com](mailto:Thom.cmcs@gmail.com)

## Dec. 2-3: Picketpost Small Game Hunting Camp

Camp for beginners to learn shooting techniques and hunting basics for quail, rabbits, and dove. Limited firearms provided, primitive camping onsite, some meals provided.

- Location: Picketpost Mountain, Superior, Unit 37B
- Hosted by: Red Bear Outfitters, Arizona Outdoor Sports, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Arizona Game and Fish
- Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

## Jan. 25-28, 2018: Beginners Small Game and Youth Javelina Camp

Learn from experienced hunters on where and how to hunt jackrabbits, predators and quail (all ages) as well as javelina for youth with 37B permit-tags. Seminars and in-field instruction. Meals provided.

- Location: Florence area - Unit 37B
- Hosted by: Arizona Predator Callers, Red Bear Outfitters, Quail Forever, Arizona Pointing Dog Club, OHV Ambassadors
- Register: Kara Jensen, Kara.Jensen.Az@gmail.com (602) 309-2517, [AzPredatorCallers.com/Youth-Javelina-Camp](http://AzPredatorCallers.com/Youth-Javelina-Camp)

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## **Jan. 25-28, 2018: 20C, 18B, 16A Youth Javelina, Small Game & Predator Hunting Camp – YOU**

Free camp to assist with basics of locating and hunting javelina in a network of units, other outdoor activities, campout, and food provided, some mentoring available.

- Location: Bagdad area, HWY 96 & Santa Maria River, Units 20C, 18B, 16A
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited
- Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

## **Feb. 22-25, 2018: Mentored Javelina Hunting Camp – CHA**

Camp for new javelina hunters, both kids and adults. Attendees must have their own camping, hunting gear and proper license, tag to hunt javelina. Parent or guardian is required must be present and able to hunt with kids under 18 years old. Mentors are limited.

- Location: Cordes Junction area - Units 19A, 20A, 20B and 21
- Hosted by: Christian Hunters of America, AZ Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers, Ruger Firearms
- Registration: [Christianhunters-ofamerica.org](http://Christianhunters-ofamerica.org), [davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org](mailto:davidmyrick@christianhuntersofamerica.org), (602) 309-3430

## **March 9-11, 2018: Junior Jack Kamp**

Junior hunters that have completed Hunter Education learn about jackrabbit biology and basic hunting skills including skinning, harvesting, and cooking jackrabbit meat.

- Location: Three Points, southwest of Tucson, Unit 36A
- Hosted by: AZ Chapter of Safari Club International
- Register: Bobby Boido, [azsci@yahoo.com](mailto:azsci@yahoo.com), (520) 490-8367

## **April 19-22, 2018: Unit 1 & 27 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp – Marvin Robbins Memorial**

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored turkey hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: White Mountains area, Unit 1, 27
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Game and Fish, AES, RMEF
- Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

## **April 19-22, 2018: Unit 6A Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp – Marvin Robbins Memorial**

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored turkey hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: Happy Jack area, V bar V Ranch, serving Units 6A, 5A, 5B
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Wildlife Federation, Outdoor Experience 4 All, Xtreme Predator Callers
- Register: Tim Denny, [longbeardsaz@gmail.com](mailto:longbeardsaz@gmail.com)

## **April 19-22, 2018: Unit 23 Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Camp – Marvin Robbins Memorial**

Learn to hunt Arizona's wild turkeys in this mentored turkey hunting camp, seminars, outdoor skills, activities and camping. Meals provided.

- Location: Colcord Ridge Campground, East of Payson, serving Units 23, 4A, 4B, 3C
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers
- Register: Rich Williams, [azgobbler@gmail.com](mailto:azgobbler@gmail.com)

## **INTERMEDIATE**

**Skill Meter:** 5-8

**Mentoring Meter:** 3-6

**Description:** Pursuit of more challenging species, deer, elk, stalking, remote locations, overnight, lots of field time

**Intermediate:** applies some already learned basic skills to adapt and meet the next level of learning, skill development.

## **Oct. 5-8: Kaibab Youth Deer Hunters Base Camp**

Kaibab deer hunters base camp with information and assistance, biology and habits, lots of activities, some food, and campfire.

- Location: North Rim Grand Canyon, Unit 12A, SR22 & FR429
- Hosted by: Buckskin Chapter Arizona Deer Association
- Information: Rich Leightner, [releightner@thebigpond.com](mailto:releightner@thebigpond.com), (928) 645-9669

## **Oct. 5-8: Prescott Youth Deer Hunting Camp – MDF**

Deer hunting information, biology, habitat, glassing, stalking techniques, game care tips and mentored assistance. Coffee, hot coco, morning snacks, lunch and dinner provided. Campfire, games and raffles for the kids.

- Location: Prescott Area, serving Units 17B, 19A, 19B, 20A
- Hosted by: Prescott Chapter Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Kevin Hall, [kevin@prescottchaptermdf.org](mailto:kevin@prescottchaptermdf.org), (928) 713-6877

## **Oct. 5-8: Unit 21 Youth Deer Hunt Camp – MDF**

Deer hunting tips, assistance, biology and habits, food, hospitality, drawings, gifts, family welcome.

- Location: Cherry Road (SR169 / I-17), serves unit 21
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Terry Herndon, [therndon@muledeer.org](mailto:therndon@muledeer.org), (623) 696-5579

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## Oct. 5-8: Unit 22/23 Punkin Center Youth Deer Hunt Camp – MDF

Deer hunting tips, field assistance, biology and habits, food, hospitality, drawings, gifts, family welcome.

- Location: Punkin Center, Roosevelt Lake area, serves units 22, 23
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Terry Herndon, [therndon@muledeer.org](mailto:therndon@muledeer.org), (623) 696-5579

## Oct. 5-8: Unit 34A Youth Deer, Javelina and Outdoor Skills Hunt Camp – MDF

Camp for youth who are brand new to hunting and outdoor skills; hunting seminars, archery range, and outdoor activities through the weekend. Camp potluck Saturday night with all other meals provided. Space is limited.

- Location: Gardner Canyon area, 4 miles north of Sonoita, Unit 34A
- Hosted by: Tucson Chapter of Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Terry Herndon, [therndon@muledeer.org](mailto:therndon@muledeer.org), (623) 696-5579

## Oct 12-15: Unit 23 Youth Deer and Cow Elk Camp – ADA

Arizona Deer Association's camp for youth deer and cow elk tag holders. Mentors will be available to help find game, tracking, game retrieval and game care if needed. Outdoor cooked meals are provided, free event.

- Location: Colcord Ridge Campground, Mogollon Rim area, Unit 23
- Hosted by: Arizona Deer Association
- Information: David Bruns, [info@azdeer.org](mailto:info@azdeer.org), (602) 228-1719

## Oct. 12-15: Unit 6A/5BS Youth Elk Hunter's Camp – AES

Thursday pre-hunt activities include free dinner, tips on finding elk, meat care, safety, prizes and more. Support for game locating, retrieval, some mentoring, hot drinks, food and more offered throughout the weekend.

- Location: NEW - St. Joseph Youth Camp at Mormon Lake, Unit 6A.
- Hosted by: Arizona Elk Society
- Information: [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org), (602) 492-5319

## Oct. 12-15: White Mountains Youth Elk Hunter's Camp – RMEF

Hunt camp for youth hunters and their families, fun, educational, meals, campfire, prizes and activities. Some mentoring and field retrieval available.

- Location: White Mountains, Sheep Corral at Greens Peak area, Unit 1 & 2C
- Hosted by: White Mountain Chapter RMEF
- Register: [www.whitemountainrmef.org](http://www.whitemountainrmef.org)

## Nov. 24-26: Unit 42 Youth Deer Hunt Camp – MDF

Base camp to assist youth deer hunters with general deer hunting information, tactics and tips from experienced hunters, other outdoor skills and activities, some food provided.

- Location: Wickenburg area off Vulture Mine Rd., unit 42
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation, Arizona Game and Fish
- Information: Terry Herndon, [therndon@muledeer.org](mailto:therndon@muledeer.org), (623) 696-5579

## Nov. 30-Dec. 3: Unit 18B/20C/17B Youth Deer, Javelina & Small Game Hunter's Camp – YOU/MDF

Free camp to assist with the basics of deer, javelina and small game hunting in the area, other outdoor activities, food, campfire and more, some mentoring available.

- Location: Wikieup area, HWY 96 & Santa Maria River, Unit 18B/20C/17B
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Mule Deer Foundation - Kingman Chapter, RMEF, AES, NWTf
- Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com)

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#### COMING SOON:

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**Description:** Social base camps or meet ups that provide similar feel like learn how to events, but are self-supported by attendees at a designated camping area and timeframe, possibly some facilities, a camp host with unit and hunting information.

**Experienced:** having knowledge or skill in a particular field, especially a profession or job, gained over a period of time.

**Interested?** Email [dburt@azgfd.gov](mailto:dburt@azgfd.gov)

# Hunter Education



## Get Ahead of the Game

Hunter Education is not required for anyone 14 years of age or older in order to hunt in Arizona.

No one under the age of 14 may hunt big game without completing a Hunter Education course. No one under age 10 may hunt big game in Arizona. While you must be 10 years of age to hunt big game you may complete Hunter Education at the age of 9. However, the Hunter Education completion card and certificate does not become valid until the child's 10th birthday.

Youth big game hunters need a Hunter Education card to hunt. They do not need a Hunter Education card to apply for the draw, only a hunting license. Youth hunters can purchase a hunting license without having attended Hunter Education.

The purpose of Arizona's Hunter Education Program is to promote safe, knowledgeable and involved hunters, to ensure the continuation of the safe, ethical, and responsible hunting tradition. This program gives beginners a good foundation, and provides a refresher for veteran hunters.

The Arizona Hunter Education program is not just for youth or hunters. This educational program is a valuable experience for anyone who enjoys the outdoors and has an interest in conservation.

Hunter Education classes fill up quickly. If you need your Hunter Education card before your hunt, get ahead of the game and register now. To register for a Hunter Education class, visit [www.azgfd.gov/HunterEd](http://www.azgfd.gov/HunterEd) or call 623-236-7235.

## Course Information

At a minimum your Hunter Education Course will include the following topics:

- Responsibility, safety, skills
- Funding sources
- Conservation, fair chase, fair share, hunters' ethics and hunters' image
- Planning and preparation, maps and compasses, survival skills, coping with extreme weather and basic first aid
- Firearm safety, nomenclature, function, handling and shot-selection
- Wildlife conservation, management and identification
- Marksmanship, rifle and shotgun shooting, hunting strategies, vital shots and care of game
- Arizona hunting laws and regulations and licensing

Parents are encouraged to participate in the course with their child.

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## TAB +1

### The Four Primary Rules of Firearm Safety

- **T**reat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- **A**lways keep the muzzle in a safe direction.
- **B**e sure of the target and beyond.
- **+1** Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- Practice the rest of the 10 Commandments of hunter safety.
- Check your barrel and ammunition.
- Unload firearm when not in use.
- Point a firearm only at something you intend to shoot.
- Don't run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.
- Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during shooting.

### What Type of Hunter Education Class is Right for You?

|                     | Classroom Course                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Online Course Field Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Bonus Point Field Test                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Who</b>          | Anyone age 9 and up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Anyone age 9 and up who has successfully completed the Arizona Hunter Education Online Course.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Adults Only. Ages 18 and older, that have successfully completed the Arizona Hunter Education Online Course, and have a minimum of three years hunting experience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Length</b>       | All classroom Hunter Education courses are taught by certified Arizona Game and Fish Department Volunteer Instructors. The instructors determine the location and length of the class.<br><br>Classroom courses average 24 hours. There are instructor teams offering 16 hours up to 40 hour courses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | The online course is a self-paced program that is completed on the internet. Once a passing score of 80% is obtain on the course examination, a completion certificate may be printed and a field day scheduled.<br><br>Field day courses are taught by certified Arizona Game and Fish Department Volunteer Instructors. The instructors determine the location and length of the field day.<br><br>Field days average 4-5 hours. | The online course is a self-paced program that is completed on the internet. Once a passing score of 80% is obtain on the course examination a completion certificate may be printed and a field test scheduled.<br><br>Field tests are administered by certified Arizona Game and Fish Department Volunteer Instructors. Students rotate through practical application stations at their pace. The stations are: Live-fire, Matching, Practical Hunt and a written examination.<br><br>Average completion time is one hour. |
| <b>Requirements</b> | Preregistration is required for all Hunter Education class formats. To register visit, <a href="http://www.azgfd.gov/HunterEd">www.azgfd.gov/HunterEd</a><br><br>Department ID – Students will need to provide a Department ID number (or if they do not wish to get a Department ID number at this time a Social Security Number). Students should provide this number ONLY on their Hunter Education class registration. This number is required to complete any registration.<br><br>To get a Department ID number please call 602-942-3000. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### Trapper Education

Pursuant to A.R.S. 17-333.02 Any person born after January 1, 1967 is required to successfully complete a Trapper Education Course prior to obtaining a trapping license.

For more information on the Trapper Education Program visit <https://www.azgfd.com/education/trapping/>

### Bowhunter Education

Bowhunter specific education course is available, however graduates will not receive a permanent bonus point. Bowhunter Education is NOT required to bowhunt in Arizona.

For more information on the Bowhunter Education Program visit <https://www.azgfd.com/education/bowhunting/>



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# 2018 Arizona Game & Fish Department OUTDOOR EXPO



## EXPERIENCE THE GREAT OUTDOORS at the Arizona Game and Fish Department 2018 Outdoor Expo

Loads of exciting hands-on activities, educational presentations/demos, and the chance to meet with outdoor groups, agencies and exhibitors to learn about Arizona's outdoor recreational opportunities. To learn more, visit [www.azgfd.gov/expo](http://www.azgfd.gov/expo) for updates.

## March 24–25, 2018

Saturday • March 24 | Sunday • March 25  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ben Avery Shooting Facility  
4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd., Phoenix, Ariz.

**FREE PARKING**

**FREE ADMISSION**



# Welcome to Big Game Hunting in Arizona

Arizona has 10 species of wildlife designated as big game by state statute: mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, elk, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, bison, bear, and mountain lion. If you also consider that Arizona is occupied by two recognized subspecies of bighorn sheep (Rocky Mountain and desert) and three subspecies of turkeys (Gould's, Merriam's and Rio Grande), there is ample evidence of the diversity of Arizona's big game, and the opportunities a hunter has to pursue. Most big game hunts have a limited number of permits for which you must be drawn to participate.

Elk and pronghorn application information was provided earlier this year. In fact, the

draw for elk and pronghorn is complete and you should know if you received one of these tags. This knowledge should help you determine if you wish to participate in another hunt, and if so, for which deer, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, and bison hunts to apply.

Compared with last year, deer permit levels are up slightly, while turkey and bighorn sheep permit levels have dropped slightly. Youth hunters may wish to apply for a javelina hunt that will complement another deer hunt in which they may participate in this fall. Youth-Only deer hunters in selected units (see Youth-Only deer hunts on page 38) will also be provided the opportunity to purchase

over-the-counter companion javelina tags, allowing these hunters to hunt for deer and javelina at the same time. These hunts are excellent ways to introduce a youth to big game hunting.

Youth turkey hunters may purchase a turkey tag over-the-counter and hunt in any unit listed in the Youth-Only section on page 47.

As with any season or upcoming hunt, make sure you do your homework. Good luck and enjoy your hunting experience. For more information on these species, seasons, and hunting regulations, please visit [www.azgfd.gov/hunting](http://www.azgfd.gov/hunting).

## Draw Cycles

The Arizona Game and Fish Department conducts three separate application and draw cycles for big game hunt permit-tags. 2007 was the first year the Department held a separate draw for pronghorn antelope and elk. This change was made to let hunters know earlier if they have been drawn for these two popular big game animals. The three draw cycles are:

| SPECIES                                                               | DRAW DEADLINE                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Pronghorn antelope, elk                                               | Second Tuesday in February (pending Commission approval) |
| Deer, fall turkey, fall javelina, bighorn sheep, fall bison, pheasant | Second Tuesday in June (pending Commission approval)     |
| Spring javelina, spring bear, spring turkey, spring bison             | Second Tuesday in October (pending Commission approval)  |

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Homeland Security Issues along the International Border may affect the quality of a person's hunt. Call 800-BE-ALERT to report suspicious activity.**

## Know the facts and make your own choice

- Lead is a naturally occurring element in the environment and has many beneficial uses. However, it is a known toxin and has been removed from many consumer products like pipes, paint and gasoline.
- Lead has been used in the manufacture of ammunition and fishing tackle for centuries because of its unique properties, availability, performance, and ease and low cost to manufacture.
- Spent ammunition, lost fishing tackle and lead fragments in carcasses and gut piles can be ingested by wildlife. In some cases, these lead sources can cause illness or death in individual animals.
- Birds are the most susceptible to lead toxicity, and population-level effects have been documented in waterfowl and California condors.
- State fish and wildlife agencies have primary responsibility for managing fish and wildlife resources and use the best science to implement focused management solutions when population effects are documented. Educating the public about wildlife issues is part of their mission.
- Hunters and anglers have been the primary supporters of wildlife conservation in North

America since the early 1900s. Collaboration with industry, conservation organizations and shooting-sports interests is also essential to ensuring continued protection of our wildlife resources and conservation heritage.

- Non-lead ammunition and fishing tackle alternatives are becoming more widely available and reasonably priced. Using non-lead alternatives can prevent lead poisoning of individual wildlife and may offer better performance.
- Hunters who choose to use lead ammunition can still help to reduce lead poisoning in scavenging animals by removing the entire game carcass from the field.

### Availability

Non-lead ammo alternatives are available for big game, varmint and small game hunting. Non-fragmenting solid copper or copper alloy bullets are now loaded in most hunting calibers. Highly frangible non-lead varmint bullets (compressed copper or tin powder) are available in both centerfire and rimfire cartridges. Non-lead shot (steel, tungsten, and bismuth) is also available.

To learn more about lead and wildlife, visit [www.azgfd.gov/lead](http://www.azgfd.gov/lead).

### What hunting magazines and Arizona hunters say about solid copper bullets:

"I was very impressed with the bullet's performance, the buck literally dropped in its tracks." – *Kaibab deer hunter*

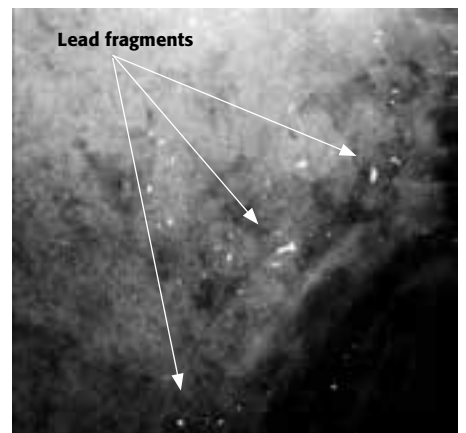
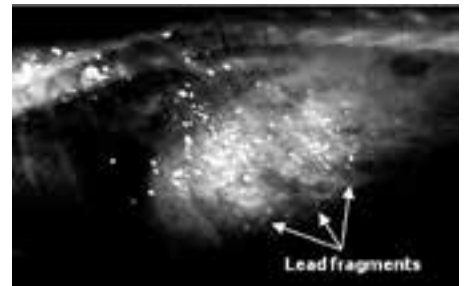
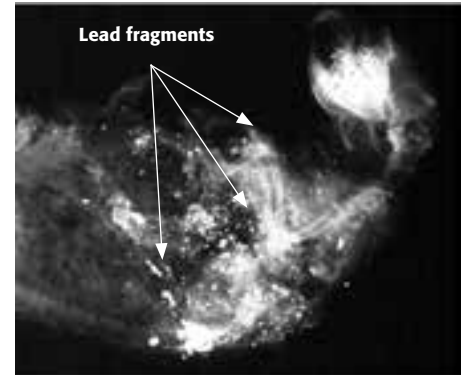
"Accurate, zero bloodshot, no wasted game meat." – *Kaibab deer hunter*

"I've never seen deadlier performance on game." – *Safari Club International article*

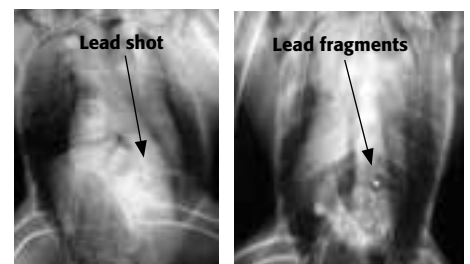
"While their terminal performance is the stuff of legend, they are also capable of remarkable accuracy." – *American Rifleman article*

### LEAD VS. NON-LEAD AMMO COSTS CURRENT PRICES FROM ONLINE AMMO RETAILERS

|                                                                    |                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| .30-06 165 gr. loaded ammo, Box of 20 (big game hunting)           | Basic lead: \$17-\$20, Premium lead: \$25-\$40, Non-lead: \$30-\$40 |
| .223 loaded ammo, Box of 20 (35-55 gr.) (varmint hunting)          | Basic lead: \$6-\$10, Premium lead: \$20-\$27, Non-lead: \$22-\$27  |
| .22 long rifle rimfire, Box of 50 (25-40 gr.) (small game hunting) | Basic lead: \$2-\$4, Premium lead: \$5-\$10, Non-lead: \$6-\$11     |
| 12 gauge #6 shotshells, Box of 25 (upland game/dove hunting)       | Lead: \$7-\$25, Steel: \$7-\$32                                     |



**X-ray of prairie dog (top), coyote (center) and a deer (bottom) gut pile. All contain lead bullet fragments that could be ingested by wildlife.**



**Eagles and other raptors feed on game remains and ingest lead shot and bullet fragments. Doves and waterfowl are known to pick up lead shot in the field.**

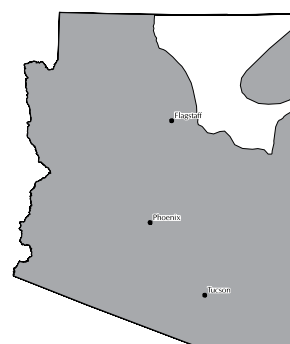
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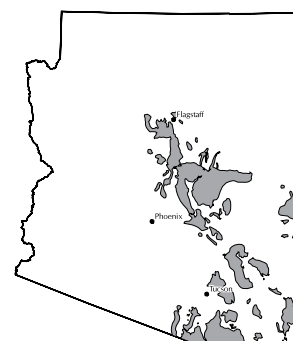
Mule Deer



White-tailed Deer



■ Mule Deer Distribution



■ White-tailed Deer Distribution

**For further information on mule deer and white-tailed deer, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>        | Any valid hunting or combination license <b>EXCEPT</b> a Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish and an Apprentice Hunting License (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees).                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Tag Required</b>            | Hunt Permit-tag obtained only through application and draw process as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. <b>EXCEPT</b> for some Archery-Only deer, a hunt nonpermit-tag must be obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114. Nonpermit-tags are only valid for one calendar year.                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Hunt Numbers Required</b>   | When applying for big game hunt permit-tags, you must use hunt numbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>   | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any firearm, pre-charged pneumatic weapon, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304. <b>Muzzleloader Hunt:</b> Muzzleloader weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304. <b>Archery-Only Hunt:</b> Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, or crossbow if you possess a crossbow permit as allowed under R12-4-216. |
| <b>Legal Animal Definition</b> | Antlered means having an antler fully erupted through the skin and capable of being shed, as defined in R12-4-101.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>               | One (1) deer per calendar year, except as prescribed in R12-4-120.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

*To hunt deer in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license and a deer tag. To hunt deer during a General, Youth-Only, Muzzleloader or Archery-Only season, you must apply through a draw for a hunt permit-tag. For Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag hunts, you may purchase a nonpermit-tag from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114. **If a person is applying for a Youth-Only hunt and a regular hunt on the same application, the higher of the tag fees must be enclosed.***

*Archery deer hunters, you no longer have to call in and report your deer harvest. However, returning your hunter questionnaire is very important.*

*The Department offers "Youth-Only" designated hunts, in which persons are eligible to participate up to their 18th birthday. A youth hunter, whose 18th birthday occurs after opening day of a "Youth-Only" designated hunt for which the hunter has a valid permit or tag, may continue to participate for the duration of the "Youth-Only" designated hunt. Persons between the ages of 10 and 13 must have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director per ARS 17-335 (C). Hunter Education classes fill up quickly. If you need your Hunter Education card before your hunt, get ahead of the game and register now. To register for a Hunter Education class, visit [www.azgfd.gov/hunted](http://www.azgfd.gov/hunted) or call 623-236-7239. No one under age 10 may hunt big game in Arizona. **A youth must pay the higher fee unless applying only for "Youth-Only" hunts.***

## Motorized Big Game Retrieval on National Forest Lands

All national forests are undergoing or have recently completed travel management planning, which will result in changes to motor vehicle use on national forest lands. The Coconino, Coronado, Kaibab and Prescott national forests have implemented the Travel Management Rule regulations and only allow motorized use on designated roads, trails and areas as identified on a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

These maps are available for free at Forest Service offices and electronically for smartphone and mobile devices – instructions are available at each Forest website. The Travel Management rules include restrictions on driving off of designated roads for big game retrieval.

- The South Kaibab National Forest allows for cross-country motorized retrieval of elk in all Game Management Units.
- The Coconino National Forest allows for cross-country motorized re-

trieval of elk in Game Management Units 6A, 6B, 7 and 8. It does not allow cross-country driving for retrieval of any other species or in other Game Management Units on the forest.

- The North Kaibab National Forest allows for cross country motorized travel for retrieval of elk and bison in all Game Management Units.
- The Coronado and Prescott national forests do not allow motorized big game retrieval off the designated road system.

If you have a permit to hunt in a Game Management Unit that includes one or more national forests, please review the information on the appropriate forests' MVUM or contact the national forest(s) for updated information relative to motor vehicle use and motorized big game retrieval, before your hunt starts. Visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r3/about-region/offices> for contact information.

## Deer: Commission Order 2

### GENERAL DEER

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Hunt No.    | Season Dates                                                                                       | Notes         | Open Areas                                      | Legal Wildlife     | Permits |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| <b>1000</b> | <b>BONUS POINT ONLY – See page 17 (no other hunts may be chosen in conjunction with this one).</b> |               |                                                 |                    |         |
| 1001        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               |               | 1                                               | Any antlered deer  | 275     |
| 1002        | Nov 3 - Nov 12, 2017                                                                               | (38)          | 2A, 2B, and 2C                                  | Any antlered deer  | 80      |
| 1003        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               |               | 3A and 3C                                       | Any antlered deer  | 100     |
| 1004        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (19,24,39)    | 4A and 4B                                       | Any antlered deer  | 265     |
| 1005        | Nov 3 - Nov 12, 2017                                                                               | (19,24,39,52) | 5A and 5B                                       | Any antlered deer  | 518     |
| 1006        | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                              | (19,24,39,52) | 5A and 5B                                       | Any antlered deer  | 9       |
| 1007        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                |               | 6A                                              | Antlered mule deer | 475     |
| 1008        | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017                                                                              | (1,37)        | 6B (excluding Camp Navajo)                      | Antlered mule deer | 275     |
| 1009        | Nov 3 - Nov 12, 2017                                                                               |               | 7                                               | Any antlered deer  | 1025    |
| 1010        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                |               | 8                                               | Antlered mule deer | 475     |
| 1011        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                |               | 9                                               | Any antlered deer  | 425     |
| 1012        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (35,40)       | 10                                              | Any antlered deer  | 350     |
| 1013        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (2,3)         | 12A East (excluding Grand Canyon National Park) | Any antlered deer  | 95      |
| 1014        | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017                                                                               | (2,3)         | 12A East (excluding Grand Canyon National Park) | Any antlered deer  | 30      |
| 1015        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (2,4)         | 12A West (excluding Grand Canyon National Park) | Any antlered deer  | 500     |
| 1016        | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017                                                                               | (2,4)         | 12A West (excluding Grand Canyon National Park) | Any antlered deer  | 100     |
| 1017        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (13)          | 12B                                             | Any antlered deer  | 25      |
| 1018        | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017                                                                               | (13)          | 12B                                             | Any antlered deer  | 20      |
| 1019        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (5,13)        | 12B West                                        | Any antlered deer  | 140     |
| 1020        | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017                                                                               | (5,13)        | 12B West                                        | Any antlered deer  | 75      |
| 1021        | Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2017                                                                              | (13)          | 13A                                             | Any antlered deer  | 50      |
| 1022        | Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2017                                                                              | (13)          | 13B                                             | Any antlered deer  | 75      |
| 1023        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (6,35,43)     | 16A (excluding Mohave County Park lands)        | Any antlered deer  | 350     |
| 1024        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (35)          | 17A                                             | Any antlered deer  | 175     |
| 1025        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (35,44)       | 17B                                             | Any antlered deer  | 550     |
| 1026        | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                              | (35,44)       | 17B                                             | Any antlered deer  | 15      |
| 1027        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (35)          | 18A                                             | Any antlered deer  | 450     |
| 1028        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (35)          | 18B                                             | Any antlered deer  | 550     |
| 1029        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (35,45)       | 19A                                             | Any antlered deer  | 700     |
| 1030        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (11,35,46)    | 19B                                             | Any antlered deer  | 250     |
| 1031        | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017                                                                               | (35,47)       | 20A                                             | Any antlered deer  | 800     |
| 1032        | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017                                                                              | (35)          | 20B                                             | Any antlered deer  | 350     |
| 1033        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                |               | 20C                                             | Any antlered deer  | 350     |
| 1034        | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017                                                                              |               | 20C                                             | Any antlered deer  | 350     |
| 1035        | Dec 8 - Dec 14, 2017                                                                               |               | 20C                                             | Any antlered deer  | 50      |
| 1036        | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017                                                                              | (13,35)       | 21                                              | Antlered mule deer | 550     |
| 1037        | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                              | (13,35)       | 21                                              | Antlered mule deer | 10      |
| 1038        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                | (25,35)       | 22                                              | Antlered mule deer | 600     |
| 1039        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                | (35)          | 23                                              | Antlered mule deer | 625     |
| 1040        | Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2017                                                                              | (35)          | 24A                                             | Antlered mule deer | 200     |
| 1041        | Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2017                                                                              | (35)          | 24B                                             | Antlered mule deer | 400     |
| 1042        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                |               | 27                                              | Antlered mule deer | 525     |
| 1043        | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                              |               | 27                                              | Antlered mule deer | 25      |
| 1044        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                | (35)          | 28                                              | Antlered mule deer | 425     |
| 1045        | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017                                                                              | (35)          | 28                                              | Antlered mule deer | 400     |
| 1046        | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017                                                                                | (11,35)       | 29                                              | Antlered mule deer | 75      |
| 1047        | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017                                                                              | (11,35)       | 29                                              | Antlered mule deer | 75      |

## Deer: Commission Order 2 (continued)

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| Hunt No. | Season Dates          | Notes               | Open Areas                                                 | Legal Wildlife          | Permits |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1048     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (6,11,35)           | 30A                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 400     |
| 1049     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (6,11,35)           | 30A                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 400     |
| 1050     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (11,35)             | 30B                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 400     |
| 1051     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (11,35)             | 30B                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 400     |
| 1052     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (20,35)             | 31                                                         | Antlered mule deer      | 100     |
| 1053     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (20,35)             | 31                                                         | Antlered mule deer      | 100     |
| 1054     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (11,20,30,35)       | 32                                                         | Antlered mule deer      | 400     |
| 1055     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (11,20,30,35)       | 32                                                         | Antlered mule deer      | 400     |
| 1056     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (30,35)             | 33                                                         | Antlered mule deer      | 300     |
| 1057     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (10,35)             | 34A                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 25      |
| 1058     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (30,35)             | 34B                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 50      |
| 1059     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (30,35)             | 34B                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 50      |
| 1060     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (6,30,35)           | 36A                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 300     |
| 1061     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (6,30,35)           | 36A                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 275     |
| 1062     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (6,30,31,35)        | 36B                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 150     |
| 1063     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (6,30,31,35)        | 36B                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 150     |
| 1064     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (6,30,35,41)        | 36C                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 100     |
| 1065     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (6,30,35,41)        | 36C                                                        | Antlered mule deer      | 100     |
| 1066     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (13,29,30,32,35,41) | 37A                                                        | Any antlered deer       | 100     |
| 1067     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (13,29,30,32,35,41) | 37A                                                        | Any antlered deer       | 100     |
| 1068     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (18,35)             | 37B                                                        | Any antlered deer       | 500     |
| 1069     | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (18,35)             | 37B                                                        | Any antlered deer       | 500     |
| 1070     | Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2017 | (7,13,23)           | 39, 40A, and 40B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 7) | Any antlered deer       | 450     |
| 1071     | Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2017 | (8)                 | 41                                                         | Any antlered deer       | 550     |
| 1072     | Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2017 |                     | 42 (excluding White Tank Mountain Park)                    | Any antlered deer       | 275     |
| 1073     | Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2017 | (6,8,33)            | 43A, 43B, 44A, and 44B                                     | Any antlered deer       | 450     |
| 1074     | Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2017 | (6)                 | 45A, 45B, and 45C                                          | Any antlered deer       | 275     |
| 1075     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  |                     | 6A                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 150     |
| 1076     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 |                     | 6A                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 125     |
| 1077     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 |                     | 6A                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 50      |
| 1078     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (1,37)              | 6B (excluding Camp Navajo)                                 | Antlered whitetail deer | 55      |
| 1079     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,37)              | 6B (excluding Camp Navajo) and 8                           | Antlered whitetail deer | 25      |
| 1080     | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017  |                     | 8                                                          | Antlered whitetail deer | 75      |
| 1081     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (13,35)             | 21                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 325     |
| 1082     | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (13,35)             | 21                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 325     |
| 1083     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (13,35)             | 21                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 30      |
| 1084     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (25,35)             | 22                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 400     |
| 1085     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (25,35)             | 22                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 400     |
| 1086     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (25,35)             | 22                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 50      |
| 1087     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (35)                | 23                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 300     |
| 1088     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (35)                | 23                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 275     |
| 1089     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (35)                | 23                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 85      |
| 1090     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (35)                | 24A                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 325     |
| 1091     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (35)                | 24A                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 325     |
| 1092     | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (35)                | 24A                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 325     |
| 1093     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (35)                | 24A                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 50      |
| 1094     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (35)                | 24B                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 300     |
| 1095     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (35)                | 24B                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 350     |
| 1096     | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (35)                | 24B                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 400     |
| 1097     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (35)                | 24B                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 50      |
| 1098     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  |                     | 27 and 28                                                  | Antlered whitetail deer | 700     |
| 1099     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 |                     | 27 and 28                                                  | Antlered whitetail deer | 40      |
| 1100     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (11,35)             | 29                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 250     |
| 1101     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (11,35)             | 29                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 225     |
| 1102     | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (11,35)             | 29                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 225     |
| 1103     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (11,35)             | 29                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 40      |
| 1104     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (6,11,35)           | 30A                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 225     |
| 1105     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (6,11,35)           | 30A                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 225     |
| 1106     | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (6,11,35)           | 30A                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 200     |
| 1107     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (6,11,35)           | 30A                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 40      |
| 1108     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (11,35)             | 30B                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 125     |
| 1109     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (11,35)             | 30B                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 125     |
| 1110     | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (11,35)             | 30B                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 150     |
| 1111     | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (11,35)             | 30B                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 100     |
| 1112     | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (20,35)             | 31                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 150     |
| 1113     | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (20,35)             | 31                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 150     |
| 1114     | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (20,35)             | 31                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 150     |

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### GENERAL DEER

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| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes         | Open Areas                                 | Legal Wildlife          | Permits      |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1115         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (20,35)       | 31                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 125          |
| 1116         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (11,20,30,35) | 32                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 425          |
| 1117         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (11,20,30,35) | 32                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 425          |
| 1118         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (11,20,30,35) | 32                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 400          |
| 1119         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (11,20,30,35) | 32                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 50           |
| 1120         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (30,35)       | 33                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 650          |
| 1121         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (30,35)       | 33                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 650          |
| 1122         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (30,35)       | 33                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 650          |
| 1123         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (30,35)       | 33                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 100          |
| 1124         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (10,35)       | 34A                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 675          |
| 1125         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (10,35)       | 34A                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 675          |
| 1126         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (10,35)       | 34A                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 600          |
| 1127         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (10,35)       | 34A                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 100          |
| 1128         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (30,35)       | 34B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 125          |
| 1129         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (30,35)       | 34B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 125          |
| 1130         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (30,35)       | 34B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 100          |
| 1131         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (30,35)       | 34B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 40           |
| 1132         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (9,35)        | 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca)              | Antlered whitetail deer | 375          |
| 1133         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (9,35)        | 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca)              | Antlered whitetail deer | 375          |
| 1134         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (9,35)        | 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca)              | Antlered whitetail deer | 375          |
| 1135         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (9,35)        | 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca)              | Antlered whitetail deer | 50           |
| 1136         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (35)          | 35B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 425          |
| 1137         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (35)          | 35B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 425          |
| 1138         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (35)          | 35B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 350          |
| 1139         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (35)          | 35B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 40           |
| 1140         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (6,30,35)     | 36A                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 400          |
| 1141         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (6,30,35)     | 36A                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 425          |
| 1142         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (6,30,35)     | 36A                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 450          |
| 1143         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (6,30,35)     | 36A                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 40           |
| 1144         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (6,30,31,35)  | 36B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 800          |
| 1145         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (6,30,31,35)  | 36B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 800          |
| 1146         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (6,30,31,35)  | 36B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 750          |
| 1147         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (6,30,31,35)  | 36B                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 40           |
| 1148         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (6,30,35,41)  | 36C                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 175          |
| 1149         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (6,30,35,41)  | 36C                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 175          |
| 1150         | Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2017  | (6,30,35,41)  | 36C                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 175          |
| 1151         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (6,30,35,41)  | 36C                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 125          |
| ----         | Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2017 | (9)           | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A                  | Designated deer         | ---          |
| ----         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (9)           | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A                  | Designated deer         | ---          |
| ----         | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017  | (19,24,39)    | Hopi Tribal Member Hunt in Units 4A and 4B | Any antlered deer       | ---          |
| ----         | Nov 3 - Nov 12, 2017  | (19,24,39,52) | Hopi Tribal Member Hunt in Units 5A and 5B | Any antlered deer       | ---          |
| ----         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (19,24,39,52) | Hopi Tribal Member Hunt in Units 5A and 5B | Any antlered deer       | ---          |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |               |                                            |                         | <b>42132</b> |

### YOUTH-ONLY DEER

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No. | Season Dates          | Notes               | Open Areas                                      | Legal Wildlife    | Permits |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1152     | Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2017 |                     | 8                                               | Any antlered deer | 75      |
| 1153     | Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2017  | (35,40)             | 10                                              | Any antlered deer | 40      |
| 1154     | Oct 13 - Oct 16, 2017 | (2,4,12)            | 12A West (excluding Grand Canyon National Park) | Antlerless deer   | 400     |
| 1155     | Nov 10 - Nov 13, 2017 | (2,4,12)            | 12A West (excluding Grand Canyon National Park) | Antlerless deer   | 125     |
| 1156     | Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2017  | (11,35,44,45,46,47) | 17B, 19A, 19B, 20A                              | Any antlered deer | 200     |
| 1157     | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017  | (35)                | 18B                                             | Any antlered deer | 65      |
| 1158     | Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2017 |                     | 20B                                             | Any antlered deer | 50      |
| 1159     | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017  |                     | 20C                                             | Any antlered deer | 300     |
| 1160     | Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2017 |                     | 21                                              | Any antlered deer | 50      |
| 1161     | Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2017 | (25,35)             | 22                                              | Any antlered deer | 100     |
| 1162     | Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2017 | (35)                | 23                                              | Any antlered deer | 175     |
| 1163     | Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2017 |                     | 27                                              | Any antlered deer | 75      |
| 1164     | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (11,17,20,30,35)    | 28, 31, and 32                                  | Any antlered deer | 100     |
| 1165     | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (6,11,17,35)        | 29, 30A, and 30B                                | Any antlered deer | 150     |
| 1166     | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (17,30,35)          | 33                                              | Any antlered deer | 200     |
| 1167     | Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017 | (30,35)             | 33                                              | Any antlered deer | 200     |
| 1168     | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (10,35)             | 34A                                             | Any antlered deer | 75      |

## Deer: Commission Order 2 (continued)

### YOUTH-ONLY DEER

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| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes           | Open Areas                              | Legal Wildlife    | Permits     |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1169         | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (9,35)          | 35B                                     | Any antlered deer | 75          |
| 1170         | Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017 | (6,17,30,35)    | 36A                                     | Any antlered deer | 175         |
| 1171         | Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017 | (6,17,30,31,35) | 36B                                     | Any antlered deer | 125         |
| 1172         | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017  | (12,48)         | Mohawk Valley Hunt Area in Unit 41      | Antlerless deer   | 30          |
| 1173         | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017  |                 | 42 (excluding White Tank Mountain Park) | Any antlered deer | 75          |
| ----         | Nov 10 - Nov 26, 2017 | (9)             | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A               | Designated deer   | ---         |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |                 |                                         |                   | <b>2885</b> |

### CHAMP DEER (CHALLENGED HUNTER ACCESS MOBILITY PERMIT REQUIRED, SEE R12-4-217)

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes | Open Areas                                      | Legal Wildlife    | Permits   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1174         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  |       | 7                                               | Any antlered deer | 10        |
| 1175         | Sep 22 - Sep 28, 2017 | (2,4) | 12A West (excluding Grand Canyon National Park) | Any antlered deer | 10        |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |       |                                                 |                   | <b>20</b> |

### MUZZLELOADER DEER

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes     | Open Areas                                                                                                 | Legal Wildlife          | Permits     |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1176         | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017  |           | 3B                                                                                                         | Any antlered deer       | 100         |
| 1177         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (1,37)    | 6B (excluding Camp Navajo)                                                                                 | Any antlered deer       | 275         |
| 1178         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 |           | 9                                                                                                          | Any antlered deer       | 25          |
| 1179         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (3)       | 12A East (excluding Grand Canyon National Park)                                                            | Any antlered deer       | 50          |
| 1180         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (5,13)    | 12B West                                                                                                   | Any antlered deer       | 15          |
| 1181         | Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2017  | (6,35,42) | 15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D                                                                                     | Any antlered deer       | 200         |
| 1182         | Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2017 | (6,35,42) | 15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D                                                                                     | Any antlered deer       | 50          |
| 1183         | Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2017  | (35)      | 20B                                                                                                        | Any antlered deer       | 110         |
| 1184         | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (35)      | 33                                                                                                         | Antlered whitetail deer | 375         |
| 1185         | Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2017 | (10,35)   | 34A                                                                                                        | Any antlered deer       | 25          |
| 1186         | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (9,35)    | 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca) and 35B                                                                      | Any antlered deer       | 40          |
| 1187         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (9,35)    | 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca) and 35B                                                                      | Any antlered deer       | 10          |
| 1188         | Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2017 | (6,30,35) | 36A                                                                                                        | Antlered whitetail deer | 75          |
| 1189         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (7,8,13)  | 39, 40A, 40B, 41, and 42 (excluding White Tank Mountain Park)(Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 7) | Any antlered deer       | 50          |
| ----         | Nov 3 - Nov 9, 2017   | (9)       | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A                                                                                  | Designated deer         | ---         |
| ----         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (9)       | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A                                                                                  | Designated deer         | ---         |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |           |                                                                                                            |                         | <b>1400</b> |

### YOUTH-ONLY (MUZZLELOADER) DEER

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes        | Open Areas                               | Legal Wildlife    | Permits   |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1190         | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017  | (6,17,35,42) | 15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D                   | Any antlered deer | 20        |
| 1191         | Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (6,17,35,43) | 16A (excluding Mohave County Park Lands) | Any antlered deer | 25        |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |              |                                          |                   | <b>45</b> |

### ARCHERY-ONLY DEER

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes | Open Areas                                         | Legal Wildlife    | Permits    |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1192         | Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 |       | 3A and 3C                                          | Any antlered deer | 75         |
| 1193         | Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (36)  | 11M (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 36)     | Any antlered deer | 100        |
| 1194         | Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (14)  | 12A (excluding Grand Canyon National Park) and 12B | Any antlered deer | 450        |
| 1195         | Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (13)  | 13A                                                | Any antlered deer | 15         |
| 1196         | Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (13)  | 13B                                                | Any antlered deer | 25         |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |       |                                                    |                   | <b>665</b> |

# Deer Hunts

## ARCHERY-ONLY NONPERMIT-TAG REQUIRED DEER

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

|                                                                               |             | SEASON DATES AND LEGAL WILDLIFE |                         |                   |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Open Area                                                                     | Notes       | Aug 25-Sep 14, 2017             | Dec 15-31, 2017         | Jan 1-15, 2018    | Jan 1-31, 2018    |
| 1                                                                             |             | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| 2A/2B/2C                                                                      | 38          | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| 3B North                                                                      | 50          | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| 3B South (Restrictions Apply - See Note 51)                                   | 51          | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| 4A                                                                            | 19,39       | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 4B                                                                            | 39          | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| 5A/5B                                                                         | 19,39,52    | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| 6A                                                                            |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   |                   |
| 6B (excluding Camp Navajo)                                                    | 1,37        | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| 6B South                                                                      | 26          |                                 |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 7                                                                             |             | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| 8                                                                             |             | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 9                                                                             |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       | Any Antlered Deer |                   |
| 10                                                                            | 40          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 15A/15B (Restrictions Apply - See Note 42)                                    | 42          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 15C/15D                                                                       |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 16A (excluding Mohave County Park Lands) (Restrictions Apply - See Note 43)   | 6,43        | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 17A                                                                           |             | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 17B (Restrictions Apply - See Note 44)                                        | 44          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 18A                                                                           |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 18B                                                                           |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 19A (Restrictions Apply - See Note 45)                                        | 45          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 19B (Restrictions Apply - See Note 46)                                        | 11,46       | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 20A (Restrictions Apply - See Note 47)                                        | 47          | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 20B                                                                           | 34          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 20C                                                                           |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 21                                                                            | 13          | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 22                                                                            | 25          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 23                                                                            |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 24A                                                                           |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 24B                                                                           |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 25M (Restrictions Apply - See Note 36)                                        | 16,27,34,36 |                                 | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 26M (excluding Cave Creek Recreation Area) (Restrictions Apply - See Note 36) | 15,21,34,36 |                                 | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 27                                                                            |             | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 28                                                                            |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 29                                                                            | 11          | Any Antlered Deer               |                         | Any Antlered Deer |                   |
| 30A                                                                           | 6,11        | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 30B                                                                           | 11          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 31                                                                            | 20          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 32                                                                            | 11,20,30    | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 33                                                                            | 30,49       | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 34A                                                                           | 10          | Any Antlered Deer               | Antlered Whitetail Only |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 34B                                                                           | 30          | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca)                                                 |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 35B                                                                           |             | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 36A                                                                           | 6,30        | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 36B                                                                           | 6,30,31     | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 36C                                                                           | 6,30,41     | Any Antlered Deer               | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 37A                                                                           | 13,30,32,41 |                                 |                         | Any Antlered Deer |                   |
| 37B                                                                           | 18          |                                 | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 38M (Restrictions Apply - See Note 22)                                        | 22          |                                 | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 39/40A/40B                                                                    | 7,13,23,34  |                                 | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 41                                                                            | 8           |                                 | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 42                                                                            | 34          |                                 |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 43A/43B/44A/44B                                                               | 6,8,33      |                                 | Any Antlered Deer       |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| 45A/45B/45C                                                                   | 6           |                                 |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |
| Camp Navajo                                                                   | 1           | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   |                   |
| Fort Huachuca                                                                 | 9           | Any Antlered Deer               |                         |                   | Any Antlered Deer |

## Deer Notes:

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to deer hunting only to properly license hunters who meet the qualifications as "Authorized Participants" according to the installation hunting policies outlined on the National Guard Website. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Hunters must log onto the National Guard Website and read the installation policies and security requirements in order to have access Camp Navajo hunt numbers: <https://dema.az.gov/army-national-guard/camp-navajo/garrison-operations/camp-navajo-hunting-information>. An applicant who applies for a category of permit for which he or she is not eligible to participate may not be authorized to participate in the hunt. All hunters are required to show proof of attendance in a hunter safety education course during paperwork submission for the Camp Navajo permit. Increases in Force Protection Conditions, training missions and industrial operations may result in partial or complete hunt cancellation at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department or Camp Navajo. Camp Navajo will charge a recreation fee for all hunters. No cash will be taken, only personal checks and money orders. The cost of the recreation fee can be found at the Camp Navajo Website above or by emailing the hunt coordinator at the email address found on Camp Navajo's website.
2. Successful Unit 12A (North Kaibab) general and youth-only deer hunters must check out and personally present their deer for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station in accordance with R12-4-308. A check station will not be operated during the Unit 12A (North Kaibab) CHAMP, muzzleloader, or archery deer hunts.
3. 12A East Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located east of AZ Hwy 67 and south of U.S. Hwy 89A.
4. 12A West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located west of AZ Hwy 67 and also that portion of Unit 12A located north of U.S. Hwy 89A.
5. 12B West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12B beginning at the Arizona-Utah Stateline and BLM Rd. 1065; south on BLM 1065 to U.S. Hwy 89A; west on U.S. Hwy 89A to Kaibab National Forest boundary; north then west then south on the Kaibab National Forest boundary to Kanab Creek; north on Kanab Creek to the Arizona-Utah Stateline; east on the Arizona-Utah Stateline to BLM 1065.
6. The Buenos Aires, Cibola, Imperial, and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to deer hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
7. Barry M Goldwater Range: Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the appropriate land management agency for hunting access to Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) and applicable adjacent areas. The BMGR is closed to hunting except open public recreational use areas, as allowed via an authorized entry permit. Hunters wishing to access or cross additional areas in BMGR East must coordinate with the 56th Fighter Wing Range Management Office. To access the BMGR or Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, hunters must sign a hold harmless agreement and obtain an entry permit. More information can be obtained by calling Luke Air Force Base, 56th Fighter Wing RMO at (623) 856-7216; the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma at (928) 269-7150; the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office at (602) 417-9200; the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge at (520) 387-6483; the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field at (623) 856-5200 or by emailing 56RMO.PublicAffairs@us.af.mil.
8. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to deer hunting except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed U.S. citizens holding a valid YPG Hunting Program Access Permit and coordinating with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must obtain a hunting access permit before entering YPG. Access permits are issued at the YPG Visitor Center, located at the Wahner E. Brooks Exhibit Park (tank display) off Imperial Dam Road. Hours for obtaining hunting permits are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Hunting access permit applicants must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement, receive a Range Safety Briefing, and undergo a brief background check. Furthermore, all firearms must be registered at the visitor center prior to entering YPG. Do not bring the firearms into the visitor center. Due to military activities some hunting areas may be temporarily closed on short notice. Updates will be posted on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/USAYPG>. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 307, Attn: Hunting Program, 307 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498; email: [usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.hunting@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.hunting@mail.mil); call (928) 328-2125; or visit <https://www.yuma.army.mil/Visiting/Hunting-at-YPG>.
9. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to deer hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Youth only hunts are only open to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian dependents holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
10. The Santa Rita Wildlife Area in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
11. Hunter access is extremely restricted in this unit. Applicants should secure access before applying.
12. An "antlerless deer" is a deer, any age, without antlers.
13. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting when the unit they occur in is open to hunting.
14. Unit 12A archery deer season hunters are not required to check their deer for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station.
15. The following described area in Unit 26M is closed to hunting: those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
16. A portion of Unit 25M is closed to hunting. Hunting is not permitted in the following area of Unit 25M: an unincorporated portion of land west of Loop 202 (San Tan Freeway) known as the Elliot and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
17. Individuals with permits for these hunts are eligible to purchase Restricted Nonpermit tags for the corresponding javelina population management seasons listed in Commission Order 26.
18. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov) (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
19. Access requirements for portions of Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North - In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only by contacting the Hopi Tribe Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program via

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- e-mail at [hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling (928) 734-3606 or (928) 734-3605 from Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Please contact in advance to gain access for hunting and scouting. In Unit 5B North, access is permitted on the Hopi's Hart/Drye Ranch and in Unit 4A on the Hopi's Aja Ranch by signing in at designated sign-in boxes located at access points.
20. Unit 31 and 32 hunts - Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or Recreation.gov search Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness Permit.
21. The following described area in Unit 26M is closed to hunting: the unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.
22. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area and Tucson Mountain Park in Unit 38M are open to archery hunting, except those portions within ¼ mile of any occupied residence or building, developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, boat ramp, or golf course are closed to hunting. Developed areas do not include trails. Archery hunters planning to hunt the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area must check-in with the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Tucson Regional Office prior to going afield. Tucson Mountain Park is a Pima County Park that occurs within the boundaries of the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area. The boundary for Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Saguaro National Monument boundary (Township 13 South, Range 11 East, Section 33); south about 1 mile to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline; southeast along El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline to Sandario Rd; south on Sandario Rd about 2 miles to the southwest corner of Township 14 South, Range 11 East, Section 15; east along this section line to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline; southeast along the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline to AZ Hwy 86 (Ajo Hwy); easterly on AZ Hwy 86 to the Tucson city limits; north along the city limits to Silverbell Rd; northwest on Silverbell Rd to Twin Peaks Rd; west on Twin Peaks Rd to Sandario Rd; south on Sandario Rd to the Saguaro National Monument boundary; west and south along the monument boundary to northwest corner of the Saguaro National Monument boundary (Township 13 South, Range 11 East, Section 33).
23. Unit 39 - Arlington, Base and Meridian, Robbins Butte, and Powers Butte Wildlife Areas are closed to discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
24. Hopi Trust lands in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B are open to both state and Hopi hunters under an agreement with the Hopi Tribe. A percentage of tags are set aside for Hopi Tribal member hunters. Hunt numbers for these hunts must be obtained from the Hopi Tribe Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program by calling (928) 734-3606 or (928) 734-3605. Non-Hopi Tribal members cannot apply for these hunts. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department on the standard form by the published deadline. If all permits for these hunts are not issued through the draw, the left-over permits will be available to all hunters (tribal and non-tribal) through the first-come, first-serve process; the list of hunts with left over permits list will be maintained on the Arizona Game and Fish Department website.
25. The area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, is open to public entry and the taking of deer during open season.
26. 6B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 6B located south of the following: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 89A (mp 371) and FR 152 (Dry Creek Rd.); north on FR 152 to FR 152C (Boynton Pass Rd.); west on FR 152C to FR 525 (Red Canyon Rd.); northwest on FR 525 to the Red Rock Secret Mountain Wilderness boundary at Gate 2 of 9999 Red Canyon Rd.; westerly along the Red Rock Secret Mountain Wilderness boundary to the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness boundary (at the gate in section 18); southwesterly along the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness boundary to Dogie Trail (Forest Trail 116); northwest on Dogie Trail to Sycamore Creek.
27. Within Unit 25M as described in R12-4-108, all incorporated lands, including private property within municipal boundaries, are closed to hunting unless opened under Commission Order. Incorporated includes all municipal and corporate limits. County islands are open to hunting provided the hunter does not discharge a firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied farmhouse, residence, cabin, lodge, or building without permission of the owner or resident. Privately held lands within county islands may be closed by the landowner.
28. The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting within the respective unit: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33, Emperita Ranch in Unit 34B, Bar V Ranch in Unit 34B, Sands Ranch in Unit 34B, Clyne Ranch in Unit 34B, Diamond Bell Ranch in Unit 36A, Marley Ranch in Units 36A and 36B, Rancho Seco in Units 36A and 36B, Kings 98 Ranch in Unit 36C, Old Hayhook Ranch in Unit 36C, Verdugo in Unit 36C, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochise Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
29. The following described area in Unit 36B is closed to hunting: in the posted portion of Sopori Ranch south of Arivaca Road in Sections 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 11 East. The remainder of Sopori Ranch is open to hunting.
30. The following described area in the Town of Marana in Unit 37A is closed to hunting: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
31. The following described area in the Town of Quartzsite in Units 43A and 44B is closed to hunting: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 West.
32. The following parks and preserves in Maricopa County are open to hunting as defined in R12-4-321 and are open for archery-only: Lake Pleasant, White Tank Mountains, Estrella Mountain and McDowell Mountain Regional parks; McDowell Sonoran Preserve; and portions of Skyline Regional Park (Back Country designated area only – contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Mesa Regional office or City of Buckeye for open area maps). Hunting in parks and preserves opened by this Commission Order is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
33. Areas of private property within municipal boundaries (except in Unit 39 west of AZ Hwy 85) are closed to deer hunting during this hunt.
34. Those portions of Units 11M, 25M, and 26M within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building within municipal or corporate limits are closed to deer hunting during this season.
35. Rogers Lake Coconino County Natural Area in Unit 6B is open to deer hunting; this area is closed to all vehicle access and is closed to motorized big game retrieval. Hunting is not permitted within ¼ mile of any occupied building, wildlife viewing platform, picnic area, or developed trailhead.
36. Areas of public or private land within or surrounded by the Navajo Nation are included as part of the open area for this hunt number.

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39. Hopi Trust Lands in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North – The Hopi Tribe Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program requires all AZGFD State Certified/Licensed Outfitters and Guides who conduct business (guide, pre-scout, or request access on behalf of their clients) on the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranches in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North to contact Marietta Honie at the Office of Revenue Commission at (928) 734-3172 or by email at MaHonie@hopi.nsn.us to obtain an annual Hopi Tribal Business License. Upon approval of a Hopi Tribal Business License, access to the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranch may be obtained via email at hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us or by calling (928) 734-3673, (928) 734-3672 or (928) 734-3671 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm (MST).
40. The Arizona Game and Fish Department has entered into a Landowner Compact Agreement with the Boquillas-Diamond A Ranch. The Boquillas-Diamond A Ranch encompasses the entire western half of Unit 10, about 720,000 acres. This hunt may have restricted access. Applicants should secure access before applying; visit the Ranch's website for details, [www.HuntBigBoRanch.com](http://www.HuntBigBoRanch.com).
41. The following City of Tucson Water Properties located in Avra Valley are open to hunting: the Duval property in Unit 36C and the Buckalew, Flying E Bar, Ed Anway, Kai, Tucker, and Trust 205 properties in Unit 37A; all other Tucson Water Properties are closed to hunting. All open City of Tucson properties are foot access only at designated entry points. Please sign in and out at sign-in boxes located at designated entry points.
42. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 15B within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season: beginning at the junction of West Tennessee Ave and Tennessee Ave; east on Tennessee Ave to Patterson Lane; south and west on Patterson Lane to Tennessee Wash; northeast along Tennessee Wash to Tennessee Ave; west on Tennessee Ave to 6th St; north on 6th St to Emerson Ave; west on Emerson Ave to 4th St; north and west on 4th St to West Tennessee Ave; south on West Tennessee Ave to Tennessee Ave.
43. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 16A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season: that portion of Unit 16A in Township 20 North, Range 15 West, Section 28 (Pine Lakes Community is within this area).
44. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 17B within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season: beginning at the junction of Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10) and Williamson Valley Rd (County Rd 5); west on Iron Springs Rd to Contreras Rd; north and west on Contreras Rd to Tonto Rd (FR 102); north on FR 102 to Fair Oaks Rd; east on Fair Oaks Rd to Williamson Valley Rd (FR 6); south on Williamson Valley Rd to Iron Springs Rd.
45. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 19A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season: beginning at the intersection of AZ Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69; north on AZ Hwy 89 to AZ Hwy 89A; east on Hwy 89A to Glassford Hill Rd; south on Glassford Hill Rd to AZ Hwy 69; west and south on AZ Hwy 69 to AZ Hwy 89.
46. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 19B within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season: beginning at the intersection of AZ Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69 (Gurley St); west on Gurley St to Grove Ave; north on Grove Ave to Miller Valley Rd; northwest on Miller Valley Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); northwest on Iron Springs Rd to Williamson Valley Rd (County Rd 5); north on Williamson Valley Rd to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks; north and east along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks to AZ Hwy 89; south on AZ Hwy 89 to AZ Hwy 69.
47. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 20A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season: beginning at the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer; west on Central Ave to Miami St; south on Miami St to Main St; west on Main St to First St; south on First St to Fair Mist Ave; east on Fair Mist Ave to Jefferson St; southwest on Jefferson St which becomes Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177); continue south and west on Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177) to Senator Hwy (FR 52); north and west on Senator Hwy (FR 52) to Wolf Creek Rd; west on Wolf Creek Rd to Indian Creek Rd; north on Indian Creek Rd to Hwy 89; south on Hwy 89 to the Copper Creek Rd (FR 53); north on FR 53 to Copper Basin Rd; west on Copper Basin Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); north and east on Iron Springs Rd to Miller Valley Rd; south on Miller Valley Rd to Grove Ave; south on Grove Ave to Gurley St; east on Gurley St to AZ Hwy 69; east and south on AZ Hwy 69 to the eastern junction of AZ Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer.
48. Mohawk Valley Hunt Area in Unit 41 – That portion of Unit 41 east of Fortuna Road, west of Avenue 57 East and south of the Yuma Proving Grounds boundary. Hunting access may be restricted on private property; ensure you obtain permission to hunt on private land.
49. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 33 within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season: beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 77 and Biosphere Rd; east on Biosphere Rd to Copper Hill Rd; east on Copper Hill Rd to the Coronado National Forest Boundary; south along the Coronado National Forest Boundary to Ewin road; west on Edwin road to AZ Hwy 77; north on AZ Hwy 77 north to Biosphere Rd.
50. 3B North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 3B located north of U.S. Hwy 60.
51. 3B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 3B located south of U.S. Hwy 60. Within municipal limits of the City of Show Low and the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, those portions of Unit 3B South within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season.
52. For hunts in Units 5A and 5B North, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has entered into a Landowner Compact Agreement with the Bar T Bar Ranch and Flying M Ranch located in the northern portion of Units 5A and 5B. A Ranch Pass and adherence to Ranch Rules is required to access these ranches. Signage at points of entrance to the ranch provides notification of the Landowner Compact Agreement. The free Ranch Pass, a copy of Ranch Rules, and location map may be obtained online from the Department's Landowner Relations Program web page <https://agfdlandownerrelations.com>. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Flying M Ranch may also be obtained at sign-in boxes located at either of the two entrance points onto the ranch. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Bar T Bar Ranch may also be obtained at the Meteor Crater Gas Station/Convenience Store.

# Deer Hunts

Draw odds reflect an applicant's chance of receiving their first choice only and are computed without regard to bonus points. Hunt Success is calculated based upon responses from the Hunter Harvest Questionnaires. For more harvest information, reference the Hunt Arizona data at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). First select Hunting on the homepage, then select "Harvest and Survey Data" under Additional Hunting Information.

## 2016 Drawing Odds & Success Rate

| Unit                    | Hunt Type  | Date        | Permits Authorized | 1st & 2nd Choice | % Draw Odds | Hunt Success |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>GENERAL DEER</b>     |            |             |                    |                  |             |              |
| 1                       | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 225                | 2213             | 13          | 60           |
| 2                       | Antlered   | 10/28-11/6  | 80                 | 511              | 26          | 29           |
| 3A/3C                   | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 100                | 4154             | 3           | 83           |
| 4                       | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 241                | 1745             | 19          | 35           |
| 4 (Hopi)                | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 9                  | 23               | 100         | 56           |
| 5                       | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 471                | 3633             | 21          | 37           |
| 5 (Hopi)                | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 29                 | 43               | 80          | 34           |
| 6A                      | Ant. MD    | 10/28-11/3  | 475                | 4103             | 19          | 29           |
| 6A                      | Ant. WT    | 12/9-12/31  | 50                 | 851              | 7           | 60           |
| 6A                      | Ant. WT    | 10/21-10/27 | 150                | 389              | 49          | 26           |
| 6A                      | Ant. WT    | 11/4-11/10  | 125                | 349              | 55          | 35           |
| 6B (Y)                  | Antlered   | 10/7-10/13  | 75                 | 310              | 35          | 79           |
| 6B                      | Ant. WT    | 10/28-11/3  | 55                 | 87               | 83          | 15           |
| 6B                      | Ant. MD    | 11/4-11/10  | 200                | 1063             | 32          | 25           |
| 6B/8                    | Ant. WT    | 12/9-12/31  | 25                 | 284              | 9           | 57           |
| 7                       | Antlered   | 10/21-10/27 | 10                 | 45               | 18          | 86           |
| 7                       | Antlered   | 10/28-11/6  | 1025               | 3326             | 40          | 32           |
| 8                       | Ant. WT    | 10/21-10/30 | 75                 | 137              | 67          | 10           |
| 8                       | Ant. MD    | 10/28-11/3  | 550                | 3364             | 25          | 30           |
| 9                       | Antlered   | 10/28-11/3  | 425                | 1232             | 47          | 26           |
| 9                       | Antlered   | 12/9-12/31  | 15                 | 1075             | 2           | 62           |
| 10                      | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 350                | 1584             | 36          | 29           |
| 10 (Y)                  | Antlered   | 10/7-10/16  | 40                 | 297              | 23          | 47           |
| 12A East                | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 95                 | 1482             | 9           | 69           |
| 12A East                | Antlered   | 11/18-11/27 | 30                 | 1427             | 4           | 83           |
| 12A West (Y)            | Antlerless | 11/11-11/14 | 175                | 505              | 62          | 77           |
| 12A West (Y)            | Antlerless | 10/7-10/10  | 400                | 856              | 54          | 92           |
| 12A West                | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 500                | 4788             | 12          | 64           |
| 12A West                | Antlered   | 11/18-11/27 | 100                | 5186             | 3           | 78           |
| 12A West                | Antlered   | 9/9-9/15    | 10                 | 101              | 13          | 80           |
| 12B                     | Antlered   | 11/18-11/27 | 20                 | 1174             | 3           | 74           |
| 12B                     | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 25                 | 326              | 12          | 52           |
| 12B West                | Antlered   | 11/18-11/27 | 75                 | 2019             | 4           | 86           |
| 12B West                | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 140                | 734              | 19          | 85           |
| 13A                     | Antlered   | 11/4-11/13  | 60                 | 4235             | 3           | 64           |
| 13B                     | Antlered   | 11/11-11/20 | 75                 | 8268             | 1           | 89           |
| 16A                     | Antlered   | 10/21-11/30 | 350                | 544              | 86          | 21           |
| 17A                     | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 175                | 801              | 32          | 33           |
| 17B                     | Antlered   | 12/9-12/31  | 15                 | 907              | 2           | 100          |
| 17B                     | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 500                | 1684             | 47          | 33           |
| 17B/19A/<br>19B/20A (Y) | Antlered   | 10/7-10/16  | 200                | 791              | 34          | 75           |
| 18A                     | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 550                | 937              | 78          | 18           |
| 18B                     | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 550                | 1270             | 59          | 37           |
| 18B (Y)                 | Antlered   | 11/18-11/27 | 65                 | 245              | 37          | 38           |
| 19A                     | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 700                | 2574             | 39          | 40           |
| 19B                     | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 225                | 596              | 58          | 26           |
| 20A                     | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 800                | 2301             | 49          | 42           |
| 20B (Y)                 | Antlered   | 10/7-10/13  | 50                 | 48               | 100         | 44           |
| 20B                     | Antlered   | 11/4-11/10  | 350                | 521              | 91          | 25           |
| 20C                     | Antlered   | 11/11-11/17 | 400                | 559              | 100         | 33           |
| 20C                     | Antlered   | 10/28-11/3  | 400                | 848              | 72          | 42           |
| 20C (Y)                 | Antlered   | 12/16-12/31 | 50                 | 479              | 14          | 85           |
| 20C (Y)                 | Antlered   | 11/18-11/27 | 300                | 166              | 100         | 33           |
| 21                      | Ant. MD    | 12/9-12/31  | 10                 | 968              | 2           | 38           |
| 21                      | Ant. WT    | 10/21-10/27 | 675                | 733              | 97          | 31           |
| 21 (Y)                  | Antlered   | 10/7-10/13  | 50                 | 231              | 32          | 73           |
| 21                      | Ant. MD    | 11/4-11/10  | 550                | 1495             | 48          | 21           |
| 21                      | Ant. WT    | 12/9-12/31  | 30                 | 762              | 6           | 52           |
| 22                      | Ant. WT    | 11/4-11/10  | 400                | 921              | 68          | 19           |
| 22                      | Ant. MD    | 10/28-11/3  | 600                | 2036             | 41          | 23           |
| 22 (Y)                  | Antlered   | 10/7-10/13  | 100                | 643              | 26          | 63           |
| 22                      | Ant. WT    | 10/21-10/27 | 400                | 1027             | 55          | 34           |
| 22                      | Ant. WT    | 12/9-12/31  | 50                 | 1575             | 4           | 76           |
| 23                      | Ant. WT    | 11/4-11/10  | 275                | 799              | 51          | 24           |

## 2016 Drawing Odds & Success Rate

| Unit                   | Hunt Type | Date        | Permits Authorized | 1st & 2nd Choice | % Draw Odds | Hunt Success |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>GENERAL DEER</b>    |           |             |                    |                  |             |              |
| 23                     | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 85                 | 2033             | 6           | 54           |
| 23                     | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 300                | 896              | 53          | 36           |
| 23 (Y)                 | Antlered  | 10/7-10/13  | 175                | 1024             | 29          | 63           |
| 23                     | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 625                | 2970             | 29          | 29           |
| 24A                    | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 325                | 408              | 99          | 24           |
| 24A                    | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/20 | 200                | 1085             | 25          | 54           |
| 24A                    | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 50                 | 688              | 10          | 62           |
| 24A                    | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 325                | 354              | 96          | 27           |
| 24A                    | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 325                | 294              | 98          | 22           |
| 24B                    | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 300                | 588              | 65          | 35           |
| 24B                    | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 350                | 406              | 100         | 30           |
| 24B                    | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 350                | 559              | 83          | 38           |
| 24B                    | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 50                 | 799              | 8           | 47           |
| 24B                    | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/20 | 400                | 1188             | 48          | 25           |
| 27 (Y)                 | Antlered  | 10/7-10/13  | 75                 | 794              | 14          | 86           |
| 27                     | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 525                | 2743             | 24          | 48           |
| 27                     | Ant. MD   | 12/9-12/31  | 25                 | 1659             | 3           | 81           |
| 27/28                  | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 600                | 807              | 87          | 36           |
| 27/28                  | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 817              | 6           | 95           |
| 28                     | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 425                | 692              | 79          | 34           |
| 28                     | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 400                | 452              | 99          | 45           |
| 28/29/30/<br>31/32 (Y) | Antlered  | 10/7-10/13  | 200                | 864              | 29          | 83           |
| 29                     | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 75                 | 243              | 60          | 15           |
| 29                     | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 75                 | 216              | 46          | 6            |
| 29                     | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 250                | 298              | 95          | 41           |
| 29                     | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 225                | 220              | 96          | 46           |
| 29                     | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 225                | 192              | 100         | 38           |
| 29                     | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 478              | 9           | 86           |
| 30A                    | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 400                | 451              | 100         | 33           |
| 30A                    | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 247              | 17          | 65           |
| 30A                    | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 400                | 655              | 77          | 42           |
| 30A                    | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 225                | 65               | 100         | 30           |
| 30A                    | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 225                | 54               | 100         | 28           |
| 30A                    | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 200                | 79               | 94          | 50           |
| 30B                    | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 400                | 565              | 99          | 34           |
| 30B                    | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 400                | 744              | 80          | 34           |
| 30B                    | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 100                | 107              | 88          | 35           |
| 30B                    | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 125                | 88               | 100         | 46           |
| 30B                    | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 125                | 133              | 91          | 38           |
| 30B                    | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 75                 | 416              | 18          | 63           |
| 31                     | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 100                | 461              | 40          | 38           |
| 31                     | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 100                | 596              | 28          | 59           |
| 31                     | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 125                | 1180             | 12          | 70           |
| 31                     | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 150                | 407              | 57          | 59           |
| 31                     | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 150                | 380              | 60          | 44           |
| 31                     | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 150                | 347              | 51          | 52           |
| 32                     | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 425                | 434              | 99          | 35           |
| 32                     | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 400                | 386              | 97          | 42           |
| 32                     | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 375                | 783              | 74          | 47           |
| 32                     | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 425                | 368              | 100         | 39           |
| 32                     | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 375                | 1047             | 50          | 53           |
| 32                     | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 50                 | 732              | 6           | 31           |
| 33 (Y)                 | Antlered  | 11/18-11/24 | 175                | 385              | 63          | 48           |
| 33                     | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 725                | 1437             | 65          | 47           |
| 33                     | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 300                | 689              | 65          | 26           |
| 33                     | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 725                | 1273             | 78          | 38           |
| 33                     | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 50                 | 1949             | 3           | 65           |
| 33                     | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 725                | 1277             | 94          | 39           |
| 33 (Y)                 | Antlered  | 10/7-10/13  | 150                | 543              | 38          | 65           |
| 34A                    | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 675                | 719              | 100         | 22           |
| 34A                    | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 600                | 811              | 98          | 34           |
| 34A                    | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 1153             | 5           | 50           |
| 34A (Y)                | Antlered  | 10/7-10/13  | 75                 | 212              | 48          | 57           |
| 34A                    | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 675                | 802              | 93          | 35           |

# Deer Hunts

Draw odds reflect an applicant's chance of receiving their first choice only and are computed without regard to bonus points. Hunt Success is calculated based upon responses from the Hunter Harvest Questionnaires. For more harvest information, reference the Hunt Arizona data at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). First select Hunting on the homepage, then select "Harvest and Survey Data" under Additional Hunting Information.

## 2016 Drawing Odds & Success Rate

| Unit                | Hunt Type | Date        | Permits Authorized | 1st & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice | % Draw Odds | Hunt Success |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>GENERAL DEER</b> |           |             |                    |                              |             |              |
| 34A                 | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 25                 | 317                          | 10          | 12           |
| 34B                 | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 100                | 125                          | 100         | 44           |
| 34B                 | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 383                          | 13          | 60           |
| 34B                 | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 50                 | 177                          | 52          | 38           |
| 34B                 | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 50                 | 198                          | 26          | NA           |
| 34B                 | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 100                | 85                           | 100         | 19           |
| 34B                 | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 100                | 118                          | 88          | 22           |
| 35A                 | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 646                          | 8           | 55           |
| 35A                 | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 375                | 185                          | 98          | 16           |
| 35A                 | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 375                | 258                          | 94          | 36           |
| 35A                 | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 325                | 258                          | 97          | 40           |
| 35B                 | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 614                          | 8           | 49           |
| 35B                 | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 350                | 474                          | 98          | 29           |
| 35B                 | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 425                | 450                          | 94          | 34           |
| 35B                 | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 425                | 393                          | 100         | 19           |
| 36A                 | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 450                | 287                          | 92          | 35           |
| 36A (Y)             | Antlered  | 11/18-11/24 | 175                | 290                          | 83          | 51           |
| 36A                 | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 400                | 445                          | 88          | 39           |
| 36A                 | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 672                          | 8           | 37           |
| 36A                 | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 300                | 1100                         | 36          | 21           |
| 36A                 | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 425                | 268                          | 100         | 27           |
| 36A                 | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 275                | 911                          | 52          | 28           |
| 36B                 | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 40                 | 1050                         | 5           | 68           |
| 36B                 | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 750                | 715                          | 98          | 36           |
| 36B                 | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 150                | 493                          | 51          | 53           |
| 36B                 | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 150                | 694                          | 37          | 39           |
| 36B                 | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 800                | 797                          | 100         | 32           |
| 36B                 | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 800                | 1028                         | 93          | 31           |
| 36B (Y)             | Antlered  | 11/18-11/24 | 125                | 238                          | 92          | 59           |
| 36C                 | Ant. MD   | 11/11-11/17 | 100                | 204                          | 85          | 32           |
| 36C                 | Ant. WT   | 12/9-12/31  | 125                | 869                          | 15          | 43           |
| 36C                 | Ant. WT   | 11/25-12/4  | 175                | 259                          | 86          | 46           |
| 36C                 | Ant. MD   | 10/28-11/3  | 100                | 206                          | 69          | 30           |
| 36C                 | Ant. WT   | 10/21-10/27 | 175                | 163                          | 95          | 34           |
| 36C                 | Ant. WT   | 11/4-11/10  | 175                | 190                          | 97          | 38           |
| 37A                 | Antlered  | 10/28-11/3  | 75                 | 468                          | 25          | 34           |
| 37A                 | Antlered  | 11/11-11/17 | 75                 | 496                          | 28          | 46           |
| 37B                 | Antlered  | 10/28-11/3  | 500                | 1469                         | 51          | 20           |

## 2016 Drawing Odds & Success Rate

| Unit                        | Hunt Type  | Date        | Permits Authorized | 1st & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice | % Draw Odds | Hunt Success |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>GENERAL DEER</b>         |            |             |                    |                              |             |              |
| 37B                         | Antlered   | 11/11-11/17 | 500                | 1225                         | 72          | 28           |
| 39/40                       | Antlered   | 11/4-11/13  | 450                | 1072                         | 67          | 34           |
| 41 (Y)                      | Antlerless | 11/18-11/27 | 30                 | 44                           | 83          | 104          |
| 41                          | Antlered   | 11/4-11/13  | 550                | 1765                         | 50          | 43           |
| 42 (Y)                      | Antlered   | 11/18-11/27 | 75                 | 93                           | 87          | 56           |
| 42                          | Antlered   | 11/4-11/13  | 275                | 632                          | 70          | 31           |
| 43/44                       | Antlered   | 11/4-11/13  | 450                | 1174                         | 61          | 32           |
| 45                          | Antlered   | 11/4-11/13  | 275                | 604                          | 70          | 31           |
| <b>MUZZLELOADER</b>         |            |             |                    |                              |             |              |
| 3B                          | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 100                | 260                          | 45          | 23           |
| 6B                          | Antlered   | 10/21-10/27 | 275                | 409                          | 83          | 29           |
| 9                           | Antlered   | 11/4-11/10  | 25                 | 52                           | 76          | NA           |
| 12A East                    | Antlered   | 11/4-11/10  | 50                 | 349                          | 14          | 52           |
| 12B West                    | Antlered   | 11/4-11/10  | 15                 | 277                          | 6           | 100          |
| 15 (Y)                      | Antlered   | 11/18-11/27 | 20                 | 45                           | 67          | 60           |
| 15                          | Antlered   | 10/21-10/30 | 200                | 236                          | 100         | 27           |
| 15                          | Antlered   | 11/4-11/10  | 50                 | 131                          | 64          | 24           |
| 16A (Y)                     | Antlered   | 12/16-12/31 | 25                 | 83                           | 39          | 76           |
| 20B                         | Antlered   | 10/21-10/27 | 110                | 45                           | 100         | 19           |
| 33                          | Antlered   | 11/11-11/17 | 200                | 58                           | 100         | 12           |
| 34A                         | Antlered   | 11/11-11/17 | 25                 | 81                           | 38          | 45           |
| 35                          | Antlered   | 10/28-11/3  | 40                 | 77                           | 52          | 11           |
| 35                          | Antlered   | 12/9-12/31  | 10                 | 171                          | 7           | 60           |
| 36A                         | Ant. WT    | 10/7-10/13  | 75                 | 27                           | 95          | 63           |
| 39/40/41/42                 | Antlered   | 12/9-12/31  | 50                 | 581                          | 11          | 28           |
| <b>ARCHERY - DRAW UNITS</b> |            |             |                    |                              |             |              |
| 3A/3C                       | Antlered   | 8/19-9/8    | 75                 | 606                          | 15          | 30           |
| 11M                         | Antlered   | 8/19-9/8    | 80                 | 176                          | 50          | 19           |
| 12                          | Antlered   | 8/19-9/8    | 475                | 1659                         | 32          | 35           |
| 13A                         | Antlered   | 8/19-9/8    | 25                 | 618                          | 5           | 64           |
| 13B                         | Antlered   | 8/19-9/8    | 25                 | 1027                         | 3           | 75           |

Y= Youth Only

NA= Not Available

## Hunters can Help Monitor Arizona Deer Health – Submit Deer Heads for CWD Testing

Bring the head of your recently harvested deer to any Game and Fish Department office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (office addresses are listed on page 3). Department personnel will collect a tissue sample for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing. **Hunters that are successful in Units 1, 2, 3, 27, 28, and 31 are especially encouraged to submit heads because these units are close to New Mexico, a state that has detected CWD in deer and elk.**

It is best if the head has been kept cool and is submitted within a day of harvest. The head may be placed in a garbage bag for delivery. You will be asked to provide information about your harvested deer (hunt number, permit number, game management unit, and date of harvest) and where you can be reached (phone number) in case the test is positive. No CWD has been detected in Arizona's deer or elk to date.

**CWD results can be found here:**  
<http://azgfdservices.com/cwdlogin.aspx>

### Keep CWD out of Arizona

To protect Arizona's deer and elk herds from Chronic Wasting Disease, new regulations have been placed on movement of animal parts into the state.

**Hunters are required to take these precautions when hunting deer or elk out-of-state:**

- Do not bring the brain, intact skull, or spinal column into Arizona.

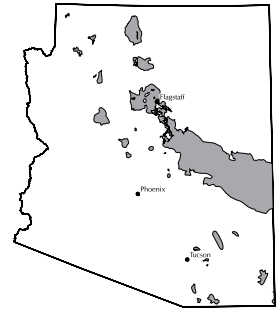
**The following deer or elk parts harvested out-of-state are OK to bring back into Arizona:**

- Boneless portions of meat, or meat that has been cut and packaged;
- Clean hides and capes with no skull or soft tissue attached;

- Antlers, clean skull plates or skulls with antlers attached with no meat or soft tissue remaining;
- Finished taxidermy mounts or products; and
- Upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories) with no meat or tissue attached.

CWD is present in the neighboring states of Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico, as well as many other popular hunting destinations for deer and elk. Some states have strict regulations governing carcass movement, so we encourage you to contact the wildlife agency where you travel for any applicable regulations.

# Turkey Hunts



■ Distribution

**For further information on turkeys, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>      | Any valid hunting or combination license <b>EXCEPT</b> a Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish and an Apprentice Hunting License (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees).                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Tag Required</b>          | Hunt Permit-tag obtained only through application and draw process as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. <b>EXCEPT</b> for Archery-Only turkey where a hunt nonpermit-tag must be obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Hunt Numbers Required</b> | When applying for big game hunt permit-tags, you must use hunt numbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b> | <b>Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Hunt:</b> Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304. <b>Archery-Only Hunt:</b> Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, or crossbow if you possess a crossbow permit as allowed under R12-4-216. Centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles and handguns are not legal methods of take. |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>             | One (1) turkey per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

*To hunt turkey in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license and a turkey tag. To hunt turkey during a Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot season, you must apply through a draw for a hunt permit-tag. For Archery-Only hunts, you may purchase a nonpermit-tag from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114. For Youth-Only hunts, you may purchase a nonpermit-tag from a Department office or license dealer.*

*The Department offers "Youth-Only" designated hunts, in which persons are eligible to participate up to their 18th birthday. A youth hunter, whose 18th birthday occurs after opening day of a "Youth-Only" designated hunt for which the hunter has a valid permit or tag, may continue to participate for the duration of the "Youth-Only" designated hunt. Persons between the ages of 10 and 13 must have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director per ARS 17-335 (C). Hunter Education classes fill up quickly. If you need your Hunter Education card before your hunt, get ahead of the game and register now. To register for a Hunter Education class, visit [www.azgfd.gov/huntered](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntered) or call 623-236-7239. No one under age 10 may hunt big game in Arizona. A youth must pay the higher fee unless applying only for "Youth-Only" hunts. Youth hunt permit-tag fees are NOT valid when applying for the standard Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey hunts. Youth applying for these hunts must pay the resident or non-resident fees.*

## Turkey: Commission Order 5

### LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT TURKEY

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Hunt No.    | Season Dates                                                                                       | Notes | Open Areas                 | Legal Wildlife | Permits |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| <b>4000</b> | <b>BONUS POINT ONLY – See page 17 (no other hunts may be chosen in conjunction with this one).</b> |       |                            |                |         |
| 4501        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 1                          | Any turkey     | 400     |
| 4502        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 3C                         | Any turkey     | 150     |
| 4503        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 4A and 4B                  | Any turkey     | 300     |
| 4504        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 5A                         | Any turkey     | 150     |
| 4505        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               | (2)   | 5B South                   | Any turkey     | 250     |
| 4506        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 6A                         | Any turkey     | 475     |
| 4507        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               | (1,4) | 6B (excluding Camp Navajo) | Any turkey     | 200     |
| 4508        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 7                          | Any turkey     | 200     |
| 4509        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 8 and 10                   | Any turkey     | 500     |
| 4510        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 9                          | Any turkey     | 50      |
| 4511        | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017                                                                               |       | 12A                        | Any turkey     | 1000    |

## Turkey: Commission Order 5 (continued)

### LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT TURKEY

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| Hunt No.     | Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas | Legal Wildlife | Permits     |
|--------------|----------------------|-------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| 4512         | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017 |       | 22         | Any turkey     | 125         |
| 4513         | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017 |       | 23         | Any turkey     | 650         |
| 4514         | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017 |       | 27         | Any turkey     | 350         |
| <b>Total</b> |                      |       |            |                | <b>4800</b> |

### YOUTH-ONLY NONPERMIT-TAG REQUIRED (LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT) TURKEY

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas                     | Legal Wildlife |
|----------------------|-------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017 |       | 1, 4A, 4B, 6A, 12A, 23, and 27 | Any turkey     |

### ARCHERY-ONLY NONPERMIT-TAG REQUIRED TURKEY

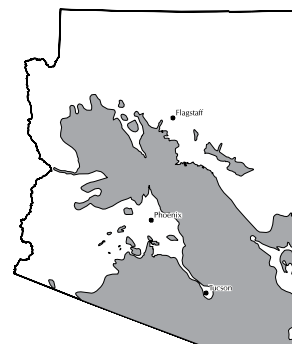
Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Season Dates          | Notes     | Open Areas                                                                                            | Legal Wildlife |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,3,4,5) | 1, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (excluding Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11M, 12A, 20A, 22, 23, and 27 | Any turkey     |
| Sep 1 - Sep 14, 2017  | (1)       | Camp Navajo in Unit 6B                                                                                | Any turkey     |

### Turkey Notes:

- Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to turkey hunting only to properly license hunters who meet the qualifications as "Authorized Participants" according to the installation hunting policies outlined on the National Guard Website. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Hunters must log onto the National Guard Website and read the installation policies and security requirements in order to have access Camp Navajo hunt numbers: <https://dema.az.gov/army-national-guard/camp-navajo/garrison-operations/camp-navajo-hunting-information>. An applicant who applies for a category of permit for which he or she is not eligible to participate may not be authorized to participate in the hunt. All hunters are required to show proof of attendance in a hunter safety education course during paperwork submission for the Camp Navajo permit. Increases in Force Protection Conditions, training missions and industrial operations may result in partial or complete hunt cancellation at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department or Camp Navajo. Camp Navajo will charge a recreation fee for all hunters. No cash will be taken, only personnel checks and money orders. The cost of the recreation fee can be found at the Camp Navajo Website above or by emailing the hunt coordinator at the email address found on Camp Navajo's website.
- 5B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located south of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/ Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.
- The turkey hunting season in Unit 11M is closed within 1/4 mile of an occupied residence or building within the Flagstaff corporate limits.
- Rogers Lake Coconino County Natural Area in Unit 6B is open to turkey hunting; this area is closed to all vehicle access and is closed to motorized big game retrieval. Hunting is not permitted within 1/4 mile of any occupied building, wildlife viewing platform, picnic area, or developed trailhead.
- Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 20A within 1/4 mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to deer hunting during this season: beginning at the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer; west on Central Ave to Miami St; south on Miami St to Main St; west on Main St to First St; south on First St to Fair Mist Ave; east on Fair Mist Ave to Jefferson St; southwest on Jefferson St which becomes Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177); continue south and west on Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177) to Senator Hwy (FR 52); north and west on Senator Hwy (FR 52) to Wolf Creek Rd; west on Wolf Creek to Indian Creek Rd; north on Indian Creek Rd to Hwy 89; south on Hwy 89 to the Copper Creek Rd (FR 53); north on FR 53 to Copper Basin Rd; west on Copper Basin Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); north and east on Iron Springs Rd to Miller Valley Rd; south on Miller Valley Rd to Grove Ave; south on Grove Ave to Gurley St; east on Gurley St to Hwy 69; east and south on Hwy 69 to the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer.

# Javelina Hunts



■ Distribution

**For further information on javelina, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>      | Any valid hunting or combination license <b>EXCEPT</b> a Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish and an Apprentice Hunting License (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tag Required</b>          | Hunt Permit-tag obtained only through application and draw process as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. <b>EXCEPT</b> for Archery-Only turkey where a hunt nonpermit-tag must be obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Hunt Numbers Required</b> | When applying for big game hunt permit-tags, you must use hunt numbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b> | <b>General Hunt and Youth-Only Hunt:</b> Any firearm, pre-charged pneumatic weapon, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304. <b>HAM:</b> Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-318. <b>Archery-Only Hunt:</b> Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, or crossbow if you possess a crossbow permit as prescribed in R12-4-216.                                         |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>             | Two (2) javelina per calendar year (except as prescribed in R12-4-120) with no more than one (1) javelina taken per open area as defined in each hunt number. The bag limit may be filled in any combination of permit-tag (draw tag or first-come left over draw tag as long as differing hunt numbers) or nonpermit-tag (over-the-counter tag) hunts as prescribed in R12-4-114. No more than one (1) permit-tag shall be issued per hunter through the initial draw. |

*To hunt javelina in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license and a javelina tag. To hunt javelina in General, Youth-Only, HAM and Archery-Only seasons, you must apply for and obtain a hunt permit-tag through the draw. To hunt javelina in an Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag season, you may purchase a nonpermit-tag from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.*

*The Department offers "Youth-Only" designated hunts, in which persons are eligible to participate up to their 18th birthday. A youth hunter, whose 18th birthday occurs after opening day of a "Youth-Only" designated hunt for which the hunter has a valid permit or tag, may continue to participate for the duration of the "Youth-Only" designated hunt. Persons between the ages of 10 and 13 must have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director per ARS 17-335 (C). Hunter Education classes fill up quickly. If you need your Hunter Education card before your hunt, get ahead of the game and register now. To register for a Hunter Education class, visit [www.azgfd.gov/huntered](http://www.azgfd.gov/huntered) or call 623-236-7239. No one under age 10 may hunt big game in Arizona. A youth must pay the higher fee unless applying only for "Youth-Only" hunts.*

## Javelina: Commission Order 6

### YOUTH-ONLY JAVELINA

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Hunt No.    | Season Dates                                                                                       | Notes            | Open Areas                               | Legal Wildlife | Permits |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| <b>5000</b> | <b>BONUS POINT ONLY – See page 17 (no other hunts may be chosen in conjunction with this one).</b> |                  |                                          |                |         |
| 5501        | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017                                                                               | (2,10,12)        | 16A (excluding Mohave County Park Lands) | Any javelina   | 30      |
| 5502        | Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2017                                                                               | (10,13,14,15,16) | 17B, 19A, 19B, 20A                       | Any javelina   | 200     |
| 5503        | Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017                                                                               | (10)             | 18B                                      | Any javelina   | 75      |
| 5504        | Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017                                                                              | (2,5,7,8,10)     | 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, and 32             | Any javelina   | 100     |
| 5505        | Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017                                                                              | (8,10)           | 33                                       | Any javelina   | 75      |

## Javelina: Commission Order 6 (continued)

### YOUTH-ONLY JAVELINA

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| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes           | Open Areas                                       | Legal Wildlife | Permits    |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 5506         | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (1,4,8,10)      | 34A, 34B, 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca), and 35B | Any javelina   | 50         |
| 5507         | Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017 | (1,4,8,10)      | 34A, 34B, 35A (excluding Fort Huachuca), and 35B | Any javelina   | 50         |
| 5508         | Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (3,6,8,9,10,11) | 37A and 37B                                      | Any javelina   | 100        |
| 5509         | Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017 | (3,6,8,9,10,11) | 37A and 37B                                      | Any javelina   | 100        |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |                 |                                                  |                | <b>780</b> |

### ARCHERY-ONLY NONPERMIT-TAG REQUIRED JAVELINA

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Season Dates          | Notes        | Open Areas                                          | Legal Wildlife |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (3,17,18,19) | 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 7, and 9 | Any javelina   |

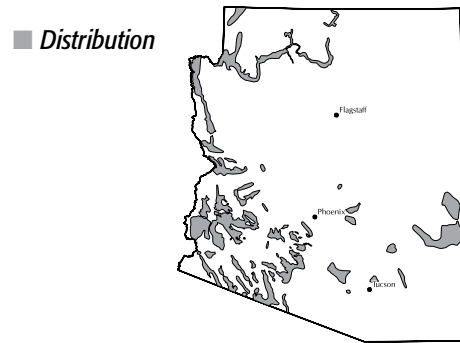
### Javelina Notes:

- The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to javelina hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates, and special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: IMWE-HUA-PWB (Hunting), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7010, [www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html](http://www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html), (520) 533-7083 or [dis-enrd@conus.army.mil](mailto:dis-enrd@conus.army.mil).
- The Buenos Aires Refuge is open to javelina hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- The Santa Rita Wildlife Area in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
- Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.
- The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at (602) 267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov) (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
- Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or [www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm).
- The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33, Emperita Ranch in Unit 34B, Bar V Ranch in Unit 34B, Sands Ranch in Unit 34B, Clyne Ranch in Unit 34B, Diamond Bell Ranch in Unit 36A, Marley Ranch in Units 36A and 36B, Rancho Seco in Units 36A and 36B, Kings 98 Ranch in Unit 36C, Old Hayhook Ranch in Unit 36C, Verdugo in Unit 36C, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochise Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
- The following described area in the Town of Marana in Unit 37A is closed to hunting: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
- Areas of private property within the municipal boundaries (except in Units 37A) are closed to javelina hunting during the general, youth-only, HAM, and muzzleloader seasons. These areas will be open statewide during the archery only season structure.
- The following City of Tucson Water Properties located in Avra Valley are open to hunting: the Duval property in Unit 36C and the Buckalew, Flying E Bar, Ed Anway, Kai, Tucker, and Trust 205 properties in Unit 37A; all other Tucson Water Properties are closed to hunting. All open City of Tucson properties are foot access only at designated entry points. Please sign in and out at sign-in boxes located at designated entry points.
- Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 16A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to javelina hunting during this season: that portion of Unit 16A in Township 20 North, Range 15 West, Section 28 (Pine Lakes Community is within this area).
- Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 17B within ¼ mile of an

## Javelina Notes:

- occupied residence or building are closed to javelina hunting during this season: beginning at the junction of Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10) and Williamson Valley Rd (County Rd 5) west on Iron Springs Rd to Contreras Rd; north and west on Contreras Rd to Tonto Rd (FR 102); north on FR 102 to Fair Oaks Rd; east on Fair Oaks Rd to Williamson Valley Rd (FR 6); south on Williamson Valley Rd to Iron Springs Rd.
14. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 19A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to javelina hunting during this season: beginning at the intersection of AZ Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69; north on AZ Hwy 89 to AZ Hwy 89A; east on Hwy 89A to Glassford Hill Rd; south on Glassford Hill Rd to AZ Hwy 69; west and south on AZ Hwy 69 to AZ Hwy 89.
15. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 19B within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to javelina hunting during this season: beginning at the intersection of AZ Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69 (Gurley St); west on Gurley St to Grove Ave; north on Grove Ave to Miller Valley Rd; northwest on Miller Valley Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); northwest on Iron Springs Rd to Williamson Valley Rd (County Rd 5); north on Williamson Valley Rd to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks; north and east along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks to Hwy 89; south on AZ Hwy 89 to AZ Hwy 69.
16. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 20A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to javelina hunting during this season: beginning at the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer; west on Central Ave to Miami St; south on Miami St to Main St; west on Main St to First St; south on First St to Fair Mist Ave; east on Fair Mist Ave to Jefferson St; southwest on Jefferson St which becomes Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177); continue south and west on Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177) to Senator Hwy (FR 52); north and west on Senator Hwy (FR 52) to Wolf Creek Rd; west on Wolf Creek Rd to Indian Creek Rd; north on Indian Creek Rd to Hwy 89; south on Hwy 89 to the Copper Creek Rd (FR 53); north on FR 53 to Copper Basin Rd; west on Copper Basin Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); north and east on Iron Springs Rd to Miller Valley Rd; south on Miller Valley Rd to Grove Ave; south on Grove Ave to Gurley St; east on Gurley St to Hwy 69; east and south on Hwy 69 to the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer.
17. Access requirements for portions of Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North - In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only by contacting the Hopi Tribe Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program via e-mail at [hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling (928) 734-3606 or (928) 734-3605 from Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Please contact in advance to gain access for hunting and scouting. In Unit 5B North, access is permitted on the Hopi's Hart/Drye Ranch and in Unit 4A on the Hopi's Aja Ranch by signing in at designated sign-in boxes located at access points.
18. Hopi Trust Lands in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North - The Hopi Tribe Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program requires all AZGFD State Certified/Licensed Outfitters and Guides who conduct business (guide, pre-scout, or request access on behalf of their clients) on the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranches in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North to contact Marietta Honie at the Office of Revenue Commission at (928) 734-3172 or by email at [MaHonie@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:MaHonie@hopi.nsn.us) to obtain an annual Hopi Tribal Business License. Upon approval of a Hopi Tribal Business License, access to the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranch may be obtained via email at [hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling (928) 734-3673, (928) 734-3672 or (928) 734-3671 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm (MST).
19. For hunts in Units 5A and 5B North, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has entered into a Landowner Compact Agreement with the Bar T Bar Ranch and Flying M Ranch located in the northern portion of Units 5A and 5B. A Ranch Pass and adherence to Ranch Rules is required to access these ranches. Signage at points of entrance to the ranch provides notification of the Landowner Compact Agreement. The free Ranch Pass, a copy of Ranch Rules, and location map may be obtained online from the Department's Landowner Relations Program web page <https://agfdlandownerrelations.com>. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Flying M Ranch may also be obtained at sign-in boxes located at either of the two entrance points onto the ranch. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Bar T Bar Ranch may also be obtained at the Meteor Crater Gas Station/Convenience Store.

# Bighorn Sheep Hunts



**For further information on bighorn sheep, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>        | Any valid hunting or combination license <b>EXCEPT</b> a Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish and an Apprentice Hunting License (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees). |
| <b>Tag Required</b>            | Hunt Permit-tag obtained only through application and draw process as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114.                                                                                       |
| <b>Hunt Numbers Required</b>   | When applying for big game hunt permit-tags, you must use hunt numbers.                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>   | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any firearm, pre-charged pneumatic weapon, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.                                                                                       |
| <b>Legal Animal Definition</b> | Ram means any male bighorn sheep, excluding male lambs, as defined in R12-4-101.                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>               | One (1) desert bighorn sheep in a lifetime, except as prescribed in R12-4-120. One (1) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in a lifetime, except as prescribed in R12-4-120.                              |

*To hunt bighorn sheep in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license and a bighorn sheep tag. To hunt bighorn sheep in any season, you must apply for and obtain a hunt permit-tag through the draw.*

*Hunts with Note 10 or 13 may have low density bighorn populations. Hunters should expect a difficult hunt with limited access into the better bighorn habitat.*

## Bighorn Sheep: Commission Order 7

### GENERAL BIGHORN SHEEP

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.             | Season Dates                                                                                | Notes              | Open Areas                                                                                             | Legal Wildlife | Permits |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| 6000                 | BONUS POINT ONLY – See page 17 (no other hunts may be chosen in conjunction with this one). |                    |                                                                                                        |                |         |
| DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP |                                                                                             |                    |                                                                                                        |                |         |
| 6001                 | Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,10,16,24)       | 9 and 10                                                                                               | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6002                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,6,7,10,13)      | 12A and 12B West                                                                                       | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6003                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,6,8,11)         | 12B East                                                                                               | Any ram        | 4       |
| 6004                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,6,10,13)        | 13A                                                                                                    | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6005                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,6,11)           | 13B (north of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)                                                             | Any ram        | 3       |
| 6006                 | Nov 16 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                       | (1,6,10,13)        | 13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)                                                             | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6007                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,16,26)          | 15A and 15B (See Note 26)                                                                              | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6008                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,16,26)          | 15C (north of Cottonwood Road) (See Note 26)                                                           | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6009                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,10,16,26)       | 15C (south of Cottonwood Road) (See Note 26)                                                           | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6010                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,11,16,26)       | 15D (See Note 26)                                                                                      | Any ram        | 4       |
| 6011                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,2,11,16)        | 16A (excluding that portion of 16A south and east of the Big Sandy River and Mohave County Park Lands) | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6012                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,16)             | 16A South (south and east of the Big Sandy River) and 18B                                              | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6013                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,2)              | 16B                                                                                                    | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6014                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,11,16,19)       | 22 South                                                                                               | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6016                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,16)             | 24B North (north and west of AZ Hwy 88)                                                                | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6017                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,16)             | 24B South (south and east of AZ Hwy 88)                                                                | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6018                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,11,16)          | 28 (south of U.S. Hwy 70)                                                                              | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6019                 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,11,12,14,16,28) | 31 and 32                                                                                              | Any ram        | 3       |
| 6020                 | Nov 17 - Dec 7, 2017                                                                        | (1,11,14,16,23)    | 37A                                                                                                    | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6021                 | Dec 8 - Dec 31, 2017                                                                        | (1,11,14,16,23)    | 37A                                                                                                    | Any ram        | 2       |

# Bighorn Sheep Hunts

## Bighorn Sheep: Commission Order 7 (continued)

### GENERAL BIGHORN SHEEP

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| Hunt No. | Season Dates         | Notes         | Open Areas                                                                                                                                                                                              | Legal Wildlife | Permits |
|----------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| 6022     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,16)        | 37B                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6023     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,6,25)      | 39 (east of Old AZ Hwy 80)                                                                                                                                                                              | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6024     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,11)        | 39 (west of Old AZ Hwy 80)                                                                                                                                                                              | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6025     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,3,6,11,21) | 40A (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)                                                                                                                                                           | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6026     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,3,11,21)   | 40B Gila Mtns (north of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)                                                                                                                        | Any ram        | 4       |
| 6027     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,3,11,21)   | 40B Mohawk and Copper Mtns (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)                                                                                                                                    | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6028     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,3,11,21)   | 40B Tinajas Altas Mtns (south of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)                                                                                                               | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6029     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,11)        | 41 East - (east of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd [Clanton Hills Rd] and that portion north of the El Paso Gas pipeline and east of the AT&T Frontage Rd)                                           | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6030     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,4,11)      | 41 West - (west of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd [Clanton Hills Rd] and that portion north of the El Paso Gas pipeline and west of the AT&T Frontage Rd) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4) | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6031     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1)           | 42 and 44A (south of U.S. Hwy 60)                                                                                                                                                                       | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6032     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,4,15)    | 43A (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)                                                                                                                                                           | Any ram        | 1       |
| 6033     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,4,11)    | 43B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)                                                                                                                                                           | Any ram        | 5       |
| 6034     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,11)        | 44A East (Granite Wash Mtns, Harcuvar Mtns, and Black Mtns north of U.S. Hwy 60)                                                                                                                        | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6035     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,11,15)     | 44B (north of I-10)                                                                                                                                                                                     | Any ram        | 3       |
| 6036     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,11,15)   | 44B (south of I-10 and that portion of 45A and 45B north of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)                                                                           | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6037     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,11)      | 45A (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)                                                                                                                         | Any ram        | 4       |
| 6038     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,11)      | 45B (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)                                                                                                                         | Any ram        | 2       |
| 6039     | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,11)      | 45C (Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)                                                                                                                                                                     | Any ram        | 2       |

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP

|      |                      |           |                                                                             |         |   |
|------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---|
| 6051 | Nov 1 - Nov 30, 2017 | (1,20)    | Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27                                     | Any ram | 1 |
| 6052 | Nov 17 - Dec 7, 2017 | (1,11,18) | 6A and 22 North                                                             | Any ram | 2 |
| 6053 | Dec 8 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,11,18) | 6A and 22 North                                                             | Any ram | 2 |
| 6054 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1)       | 23 and 24A                                                                  | Any ram | 1 |
| 6055 | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,13,27) | Lower Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27                                       | Any ram | 1 |
| 6056 | Nov 17 - Dec 7, 2017 | (1,9,11)  | Upper Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27                                       | Any ram | 2 |
| 6057 | Dec 8 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,9,11)  | Upper Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27                                       | Any ram | 2 |
| 6058 | Nov 17 - Dec 7, 2017 | (1,11)    | 27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70) | Any ram | 3 |
| 6059 | Dec 8 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,11)    | 27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70) | Any ram | 2 |

The following hunts are extremely challenging areas with difficult access. Be prepared for backcountry camping and extensive strenuous hiking. There is little to no vehicular access to much of the bighorn sheep habitat within these hunts.

### DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP

|              |                      |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |            |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| 6015         | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,10,17)          | Superstition Wilderness Hunt Area in Unit 24B                                                                                                                                                                          | Any ram | 1          |
| 6040         | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,3,5,11,21)    | 46A East (east of Growler Wash) (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Notes 3 and 5)                                                                                              | Any ram | 2          |
| 6041         | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,3,5,11,21,22) | 46A West (west of Growler Wash) (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Notes 3 and 5)                                                                                              | Any ram | 2          |
| 6042         | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,3,5,11,21,22) | 46B East (that portion of 46B east of Mohawk Wash, about centerline of the Tule Desert and including the Pinacate Lava Flow) (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Notes 3 and 5) | Any ram | 4          |
| 6043         | Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,2,3,5,11,21,22) | 46B West (that portion of 46B west of Mohawk Wash, about centerline of the Tule Desert and including the Pinacate Lava Flow) (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Notes 3 and 5) | Any ram | 4          |
| <b>Total</b> |                      |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         | <b>104</b> |

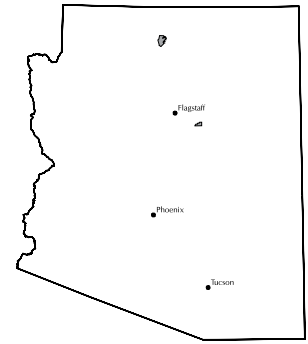
### Bighorn Sheep Notes:

- All bighorn sheep hunter (or their designee) must check out within 3 days following the close of the season at any Department office in accordance with R12-4-308. Unsuccessful hunters and those who did not hunt must also check out either in person or by telephone at any Department office.
- The Bill Williams River, Cabeza Prieta, Havasu, Imperial and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to bighorn sheep hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
- Barry M Goldwater Range: Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the appropriate land management agency for hunting access to Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) and applicable adjacent areas. The BMGR is closed to hunting except open public recreational use areas, as allowed via an authorized entry permit. Hunters wishing to access or cross additional areas in BMGR East must coordinate with the 56th Fighter Wing Range Management Office. To access the BMGR or Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, hunters must sign a hold harmless agreement and obtain an entry permit. More information can be obtained by calling Luke Air Force Base, 56th Fighter Wing RMO at (623) 856-7216; the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma at (928) 269-7150; the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office at (602) 417-9200; the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge at (520) 387-6483; the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field at (623) 856-5200 or by emailing 56RMO.Public.Affairs@us.af.mil.
- The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to bighorn sheep hunting except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations

## Bighorn Sheep Notes continued:

- to properly licensed U.S. citizens holding a valid YPG Hunting Program Access Permit and coordinating with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must obtain a hunting access permit before entering YPG. Access permits are issued at the YPG Visitor Center, located at the Wahner E. Brooks Exhibit Park (tank display) off Imperial Dam Road. Hours for obtaining hunting permits are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Hunting access permit applicants must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement, receive a Range Safety Briefing, and undergo a brief background check. Furthermore, all firearms must be registered at the visitor center prior to entering YPG. Do not bring the firearms into the visitor center. Due to military activities some hunting areas may be temporarily closed on short notice. Updates will be posted on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/USAYPG>. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 307, Attn: Hunting Program, 307 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498; email: [usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.hunting@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.hunting@mail.mil); call (928) 328-2125; or visit <https://www.yuma.army.mil/Visiting/Hunting-at-YPG>.
5. Due to travel restrictions in the Wilderness Area, those persons interested in hunting bighorn sheep on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge should contact the Refuge Manager (520) 387-6483 for information regarding special refuge regulations prior to applying.
  6. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting when the unit they occur in is open to hunting.
  7. 12B West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12B beginning at the Arizona-Utah Stateline and BLM Rd. 1065; south on BLM 1065 to U.S. Hwy 89A; west on U.S. Hwy 89A to Kaibab National Forest boundary; north then west then south on the Kaibab National Forest boundary to Kanab Creek; north on Kanab Creek to the Arizona-Utah Stateline; east on the Arizona-Utah Stateline to BLM 1065.
  8. 12B East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying east of the following line: Beginning at the Utah Stateline and BLM road 1065; southerly along BLM 1065 to U.S. Hwy 89A; westerly on U.S. Hwy 89A to the Kaibab National Forest Boundary; South and east on the boundary of the Kaibab National Forest to the Boundary of the Grand Canyon National Park.
  9. Upper Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 180 and the New Mexico state line; south along the New Mexico state line to Forest Trail 41; northwest along Forest Trail 41 to the Little Blue River; south-southwest along the Little Blue River to the confluence of the Blue River; north along the Blue River to Forest Trail 14; west on Forest Trail 14 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to U.S. Highway 180; east on U.S. Hwy 180 to the New Mexico state line.
  10. This unit has a low density bighorn sheep population in a remote area with difficult access. Hunters should be prepared for backcountry camping and extensive strenuous hiking in an extremely remote, harsh hunting environment.
  11. Non-residents: Permits are available within these hunt numbers for which you may be drawn in accordance with R12-4-114(E).
  12. Unit 31 and 32 hunts - Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or <https://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm>.
  13. This hunt unit is remote, with limited road (or no road) access and difficult terrain. Hunt success has averaged less than 70%. Hunters should be prepared for back country camping and extensive, strenuous hiking, or the use of horses and/or mules.
  14. The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting in the respective unit hunts: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochise Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
  15. Hunting is not permitted in Units 43A and 44B in the following described area in the Town of Quartzsite: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 West.
  16. Areas of private property within municipal boundaries are closed to bighorn sheep hunting during this hunt.
  17. Superstition Wilderness Hunt Area in Unit 24B - That portion of Unit 24B within the boundaries of the Superstition Wilderness Area. This Hunt Area is remote, with no road or vehicle access within the Wilderness Area. Hunters should be prepared for extensive, strenuous hiking in difficult terrain. The use of horses or mules is encouraged.
  18. 22 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located north of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to AZ Hwy 260 in Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to Tonto Creek (the Unit Boundary).
  19. 22 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located south of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to AZ Hwy 260 in Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to Tonto Creek (the Unit Boundary).
  20. Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27 - That portion of Units 1 and 27 beginning at the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary and FR 82; east on FR 82 to FR 25; east on FR 25 to FR 24 (Buffalo Crossing); north on FR 24 to FR 249E; east on FR 249E to FR 249; east on FR 249 to FR 406; east on FR 406 to FR 276; south on FR 276 to FR 37; south on FR 37 to FR 405; south on FR 405 to FR 24; south on FR 24 to FR 25; northwest on FR 25 to FR 25D; west on FR 25D to the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary; north along the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary to FR 82.
  21. This unit experiences high levels of activity associated with the Mexican border, which is a potential safety and property loss concern. Hunters should be aware of the added challenge this poses, and be prepared to make informed decisions on camping areas and safety in the field. Prior coordination with appropriate land management and enforcement agencies is recommended.
  22. Units 46A and 46B are primarily composed of designated wilderness and contain only three public access roads - El Camino del Diablo, Christmas Pass Rd, and Charlie Bell Rd. There is no vehicular access to much of the sheep habitat within these units (especially in Units 46A West and 46B East, where some mountain ranges are 6-12 miles from the nearest road). Hunters should be prepared for extensive hiking and backcountry camping in extremely remote, desert conditions. Pack and saddle animals may be used by obtaining a special permit from the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.
  23. The following described area in the Town of Marana in Unit 37A is closed to hunting: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
  24. The current Landowner Compact Agreement between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Boquillas-Diamond A Ranch has expired. We are working towards a new agreement. The Boquillas-Diamond A Ranch encompasses the entire western half of Unit 10, about 720,000 acres. This hunt may have restricted access. Applicants should secure access before applying; visit the Ranch's website for details, [www.HuntBigBoRanch.com](http://www.HuntBigBoRanch.com).
  25. The Buckeye Hills Regional Park is closed to hunting. The Estrella Mountain Regional Park is open to hunting for archery-only.
  26. Hunters are advised that a disease outbreak has been detected in Units 15BW, 15CS, 15CN, and 15D. Hunters who are drawn for these units should be prepared for a decrease in availability of older age class rams.
  27. Lower Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of the New Mexico state line and U.S. Hwy 78; west on U.S. Hwy 78 to FR road 212; northwest on FR road 212 to the San Francisco River; southwest along the San Francisco River to Sardine Canyon; west along Sardine Canyon to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to Forest Trail 14 (AD Bar Trail); east on Forest Trail 14 to Blue River; south along the Blue River to the confluence of the Little Blue River; northeast along the Little Blue River to Forest Trail 41; east on Forest Trail 41 to the Arizona-New Mexico state line; south along the state line to U.S. Hwy 78.
  28. Hunter access is restricted on the east and west ends of Aravaipa Canyon and on the north side of Redfield Canyon; hunters will need to secure access into these areas prior to the hunting season. Access across private property is typically given on a first come basis.

# Bison Hunts



■ Distribution

**For further information on bison, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>      | Any valid hunting or combination license <b>EXCEPT</b> a Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish and an Apprentice Hunting License (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees).                                                                          |
| <b>Tag Required</b>          | Hunt Permit-tag obtained only through application and draw process as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114.                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Hunt Numbers Required</b> | When applying for big game hunt permit-tags, you must use hunt numbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b> | Bow and arrow, crossbow, centerfire handguns, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304. Note that bow and arrow, crossbow, or centerfire handguns may NOT be used when hunting the Raymond Wildlife Herd. |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>             | One (1) bison in a lifetime, except as prescribed in R12-4-120.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

*To hunt bison in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license and a bison tag. To hunt bison in any season, you must apply for and obtain a hunt permit-tag through the draw.*

*Bison meat taken under this Order may be sold as prescribed in R12-4-305. SEE BISON HUNT REGULATIONS UNDER R12-4-306. See page 127.*

**HOUSE ROCK BISON HUNT SPECIAL NOTE:** During the House Rock herd hunts, a significant portion of the herd has moved to the Grand Canyon National Park where hunting is not allowed. Hunters are advised that their ability to successfully harvest a bison may be significantly impacted. As with any hunt, circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Game and Fish Department may prevent the permit holder from being successful. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission disclaims any responsibility to reissue or replace a permit, to reinstate bonus points, to refund any fees, or to provide any other form of relief. The House Rock bison hunt is considered to be one of the most difficult hunts in the state. Bison can be difficult to locate. Plan on spending the entire season hunting, as an abbreviated hunt will lower your chances of success. Bison hunters must dress and care for their own animals; the Department will not assist. Take time to improve your physical condition. Hunters are often required to walk considerable distances (up to 8 miles) every day over rugged terrain. House Rock hunters should be prepared for remote and primitive conditions. High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Some portions of House Rock herd area are included in the U.S. Forest Service wilderness system that does not preclude hunter access but does limit their means of transportation and equipment usage. Hunts occurring later in the fall may be affected by snow making access more difficult. Hunters should be prepared for severe winter conditions and low availability of bison. For more information, call the Flagstaff Regional Office at 928-774-5045.

## Bison: Commission Order 8

### GENERAL BISON

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates                                                                                       | Notes       | Open Areas               | Legal Wildlife            | Permits   |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>7000</b>  | <b>BONUS POINT ONLY – See page 17 (no other hunts may be chosen in conjunction with this one).</b> |             |                          |                           |           |
| 7001         | Sep 1 - Sep 7, 2017                                                                                | (1,3,6,7,8) | 5A and 5B (Raymond Herd) | Designated yearling bison | 6         |
| 7002         | Sep 15 - Sep 21, 2017                                                                              | (1,3,6,7,8) | 5A and 5B (Raymond Herd) | Designated yearling bison | 6         |
| <b>Total</b> |                                                                                                    |             |                          |                           | <b>12</b> |

## Bison: Commission Order 8 (continued)

### LIMITED OPPORTUNITY (GENERAL) BISON

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes     | Open Areas                                                                                        | Legal Wildlife       | Permits   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 7003         | Oct 13 - Oct 26, 2017 | (2,3,4,5) | 12A (excluding the southern portion of Unit 12A East, see note 5), 12B, and 13A (House Rock Herd) | Adult cow bison only | 10        |
| 7004         | Nov 3 - Nov 16, 2017  | (2,3,4,5) | 12A (excluding the southern portion of Unit 12A East, see note 5), 12B, and 13A (House Rock Herd) | Adult cow bison only | 10        |
| 7005         | Nov 17 - Dec 31, 2017 | (2,3,4,5) | 12A (excluding the southern portion of Unit 12A East, see note 5), 12B, and 13A (House Rock Herd) | Adult cow bison only | 6         |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |           |                                                                                                   |                      | <b>26</b> |

### LIMITED OPPORTUNITY (MUZZLELOADER) BISON

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates         | Notes     | Open Areas                                                                                        | Legal Wildlife       | Permits   |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 7006         | Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2017 | (2,3,4,5) | 12A (excluding the southern portion of Unit 12A East, see note 5), 12B, and 13A (House Rock Herd) | Adult cow bison only | 10        |
| <b>Total</b> |                      |           |                                                                                                   |                      | <b>10</b> |

### LIMITED OPPORTUNITY (ARCHERY-ONLY) BISON

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes     | Open Areas                                                                                        | Legal Wildlife       | Permits   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 7007         | Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (2,3,4,5) | 12A (excluding the southern portion of Unit 12A East, see note 5), 12B, and 13A (House Rock Herd) | Adult cow bison only | 10        |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |           |                                                                                                   |                      | <b>10</b> |

### Bison Notes:

- A hunter with a bison hunt permit-tag for the Raymond herd shall be accompanied by an authorized Department employee who shall designate the animal to be harvested and shall hunt in the order scheduled by the Department in accordance with R12-4-306. Hunters that desire a more challenging hunt should apply for the House Rock hunts.
- An unsuccessful hunter, or hunter who did not hunt, with a bison hunt permit-tag for the House Rock herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office (928-774-5045) or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful bison hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within three business days after taking the bison either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the bison taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information (R12-4-306).
- Successful applicants will be contacted in writing by the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide them with additional information regarding their hunt.
- The Grand Canyon National Park is closed to hunting.
- A portion of east-central Unit 12A East is closed to hunting. Beginning at the intersection of Forest Road 8910 and the Kaibab National Forest Boundary; south along FR 8910 to the intersection with FR 3510; easterly along FR 3510 to the Kaibab National Forest Boundary at South Canyon; Northerly then west along the Kaibab National Forest Boundary back to the intersection with FR 8910.
- Hopi Trust Lands in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North – The Hopi Tribe Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program requires all AZGFD State Certified/Licensed Outfitters and Guides who conduct business (guide, pre-scout, or request access on behalf of their clients) on the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranches in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North to contact Marietta Honie at the Office of Revenue Commission at (928) 734-3172 or by email at MaHonie@hopi.nsn.us to obtain an annual Hopi Tribal Business License. Upon approval of a Hopi Tribal Business License, access to the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranch

**Attention:** House Rock bison hunters are encouraged to watch the 2016 Fall House Rock bison hunter clinic video and review the 2017 Bison Hunter Packet located at: [www.azgfd.com/hunting/units/flagstaff/12a](http://www.azgfd.com/hunting/units/flagstaff/12a)

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## Bison Notes:

may be obtained via email at [hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling (928) 734-3673, (928) 734-3672 or (928) 734-3671 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm (MST).

7. Access requirements for portions of Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North - In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only by contacting the Hopi Tribe Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program via e-mail at [hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hopihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling (928) 734-3606 or (928) 734-3605 from Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Please contact in advance to gain access for hunting and scouting. In Unit

5B North, access is permitted on the Hopi's Hart/Drye Ranch and in Unit 4A on the Hopi's Aja Ranch by signing in at designated sign-in boxes located at access points.

8. For hunts in Units 5A and 5B North, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has entered into a Landowner Compact Agreement with the Bar T Bar Ranch and Flying M Ranch located in the northern portion of Units 5A and 5B. A Ranch Pass and adherence to Ranch Rules is required to access these ranches. Signage at points of entrance to the ranch provides notification of the Landowner Compact Agreement. The free Ranch Pass, a

copy of Ranch Rules, and location map may be obtained online from the Department's Landowner Relations Program web page <https://agfdlandownerrelations.com>. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Flying M Ranch may also be obtained at sign-in boxes located at either of the two entrance points onto the ranch. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Bar T Bar Ranch may also be obtained at the Meteor Crater Gas Station/Convenience Store.

## Fair Chase: Hunt Hard, Hunt Fair

### Remember the fair chase ethic as new technologies are developed

Fair chase is the ethical, sportsmanlike and lawful pursuit and take of free-range wildlife in a manner that does not give a hunter or an angler improper or unfair advantage over such wildlife.

New technology developments impact almost every aspect of life, and sportsmen may wonder how hunting is affected as new equipment hits the market. Advances in technology are inevitable – there always will be a better way to craft a bow, firearm or ammunition. However in terms of fair chase, the line is drawn when that advancement becomes unlawful or provides sportsmen with an improper or unfair advantage. Take, for example, the smart rifle, drones, and exploding arrow tips in Arizona:

- The smart rifle is unlawful for take by nature of its laser-supported sighting system.
- Unmanned aerial vehicles – drones – are aircraft and subject to the same rules as other aircraft.
- Exploding arrow tips or similar items may not be used in an archery or muzzleloader season because they are considered "explosive devices."

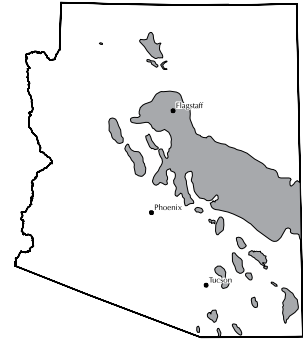
The Arizona Game and Fish Commission plans to monitor and give careful consideration to weigh the fair chase implications of a new technology or practices. The following criteria will be used to evaluate whether a new technology or practice is a fair chase issue:



- A technology or practice that allows a hunter or angler to locate or take wildlife without acquiring necessary hunting and angling skills or competency.
- A technology or practice that allows a hunter or angler to pursue or take wildlife without being physically present and pursuing wildlife in the field.
- A technology or practice that makes harvesting wildlife almost certain and/or the technology or practice prevents wildlife from eluding detection and/or take.

Public support of fair chase and ethical hunting are important to the survival of hunting and angling. These pursuits are the cornerstones of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and are the primary source of funding for conservation efforts in North America. The support of fair chase and respect for the traditions of hunting and angling are every sportsman's responsibility.

# Bear Hunts



■ Distribution

**For further information on bears, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>      | Any valid hunting or combination license <b>EXCEPT</b> a Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish and an Apprentice Hunting License (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees).                                                                              |
| <b>Tag Required</b>          | Nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b> | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any firearm, pre-charged pneumatic weapon, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.<br><b>Archery Hunt:</b> Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, or crossbow if you possess a crossbow permit as prescribed in R12-4-216. |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>             | One (1) bear per calendar year, except as prescribed in R12-4-120.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

*To hunt bear in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license and a bear tag. To hunt bear in any season, except spring bear seasons, you must obtain a nonpermit-tag from a license dealer.*

**BEAR SPECIAL REGULATIONS:** As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) within 48 hours of taking a bear. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the bear taken, management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a bear, the hunter (or their designee) shall present the bear's skull and hide with attached proof of sex to a designated Arizona Game and Fish Department employee for inspection (pursuant to R12-4-308). If the skull is frozen, it should be defrosted prior to presenting for inspection as a premolar tooth will be removed from the bear. If the hide is frozen, ensure that the attached proof of sex is accessible and identifiable and that the mouth is in a wide-open position. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

**BEAR SPECIAL NOTE:** In accordance with R12-4-305(H), an individual may retain the carcass of a bear taken under A.R.S. 17-302 when the season is closed.

## Bear: Commission Order 9

### GENERAL BEAR

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates          | Notes             | Open Areas                 | Legal Wildlife                 | Fem Harv Limit |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Aug 11 - Aug 24, 2017 | (1,2,10)          | 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 6              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Aug 11 - Aug 24, 2017 | (1,2,10)          | 3B                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 3B                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 3C                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Nov 3 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,19,20,21) | 4A and 5A                  | Any bear except sows with cubs | 4              |
| Aug 11 - Aug 24, 2017 | (1,2,10)          | 4B                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 4B                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,19,20,21) | 5B                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10)          | 6A                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 6A                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Aug 11 - Aug 24, 2017 | (1,2,10,14)       | 6B (excluding Camp Navajo) | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 7                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 4              |

# Bear Hunts

## Bear: Commission Order 9 (continued)

### GENERAL BEAR

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| Season Dates          | Notes             | Open Areas                  | Legal Wildlife                 | Fem Harv Limit |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 8                           | Any bear except sows with cubs | 6              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 9                           | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,13,17)    | 10, 18A, 19B                | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10,13,15,18) | 17A, 17B, 18B, 20A, and 20B | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,13,15,18) | 17A, 17B, 18B, 20A, and 20B | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,13,16)    | 19A                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,8,10,13)     | 21                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 4              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,3,10,13)     | 22 North                    | Any bear except sows with cubs | 4              |
| Aug 11 - Aug 24, 2017 | (1,2,4,10,11,13)  | 22 South                    | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,4,10,11,13)  | 22 South                    | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,4,10,11,13)  | 22 South                    | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,5,10,13)     | 23 North                    | Any bear except sows with cubs | 5              |
| Aug 11 - Aug 24, 2017 | (1,2,6,10,13)     | 23 South                    | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,6,10,13)     | 23 South                    | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,6,10,13)     | 23 South                    | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10,13)       | 24A                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,13)       | 24A                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,13)       | 24B                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Oct 6 - Nov 2, 2017   | (1,2,10)          | 27                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 12             |
| Nov 3 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10)          | 27                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 5              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,13)       | 28                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Oct 6 - Nov 2, 2017   | (1,2,10,13)       | 29 and 30A                  | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Nov 3 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,13)       | 29 and 30A                  | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,9,10,13)     | 31                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,9,10,12,13)  | 32                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017  | (1,2,10,13)       | 33                          | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| <b>Total</b>          |                   |                             |                                | <b>110</b>     |

### ARCHERY-ONLY BEAR

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Season Dates          | Notes         | Open Areas                         | Legal Wildlife                 | Fem Harv Limit |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10)      | 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C                  | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10)      | 3B                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10)      | 3C                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10)      | 4B                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Aug 25 - Oct 1, 2017  | (1,2,10,14)   | 6B (excluding Camp Navajo) and 11M | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10,16)   | 19A                                | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,3,10)    | 22 North                           | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,5,10)    | 23 North                           | Any bear except sows with cubs | 2              |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (1,2,10)      | 27                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 5              |
| Aug 25 - Oct 5, 2017  | (1,2,10)      | 29 and 30A                         | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Aug 25 - Oct 5, 2017  | (1,2,9,10,12) | 32                                 | Any bear except sows with cubs | 1              |
| Aug 25 - Oct 5, 2017  | (1,2,10)      | 34A                                | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Aug 25 - Oct 5, 2017  | (1,2,10)      | 35A and 35B                        | Any bear except sows with cubs | 3              |
| Aug 25 - Oct 5, 2017  | (1,2,7,10)    | Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A          | Any bear except sows with cubs | ---            |
| <b>Total</b>          |               |                                    |                                | <b>24</b>      |

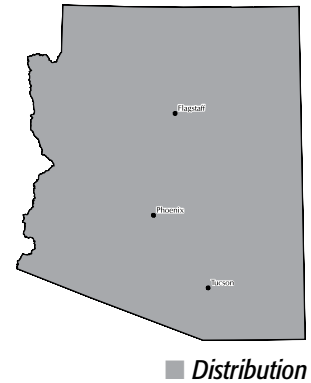
### ANNUAL FEMALE HARVEST LIMIT (REFER TO NOTE 10)

| Unit       | Limit | Unit                | Limit | Unit           | Limit |
|------------|-------|---------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1,2A,2B,2C | 13    | 9                   | 2     | 24B            | 2     |
| 3B         | 10    | 10,18A,19B          | 3     | 27             | 30    |
| 3C         | 6     | 17A,17B,18B,20A,20B | 8     | 28             | 2     |
| 4A,5A      | 8     | 19A                 | 6     | 29,30A         | 10    |
| 4B         | 6     | 21                  | 8     | 31             | 9     |
| 5B         | 5     | 22N                 | 11    | 32             | 6     |
| 6A         | 6     | 22S                 | 6     | 33             | 4     |
| 6B         | 6     | 23N                 | 15    | 34A            | 5     |
| 7          | 5     | 23S                 | 12    | 35A (FTHU),35B | 7     |
| 8          | 7     | 24A                 | 9     |                |       |

## Bear Notes:

1. No person shall knowingly use any substance as bait at any time to attract or take bear (R12-4-303).
2. When the number of female bears equaling the female harvest limit for a particular hunt has been reported killed, the unit(s) will be closed at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open. The female harvest limit is combined for Unit 35A/35B and Fort Huachuca hunts, and both hunts will close when the female harvest limit is reached for Unit 35A/35B.
3. 22 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located north of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to Tonto Creek (the Unit Boundary).
4. 22 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located south of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the east Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to Tonto Creek (the Unit Boundary).
5. 23 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located north of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
6. 23 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located south of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
7. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to bear hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Youth only hunts are only open to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian dependents holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting when the unit they occur in is open to hunting.
9. Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4400 or [www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm).
10. Annual Female Harvest Limit -- If the Annual Female Harvest Limit for a given unit is met during a calendar year, that unit or portion thereof will close to bear hunting for the current and future bear seasons during that calendar year. The Annual Female Harvest Limit is comprised of any female bear killed by a hunter or the Department. Refer to the table for the Annual Female Harvest Limit by unit.
11. The area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, is open to public entry and the taking of bear during open season.
12. The following Pima County park or preserves is open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Unit 32. Hunting in County Parks or Preserves is not permitted within 1/4 mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
13. Areas of private property within municipal boundaries are closed to bear hunting during this hunt.
14. Rogers Lake Coconino County Natural Area in Unit 6B is open to bear hunting; this area is closed to all vehicle access and is closed to motorized big game retrieval. Hunting is not permitted within 1/4 mile of any occupied building, wildlife viewing platform, picnic area, or developed trailhead.
15. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 17B within 1/4 mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to bear hunting during this season: beginning at the junction of Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10) and Williamson Valley Rd (County Rd 5); west on Iron Springs Rd to Contreras Rd; north and west on Contreras Rd to Tonto Rd (FR 102); north on FR 102 to Fair Oaks Rd; east on Fair Oaks Rd to Williamson Valley Rd (FR 6); south on Williamson Valley Rd to Iron Springs Rd.
16. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 19A within 1/4 mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to bear hunting during this season: beginning at the intersection of AZ Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69; north on AZ Hwy 89 to AZ Hwy 89A; east on Hwy 89A to Glassford Hill Rd; south on Glassford Hill Rd to AZ Hwy 69; west and south on AZ Hwy 69 to AZ Hwy 89.
17. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 19B within 1/4 mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to bear hunting during this season: beginning at the intersection of AZ Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69 (Gurley St); west on Gurley St to Grove Ave; north on Grove Ave to Miller Valley Rd; northwest on Miller Valley Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); northwest on Iron Springs Rd to Williamson Valley Rd (County Rd 5); north on Williamson Valley Rd to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks; north and east along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks to Hwy 89; south on AZ Hwy 89 to AZ Hwy 69.
18. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 20A within 1/4 mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to bear hunting during this season: beginning at the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer; west on Central Ave to Miami St; south on Miami St to Main St; west on Main St to First St; south on First St to Fair Mist Ave; east on Fair Mist Ave to Jefferson St; southwest on Jefferson St which becomes Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177); continue south and west on Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177) to Senator Hwy (FR 52); north and west on Senator Hwy (FR 52) to Wolf Creek Rd; west on Wolf Creek to Indian Creek Rd; north on Indian Creek Rd to Hwy 89; south on Hwy 89 to the Copper Creek Rd (FR 53); north on FR 53 to Copper Basin Rd; west on Copper Basin Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); north and east on Iron Springs Rd to Miller Valley Rd; south on Miller Valley Rd to Grove Ave; south on Grove Ave to Gurley St; east on Gurley St to Hwy 69; east and south on Hwy 69 to the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer.
19. Hopi Trust Lands in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B - The Hopi Tribe Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program requires all AZGFD State Certified/Licensed Outfitters and Guides who conduct business (guide, pre-scout, or request access on behalf of their clients) on the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranches in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North to contact the Chief Revenue Officer at the Office of Revenue Commission at 928-734-3172 to obtain an annual Hopi Tribal Business License. Upon approval of a Hopi Tribal Business License, access to the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranches may be obtained via email at [hophihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hophihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling 928-734-3605 or 928-734-3606 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm (MST).
20. Access requirements for portions of Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North - In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only by contacting the Hopi Tribe Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program via e-mail at [hophihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hophihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling (928) 734-3606 or (928) 734-3605 from Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Please contact in advance to gain access for hunting and scouting. In Unit 5B North, access is permitted on the Hopi's Hart/Drye Ranch and in Unit 4A on the Hopi's Aja Ranch by signing in at designated sign-in boxes located at access points.
21. For hunts in Units 5A and 5B North, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has entered into a Landowner Compact Agreement with the Bar T Bar Ranch and Flying M Ranch located in the northern portion of Units 5A and 5B. A Ranch Pass and adherence to Ranch Rules is required to access these ranches. Signage at points of entrance to the ranch provides notification of the Landowner Compact Agreement. The free Ranch Pass, a copy of Ranch Rules, and location map may be obtained online from the Department's Landowner Relations Program web page <https://agfdlandownerrelations.com>. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Flying M Ranch may also be obtained at sign-in boxes located at either of the two entrance points onto the ranch. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Bar T Bar Ranch may also be obtained at the Meteor Crater Gas Station/Convenience Store.

# Mountain Lion Hunts



**For further information on mountain lions, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>      | Any valid hunting or combination license <b>EXCEPT</b> a Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish and an Apprentice Hunting License (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Tag Required</b>          | A hunt nonpermit-tag must be obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b> | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any firearm, pre-charged pneumatic weapon, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.<br><b>Archery-Only Hunt:</b> Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, or crossbow if you possess a crossbow permit as prescribed under R12-4-216.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>             | One (1) mountain lion per calendar year statewide except in units with a multiple bag limit. In units with a multiple bag limit, hunters may take one (1) mountain lion per day until the multiple bag limit is reached. Once the multiple bag limit has been reached, the season will remain open and revert to calendar year bag limit of one (1) mountain lion. Mountain lions taken under the one (1) per day multiple bag limit do not apply towards the calendar year bag limit until the multiple bag limit is reached. |

*To hunt mountain lion in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license and a mountain lion tag. To hunt mountain lion in any season, you must obtain a hunt nonpermit-tag from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.*

**MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL REGULATIONS:** As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-877-438-0447 within 48 hours of taking a lion. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the lion taken, management unit where the lion was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a lion, the hunter (or their designee) shall present the lion's skull and hide with attached proof of sex to a designated Arizona Game and Fish Department employee for inspection (pursuant to R12-4-308). If the skull is frozen, it should be defrosted prior to presenting for inspection as a premolar tooth will be removed from the lion. If the hide is frozen, ensure that the attached proof of sex is accessible and identifiable. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

Hunters may encounter mountain lions wearing radio collars around Flagstaff, Prescott, Payson, Tucson, and western Maricopa County. The lions instrumented with these collars are part of several ongoing research projects. The collars are used to track lion movements as researchers try to learn how the lions use various habitat types and urban interface areas. The longevity of these lions is important to the ongoing research, and data collected will help to improve Arizona's management of lions in the future. If you would like more information about any of these research efforts please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department Research Branch at (623) 236-7247. Also, if one of these animals is harvested, the hunter is asked to return the collar, as well as any other marking device, such as an ear tag, to a Department office or officer when doing the required physical check-in of the carcass parts.

**MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL NOTE:** In accordance with R12-4-305(H), an individual may retain the carcass of a lion taken under A.R.S. 17-302 when the season is closed.

## Mountain Lion: Commission Order 10

### GENERAL MOUNTAIN LION (DAYLIGHT SHOOTING HOURS)

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Season Dates               | Notes                                                                            | Open Areas                                                                                                                                                                        | Legal Wildlife                                                            | Multiple Bag Limit |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,3,5,10,11,12,16, 20,21,22,23,24, 25,26,29,30,31,32, 33,34,35,36,37,38, 39,40) | Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M and any hunt listed below in Commission Order 10 with a multiple bag limit) | Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens | ---                |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (2,25)                                                                           | 15B (west of Temple Bar Rd), 15C, and 15D                                                                                                                                         | Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens | 10                 |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (2,25,37)                                                                        | 16A North                                                                                                                                                                         | Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens | 15                 |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (2,14,25)                                                                        | 16A South and 18B South                                                                                                                                                           | Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens | 15                 |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (2,25)                                                                           | 21                                                                                                                                                                                | Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens | 12                 |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (2,8)                                                                            | Lower Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27                                                                                                                                             | Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens | 10                 |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (2,15)                                                                           | Upper Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27                                                                                                                                             | Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens | 8                  |
| <b>Total</b>               |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                           | <b>70</b>          |

### ARCHERY-ONLY MOUNTAIN LION (DAYLIGHT SHOOTING HOURS)

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Season Dates               | Notes               | Open Areas             | Legal Wildlife                                                            |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (4,6,7,17,24,25,28) | 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M | Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens |

## Mountain Lion Notes:

- Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open for mountain lion hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. For more information on Camp Navajo hunting opportunities go to <https://dema.az.gov/army-national-guard/camp-navajo/garrison-operations/camp-navajo-hunting-information>. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters holding these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
- When the number of mountain lions equaling the multiple bag limit for a particular hunt has been reported, that hunt will revert to the statewide bag limit of one (1) lion per calendar year at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to determine if the multiple bag limit for their desired hunt unit is still in effect.
- The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to mountain lion hunting except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed U.S. citizens holding a valid YPG Hunting Program Access Permit and coordinating with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must obtain a hunting access permit before entering YPG. Access permits are issued at the YPG Visitor Center, located at the Wahner E. Brooks Exhibit Park (tank display) off Imperial Dam Road. Hours for obtaining hunting permits are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Hunting access permit applicants must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement, receive a Range Safety Briefing, and undergo a brief background check. Furthermore, all firearms must be registered at the visitor center prior to entering YPG. Do not bring the firearms into the visitor center. Due to military activities some hunting areas may be temporarily closed on short notice. Updates will be posted on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/USAYPG>. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 307, Attn: Hunting Program, 307 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498; email: [usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.hunting@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.hunting@mail.mil); call (928) 328-2125; or visit <https://www.yuma.army.mil/Visiting/Hunting-at-YPG>.
- Tucson Mountain Park in Unit 38M is open to mountain lion hunting for archery-only. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within 1/4 mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting when the unit they occur in is open to hunting.
- A portion of Unit 25M is closed to hunting. Hunting is not permitted in the following area of Unit 25M: an unincorporated portion of land west of Loop 202 (San Tan Freeway) known as the Elliot and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
- The following described area in Unit 26M is closed to hunting: those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
- Lower Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of the New Mexico state line and U.S. Hwy 78;

## Mountain Lion Notes:

- west on U.S. Hwy 78 to FR road 212; northwest on FR road 212 to the San Francisco River; southwest along the San Francisco River to Sardine Canyon; west along Sardine Canyon to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to Forest Trail 14 (AD Bar Trail); east on Forest Trail 14 to Blue River; south along the Blue River to the confluence of the Little Blue River; northeast along the Little Blue River to Forest Trail 41; east on Forest Trail 41 to the Arizona-New Mexico state line; south along the state line to U.S. Hwy 78.
10. Barry M Goldwater Range: Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the appropriate land management agency for hunting access to Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) and applicable adjacent areas. The BMGR is closed to hunting except open public recreational use areas, as allowed via an authorized entry permit. Hunters wishing to access or cross additional areas in BMGR East must coordinate with the 56th Fighter Wing Range Management Office. To access the BMGR or Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, hunters must sign a hold harmless agreement and obtain an entry permit. More information can be obtained by calling Luke Air Force Base, 56th Fighter Wing RMO at (623) 856-7216; the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma at (928) 269-7150; the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office at (602) 417-9200; the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge at (520) 387-6483; the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field at (623) 856-5200 or by emailing 56RMO.Public.Affairs@us.af.mil.
11. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov) (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
12. The area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, is open to public entry and the taking of mountain lion during open season.
14. Unit 16A South and 18B South Hunt Area - Those portions of Units 16A and 18B beginning in Wikieup at Chicken Springs Road and U.S. Hwy 93; north on U.S. Hwy 93 for 2.2 miles to Pump Station Road; east on Pump Station Road for 0.9 miles to Back Road; north on Back Road for 1.8 miles to Boner Canyon Road (unmarked); northeast on Boner Canyon Road to Bogles Ranch Road near SV Ranch headquarters (stay right at each road fork); south on Bogles Ranch Road for 3.5 miles to Black Canyon drainage; northeast in Black Canyon drainage to Francis Creek; southeast on Francis Creek to Burro Creek; northeast on Burro Creek to Conger Creek; southeast on Conger Creek to Conger Springhead; south on access road to Bozarth Mesa Road; east on Bozarth Mesa Road to Camp Wood (Yolo) Road, the Unit 17B-18B boundary; southwest on Camp Wood Road to AZ Hwy 96 in Bagdad; southeast on AZ Hwy 96 to the Santa Maria River; southwest along Santa Maria River to Alamo Lake; westerly along the north shore of Alamo Lake to Alamo Road; northwest on Alamo Road to Chicken Springs Road; southeast on Chicken Springs Road to U.S. Hwy 93.
15. Upper Blue River Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Highway 180 and the New Mexico state line; south along the New Mexico state line to Forest Trail 41; northwest along Forest Trail 41 to the Little Blue River; south-southwest along the Little Blue River to the confluence of the Blue River; north along the Blue River to Forest Trail 14; west on Forest Trail 14 to U.S. Highway 191; north on U.S. Highway 191 to U.S. Highway 180; east on U.S. Highway 180 to the New Mexico state line.
16. Unit 31 and 32 hunts - Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or [www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm).
17. Within Unit 25M as described in R12-4-108, all incorporated lands, including private property within municipal boundaries, are closed to hunting unless opened under Commission Order. Incorporated includes all municipal and corporate limits. County islands are open to hunting provided the hunter does not discharge a firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied farmhouse, residence, cabin, lodge, or building without permission of the owner or resident. Privately held lands within county islands may be closed by the landowner.
20. The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33, Emperita Ranch in Unit 34B, Bar V Ranch in Unit 34B, Sands Ranch in Unit 34B, Clyne Ranch in Unit 34B, Diamond Bell Ranch in Unit 36A, Marley Ranch in Units 36A and 36B, Rancho Seco in Units 36A and 36B, Kings 98 Ranch in Unit 36C, Old Hayhook Ranch in Unit 36C, Verdugo in Unit 36C, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochise Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
21. The following described area in Unit 36B is closed to hunting: in the posted portion of Sopori Ranch south of Arivaca Road in Sections 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 11 East. The remainder of Sopori Ranch is open to hunting.
22. The following described area in the Town of Marana in Unit 37A is closed to hunting: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
23. The following described area in the Town of Quartzsite in Units 43A and 44B is closed to hunting: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 West.
24. The following parks and preserves in Maricopa County are open to hunting as defined in R12-4-321 and are open for archery-only: Lake Pleasant, White Tank Mountains, Estrella Mountain and McDowell Mountain Regional parks; McDowell Sonoran Preserve; and portions of Skyline Regional Park (Back Country designated area only - contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Mesa Regional office or City of Buckeye for open area maps). Hunting in parks and preserves opened by this Commission Order is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
25. Areas of private property within the municipal boundaries (except in Units 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 27, and 39 west of AZ Hwy 85) are closed to mountain lion hunting during this hunt.

## Mountain Lion Notes continued:

26. The area in Unit 37A in the Town of Marana is subject to temporary closures in February for special events. All state lands located south of Cochise Canyon Trail in Township 11 South, Range 12 East.
28. Those portions of Units 11M, 25M, and 26M within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building within municipal or corporate limits are closed to mountain lion hunting during this season.
29. Rogers Lake Coconino County Natural Area in Unit 6B is open to mountain lion hunting; this area is closed to all vehicle access and is closed to motorized big game retrieval. Hunting is not permitted within ¼ mile of any occupied building, wildlife viewing platform, picnic area, or developed trailhead.
30. The following City of Tucson Water Properties located in Avra Valley are open to hunting: the Duval property in Unit 36C and the Buckalew, Flying E Bar, Ed Anway, Kai, Tucker, and Trust 205 properties in Unit 37A; all other Tucson Water Properties are closed to hunting. All open City of Tucson properties are foot access only at designated entry points. Please sign in and out at sign-in boxes located at designated entry points.
31. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 15B within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to mountain lion hunting during this season: beginning at the junction of West Tennessee Ave and Tennessee Ave; east on Tennessee Ave to Patterson Lane; south and west on Patterson Lane to Tennessee Wash; northeast along Tennessee Wash to Tennessee Ave; west on Tennessee Ave to 6th St; north on 6th St to Emerson Ave; west on Emerson Ave to 4th St; north and west on 4th St to West Tennessee Ave; south on West Tennessee Ave to Tennessee Ave.
32. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 16A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to mountain lion hunting during this season: that portion of Unit 16A in Township 20 North, Range 15 West, Section 28 (Pine Lakes Community is within this area).
33. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 17B within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to mountain lion hunting during this season: beginning at the junction of Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10) and Williamson Valley Rd (County Rd 5); west on Iron Springs Rd to Contreras Rd; north and west on Contreras Rd to Tonto Rd (FR 102); north on FR 102 to Fair Oaks Rd; east on Fair Oaks Rd to Williamson Valley Rd (FR 6); south on Williamson Valley Rd to Iron Springs Rd.
34. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 19A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to mountain lion hunting during this season: beginning at the intersection of AZ Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69; north on AZ Hwy 89 to AZ Hwy 89A; east on Hwy 89A to Glassford Hill Rd; south on Glassford Hill Rd to AZ Hwy 69; west and south on AZ Hwy 69 to AZ Hwy 89.
35. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 19B within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to mountain lion hunting during this season: beginning at the intersection of AZ Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69 (Gurley St); west on Gurley St to Grove Ave; north on Grove Ave to Miller Valley Rd; northwest on Miller Valley Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); northwest on Iron Springs Rd to Williamson Valley Rd (County Rd 5); north on Williamson Valley Rd to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks; north and east along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks to Hwy 89; south on AZ Hwy 89 to AZ Hwy 69.
36. Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 20A within ¼ mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to mountain lion hunting during this season: beginning at the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer; west on Central Ave to Miami St; south on Miami St to Main St; west on Main St to First St; south on First St to Fair Mist Ave; east on Fair Mist Ave to Jefferson St; southwest on Jefferson St which becomes Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177); continue south and west on Goodwin Rd (County Rd 177) to Senator Hwy (FR 52); north and west on Senator Hwy (FR 52) to Wolf Creek Rd; west on Wolf Creek to Indian Creek Rd; north on Indian Creek Rd to Hwy 89; south on Hwy 89 to the Copper Creek Rd (FR 53); north on FR 53 to Copper Basin Rd; west on Copper Basin Rd to Iron Springs Rd (County Rd 10); north and east on Iron Springs Rd to Miller Valley Rd; south on Miller Valley Rd to Grove Ave; south on Grove Ave to Gurley St; east on Gurley St to Hwy 69; east and south on Hwy 69 to the eastern junction of Hwy 69 and Central Ave in Mayer.
37. 16A North - That portion of Unit 16A beginning in Kingman at Exit 48 on I-40; south and west on I-40 to U.S. Hwy 95 (exit 9); southerly on U. S. Hwy 95 to the Bill Williams River; easterly along the Bill Williams River to Alamo Lake; easterly along the north shore of Alamo Lake to Alamo Road; northwest on Alamo Road to Chicken Springs Road; northeast on Chicken Springs Road to U.S. Hwy 93; north and west on U.S. Hwy 93 and I-40 to Kingman (exit 48).
38. Access requirements for portions of Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North - In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only by contacting the Hopi Tribe Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program via e-mail at [hophihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hophihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling (928) 734-3606 or (928) 734-3605 from Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Please contact in advance to gain access for hunting and scouting. In Unit 5B North, access is permitted on the Hopi's Hart/Drye Ranch and in Unit 4A on the Hopi's Aja Ranch by signing in at designated sign-in boxes located at access points.
39. Hopi Trust Lands in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B - The Hopi Tribe Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program requires all AZGFD State Certified/Licensed Outfitters and Guides who conduct business (guide, pre-scout, or request access on behalf of their clients) on the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranches in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B North to contact the Chief Revenue Officer at the Office of Revenue Commission at 928-734-3172 to obtain an annual Hopi Tribal Business License. Upon approval of a Hopi Tribal Business License, access to the Hopi 3 Canyon Ranches may be obtained via email at [hophihunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hophihunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling 928-734-3605 or 928-734-3606 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm (MST).
40. For hunts in Units 5A and 5B North, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has entered into a Landowner Compact Agreement with the Bar T Bar Ranch and Flying M Ranch located in the northern portion of Units 5A and 5B. A Ranch Pass and adherence to Ranch Rules is required to access these ranches. Signage at points of entrance to the ranch provides notification of the Landowner Compact Agreement. The free Ranch Pass, a copy of Ranch Rules, and location map may be obtained online from the Department's Landowner Relations Program web page <https://agfdlandownerrelations.com>. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Flying M Ranch may also be obtained at sign-in boxes located at either of the two entrance points onto the ranch. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Bar T Bar Ranch may also be obtained at the Meteor Crater Gas Station/Convenience Store.

# Population Management Hunts

Beginning in 2003-2004, the Arizona Game and Fish Department established Population Management Hunts and the Hunter Pool. AZGFD Wildlife Managers have found that previous hunt strategies designed to manage some wildlife populations are not meeting objectives. When regular hunt seasons don't meet management objectives, conflicts between wildlife and other uses of the land can occur. Population management hunts are designed to allow the Department to achieve supplemental harvests of wildlife when traditional harvest strategies have not met their objectives. Population management hunts will enhance the Department's ability to meet population and habitat management objectives.

The following information is important to know if you are planning on applying for a population management hunt.

- Population management hunts may occur as necessary, under the provisions of R12-4-115 (page 120).
- The Population Management Seasons Commission Order 26 approved by the Commission designates the range of species, season dates, open areas, legal wildlife, lawful taking methods, and maximum tag numbers for population management hunts to be prescribed by the Director and implemented under R12-4-115.
- When a population management hunt is found to be necessary, as prescribed in R12-4-115, hunters will be selected from the hunter pool made up of hunter pool applicants (see application below).
- The hunter pool list will be purged by the Department Dec. 31, 2017. You may apply at any time during the year (note: do not include the hunter pool hunt application form with a hunt permit-tag application—you must apply separately. See application below for instructions).
- To complete your application, you must designate the species of animal(s) you desire to hunt and the weapon type(s). You must also submit a \$13 application fee (residents) or a \$15 application fee (non-residents) (note: one application fee per application—not per species). Please do not send cash.
- You may designate more than one species and weapon type on the application form. If you choose to designate more than one species and weapon type on your hunter pool application, your name will be included in the hunter pool for each species and weapon type you designate. This means that you may be eligible to participate in a population management hunt for more than one species or method of take each year (note: annual bag limits apply to all population management hunts and may limit your ability to participate in a population management hunt or regular season hunt).
- If you participate in a population management hunt and fill your annual bag limit for that species, you may not participate in a regular hunting season for that species even if you are drawn through the normal draw process (note: A.R.S. 17-332.E. prohibits the issuing of a refund for the purchase of a license or a permit).
- If your application is selected during a random drawing for a population management hunt, the Department will attempt to contact you three times by telephone within a 24-hour period. If you cannot be contacted within 24 hours, your application will be returned to the hunter pool for inclusion in future population management hunts during that year.
- If you are offered a restricted non-permit tag for a population management hunt, pursuant to R12-4-115, you may decline to participate. If you decline to participate, your application will be returned to the hunter pool for inclusion in future population management hunts during that year (note: if you agree to participate in a population management hunt but fail to purchase your tag within the timeframe designated when you are contacted, you will not be eligible for further population management hunts that year).
- If you elect to participate in a population management hunt, it is probable that you will be asked to arrive in the field to hunt within a few days of being contacted (note: purchase of restricted nonpermit-tag and applicable hunting license prior to hunting is required).
- Restricted non-permit tags issued through the hunter pool may be purchased through the Department's Phoenix office. See the front of the hunting regulations booklet for the address and phone number.
- You will not gain or lose bonus points when you apply for, or participate in, a population management hunt.

Form may be photocopied.

## Do not include this form with a Hunt Permit-tag Application Form (See R12-4-115 on page 119)

### Have you:

- Filled in all the blanks?
- Enclosed the \$13 (residents) or \$15 (non-residents) application fee?
- Signed your application?
- Indicated your choice of species?

### Mail Application and Fee (do not send cash) to:

Arizona Game and Fish Department  
Attention: Drawer FAB  
5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000

## HUNTER POOL APPLICATION

For Jan. 1, 2017 thru Dec. 31, 2017

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Please provide your hunting license number.  
(2 character license prefix required)

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Choose 1 to 5 Species: ☐ Deer ☐ Elk ☐ Bear ☐ Javelina ☐ Bison

Choose 1 to 3 Methods of Take: ☐ Rifle ☐ HAM (Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader) ☐ Archery

Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ ☐ Resident ☐ Non-resident

Please provide your Department ID Number. If you do not have a Department ID Number, one will be provided for you.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FORM 55

# Population Management Hunts

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>      | Any valid hunting or combination license <b>EXCEPT</b> a Short-term Combination Hunt and Fish and an Apprentice Hunting License (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees).                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Tag Required</b>          | Refer to page 64.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b> | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any firearm, pre-charged pneumatic weapon, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304. <b>Archery-Only Hunt:</b> Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, or crossbow if you possess a crossbow permit as allowed under R12-4-216. <b>Muzzleloader Hunt:</b> Muzzleloader weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>             | Refer to individual species annual bag limits. Annual bag limits apply to all population management hunts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Definition</b>            | A <b>Companion Tag</b> is a restricted nonpermit-tag offered through the Population Management Season structure. Companion Tag hunts mirror another big game animal hunt for which a hunt number is assigned and hunt permit-tags are issued through the draw. Companion Tags are only available to holders of hunt permit-tags for the associated hunt number. Companion Tags can be purchased at any Department office.       |

## Population Management Seasons: Commission Order 26

### JAVELINA YOUTH-ONLY POPULATION MANAGEMENT SEASONS

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates          | Notes         | Open Areas       | Legal Wildlife | Permits    |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------|
| Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (1,3,7,11,12) | 28, 31, and 32   | Any javelina   | 100        |
| Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (1,3,7,11,12) | 29, 30A, and 30B | Any javelina   | 150        |
| Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2017  | (1,7)         | 33               | Any javelina   | 200        |
| Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017 | (1,7,11)      | 36A              | Any javelina   | 175        |
| Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2017 | (1,7,11)      | 36B              | Any javelina   | 125        |
| <b>Total</b>          |               |                  |                | <b>750</b> |

### JAVELINA YOUTH-ONLY (MUZZLELOADER) POPULATION MANAGEMENT SEASONS

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates          | Notes       | Open Areas                            | Legal Wildlife | Permits   |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2017  | (1,7,11,14) | 15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D                | Any javelina   | 20        |
| Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2017 | (1,7,11,13) | 16A (except Mohave County Park Lands) | Any javelina   | 25        |
| <b>Total</b>          |             |                                       |                | <b>45</b> |

## Population Management Notes:

- These seasons shall be held in accordance with R12-4-115 and may include shorter time frames, smaller geographic areas, and specification of legal wildlife within that described in this Commission Order.
- Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.
- Restricted nonpermit tags for these population management seasons will be available to permit holders in corresponding big game seasons.
- The Buenos Aires Refuge is open to javelina hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
- Unit 31 and 32 hunts - Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or Recreation.gov search Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness Permit.
- Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 16A within 1/4 mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to javelina hunting during this season: that portion of Unit 16A in Township 20 North, Range 15 West, Section 28 (Pine Lakes Community is within this area).
- Within the following described area, those portions of Unit 15B within 1/4 mile of an occupied residence or building are closed to javelina hunting during this season: beginning at the junction of West Tennessee Ave and Tennessee Ave; east on Tennessee Ave to Patterson Lane; south and west on Patterson Lane to Tennessee Wash; northeast along Tennessee Wash to Tennessee Ave; west on Tennessee Ave to 6th St; north on 6th St to Emerson Ave; west on Emerson Ave to 4th St; north and west on 4th St to West Tennessee Ave; south on West Tennessee Ave to Tennessee Ave.

# Wolf or Coyote?

## Know the Differences



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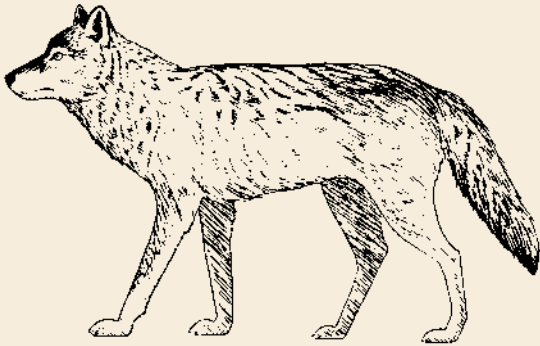
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**An important step in accomplishing reintroduction of the Mexican wolf is to reduce inadvertent illegal shooting of this subspecies.** To date, some of these wolves have been shot, and it is probable that some of these shootings were cases of mistaken identity, where the shooter believed the target was a coyote. It may be difficult to distinguish wolves from coyotes, especially when the sighting is brief, the animal is far away, the wolf is a juvenile, or the wolf is in its summer coat. Coyote hunters should exercise extra caution from July to November because wolf pups are active, and their appearance and behavior make them appear like coyotes. You are responsible for identifying your target before shooting.

If you are hunting in or near Unit 1, 2C, 3B, 3C, 23 or 27, or near the United States/Mexico border east of Nogales, please be aware that Mexican wolves may be present. Mexican wolves are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Take, which means “to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct,” is generally unlawful, and may subject you to federal and state prosecution. Criminal penalties may include imprisonment of not more than one year and a fine of up to \$50,000 and/or a civil penalty of up to \$25,000.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCES

# Know the Differences

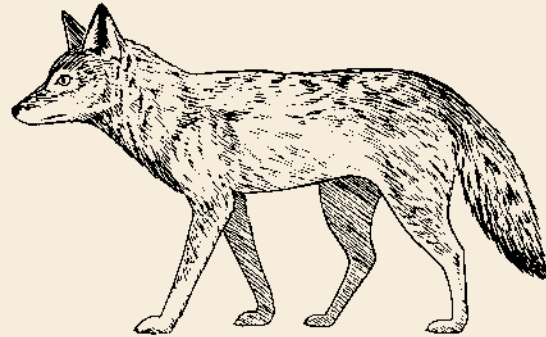


## Mexican Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*)

- Nose is broad and blocky
- Ears are more rounded and relatively short
- Fur color is very similar to coyotes: grizzled gray, black, rust or buff; there has never been a confirmed solid black or solid white Mexican wolf
- Legs are longer, giving wolves a more lanky appearance; feet are larger
- Weighs 50–80 pounds
- Sometimes displays curious behavior and may not flee as quickly
- Moves more fluidly
- Not all wolves have radio collars
- Front paw is 4 1/2 inches long by 3 1/2 inches wide

**Description:** Smaller than a northern gray wolf but larger than a coyote. Adults are 70–80 pounds and 30 inches at the shoulder. Adults are 5–5.5 feet long, including a 14- to 17-inch tail. Males are larger than females. Head and feet are large in proportion to body. Small, erect ears with wide tufts of hair that grow out and down are one of the Mexican wolf's most distinctive features. Body color is often mottled or patchy, varying from gray and black to brown and buff. Tails are long (almost to the ground) and do not appear as fluffy as a coyote's tail.

**Habitat:** Mid- to high-elevation woodlands, including oak, pinyon pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and mixed conifer forests. Almost all historical records of Mexican wolves in Arizona occurred above 4,500 feet in elevation. Habitat must contain large ungulate prey animals for wolves to thrive.



## Coyote (*Canis latrans*)

- Nose is slender and pointed
- Ears are prominent, pointed and relatively long
- Fur color is very similar to wolves: grizzled gray, rust or buff; rarely white or black
- Legs and feet are smaller, more delicate
- Weighs 20–35 pounds
- Usually displays skittish behavior, tends to flee immediately
- Moves in a manner that appears to be hopping or bouncing
- Front paw is 2 1/2 inches long by 2 inches wide

**Description:** Coyotes are on the small side, weighing less than 35 pounds. An adult measures about 21 inches tall at the shoulder, with a total length of up to 49 inches. The fur is reddish or tawny gray, sometimes tipped with black. The tail is large and very bushy. Ears are upright, and the slender muzzle is sharply pointed. Seasonal color variation is considerable among coyotes, and immature pelage is grayer and duller than that of an adult.

**Habitat:** All habitats are occupied, from low desert to montane forest and woodland, but the coyote tends to avoid thickly forested, high elevation areas.

# Condor Country: Why Non-lead Ammunition?

## Hunters are helping

For the past nine years, 80 to 91 percent of fall hunters have participated in the Department's voluntary lead reduction program by using non-lead ammunition or removing gut piles from the field in the condor's core range.

The hunting community should be proud of this accomplishment, but we still need more help. Please help us prove to our critics that we can solve this problem on our own and that mandatory measures are not needed.

Anyone shooting a firearm in condor range is asked to use non-lead ammunition. If you choose to use lead ammunition, you can still help by removing your entire carcass (including small game, varmints and domestic animals) and gut pile from the field. Local landfills accept and bury animal remains.

## Hunters praise non-lead bullets

Copper bullets have superior penetration, are less toxic, and do not fragment like lead. 93 percent of hunters say that non-lead bullets



perform as well as or better than lead bullets on game. Non-lead shot and frangible bullets also are available for varmint and small game hunting.



**The Arizona Game and Fish Department** and our partners ask you to be part of the solution by using non-lead ammunition when hunting in condor country (Game Management Units 9, 10, 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B).

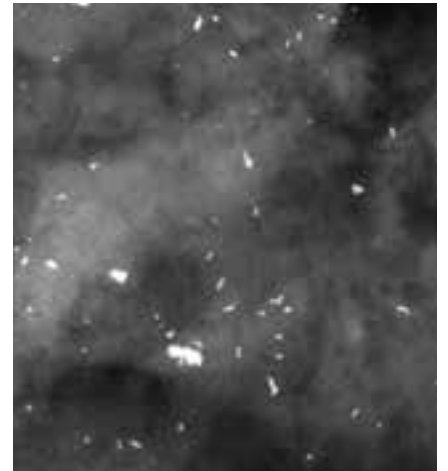
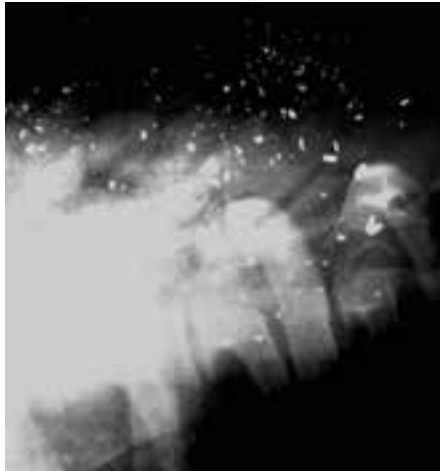
These sportsmen's groups ask you to use non-lead ammunition in condor range:

- **Arizona Deer Association**
- **Arizona Elk Society**
- **Arizona Antelope Foundation**
- **Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society**
- **Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation**

**Hunters drawn for hunts in condor range will be mailed more information before their hunt.**

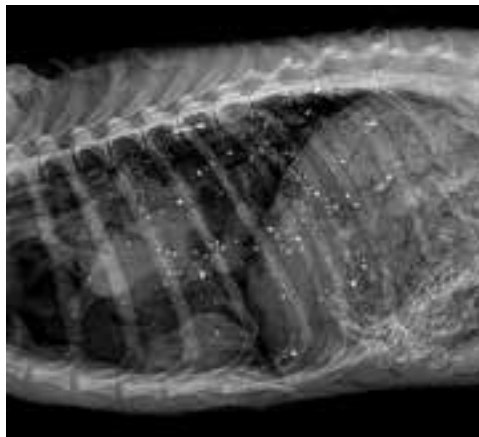


Lead poisoning is the leading cause of death in condors and the main obstacle to a self-sustaining population. There are currently 73 free-flying condors in Arizona and Utah. At least 28 condors have died from lead poisoning. Several had lead shot and bullet fragments in their digestive tract. More than 450 cases of lead exposure have been documented in the condor population since 1999.



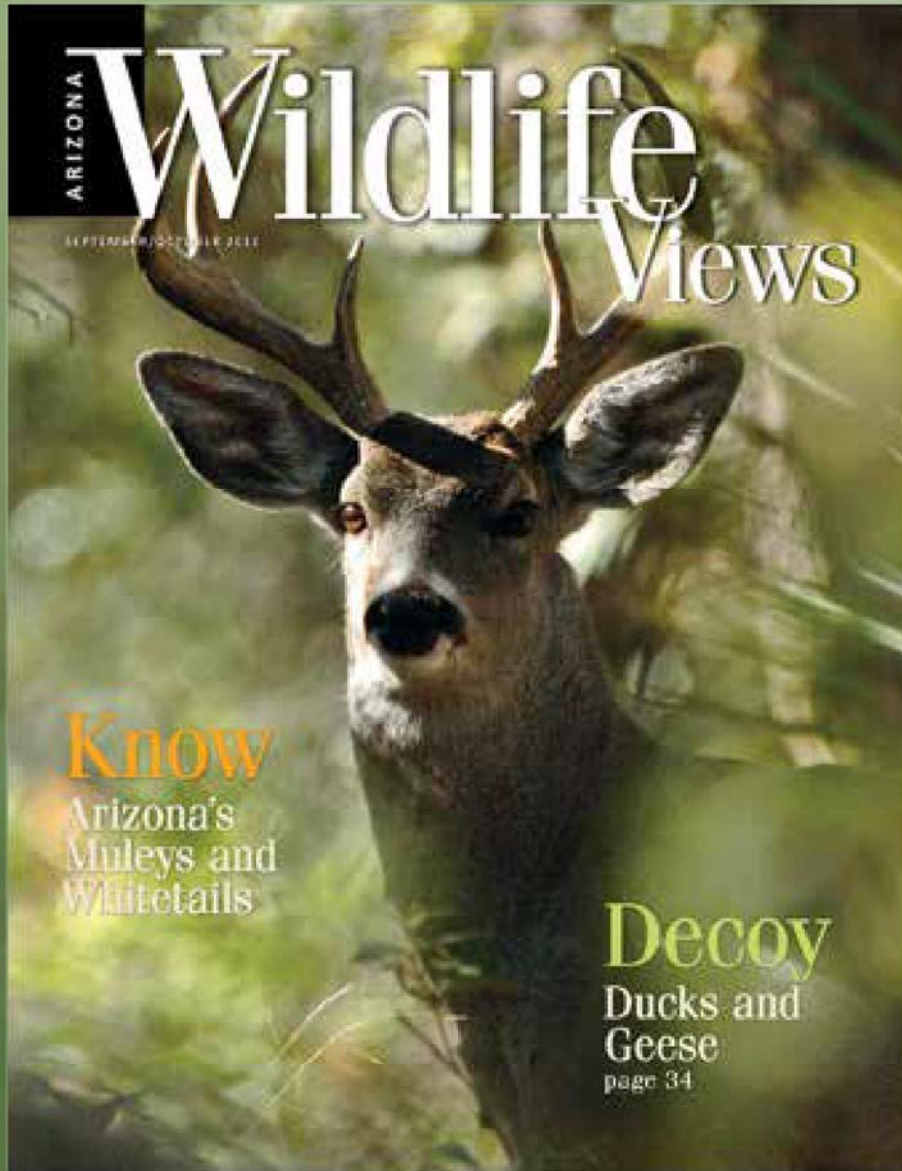
Lead bullet fragments remain in game carcasses and gut piles left in the field by hunters. These X-rays show hundreds of lead fragments (fragments appear bright white in X-ray) in a deer carcass and gut pile. Condors are group feeders, so several birds can ingest fragments from one carcass or gut pile containing lead.

Studies have concluded that lead shot and bullet fragments found in game carcasses and gut piles are the main source of lead in condors. To learn more about the condor program and for a complete list of non-lead ammunition available, visit: [www.azgfd.gov/condor](http://www.azgfd.gov/condor).



Lead varmint and small game ammunition also fragments significantly. This x-ray of a coyote illustrates the amount of lead (bright white fragments) left in the carcass. Each spring condor lead exposures increase as they forage on animal remains left in the field by hunters. Hunters can help by either using non-lead ammunition OR removing ALL varmint and small game carcasses from the field.

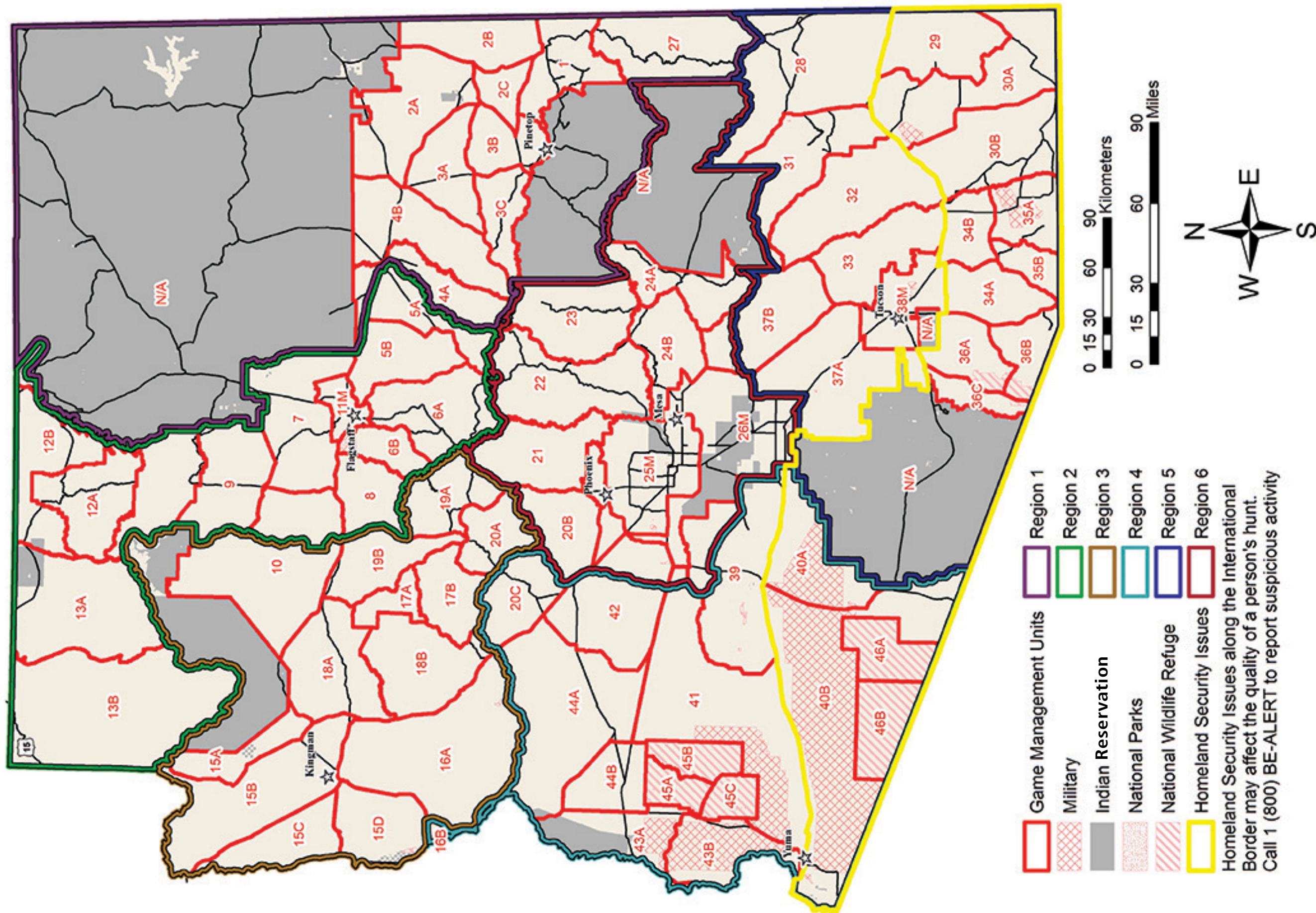
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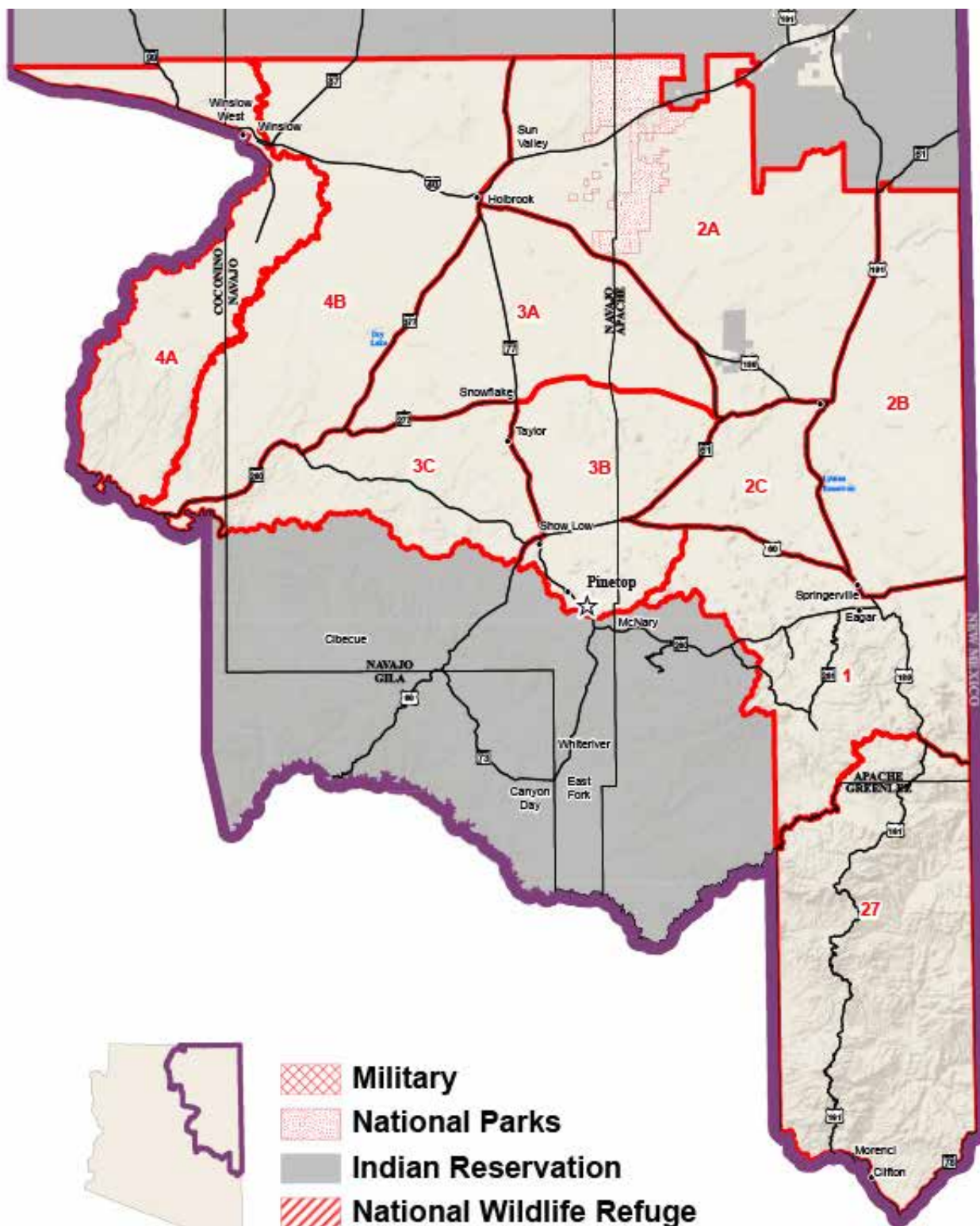
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# Game Management Unit Map



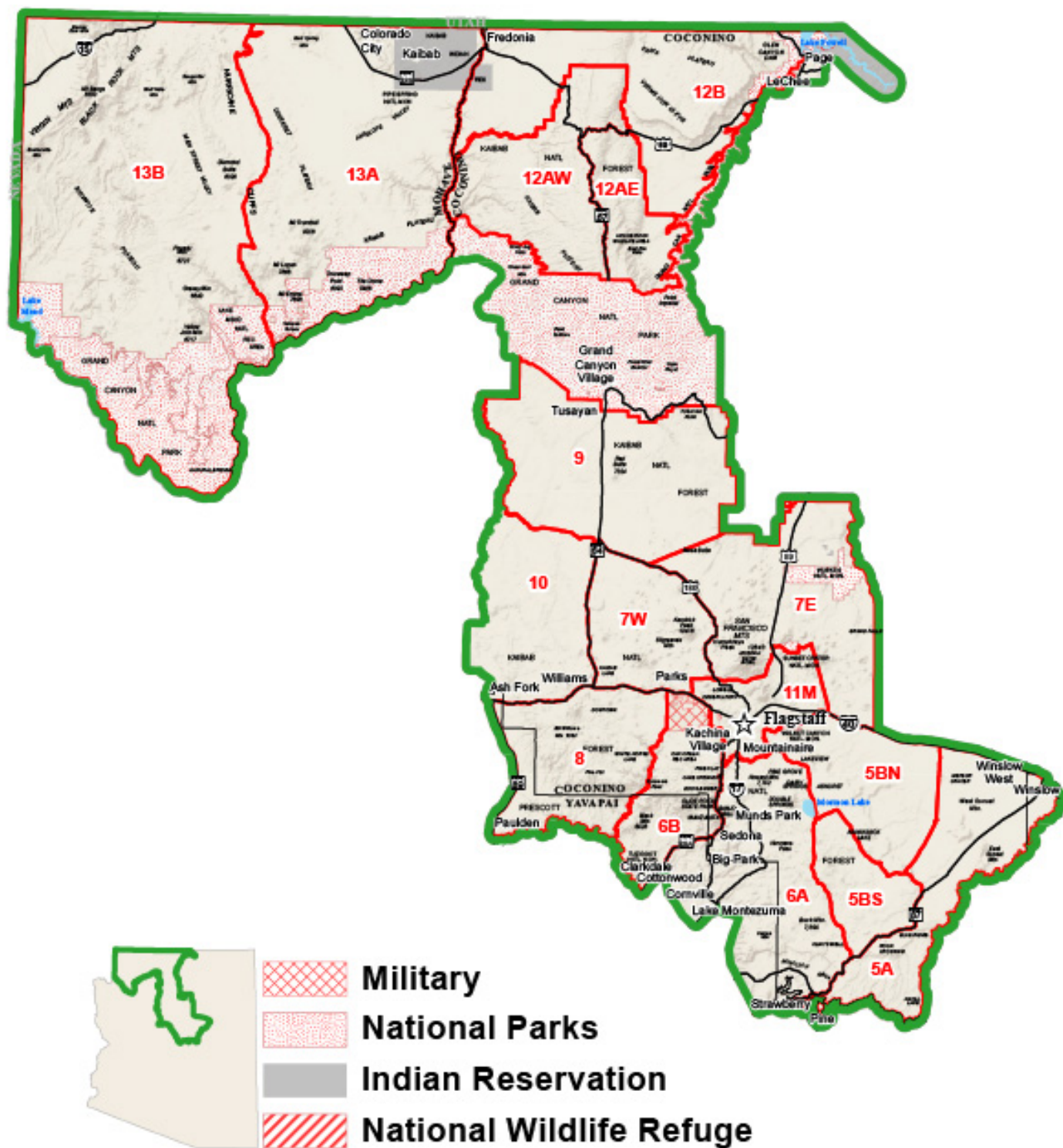
## Region 1 – Game Management Unit Map



Game Management Units shown on this map are administered by the **Pinetop Regional Office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department**, 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd., Pinetop, AZ 85935. Call: (928) 367-4281.

This map is for reference only. See R12-4-108 on page 114 for legal descriptions of Game Management Unit Boundaries. Hunting on Indian Reservation, if allowed, is controlled by each individual tribe. Contact the appropriate tribe for additional information.

## Region 2 – Game Management Unit Map



Game Management Units shown on this map are administered by the **Flagstaff Regional Office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department**, 3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86005. Call: (928) 774-5045.

This map is for reference only. See R12-4-108 on page 114 for legal descriptions of Game Management Unit Boundaries. Hunting on Indian Reservation, if allowed, is controlled by each individual tribe. Contact the appropriate tribe for additional information.

## Region 3 – Game Management Unit Map



Game Management Units shown on this map are administered by the **Kingman Regional Office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department**, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road, Kingman, AZ 86409. Call: (928) 692-7700.

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## Region 4 – Game Management Unit Map



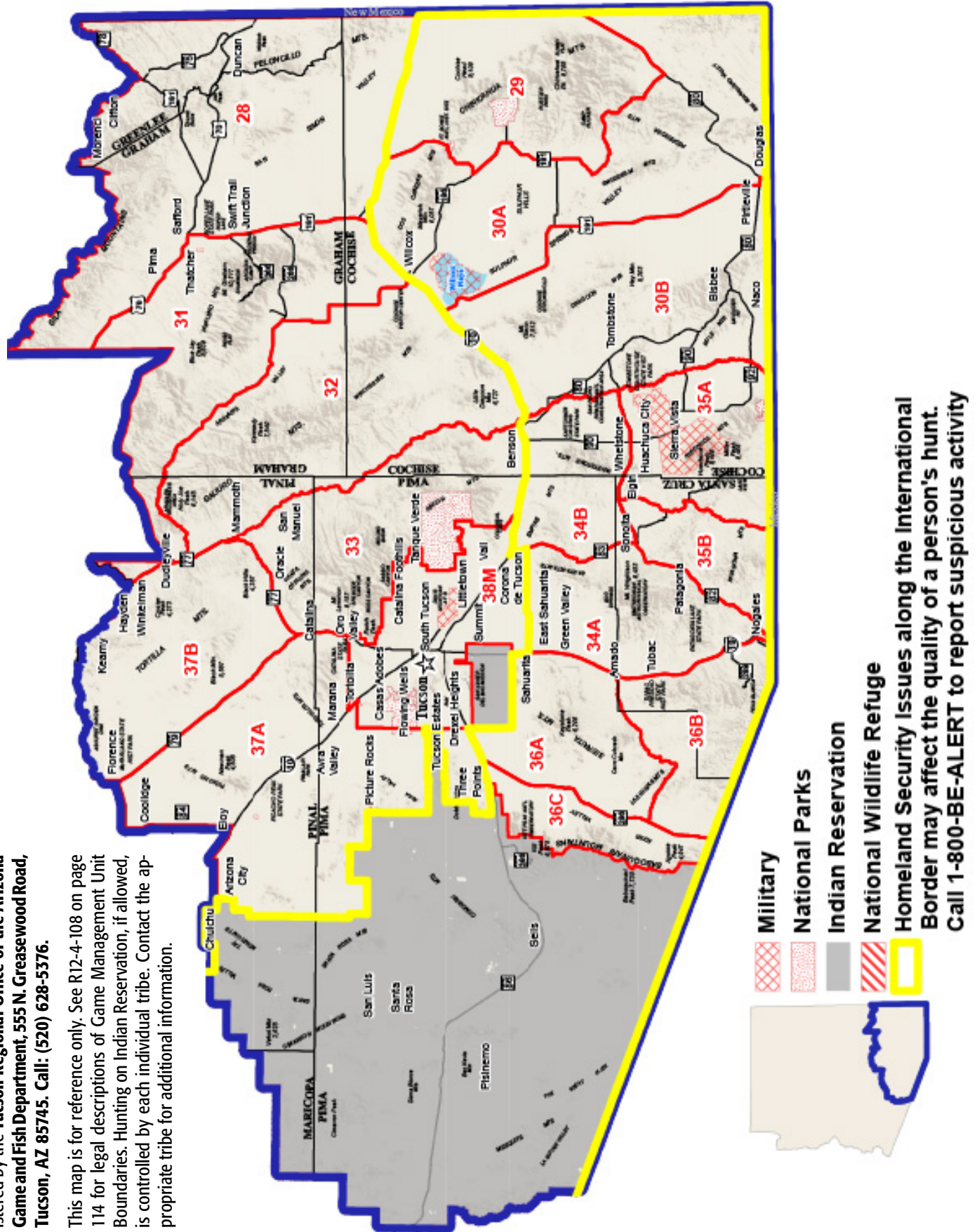
Game Management Units shown on this map are administered by the **Yuma Regional Office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department**, 9140 E. 28th St., Yuma, AZ 85365. Call: (928) 342-0091.

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## Region 5 – Game Management Unit Map

Game Management Units shown on this map are administered by the **Tucson Regional Office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, 555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson, AZ 85745. Call: (520) 628-5376.**

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**Homeland Security Issues along the International Border may affect the quality of a person's hunt.**  
Call 1-800-BE-ALERT to report suspicious activity

## Maps

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# Welcome to Small Game Hunting in Arizona

Small game hunters in Arizona are very fortunate. Few places in North America offer such a diversity of hunts with lengthy seasons as does Arizona. Within this section are the season dates, bag limits, and other pertinent information necessary to hunt small game and other wildlife. The 2017-18 hunting season is looking good for the small game hunter.

All of our small game species go through boom and bust cycles with varying frequency. Generally, population fluctuations correspond with precipitation patterns. During the past few years, many of our small game populations have suffered ebbs in the cycle. The astute and successful small game hunter keeps a watchful eye on rainfall patterns and increases hunt success by targeting the species or portion of the state where small game populations are most favorable.

Quail and cottontail respond well to rainfall. In some areas these species abound because of increased precipitation, while apparent voids exist in other areas due to the lack of rain. Yet, knowing when rain falls is just as important as knowing where. In the case of quail, Gambel's quail respond to winter rains, scaled quail respond to spring rains, and Mearns' quail respond to summer monsoonal rains. These time-period-specific precipitation patterns affect the hatches and juvenile survival of each species. When precipitation increases during these time periods, these quail populations generally increase as well.

Yet, not all precipitation is good precipitation. In the case of Abert's tree squirrels, an extended period of heavy snows with deep snow pack decreases their overwinter survival because they are forced to feed on less

nutritious pine stems rather than the protein and fat-packed seeds buried under the snow. By watching precipitation patterns across the state, small game hunters can identify those small game species and localities that are likely to provide the best hunting next year.

If you're up for a challenge and want to explore new areas of the state, don't forget about pursuing some of Arizona's other upland game. Chukars, dusky (blue) grouse, and pheasant can take you on an adventure that few others can.

As with any season or upcoming hunt, make sure you do your homework. Good luck and enjoy your hunting experience. For more information on these species, seasons, and hunting regulations, please visit [www.azgfd.gov/hunting](http://www.azgfd.gov/hunting).

## Tree Squirrel Hunting



■ Distribution

**For further information on squirrels, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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| <b>License Required</b>                                                                                                      | <b>For hunters under age 10</b> , you must either have a valid hunting or combination license or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license. <b>For hunters 10 years and older</b> , any valid hunting or combination license (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees). To hunt in a <b>Falconry-Only season</b> , a Sport Falconry License is required as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.                                                                            |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>                                                                                                 | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any lawful method as described in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. <b>Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Hunt:</b> Shotgun shooting shot, crossbow, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318 and R12-4-422. <b>Archery-Only Hunt:</b> Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, or crossbow if you possess a crossbow permit as prescribed in R12-4-216. <b>Falconry-Only Hunt:</b> Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318. |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>                                                                                                             | Five (5) tree squirrels per day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Possession Limit</b>                                                                                                      | Fifteen (15) tree squirrels of which no more than five (5) may be taken in any one day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>To hunt tree squirrel in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license.</i>                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>Tree squirrels hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Tree Squirrel Hunting

## Tree Squirrel: Commission Order 11

### GENERAL TREE SQUIRREL

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates              | Notes           | Open Areas                                                                  | Legal Wildlife                                         |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017      | (6,15,22,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding for National Wildlife Refuges and Unit 11M) | Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel |
| Jul 1, 2017- Jun 30, 2018 |                 | 31                                                                          | Tassel-eared tree squirrel                             |
| Sep 1, 2017- May 31, 2018 | (15)            | 33                                                                          | Tassel-eared tree squirrel                             |

### LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT TREE SQUIRREL

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas | Legal Wildlife    |
|----------------------|-------|------------|-------------------|
| Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2017 |       | 11M        | Any tree squirrel |

### ARCHERY-ONLY TREE SQUIRREL

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates          | Notes        | Open Areas                                                                                      | Legal Wildlife                                         |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Aug 25 - Oct 5, 2017  | (6,15,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding for National Wildlife Refuges and Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B) | Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel |
| Aug 25 - Sep 14, 2017 | (6)          | 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B                                                                          | Any tree squirrel                                      |

### FALCONRY-ONLY TREE SQUIRREL

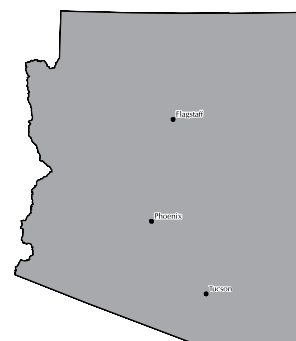
*Open Areas include areas closed to hunting by R12-4-321 but do not include areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-801, R12-4-802, and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates          | Notes     | Open Areas                                                                 | Legal Wildlife    |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Aug 25 - Dec 31, 2017 | (6,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding for National Wildlife Refuges and Unit 33) | Any tree squirrel |

**TREE SQUIRREL NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 92-93.**

**Your Hunter Questionnaire is Important!**  
**Be sure to respond.**

# Cottontail Rabbit Hunting



■ Distribution

**For further information on cottontail rabbits, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>License Required</b>                                                                                                         | <b>For hunters under age 10</b> , you must either have a valid hunting or combination license or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license. <b>For hunters 10 years and older</b> , any valid hunting or combination license (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees). To hunt in a <b>Falconry-Only season</b> , a Sport Falconry License is required as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.                                                                                        |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>                                                                                                    | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any lawful method as described in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. The use of rifled firearms is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges. <b>Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shotgun Shooting Shot Hunt:</b> Shotgun shooting shot, crossbow, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318 and R12-4-422. <b>Falconry-Only Hunt:</b> Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318. |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>                                                                                                                | Ten (10) cottontail rabbits per day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Possession Limit</b>                                                                                                         | Thirty (30) cottontail rabbits of which no more than ten (10) may be taken in any one day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>To hunt cottontail rabbits in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license.</i>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Cottontail Rabbit hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Cottontail Rabbit: Commission Order 12

### GENERAL COTTONTAIL RABBIT

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes                                       | Open Areas                                                                                               | Legal Wildlife        |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,9,10,15,16,17,18,19,21,22,26,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)                 | Any cottontail rabbit |
| Sep 1, 2017 - Feb 11, 2018 | (2)                                         | Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges | Any cottontail rabbit |
| Oct 6, 2017- Feb 11, 2018  | (2)                                         | Kofa National Wildlife Refuge                                                                            | Any cottontail rabbit |

## Cottontail Rabbit Hunting

### Cottontail Rabbit: Commission Order 12 (*continued*)

#### LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT COTTONTAIL RABBIT

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| Season Dates               | Notes                                              | Open Areas                                                 | Legal Wildlife        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | Any cottontail rabbit |

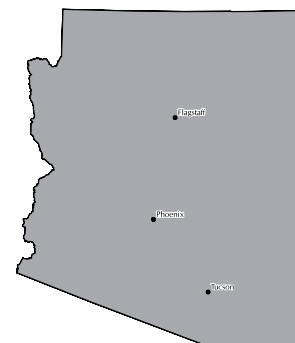
#### FALCONRY-ONLY COTTONTAIL RABBIT

*Open Areas include areas closed to hunting by R12-4-321 but do not include areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-801, R12-4-802, and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes           | Open Areas                                                     | Legal Wildlife        |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,2,6,9,10,27) | Open areas Statewide (excluding for National Wildlife Refuges) | Any cottontail rabbit |

**COTTONTAIL RABBIT NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 92-93.**

# Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals Hunting



■ Distribution

**For further information on predatory and fur-bearing mammals, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>License Required</b>      | <b>For hunters under age 10</b> , you must either have a valid hunting or combination license or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license. <b>For hunters 10 years and older</b> , any valid hunting or combination license (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees).                                                                              |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b> | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any lawful method as described in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. <b>Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Hunt:</b> Shotgun shooting shot, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318. <b>Pursuit Only Hunt:</b> An individual participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons but shall not kill or capture the quarry as prescribed in R12-4-318. |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>             | Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Definition</b>            | <b>Daylong</b> means the 24-hour period between midnight and midnight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Possession Limit</b>      | Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

*To hunt predatory and fur-bearing mammals in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license.*

## Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals: Commission Order 13

### GENERAL (DAYLIGHT SHOOTING HOURS) PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes                                        | Open Areas                                                                               | Legal Wildlife                                       |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,9,10,15,16,17,18,21,22,26,27,28,29)     | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M) | Coyote and skunks                                    |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (2)                                          | Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge                                                    | Coyote and skunks                                    |
| Oct 6, 2017 - Feb 11, 2018 | (2)                                          | Kofa and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges                                              | Coyote and foxes                                     |
| Aug 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 | (1,3,4,6,9,10,15,16,17,18,21,22,26,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M) | Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel, and badger |

### GENERAL (DAYLONG SHOOTING HOURS) PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes              | Open Areas                                                                                                                                          | Legal Wildlife |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dec 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018 | (6,15,22,25,28,29) | 4A, 4B (north of Interstate 40), 5A, 5B, 8, 10, 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19A, 19B, 20A, 31, 32, 42, and 44A | Coyote         |

## Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals Hunting

### Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals: Commission Order 13 (*continued*)

#### LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT (DAYLIGHT SHOOTING HOURS) PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes                                                     | Open Areas                                                 | Legal Wildlife                                      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,26,27,28,29)     | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | Coyote and skunks                                   |
| Aug 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 | (1,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,26,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger |

#### PURSUIT-ONLY PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates                                  | Notes                                 | Open Areas                                                                                  | Legal Wildlife |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Jul 1 - Jul 31, 2017 and Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,5,6,14,15,16,17,18,21,26,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M) | Raccoon        |

**PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 92-93.**

## Other Birds & Mammals

| LEGAL REQUIREMENTS                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>License Required</b>                                                                                       | <b>For hunters under age 10</b> , you must either have a valid hunting or combination license or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license. <b>For hunters 10 years and older</b> , any valid hunting or combination license (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees). To hunt in a <b>Falconry-Only season</b> , a Sport Falconry License is required as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407. |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>                                                                                  | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any lawful method as described in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. <b>Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Hunt:</b> Shotgun shooting shot, crossbow, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-303, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318 and R12-4-422. <b>Falconry-Only Hunt:</b> Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.                                                    |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>                                                                                              | Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year. House (English) sparrows, European starlings and mammals of the Orders Rodentia (except beaver, black-tailed prairie dog, muskrat, porcupine or tree squirrel) and Insectivora may be taken alive and held in captivity pursuant to R12-4-404.                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Possession Limit</b>                                                                                       | Unlimited. Except for coati, which is one (1) per calendar year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>To hunt other birds and mammals in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license.</i>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Other Birds & Mammals: Commission Order 14

### GENERAL OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes                                       | Open Areas                                                                                                                                      | Legal Wildlife                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,9,10,15,16,17,18,21,22,26,27,28,29)    | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)                                                        | House (English) sparrow and European starling                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Sep 1 - Dec 31, 2017       | (1,6,9,10,15,16,17,18,21,22,26,27,28,29)    | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)                                                        | Crow                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sep 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 | (6,9,10,15,16,17,18,21,22,26,27,28,29)      | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)                                                        | Coati                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 | (6,9,10,15,16,17,18,21,22,26,27,28,29)      | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area in Unit 1, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M) | Gunnison's prairie dog                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,9,10,15,16,17,18,21,22,23,26,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M)                                                        | All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves |
| Sep 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 | (2)                                         | Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge                                                                                                           | Jackrabbit                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes                                                 | Open Areas                                                 | Legal Wildlife                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,27,28,29)    | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | House (English) sparrow and European starling                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 |                                                       | 11M                                                        | Gunnison's prairie dog                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,23,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves |

## Other Birds & Mammals

### Other Birds & Mammals: Commission Order 14 (*continued*)

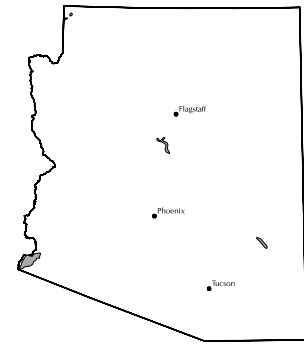
#### FALCONRY-ONLY OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS

Open Areas include areas closed to hunting by R12-4-321 but do not include areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-801, R12-4-802, and R12-4-803.

| Season Dates               | Notes               | Open Areas                                                 | Legal Wildlife                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,9,10,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | House (English) sparrow and European starling                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Sep 1 - Dec 31, 2017       | (1,6,9,10,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | Crow                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sep 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 | (6,9,10,27,28,29)   | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | Coati                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 | (6,9,10,27,28,29)   | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | Gunnison's prairie dog                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2018 | (1,6,9,10,27,28,29) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges) | All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves |

OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 92-93.

# Pheasant Hunting



■ Distribution

**For further information on pheasants, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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| <b>License Required</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>For hunters under age 10</b> , you must either have a valid hunting or combination license or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license. <b>For hunters 10 years and older</b> , any valid hunting or combination license (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees). To hunt in a <b>Falconry-Only season</b> , a Sport Falconry License is required as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407. |
| <b>Tag Required</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | For the Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot and Youth-Only seasons, hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and draw process as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Hunt Numbers Required</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | When applying for hunt permit-tags, you must use hunt numbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Hunt:</b> Shotgun shooting shot, crossbow, and bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons or falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318. <b>Archery-Only Hunt:</b> Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, or crossbow if you possess a crossbow permit as prescribed in R12-4-216. <b>Falconry-Only Hunt:</b> Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.                           |
| <b>Limited Weapon Shotgun Shooting Shot Bag Limit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Archery-Only and Falconry-Only Bag Limit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Two (2) pheasants per day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Archery-Only Possession Limit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Six (6) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Falconry-Only Possession Limit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Six (6) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>To hunt pheasant in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license. To hunt pheasant during the Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot season, you must apply for and obtain a hunt permit-tag through the draw.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>The Department offers "Youth-Only" designated hunts, in which persons are eligible to participate up to their 18th birthday. A youth hunter, whose 18th birthday occurs after opening day of a "Youth-Only" designated hunt for which the hunter has a valid permit or tag, may continue to participate for the duration of the "Youth-Only" designated hunt, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Pheasant: Commission Order 15

### LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates          | Notes | Open Areas                                 | Legal Wildlife       | Permits   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 11001        | Sep 15 - Sep 21, 2017 | (24)  | 40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal) | Any rooster pheasant | 30        |
| 11002        | Sep 22 - Sep 28, 2017 | (24)  | 40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal) | Any rooster pheasant | 30        |
| 11003        | Sep 29 - Oct 5, 2017  | (24)  | 40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal) | Any rooster pheasant | 30        |
| <b>Total</b> |                       |       |                                            |                      | <b>90</b> |

# Pheasant Hunting

## Pheasant: Commission Order 15 (*continued*)

### YOUTH-ONLY LIMITED WEAPON SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Hunt No.     | Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas                                 | Legal Wildlife | Permits   |
|--------------|----------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 11004        | Sep 8 - Sep 14, 2017 | (24)  | 40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal) | Any pheasant   | 30        |
| <b>Total</b> |                      |       |                                            |                | <b>30</b> |

### ARCHERY-ONLY PHEASANT

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes | Open Areas                                                     | Legal Wildlife |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Oct 6, 2017 - Feb 11, 2018 | (6)   | Open areas Statewide (excluding for National Wildlife Refuges) | Any pheasant   |

### FALCONRY-ONLY PHEASANT

*Open Areas include areas closed to hunting by R12-4-321 but do not include areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-801, R12-4-802, and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes | Open Areas                                                     | Legal Wildlife |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sep 8, 2017 - Feb 11, 2018 | (6)   | Open areas Statewide (excluding for National Wildlife Refuges) | Any pheasant   |

**PHEASANT NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 92-93.**

# Quail Hunting



**Gambel's**



■ Distribution



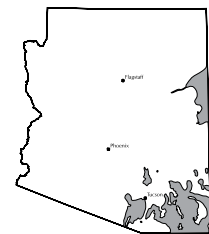
**Mearns'**



■ Distribution



**Scaled**



■ Distribution

**For further information on quail, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

| LEGAL REQUIREMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>License Required</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>For hunters under age 10</b> , you must either have a valid hunting or combination license or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license. <b>For hunters 10 years and older</b> , any valid hunting or combination license (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees). To hunt in a <b>Falconry-Only season</b> , a Sport Falconry License is required as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407. |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any lawful method as described in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. <b>Falconry-Only Hunt:</b> Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>GENERAL Bag Limit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Fifteen (15) quail per day in the aggregate of which no more than eight (8) may be Mearns' quail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>GENERAL Possession Limit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Forty-five (45) quail in the aggregate after opening day of which no more than fifteen (15) Gambel's, Scaled, or California quail in the aggregate may be taken in any one day. After Mearns' season opens, the forty-five (45) possession limit may include twenty-four (24) Mearns' quail of which no more than eight (8) may be taken in any one day.                                                                                                       |
| <b>FALCONRY Bag Limit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Three (3) quail per day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>FALCONRY Possession Limit</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Nine (9) quail of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>To hunt quail in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

# Quail Hunting

## Quail: Commission Order 16

### GENERAL QUAIL

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes                                                    | Open Areas                                                                                       | Legal Wildlife                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Oct 6, 2017 - Feb 11, 2018 | (1,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,26,27,28,29,30) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges)                                       | Gambel's, Scaled and California quail |
| Oct 6, 2017 - Feb 11, 2018 | (2)                                                      | Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges | Gambel's, Scaled and California quail |
| Dec 8, 2017 - Feb 11, 2018 | (1,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,26,27,28,29,30) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges)                                       | Mearns' quail                         |

### FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL

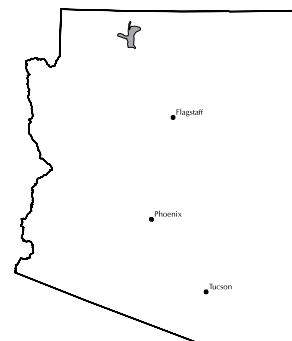
*Open Areas include areas closed to hunting by R12-4-321 but do not include areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-801, R12-4-802, and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes                     | Open Areas                                                                                  | Legal Wildlife |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sep 1, 2017 - Mar 11, 2018 | (1,6,9,10,21,27,28,29,30) | Open areas Statewide (excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M) | Any quail      |
| Jul 1, 2017 - Mar 31, 2018 | (6,27)                    | 25M, 26M, and 38M                                                                           | Any quail      |

QUAIL NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 92-93.



# Chukar Partridge Hunting



■ Distribution

***For further information on chukar partridge, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).***

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>License Required</b>                                                                      | <b>For hunters under age 10</b> , you must either have a valid hunting or combination license or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license. <b>For hunters 10 years and older</b> , any valid hunting or combination license (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees). |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>                                                                 | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any lawful method as described in R12-4-304.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>                                                                             | Five (5) chukar per day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Possession Limit</b>                                                                      | Fifteen (15) chukar of which no more than five (5) may be taken in any one day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>To hunt chukar partridge in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Chukar Partridge: Commission Order 17

### GENERAL CHUKAR PARTRIDGE

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates               | Notes | Open Areas                                                     | Legal Wildlife |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sep 1, 2017 - Feb 11, 2018 | (6)   | Open areas Statewide (excluding for National Wildlife Refuges) | Any chukar     |

**CHUKAR PARTRIDGE NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 92-93.**

**Attention Chukar Hunters:** The Department would like to better survey chukar hunter participation and success. To do this we are asking chukar hunters to provide an address or email to the Department's small game biologist so that they can be surveyed directly after the end of the season. This may be done by sending an email to: [jodell@azgfd.gov](mailto:jodell@azgfd.gov) or through regular mail to the Department's main office: Attention Game Branch.

# Blue Grouse Hunting



■ Distribution

**For further information on blue grouse, their habitat, range, natural history, or where you can hunt them in Arizona, please visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).**

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

|                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>License Required</b>                                                                                                         | <b>For hunters under age 10</b> , you must either have a valid hunting or combination license or be accompanied by an adult who possesses a valid hunting or combination license. <b>For hunters 10 years and older</b> , any valid hunting or combination license (See table on page 14 for Resident and Non-resident license fees). |
| <b>Legal Methods of Take</b>                                                                                                    | <b>General Hunt:</b> Any lawful method as described in R12-4-304.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Bag Limit</b>                                                                                                                | Three (3) blue grouse per day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Possession Limit</b>                                                                                                         | Nine (9) blue grouse of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>To hunt blue grouse in Arizona, you need a valid hunting or combination license. A migratory bird stamp is not required.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Blue Grouse: Commission Order 18

### GENERAL BLUE GROUSE

*Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.*

| Season Dates         | Notes | Open Areas                                                                 | Legal Wildlife |
|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sep 1 - Nov 12, 2017 | (6)   | Open areas Statewide (excluding for National Wildlife Refuges and Unit 31) | Blue grouse    |

**BLUE GROUSE NOTES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 92-93.**

**Attention Grouse Hunters:** The Department would like to better survey blue grouse hunter participation and success. To do this we are asking grouse hunters to provide an address or email to the Department's small game biologist so that they can be surveyed directly after the end of the season. This may be done by sending an email to: [jodell@azgfd.gov](mailto:jodell@azgfd.gov) or through regular mail to the Department's main office: Attention Game Branch.

# Small Game Hunting Notes

## Small Game Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to hunting except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed U.S. citizens holding a valid YPG Hunting Program Access Permit and coordinating with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must obtain a hunting access permit before entering YPG. Access permits are issued at the YPG Visitor Center, located at the Wahner E. Brooks Exhibit Park (tank display) off Imperial Dam Road. Hours for obtaining hunting permits are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Hunting access permit applicants must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement, receive a Range Safety Briefing, and undergo a brief background check. Furthermore, all firearms must be registered at the visitor center prior to entering YPG. Do not bring the firearms into the visitor center. Due to military activities some hunting areas may be temporarily closed on short notice. Updates will be posted on Facebook at: Caution-<https://www.facebook.com/USAYPG>. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 307, Attn: Hunting Program, 307 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498; email: [usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.hunting@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.hunting@mail.mil); call (928) 328-2125; or visit <https://www.yuma.army.mil/Visiting/Hunting-at-YPG>.
2. National Wildlife Refuges may be open to hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations. A refuge permit may be required; contact the individual refuges for their regulations (see Index: Hunting on Public Lands). The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs.
3. Any raw bobcat pelt sold or exported must have attached permit tag in accordance with R12-4-305.
4. Raccoon may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light; however the light may not be attached to or operated from a vehicle.
5. A person participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons, but shall not kill or capture the quarry, pursuant to R12-4-318.
6. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting when the unit they occur in is open to hunting.
7. The following described area in Unit 26M is closed to hunting: those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
8. A portion of Unit 25M is closed to hunting. Hunting is not permitted in the following area of Unit 25M: an unincorporated portion of land west of Loop 202 (San Tan Freeway) known as the Elliot and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
9. Barry M. Goldwater Range: Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the appropriate land management agency for hunting access to Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) and applicable adjacent areas. The BMGR is closed to hunting except open public recreational use areas, as allowed via an authorized entry permit. Hunters wishing to access or cross additional areas in BMGR East must coordinate with the 56th Fighter Wing Range Management Office. To access the BMGR or Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, hunters must sign a hold harmless agreement and obtain an entry permit. More information can be obtained by calling Luke Air Force Base, 56th Fighter Wing RMO at (623) 856-7216; the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma at (928) 269-7150; the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office at (602) 417-9200; the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge at (520) 387-6483; the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field at (623) 856-5200 or by emailing [56RMO.Public.Affairs@us.af.mil](mailto:56RMO.Public.Affairs@us.af.mil).
10. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov) (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
11. The following described area in Unit 26M is closed to hunting: the unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.
12. Within Unit 25M as described in R12-4-108, all incorporated lands, including private property within municipal boundaries, are closed to hunting unless opened under Commission Order. Incorporated includes all municipal and corporate limits. County islands are open to hunting provided the hunter does not discharge a firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied farmhouse, residence, cabin, lodge, or building without permission of the owner or resident. Privately held lands within county islands may be closed by the landowner.
15. The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33, Emperita Ranch in Unit 34B, Bar V Ranch in Unit 34B, Sands Ranch in Unit 34B, Clyne Ranch in Unit 34B, Diamond Bell Ranch in Unit 36A, Marley Ranch in Units 36A and 36B, Rancho Seco in Units 36A and 36B, Kings 98 Ranch in Unit 36C, Old Hayhook Ranch in Unit 36C, Verdugo in Unit 36C, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochie Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.

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16. The following described area in Unit 36B is closed to hunting: in the posted portion of Sopori Ranch south of Arivaca Road in Sections 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 11 East. The remainder of Sopori Ranch is open to hunting.
17. The following described area in the Town of Marana in Unit 37A is closed to hunting: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
18. The following described area in the Town of Quartzsite in Units 43A and 44B is closed to hunting: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 West.
19. The following parks and preserves in Maricopa County are open to hunting as defined in R12-4-321: Lake Pleasant, White Tank Mountains, Estrella Mountain and McDowell Mountain Regional parks and Skyline (Back Country designated area only – contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Mesa Regional office or City of Buckeye for open area maps). Hunting in parks and preserves opened by this Commission Order is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
20. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area in Unit 38M is closed to the discharge of all firearms.
21. The area in Unit 37A in the Town of Marana is subject to temporary closures in February for special events. All state lands located south of Cochise Canyon Trail in Township 11 South, Range 12 East.
22. Areas of private property within the municipal boundaries (except in Units 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 27, and 39 west of AZ Hwy 85) are closed to hunting during this hunt.
23. Other mammals may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light as prescribed in R12-4-304E. No firearms may be used at night.
24. For the Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant application acceptance date see the Table of Contents: Application Info and Fees. Submitting your application before the acceptance date will result in your application being rejected.
25. In units listed with this note, coyotes may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light; however, the light may not be attached to or operated from a vehicle. Per R12-4-304, an individual shall not use or possess any electronic night vision equipment, electronically enhanced light-gathering devices, thermal imaging devices or laser sights while taking wildlife: except for devices such as laser range finders, scopes with self-illuminating reticles, and fiber optic sights with self-illuminating sights or pins that do not project a visible light onto an animal.
26. The area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, is open to public entry and to hunting during an open season.
27. The following City of Tucson Water Properties located in Avra Valley are open to hunting: the Duval property in Unit 36C and the Buckalew, Flying E Bar, Ed Anway, Kai, Tucker, and Trust 205 properties in Unit 37A; all other Tucson Water Properties are closed to hunting. All open City of Tucson properties are foot access only at designated entry points. Please sign in and out at sign-in boxes located at designated entry points.
28. In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only by contacting the Hopi Tribe Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program via e-mail at [hophunts@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hophunts@hopi.nsn.us) or by calling (928) 734-3606 or (928) 734-3605 from Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Please contact in advance to gain access for hunting and scouting. In Unit 5B North, access is permitted on the Hopi's Hart/Drye Ranch and in Unit 4A on the Hopi's Aja Ranch by signing in at designated sign-in boxes located at access points.
29. For hunts in Units 5A and 5B North, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has entered into a Landowner Compact Agreement with the Bar T Bar Ranch and Flying M Ranch located in the northern portion of Units 5A and 5B. A Ranch Pass and adherence to Ranch Rules is required to access these ranches. Signage at points of entrance to the ranch provides notification of the Landowner Compact Agreement. The free Ranch Pass, a copy of Ranch Rules, and location map may be obtained online from the Department's Landowner Relations Program web page <https://agfdlandownerrelations.com>. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Flying M Ranch may also be obtained at sign-in boxes located at either of the two entrance points onto the ranch. Ranch Passes and Ranch Rules for the Bar T Bar Ranch may also be obtained at the Meteor Crater Gas Station/Convenience Store.
30. The Wenima Wildlife Area in Unit 2B is closed to quail hunting.

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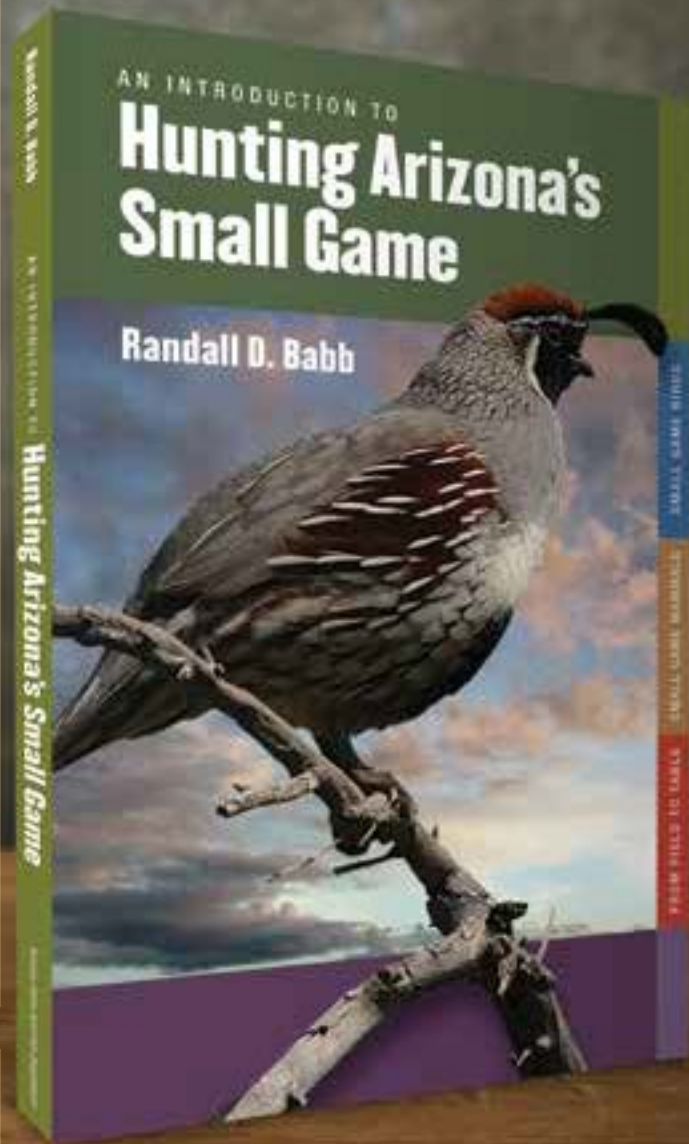
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# Where, When and How Can You Hunt?

## Where Can You Hunt?

**GENERAL** – Areas open for hunting are shown in the Commission Orders for each big and small game species (pages 33-64 and 78-93). Generally, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and State of Arizona lands are open for hunting. National Parks, and some National Monuments and State Parks are not.

**MAPS** – The Arizona Game and Fish Department does not publish maps. There are, however, maps available from the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the State Land Department.

**ACCESS** – Land in Arizona is owned or managed by six different governments or agencies, each with its own set of access rules. (There are 13.1 million acres of private land in Arizona.)

- **THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE** manages 15 percent of the state. Access is open to hunting and fishing in season, though some areas are subject to special closures.
- **THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** manages 16 percent of the state. Call 602-417-9200 for additional information on BLM and other public lands.
- **THE STATE OF ARIZONA** manages 13 percent of the state, and the State Land Access Rule (R12-4-110, page 118) delineates the rights and privileges of sportsmen and landowners or operators

as regards to state lands. Note that “State Land – No Trespassing” signs prohibit access to non-permittees. Properly licensed hunters lawfully taking wildlife are considered permittees for the purpose of trespassing on state land, and are therefore allowed access - see R12-4-110, paragraph I, page 118. The State Land Department is at 602-542-2119.

- **INDIAN RESERVATIONS** comprise 28 percent of Arizona. Individual tribal governments establish hunting and fishing regulations for their reservations. See R12-4-117, page 120.
- **NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES** have separate regulations. See below for telephone numbers for refuges in Arizona.
- **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS** have separate regulations. Consult individual Commission Orders for specific information.

**HUNT UNITS** – The maps on pages 70-77 show hunt unit boundaries, which are described in detail in R12-4-108 on page 114. Portions of any unit may be closed during certain hunts. These closures are listed in the footnotes following the Commission Order for the hunt in question (pages 33-64 and 78-93).

**SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS** – Some parks, refuges and similar areas have special regulations governing certain kinds of hunting - see R12-4-301 (page 124). For special requirements in state wildlife areas, see R12-4-802 (page 130).

## National Wildlife Refuges

National Wildlife Refuges in Arizona provide hunting opportunities in designated areas. The following rules apply to all National Wildlife Refuges and are listed to help guide you when visiting:

1. Arizona state law requires all vehicles and operators to be licensed, registered, insured and properly equipped in order to travel on maintained roads or highways. All roads open to vehicle use by the public on NWRs are categorized as “designated routes of travel” which are “maintained” routes. Therefore all vehicles must be “street legal” in order to travel upon NWRs. Any travel off of these roads is prohibited.
2. Any discharge of a firearm except to take legal game is not permitted.
3. Pits, permanent blinds and stands; trail or scouting cameras; and baiting are prohibited.
4. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
5. Temporary blinds, boats, hunting equipment, and decoys must be removed following each day's hunt.
6. Guide service providers must obtain a Special Use Permit from the refuge on which they provide their services.

More information, including refuge-specific regulations and maps, should be obtained by writing or phoning the refuge at:

### Buenos Aires N.W.R.

P.O. Box 109  
Sasabe, AZ 85633  
520-823-4251

### Cibola N.W.R.

Rte. 2, Box 1  
Cibola, AZ 85328  
928-857-3253

### Havasú N.W.R.

P.O. Box 3009  
Needles, CA 92363  
760-326-3853

### San Bernardino/ Leslie Canyon N.W.R.

P.O. Box 3509  
Douglas, AZ 85607  
520-364-2104

**Violations observed on NWRs may be reported to 800-637-9152.**

## National Park Service

Hunting is prohibited in the following areas:

- Canyon de Chelly National Monument
- Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

### Kofa N.W.R.

9300 E. 28th St.  
Yuma, AZ 85365  
928-783-7861

### Imperial N.W.R.

P.O. Box 72217  
Yuma, AZ 85365  
928-783-3371

### Cabeza Prieta N.W.R.

1611 N. 2nd Ave.  
Ajo, AZ 85321  
520-387-6483

### Bill Williams River N.W.R.

60911 Hwy. 95  
Parker, AZ 85344  
928-667-4144

- Chiricahua National Monument
- Coronado National Memorial
- Fort Bowie National Historic Site
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site
- Montezuma Castle National Monument & Montezuma Well
- Navajo National Monument
- Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
- Petrified Forest National Park
- Pipe Spring National Park
- Saguaro National Park
- Sunset Crater National Monument
- Tonto National Monument
- Tumacacori National Historical Park
- Tuzigoot National Monument
- Walnut Canyon National Monument
- Wupatki National Monument

### Hunting Restrictions Apply:

- Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

## Indian Reservations

Hunting on Indian Reservations, if allowed, is controlled by each individual tribe. Contact the appropriate tribe for information.

## Lake Mead National Recreation Area

1. Hunting is permitted in designated areas of Lake Mead National Recreation Area

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and is regulated by state game agencies. Park rangers and state game wardens enforce game regulations. See park hunting maps for designated hunting areas. Be sure to review state hunting regulations for seasons and ensure you possess the appropriate hunting license.

2. A new federal law that allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state and local laws, to legally possess firearms is now in effect. It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local and federal firearms laws before entering this park. Firearms are prohibited in federal buildings where federal employees work. This includes visitors centers, park administrative offices and ranger stations.
3. Target shooting of any kind is prohibited in the park. Shooting is allowed on certain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.
4. Motorized vehicles may operate on designated public roadways only and must be licensed and equipped to legally operate on state highways.

Additional information and closure maps are available for review at all ranger stations or can be obtained by writing to: Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Attention: Chief Ranger 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005-2426.

## Hunting on Military Reservations

Hunters desiring to hunt on military reservations are advised to contact the specific installation for current regulations prior to going afield. Hunters are also advised that increases in United States Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time and with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for military reservation hunt permit-tags will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

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**Fort Huachuca Army Garrison:** Hunting on Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A is restricted. All hunters must meet specific eligibility requirements and must obtain a copy of the special

Fort Huachuca hunting regulations and comply with the listed provisions prior to hunting. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: IMWE-HUA-PWB (Hunting), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7010, 520-533-8763 or 520-533-5529.

**Camp Navajo:** Hunting on Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is restricted. Contact the Arizona National Guard for more information: (e-mail) [hunting@campnavajo.com](mailto:hunting@campnavajo.com), or visit (website): <https://dema.az.gov/army-national-guard/camp-navajo/garrison-operations/camp-navajo-hunting-information>.

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## Wilderness Areas

The Wilderness Act of 1984 and the Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 designated large portions of Arizona as wilderness. Hunters should be aware that this may influence their hunt. Except where specifically permitted, all forms of motorized travel are prohibited. Hunters should be prepared for remote and primitive conditions. For additional information regarding wilderness restrictions, hunters should contact the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or the U.S. Forest Service, as appropriate for the area of interest.

## Bureau of Land Management

Generally, BLM lands in Arizona are open to hunting. Check with the appropriate office for current conditions.

**BLM National Monuments:** The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

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Contact the Explore Arizona Outdoor Information Center at 602-417-9300 at the BLM State Office in Phoenix.

**Grand Canyon – Parashant National Monument:** Parashant National Monument is jointly managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Park Service (NPS).

Both the BLM lands and NPS lands within Parashant National Monument are open to hunting. However, several NPS regulations differ from those of the BLM. These differences are:

1. Target shooting or the discharge of a weapon except to hunt is not permitted.
2. All motorized vehicles are restricted to established designated roads only (No off-road game retrieval permitted)
3. All motor vehicles must be licensed, insured and equipped to legally operate on state highways (Street Legal)
4. Operators of motor vehicles must possess a valid state driver's license.
5. Shed antlers may not be collected or possessed while on NPS lands.
6. Dogs must be kept on a leash, 6 feet or less in length and not be left unattended in camp.
7. Feeding or baiting of wildlife is prohibited.
8. No landing of aircraft on NPS lands or roads.
9. Property (including game cameras) cannot be left unattended longer than 24 hrs. Property left over 24 hours or any unattended property that interferes with visitor safety, orderly management of the park area, or presents a threat to park resources may be impounded at any time.
10. Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine, like RV generators is prohibited.

Special Note: GPS device mapware does not always depict accurate land managing agency policy for roads open for travel. Restrictions are signed and may be gated.

**San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area:** The BLM has established special restrictions for the San Pedro Riparian NCA in units 30B, 34B, and 35A. For more information call the BLM at 520-439-6400.

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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| <b>State Office - Phoenix</b><br>602-417-9200 | <b>Yuma Field Office</b><br>928-317-3200    |
| <b>AZ Strip Field Office</b><br>435-688-3200  | <b>Kingman Field Office</b><br>928-718-3700 |
| <b>Phoenix Field Office</b><br>623-580-5500   | <b>Tucson Field Office</b><br>520-258-7200  |
| <b>Safford Field Office</b><br>928-348-4400   | <b>Lake Havasu Office</b><br>928-505-1200   |

## U.S. Forest Service

Generally, Forest Service lands in Arizona are open to hunting. Check with the appropriate office for current conditions, including any prescribed burning activities, before heading out on your hunt. Some information about upcoming prescribed burns can be found on InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/3/>.

### Coronado National Forest Special

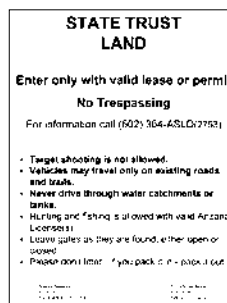
**Restriction:** The U. S. Forest Service has special restrictions for the Sabino Canyon Recreation Area in Unit 33, Madera Canyon in Unit 34A, the East Cochise Stronghold in Unit 30B and Cave Creek in Unit 29. For more information call the Coronado National Forest Office at 520-388-8300.

### National Forests in Arizona

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| <b>Apache-Sitgreaves</b><br>Springerville<br>928-333-4301 | <b>Kaibab</b><br>Williams<br>928-635-8200   |
| <b>Coconino</b><br>Flagstaff<br>928-527-3600              | <b>Prescott</b><br>Prescott<br>928-443-8000 |
| <b>Coronado</b><br>Tucson<br>520-388-8300                 | <b>Tonto</b><br>Phoenix<br>602-225-5200     |

## State Trust Land

The boundaries for state trust lands are delineated by signs. Some older signs still may be posted. All state trust land signage should be followed by hunters, anglers and trappers.



## Maricopa County Parks

Some land within the Maricopa County Park System is open to hunting. Discharge of firearms or arrows is prohibited in Cave Creek Recreation Area. Contact the Maricopa County Parks Department at 602-506-2930 for further details. Additional information may also be obtained by contacting the following parks (see R12-4-321, page 131):

- McDowell 480-471-0173
- White Tanks 623-935-2505
- Estrella 623-932-3811
- Lake Pleasant 928-501-1710 or 602-372-7460

## Pima County Park System

Some areas within the Pima County park system are open to hunting. Contact Pima County Parks and Recreation at 520-877-6000.

## Access to Private Lands

You must have written or verbal permission from private property owners for use of their legally posted private lands for any purpose including crossing these lands by foot or vehicle to get to public and State Trust lands not accessible by public means.

The private landowner who has given you permission to use the property may not mind if you bring a friend or two along. You may destroy your welcome if you arrive with a carload of companions.

Developing person-to-person relationships with private landowners is another key to having more access available for wildlife recreation. Sportsmen who get to know a landowner and who stop in after their stay are almost always welcomed back.

By treating the land as if it were your own, and by showing consideration and courtesy to the landowner and the property, a sportsman will always have a place to enjoy wildlife.

Never forget that you are a guest when using or crossing private lands, and this access is a privilege, not a right. Your actions may be the determining factor in anyone else accessing these lands.

Be aware that in some areas gaining permission to hunt one particular species may be

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nearly impossible while gaining permission to hunt another species is often easy. For example, some landowners may not let you hunt big game on their property, but would let you call predators or hunt small game.

Be aware that sometimes the landowner may grant access to those who ask to go by foot or horseback versus vehicular access.

Don't assume, unless told otherwise, that permission granted one season means you automatically have permission the following seasons. Situations and ownership change, and permission should be requested each season.

## Tree Stands and Blinds

Tree stands and blinds can be effective and legal tools to aid in the taking of wildlife. However, please take into consideration the following before hanging a tree stand or setting a blind:

- It may be unlawful to cut any trees or branches while hanging tree stands or setting blinds.
- It may be unlawful to leave tree stands hanging or blinds set for extended periods of time. They may be considered abandoned property and subject to seizure.
- Construction of permanent tree stands or blinds on public lands is unlawful without appropriate authorization.
- It may be unlawful to pound climbing spikes or attach anything that penetrates the surface of a tree causing permanent injury or scarring.

Sportsmen are advised to be responsible when using tree stands or blinds, and check with the appropriate land management agency regarding use and/or restrictions

## Homeland Security

Homeland security issues along the international border may affect the quality of a person's hunt. Call 800-BE-ALERT to reach the U.S. Border Patrol and report suspicious activity.

## Guide Service

A guide license issued from the Arizona Game and Fish Department is required for any person who, for pay, aids or assists another in the taking of wildlife in Arizona. This license does not assure consumer satisfaction; potential clients should require references before engaging the services of a guide.

Guiding on USFS, BLM, or USFWS lands requires a special-use permit from the administering agency. It is the responsibility of the client to determine if their guide has the necessary special use permits.

## Hunting Accidents

Any person, who while taking wildlife, is involved in a shooting accident resulting in an injury should render every possible assistance to the injured person. If the accident results in a fatality, he or she shall immediately report the accident to the nearest available law enforcement officer and render assistance as required. In any hunting accident, a report shall be filed with the Arizona Game and Fish Department within 10 days.

## Carcass Disposal

Dispose of your carcass discreetly. The Department receives several calls each year reporting the dumping of lawfully taken game. If disposing a carcass in the field, either bury the carcass or place it under a tree away from camping areas and roads. If using a dumpster utilize trash bags or wrap the carcass to reduce the escape of offensive odors.

## Road Damage by Motorized Vehicles

The U.S. Forest Service has expressed concern over damage to roads during hunting seasons. Since the majority of our big game habitat is found on Forest Service lands, the Department urges hunters to cooperate with the U.S. Forest Service to reduce road damage. The U.S. Forest Service may close roads during wet periods. During such periods, roads are closed to all users. Please cooperate and reduce road damage. Careless hunters can be fined for damages they cause; assessment can be as high as \$5,000 per mile driven.

## Taking Wildlife from a Vehicle

Includes: using a vehicle to hunt while traveling on or off road; and/or chasing wildlife with a vehicle, both of which are illegal. A vehicle is any device designed to carry a person: all terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, all terrain cycle, pickup, automobile, motorcycle, aircraft, train, powerboat, sailboat, a boat under sail, or a floating object towed by a powerboat or sailboat. It is also illegal under state law to shoot from, across, or onto a roadway or railway. See A.R.S. 17-301B on page 108.

It is illegal to use an aircraft to pursue, shoot, hunt or otherwise take wildlife. See R12-4-319 on page 129.

## Posting Signs

The U.S. Forest Service would like to remind you that posting or erecting any unauthorized paper notice, sign or similar matter on lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service is a violation of the Code of Federal Regulations.

## When Is Hunting Legal?

### SEASONS

Open hunting season dates are indicated in the Commission Orders governing the taking of each kind of big and small game (pages 33-64 and 78-93). Seasons for all wildlife are closed unless specifically opened by Commission Order. Special restrictions apply on state wildlife areas (see R12-4-802, page 130), as well as at certain times on parks, refuges and similar areas (see pages 96-98).

### SHOOTING HOURS

Legal shooting time is during daylight hours (see sunrise-sunset chart on page 103) or as prescribed by the Commission (see individual Commission Orders). In general, if you can see well enough to shoot safely, you are legal. Taking wild animals or birds by moonlight or artificial light is illegal, except for raccoons, reptiles and other mammals as prescribed in R12-4-304, page 125. Other time requirements apply for migratory birds (see Migratory Bird Regulations).

## Operation Game Thief: Catching Poachers Since 1979



[www.azgfd.gov/thief](http://www.azgfd.gov/thief)

### Poachers are a serious threat to Arizona's wildlife.

Every animal a poacher kills deprives ethical sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts of wildlife recreational opportunities. Please report any poaching or other wildlife related violations to the Operation Game Thief hotline, 800-352-0700. The hotline operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. All calls will remain confidential upon request. Rewards of up to \$8,000 may be offered upon arrest in certain cases. Poachers are "thieves stealing from you."

### License Revocations and Civil Assessments

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has the authority to revoke an individual's privilege to take wildlife. It also can bring a civil action against the individual to reimburse the State for the value of any unlawfully taken wildlife. For repeat offenders, the Commission may revoke a person's license to take wildlife for the rest of his or her life. Civil values vary depending on the species of wildlife taken. The current civil assessments range from \$50 – \$8,000.

### POACHING IS A CRIME

#### – Minimum Rewards – For information that results in an arrest.

**\$500** Antelope, eagles, bear, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, javelina, mountain lion, turkey, or endangered or threatened wildlife

A minimum of \$50, not to exceed \$150 for cases that involve wildlife not listed above.



*Together  
we can stop  
these thieves.*

### Operation Game Thief Needs Your Help CALL TODAY 800-352-0700

A majority of cases are initiated by concerned sportsmen who call the Operation Game Thief hotline. You can and do make a difference! If you witness a violation the following information will assist us during our investigation.

#### What is the violation?

**Where did it occur?** Be as specific as possible. It is necessary that our officers return to the site.

#### When did it occur?

**Specific violator/vehicle information.** What did the individual look like and what were they wearing? What make, model, and color vehicle were they driving? Record the license plate if possible and, if they left, the direction of travel.

**Your name and telephone number.** Although this is optional, the number of cases that are actually prosecuted from anonymous tips is very low. This is simply because most people do not know the type of information needed to successfully charge and prosecute a violation. Our officers want to talk with you and will guarantee that no one knows your name. Your identity will remain confidential and is protected by law. We also want to give you a reward for the information you provided if an arrest is made in the case. Each year we pay out thousands of dollars in rewards to concerned citizens.

The Operation Game Thief number can be found on your hunting and fishing license or simply program the number into your cellular phone.

**If you have information concerning a violation,  
do the right thing, CALL TODAY 800-352-0700**

# Off-Highway Vehicles

The use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs), specifically utility-type vehicles (UTVs) and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), by hunters is on the rise. The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Off-Highway Vehicle programs are responsible for promoting safe and ethical use, educating the public, and enforcing laws associated with all OHV use.

## OHV rules and laws:

- As of Jan. 1, 2009, an OHV Decal is required for all off highway vehicles. If the OHV meets the two following requirements:
  1. It is made by the manufacturer primarily for travel over unimproved terrain and
  2. Has an unladen weight of 1,800 pounds or less*(If the machine is a "street legal" vehicle and meets these requirements an OHV decal is also needed)*
- As of July 1, 2009, all OHVs are required to have a certificate of title. A title can be obtained from the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (MVD).
- Motor vehicles are not permitted to assist in the taking of wildlife (except as permitted under the Challenged Hunter Access Mobility Permit, R12-4-217).
- OHVs may only be used as a means of travel. It is unlawful to shoot from any OHV, to shoot upon, from, across or into a road or railway.
- It is unlawful to chase or harass any wildlife with a motorized vehicle.
- If you witness habitat damage or vandalism, report it at 800-VANDALS (826-3257).
- Call Operation Game Thief at 800-352-0700 to report wildlife-related violations.
- Cross-country travel is illegal in most areas, unless you are picking up legally taken big game. (Some areas do not allow even that.) Always check with the land management agency. Stay on roads and trails.
- A U.S. Department of Transportation approved helmet that is properly fitted and fastened is required for all riders under the age of 18. This includes dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and utility-type vehicles (UTV/ROV). (ARS §28-964.A and 28-1179.B).

- All OHVs are required to have a USDA approved spark arrestor device.
- All OHVs are required to have either a muffler or other noise dissipative device that prevents sound above 96 decibels.
- It is unlawful to drive an OHV on roads, trails, routes or areas marked closed by any land management agency or private land owner.
- A person from out-of-state may operate an OHV in Arizona if all of the following apply:
  1. The person is not a resident of this state and
  2. The person owns the vehicle and
  3. The vehicle displays a current OHV sticker/decal/title/registration from the person's state of residence and
  4. The vehicle is not in this state for more than 30 consecutive days

## Tips for OHV users:

- Always remember: Nature Rules! Stay on roads and trails.
- OHVs can severely damage wildlife habitat.
- Hunting from any vehicle is illegal and unsafe.
- OHV rules vary depending on which agency manages the land on which you are riding.

- It is your responsibility to know applicable OHV laws.
- If you have a permit to hunt in a Game Management Unit that includes one or more national forests, please contact the appropriate national forest(s) for updated information relative to motor vehicle use and motorized big game retrieval, before your hunt starts.
- Contact the appropriate land management agency to learn its off-highway vehicle rules and regulations. Phone numbers to federal and state land management agencies are on pages 96-98.
- Always be prepared by carrying a basic set of tools and a first-aid kit.

## Firearms safety:

- When carrying a rifle or shotgun on an OHV, it should be unloaded and put in a case that is firmly attached to the vehicle.
- Carrying a rifle or shotgun on an ATV's handlebars can significantly impact the operators ability to maintain control of the machine and is strongly discouraged.
- Don't forget T.A.B. +1 – **T**reat every gun as if it were loaded, **A**lways point the muzzle in a safe direction, and **B**e sure of your target and beyond. **+1** Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.



## Clinics, Raffles and Partnerships

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### Arizona Antelope Foundation

The Arizona Antelope Foundation will hold its annual Antelope Hunter Clinic June 17, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in Tempe. Topics will include optics, trophy evaluation, photography, taxidermy, practical field care and hunting tactics for firearms and archery. In addition to the formal presentations, representatives from the Arizona Game and Fish Department will be on hand to discuss hunting hotspots and access in the game management units drawn by the hunters in attendance – bring your hunting maps! Look for details at [www.azantelope.org](http://www.azantelope.org).

### Arizona Big Game Super Raffle

Each year since 2006, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has awarded the Arizona Big Game Super Raffle (AZBGSR) 10 Special Big Game Tags, including one each for the 10 big game species we have here in Arizona. The 365-day season dates are Aug. 15, 2017 through Aug. 14, 2018, and include most units statewide. The webcast drawing will be held July 20, 2017. The 2017 raffle also includes an Optics Raffle, featuring a full line of Swarovski equipment, as well as \$2,500 in bonus cash, with a total value over \$17,000. There is also a trophy New Mexico Bull Elk hunt, sponsored by Mangas Outfitters. A “Buy Early, Buy Often, Win Big” incentive drawing will be included as well for 2017, featuring monthly drawings for (36) additional winners, leading up to the July drawing. Prizes include outdoor equipment from Sitka Gear and Kenetrek Boots, Garmin and Orca Coolers, and Vortex Optics. Since the raffle’s inception, more than \$5.5 million has been raised, with 100 percent of these tag funds being used to complete wildlife projects throughout Arizona. Visit the AZBGSR website at [www.arizonabiggamesuperraffle.com](http://www.arizonabiggamesuperraffle.com) to purchase tickets, or if you have any questions regarding ticket prices, deadlines or the drawing time and location.

### Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society Clinic

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society will hold its annual Hunters’ Clinic on Sept. 23, 2017, at the Embassy Suites/Chaparral Suites, 5001 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale. The clinic is provided free-of-charge by the Society as a public service. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the clinic will run from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The clinic is held to assist this year’s sheep tag holders with their upcoming hunts. Hunting techniques, trophy identification, proper equipment, and hunter ethics are emphasized. The Arizona Game and Fish Department, Bureau of Land Management, and other land management agencies will have representatives in attendance to answer specific questions about bighorn sheep habitat and populations. The Department strongly encourages bighorn sheep tag holders to attend the clinic. For more information about bighorn sheep hunting and the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, or to register for the clinic, please visit our website at [www.adbss.org](http://www.adbss.org).

### Arizona Elk Society Elk Hunting Clinic

The Arizona Elk Society will hold its Annual Elk Hunting Clinic Aug. 5, 2017. For information visit [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org) or call (602) 492-5319. This all-day clinic will be full of great information about hunting elk with a bow or a rifle; locating elk during the early and late hunting seasons by Dan Adler; effectively calling elk; as well as meat care, cape preparation, and proper use of optics to locate elk in the

field. The clinic will be a great education tool for first-time hunters and seasoned hunters. The clinic runs from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and includes lunch. For more information about the elk hunting clinic and the Arizona Elk Society visit [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org).

### Arizona Elk Society Youth Elk Hunters Camp

The Arizona Elk Society’s Junior Elk Hunters Camp will be Oct. 12–15, 2017, watch our website for camp location. This event is held this year in conjunction with the Unit 6A & 5BS Youth Only Elk Hunt. Thursday night the AES serves free dinner to all youth hunters and their families, after which they have a seminar on hunter safety, finding elk, meat care and more. There will be lots of free giveaways for youth hunters. Free lunch will be served Friday and Saturday, seminars will be held and mentors available if needed. The Arizona Elk Society offers support throughout the weekend for game locating and retrieval, as well as anything else the youth need during the hunt. Check out this event and others at [www.arizonaelksociety.org](http://www.arizonaelksociety.org). Call (602) 492-5319 for information.

### Arizona Pointing Dog Club Clinic

The Arizona Pointing Dog Club will be holding a training clinic March 3, 2018. AZPDC provides a clinic each year, which is open to the general public free of charge. Experienced handlers will spend time on the various aspects of training a bird dog. They will demonstrate how to properly use specialized equipment along with methods on how to achieve desired behavior for your dog in the field. The clinic is open to all pointing dogs from puppies to fully finished dogs. AZPDC encourages and promotes youth participation. Family activities are provided for members throughout the year. A well trained dog is a great tool for conservation of game. Please visit the AZPDC website at <http://www.AZpdc.org> or contact Joe Seitzer, AZPDC President at 480-760-5736 for more information regarding location, registration and time.

### House Rock Bison Hunter Clinic

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is hosting a House Rock bison hunter clinic on Aug. 12, 2017, at the AZGFD headquarters, 5000 W. Carefree Highway from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The clinic is free of charge and will provide bison hunters with valuable information to prepare you for what to expect when hunting the House Rock bison herd. All Fall 2017 House Rock bison hunters are strongly encouraged to attend. The recorded Fall 2016 hunter clinic can be viewed at: <https://www.azgfd.com/hunting/units/flagstaff/12a>. Fall 2017 bison hunter packets, free non-lead ammo handouts and/or coupons will be given to each hunter and presentations will be given on aging/sexing bison, hunting locations/strategies, scouting, field care, an opportunity to exchange contact information with other hunters and a question & answer period.

# Sunrise and Sunset

## Sunrise and Sunset July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Times shown are for Phoenix, Arizona. Figure up to nine minutes earlier for eastern areas, nine minutes later for western areas.

| DATE     | RISE | SET  | DATE     | RISE | SET  | DATE    | RISE | SET  | DATE     | RISE | SET  |
|----------|------|------|----------|------|------|---------|------|------|----------|------|------|
| July 1   | 5:22 | 7:42 | Sept. 30 | 6:22 | 6:14 | Dec. 30 | 7:32 | 5:30 | Mar. 31  | 6:17 | 6:48 |
| July 8   | 5:26 | 7:41 | Oct. 7   | 6:27 | 6:04 | Jan. 6  | 7:33 | 5:36 | April 7  | 6:08 | 6:53 |
| July 15  | 5:30 | 7:39 | Oct. 14  | 6:33 | 5:55 | Jan. 13 | 7:33 | 5:42 | April 14 | 5:59 | 6:59 |
| July 22  | 5:34 | 7:35 | Oct. 21  | 6:38 | 5:47 | Jan. 20 | 7:30 | 5:49 | April 21 | 5:51 | 7:04 |
| July 29  | 5:39 | 7:30 | Oct. 28  | 6:44 | 5:40 | Jan. 27 | 7:28 | 5:55 | April 28 | 5:43 | 7:09 |
| Aug. 5   | 5:44 | 7:24 | Nov. 4   | 6:50 | 5:33 | Feb. 3  | 7:23 | 6:02 | May 5    | 5:36 | 7:14 |
| Aug. 12  | 5:49 | 7:17 | Nov. 11  | 6:56 | 5:28 | Feb. 10 | 7:17 | 6:08 | May 12   | 5:30 | 7:20 |
| Aug. 19  | 5:54 | 7:09 | Nov. 18  | 7:03 | 5:24 | Feb. 17 | 7:10 | 6:15 | May 19   | 5:25 | 7:25 |
| Aug. 26  | 5:59 | 7:01 | Nov. 25  | 7:09 | 5:21 | Feb. 24 | 7:02 | 6:21 | May 26   | 5:22 | 7:30 |
| Sept. 2  | 6:03 | 6:52 | Dec. 2   | 7:16 | 5:20 | Mar. 3  | 6:54 | 6:27 | June 2   | 5:19 | 7:34 |
| Sept. 9  | 6:08 | 6:42 | Dec. 9   | 7:21 | 5:21 | Mar. 10 | 6:45 | 6:32 | June 9   | 5:18 | 7:37 |
| Sept. 16 | 6:13 | 6:33 | Dec. 16  | 7:26 | 5:22 | Mar. 17 | 6:36 | 6:38 | June 16  | 5:18 | 7:40 |
| Sept. 23 | 6:17 | 6:23 | Dec. 23  | 7:30 | 5:26 | Mar. 24 | 6:27 | 6:43 | June 23  | 5:19 | 7:42 |
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## Jaguars: Attention Mountain Lion Hunters

Jaguars are listed as endangered in the U.S. under the Endangered Species Act. If, when using dogs to tree mountain lions, a jaguar is inadvertently chased and/or treed by dogs, the dogs must be called off the trail upon realization that a jaguar is being chased. Please report any jaguar sighting as soon as possible by calling 623-236-7201.

Jaguar tracks are similar to mountain lion tracks. Front feet of the jaguar are larger than the hind feet (both pads and toes) and tend to be wider than mountain lion feet (measuring up to six inches). There is overlap in size between the two species however, therefore the tracks are often difficult to distinguish. Scats are also similar.

The Arizona Houndsmen have offered a reward of up to \$5,000 to any individual who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who intentionally kills a jaguar. If you believe that you have witnessed a violation, please notify Arizona Game and Fish Department (Operation Game Thief) at 800-352-0700.



More Information to Know Before You Go

## Contact the Department About Damaged Water Developments

For five decades, wildlife water developments (catchments) have been providing a reliable source of water for game and nongame species throughout Arizona.

Water developments range from bedrock tinajas (potholes) modified to increase storage or reduce evaporation, to engineered designs with precipitation collection aprons or dams, storage tanks, or troughs. Many of these developments are maintained by the Department, however many also are managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the military, and others.

Should you notice a wildlife water development leaking, damaged, or in need of repair, please contact the nearest Department office at your earliest convenience. If possible, please record the GPS coordinates of the water development site or provide a simple directional map.

- There has been a tremendous increase in the number of cameras, blinds, and tree stands at Department facilities including water developments. Individuals placing cameras, blinds, tree stands, or other personal property on Department facilities do so at their own risk.
- The Department is not liable for damage or theft to property left at Department facilities. For questions call 866-950-2433.

Thank you in advance for your support of Arizona's wildlife.

# Common Violations While Hunting Big Game, Small Game And Migratory Birds

*It is each hunter's responsibility to protect our hunting heritage. You can help ensure responsible hunting by reporting violations to our Operation Game Thief hotline 800-352-0700. Unfortunate incidents and oversights do occur. If you should find yourself in violation of any laws or rules while hunting please contact the Operation Game Thief hotline to report it. It certainly is more beneficial to report a violation yourself than have a Game Ranger discover it in the field, or have another party report it, and certainly more understandable to the judicial system and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.*

## Attracting Wildlife with Unlawful Measures

(R12-4-303 A 2 c) Page 126

Using any lure, attractant, or cover scent containing any cervid (deer) urine to take wildlife is unlawful.

R12-4-303 4, page 126

Using edible or ingestible substances, other than water or salt/mineral products produced for the livestock industry, to aid in the taking of big game is unlawful.

## Take Wildlife Without A License

(A.R.S. 17-331) Page 109

In order to take any wildlife in Arizona, you must have the appropriate current hunting or fishing license in your possession. You should check your license every time that you go hunting, fishing or collecting. Also, you must sign your license and tag before hunting.

## Possess Unlawfully Taken Wildlife

(A.R.S. 17-309 A 16) Page 109

Any wildlife that is unlawfully taken, may not be legally possessed. So even though you may not have been involved in the illegal taking of wildlife, you cannot legally possess unlawfully taken wildlife or parts thereof.

## Exceed Bag and/or Possession Limit

(A.R.S. 17-309 A 14 and 15) Page 109

Wildlife may only be taken and possessed in the quantities prescribed by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Orders for bag and possession limits. Consult Commission Orders for specifics.

## Improper Tagging of Big Game

(R12-4-302) Page 125

All big game taken shall be immediately tagged in accordance with the instructions on the back of the tag and pursuant to Commission Rule, R12-4-302.

## Obtain License or Permit By Fraud

(A.R.S. 17-341) Page 111

"Resident" means a person who is domiciled (claims the state of Arizona as their true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence, see pages 12 and 108) in this state for six months immediately preceding the date of application or purchase of a license, permit, tag, or stamp and does not claim residency for any purpose in another state or jurisdiction. (Benefits of residency in another state or jurisdiction may include: driver's license, vehicle registrations, resident property tax credits, voting, resident tax returns, or resident licenses to take wildlife outside of Arizona.) Or is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty and stationed in: (i) This state for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the date of applying for or purchase of a license, permit, tag, or stamp; (ii) Another state or country but who lists this state as their home of record at the time of applying for a license, permit, tag, or stamp.

## Take Wildlife During Closed Season, After Legal Hours or With Aid of Artificial Light

(A.R.S. 17-309 A 10) Page 109, (A.R.S. 17-301 A) Page 108

Wildlife may only be taken during times prescribed by the Commission and closed

season shall be in effect unless opened by Commission Order. Review the Commission orders related to the species you are pursuing before leaving home. The use of spotlights from a vehicle is illegal if you have any weapons in your vehicle. During certain coyote seasons it is lawful to use artificial light, yet shall not be used from a vehicle. Check the Commission Orders for more details. If fear of theft is a concern, you should make sure that any weapons in a vehicle are incapable of being fired when you are using a light. Examples are leaving all ammunition, arrows and/or barrels or bolts in camp. Hunters cannot use lighted sight pins or other artificial light sources to extend legal shooting hours.

## Take/Hunt From A Vehicle

(A.R.S. 17-301 B, R12-4-319) Pages 108 and 130

No person may take wildlife from a motor vehicle, watercraft or aircraft, except as permitted by Commission Order, and under the provisions of the Challenged Hunter Access Mobility Permit Commission Rule (R12-4-217). "Take," as defined by law, includes pursuing, shooting, hunting and killing wildlife. You are unlawfully using a vehicle to take wildlife if you intentionally drive around until you see the animal you wish to harvest and then make an attempt to take. "Road hunting" is illegal; so is pursuing wildlife with a vehicle, chasing or heading off moving wildlife with a vehicle, and driving off-road to get closer to wildlife. You do not have to shoot from the vehicle to be in violation.

## Take Wildlife With Prohibited Device or By An Unlawful Method

(A.R.S. 17-301 A) Page 108, (A.R.S. 17-309 A 12-13) Page 109

(R12-4-303) and (R12-4-304) Page 126

Wildlife may only be taken by a device or method as prescribed by the Commission. It is unlawful to take migratory game birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three rounds.

## Shoot Too Close To An Occupied Building or Residence

(A.R.S. 17-309 A 4) Page 109

Without the resident's permission, you may not discharge a firearm within 1/4 mile of any occupied residence while taking wildlife. All structures including barns, sheds and cabins should be assumed occupied. This is one of the most common violations during dove and quail seasons.

## Littering While Taking Wildlife

(A.R.S. 17-309 A 9) Page 109

All hunters are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. All camp areas should be left clean. Shell casings and associated debris constitute litter and should be picked up and packed out. Also, all hunters are responsible for the proper care and disposal of their wildlife carcasses. Carcass debris should be disposed of according to local jurisdiction regulation. Please check with your local authorities for specific regulations and instructions.

## License Revocation

(A.R.S. 17-340) Page 110

You can have your license privileges revoked by the Commission for up to five years for a conviction of:

- unlawful taking, selling, offering for sale, bartering or possession of wildlife
- careless use of firearms resulting in human injury or death
- destroying or injuring livestock or crops while hunting or fishing
- acts of vandalism or littering while hunting or fishing
- knowingly allowing another person to use your big game tag
- unlawful entry on to closed area for purposes of taking wildlife
- unlawful posting of state or federal lands
- license fraud
- unlawful use of aircraft to take wildlife
- waste of game meat
- guiding without a license

Additional convictions may result in license privileges being revoked for longer periods up to permanently.

## Civil Liability

(A.R.S. 17-101 – trophy definition) Page 108

(A.R.S. 17-314) Page 109

Under state law anyone who is found to have unlawfully wounded or killed, or unlawfully possessed any of the following wildlife may be subject to civil action by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in the form of recovery of the following minimum sums (updated annually factoring in the current Consumer Price Index):

For each turkey or javelina.....\$500.00

For each bear, mountain lion, antelope or deer, other than trophy .....\$1,500.00

For each elk or eagle, other than trophy or endangered species ..... \$2,500.00

For each predatory, fur-bearing or nongame animal .....\$250.00

For each small game or aquatic wildlife animal .....\$50.00

For each trophy or endangered species animal ..... \$8,000.00

## Shoot Across Road

(A.R.S. 17-301 B) Page 108

No person may knowingly discharge any firearm or shoot any other device including bow and arrow upon, from, across, or into a maintained road or railway. It is advisable not to shoot from or across any road. Again, this is one of the most common violations during the dove season.

## Legal Methods of Take – Big Game

**REFER TO R12-4-216, R12-4-303, R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 OR READ APPROPRIATE COMMISSION ORDER FOR DETAILS.**

| <b>LEGAL BIG GAME SPECIES</b>     | Centerfire Rifle | Centerfire Handgun | Muzzleloading Rifle | Other Rifle Shooting Black Powder or Synthetic Black Powder | Black Powder Handgun | Crossbow | Archery | Handgun Shooting Shot | Shotgun Shooting Slugs | 5 millimeter or .22 Magnum Rimfire | .17 Magnum and .22 Rimfire | Shotgun Shooting Shot | Pursuit with Dogs | Pre-charged Pneumatics .35 and larger |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>ANTELOPE SEASON</b><br>General | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       | ✓                      |                                    |                            |                       |                   | ✓                                     |
| Archery Only                      |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      |          | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| Muzzleloader                      |                  |                    | ✓                   |                                                             |                      | ✓        | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| <b>BEAR – Fall</b>                | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       | ✓                      |                                    |                            |                       | ✓                 | ✓                                     |
| <b>BEAR – Spring</b><br>(no dogs) | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       | ✓                      |                                    |                            |                       |                   | ✓                                     |
| <b>BIGHORN SHEEP</b>              | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       | ✓                      |                                    |                            |                       |                   | ✓                                     |
| <b>BISON – House Rock*</b>        | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           |                      | ✓        | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| <b>BISON – Raymond</b>            | ✓                |                    | ✓                   | ✓                                                           |                      |          |         |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| <b>DEER SEASON</b><br>General     | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       | ✓                      |                                    |                            |                       |                   | ✓                                     |
| Archery Only                      |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      |          | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| Muzzleloader                      |                  |                    | ✓                   |                                                             |                      | ✓        | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| <b>ELK SEASON</b><br>General      | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       | ✓                      |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| Archery Only                      |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      |          | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| Muzzleloader                      |                  |                    | ✓                   |                                                             |                      | ✓        | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| <b>JAVELINA SEASON</b><br>General | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       | ✓                      | ✓                                  |                            |                       |                   | ✓                                     |
| Archery Only                      |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      |          | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| Handgun, Archery,<br>Muzzleloader |                  | ✓                  | ✓                   |                                                             | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |
| <b>MOUNTAIN LION</b>              | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       |                       | ✓                      |                                    |                            | ✓                     | ✓                 | ✓                                     |
| <b>TURKEY</b><br>Fall and Spring  |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      | ✓        | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            | ✓                     |                   |                                       |
| Archery Only                      |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      |          | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |                   |                                       |

\* Refer to R12-4-304 for caliber and other specs

## Legal Methods of Take – Other Wildlife Species

REFER TO R12-4-216, R12-4-303, R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 OR READ APPROPRIATE COMMISSION ORDER FOR DETAILS.

| OTHER LEGAL WILDLIFE SPECIES                                         | Centerfire Rifle | Centerfire Handgun | Muzzleloading Rifle | Other Rifle Shooting Black Powder or Synthetic Black Powder | Black Powder Handgun | Crossbow | Archery | Handgun Shooting Shot | Shotgun Shooting Slugs | 5 millimeter or .22 Magnum Rimfire | .17 Magnum and .22 Rimfire | Shotgun Shooting Shot | Falconry | Pneumatic Weapons | Slingshots | Pursuit with Dogs | Trapping |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|----------|
| BADGER                                                               | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     |          | ✓                 |            | ✓                 | ✓        |
| BLUE GROUSE                                                          |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     |                        |                                    |                            | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 |          |
| BOBCAT                                                               | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     |          | ✓                 |            | ✓                 | ✓        |
| CHUKAR PARTRIDGE                                                     |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     |                        |                                    |                            | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 |          |
| COATI                                                                | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 | ✓        |
| COTTONTAIL RABBIT                                                    | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 |          |
| COYOTE                                                               | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     |          | ✓                 |            | ✓                 | ✓        |
| CROW                                                                 | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 | ✓        |
| EUROPEAN STARLING                                                    | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 | ✓        |
| FOXES                                                                | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     |          | ✓                 |            | ✓                 | ✓        |
| HOUSE SPARROW                                                        | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 | ✓        |
| JACKRABBITS                                                          | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 | ✓        |
| PHEASANT                                                             |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     |                        |                                    |                            | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 |          |
| QUAIL                                                                |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     |                        |                                    |                            | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 |          |
| RACCOON                                                              | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     |          | ✓                 |            | ✓                 | ✓        |
| RINGTAIL                                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     |          | ✓                 |            | ✓                 | ✓        |
| RODENTS<br>(excluding beaver, muskrats, tree squirrels & porcupines) | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 | ✓        |
| SKUNKS                                                               | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     |          | ✓                 |            | ✓                 | ✓        |
| SQUIRREL<br>General                                                  | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                                                           | ✓                    | ✓        | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                     | ✓        | ✓                 | ✓          | ✓                 |          |
| Archery Only                                                         |                  |                    |                     |                                                             |                      |          | ✓       |                       |                        |                                    |                            |                       |          |                   |            | ✓                 |          |

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## A.R.S. 17-101

### Definitions

A. In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Angling" means the taking of fish by one line and not to exceed two hooks, by one line and one artificial lure, which may have attached more than one hook, or by one line and not to exceed two artificial flies or lures.
2. "Bag limit" means the maximum limit, in number or amount, of wildlife that may lawfully be taken by any one person during a specified period of time.
3. "Closed season" means the time during which wildlife may not be lawfully taken.
4. "Commission" means the Arizona game and fish commission.
5. "Department" means the Arizona game and fish department.
6. "Device" means any net, trap, snare, salt lick, scaffold, deadfall, pit, explosive, poison or stupefying substance, crossbow, firearm, bow and arrow, or other implement used for taking wildlife. Device does not include a raptor or any equipment used in the sport of falconry.
7. "Domicile" means a person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence. Proof of domicile in this state may be shown as prescribed by rule by the commission.
8. "Falconry" means the sport of hunting or taking quarry with a trained raptor.
9. "Fishing" means to lure, attract or pursue aquatic wildlife in such a manner that the wildlife may be captured or killed.
10. "Fur dealer" means any person engaged in the business of buying for resale the raw pelts or furs of wild mammals.
11. "Guide" means a person who does any of the following:
  - (a) Advertises for guiding services.
  - (b) Holds himself out to the public for hire as a guide.
  - (c) Is employed by a commercial enterprise as a guide.
  - (d) Accepts compensation in any form commensurate with the market value in this state for guiding services in exchange for aiding, assisting, directing, leading or instructing a person in the field to locate and take wildlife.
  - (e) Is not a landowner or lessee who, without full fair market compensation, allows access to the landowner's or lessee's property and directs and advises a person in taking wildlife.
12. "License classification" means a type of license, permit, tag or stamp authorized under this title and prescribed by the commission by rule to take, handle or possess wildlife.
13. "License year" means the twelve-month period between January 1 and December 31, inclusive, or a different twelve-month period as prescribed by the commission by rule.
14. "Nonresident", for the purposes of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp, means a citizen of the United States or an alien who is not a resident.
15. "Open season" means the time during which wildlife may be lawfully taken.
16. "Possession limit" means the maximum limit, in number or amount of wildlife, that may be possessed at one time by any one person.
17. "Resident", for the purposes of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp, means a person who is:
  - (a) A member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty and who is stationed in:
    - (i) This state for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the date of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp.
    - (ii) Another state or country but who lists this state as the person's home of record at the

time of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp.

- (b) Domiciled in this state for six months immediately preceding the date of applying for a license, permit, tag or stamp and who does not claim residency privileges for any purpose in any other state or jurisdiction.
  18. "Road" means any maintained right-of-way for public conveyance.
  19. "Statewide" means all lands except those areas lying within the boundaries of state and federal refuges, parks and monuments, unless specifically provided differently by commission order.
  20. "Take" means pursuing, shooting, hunting, fishing, trapping, killing, capturing, snaring or netting wildlife or the placing or using of any net or other device or trap in a manner that may result in the capturing or killing of wildlife.
  21. "Taxidermist" means any person who engages for hire in the mounting, refurbishing, maintaining, restoring or preserving of any display specimen.
  22. "Traps" or "trapping" means taking wildlife in any manner except with a gun or other implement in hand.
  23. "Wild" means, in reference to mammals and birds, those species that are normally found in a state of nature.
  24. "Wildlife" means all wild mammals, wild birds and the nests or eggs thereof, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, crustaceans and fish, including their eggs or spawn.
  25. "Youth" means a person who is under eighteen years of age.
  26. "Zoo" means a commercial facility open to the public where the principal business is holding wildlife in captivity for exhibition purposes.
- B. The following definitions of wildlife shall apply:
1. Aquatic wildlife are all fish, amphibians, mollusks, crustaceans and soft-shelled turtles.
  2. Game mammals are deer, elk, bear, pronghorn (antelope), bighorn sheep, bison (buffalo), peccary (javelina), mountain lion, tree squirrel and cottontail rabbit.
  3. Big game are wild turkey, deer, elk, pronghorn (antelope), bighorn sheep, bison (buffalo), peccary (javelina), bear and mountain lion.
  4. "Trophy" means:
    - (a) A mule deer buck with at least four points on one antler, not including the eye-guard point.
    - (b) A whitetail deer buck with at least three points on one antler, not including the eye-guard point.
    - (c) A bull elk with at least six points on one antler, including the eye-guard point and the brow tine point.
    - (d) A pronghorn (antelope) buck with at least one horn exceeding or equal to fourteen inches in total length.
    - (e) Any bighorn sheep.
    - (f) Any bison (buffalo).
  5. Small game are cottontail rabbits, tree squirrels, upland game birds and migratory game birds.
  6. Fur-bearing animals are muskrats, raccoons, otters, weasels, bobcats, beavers, badgers and ringtail cats.
  7. Predatory animals are foxes, skunks, coyotes and bobcats.
  8. Nongame animals are all wildlife except game mammals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals and aquatic wildlife.
  9. Upland game birds are quail, partridge, grouse and pheasants.
  10. Migratory game birds are wild waterfowl, including ducks, geese and swans; sandhill cranes; all coots, all gallinules, common snipe, wild doves and bandtail pigeons.
  11. Nongame birds are all birds except upland game birds and migratory game birds.

12. Raptors are birds that are members of the order of falconiformes or strigiformes and include falcons, hawks, owls, eagles and other birds that the commission may classify as raptors.
13. Game fish are trout of all species, bass of all species, catfish of all species, sunfish of all species, northern pike, walleye and yellow perch.
14. Nongame fish are all the species of fish except game fish.
15. Trout means all species of the family salmonidae, including grayling.

## A.R.S. 17-231

### General powers and duties of the commission

A. The commission shall:

3. Establish hunting, trapping and fishing rules and prescribe the manner and methods that may be used in taking wildlife, but the commission shall not limit or restrict the magazine capacity of any authorized firearm.

## A.R.S. 17-251

### Possession or use of a firearm silencer or muffler while hunting; definition

- A. The commission shall not adopt or enforce any rule that prohibits the lawful possession or use of a firearm silencer or muffler, including for the taking of wildlife or while hunting.
- B. This section does not limit the authority of the commission to prescribe the type and caliber of firearm or ammunition that may be used for taking wildlife.
- C. For the purposes of this section, "firearm silencer or muffler" means any device that is designed, made or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

## A.R.S. 17-301

### Times when wildlife may be taken; exceptions; methods of taking

- A. A person may take wildlife, except aquatic wildlife, only during daylight hours unless otherwise prescribed by the commission. A person shall not take any species of wildlife by the aid or with the use of a jacklight, other artificial light, or illegal device, except as provided by the commission.
- B. A person shall not take wildlife, except aquatic wildlife, or discharge a firearm or shoot any other device from a motor vehicle, including an automobile, aircraft, train or powerboat, or from a sailboat, boat under sail, or a floating object towed by powerboat or sailboat except as expressly permitted by the commission. No person may knowingly discharge any firearm or shoot any other device upon, from, across or into a road or railway.
- C. Fish may be taken only by angling unless otherwise provided by the commission. The line shall be constantly attended. In every case the hook, fly or lure shall be used in such manner that the fish voluntarily take or attempt to take it in their mouths.
- D. It shall be unlawful to take wildlife with any leghold trap, any instant kill body gripping design trap, or by a poison or a snare on any public land, including state owned or state leased land, lands administered by the United States forest service, the federal bureau of land management, the national park service, the United States department of defense, the state parks board and any county or municipality. This subsection shall not prohibit:
1. The use of the devices prescribed in this subsection by federal, state, county, city, or other local departments of health which have jurisdiction in the geographic area of such use, for the purpose of protection from or surveillance for threats to human health or safety.
  2. The taking of wildlife with firearms, with fishing equipment, with archery equipment, or other implements in hand as may be defined or regulated by the Arizona game and fish commission, including but not

limited to the taking of wildlife pursuant to a hunting or fishing license issued by the Arizona game and fish department.

3. The use of snares, traps not designed to kill, or nets to take wildlife for scientific research projects, sport falconry, or for relocation of the wildlife as may be defined or regulated by the Arizona game and fish commission or the government of the United States or both.
4. The use of poisons or nets by the Arizona Game and Fish Department to take or manage aquatic wildlife as determined and regulated by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.
5. The use of traps for rodent control or poisons for rodent control for the purpose of controlling wild and domestic rodents as otherwise allowed by the laws of the state of Arizona, excluding any fur-bearing animals as defined in section 17-101.

## A.R.S. 17-301.01

### Protection from wildlife

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, any person may take wildlife in self-defense or in defense of another person if it is immediately necessary to protect oneself or to protect the other person.
- B. A person shall notify the department within five days after taking wildlife under this section. No animal or part of an animal taken pursuant to this section may be retained, sold or removed from the site without authorization from the department.

## A.R.S. 17-303

### Taking or driving wildlife

It is unlawful for any person, except by commission order, to enter upon a game refuge or other area closed to hunting, trapping or fishing and take, drive or attempt to drive wildlife from such areas.

## A.R.S. 17-304

### Prohibition by landowner on hunting; posting; exception

- A. Landowners or lessees of private land who desire to prohibit hunting, fishing or trapping on their lands without their written permission shall post such lands closed to hunting, fishing or trapping using notices or signboards.
- B. State or federal lands including those under lease may not be posted except by consent of the commission.
- C. The notices or signboards shall meet all of the following criteria:
  1. Be not less than eight inches by eleven inches with plainly legible wording in capital and bold-faced lettering at least one inch high.
  2. Contain the words “no hunting”, “no trapping” or “no fishing” either as a single phrase or in any combination.
  3. Be conspicuously placed on a structure or post at least four feet above ground level at all points of vehicular access, at all property or fence corners and at intervals of not more than one-quarter mile along the property boundary, except that a post with one hundred square inches or more of orange paint may serve as the interval notices between property or fence corners and points of vehicular access. The orange paint shall be clearly visible and shall cover the entire aboveground surface of the post facing outward and on both lateral sides from the closed area.
- D. The entry of any person for the taking of wildlife shall not be grounds for an action for criminal trespassing pursuant to section 13-1502 unless either:
  1. The land has been posted pursuant to this section and the notices and signboards also contain the words “no trespassing”.
  2. The person knowingly remains unlawfully on any real property after a reasonable request to leave by

the owner or any other person having lawful control over the property or the person knowingly disregards reasonable notice prohibiting trespass at the person’s entry to any real property.

## A.R.S. 17-305

### Possession of other weapons while hunting; violation; classification

- A. The possession of legal weapons, devices, ammunition or magazines, which are not authorized to take wildlife, is not prohibited while hunting if the weapon or device is not used to take wildlife.
- B. Taking wildlife by using a weapon, device, ammunition, or magazine that is not authorized to take wildlife is a class 1 misdemeanor.

## A.R.S. 17-308

### Unlawful camping

It is unlawful for a person to camp within one-fourth mile of a natural water hole containing water or a man-made watering facility containing water in such a place that wildlife or domestic stock will be denied access to the only reasonably available water.

## A.R.S. 17-309

### Violations; classification

- A. Unless otherwise prescribed by this title, it is unlawful for a person to:
  1. Violate any provision of this title or any rule adopted pursuant to this title.
  2. Take, possess, transport, buy, sell or offer or expose for sale wildlife except as expressly permitted by this title.
  3. Destroy, injure or molest livestock, growing crops, personal property, notices or signboards, or other improvements while hunting, trapping or fishing.
  4. Discharge a firearm while taking wildlife within one-fourth mile of an occupied farmhouse or other residence, cabin, lodge or building without permission of the owner or resident.
  5. Take a game bird, game mammal or game fish and knowingly permit an edible portion thereof to go to waste, except as provided in section 17-302.
  6. Take big game, except bear or mountain lion, with the aid of dogs.
  7. Make more than one use of a shipping permit or coupon issued by the commission.
  8. Obtain a license or take wildlife during the period for which the person’s license has been revoked or suspended or the person has been denied a license.
  9. Litter hunting and fishing areas while taking wildlife.
  10. Take wildlife during the closed season.
  11. Take wildlife in an area closed to the taking of that wildlife.
  12. Take wildlife with an unlawful device.
  13. Take wildlife by an unlawful method.
  14. Take wildlife in excess of the bag limit.
  15. Possess wildlife in excess of the possession limit.
  16. Possess or transport any wildlife or parts of the wildlife that was unlawfully taken.
  17. Possess or transport the carcass of big game without a valid tag being attached.
  18. Use the edible parts of any game mammal or any part of any game bird or nongame bird as bait.
  19. Possess or transport the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wildlife that cannot be identified as to species and legality.
  20. Take game animals, game birds and game fish with an explosive compound, poison or any other deleterious substances.
  21. Import into this state or export from this state the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wildlife unlawfully taken or possessed.

- B. Unless a different or other penalty or punishment is specifically prescribed a person who violates any provision of this title, or who violates or fails to comply with a lawful order or rule of the commission, is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

- C. A person who knowingly takes any big game during a closed season or who knowingly possesses, transports or buys any big game that was unlawfully taken during a closed season is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

- D. A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who knowingly:

1. Barbers, sells or offers for sale any big game or parts of big game taken unlawfully.
2. Barbers, sells or offers for sale any wildlife or parts of wildlife unlawfully taken during a closed season.
3. Barbers, sells or offers for sale any wildlife or parts of wildlife imported or purchased in violation of this title or a lawful rule of the commission.
4. Assists another person for monetary gain with the unlawful taking of big game.
5. Takes or possesses wildlife while under permanent revocation under section 17-340, subsection B, paragraph 3.

- E. A peace officer who knowingly fails to enforce a lawful rule of the commission or this title is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

## A.R.S. 17-314

### Civil liability for illegally taking or wounding wildlife; recovery of damages

- A. The commission or any officer charged with enforcement of the laws relating to game and fish, if so directed by the commission, may bring a civil action in the name of the state against any person unlawfully taking, wounding or killing, or unlawfully in possession of, any of the following wildlife, or part thereof, and seek to recover the following minimum sums as damage:
  1. For each turkey or javelina \$500.00
  2. For each bear, mountain lion, antelope or deer, other than trophy \$1,500.00
  3. For each elk or eagle, other than trophy or endangered species \$2,500.00
  4. For each predatory, fur-bearing or nongame animal \$250.00
  5. For each small game or aquatic wildlife animal \$50.00
  6. For each trophy or endangered species animal \$8,000.00
- B. No verdict or judgment recovered by the state in such action shall be for less than the sum fixed in this section. The minimum sum that the commission may seek to recover as damages from a person pursuant to this section may be doubled for a second verdict or judgment and tripled for a third verdict or judgment. The action for damages may be joined with an action for possession, and recovery had for the possession as well as the damages.
- C. The pendency or determination of an action for damages or payment of a judgment, or the pendency or determination of a criminal prosecution for the same taking, wounding, killing or possession, is not a bar to the other, nor does either affect the right of seizure under any other provision of the laws relating to game and fish.
- D. All monies recovered pursuant to this section shall be placed in the wildlife theft prevention fund.

## A.R.S. 17-331

### License or proof of purchase required; violation of child support order

- A. Except as provided by this title, rules prescribed by the commission or commission order, a person shall not take any wildlife in this state without a valid license or a commission approved proof of purchase. The person shall carry the license or proof of purchase and produce it on request to any game ranger, wildlife manager or peace officer.
- B. A certificate of noncompliance with a child support order issued pursuant to section 25-518 invalidates any license

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or proof of purchase issued to the support obligor for taking wildlife in this state and prohibits the support obligor from applying for any additional licenses issued by an automated drawing system under this title.

C. On receipt of a certificate of compliance with a child support order from the court pursuant to section 25-518 and without further action:

1. Any license or proof of purchase issued to the support obligor for taking wildlife that was previously invalidated by a certificate of noncompliance and that has not otherwise expired shall be reinstated.
2. Any ineligibility to apply for any license issued by an automated drawing system shall be removed.

## A.R.S. 17-332

### Form and contents of license; duplicate licenses; transfer or licenses prohibition; exemptions; period of validity

A. Licenses and license materials shall be prepared by the department and may be furnished and charged to dealers authorized to issue licenses. The license shall be issued in the name of the department. Except as provided by rule adopted by the commission, each license shall be signed by the licensee in ink on the face of the license and any license not signed is invalid. With each license authorizing the taking of big game the department shall provide such tags as the commission may prescribe, which the licensee shall attach to the big game animal in such manner as prescribed by the commission. The commission shall limit the number of big game permits issued to nonresidents in a random drawing to ten per cent or fewer of the total hunt permits, but in extraordinary circumstances, at a public meeting the commission may increase the number of permits issued to nonresidents in a random drawing if, on separate roll call votes, the members of the commission unanimously:

1. Support the finding of a specifically described extraordinary circumstance.
2. Adopt the increased number of nonresident permits for the hunt.

B. The commission shall issue with each license a shipping permit entitling the holder of the license to a shipment of game or fish as provided by article 4 of this chapter.

C. It is unlawful, except as provided by the commission, for any person to apply for or obtain in any one license year more than one original license permitting the taking of big game. A duplicate license or tag may be issued by the department or by a license dealer if the person requesting such license or tag furnishes the information deemed necessary by the commission.

D. No license or permit is transferable, nor shall such license or permit be used by anyone except the person to whom such license or permit was issued, except that:

1. The commission may prescribe the manner and conditions of transferring and using permits and tags under this paragraph, including an application process for a qualified organization, to allow a person to transfer the person's big game permit or tag to a qualified organization for use by:
  - (a) A minor child who has a life-threatening medical condition or by a minor child who has a permanent physical disability. If a physically disabled child is under fourteen years of age, the child must satisfactorily complete the Arizona hunter education course or another comparable hunter education course that is approved by the director.
  - (b) A veteran of the armed forces of the United States who has a service-connected disability. For the purposes of this paragraph:
    - (i) "Disability" means a permanent physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities requiring the assistance of another person or a mechanical device for physical mobility.
    - (ii) "Qualified organization" means a nonprofit organization that is qualified under section

501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code and that affords opportunities and experiences to children with life-threatening medical conditions or with physical disabilities or to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

2. A parent, grandparent or legal guardian may allow the parent's, grandparent's or guardian's minor child or minor grandchild to use the parent's, grandparent's or guardian's big game permit or tag to take big game pursuant to the following requirements:

- (a) The parent, grandparent or guardian must transfer the permit or tag to the child in a manner prescribed by the commission.
- (b) The parent or guardian must accompany the child in the field or, if a grandparent allows a minor grandchild to use the grandparent's permit or tag, the grandparent, the parent or the child's guardian must accompany the child in the field.
- (c) The child must possess a valid hunting license and, if under fourteen years of age, must satisfactorily complete the Arizona hunter education course or another comparable hunter education course that is approved by the director.
- (d) Any big game that is taken counts toward the child's bag limit.

E. No refunds may be made for the purchase of a license or permit.

F. Licenses are valid for a license year as prescribed by the commission. Lifetime licenses and benefactor licenses are valid for the lifetime of the licensee.

## A.R.S. 17-333

### License classifications; fees; annual report; review

A. Through July 1, 2019, the commission shall prescribe by rule license classifications that are valid for the taking or handling of wildlife, fees for licenses, permits, tags and stamps and application fees.

B. The commission may temporarily reduce or waive any fee prescribed by rule under this title on the recommendation of the director.

C. All monies collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the game and fish fund established by section 17-261.

D. On or before December 31 of each year, the commission shall submit an annual report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairperson of the senate natural resources and rural affairs committee and the chairperson of the house of representatives energy, environment and natural resources committee, or their successor committees, that includes information relating to license classifications, fees for licenses, permits, tags and stamps and any other fees that the commission prescribes by rule. On or before July 1, 2019 and each fifth year thereafter, the joint legislative audit committee shall assign a committee of reference to hold a public hearing and review the annual report submitted by the commission.

## A.R.S. 17-333.02

### Trapping license; education; exemption

A. A person applying for a trapping license must successfully complete a trapping education course conducted or approved by the department before being issued a trapping license. The department shall conduct or approve an educational course of instruction in responsible trapping and environmental ethics. The course shall include instruction on the history of trapping, trapping ethics, trapping laws, techniques in safely releasing nontarget animals, trapping equipment, wildlife management, proper catch handling, trapper health and safety and considerations and ethics intended to avoid conflicts with other public land users. A person must pass a written examination to successfully complete the course. The department shall not approve a trapping education course conducted by

any person, agency, corporation or other organization for which a fee is charged greater than an amount the commission determines per person.

B. A person who is born before January 1, 1967 or who has completed, from and after December 31, 1987 and before March 1, 1993, the voluntary trapper education course on responsible trapping conducted in cooperation with the Arizona game and fish department is exempt from subsection A of this section.

## A.R.S. 17-335

### Blind resident; fishing license exemption

A blind resident may fish without a license and is entitled to the same privileges as the holder of a valid license.

## A.R.S. 17-336

### Complimentary and honorary youth licenses

A. The commission may issue a complimentary license to:

1. A pioneer who is seventy years of age or older and who has been a resident of this state for twenty-five or more consecutive years immediately preceding application for the license. The pioneer license is valid for the lifetime of the licensee, and the commission shall not require renewal of the license.
2. A veteran of the armed forces of the United States who has been a resident of this state for one year or more immediately preceding application for the license and who is receiving compensation from the United States government for permanent service connected disabilities rated as one hundred per cent disabling.

B. The commission may issue a youth license for a reduced fee, as prescribed by the commission, to a resident of this state who is a member of the boy scouts of America who has attained the rank of eagle scout or a member of the girl scouts of the USA who has received the gold award.

## A.R.S. 17-340

### Revocation, suspension and denial of privilege of taking wildlife; notice; violation; classification

A. On conviction or after adjudication as a delinquent juvenile as defined in section 8-201 and in addition to other penalties prescribed by this title, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend a license issued to any person under this title and deny the person the right to secure another license to take or possess wildlife for a period of not to exceed five years for:

1. Unlawful taking, unlawful selling, unlawful offering for sale, unlawful bartering or unlawful possession of wildlife.
2. Careless use of firearms which has resulted in the injury or death of any person.
3. Destroying, injuring or molesting livestock, or damaging or destroying growing crops, personal property, notices or signboards, or other improvements while hunting, trapping or fishing.
4. Littering public hunting or fishing areas while taking wildlife.
5. Knowingly allowing another person to use the person's big game tag, except as provided by section 17-332, subsection D.
6. A violation of section 17-303, 17-304 or 17-341 or section 17-362, subsection A.
7. A violation of section 17-309, subsection A, paragraph 5 involving a waste of edible portions other than meat damaged due to the method of taking as follows:
  - (a) Upland game birds, migratory game birds and wild turkey: breast.
  - (b) Deer, elk, pronghorn (antelope), bighorn sheep, bison (buffalo) and peccary (javelina): hind quarters, front quarters and loins.
  - (c) Game fish: fillets of the fish.
8. A violation of section 17-309, subsection A, paragraph

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1 involving any unlawful use of aircraft to take, assist in taking, harass, chase, drive, locate or assist in locating wildlife.

- B. On conviction or after adjudication as a delinquent juvenile and in addition to any other penalties prescribed by this title:
  - 1. For a first conviction or a first adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife for a period of up to five years.
  - 2. For a second conviction or a second adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife for a period of up to ten years.
  - 3. For a third conviction or a third adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, for unlawfully taking or wounding wildlife at any time or place, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke, suspend or deny a person's privilege to take wildlife permanently.
- C. A person who is assessed civil damages under section 17-314 shall not apply for or obtain a license during the pendency of an action for damages, while measures are pursued to collect damages or prior to the full payment of damages.
- D. On receiving a report from the licensing authority of a state which is a party to the wildlife violator compact, adopted under chapter 5 of this title, that a resident of this state has failed to comply with the terms of a wildlife citation, the commission, after a public hearing, may suspend any license issued under this title to take wildlife until the licensing authority furnishes satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of the wildlife citation.
- E. In carrying out this section the director shall notify the licensee, within one hundred eighty days after conviction, to appear and show cause why the license should not be revoked, suspended or denied. The notice may be served personally or by certified mail sent to the address appearing on the license.
- F. The commission shall furnish to license dealers the names and addresses of persons whose licenses have been revoked or suspended, and the periods for which they have been denied the right to secure licenses.
- G. The commission may use the services of the office of administrative hearings to conduct hearings and to make recommendations to the commission pursuant to this section.
- H. Except for a person who takes or possesses wildlife while under permanent revocation, a person who takes wildlife in this state, or attempts to obtain a license to take wildlife, at a time when the person's privilege to do so is suspended, revoked or denied under this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

## A.R.S. 17-341

### Violation; classification

- A. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly purchase, apply for, accept, obtain or use, by fraud or misrepresentation a license, permit, tag or stamp to take wildlife and a license or permit so obtained is void and of no effect from the date of issuance thereof.
- B. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

## A.R.S. 17-361

### Trappers; licensing; restrictions; duties; reports

- A. The holder of a trapping license, may trap predatory, nongame, and fur-bearing mammals under such restrictions as the commission may specify.
- B. All traps shall be plainly identified with the name, address, or registered number of the owner, and such markings of identification shall be filed with the department. All traps in use shall be inspected daily.
- C. It shall be unlawful for a person to disturb the trap of another unless authorized to do so by the owner.
- D. Pursuant to rules and regulations of the commission, each trapping licensee shall, on dates designated by the commission, submit on forms provided by the department, a legible report of the number of each kind of predatory, nongame and fur-bearing mammal taken and the names and addresses of the persons to whom they were shipped or sold or the wildlife management units where the animals were taken.

## A.R.S. 17-362

### Guide license; violations; annual report; carrying firearms

- A. A person shall Not act as a guide without first satisfying the director of the person's qualifications and without having procured a guide license. A person who is under eighteen years of age shall not be issued a guide license.
- B. If a licensed guide fails to comply with this title or is convicted of violating any provision of this title, in addition to any other penalty prescribed by this title:
  - 1. For a first offense, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend the guide license and deny the person the right to secure another license for a period of up to five years.
  - 2. For a second offense, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend the guide license and deny the person the right to secure another license for a period of up to ten years.
  - 3. For a third offense, the commission, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend the guide license and permanently deny the person the right to secure another license.
- C. By January 10 of each year, or at the request of the commission, guides shall report to the department, on forms provided by the department, the name and address of each person guided, the number of days so employed and the number and species of game animals taken. A guide license shall not be issued to any person who has failed to deliver the report to the department for the preceding license year, or until meeting such requirements as the commission may prescribe.

## A.R.S. 17-371

### Transportation, possession and sale of wildlife and wildlife parts

- A. A person may transport in his possession his legally taken wildlife, or may authorize the transportation of his legally taken big game, provided such big game or any part thereof has attached thereto a valid transportation permit issued by the department. Such wildlife shall be transported in such manner that it may be inspected by authorized persons upon demand until the wildlife is packaged or stored. Species of wildlife, other than game species, may be transported in any manner unless otherwise specified by the commission. A person possessing a valid license may transport lawfully taken wildlife other than big game given to him but in no event shall any person possess more than one bag or possession limit.
- B. A holder of a resident license shall not transport from a point within to a point without the state any big game species or parts thereof without first having obtained a special permit issued by the department or its authorized agent.
- C. Migratory birds may be possessed and transported in accordance with the migratory bird treaty act (40 Stat. 755; 16 United States Code sections 703 through 711) and regulations under that act.
- D. A holder of a sport falconry license may transport one or more raptors that the person lawfully possesses under terms and conditions prescribed by the commission. Regardless of whether a person holds a sport falconry license and as provided by section 17-236, subsection C, the person may transport for sport falconry purposes one or more raptors that are not listed pursuant to the migratory bird treaty act.
- E. Heads, horns, antlers, hides, feet or skin of wildlife lawfully taken, or the treated or mounted specimens thereof, may be possessed, sold and transported at any time, except that migratory birds may be possessed and transported only in accordance with federal regulations.

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## R12-4-101

### Definitions

A. In addition to the definitions provided under A.R.S. § 17-101, R12-4-301, R12-4-401, and R12-4-501, the following definitions apply to this Chapter, unless otherwise specified:

"Bobcat seal" means the tag a person is required to attach to the raw pelt or unskinned carcass of any bobcat taken by trapping in Arizona or exported out of Arizona regardless of the method of take.

"Bonus point" means a credit that authorizes the Department to issue an applicant an additional computer-generated random number.

"Certificate of insurance" means an official document issued by the sponsor's and sponsor's vendors or subcontractors insurance carrier providing insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the solicitation or event as determined by the Department.

"Commission Order" means a document adopted by the Commission that does one or more of the following:

- Open, close, or alter seasons,
- Open areas for taking wildlife,
- Set bag or possession limits for wildlife,
- Set the number of permits available for limited hunts, or
- Specify wildlife that may or may not be taken.

"Day-long" means the 24-hour period from one midnight to the following midnight.

"Department property" means those buildings or real property and wildlife areas under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

"Firearm" means any loaded or unloaded handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon that will discharge, is designed to discharge, or may readily be converted to discharge a projectile by the action of an explosion caused by the burning of smokeless powder, black powder, or black powder substitute.

"Hunt area" means a management unit, portion of a management unit, or group of management units, or any portion of Arizona described in a Commission Order and not included in a management unit, opened to hunting.

"Hunt number" means the number assigned by Commission Order to any hunt area where a limited number of hunt permits are available.

"Hunt permits" means the number of hunt permit-tags made available to the public as a result of a Commission Order.

"Hunt permit-tag" means a tag for a hunt for which a Commission Order has assigned a hunt number.

"Identification number" means the number assigned to each applicant or license holder by the Department, as established under R12-4-111.

"License dealer" means a business authorized to sell hunting, fishing, and other licenses as established under R12-4-105.

"Live baitfish" means any species of live freshwater fish designated by Commission Order as lawful for use in taking aquatic wildlife under R12-4-317.

"Management unit" means an area established by the Commission for management purposes.

"Nonpermit-tag" means a tag for a hunt for which a Commission Order does not assign a hunt number and the number of tags is not limited.

"Person" has the meaning as provided under A.R.S. § 1-215.

"Proof of purchase," for the purposes of A.R.S. § 17-331, means an original, or any authentic and verifiable form of the original, of any Department-issued license, permit, or stamp that establishes proof of actual purchase.

"Restricted nonpermit-tag" means a tag issued for a supplemental hunt as established under R12-4-115.

"Solicitation" means any activity that may be considered

or interpreted as promoting, selling, or transferring products, services, memberships, or causes, or participation in an event or activity of any kind, including organizational, educational, public affairs, or protest activities, including the distribution or posting of advertising, handbills, leaflets, circulars, posters, or other printed materials for these purposes.

"Solicitation material" means advertising, circulars, flyers, handbills, leaflets, posters, or other printed information.

"Sponsor" means the person or persons conducting a solicitation or event.

"Stamp" means a form of authorization in addition to a license that authorizes the license holder to take wildlife specified by the stamp.

"Tag" means the Department authorization a person is required to obtain before taking certain wildlife as established under A.R.S. Title 17 and 12 A.A.C. 4.

"Waterdog" means the larval or metamorphosing stage of a salamander.

"Wildlife area" means an area established under 12 A.A.C. 4, Article 8.

B. If the following terms are used in a Commission Order, the following definitions apply:

"Antlered" means having an antler fully erupted through the skin and capable of being shed.

"Antlerless" means not having an antler, antlers, or any part of an antler erupted through the skin.

"Bearded turkey" means a turkey with a beard that extends beyond the contour feathers of the breast.

"Buck antelope" means a male pronghorn antelope.

"Adult bull buffalo" means a male buffalo any age or any buffalo designated by a Department employee during an adult bull buffalo hunt.

"Adult cow buffalo" means a female buffalo any age or any buffalo designated by a Department employee during an adult cow buffalo hunt.

"Bull elk" means an antlered elk.

"Designated" means the gender, age, or species of an animal or the specifically identified animal the Department authorizes to be taken and possessed with a valid tag.

"Ram" means any male bighorn sheep.

"Rooster" means a male pheasant.

"Yearling buffalo" means any buffalo less than three years of age or any buffalo designated by a Department employee during a yearling buffalo hunt.

## R12-4-103

### Duplicate Tags and Licenses

A. Under A.R.S. § 17-332(C), the Department and its license dealers may issue a duplicate license or tag to an applicant who:

1. Pays the applicable fee prescribed under R12-4-102, and
2. Signs an affidavit. The affidavit is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office or license dealer.

B. The applicant shall provide the following information on the affidavit:

1. The applicant's personal information:
  - a. Name;
  - b. Department identification number, when applicable;
  - c. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
2. The original license or tag information:
  - a. Type of license or tag;
  - b. Place of purchase;
  - c. Purchase date, when available;
3. Disposition of the original tag for which a duplicate is being purchased:
  - a. The tag was not used and is lost, destroyed,

mutilated, or otherwise unusable; or

- b. The tag was placed on a harvested animal that was subsequently condemned and the carcass and all parts of the animal were surrendered to a Department employee as required under R12-4-112(B) and (C). An applicant applying for a duplicate tag under this subsection shall also submit the condemned meat duplicate tag authorization form issued by the Department.

C. In the event the Department is unable to verify the expiration date of the original license, the duplicate license shall expire on December 31 of the current year.

## R12-4-104

### Application Procedures for Issuance of Hunt Permit-tags by Computer Draw and Purchase of Bonus Points

A. For the purposes of this Section, "group" means all applicants who placed their names on a single application as part of the same application.

B. A person is eligible to apply:

1. For a hunt permit-tag if the person:
  - a. Is at least 10 years of age at the start of the hunt for which the person is applying;
  - b. Has successfully completed a Department-sanctioned hunter education course by the start date of the hunt for which the person is applying, when the person is under the age of 14;
  - c. Has not reached the bag limit established under subsection (I) for that genus; and
  - d. Is not suspended or revoked in this state as a result of an action under A.R.S. §§ 17-340 or 17-502 at the time the person submits an application.
2. For a bonus point if the person:
  - a. Is at least 10 years of age by the application deadline; and
  - b. Is not suspended or revoked in this state as a result of an action under A.R.S. §§ 17-340 or 17-502 at the time the person submits an application.

C. An applicant shall apply at the times, locations, and in the manner and method established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule published by the Department and available at any Department office, online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov), or a license dealer.

1. The Commission shall set application deadline dates for hunt permit-tag computer draw applications through the hunt permit-tag application schedule.
2. The Director has the authority to extend any application deadline date if a problem occurs that prevents the public from submitting a hunt permit-tag application within the deadlines set by the Commission.
3. The Commission, through the hunt permit-tag application schedule, shall designate the manner and method of submitting an application, which may require an applicant to apply online only. If the Commission requires applicant's to use the online method, the Department shall accept paper applications only in the event of a Department systems failure.

D. An applicant for a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point shall complete and submit a Hunt Permit-tag Application. The application form is available from any Department office, a license dealer, or online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).

E. An applicant shall provide the following information on the Hunt Permit-tag Application:

1. The applicant's personal information:
  - a. Name;
  - b. Date of birth,
  - c. Social security number, as required under A.R.S. §§ 25-320(P) and 25-502(K);
  - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
  - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when

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- applicable;
- f. Mailing address, when applicable;
- g. Physical address;
- h. Telephone number, when available; and
- i. E-mail address, when available;
- 2. If the applicant possesses a valid license authorizing the take of wildlife in this state, the number of the applicant's license;
- 3. If the applicant does not possess a valid license at the time of the application, the applicant shall purchase a license as established under subsection (L). The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the license application portion of the Hunt Permit-tag Application:
  - a. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
  - b. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
  - c. Type of license for which the person is applying; and
- 4. Certify the information provided on the application is true and accurate;
- 5. An applicant who is: start here
  - a. Under the age of 10 and is submitting an application for a hunt other than big game is not required to have a license under this Chapter. The applicant shall indicate "youth" in the space provided for the license number on the Hunt Permit-tag Application.
  - b. Age nine or older and is submitting an application for a big game hunt is required to purchase an appropriate license as required under this Section. The applicant shall either enter the appropriate license number in the space provided for the license number on the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form or purchase a license at the time of application, as applicable.
- F. In addition to the information required under subsection (E), an applicant shall also submit all applicable fees established under R12-4-102, as follows:
  - 1. When applying electronically:
    - a. The permit application fee; and
    - b. The license fee, when the applicant does not possess a valid license at the time of application. The applicant shall submit payment in U.S. currency using valid credit or debit card.
    - c. If an applicant is successful in the computer draw, the Department shall charge the hunt permit-tag fee using the credit or debit card furnished by the applicant.
  - 2. When applying manually:
    - a. The fee for the applicable hunt permit-tag;
    - b. The permit application fee; and
    - c. The license fee if the applicant does not possess a valid license at the time of application. The applicant shall submit payment by certified check, cashier's check, or money order made payable in U.S. currency to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
- G. An applicant shall apply for a specific hunt or a bonus point by the current hunt number. If all hunts selected by the applicant are filled at the time the application is processed in the computer draw, the Department shall deem the application unsuccessful, unless the application is for a bonus point.
  - 1. An applicant shall make all hunt choices for the same genus within one application.
  - 2. An applicant shall not include applications for different genera of wildlife in the same envelope.
- H. An applicant shall submit only one valid application per genus of wildlife for any calendar year, except:
  - 1. If the bag limit is one per calendar year, an unsuccessful applicant may re-apply for remaining hunt permit-tags in unfilled hunt areas, as specified in the hunt permit-tag application schedule.
  - 2. For genera that have multiple draws within a single calendar year, a person who successfully draws a hunt permit-tag during an earlier season may apply for a later season for the same genus if the person has not taken the bag limit for that genus during a preceding hunt in the same calendar year.
  - 3. If the bag limit is more than one per calendar year, a person may apply for remaining hunt permit-tags in unfilled hunt areas as specified in the hunt permit-tag application schedule.
- I. All members of a group shall apply for the same hunt numbers and in the same order of preference.
  - 1. No more than four persons may apply as a group.
  - 2. The Department shall not issue a hunt permit-tag to any group member unless sufficient hunt permit-tags are available for all group members.
- J. A person shall not apply for a hunt permit-tag for:
  - 1. Rocky Mountain or desert bighorn sheep if the person has met the lifetime bag limit for that sub-species.
  - 2. Buffalo if the person has met the lifetime bag limit for that species.
  - 3. Any species when the person has reached the bag limit for that species during the same calendar year for which the hunt permit-tag applies.
- K. To participate in:
  - 1. The computer draw system, an applicant shall possess an appropriate hunting license that shall be valid, either:
    - a. On the last day of the application deadline for that computer draw, as established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule published by the Department, or
    - b. On the last day of an extended deadline date, as authorized under subsection (C)(2).
    - c. If an applicant does not possess an appropriate hunting license that meets the requirements of this subsection, the applicant shall purchase the license at the time of application.
  - 2. The bonus point system, an applicant shall comply with the requirements established under R12-4-107.
- L. The Department shall reject as invalid a Hunt Permit-tag Application not prepared or submitted in accordance with this Section or not prepared in a legible manner.
- M. Any hunt permit-tag issued for an application that is subsequently found not to be in accordance with this Section is invalid.
- N. The Department or its authorized agent shall mail hunt permit-tags to successful applicants. The Department shall return application overpayments to the applicant designated "A" on the Hunt Permit-tag Application. The Department shall not refund:
  - 1. A permit application fee.
  - 2. A license fee submitted with a valid application for a hunt permit-tag or bonus point.
  - 3. An overpayment of five dollars or less. The Department shall consider the overpayment to be a donation to the Arizona Game and Fish Fund.
- O. The Department shall award a bonus point for the appropriate species to an applicant when the payment submitted is less than the required fees, but is sufficient to cover the application fee and, when applicable, license fee.
- P. When the Department determines a Department error, as defined under subsection (3), caused the rejection or denial of a valid application:
  - 1. The Director may authorize either:
    - a. The issuance of an additional hunt permit-tag, provided the issuance of an additional hunt permit-tag will have no significant impact on the wildlife population to be hunted and the application for the hunt permit-tag would have otherwise been successful based on its random number, or
    - b. The awarding of a bonus point when a hunt permit-tag is not issued.
  - 2. A person who is denied a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point under this subsection may appeal to the Commission as provided under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- 3. For the purposes of this subsection, "Department error" means an internal processing error that:
  - a. Prevented a person from lawfully submitting an application for a hunt permit-tag,
  - b. Caused a person to submit an invalid application for a hunt permit-tag,
  - c. Caused the rejection of an application for a hunt permit-tag,
  - d. Failed to apply an applicant's bonus points to a valid application for a hunt permit-tag, or
  - e. Caused the denial of a hunt permit-tag.

## R12-4-107

### Bonus Point System

- A. For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions apply:
  - "Bonus point hunt number" means the hunt number assigned in a Commission Order for use by an applicant who is applying for a bonus point only.
  - "Loyalty bonus point" means a bonus point awarded to a person who has submitted a valid application for a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point for a specific genus identified in subsection (B) at least once annually for a consecutive five-year period.
- B. The bonus point system grants a person one random number entry in each computer draw for antelope, bear, bighorn sheep, buffalo, deer, elk, javelina, or turkey for each bonus point that person has accumulated under this Section.
  - 1. Each bonus point random number entry is in addition to the entry normally granted under R12-4-104.
  - 2. When processing a "group" application, as defined under R12-4-104, the Department shall use the average number of bonus points accumulated by all persons in the group, rounded to the nearest whole number. If the average number of bonus points is equal to or greater than .5, the total will be rounded to the next higher number.
  - 3. The Department shall credit a bonus point under an applicant's Department identification number for the genus on the application.
  - 4. The Department shall not transfer bonus points between persons or genera.
- C. The Department shall award one bonus point to an applicant who submits a valid Hunt Permit-tag Application provided the following apply:
  - 1. The application is unsuccessful in the computer draw or the application is for a bonus point only;
  - 2. The application is not for a hunt permit-tag leftover after the computer draw and available on a first-come, first-served basis as established under R12-4-114; and
  - 3. The applicant either provides the appropriate hunting license number on the application, or submits an application and fees for the applicable license with the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form, as applicable.
- D. An applicant who purchases a bonus point only shall:
  - 1. Submit a valid Hunt Permit-tag Application, as prescribed under R12-4-104, with the assigned bonus point hunt number for the particular genus as the first-choice hunt number on the application. The Department shall reject any application that:
    - a. Indicates the bonus point only hunt number as any choice other than the first-choice, or
    - b. Includes any other hunt number on the application;
  - 2. Include the applicable fees:
    - a. Application fee, and
    - b. Applicable license fee, required when the applicant does not possess a valid license at the time of application; and
  - 3. Submit only one Hunt Permit-tag Application per genus per computer draw.
- E. With the exception of the hunter education bonus point, each accumulated bonus point is valid only for the genus

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designated on the Hunt Permit-tag Application.

- F. With the exception of a permanent bonus point awarded for hunter education and a loyalty bonus point which is accrued and forfeited as established under subsection (L), a person's accumulated bonus points for a genus are expended if:

1. The person is issued a hunt permit-tag for that genus in a computer draw;
2. The person fails to submit a Hunt Permit-tag Application for that genus for five consecutive years; or
3. The person purchases a surrendered tag as prescribed under R12-4-118(F)(1), (2), or (3).

- G. Notwithstanding subsection (F), the Department shall restore any expended bonus points to a person who surrenders or transfers a tag in compliance with R12-4-118 or R12-4-121.

- H. An applicant issued a first-come, first-served hunt permit-tag under R12-4-114(C)(2)(e) after the computer draw does not expend bonus points for that genus.

- I. An applicant who is unsuccessful for a first-come, first-served hunt permit-tag made available by the Department after the computer draw is not eligible to receive a bonus point.

- J. The Department shall award one permanent bonus point for each genus upon a person's first graduation from a Department-sanctioned Arizona Game and Fish Department Hunter Education Course.

1. Course participants are required to provide the following information upon registration, the participants:
  - a. Name;
  - b. Mailing address;
  - c. Telephone number;
  - d. E-mail address, when available;
  - e. Date of birth; and
  - f. Department ID number, when applicable.
2. The Arizona Game and Fish Department-certified Instructor shall submit the course paperwork to the Department within 10 business days of course completion. Course paperwork must be received by the Department no less than 30 days before the computer draw application deadline, as specified in the hunt permit-tag application schedule in order for the Department to assign hunter education bonus points in the next computer draw.
3. The Department shall not award hunter education bonus points for any of the following specialized hunter education courses:
  - a. Bowhunter Education,
  - b. Trapper Education, or
  - c. Advanced Hunter Education.

- K. The Department provides an applicant's total number of accumulated bonus points on the Department's application web site or IVR telephone system.

1. If a person believes the total number of accumulated bonus points is incorrect, the person may request proof of compliance with this Section, from the Department, to prove Department error.

2. In the event of an error, the Department shall correct the person's record.

- L. The following provisions apply to the loyalty bonus point program:

1. An applicant who submits a valid application at least once a year for a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point for a specific genus consecutively for a five-year period shall accrue a loyalty bonus point for that genus.
2. Except as established under subsection (N), once a loyalty bonus point is accrued, the applicant shall retain the loyalty bonus point provided the applicant annually submits an application, with funds sufficient to cover all application fees and applicable license fees for each applicant listed on the application, for a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point for the genus for which the loyalty bonus point was accrued.
3. An applicant who fails to apply in any calendar year for a hunt permit-tag or bonus point for the genus for which the loyalty bonus point was accrued shall forfeit

the loyalty bonus point for that genus.

4. A loyalty bonus point is accrued in addition to all other bonus points.

- M. A military member, military reserve member, member of the National Guard, or emergency response personnel with a public agency may request the reinstatement of any expended bonus points for a successful Hunt Permit-tag Application.

1. To request reinstatement of expended bonus points under these circumstances, an applicant shall submit all of the following information to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Draw Section, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086:

- a. Evidence of mobilization or change in duty status, such as a letter from the public agency or official orders; or
- b. An official declaration of a state of emergency from the public agency or authority making the declaration of emergency, if applicable; and
- c. The valid, unused hunt permit-tag.

2. The Department shall deny requests post-marked after the beginning date of the hunt for which the hunt permit-tag is valid, unless the person also submits, with the request, evidence of mobilization, activation, or a change in duty status that precluded the applicant from submitting the hunt permit-tag before the beginning date of the hunt.
3. Under A.R.S. § 17-332(E), no refunds for a license or hunt permit-tag will be issued to an applicant who applies for reinstatement of bonus points under this subsection.

4. Reinstatement of bonus points under this subsection is not subject to the requirements established under R12-4-118.

- N. It is unlawful for a person to purchase a bonus point by fraud or misrepresentation and any bonus point so obtained shall be removed from the person's Department record.

## R12-4-108

### Management Unit Boundaries

- A. For the purpose of this Section, parentheses mean "also known as," and the following definitions shall apply:

"FH" means "forest highway," a paved road.

"FR" means "forest road," an unpaved road.

"Hwy" means "Highway."

"mp" means "milepost."

- B. The state is divided into units for the purpose of managing wildlife. Each unit is identified by a number, or a number and letter. For the purpose of this Section, Indian reservation land contained within any management unit is not under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission or the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

- C. Management unit descriptions are as follows:

Unit 1 -- Beginning at the New Mexico state line and U.S. Hwy 60; west on U.S. Hwy 60 to Vernon Junction; southerly along the Vernon-McNary road (FR 224) to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary; east and south along the reservation boundary to Black River; east and north along Black River to the east fork of Black River; north along the east fork to Three Forks; and continuing north and east on the Three Forks-Williams Valley-Alpine Rd. (FR 249) to U.S. Hwy 180; east on U.S. Hwy 180 to the New Mexico state line; north along the state line to U.S. Hwy 60.

Unit 2A -- Beginning at St. Johns on U.S. Hwy 191 (AZ Hwy 61); north on U.S. Hwy 191 (AZ Hwy 61) to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; westerly along the reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 77; south on AZ Hwy 77 to Exit 292 on I-40; west on the westbound lane of I-40 to Exit 286; south on AZ Hwy 77 to U.S. Hwy 180; southeast on U.S. Hwy 180 to AZ Hwy 180A; south on AZ Hwy 180A to AZ Hwy 61; east on AZ Hwy 61 to U.S. Hwy 180 (AZ Hwy 61); east to U.S. Hwy 191 at St. Johns; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Zuni Tribe.

Unit 2B -- Beginning at Springerville; east on U.S. Hwy 60 to the New Mexico state line; north along the state line to the

Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; westerly along the reservation boundary to U.S. Hwy 191 (AZ Hwy 61); south on U.S. Hwy 191 (U.S. Hwy 180) to Springerville.

Unit 2C -- Beginning at St. Johns on U.S. Hwy 191 (AZ Hwy 61); west on to AZ Hwy 61 Concho; southwest on AZ Hwy 61 to U.S. Hwy 60; east on U.S. Hwy 60 to U.S. Hwy 191 (U.S. Hwy 180); north on U.S. Hwy 191 (U.S. Hwy 180) to St. Johns.

Unit 3A -- Beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 180 and AZ Hwy 77; south on AZ Hwy 77 to AZ Hwy 377; southwesterly on AZ Hwy 377 to AZ Hwy 277; easterly on AZ Hwy 277 to Snowflake; easterly on the Snowflake-Concho Rd. to U.S. Hwy 180A; north on U.S. Hwy 180A to U.S. Hwy 180; northwesterly on U.S. Hwy 180 to AZ Hwy 77.

Unit 3B -- Beginning at Snowflake; southerly along AZ Hwy 77 to U.S. Hwy 60; southwesterly along U.S. Hwy 60 to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary; easterly along the reservation boundary to the Vernon-McNary Rd. (FR 224); northerly along the Vernon-McNary Rd. to U.S. Hwy 60; west on U.S. Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 61; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 61 to AZ Hwy 180A; northerly on AZ Hwy 180A to Concho-Snowflake Rd.; westerly on the Concho-Snowflake Rd. to Snowflake.

Unit 3C -- Beginning at Snowflake; westerly on AZ Hwy 277 to AZ Hwy 260; westerly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Sitgreaves National Forest boundary with the Tonto National Forest; easterly along the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest boundary to U.S. Hwy 60 (AZ Hwy 77); northeasterly on U.S. Hwy 60 (AZ Hwy 77) to Showlow; northerly along AZ Hwy 77 to Snowflake.

Unit 4A -- Beginning on the boundary of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest with the Coconino National Forest at the Mogollon Rim; north along this boundary (Leonard Canyon) to East Clear Creek; northerly along East Clear Creek to AZ Hwy 99; north on AZ Hwy 99 to AZ Hwy 87; north on AZ Hwy 87 to Business I-40 (3rd St.); west on Business I-40 (3rd St.) to Hipkoe Dr.; northerly on Hipkoe Dr. to I-40; west on I-40 to mp 221.4; north to the southwest corner of the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; east along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to the Little Colorado River; southerly along the Little Colorado River to Chevelon Creek; southerly along Chevelon Creek to Woods Canyon; westerly along Woods Canyon to Woods Canyon Lake Rd.; westerly and southerly along the Woods Canyon Lake Rd. to the Mogollon Rim; westerly along the Mogollon Rim to the boundary of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest with the Coconino National Forest.

Unit 4B -- Beginning at AZ Hwy 260 and the Sitgreaves National Forest boundary with the Tonto National Forest; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 277; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 277 to Hwy 377; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 377 to AZ Hwy 77; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 77 to I-40 Exit 286; northeasterly along the westbound lane of I-40 to Exit 292; north on AZ Hwy 77 to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; west along the reservation boundary to the Little Colorado River; southerly along the Little Colorado River to Chevelon Creek; southerly along Chevelon Creek to Woods Canyon; westerly along Woods Canyon to Woods Canyon Lake Rd. (FH 151); westerly and southerly along the Woods Canyon Lake Rd. (FH 151) to the Mogollon Rim; easterly along the Mogollon Rim to the intersection of AZ Hwy 260 and the Sitgreaves National Forest boundary with the Tonto National Forest.

Unit 5A -- Beginning at the junction of the Sitgreaves National Forest boundary with the Coconino National Forest boundary at the Mogollon Rim; northerly along this boundary (Leonard Canyon) to East Clear Creek; northeasterly along East Clear Creek to AZ Hwy 99; north on AZ Hwy 99 to AZ Hwy 87; north on AZ Hwy 87 to Business I-40 (3rd St.); west on Business I-40 (3rd St.) to Hipkoe Dr.; north on Hipkoe Dr. to I-40; west on I-40 to the Meteor Crater Rd. (Exit 233); southerly on the Meteor Crater-Chavez Pass-Jack's Canyon Rd. (FR 69) to AZ Hwy 87; southwesterly along AZ Hwy 87 to the Coconino-Tonto National Forest boundary; easterly along the Coconino-Tonto National Forest boundary (Mogollon Rim) to the Sitgreaves National Forest boundary with the Coconino National Forest.

Unit 5B -- Beginning at Lake Mary-Clint's Well Rd. (FH3) and

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Walnut Canyon (mp 337.5 on FH3); southeasterly on FH3 to AZ Hwy 87; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 87 to FR 69; westerly and northerly on FR 69 to I-40 (Exit 233); west on I-40 to Walnut Canyon (mp 210.2); southwesterly along the bottom of Walnut Canyon to Walnut Canyon National Monument; southwesterly along the northern boundary of the Walnut Canyon National Monument to Walnut Canyon; southwesterly along the bottom of Walnut Canyon to FH3 (mp 337.5).

Unit 6A - Beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 89A and FR 237; southwesterly on U.S. Hwy 89A to the Verde River; southeasterly along the Verde River to the confluence with Fossil Creek; northeasterly along Fossil Creek to Fossil Springs; southeasterly on FS trail 18 (Fossil Spring Trail) to the top of the rim; northeasterly on the rim to Nash Point on the Tonto-Coconino National Forest boundary; easterly along this boundary to AZ Hwy 87; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 87 to Lake Mary-Clint's Well Rd. (FH3); northwesterly on FH3 to FR 132; southwesterly on FR 132 to FR 296; southwesterly on FR 296 to FR 296A; southwesterly on FR 296A to FR 132; northwesterly on FR 132 to FR 235; westerly on FR 235 to Priest Draw; southwesterly along the bottom of Priest Draw to FR 235; westerly on FR 235 to FR 235A; westerly on FR 235A to FR 235; southerly on FR 235 to FR 235K; northwesterly on FR 235K to FR 700; northerly on FR 700 to Mountaineer Rd.; west on Mountaineer Rd. to FR 237; westerly on FR 237 to U.S. Hwy 89A except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Unit 6B -- Beginning at mp 188.5 on I-40 at a point just north of the east boundary of Camp Navajo; south along the eastern boundary of Camp Navajo to the southeastern corner of Camp Navajo; southeast approximately 1/3 mile through the forest to the forest road in section 33; southeast on the forest road to FR 231 (Woody Mountain Rd.); easterly on FR 231 to FR 533; southerly on FR 533 to U.S. Hwy 89A; southerly on U.S. Hwy 89A to the Verde River; northerly along the Verde River to Sycamore Creek; northeasterly along Sycamore Creek and Volunteer Canyon to the southwest corner of the Camp Navajo boundary; northerly along the western boundary of Camp Navajo to the northwest corner of Camp Navajo; continuing north to I-40 (mp 180.0); easterly along I-40 to mp 188.5.

Unit 7 -- Beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 64 and I-40 (in Williams); easterly on I-40 to FR 171 (mp 184.4 on I-40); northerly on FR 171 to the Transwestern Gas Pipeline; easterly along the Transwestern Gas Pipeline to FR 420 (Schultz Pass Rd.); northeasterly on FR 420 to U.S. Hwy 89; across U.S. Hwy 89 to FR 545; east on FR 545 to the Sunset Crater National Monument; easterly along the southern boundary of the Sunset Crater National Monument to FR 545; east on FR 545 to the 345 KV transmission lines 1 and 2; southeasterly along the power lines to I-40 (mp 212 on I-40); east on I-40 to mp 221.4; north to the southwest corner of the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; northerly and westerly along the reservation boundary to the Four Corners Gas Line; southwesterly along the Four Corners Gas Line to U.S. Hwy 180; west on U.S. Hwy 180 to AZ Hwy 64; south on AZ Hwy 64 to I-40.

Unit 8 -- Beginning at the junction of I-40 and U.S. Hwy 89 (in Ash Fork, Exit 146); south on U.S. Hwy 89 to the Verde River; easterly along the Verde River to Sycamore Creek; northerly along Sycamore Creek to Volunteer Canyon; north-easterly along Volunteer Canyon to the west boundary of Camp Navajo; north along the boundary to a point directly north of I-40; west on I-40 to U.S. Hwy 89.

Unit 9 -- Beginning where Cataract Creek enters the Havasupai Reservation; easterly and northerly along the Havasupai Reservation boundary to Grand Canyon National Park; easterly along the Grand Canyon National Park boundary to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; southerly along the reservation boundary to the Four Corners Gas Line; southwesterly along the Four Corners Gas Line to U.S. Hwy 180; westerly along U.S. Hwy 180 to AZ Hwy 64; south along AZ Hwy 64 to Airport Rd.; west and north along Airport Rd. to the Valle-Cataract Creek Rd.; westerly along the Valle-Cataract Creek Rd. to Cataract Creek at Island Tank; northwesterly along Cataract Creek to the Havasupai Reservation Boundary.

Unit 10 -- Beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 64 and I-40; westerly on I-40 to Crookton Rd. (AZ Hwy 66, Exit 139);

westerly on AZ Hwy 66 to the Hualapai Indian Reservation boundary; northeasterly along the reservation boundary to Grand Canyon National Park; east along the park boundary to the Havasupai Indian Reservation; easterly and southerly along the reservation boundary to where Cataract Creek enters the reservation; southeasterly along Cataract Creek in Cataract Canyon to Island Tank; easterly on the Cataract Creek-Valle Rd. to Airport Rd.; south and east along Airport Rd. to AZ Hwy 64; south on AZ Hwy 64 to I-40.

Unit 11M - Beginning at the junction of Lake Mary-Clint's Well Rd (FH3) and Walnut Canyon (mp 337.5 on FH3); northeasterly along the bottom of Walnut Canyon to the Walnut Canyon National Monument boundary; northeasterly along the northern boundary of the Walnut Canyon National Monument to Walnut Canyon; northeasterly along the bottom of Walnut Canyon to I-40 (mp 210.2); east on I-40 to the 345 KV transmission lines 1&2 (mp 212 on I-40); north and north-easterly along the power line to FR 545 (Sunset Crater Rd); west along FR 545 to the Sunset Crater National Monument boundary; westerly along the southern boundary of the Sunset Crater National Monument to FR 545; west on FR 545 to US Hwy 89; across US Hwy 89 to FR 420 (Schultz Pass Rd); southwesterly on FR 420 to the Transwestern Gas Pipeline; westerly along the Transwestern Gas Pipeline to FR 171; south on FR 171 to I-40 (mp 184.4 on I-40); east on I-40 to a point just north of the eastern boundary of the Navajo Army Depot (mp 188.5 on I-40); south along the eastern boundary of the Navajo Army Depot to the southeast corner of the Depot; southeast approximately 1/3 mile to forest road in section 33; southeasterly along that forest road to FR 231 (Woody Mountain Rd.); easterly on FR 231 to FR 533; southerly on FR 533 to US Hwy 89A; southerly on US Hwy 89A to FR 237; northeasterly on FR 237 to Mountaineer Rd.; easterly on Mountaineer Rd to FR 700; southerly on FR 700 to FR 235K; southeasterly on FR 235K to FR 235; northerly on FR 235 to FR 235A; easterly on FR 235A to FR 235; easterly on FR 235 to Priest Draw; northeasterly along the bottom of Priest Draw to FR 235; easterly on FR 235 to FR 132; southeasterly on FR 132 to FR 296A; northeasterly on FR 296A to FR 296; northeasterly on FR 296 to FR 132; northeasterly on FR 132 to FH 3; southeasterly on FH 3 to the south rim of Walnut Canyon (mp 337.5 on FH3)

Unit 12A -- Beginning at the confluence of the Colorado River and South Canyon; southerly and westerly along the Colorado River to Kanab Creek; northerly along Kanab Creek to Snake Gulch; northerly, easterly, and southerly around the Kaibab National Forest boundary to South Canyon; northeasterly along South Canyon to the Colorado River.

Unit 12B -- Beginning at U.S. Hwy 89A and the Kaibab National Forest boundary near mp 566; southerly and easterly along the forest boundary to Grand Canyon National Park; northeasterly along the park boundary to Glen Canyon National Recreation area; easterly along the recreation area boundary to the Colorado River; northeasterly along the Colorado River to the Arizona-Utah state line; westerly along the state line to Kanab Creek; southerly along Kanab Creek to the Kaibab National Forest boundary; northerly, easterly, and southerly along this boundary to U.S. Hwy 89A near mp 566; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.

Unit 13A -- Beginning on the western edge of the Hurricane Rim at the Utah state line; southerly along the western edge of the Hurricane Rim to Mohave County Rd. 5 (the Mt. Trumbull Rd.); west along Mohave County Rd. 5 to the town of Mt. Trumbull (Bundyville); south from the town of Mt. Trumbull (Bundyville) on Mohave County Rd. 257 to BLM Rd. 1045; south on BLM Rd. 1045 to where it crosses Cold Spring Wash near Cold Spring Wash Pond; south along the bottom of Cold Spring Wash to Whitmore Wash; southerly along the bottom of Whitmore Wash to the Colorado River; easterly along the Colorado River to Kanab Creek; northerly along Kanab Creek to the Utah state line; west along the Utah state line to the western edge of the Hurricane Rim; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.

Unit 13B -- Beginning on the western edge of the Hurricane Rim at the Utah state line; southerly along the western edge of the Hurricane Rim to Mohave County Rd. 5 (the Mt. Trumbull Rd.); west along Mohave County Rd. 5 to the town of Mt. Trumbull (Bundyville); south from the town of Mt. Trumbull (Bundyville) on Mohave County Rd. 257 to BLM Rd. 1045; south on BLM Rd. 1045 to where it crosses Cold Spring Wash near Cold Spring Wash Pond; south along the bottom of Cold Spring Wash to Whitmore Wash; southerly along the bottom of Whitmore Wash to the Colorado River; easterly along the Colorado River to Kanab Creek; northerly along Kanab Creek to the Utah state line; west along the Utah state line to the western edge of the Hurricane Rim; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.

bull Rd.); west along Mohave County Rd. 5 to the town of Mt. Trumbull (Bundyville); south from the town of Mt. Trumbull (Bundyville) on Mohave County Rd. 257 to BLM Rd. 1045; south on BLM Rd. 1045 to where it crosses Cold Spring Wash near Cold Spring Wash Pond; south along the bottom of Cold Spring Wash to Whitmore Wash; southerly along the bottom of Whitmore Wash to the Colorado River; westerly along the Colorado River to the Nevada state line; north along the Nevada state line to the Utah state line; east along the Utah state line to the western edge of the Hurricane Rim.

Unit 15A -- Beginning at Pearce Ferry on the Colorado River; southerly on the Pearce Ferry Rd. to Antares Rd.; southeasterly on Antares Rd. to AZ Hwy 66; easterly on AZ Hwy 66 to the Hualapai Indian Reservation; west and north along the west boundary of the reservation to the Colorado River; westerly along the Colorado River to Pearce Ferry; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Hualapai Indian Tribe.

Unit 15B -- Beginning at Kingman on I-40 (Exit 48); northwesterly on U.S. Hwy 93 to Hoover Dam; north and east along the Colorado River to Pearce Ferry; southerly on the Pearce Ferry Rd. to Antares Rd.; southeasterly on Antares Rd. to AZ Hwy 66; easterly on AZ Hwy 66 to Hackberry Rd.; southerly on the Hackberry Rd. to its junction with U.S. Hwy 93; north on U.S. Hwy 93 to I-40 (Exit 71); west on I-40 to Kingman (Exit 48).

Unit 15C -- Beginning at Hoover Dam; southerly along the Colorado River to AZ Hwy 68 and Davis Dam; easterly on AZ Hwy 68 to U.S. Hwy 93; northwesterly on U.S. Hwy 93 to Hoover Dam.

Unit 15D -- Beginning at AZ Hwy 68 and Davis Dam; southerly along the Colorado River to I-40; east and north on I-40 to Kingman (Exit 48); northwest on U.S. Hwy 93 to AZ Hwy 68; west on AZ Hwy 68 to Davis Dam; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Fort Mohave Indian Tribe.

Unit 16A -- Beginning at Kingman on I-40 (Exit 48); south and west on I-40 to U.S. Hwy 95 (Exit 9); southerly on U.S. Hwy 95 to the Bill Williams River; easterly along the Bill Williams and Santa Maria rivers to U.S. Hwy 93; north on U.S. Hwy 93 to I-40 (Exit 71); west on I-40 to Kingman (Exit 48).

Unit 16B -- Beginning at I-40 on the Colorado River; southerly along the Arizona-California state line to the Bill Williams River; east along the Bill Williams River to U.S. Hwy 95; north on U.S. Hwy 95 to I-40 (Exit 9); west on I-40 to the Colorado River.

Unit 17A -- Beginning at the junction of the Williamson Valley Rd. (County Road 5) and the Camp Wood Rd. (FR 21); westerly on the Camp Wood Rd. to the west boundary of the Prescott National Forest; north along the forest boundary to the Baca Grant; east, north and west around the grant to the west boundary of the Prescott National Forest; north and east along this the forest boundary to the Williamson Valley Rd. (County Rd. 5, FR 6); southerly on Williamson Valley Rd. (County Rd. 5, FR 6) to the Camp Wood Rd.

Unit 17B -- Beginning at the junction of Iron Springs Rd. (County Rd. 10) and Williamson Valley Rd. (County Road 5) in Prescott; westerly on the Prescott-Skull Valley-Hillside-Bagdad Rd. to Bagdad; northeast on the Bagdad-Camp Wood Rd. (FR 21) to the Williamson Valley Rd. (County Rd. 5, FR 6); south on the Williamson Valley Rd. (County Rd. 5, FR 6) to the Iron Springs Rd.

Unit 18A -- Beginning at Seligman; westerly on AZ Hwy 66 to the Hualapai Indian Reservation; southwest and west along the reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 66; southwest on AZ Hwy 66 to the Hackberry Rd.; south on the Hackberry Rd. to U.S. Hwy 93; south on U.S. Hwy 93 to Cane Springs Wash; easterly along Cane Springs Wash to the Big Sandy River; northerly along the Big Sandy River to Trout Creek; northeast along Trout Creek to the Davis Dam-Prescott power line; southeasterly along the power line to the west boundary of the Prescott National Forest; north and east along the forest boundary to the Williamson Valley Rd. (County Rd. 5, FR 6); northerly on the Williamson Valley Rd. (County Rd. 5, FR 6) to Seligman and AZ Hwy 66; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Hualapai Indian Tribe.

Unit 18B -- Beginning at Bagdad; southeast on AZ Hwy 96 to

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the Santa Maria River; southwest along the Santa Maria River to U.S. Hwy 93; northerly on U.S. Hwy 93 to Cane Springs Wash; easterly along Cane Springs Wash to the Big Sandy River; northerly along the Big Sandy River to Trout Creek; northeasterly along Trout Creek to the Davis Dam-Prescott power line; southeasterly along the power line to the west boundary of the Prescott National Forest; south along the forest boundary to the Baca Grant; east, south and west along the forest boundary; south along the west boundary of the Prescott National Forest; to the Camp Wood-Bagdad Rd.; southwesterly on the Camp Wood-Bagdad Rd. to Bagdad; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Hualapai Indian Tribe.

Unit 19A -- Beginning at AZ Hwy 69 and U.S. Hwy 89 (in Prescott); northerly on U.S. Hwy 89 to the Verde River; easterly along the Verde River to I-17; southwesterly on the southbound lane of I-17 to AZ Hwy 69; northerly on AZ Hwy 69 to U.S. Hwy 89; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe and the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Unit 19B -- Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69, west on Gurley St. to Grove Ave.; north on the Grove Ave. to Miller Valley Rd.; northwest on the Miller Valley Rd. to Iron Springs Rd.; northwest on the Iron Springs Rd. to the junction of Williamson Valley Rd. and Iron Springs Rd.; northerly on the Williamson Valley-Prescott-Seligman Rd. (FR 6, Williamson Valley Rd.) to AZ Hwy 66 at Seligman; east on Crookton Rd. (AZ Hwy 66) to I-40 (Exit 139); east on I-40 to U.S. Hwy 89; south on U.S. Hwy 89 to the junction with AZ Hwy 69; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe.

Unit 20A -- Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 89 and AZ Hwy 69; west on Gurley St. to Grove Ave.; north on the Grove Ave. to Miller Valley Rd.; northwest on the Miller Valley Rd. to Iron Springs Rd.; west and south on the Iron Springs-Skull Valley-Kirkland Junction Rd. to U.S. Hwy 89; continue south and easterly on the Kirkland Junction-Wagoner-Crown King-Cordes Rd. to Cordes, from Cordes southeast to I-17 (Exit 259); north on the southbound lane of I-17 to AZ Hwy 69; northwest on AZ Hwy 69 to junction of U.S. Hwy 89 at Prescott; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe.

Unit 20B -- Beginning at the Hassayampa River and U.S. Hwy 60/93 (in Wickenburg); northeasterly along the Hassayampa River to the Kirkland Junction-Wagoner-Crown King-Cordes road (at Wagoner); southerly and northeasterly along the Kirkland Junction-Wagoner-Crown King-Cordes Rd. (at Wagoner) to I-17 (Exit 259); south on the southbound lane of I-17 to the New River Road (Exit 232); west on the New River Road to State Hwy 74; west on AZ Hwy 74 to the junction of AZ Hwy 74 and U.S. Hwy 60/93; northwesterly on U.S. Hwy 60/93 to the Hassayampa River.

Unit 20C -- Beginning at U.S. Hwy 60/93 and the Santa Maria River; northeasterly along the Santa Maria River to AZ Hwy 96; easterly on AZ Hwy 96 to Kirkland Junction; southeasterly along the Kirkland Junction-Wagoner-Crown King-Cordes road to the Hassayampa River (at Wagoner); southwesterly along the Hassayampa River to U.S. Hwy 60/93; northwesterly on U.S. Hwy 60/93 to the Santa Maria River.

Unit 21 -- Beginning on I-17 at the Verde River; southerly on the southbound lane of I-17 to the New River Road (Exit 232); east on New River Road to Fig Springs Road; northeasterly on Fig Springs Road to the Tonto National Forest boundary; southeasterly along this boundary to the Verde River; north along the Verde River to I-17.

Unit 22 -- Beginning at the junction of the Salt and Verde Rivers; north along the Verde River to the confluence with Fossil Creek; northeasterly along Fossil Creek to Fossil Springs; southeasterly on FS trail 18 (Fossil Spring Trail) to the top of the rim; northeasterly on the rim to Nash Point on the Tonto-Coconino National Forest boundary along the Mogollon Rim; easterly along this boundary to Tonto Creek; southerly along the east fork of Tonto Creek to the spring box, north of the Tonto Creek Hatchery, and continuing southerly along Tonto Creek to the Salt River; westerly along the Salt River to the Verde River; except those portions that are sovereign tribal

lands of the Tonto Apache Tribe and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Unit 23 -- Beginning at the confluence of Tonto Creek and the Salt River; northerly along Tonto Creek to the spring box, north of the Tonto Creek Hatchery, on Tonto Creek; northeasterly along the east fork of Tonto Creek to the Tonto-Sitgreaves National Forest boundary along the Mogollon Rim; east along this boundary to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary; southerly along the reservation boundary to the Salt River; westerly along the Salt River to Tonto Creek.

Unit 24A -- Beginning on AZ Hwy 177 in Superior; southeasterly on AZ Hwy 177 to the Gila River; northeasterly along the Gila River to the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary; easterly, westerly and northerly along the reservation boundary to the Salt River; southwesterly along the Salt River to AZ Hwy 288; southerly on AZ Hwy 288 and 188 to U.S. Hwy 60; southwesterly on U.S. Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 177.

Unit 24B -- Beginning on U.S. Hwy 60 in Superior; northeasterly on U.S. Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 188; northerly on AZ Hwy 188 and 288 to the Salt River; westerly along the Salt River to the Tonto National Forest boundary near Granite Reef Dam; southeasterly along Forest boundary to Forest Route 77 (Peralta Rd.); southwesterly on Forest Route 77 (Peralta Rd.) to U.S. Hwy 60; easterly on U.S. Hwy 60 to Superior.

Unit 25M -- Beginning at the junction of 51st Ave. and I-10; west on I-10 to AZ Loop 303, northeasterly on AZ Loop 303 to I-17; north on I-17 to Carefree Hwy; east on Carefree Hwy to Cave Creek Rd.; northeasterly on Cave Creek Rd. to the Tonto National Forest boundary; easterly and southerly along the Tonto National Forest boundary to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation boundary; northeasterly along the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation boundary to the Verde River; southerly along the Verde River to the Salt River; southwesterly along the Salt River to the Tonto National Forest boundary; southerly along the Tonto National Forest boundary to Bush Hwy/Power Rd.; southerly on Bush Hwy/Power Rd. to AZ Loop 202; easterly, southerly, and westerly on AZ Loop 202 to the intersection of Pecos Rd. at I-10; west on Pecos Rd. to the Gila River Indian Community boundary; northwesterly along the Gila River Indian Community boundary to 51st Ave; northerly on 51st Ave to I-10; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands.

Unit 26M -- Beginning at the junction of I-17 and New River Rd. (Exit 232); southwesterly on New River Rd. to AZ Hwy 74; westerly on AZ Hwy 74 to U.S. Hwy 93; southeasterly on U.S. Hwy 93 to the Beardsley Canal; southwesterly on the Beardsley Canal to Indian School Rd.; west on Indian School Rd. to Jackrabbit Trail; south on Jackrabbit Trail to I-10 (Exit 121); west on I-10 to Oglesby Rd (Exit 112); south on Oglesby Rd. to AZ Hwy 85; south on AZ Hwy 85 to the Gila River; northeasterly along the Gila River to the Gila River Indian Community boundary; southeasterly along the Gila River Indian Community boundary to AZ Hwy 347 (John Wayne Parkway); south on AZ Hwy 347 (John Wayne Parkway) to AZ Hwy 84; east on AZ Hwy 84 to Stanfield; south on the Stanfield-Cocklebur Rd. to the Tohono O'odham Nation boundary; easterly along the Tohono O'odham Nation boundary to Battaglia Rd.; east on Battaglia Rd. to Toltec Rd.; north on Toltec Rd. to I-10 (Exit 203); southeasterly on I-10 to AZ Hwy 87 (Exit 211); north on AZ Hwy 87 to AZ Hwy 287 north of Coolidge; east on AZ Hwy 287 to AZ Hwy 79; north on AZ Hwy 79 to U.S. Hwy 60; northwesterly on U.S. Highway 60 to Peralta Rd.; northeasterly along Peralta Rd. to the Tonto National Forest boundary; northwesterly along the Tonto National Forest boundary to the Salt River; northeasterly along the Salt River to the Verde River; northerly along the Verde River to the Tonto National Forest boundary; northwesterly along the Tonto National Forest boundary to Fig Springs Rd.; southwesterly on Fig Springs Rd. to New River Road; west on New River Road to I-17 (Exit 232); except Unit 25M and those portions that are sovereign tribal lands.

Unit 27 -- Beginning at the New Mexico state line and AZ Hwy 78; southwest on AZ Hwy 78 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to Lower Eagle Creek Rd. (Pump Station Rd.); west on the Lower Eagle Creek Rd. (Pump Station Rd.) to Eagle Creek; north along Eagle Creek to the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation boundary; north along the San Carlos

Apache Indian Reservation boundary to Black River; northeast along Black River to the East Fork of Black River; northeast along the East Fork of Black River to Three Forks-Williams Valley-Alpine Rd. (FR 249); easterly along Three Forks-Williams Valley-Alpine Rd. to U.S. Hwy 180; southeast on U.S. Hwy 180 to the New Mexico state line; south along the New Mexico state line to AZ Hwy 78.

Unit 28 -- Beginning at I-10 and the New Mexico state line; north along the state line to AZ Hwy 78; southwest on AZ Hwy 78 to U.S. Hwy 191; northwest on U.S. Hwy 191 to Clifton; westerly on the the Lower Eagle Creek Rd. (Pump Station Rd.) to Eagle Creek; northerly along Eagle Creek to the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary; southerly and west along the reservation boundary to U.S. Hwy 70; southeast on U.S. Hwy 70 to U.S. Hwy 191; south on U.S. Hwy 191 to I-10 Exit 352; easterly on I-10 to the New Mexico state line.

Unit 29 -- Beginning on I-10 at the New Mexico state line; westerly on I-10 to the Bowie-Apache Pass Rd.; southerly on the Bowie-Apache Pass Rd. to AZ Hwy 186; southeast on AZ Hwy 186 to AZ Hwy 181; south on AZ Hwy 181 to the West Turkey Creek-Kuykendall cutoff road; southerly on the Kuykendall cutoff road to Rucker Canyon Rd.; easterly on the Rucker Canyon Rd. to Tex Canyon Rd.; southerly on Tex Canyon Rd. to U.S. Hwy 80; northeast on U.S. Hwy 80 to the New Mexico state line; north along the state line to I-10.

Unit 30A -- Beginning at the junction of the New Mexico state line and U.S. Hwy 80; south along the state line to the U.S.-Mexico border; west along the border to U.S. Hwy 191; northerly on U.S. Hwy 191 to I-10 Exit 331; northeasterly on I-10 to the Bowie-Apache Pass Rd.; southerly on the Bowie-Apache Pass Rd. to AZ Hwy 186; southeasterly on AZ Hwy 186 to AZ Hwy 181; south on AZ Hwy 181 to the West Turkey Creek - Kuykendall cutoff road; southerly on the Kuykendall cutoff road to Rucker Canyon Rd.; easterly on Rucker Canyon Rd. to the Tex Canyon Rd.; southerly on Tex Canyon Rd. to U.S. Hwy 80; northeast on U.S. Hwy 80 to the New Mexico state line.

Unit 30B -- Beginning at U.S. Hwy 191 and the U.S.-Mexico border; west along the border to the San Pedro River; north along the San Pedro River to I-10; northeasterly on I-10 to U.S. Hwy 191; southerly on U.S. Hwy 191 to the U.S.-Mexico border.

Unit 31 -- Beginning at Willcox Exit 340 on I-10; north on Fort Grant Rd. to Brookerson Rd.; north on Brookerson Rd. to Ash Creek Rd.; west on Ash Creek Rd. to Fort Grant Rd.; north on Fort Grant Rd. to Bonita; northerly on the Bonita-Klondyke Rd. to the junction with Aravaipa Creek; west along Aravaipa Creek to AZ Hwy 77; northerly along AZ Hwy 77 to the Gila River; northeast along the Gila River to the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary; south then east and north along the reservation boundary to U.S. Hwy 70; southeast on U.S. Hwy 70 to U.S. Hwy 191; south on U.S. Hwy 191 to the 352 exit on I-10; southwest on I-10 to Exit 340.

Unit 32 -- Beginning at Willcox Exit 340 on I-10; north on Fort Grant Rd. to Brookerson Rd.; north on Brookerson Rd. to Ash Creek Rd.; west on Ash Creek Rd. to Fort Grant Rd.; north on Fort Grant Rd. to Bonita; northerly on the Bonita-Klondyke Rd. to the junction with Aravaipa Creek; west along Aravaipa Creek to AZ Hwy 77; southerly along AZ Hwy 77 to the San Pedro River; southerly along the San Pedro River to I-10; northeast on I-10 to Willcox Exit 340.

Unit 33 -- Beginning at Tangerine Rd. and AZ Hwy 77; north and northeast on AZ Hwy 77 to the San Pedro River; southeast along the San Pedro River to I-10 at Benson; west on I-10 to Marsh Station Rd. (Exit 289); northwest on the Marsh Station Rd. to the Agua Verde Rd.; north on the Agua Verde Rd. to its terminus then north 1/2 mile to the Coronado National Forest boundary; north and west along the National Forest boundary; then west, north, and east along the Saguaro National Park boundary; continuing north and west along the Coronado National Forest boundary to the southern boundary of Catalina State Park; west along the southern boundary of Catalina State Park to AZ Hwy 77; north on AZ Hwy 77 to Tangerine Rd.

Unit 34A -- Beginning in Nogales at I-19 and Grand Avenue (U.S. Highway 89); northeast on Grand Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 89) to AZ Hwy 82; northeast on AZ Hwy 82 to U.S. Hwy 83;

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northerly on AZ Hwy 83 to the Sahuarita road alignment; west along the Sahuarita road alignment to I-19 Exit 75; south on I-19 to Grand Avenue (U.S. Hwy 89).

Unit 34B -- Beginning at AZ Hwy 83 and I-10 Exit 281; easterly on I-10 to the San Pedro River; south along the San Pedro River to AZ Hwy 82; westerly on AZ Hwy 82 to AZ Hwy 83; northerly on AZ Hwy 83 to I-10 Exit 281.

Unit 35A -- Beginning on the U.S.-Mexico border at the San Pedro River; west along the border to Lochiel Rd.; north on Lochiel Rd. to Patagonia San Rafael Rd.; north on the Patagonia San Rafael Rd. to San Rafael Valley-FS 58 Rd.; north on the San Rafael Valley-FS 58 Rd. to Christian Ln.; north on the Christian Ln. to Ranch Rd.; east and north on the Ranch Rd. to FR 799-Canelo Pass Rd.; northeasterly on the FR 799-Canelo Pass Rd. to AZ Hwy 83; northwesterly on the AZ Hwy 83 to Elgin Canelo Rd.; northeasterly on the Elgin-Canelo Rd. to Upper Elgin Rd.; north on the Upper Elgin Rd. to AZ Hwy 82; easterly on AZ Hwy 82 to the San Pedro River; south along the San Pedro River to the U.S.-Mexico border.

Unit 35B -- Beginning at Grand Avenue (U.S. Hwy 89) at the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales; east along the U.S.-Mexico border to Lochiel Rd.; north on the Lochiel Rd. to Patagonia San Rafael Rd.; north on the Patagonia San Rafael Rd. to San Rafael Valley-FS 58 Rd.; north on the San Rafael Valley-FS 58 Rd. to Christian Ln.; north on the Christian Ln. to Ranch Rd.; east and north on the Ranch Rd. to FR 799-Canelo Pass Rd.; northeasterly on FR 799-Canelo Pass Rd. to AZ Hwy 83; northwesterly on the AZ Hwy 83 to Elgin Canelo Rd.; north on the Elgin Canelo Rd. to Upper Elgin Rd.; north on the Upper Elgin Rd. to AZ Hwy 82; southwest on AZ Hwy 82 to Grand Avenue; southwest on Grand Avenue to the U.S.-Mexico border.

Unit 36A -- Beginning at the junction of Sandario Rd. and AZ Hwy 86; southwest on AZ Hwy 86 to AZ Hwy 286; southerly on AZ Hwy 286 to the Arivaca-Sasabe Rd.; southeasterly on the Arivaca-Sasabe Rd. to the town of Arivaca; from the town of Arivaca northeasterly on the Arivaca Rd. to I-19; north on I-19 to the southern boundary of the San Xavier Indian Reservation boundary; westerly and northerly along the reservation boundary to the Sandario road alignment; north on Sandario Rd. to AZ Hwy 86.

Unit 36B -- Beginning at I-19 and Grand Avenue (U.S. Hwy 89) in Nogales; southwest on Grand Avenue to the U.S.-Mexico border; west along the U.S.-Mexico border to AZ Hwy 286; north on AZ Hwy 286 to the Arivaca-Sasabe Rd.; southeasterly on the Arivaca-Sasabe Rd. to the town of Arivaca; from the town of Arivaca northeasterly on the Arivaca Rd. to I-19; south on I-19 to Grand Avenue (U.S. Hwy 89).

Unit 36C -- Beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 86 and AZ Hwy 286; southerly on AZ Hwy 286 to the U.S.-Mexico border; westerly along the border to the east boundary of the Tohono O'odham (Papago) Indian Reservation; northerly along the reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 86; easterly on AZ Hwy 86 to AZ Hwy 286.

Unit 37A -- Beginning at the junction of I-10 and Tangerine Rd. (Exit 240); southeast on I-10 to Avra Valley Rd. (Exit 242); west on Avra Valley Rd. to Sandario Rd.; south on Sandario Rd. to AZ Hwy 86; southwest on AZ Hwy 86 to the Tohono O'odham Nation boundary; north, east, and west along this boundary to Battaglia Rd.; east on Battaglia Rd. to Toltec Rd.; north on Toltec Rd. to I-10 (Exit 203); southeast on I-10 to AZ Hwy 87 (Exit 211); north on AZ Hwy 87 to AZ Hwy 287; east on AZ Hwy 287 to AZ Hwy 79 at Florence; southeast on AZ Hwy 79 to its junction with AZ Hwy 77; south on AZ Hwy 77 to Tangerine Rd.; west on Tangerine Rd. to I-10.

Unit 37B -- Beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 79 and AZ Hwy 77; northwest on AZ Hwy 79 to U.S. Hwy 60; east on U.S. Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 177; southeast on AZ Hwy 177 to AZ Hwy 77; southeast and southwest on AZ Hwy 77 to AZ Hwy 79.

Unit 38M -- Beginning at the junction of I-10 and Tangerine Rd. (Exit 240); southeast on I-10 to Avra Valley Rd. (Exit 242); west on Avra Valley Rd. to Sandario Rd.; south on Sandario Rd. to the San Xavier Indian Reservation boundary; south and east along the reservation boundary to I-19; south on I-19 to Sahuarita Rd. (Exit 75); east on Sahuarita Rd. to AZ Hwy 83; north on AZ Hwy 83 to I-10 (Exit 281); east on I-10 to Marsh

Station Rd. (Exit 289); northwest on Marsh Station Rd. to the Agua Verde Rd.; north on the Agua Verde Rd. to its terminus, then north 1/2 mile to the Coronado National Forest boundary; north and west along the National Forest boundary, then west, north, and east along the Saguaro National Park boundary; continuing north and west along the Coronado National Forest boundary to the southern boundary of Catalina State Park; west along the southern boundary of Catalina State Park to AZ Hwy 77; north on AZ Hwy 77 to Tangerine Rd.; west on Tangerine Rd. to I-10.

Unit 39 -- Beginning at AZ Hwy 85 and the Gila River; east along the Gila River to the western boundary of the Gila River Indian Community; southeasterly along this boundary to AZ Hwy 347 (John Wayne Parkway); south on AZ Hwy 347 (John Wayne Parkway) to AZ Hwy 84; east on AZ Hwy 84 to Stanfield; south on the Stanfield-Cocklebur Rd. to I-8; westerly on I-8 to Exit 87; northerly on the Agua Caliente Rd. to the Hyder Rd.; northeasterly on Hyder Rd. to 555th Ave.; north on 555th Ave. to Lahman Rd.; east on Lahman Rd., which becomes Agua Caliente Rd.; northeasterly on Agua Caliente Rd. to Old Hwy 80; northeasterly on Old Hwy 80 to Arizona Hwy 85; southerly on AZ Hwy 85 to the Gila River; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Unit 40A -- Beginning at Ajo; southeasterly on AZ Hwy 85 to Why; southeasterly on AZ Hwy 86 to the Tohono O'odham (Papago) Indian Reservation; northerly and easterly along the reservation boundary to the Cocklebur-Stanfield Rd.; north on the Cocklebur-Stanfield Rd. to I-8; westerly on I-8 to AZ Hwy 85; southerly on AZ Hwy 85 to Ajo.

Unit 40B -- Beginning at Gila Bend; westerly on I-8 to the Colorado River; southerly along the Colorado River to the Mexican border at San Luis; southeasterly along the border to the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge; northerly, easterly and southerly around the refuge boundary to the Mexican border; southeast along the border to the Tohono O'odham (Papago) Indian Reservation; northerly along the reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 86; northwesterly on AZ Hwy 86 to AZ Hwy 85; north on AZ Hwy 85 to Gila Bend; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Cocopah Tribe.

Unit 41 -- Beginning at I-8 and U.S. Hwy 95 (in Yuma); easterly on I-8 to exit 87; northerly on the Agua Caliente Rd. to the Hyder Rd.; northeasterly on Hyder Rd. to 555th Ave.; north on 555th Ave. to Lahman Rd.; east on Lahman Rd., which becomes Agua Caliente Rd.; northeasterly on Agua Caliente Rd. to Old Hwy 80; northeasterly on Old Hwy 80 to Arizona Hwy 85; northerly on AZ Hwy 85 to Oglesby Rd.; north on Oglesby Rd. to I-10; westerly on I-10 to Exit 45; southerly on Vicksburg-Kofa National Wildlife Refuge Rd. to the Refuge boundary; easterly, southerly, westerly, and northerly along the boundary to the Castle Dome Rd.; southwest on the Castle Dome Rd. to U.S. Hwy 95; southerly on U.S. Hwy 95 to I-8.

Unit 42 -- Beginning at the junction of the Beardsley Canal and U.S. Hwy 93 (U.S. 89, U.S. 60); northwesterly on U.S. Hwy 93 to AZ Hwy 71; southwest on AZ Hwy 71 to U.S. Hwy 60; westerly on U.S. Hwy 60 to Aguila; south on the Eagle Eye Rd. to the Salome-Hassayampa Rd.; southeasterly on the Salome-Hassayampa Rd. to I-10 (Exit 81); easterly on I-10 to Jackrabbit Trail (Exit 121); north along Jackrabbit Trail to the Indian School road; east along Indian School Rd. to the Beardsley Canal; northeasterly along the Beardsley Canal to U.S. Hwy 93.

Unit 43A -- Beginning at U.S. Hwy 95 and the Bill Williams River; west along the Bill Williams River to the Arizona-California state line; southerly to the south end of Cibola Lake; northerly and easterly on the Cibola Lake Rd. to U.S. Hwy 95; south on U.S. Hwy 95 to the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.); east along the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.) to the west boundary of the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; northerly along the refuge boundary to the Crystal Hill Rd. (Blevens Rd.); northwesterly on the Crystal Hill Rd. (Blevens Rd.) to U.S. Hwy 95; northerly on U.S. Hwy 95 to the Bill Williams River; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Unit 43B -- Beginning at the south end of Cibola Lake;

southerly along the Arizona-California state line to I-8; southeasterly on I-8 to U.S. Hwy 95; easterly and northerly on U.S. Hwy 95 to the Castle Dome road; northeast on the Castle Dome Rd. to the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge boundary; north along the refuge boundary to the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.); west along the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.) to U.S. Hwy 95; north on U.S. Hwy 95 to the Cibola Lake Rd.; west and south on the Cibola Lake Rd. to the south end of Cibola Lake; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Quechan Tribe.

Unit 44A -- Beginning at U.S. Hwy 95 and the Bill Williams River; south along U.S. Hwy 95 to AZ Hwy 72; southeasterly on AZ Hwy 72 to Vicksburg; south on the Vicksburg-Kofa National Wildlife Refuge Rd. to I-10; easterly on I-10 to the Salome-Hassayampa Rd. (Exit 81); northwesterly on the Salome-Hassayampa Rd. to Eagle Eye Rd.; northeasterly on Eagle Eye Rd. to Aguila; east on U.S. Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 71; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 71 to U.S. Hwy 93; northwesterly on U.S. Hwy 93 to the Santa Maria River; westerly along the Santa Maria and Bill Williams rivers to U.S. Hwy 95; except those portions that are sovereign tribal lands of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Unit 44B -- Beginning at Quartzsite; south on U.S. Hwy 95 to the Crystal Hill Rd. (Blevens Rd.); east on the Crystal Hill Rd. (Blevens Rd.) to the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; north and east along the refuge boundary to the Vicksburg-Kofa National Wildlife Refuge Rd.; north on the Vicksburg-Kofa National Wildlife Refuge Rd. to AZ Hwy 72; northwest on AZ Hwy 72 to U.S. Hwy 95; south on U.S. Hwy 95 to Quartzsite.

Unit 45A -- Beginning at the junction of the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.) and Kofa National Wildlife Refuge boundary; east on the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.) to O-O Junction; north from O-O Junction on the Kofa Mine Rd. to the Evening Star Mine; north on a line over Polaris Mountain to Midwell-Alamo Spring-Kofa Cabin Rd. (Wilbanks Rd.); north on the Midwell-Alamo Spring-Kofa Cabin Rd. (Wilbanks Rd.) to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline Rd.; north on a line from the junction to the north boundary of the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; west and south on the boundary line to Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.).

Unit 45B -- Beginning at O-O Junction; north from O-O Junction on the Kofa Mine Rd. to the Evening Star Mine; north on a line over Polaris Mountain to Midwell-Alamo Spring-Kofa Cabin Rd. (Wilbanks Rd.); north on the Midwell-Alamo Spring-Kofa Cabin Rd. (Wilbanks Rd.) to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline Rd.; north on a line from the junction to the north Kofa National Wildlife Refuge boundary; east to the east refuge boundary; south and west along the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge boundary to the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (Wellton-Kofa Rd./Ave 40E); north and west on the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (Wellton-Kofa Rd./Ave 40E) to O-O Junction.

Unit 45C -- Beginning at the junction of the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.) and Kofa National Wildlife Refuge; south, east, and north along the refuge boundary to the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.); north and west on the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.) to the junction of the Stone Cabin-King Valley Rd. (King Rd.) and Kofa National Wildlife Refuge boundary.

Unit 46A -- That portion of the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge east of the Yuma-Pima County line.

Unit 46B -- That portion of the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge west of the Yuma-Pima County line.

## R12-4-109

### Approved Trapping Education Course Fee

Under A.R.S. § 17-333.02(A), the provider of an approved educational course of instruction in responsible trapping and environmental ethics may collect a fee from each participant that:

1. Is reasonable and commensurate for the course, and
2. Does not exceed \$25.

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## R12-4-110

### Posting and Access to State Land

#### A. For the purpose of this Section:

"Corrals," "feed lots," or "holding pens" mean completely fenced areas used to contain livestock for purposes other than grazing.

"Existing road" means any maintained or unmaintained road, way, highway, trail, or path that has been used for motorized vehicular travel, and clearly shows or has a history of established vehicle use, and is not currently closed by the Commission.

"State lands" means all land owned or held in trust by the state that is managed by the State Land Department and lands that are owned or managed by the Game and Fish Commission.

#### B. In addition to the prohibition against posting proscribed under A.R.S. § 17-304, a person shall not lock a gate, construct a fence, place an obstacle, or otherwise commit an act that denies legally available access to or use of any existing road upon state lands by persons lawfully taking or retrieving wildlife or conducting any activities that are within the scope of and take place while lawfully hunting or fishing.

1. A person in violation of this Section shall take immediate corrective action to remove any lock, fence, or other obstacle unlawfully preventing access to state lands.
2. If immediate corrective action is not taken, a representative of the Department may remove any unlawful posting and remove any lock, fence, or other obstacle that unlawfully prevents access to state lands.
3. In addition, the Department may take appropriate legal action to recover expenses incurred in the removal of any unlawful posting or obstacle that prevented access to state land.

#### C. The provisions of this Section do not allow any person to trespass upon private land to gain access to any state land.

#### D. A person may post state lands as closed to hunting, fishing, or trapping without further action by the Commission when the state land is within one-quarter mile of any:

1. Occupied residence, cabin, lodge, or other building; or
2. Corrals, feed lots, or holding pens containing concentrations of livestock other than for grazing purposes.

#### E. The Commission may grant permission to lock, tear down, or remove a gate or close a road or trail that provides legally available access to state lands for persons lawfully taking wildlife or conducting any activities that are within the scope of and take place while lawfully hunting or fishing if access to such lands is provided by a reasonable alternate route.

1. Under R12-4-610, the Director may grant a permit to a state land lessee to temporarily lock a gate or close an existing road that provides access to state lands if the taking of wildlife will cause unreasonable interference during a critical livestock or commercial operation. This permit shall not exceed 30 days.
2. Applications for permits for more than 30 days shall be submitted to the Commission for approval.
3. If a permit is issued to temporarily close a road or gate, a copy of the permit shall be posted at the point of the closure during the period of the closure.

#### F. A person may post state lands other than those referenced under subsection (D) as closed to hunting, fishing, or trapping, provided the person has obtained a permit from the Commission authorizing the closure. A person possessing a permit authorizing the closure of state lands shall post signs in compliance with A.R.S. 17-304(C). The Commission may permit the closure of state land when it is necessary:

1. Because the taking of wildlife constitutes an unusual hazard to permitted users;
2. To prevent unreasonable destruction of plant life or habitat; or
3. For proper resource conservation, use, or protection, including but not limited to high fire danger, excessive interference with mineral development, developed

agricultural land, or timber or livestock operations.

#### G. A person shall submit an application for posting state land to prohibit hunting, fishing, or trapping under subsection (F), or to close an existing road under subsection (E), as required under R12-4-610. If an application to close state land to hunting, fishing, or trapping is made by a person other than the state land lessee, the Department shall provide notice to the lessee and the State Land Commissioner before the Commission considers the application. The state land lessee or the State Land Commissioner shall file any objections with the Department, in writing, within 30 days after receipt of notice, after which the matter shall be submitted to the Commission for determination.

#### H. A person may use a vehicle on or off a road to pick up lawfully taken big game animals.

#### I. The closing of state land to hunting, fishing, or trapping shall not restrict any other permitted use of the land.

#### J. State trust land may be posted with signs that read "State Land No Trespassing," but such posting shall not prohibit access to such land by any person lawfully taking or retrieving wildlife or conducting any activities that are within the scope of and take place while lawfully hunting or fishing.

#### K. When hunting, fishing, or trapping on state land, a license holder shall not:

1. Break or remove any lock or cut any fence to gain access to state land;
2. Open and not immediately close a gate;
3. Intentionally or wantonly destroy, deface, injure, remove, or disturb any building, sign, equipment, marker, or other property;
4. Harvest or remove any vegetative or mineral resources or object of archaeological, historic, or scientific interest;
5. Appropriately, mutilate, deface, or destroy any natural feature, object of natural beauty, antiquity, or other public or private property;
6. Dig, remove, or destroy any tree or shrub;
7. Gather or collect renewable or non-renewable resources for the purpose of sale or barter unless specifically permitted or authorized by law; or
8. Frighten or chase domestic livestock or wildlife, or endanger the lives or safety of others when using a motorized vehicle or other means; or
9. Operate a motor vehicle off road or on any road closed to the public by the Commission or landowner, except to retrieve a lawfully taken big game animal.

## R12-4-111

### Identification Number

A person applying for a Department identification number, as defined under R12-4-101, shall provide the person's:

1. Full name,
2. Any additional names the person has lawfully used in the past or is known by,
3. Date of birth, and
4. Mailing address.

## R12-4-112

### Diseased, Injured, or Chemically-immobilized Wildlife

#### A. A person who lawfully takes and possesses wildlife believed to be diseased, injured, or chemically-immobilized may request an inspection of the wildlife carcass provided:

1. The wildlife was lawfully taken and possessed under a valid hunt permit or nonpermit-tag, and
2. The person who took the wildlife did not create the condition.

#### B. The Department, after inspection, may condemn the carcass if it is determined the wildlife is unfit for human consumption. The Department shall condemn chemically-immobilized wildlife only when the wildlife was taken during the immobilizing drug's established withdrawal

period.

#### C. The person shall surrender the entire condemned wildlife carcass and any parts thereof to the Department.

1. Upon surrender of the condemned wildlife, the Department shall provide to the person written authorization allowing the person to purchase a duplicate hunt permit or nonpermit-tag.
2. The person may purchase a duplicate tag from any Department office or license dealer where the permit-tag is available.

#### D. If the duplicate tag is issued by a license dealer, the license dealer shall forward the written authorization to the Department with the report required under R12-4-105(K).

## R12-4-114

### Issuance of Nonpermit-tags and Hunt Permit-tags

#### A. The Department provides numbered tags for sale to the public. The Department shall ensure each tag:

1. Includes a transportation and shipping permit as prescribed under A.R.S. §§ 17-332 and 17-371, and
2. Clearly identifies the animal for which the tag is valid.

#### B. If the Commission establishes a big game season for which a hunt number is not assigned, the Department or its authorized agent, or both, shall sell nonpermit-tags.

1. A person purchasing a nonpermit-tag shall provide all of the following information to a Department office or license dealer at the time of purchase; the applicant's:
  - a. Name,
  - b. Mailing address, and
  - c. Department identification number.
2. An applicant shall not obtain nonpermit-tags in excess of the bag limit established by Commission Order when it established the season for which the nonpermit-tags are valid.

#### C. If the number of hunt permits for a species in a particular hunt area must be limited, a Commission Order establishes a hunt number for that hunt area, and a hunt permit-tag is required to take the species in that hunt area.

1. A person applying for a hunt permit-tag shall submit an application as described under R12-4-104.
2. The Department shall determine whether a hunt permit-tag will be issued to an applicant as follows:
  - a. The Department shall reserve a maximum of 20% of the hunt permit-tags for each hunt number, except as established under subsection (C)(2)(b), for antelope, bear, deer, elk, javelina, and turkey and reserve a maximum of 20% of the hunt permit-tags for all hunt numbers combined statewide for bighorn sheep and buffalo to issue to persons who have bonus points and shall issue the hunt permit-tags as established under subsection (C)(2)(c).
  - b. For antelope, bear, deer, elk, javelina, and turkey, the Department shall reserve one hunt permit-tag for any hunt number with fewer than five, but more than one, hunt permit-tags and shall issue the tag as established under subsection (C)(2)(c). When this occurs, the Department shall adjust the number of available hunt permit-tags in order to ensure the total number of hunt permit-tags available does not exceed the 20% maximum specified in subsection (C)(2)(a).
  - c. The Department shall issue the reserved hunt permit-tags for hunt numbers that eligible applicants designate as their first or second choices. The Department shall issue the reserved hunt permit-tags by random selection:
    - i. First, to eligible applicants with the highest number of bonus points for that genus;
    - ii. Next, if there are reserved hunt permit-tags remaining, to eligible applicants with the next highest number of bonus points for that genus; and
    - iii. If there are still tags remaining, to the next

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eligible applicants with the next highest number of bonus points; continuing in the same manner until all of the reserved tags have been issued or until there are no more applicants for that hunt number who have bonus points.

- d. The Department shall ensure that all unreserved hunt permit-tags are issued by random selection:
    - i. First, to hunt numbers designated by eligible applicants as their first or second choices; and
    - ii. Next, to hunt numbers designated by eligible applicants as their third, fourth, or fifth choices.
  - e. Before each of the three passes listed under (C)(2)(c)(i), (ii), and (iii), each application is processed through the Department's random number generator program. A random number is assigned to each application; an additional random number is assigned to each application for each group bonus point, including the Hunter Education and Loyalty bonus points. Only the lowest random number generated for an application is used in the computer draw process. A new random number is generated for each application for each pass of the computer draw.
  - f. If the bag limit is more than one per calendar year, or if there are unissued hunt permit-tags remaining after the random computer draw, the Department shall ensure these hunt permit-tags are available on a first-come, first-served basis as specified in the annual hunt permit-tag application schedule.
- D. A person may purchase hunt permit-tags equal to the bag limit for a genus.
1. A person shall not exceed the established bag limit for that genus.
  2. A person shall not apply for any additional hunt permit-tags if the person has reached the bag limit for that genus during the same calendar year.
  3. A person who surrenders a tag in compliance with R12-4-118 is eligible to apply for another hunt permit-tag for the same genus during the same calendar year, provided the person has not reached the bag limit for that genus.
- E. The Department shall make available to nonresidents:
1. For bighorn sheep and buffalo, no more than one hunt permit-tag or 10% of the total hunt permit-tags, whichever is greater, for bighorn sheep or buffalo in any computer draw. The Department shall not make available more than 50% nor more than two bighorn sheep or buffalo hunt permit-tags of the total in any hunt number.
  2. For antelope, antlered deer, bull elk, or turkey, no more than 10%, rounded down to the next lowest number, of the total hunt permit-tags in any hunt number. If a hunt number for antelope, antlered deer, bull elk, or turkey has 10 or fewer hunt permit-tags, no more than one hunt permit-tag will be made available unless the hunt number has only one hunt permit-tag, then that tag shall only be available to a resident.
- F. The Commission may, at a public meeting, increase the number of hunt permit-tags issued to nonresidents in a computer draw when necessary to meet management objectives.
- G. The Department shall not issue under subsection (C)(2)(c), more than half of the hunt permit-tags made available to nonresidents under subsection (E).
- H. A nonresident cap established under this Section applies only to hunt permit-tags issued by computer draw under subsections (C)(2)(c) and (d).

## R12-4-115

### Restricted Nonpermit-Tags; Supplemental Hunts and Hunter Pool

A. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

"Companion tag" means a restricted nonpermit-tag valid for a supplemental hunt prescribed by Commission Order that exactly matches the season dates and open areas of another big game hunt, for which a hunt number is assigned and hunt permit-tags are issued through the computer draw.

"Emergency season" means a season established for reasons constituting an immediate threat to the health, safety or management of wildlife or its habitat, or public health or safety.

"Management objectives" means goals, recommendations, or guidelines contained in Department or Commission-approved wildlife management plans, which include hunt guidelines, operational plans, or hunt recommendations;

"Hunter pool" means all persons who have submitted an application for a supplemental hunt.

"Restricted nonpermit-tag" means a permit limited to a season for a supplemental hunt established by the Commission for the following purposes:

Take of depredating wildlife as authorized under A.R.S. § 17-239;

Take of wildlife under an Emergency Season; or

Take of wildlife under a population management hunt if the Commission has prescribed nonpermit-tags by Commission Order for the purpose of meeting management objectives because regular seasons are not, have not been, or will not be sufficient or effective to achieve management objectives.

B. The Commission shall, by Commission Order, open a season or seasons and prescribe a maximum number of restricted nonpermit-tags to be made available under this Section.

C. The Department shall implement a population management hunt under the open season or seasons established under subsection (B) if the Department determines the:

1. Regular seasons have not met or will not meet management objectives;
2. Take of wildlife is necessary to meet management objectives; and
3. Issuance of a specific number of restricted nonpermit-tags is likely to meet management objectives.

D. To implement a population management hunt established by Commission Order, the Department shall:

1. Select season dates, within the range of dates listed in the Commission Order;
2. Select specific hunt areas, within the range of hunt areas listed in the Commission Order;
3. Select the legal animal that may be taken from the list of legal animals identified in the Commission Order;
4. Determine the number of restricted nonpermit-tags that will be issued from the maximum number of tags authorized in the Commission Order.
  - a. The Department shall not issue more restricted nonpermit-tags than the maximum number prescribed by Commission Order.
  - b. A restricted nonpermit-tag is valid only for the supplemental hunt for which it is issued.

E. The provisions of R12-4-104, R12-4-107, R12-4-114, and R12-4-609 do not apply to a supplemental hunt.

F. If the Department anticipates the normal fee structure will not generate adequate participation, then the Department may reduce restricted nonpermit-tag fees up to 75%, as authorized under A.R.S. § 17-239(D).

G. A supplemental hunt application submitted in accordance with this Section does not invalidate any other application submitted by the person for a hunt permit-tag.

1. The Department shall not accept a group application, as defined under R12-4-104, for a restricted nonpermit-tag.

2. An applicant shall not apply for or obtain a restricted nonpermit-tag to take wildlife in excess of the bag limit established by Commission Order.

3. The issuance of a restricted nonpermit-tag does not authorize a person to exceed the bag limit established by Commission Order.

H. To participate in a supplemental hunt, a person shall:

1. Obtain a restricted nonpermit-tag as prescribed under this Section, and

2. Possess a valid hunting license. If the applicant does not possess a valid license or the license will expire before the supplemental hunt, the applicant shall purchase an appropriate license.

I. The Department or its authorized agent shall maintain a hunter pool for supplemental hunts other than companion tag hunts.

1. The Department shall purge and renew the hunter pool on an annual basis.

2. An applicant for a restricted nonpermit-tag under this subsection shall submit a hunt permit-tag application to the Department. The application is available at any Department office, an authorized agent, or online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:

a. The applicant's:

- i. Name,
- ii. Mailing address,
- iii. Number of years of residency immediately preceding application,
- iv. Date of birth, and
- v. Daytime and evening telephone numbers,

b. The species that the applicant would like to hunt, if selected,

c. The applicant's hunting license number.

3. In addition to the requirements established under subsection (I)(2), at the time of application the applicant shall submit the application fee required under R12-4-102.

4. When issuing a restricted nonpermit-tag, the Department or its authorized agent shall randomly select applicants from the hunter pool.

a. The Department or its authorized agent shall attempt to contact each randomly-selected applicant by telephone at least three times within a 24-hour period.

b. If an applicant cannot be contacted or is unable to participate in the supplemental hunt, the Department or its authorized agent shall return the application to the hunter pool and draw another application.

c. In compliance with subsection (D)(4), the Department or its authorized agent shall select no more applications after the number of restricted nonpermit-tags established by Commission Order are issued.

5. The Department shall reserve a restricted nonpermit-tag for an applicant only for the period specified by the Department when contact is made with the applicant. If an applicant fails to purchase the nonpermit-tag within the specified period, the Department or its authorized agent shall:

- a. Remove the person's application from the hunter pool, and
- b. Offer that restricted nonpermit-tag to another person whose application is drawn from the hunter pool as established under this Section.

6. A person who participates in a supplemental hunt through the hunter pool shall be removed from the supplemental hunter pool for the genus for which the person participated. A hunter pool applicant who is selected and who wishes to participate in a supplemental hunt shall submit the following to the Department to obtain a restricted nonpermit-tag:

- a. The fee for the tag as established under R12-4-102 or subsection (F) if the fee has been reduced, and

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- b. The applicant's hunting license number. The applicant shall possess an appropriate license that is valid at the time of the supplemental hunt. The applicant shall purchase a license at the time of application when:
    - i. The applicant does not possess a valid license, or
    - ii. The applicant's license will expire before the supplemental hunt.
  - 7. A person who participates in a supplemental hunt shall not reapply for the hunter pool for that genus until the hunter pool is renewed.
  - J. The Department shall only make a companion tag available to a person who possesses a matching hunt permit-tag and not a person from the hunter pool. Authorization to issue a companion tag occurs when the Commission establishes a hunt in Commission Order under subsection (B).
    - 1. The requirements of subsection (D) are not applicable to a companion tag issued under this subsection.
    - 2. To obtain a companion tag under this subsection, an applicant shall submit a hunt permit-tag application to the Department. The application is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application, the applicant's:
      - a. Name,
      - b. Mailing address,
      - c. Department identification number, and
      - d. Hunt permit-tag number, to include the hunt number and permit number, corresponding with the season dates and open areas of the supplemental hunt.
    - 3. In addition to the requirements established under subsection (J)(2), at the time of application the applicant shall:
      - a. Provide verification that the applicant lawfully obtained the hunt permit-tag for the hunt described under this subsection by presenting the hunt permit-tag to a Department office for verification, and
  - b. Submit all applicable fees required under R12-4-102.
- option to surrender more than one hunt permit-tag during the membership period.
- 3. The Department may establish terms and conditions for the membership program in addition to the following:
    - a. Products and services to be included with each membership level.
    - b. Membership enrollment is available online only and requires a person to create a portal account.
    - c. Membership is not transferable.
    - d. No refund shall be made for the purchase of a membership, unless an internal processing error resulted in the collection of erroneous fees.
  - C. The tag surrender program is restricted to the surrender of an original, unused hunt permit-tag obtained through a computer draw.
    - 1. A person must have a valid and active membership in the Department's membership program with at least one unredeemed tag surrender that was valid:
      - a. On the application deadline date for the computer draw in which the hunt permit-tag being surrendered was drawn, and
      - b. At the time of tag surrender.
    - 2. A person who chooses to surrender an original, unused hunt permit-tag shall do so prior to the close of business the day before the hunt begins for which the tag is valid.
    - 3. A person may surrender an unused hunt permit-tag for a specific species only once before any bonus points accrued for that species must be expended.
  - D. To surrender an original, unused hunt permit-tag, a person shall comply with all of the following conditions:
    - 1. A person shall submit a completed application form to any Department office. The application form is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application form:
      - a. The applicant's:
        - i. Name,
        - ii. Mailing address,
        - iii. Department identification number,
        - iv. Membership number,
      - b. Applicable hunt number,
      - c. Applicable hunt permit-tag number, and
      - d. Any other information required by the Department.
    - 2. A person shall surrender the original, unused hunt permit-tag as required under subsection (C) in the manner described by the Department as indicated on the application form.
  - E. Upon receipt of an original, unused hunt permit-tag surrendered in compliance with this Section, the Department shall:
    - 1. Restore the person's bonus points that were expended for the surrendered tag, and
    - 2. Award the bonus point the person would have accrued had the person been unsuccessful in the computer draw for the surrendered tag.
    - 3. Not refund any fees the person paid for the surrendered tag, as prohibited under A.R.S. § 17-332(E).
  - F. The Department may, at its sole discretion, re-issue or destroy the surrendered original, unused hunt permit-tag. When re-issuing a tag, the Department may use any of the following methods in no order of preference:
    - 1. Re-issuing the surrendered tag, beginning with the highest membership level in the Department's membership program, to a person who has a valid and active membership in that membership level and who would have been next to receive a tag for that hunt number, as evidenced by the random numbers assigned during the Department's computer draw process;
    - 2. Re-issuing the surrendered tag to a person who has a valid and active membership in any tier of the Department's membership program with a tag surrender

## R12-4-117

### Indian Reservations

A state license, permit, or tag is not required to hunt or fish on any Indian reservation in this State. Wildlife lawfully taken on an Indian reservation may be transported or processed anywhere in the State if it can be identified as to species and legality as provided in A.R.S. § 17-309(A)(19). All wildlife transported anywhere in this State is subject to inspection under the provisions of A.R.S. § 17-211(E)(4).

## R12-4-118

### Hunt Permit-tag Surrender

- A. The Commission authorizes the Department to implement a tag surrender program if the Director finds:
  - 1. The Department has the administrative capacity to implement the program;
  - 2. There is public interest in such a program; or
  - 3. The tag surrender program is likely to meet the Department's revenue objectives.
- B. The tag surrender program is limited to a person who has a valid and active membership in a Department membership program.
  - 1. The Department may establish a membership program that offers a person various products and services.
  - 2. The Department may establish different membership levels based on the type of products and services offered and set prices for each level.
    - a. The lowest membership level may include the option to surrender one hunt permit-tag during the membership period.
    - b. A higher membership level may include the

option and who would have been next to receive a tag for that hunt number, as evidenced by the random numbers assigned during the Department's computer draw process;

- 3. Re-issuing the surrendered tag to an eligible person who would have been next to receive a tag for that hunt number, as evidenced by the random numbers assigned during the Department's computer draw process; or
- 4. Offering the surrendered tag through the first-come, first-served process.
- G. For subsections (F)(1), (2), and (3); if the Department cannot contact a person qualified to receive a tag or the person declines to purchase the surrendered tag, the Department shall make a reasonable attempt to contact and offer the surrendered tag to the next person qualified to receive a tag for that hunt number based on the assigned random number during the Department's computer draw process. This process will continue until the surrendered tag is either purchased or the number of persons qualified is exhausted. For purposes of subsections (G) and (H), the term "qualified" means a person who satisfies the conditions for re-issuing a surrendered tag as provided under the selected re-issuing method.
- H. When the re-issuance of a surrendered tag involves a group application and one or more members of the group is qualified under the particular method for re-issuing the surrendered tag, the Department shall offer the surrendered tag first to the applicant designated "A" if qualified to receive a surrendered tag.
  - 1. If applicant "A" chooses not to purchase the surrendered tag or is not qualified, the Department shall offer the surrendered tag to the applicant designated "B" if qualified to receive a surrendered tag.
  - 2. This process shall continue with applicants "C" and then "D" until the surrendered tag is either purchased or all qualified members of the group application choose not to purchase the surrendered tag.
- I. A person who receives a surrendered tag shall submit the applicable tag fee as established under R12-4-102 and provide their valid hunting license number.
  - 1. A person receiving the surrendered tag as established under subsections (F)(1), (2), and (3) shall expend all bonus points accrued for that genus, except any accrued Hunter Education and loyalty bonus points.
  - 2. The applicant shall possess a valid hunting license at the time of purchasing the surrendered tag and at the time of the hunt for which the surrendered tag is valid. If the person does not possess a valid license at the time the surrendered tag is offered, the applicant shall purchase a license in compliance with R12-4-104.
  - 3. The issuance of a surrendered tag does not authorize a person to exceed the bag limit established by Commission Order.
  - 4. It is unlawful for a person to purchase a surrendered tag when the person has reached the bag limit for that genus during the same calendar year.
- J. A person is not eligible to petition the Commission under R12-4-611 for reinstatement of any expended bonus points, except as authorized under R12-4-107(M).
- K. For the purposes of this Section and R12-4-121, "valid and active membership" means a paid and unexpired membership in any level of the Department's membership program.

## R12-4-121

### Big Game Tag Transfer

- A. For the purposes of this Section:
  - "Authorized nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit organization approved by the Department to receive donated unused tags.
  - "Unused tag" means a big game hunt permit-tag, non-permit-tag, or special license tag that has not been attached to any animal.
- B. A parent, grandparent, or guardian issued a big game hunt permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or special license tag may

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transfer the unused tag to the parent's, grandparent's, or guardian's minor child or grandchild.

1. A parent, grandparent, or guardian issued a tag may transfer the unused tag to a minor child or grandchild at any time prior to the end of the season for which the unused tag was issued.
2. A parent, grandparent, or guardian may transfer the unused tag by providing all of the following documentation in person at any Department office:
  - a. Proof of ownership of the unused tag to be transferred,
  - b. The unused tag, and
  - c. The minor's valid hunting license.
3. If a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian is deceased, the personal representative of the person's estate may transfer an unused tag to an eligible minor. The person acting as the personal representative shall present:
  - a. The deceased person's death certificate, and
  - b. Proof of the person's authority to act as the personal representative of the deceased person's estate.
4. To be eligible to receive an unused tag from a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian, the minor child shall meet the criteria established under subsection (D).
5. A minor child or grandchild receiving an unused tag from a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian shall be accompanied into the field by any grandparent, parent, or legal guardian of the minor child.
- C. A person issued a tag or the person's legal representative may donate the unused tag to an authorized nonprofit organization for use by a minor child with a life threatening medical condition or permanent physical disability or a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States with a service-connected disability.
  1. The person or legal representative who donates the unused tag shall provide the authorized nonprofit organization with a written statement indicating the unused tag is voluntarily donated to the organization.
  2. An authorized nonprofit organization receiving a donated tag under this subsection may transfer the unused tag to an eligible minor child or veteran by contacting any Department office.
    - a. To obtain a transfer, the nonprofit organization shall:
      - i. Provide proof of donation of the unused tag to be transferred;
      - ii. Provide the unused tag;
      - iii. Provide proof of the minor child's or veteran's valid hunting license.
    - b. To be eligible to receive a donated unused tag from an authorized nonprofit organization, a minor child shall meet the criteria established under subsection (D).
  3. A person who donates an original, unused hunt permit-tag issued in a computer drawing to an authorized nonprofit organization may submit a request to the Department for the reinstatement of the bonus points expended for that unused tag, provided all of the following conditions are met:
    - a. The person has a valid and active membership in the Department's membership program with at least one unredeemed tag surrender on the application deadline date, for the computer draw in which the hunt permit-tag being surrendered was drawn, and at the time of tag surrender.
    - b. The person submits a completed application form as described under R12-4-118;
    - c. The person provides acceptable proof to the Department that the tag was transferred to an authorized nonprofit organization; and
    - d. The person submits the request to the Department:
      - i. No later than 60 days after the date on which the tag was donated to an authorized nonprofit organization; and
      - ii. No less than 30 days prior to the computer draw application deadline for that genus, as specified in the hunt permit-tag application schedule.
- D. To receive an unused tag authorized under subsections (B) or (C), an eligible minor child shall meet the following criteria:
  1. Possess a valid hunting license,
  2. Has not reached the applicable annual or lifetime bag limit for that genus, and
  3. Is 10 to 17 years of age on the date of the transfer. A minor child under the age of 14 shall have satisfactorily completed a Department-sanctioned hunter education course before the beginning date of the hunt.
- E. To receive an unused tag authorized under subsection (C), an eligible veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States with a service-connected disability shall meet the following criteria:
  1. Possess a valid hunting license, and
  2. Has not reached the applicable annual or lifetime bag limit for that genus.
- F. A nonprofit organization is eligible to apply for authorization to receive a donated unused tag, provided the nonprofit organization:
  1. Is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, and
  2. Affords opportunities and experiences to:
    - a. Children with life-threatening medical conditions or physical disabilities, or
    - b. Veterans with service-connected disabilities.
  3. This authorization is valid for a period of one-year, unless revoked by the Department for noncompliance with the requirements established under A.R.S. § 17-332 or this Section.
  4. A nonprofit organization shall apply for authorization by submitting an application to any Department office. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office. A nonprofit organization shall provide all of the following information on the application:
    - a. Nonprofit organization's information:
      - i. Name,
      - ii. Physical address,
      - iii. Telephone number;
    - b. Contact information for the person responsible for ensuring compliance with this Section:
      - i. Name,
      - ii. Address,
      - iii. Telephone number;
    - c. Signature of the president and secretary-treasurer of the organization or their equivalents; and
    - d. Date of signing.
  5. In addition to the application, a nonprofit organization shall provide all of the following:
    - a. A copy of the organization's articles of incorporation and evidence that the organization has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, unless a current and correct copy is already on file with the Department;
    - b. Document identifying the organization's mission;
    - c. A letter stating how the organization will participate in the Big Game Tag Transfer program; and
    - d. A statement that the person or organization submitting the application agrees to the conditions established under A.R.S. § 17-332 and this Section.
  6. An applicant who is denied authorization to receive donated tags under this Section may appeal to the Commission as provided under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.

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### Pioneer License

- A. A pioneer license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a combination hunting and fishing license. The pioneer license is only available at a Department office.
- B. The pioneer license is a complimentary license and is valid for the license holder's lifetime.
- C. A person who is age 70 or older and has been a resident of Arizona for at least 25 consecutive years immediately preceding application may apply for a pioneer license by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). A pioneer license applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
  1. The applicant's personal information:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth,
    - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
    - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
    - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
    - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
    - g. Physical address;
    - h. Telephone number, when available; and
    - i. E-mail address, when available;
  2. Affirmation that:
    - a. The applicant is 70 years of age or older and has been a resident of this state for 25 or more consecutive years immediately preceding application for the license; and
    - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate.
  3. Applicant's signature and date. The applicant's signature shall be either notarized or witnessed by a Department employee,
- D. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant for a pioneer license shall also submit any one of the following documents at the time of application:
  1. Valid U.S. passport;
  2. Original or certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate;
  3. Original or copy of a valid government-issued driver's license; or
  4. Original or copy of a valid government-issued identification card.
- E. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- F. The Department shall deny a pioneer license when the applicant:
  1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336(A)(1),
  2. Fails to comply with this Section, or
  3. Provides false information on the application.
- G. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Ch 6, Article 10.
- H. A pioneer license holder may request a no-fee duplicate of the paper license provided:
  1. The license was lost or destroyed;
  2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a no-fee duplicate paper license; and
  3. The Department's records indicate a pioneer license was previously issued to that person.
- I. A person issued a pioneer license prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).

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### Disabled Veteran's License

- A. A disabled veteran's license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a combination hunting and fishing license. The disabled veteran's license is only available at a Department office.
- B. The disabled veteran's license is a complimentary license and is valid for a three-year period from the issue date or the license holder's lifetime, as established under subsection (F).
- C. An eligible applicant is a disabled veteran who:
  - 1. Has been a resident of Arizona for at least one year immediately preceding application, and
  - 2. Is receiving compensation from the United States government for permanent service-connected disabilities rated as 100% disabling. Eligibility for the disabled veteran's license is based on the disability rating, not on the compensation received by the veteran.
- D. A person applying for a disabled veteran's license shall submit an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
  - 1. The applicant's personal information:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth,
    - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
    - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
    - e. Residency status and number of years of residency immediately preceding application, when applicable;
    - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
    - g. Physical address;
    - h. Telephone number, when available; and
    - i. E-mail address, when available;
  - 2. Affirmation that:
    - a. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336(A)(2),
    - b. The applicant has been a resident of this state for at least one year immediately preceding application for the license, and
    - c. The information provided on the application is true and accurate.
  - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- E. In addition to the requirements established under subsection (D), an applicant for a disabled veteran's license shall, at the time of application, also submit an original certification or a benefits letter issued by the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) or obtained from the DVA website that meets the requirements specified in subsections (D)(1), (2), and (3). The certification form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The certification shall be completed by an agent of the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs. The certification shall include all of the following information:
  - 1. The applicant's full name,
  - 2. Certification that the applicant is receiving compensation from the United States government for permanent service-connected disabilities rated as 100% disabling,
  - 3. Certification that the 100% rating is permanent, and:
    - a. Will not require reevaluation or
    - b. Will be reevaluated in three years, and
  - 4. The signature and title of the Department of Veterans' Affairs agent who issued or approved the certification.
- F. If the certification or benefits letter required under subsection (E) indicate the applicant's disability rating of 100% is permanent and:
  - 1. Will not be reevaluated, the disabled veteran's license

will not expire.

- 2. Will be reevaluated in three years, the disabled veteran's license will expire three years from the date of issuance.
- G. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- H. The Department shall deny a disabled veteran's license when the applicant:
  - 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336(A)(2),
  - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
  - 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- I. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- J. A disabled veteran's license holder may request a no-fee duplicate paper license provided:
  - 1. The license was lost or destroyed,
  - 2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a duplicate license, and
  - 3. The Department's records indicate a disabled veteran's license was previously issued to that person.
- K. A person issued a disabled veteran's license prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).
- L. For the purposes of this Section, "disabled veteran" means a veteran of the armed forces of the United States with a service connected disability.

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### National Harvest Information Program (HIP); State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stamp

- A. All state fish and wildlife agencies are required to obtain data to assess the harvest of migratory game birds in compliance with the federally mandated National Harvest Information Program administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with 50 C.F.R. Part 20.
- B. In compliance with the National Harvest Information Program, the Department requires a person to possess a migratory bird stamp or authorization number, which may be affixed to or written on the appropriate license, and a current, valid federal waterfowl stamp. The migratory bird stamp and authorization number are required to take band-tailed pigeons, moorhen, coots, doves, ducks, geese, snipe, or swans.
  - 1. The state migratory bird stamp expires on June 30 of each year. To obtain a state migratory bird stamp, a person shall submit:
    - a. The fee required under R12-4-102, and
    - b. A completed state migratory bird registration form to a license dealer or a Department office.
  - 2. The person shall provide on the state migratory bird registration form the person's:
    - a. Name,
    - b. Mailing address,
    - c. Date of birth, and
    - d. Information on past and anticipated hunting activity.
  - 3. The youth combination hunting and fishing license includes the state migratory bird stamp privileges. A youth hunter who possesses a valid combination hunting and fishing license shall obtain:
    - a. A Federal waterfowl stamp when the youth hunter is 16 years of age or older and is taking ducks, geese, swans, coots, gallinules; or
    - b. A permit-tag when the youth hunter is taking sandhill crane.
- C. A license dealer shall submit state migratory bird

registration forms for all state migratory bird stamps sold with the monthly report required under A.R.S. § 17-338.

## R12-4-208

### Guide License

- A. A guide, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101, is a person who does any one of the following:
  - 1. Advertises for guiding services.
  - 2. Is presented to the public for hire as a guide.
  - 3. Is employed by a commercial enterprise as a guide.
  - 4. Accepts compensation in any form commensurate with the market value in this state for guiding services in exchange for aiding, assisting, directing, leading, or instructing a person in the field to locate and take wildlife.
  - 5. Is not a landowner or lessee who, without full fair market compensation, allows access to the landowner's or lessee's property and directs and advises a person in taking wildlife.
- B. A person shall not act as a guide unless the person holds one of the following guide licenses:
  - 1. A hunting guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the taking of lawful wildlife other than aquatic wildlife as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101.
  - 2. A fishing guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the taking of lawful aquatic wildlife.
  - 3. A hunting and fishing guide license, which authorizes the license holder to act as a guide for the taking of lawful wildlife.
- C. A guide license shall expire on December 31 of each year.
- D. A person is not eligible to apply for an original or renewal guide license when any one of the following conditions apply:
  - 1. The applicant was convicted of a felony violation of any federal wildlife law, within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
  - 2. The applicant was convicted of a violation listed under A.R.S. § 17-309(D), within five years immediately preceding the date of application;
  - 3. The applicant was convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife may be revoked or suspended within five years immediately preceding the date of application; or
  - 4. The applicant's privilege to take or possess wildlife or to guide or act as a guide is currently suspended or revoked anywhere in the United States for violation of a federal or state wildlife law.
- E. Notwithstanding subsection (D), a person who was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of any wildlife law within one year preceding the date of application may apply for a guide license provided the person immediately and voluntarily reported the violation to the Department after committing the violation.
- F. An applicant for a guide license shall:
  - 1. Be 18 years of age or older, and
  - 2. Possess the required Department-issued license, as applicable:
    - a. A current Arizona hunting license when applying for a hunting guide license;
    - b. A current Arizona fishing license when applying for a fishing guide license;
    - c. A current Arizona combination hunting and fishing license when applying for a hunting and fishing guide license;
- G. The guide license does not exempt the license holder from any applicable method of take or licensing requirement. The guide license holder shall comply with all applicable Commission rules, including, but not limited to, rules governing:

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1. Lawful methods of take,
  2. Lawful devices, and
  3. License requirements.
- H. Unless otherwise provided under this Section, a person shall successfully complete the Department administered examination, and answer at least 80% of the questions correctly, prior to applying for a guide license. Guide examinations are:
1. Provided at a Department office.
  2. Valid for a period up to twelve months prior to the date on which the applicant submits an application to the Department.
  3. Conducted during normal business hours.
  4. Conducted on the first Monday of the month or by special appointment. A person interested in taking the guide examination shall contact a Department office to obtain scheduling information.
- I. The examination is based on the type of guide license the person is seeking.
1. A person shall provide acceptable proof of identity, as listed under subsection (L)(2), prior to taking the examination.
  2. The examination may include questions regarding any of the following topics:
    - a. A.R.S. Title 17 Game and Fish statutes and Commission rules regarding the taking and handling of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife;
    - b. A.R.S. Title 28, Ch 3, Article 20 Off-highway Vehicles statutes and rule regarding the use of off-highway vehicles;
    - c. A.R.S. Title 5, Ch 3, Boating and Water Sports statutes and Commission rules on boating;
    - d. Requirements for guiding on federal lands;
    - e. Identification of aquatic wildlife species;
    - f. Identification of wildlife;
    - g. Special state and federal laws regarding certain species;
    - h. General knowledge of species habitat and wildlife that may occur in the same habitat;
    - i. General knowledge of the types of habitat within the State; and
    - j. General knowledge of special or concurrent jurisdictions within the State.
  3. An applicant who fails an examination may retake the examination on the same day or as otherwise agreed upon by the applicant and the examination administrator. An applicant who fails an examination twice on the same day shall wait at least seven calendar days, from the examination date, before retaking the examination.
- J. In addition to the guide examination requirement under subsection (H), a guide license holder shall take the Department administered examination when:
1. The applicant is applying to add a new guiding authority to a current guide license;
  2. The applicant for a hunting guide license was convicted of a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rule governing the taking and handling of terrestrial wildlife within one year preceding the date of application;
  3. The applicant for a fishing guide license was convicted of a violation of A.R.S. Title 17 or Game and Fish Commission rule governing the taking and handling of aquatic wildlife within one year preceding the date of application;
  4. The applicant failed to submit a renewal application postmarked before the expiration date of the guide license; or
  5. The applicant failed to submit the annual report for the preceding license year by January 10 of the following license year.
- K. A person may apply for a guide license by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any

Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). A guide license applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:

1. The applicant's personal information:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth,
    - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
    - d. Social Security Number or Department identification number;
    - e. Residency status;
    - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
    - g. Physical address;
    - h. Telephone number, when available;
    - i. E-mail address, when available;
    - j. Type of guide license sought; and
    - k. Calendar year for which the application is made;
  2. The outfitting or guide:
    - a. Business name; and
    - b. Business address, as applicable;
  3. Responses to questions relating to criminal violations;
  4. Affirmation that:
    - a. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements prescribed under this Section; and
    - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate;
  5. Applicant's signature and date.
- L. In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (K), an applicant for a guide license shall also submit the following documents at the time of application for an original or renewal of a guide license:
1. Proof of the successful completion of the guide examination required under subsection (H). The applicant must successfully complete the examination within the twelve months immediately preceding the date of application.
  2. One of the following as proof of the applicant's identity:
    - a. Valid U.S. passport;
    - b. Original or certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate;
    - c. Original or copy of a valid government-issued driver's license; or
    - d. Original or copy of a valid government-issued identification card.
- M. All information and documentation provided by the guide license applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- N. An applicant for a guide license shall pay all applicable fees required under R12-4-102 upon approval of an initial or renewal application for a guide license.
- O. The Department shall deny a guide license when the applicant:
1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-362,
  2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section,
  3. Provides false information during the application process,
  4. Fails to provide the annual report required under subsection (R) by January 10, or
  5. Provides false information in the annual report required under subsection (R) within three years immediately preceding the date of application.
- P. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- Q. A guide license holder may submit an application for renewal of a guide license after December 1 of the year it was issued. The Department shall not start the substantive review, as defined under A.R.S. § 41-1072, before January 10 of the following license year, unless the Department receives the annual report prior to the date established

under subsection (R). The current guide license shall remain valid pending a Department decision on the application for renewal, provided:

1. The application for renewal is submitted to the Department by December 31, and
  2. The Department receives the annual report submitted in compliance with subsection (R).
- R. A guide license holder shall submit to the Department the annual report required under A.R.S. § 17-362(C) for the previous calendar year before January 10 of the following license year. The report form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office or online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).
1. A report is required whether or not the license holder performed any guiding activities.
  2. The annual report shall include all of the following information, as applicable:
    - a. License holder's personal information:
      - i. Name;
      - ii. Guide license number; and
      - iii. E-mail address, when available; and
    - b. Client's personal information:
      - i. Name;
      - ii. Mailing address, and
      - iii. Arizona license, tag and permit numbers, and
    - c. Dates guiding activities were conducted;
    - d. Number and species of wildlife taken by the clients;
    - e. Game management unit or body of water where guiding activities took place;
    - f. Affirmation that the information provided in the annual report is true and accurate; and
    - g. License holder's signature and date.
  3. The Department shall not renew a guide license if the annual report is not submitted to the Department by January 10 of the following license year.
- S. The date of receipt for the items required under subsections (K), (L), (Q), and (R) shall be as follows:
1. The date a person presents the items to a Department office;
  2. The date a private express mail carrier receives the package containing the items as indicated on the shipping package; or
  3. The date of the United States Postal Service postmark stamped on the envelope containing the items.
- T. While performing guide activities or providing guide services, a guide license holder shall:
1. Possess a valid guide license.
  2. Possess a valid Arizona hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license, as applicable under subsection (F)(2).
  3. Present the license for inspection upon the request of any peace officer, wildlife manager, or game ranger.
  4. Report any violation of a federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule personally witnessed by the guide license holder.
- U. A guide license holder shall not:
1. Use, or allow another person to use, any method or device prohibited under any federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule while taking wildlife.
  2. Aid, counsel, agree to aid, or attempt to aid another person in planning or engaging in conduct that results in a violation of any federal or state wildlife regulation, law, or rule while taking wildlife.
  3. Pursue any wildlife or hold at bay any wildlife for a person unless that person is present during the pursuit to take the wildlife.
    - a. The person shall be continuously present during the entire pursuit of that specific target animal.
    - b. If dogs are used, the person shall be present when the dogs are released on a specific target animal and shall be continuously present for the remainder of the pursuit.

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4. Hold wildlife at bay other than during daylight hours, unless a Commission Order authorizes the take of the species at night.
  - V. As authorized under A.R.S. § 17-362(A), the Commission may revoke or suspend a guide license when any one or more of the following actions occur:
    1. The guide license holder failed to comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Title 17 or was convicted of violating any provision of A.R.S. Title 17.
    2. The guide license holder was convicted of a felony violation of any federal wildlife law;
    3. The guide license holder was convicted of a violation listed under A.R.S. § 17-309(D);
    4. The guide license holder was convicted of a violation of a federal or state wildlife law for which a license to take wildlife may be revoked or suspended; or
    5. The guide license holder's privilege to take or possess wildlife is suspended or revoked by any jurisdiction for violation of a federal or state wildlife law.
- b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate, and
  3. Applicant's signature and date.
  4. The certification portion of the application shall be completed by a healthcare provider. The healthcare provider shall:
    - a. Certify the applicant has one or more of the following physical limitations:
      - i. An amputation involving body extremities required for stable function to use conventional archery equipment;
      - ii. A spinal cord injury resulting in a disability to the lower extremities, leaving the applicant nonambulatory;
      - iii. A wheelchair restriction;
      - iv. A neuromuscular condition that prevents the applicant from drawing and holding a bow;
      - v. A failed functional draw test that equals 30 pounds of resistance and involves holding it for four seconds;
      - vi. A failed manual muscle test involving the grading of shoulder and elbow flexion and extension or an impaired range-of-motion test involving the shoulder or elbow; or
      - vii. A combination of comparable physical disabilities resulting in the applicant's inability to draw and hold a bow.
    - b. Indicate whether the disability is temporary or permanent and, when temporary, specify the expected duration of the physical limitation; and
    - c. Provide the healthcare provider's:
      - i. Typed or printed name,
      - ii. License number,
      - iii. Business address,
      - iv. Telephone number, and
      - v. Signature and date;
  5. A person who holds a valid Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) and who is applying for a crossbow permit is exempt from the requirements of subsection (E)(4) and shall indicate "CHAMP" in the space provided for the medical certification on the crossbow permit application

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### Crossbow Permit

- A. For the purposes of this Section, "healthcare provider" means a person who is licensed to practice by the federal government, any state, or U.S. territory with one of the following credentials:  
Medical Doctor,  
Doctor of Osteopathy,  
Doctor of Chiropractic,  
Nurse Practitioner, or  
Physician Assistant.
- B. A crossbow permit allows a person to use a crossbow, or any bow to be drawn and held with an assisting device, during an archery-only season, as prescribed under R12-4-318, when authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted.
- C. The crossbow permit does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement. The permit holder shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements.
- D. The crossbow permit does not expire, unless:
  1. The medical certification portion of the application indicates the person has a temporary physical disability; then the crossbow permit shall be valid only for the period of time indicated on the crossbow permit as specified by the healthcare provider,
  2. The permit holder no longer meets the criteria for obtaining the crossbow permit, or
  3. The Commission revokes the person's hunting privileges under A.R.S. § 17-340. A person whose crossbow permit is revoked by the Commission may petition the Commission for a rehearing as established under R12-4-607.
- E. An applicant for a crossbow permit shall apply by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). A crossbow permit applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
  1. The applicant's:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth;
    - c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
    - d. Department identification number, when applicable;
    - e. Residency status;
    - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
    - g. Physical address;
    - h. Telephone number, when available; and
    - i. E-mail address, when available;
  2. Affirmation that:
    - a. The applicant meets the requirements of this Section, and

## R12-4-217

### Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP)

- A. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:  
"Healthcare provider" means a person who is licensed to practice by the federal government, any state, or U.S. territory with one of the following credentials:  
Medical Doctor,  
Doctor of Osteopathy,  
Doctor of Chiropractic,  
Nurse Practitioner, or  
Physician Assistant.  
"Severe permanent disability" means one or more permanent physical or mental disabilities resulting from amputation, arthritis, autism, blindness, burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, intellectual disability, muscular dystrophy, musculoskeletal disorders, neurological disorders, paraplegia, pulmonary disorders, quadriplegia and other spinal cord conditions, sickle cell anemia, and end stage renal disease or a combination of permanent disabilities resulting in comparable substantial functional limitations.
- B. The Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) allows a person with a severe permanent disability to perform one or more of the following activities:
  1. Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a motor vehicle if, under existing conditions:
    - a. The discharge is otherwise lawful;
    - b. The motor vehicle is not in motion;
    - c. The motor vehicle is not on any road, as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101; and
    - d. The motor vehicle's engine is turned off.
  2. Discharge a firearm or other legal hunting device from a watercraft, as defined under R12-4-501; provided the motor is turned off, the sail furled, or both; and progress has ceased.
    - a. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or propelled by paddle, oars, or pole.
    - b. A person may use a watercraft under power to retrieve dead or wounded wildlife.
    - c. For the purposes of this subsection, "watercraft" does not include a sinkbox.
  3. Use off-road locations in a motor vehicle if use is not in conflict with federal or state statutes or regulations or local ordinances or regulations and the motor vehicle is used as a place to wait for game. A person shall not use a motor vehicle to chase or pursue game.
  4. Designate an assistant to track and dispatch a wounded animal, and to retrieve the animal, in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
- C. The CHAMP holder shall comply with all applicable regulatory requirements. A CHAMP does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement.
- D. The CHAMP does not expire, unless:
  1. The permit holder no longer meets the criteria for obtaining the CHAMP, or
  2. The Commission revokes the person's hunting privileges under A.R.S. § 17-340. A person whose CHAMP is revoked by the Commission may petition the Commission for a rehearing as established under R12-4-607.
- E. An applicant for a CHAMP shall apply by submitting an application to the Department. The application form is furnished by the Department and is available from any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The CHAMP applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:
  1. The applicant's:
    - a. Name;
    - b. Date of birth;

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- c. Physical description, to include the applicant's eye color, hair color, height, and weight;
- d. Department identification number, when applicable;
- e. Residency status;
- f. Mailing address, when applicable;
- g. Physical address;
- h. Telephone number, when available; and
- i. E-mail address, when available;
- 2. Affirmation that:
  - a. The applicant meets the requirements of this Section, and
  - b. The information provided on the application is true and accurate, and
- 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- 4. The certification portion of the application shall be completed by a healthcare provider. The healthcare provider shall:
  - a. Certify the applicant is a person with a severe permanent disability as defined under subsection (A), and
  - b. Provide the healthcare provider's:
    - i. Typed or printed name,
    - ii. Business address,
    - iii. Telephone number, and
    - iv. Signature and date;
- F. All information and documentation provided by the applicant is subject to Department verification. The Department shall return the original or certified copy of a document to the applicant after verification.
- G. The applicant claiming a severe permanent disability is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical documentation, re-evaluation of the information, or a second medical opinion.
- H. The Department shall deny a CHAMP when the applicant:
  - 1. Fails to meet the criteria prescribed under this Section,
  - 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
  - 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- I. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant stating the reason for the denial. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed in A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- J. When acting under the authority of the CHAMP, the permit holder shall possess and exhibit the permit upon request to any peace officer, wildlife manager, or game ranger.
- K. The CHAMP holder shall ensure the CHAMP vehicle placard, issued with the CHAMP, is visibly displayed on the motor vehicle or watercraft when in use.
- L. The Department shall provide a CHAMP holder with a dispatch permit that allows the CHAMP holder to designate a licensed hunter as an assistant to:
  - 1. Dispatch and retrieve an animal wounded by the CHAMP holder, or
  - 2. Retrieve wildlife killed by the CHAMP holder.
- M. The CHAMP holder shall:
  - 1. Designate an assistant only after the animal is wounded or killed.
  - 2. Ensure the designation on the dispatch permit is in ink and includes a:
    - a. A description of the animal,
    - b. The assistant's name and valid Arizona hunting license number,
    - c. The date and time the animal was wounded or killed, and
  - 3. Ensure compliance with all of the following requirements:
    - a. The site where the animal is wounded and the location from which tracking begins are marked so they can be identified later.
    - b. The assistant possesses the dispatch permit and a valid hunting license while tracking and dispatching the wounded animal. When acting under the authority of the dispatch permit, the assistant shall possess and exhibit the dispatch permit and

hunting license upon request to any peace officer, wildlife manager, or game ranger.

- c. The CHAMP holder is in the field while the assistant is tracking and dispatching the wounded animal.
- d. The assistant does not transfer the dispatch permit to anyone except that the dispatch permit may be transferred back to the CHAMP holder.
- e. Dispatch is made by a method that is lawful for the take of the particular animal in the particular season in accordance with requirements established under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
- f. The assistant attaches the dispatch permit to the carcass of the animal and returns the carcass to the CHAMP holder, and the tag of the CHAMP holder is affixed to the carcass.
- g. If the assistant is unsuccessful in locating and dispatching the wounded animal, the assistant returns the dispatch permit to the CHAMP holders. The CHAMP holder shall strike the name and authorization of the assistant from the dispatch permit.
- N. A dispatch permit may not be reused when all spaces for designation of an assistant are filled or the dispatch permit is attached to a carcass. The CHAMP holder may request another dispatch permit from the Department if:
  - 1. All spaces for assistants are filled,
  - 2. The dispatch permit is lost, or
  - 3. When the CHAMP holder needs another dispatch permit for another big game hunt.
- O. A CHAMP holder shall not:
  - 1. Transfer the permit to another person, or
  - 2. Allow another person to use or possess the permit.

## R12-4-301

### Definitions

In addition to the definitions provided under A.R.S. § 17-101, the following definitions apply to this Article unless otherwise specified:

- "Administer" means to pursue, capture, or otherwise restrain wildlife in order to directly apply a drug to wildlife by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other means.
- "Aircraft" means any contrivance used for flight in the air or any lighter-than-air contrivance.
- "Artificial lures and flies" means man-made devices intended as visual attractants for fish and does not include living or dead organisms or edible parts of those organisms, natural or prepared food stuffs, artificial salmon eggs, artificial corn, or artificial marshmallows.
- "Barbless hook" means any fishhook manufactured without barbs or on which the barbs have been completely closed or removed.
- "Body-gripping trap" means a device designed to capture an animal by gripping the animal's body.
- "Cervid" means any member of the deer family (Cervidae); which includes caribou, elk, moose, mule deer, reindeer, wapiti, and whitetail deer.
- "Confinement trap" means a device designed to capture wildlife alive and hold it without harm.
- "Crayfish net" means a net that does not exceed 36 inches on a side or in diameter and is retrieved by means of a hand-held line.
- "Dip net" means any net, excluding the handle, that is no greater than 3 feet in the greatest dimension, that is hand-held, non-motorized, and the motion of the net is caused by the physical effort of the individual.
- "Drug" means any chemical substance, other than food or mineral supplements, which affects the structure or biological function of wildlife.
- "Evidence of legality" means the wildlife is accompanied by the applicable license, tag, stamp, or permit required by law and is identifiable as the "legal wildlife" prescribed by Commission Order, which may

include evidence of species, gender, antler or horn growth, maturity and size.

"Foothold trap" means a device designed to capture an animal by the leg or foot.

"Instant kill trap" means a device designed to render an animal unconscious and insensitive to pain quickly with inevitable subsidence into death without recovery of consciousness.

"Land set" means any trap used on land rather than in water.

"Minnow trap" means a trap with dimensions that do not exceed 12 inches in depth, 12 inches in width and 24 inches in length.

"Muzzleloading handgun" means a firearm intended to be fired from the hand, incapable of firing fixed ammunition, having a single barrel, and loaded through the muzzle with black powder or synthetic black powder and a single projectile.

"Muzzleloading rifle" means a firearm intended to be fired from the shoulder, incapable of firing fixed ammunition, having a single barrel and single chamber, and loaded through the muzzle with black powder or synthetic black powder and a single projectile.

"Nonprofit organization" means an organization that is recognized as nonprofit under Section 501(c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

"Paste-type bait" means a partially liquefied substance used as a lure for animals.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, non-governmental organization or club, licensed animal shelter, government entity other than the Department, and any officer, employee, volunteer, member, or agent of a person.

"Pre-charged pneumatic weapon" means an air gun or pneumatic weapon that is charged from an external high compression source such as an air compressor, air tank, or external hand pump.

"Sight-exposed bait" means a carcass or parts of a carcass lying openly on the ground or suspended in a manner so that it can be seen from above by a bird. This does not include a trap flag, dried or bleached bone with no attached tissue, or less than two ounces of paste-type bait.

"Simultaneous fishing" means taking fish by using two lines and not more than two hooks or two artificial lures or flies per line.

"Sinkbox" means a low floating device with a depression that affords a hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.

"Trap flag" means an attractant made from materials other than animal parts that is suspended at least three feet above the ground.

"Water set" means any trap used and anchored in water rather than on land.

## R12-4-302

### Use of Tags

- A. In addition to meeting requirements prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-331, an individual who takes wildlife shall have in possession any tag required for the particular season or hunt area.
- B. A tag obtained in violation of statute or rule is invalid and shall not be used to take, transport, or possess wildlife.
- C. An individual who lawfully possesses both a nonpermit-tag and a hunt permit-tag shall not take a genus or species in excess of the bag limit established by Commission Order for that genus or species.
- D. An individual shall:
  - 1. Take and tag only the wildlife identified on the tag; and
  - 2. Use a tag only in the season and hunt for which the tag is valid, as specified by Commission Order.
- E. Except as permitted under R12-4-217, an individual shall not:
  - 1. Allow their tag to be attached to wildlife killed by another individual,

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2. Allow their tag to be possessed by another individual who is in a hunt area,
  3. Attach their tag to wildlife killed by another individual,
  4. Attach a tag issued to another individual to wildlife, or
  5. Possess a tag issued to another individual while in a hunt area.
- F. Except as permitted under R12-4-217, immediately after an individual kills wildlife, the individual shall attach the tag to the wildlife carcass in the manner indicated on the tag.
- G. An individual who lawfully takes wildlife with a valid tag and authorizes another individual to possess, transport, or ship the tagged portion of the carcass shall complete the Transportation and Shipping Permit portion of the original tag authorizing the take of that animal.
- H. If a tag is cut, notched, mutilated, or the Transportation and Shipping Permit portion of the tag is signed or filled out, the tag is no longer valid for the take of wildlife.

## R12-4-303

### Unlawful Devices, Methods, and Ammunition

- A. In addition to the prohibitions prescribed under A.R.S. §§ 17-301 and 17-309, the following devices, methods, and ammunition are unlawful for taking any wildlife in this state:
1. An individual shall not use any of the following to take wildlife:
    - a. Fully automatic firearms, including firearms capable of selective automatic fire; or
    - b. Tracer, armor-piercing, or full-jacketed ammunition designed for military use.
  2. An individual shall not use or possess any of the following while taking wildlife:
    - a. Poisoned projectiles or projectiles that contain explosives;
    - b. Pitfalls of greater than 5-gallon size, explosives, poisons, or stupefying substances, except as permitted under A.R.S. § 17-239 or as allowed by a scientific collecting permit issued under A.R.S. § 17-238;
    - c. Any lure, attractant, or cover scent containing any cervid urine; or
    - d. Electronic night vision equipment, electronically enhanced light-gathering devices, thermal imaging devices or laser sights; except for devices such as laser range finders, scopes with self-illuminating reticles, and fiber optic sights with self-illuminating sights or pins that do not project a visible light onto an animal.
  3. An individual shall not:
    - a. Hold wildlife at bay other than during daylight hours, unless authorized by Commission Order.
    - b. Injure, confine, or place a tracking device in or on wildlife for the purpose of aiding another individual to take wildlife.
    - c. Place any substance, device, or object in, on, or by any water source to prevent wildlife from using that water source.
    - d. Place any substance in a manner intended to attract bears.
    - e. Use a manual or powered jacking or prying device to take reptiles or amphibians.
    - f. Use dogs to pursue, tree, corner or hold at bay any wildlife for a hunter unless that hunter is present for the entire hunt.
    - g. Take migratory game birds, except Eurasian Collared-doves, using a shotgun larger than 10 gauge, a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the shotgun so that its total capacity does not exceed three shells, electronically amplified bird calls, or baits, as prohibited under 50 CFR 20.21, revised October 1, 2009. The material incorporated by reference

in this Section does not include any later amendments or editions. The incorporated material is available at any Department office, online from the Government Printing Office web site [www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov), or may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 N. Capitol St. N.W., Stop IDCC, Washington, D.C. 20401.

- h. Discharge a pneumatic weapon .30 caliber or larger while taking wildlife within one-fourth mile of an occupied farmhouse or other residence, cabin, lodge or building without permission of the owner or resident.
  4. An individual shall not use edible or ingestible substances to aid in taking big game. The use of edible or ingestible substances to aid in taking big game is unlawful when:
    - a. An individual places edible or ingestible substances for the purpose of attracting or taking big game, or
    - b. An individual knowingly takes big game with the aid of edible or ingestible substances placed for the purpose of attracting wildlife to a specific location.
  5. Subsection (A)(4) does not limit Department employees or Department agents in the performance of their official duties.
  6. For the purposes of subsection (A)(4), edible or ingestible substances do not include any of the following:
    - a. Water.
    - b. Salt.
    - c. Salt-based materials produced and manufactured for the livestock industry.
    - d. Nutritional supplements produced and manufactured for the livestock industry and placed during the course of livestock or agricultural operations.
- B. Wildlife taken in violation of this Section is unlawfully taken.
- C. This Section does not apply to any activity allowed under A.R.S. § 17-302, to an individual acting within the scope of their official duties as an employee of the state or United States, or as authorized by the Department.

## R12-4-304

### Lawful Methods for Taking Wild Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles

- A. An individual may only use the following methods to take big game when authorized by Commission Order and subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318.
1. To take antelope:
    - a. Centerfire rifles;
    - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
    - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - d. Centerfire handguns;
    - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
    - g. Pre-charged pneumatic weapons .35 caliber or larger;
    - h. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
    - i. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(1)(h) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
  2. To take bear:
    - a. Centerfire rifles;
    - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
    - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - d. Centerfire handguns;

- e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Pre-charged pneumatic weapons .35 caliber or larger;
  - h. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - i. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(2)(h) to be drawn and held with an assisting device; and
  - j. Pursuit with dogs only between August 1 and December 31, provided the individual shall immediately kill or release the bear after it is treed, cornered, or held at bay. For the purpose of this subsection, "release" means the individual removes the dogs from the area so the bear can escape on its own after it is treed, cornered, or held at bay.
3. To take bighorn sheep:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Pre-charged pneumatic weapons .35 caliber or larger;
  - h. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
  - i. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(3)(h) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
4. To take buffalo:
- a. State-wide, except for the game management units identified under subsection (A)(4)(b):
    - i. Centerfire rifles;
    - ii. Muzzleloading rifles;
    - iii. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - iv. Centerfire handguns no less than .41 Magnum or centerfire handguns with an overall cartridge length of no less than two inches;
    - v. Bows with a standard pull of 40 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads of no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
    - vi. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(4)(a)(v) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
  - b. In game management units 5A and 5B:
    - i. Centerfire rifles,
    - ii. Muzzleloading rifles, and
    - iii. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder.
5. To take deer:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;

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- f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Pre-charged pneumatic weapons .35 caliber or larger;
  - h. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
  - i. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(5)(h) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
6. To take elk:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(6)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
7. To take javelina:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Pre-charged pneumatic weapons .35 caliber or larger;
  - h. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - i. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(7)(h) to be drawn and held with an assisting device;
  - j. .22 rimfire magnum rifles; and
  - k. 5 mm rimfire magnum rifles.
8. To take mountain lion:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs or shot;
  - g. Pre-charged pneumatic weapons .35 caliber or larger;
  - h. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - i. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(8)(h) to be drawn and held with an assisting device;
  - j. Artificial light, during seasons with day-long hours, provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail; and
- k. Pursuit with dogs, provided the individual shall immediately kill or release the mountain lion after it is treed, cornered, or held at bay. For the purpose of this subsection, "release" means the individual removes the dogs from the area so the mountain lion can escape on its own after it is treed, cornered, or held at bay.
9. To take turkey:
- a. Shotguns shooting shot;
  - b. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
  - c. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(9)(b) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
- B. An individual may only use the following methods to take small game, when authorized by Commission Order and subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318.
- 1. To take cottontail rabbits and tree squirrels:
    - a. Firearms;
    - b. Bow and arrow;
    - c. Crossbow;
    - d. Pneumatic weapons;
    - e. Slingshots;
    - f. Hand-held projectiles;
    - g. Falconry; and
    - h. Dogs.
  - 2. To take all upland game birds and Eurasian Collared-doves:
    - a. Bow and arrow;
    - b. Falconry;
    - c. Pneumatic weapons;
    - d. Shotguns shooting shot, only;
    - e. Handguns shooting shot, only;
    - f. Crossbow;
    - g. Slingshot;
    - h. Hand-held projectiles; and
    - i. Dogs.
  - 3. To take migratory game birds, except Eurasian Collared-doves:
    - a. Bow and arrow;
    - b. Crossbow;
    - c. Falconry;
    - d. Dogs;
    - e. Shotguns shooting shot:
      - i. Ten gauge or smaller, except that lead shot shall not be used or possessed while taking ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, common moorhens, or coots; and
      - ii. Incapable of holding more than a total of three shells, as prescribed under 50 CFR 20.21, published October 1, 2009. The material incorporated by reference in this subsection does not include any later amendments or editions. The material is available at any Department office, online from the Government Printing Office web site [www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov), or may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 N. Capitol St. N.W., Stop: IDCC, Washington, D.C. 20401.
- C. An individual may take waterfowl from any watercraft, except a sinkbox, subject to the following conditions:
- 1. The motor is shut off, the sail is furled, as applicable, and any progress from a motor or sail has ceased;
  - 2. The watercraft may be:
    - a. Adrift as a result of current or wind action;
    - b. Beached;
    - c. Moored;
    - d. Resting at anchor; or
    - e. Propelled by paddle, oars, or pole; and
3. The individual may only use the watercraft under power to retrieve dead or crippled waterfowl; shooting is prohibited while the watercraft is underway.
- D. An individual may take predatory and furbearing animals by using the following methods, when authorized by Commission Order and subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318:
- 1. Firearms;
  - 2. Pre-charged pneumatic weapons .22 caliber or larger;
  - 3. Bow and arrow;
  - 4. Crossbow;
  - 5. Traps not prohibited under R12-4-307;
  - 6. Artificial light while taking raccoon provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail;
  - 7. Artificial light while taking coyote during seasons with day-long hours, provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail; and
  - 8. Dogs.
- E. An individual may take nongame mammals and birds by any method authorized by Commission Order and not prohibited under R12-4-303 or R12-4-318, subject to the following restrictions. An individual:
- 1. Shall not take nongame mammals and birds using foothold traps;
  - 2. Shall check pitfall traps of any size daily, release non-target species, remove pitfalls when no longer in use, and fill any holes;
  - 3. Shall not use firearms at night; and
  - 4. May use artificial light while taking nongame mammals and birds, if the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail.
- F. An individual may take reptiles by any method not prohibited under R12-4-303 or R12-4-318 subject to the following restrictions. An individual:
- 1. Shall check pitfall traps of any size daily, release non-target species, remove pitfalls when no longer in use, and fill any holes;
  - 2. Shall not use firearms at night; and
  - 3. May use artificial light while taking reptiles provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail.

## R12-4-305

### Possessing, Transporting, Importing, Exporting, and Selling Carcasses or Parts of Wildlife

- A. An individual shall ensure that evidence of legality remains with the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wild mammal, bird, or reptile that the individual possesses, transports, or imports until arrival at the individual's permanent abode, a commercial processing plant, or the place where the wildlife is to be consumed.
- B. In addition to the requirement in subsection (A), an individual possessing or transporting the following wildlife shall ensure each:
- 1. Big game animal, sandhill crane, and pheasant has the required valid tag attached as prescribed under R12-4-302;
  - 2. Migratory game bird, except sandhill cranes, has one fully feathered wing attached;

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3. Sandhill crane has either the fully feathered head or one fully feathered wing attached; and
4. Quail has attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached, when the current Commission Order has established separate bag or possession limits for any species of quail.
- C. An individual who has lawfully taken wildlife that requires a valid tag when prescribed by the Commission may authorize its transportation or shipment by completing and signing the Transportation and Shipping Permit portion of the valid tag for that animal. A separate Transportation and Shipping Permit issued by the Department is necessary to transport or ship to another state or country any big game taken with a resident license. Under A.R.S. § 17-372(B), an individual may ship other lawfully taken wildlife by common carrier after obtaining a valid Transportation and Shipping Permit issued by the Department. The individual shall provide the following information on the permit form:
  1. Number and description of the wildlife to be transported or shipped;
  2. Name, address, license number, and license class of the individual who took the wildlife;
  3. Tag number;
  4. Name and address of the individual receiving a portion of the carcass of the wildlife as authorized under subsection (D), if applicable;
  5. Address of destination where the wildlife is to be transported or shipped; and
  6. Name and address of transporter or shipper.
- D. An individual who lawfully takes wildlife under a tag may authorize another individual to possess the head or carcass of the wildlife by separating and attaching the tag as prescribed under R12-4-302.
- E. An individual who receives a portion of the wildlife shall provide the identity of the individual who took and gave the portion of the wildlife.
- F. An individual shall not possess the horns of a bighorn sheep, taken by a hunter in this state, unless the horns are marked or sealed as prescribed under R12-4-308.
- G. Except as provided under R12-4-307, before an individual may sell, offer for sale, or export the raw pelt or unskinned carcass of a bobcat taken in this state the individual shall:
  1. Present the bobcat for inspection at any Department office, and
  2. Purchase a bobcat seal by paying the fee established under R12-4-102 at any Department office or other location as determined and published by the Department. Department personnel or an authorized agent shall attach and lock the bobcat seal only to a pelt or unskinned carcass presented with a validated transportation tag.
- H. An individual who takes bear or mountain lion under A.R.S. § 17-302 during a closed season may retain the carcass of the wildlife if the individual has a valid hunting license and the carcass is immediately tagged with a nonpermit-tag as required under R12-4-114 and R12-4-302, unless the individual has already taken the applicable bag limit for that big game animal. An animal retained under this subsection shall count towards the applicable bag limit for bear or mountain lion as authorized by Commission Order. The individual shall comply with inspection and reporting requirements established under R12-4-308.
- I. An individual may possess, transport, or import only the following portions of a cervid lawfully taken in another state or country:
  1. Boneless portions of meat, or meat that has been cut and packaged;
  2. Clean hides and capes with no skull or soft tissue attached, except as required for proof of legality;
  3. Clean skulls with antlers, clean skull plates, or antlers with no meat or soft tissue attached;
  4. Finished taxidermy mounts or products; and
  5. Upper canine teeth with no meat or tissue attached.
- J. A private game farm license holder may transport a cervid lawfully killed or slaughtered at the license holder's game farm to a licensed meat processor.
- K. An individual may possess or transport only the following portions of a cervid lawfully killed or slaughtered at a private game farm authorized under R12-4-413:
  1. Boneless portions of meat, or meat that has been cut and packaged;
  2. Clean hides and capes with no skull or soft tissue attached;
  3. Clean skulls with antlers, clean skull plates, or antlers with no meat or soft tissue attached;
  4. Finished taxidermy mounts or products; and
  5. Upper canine teeth with no meat or tissue attached.
- L. An individual who obtains buffalo meat as authorized under R12-4-306 may sell the meat.
- M. Except for cervids, which are subject to requirements established under subsections (I), (J), and (K), an individual may import into this state the carcasses or parts of wildlife, including aquatic wildlife, lawfully taken in another state or country if transported and exported in accordance with the laws of the state or country of origin.
- N. An individual in possession of or transporting the carcass of any freshwater fish taken within this state shall ensure that the head, tail, or skin is attached so that the species can be identified, numbers counted, and any required length determined.
- O. An individual shall not transport live crayfish from the site where taken, except as permitted under R12-4-316.
- P. An individual in possession of a carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), buffalofish (*Ictiobus* spp.), or crayfish (families Astacidae, Cambaridae, and Parastacidae) carcass taken under Commission Order may sell the carcass.

## R12-4-306

### Buffalo Hunt Requirements

- A. When authorized by Commission Order, the Department shall conduct a hunt to harvest buffalo from the state's buffalo herds.
- B. A hunter with a buffalo permit-tag or nonpermit-tag shall:
  1. Provide a signed written acknowledgment that the hunter received, read, understands, and agrees to comply with the requirements of this Section.
  2. Be accompanied by an authorized Department employee, when required, and
  3. Take only the buffalo designated by the Department employee, when required.
- C. For the House Rock Herd (Units 12A, 12B, and 13A): when required by the Department, a hunter with a nonpermit-tag shall:
  1. Hunt in the order scheduled.
  2. Be accompanied by a Department employee who:
    - a. Shall designate the buffalo to be harvested, and
    - b. May assist in taking the buffalo if the hunter fails to dispatch a wounded buffalo within a reasonable period.
- D. For the Raymond Herd (Units 5A and 5B):
  1. A hunter with a permit-tag shall:
    - a. Hunt in the order scheduled, and
    - b. Be accompanied by an authorized Department employee who:
      - i. Shall designate the buffalo to be harvested, and
      - ii. May assist in taking the buffalo if the hunter fails to dispatch a wounded buffalo within a reasonable period.
  2. When required by the Department, a hunter with a nonpermit-tag shall:
    - a. Hunt in the order scheduled,
    - b. Be accompanied by a Department employee who:
      - i. Shall designate the buffalo to be harvested.
      - ii. May assist in taking the buffalo if the hunter fails to dispatch a wounded buffalo within a reasonable period.
- E. A hunter issued a buffalo permit-tag or non-permit tag shall check out no more than three days after the end of the hunt, regardless of whether the hunter was successful,

unsuccessful, or did not participate in a buffalo hunt.

1. House Rock Herd (Units 12A, 12B, and 13A): a hunter may check out either in person or by telephone at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters, the Jacob Lake Check station when open during deer season, or the Department's Flagstaff regional office.
2. Raymond Herd (Units 5A and 5B):
  - a. A successful hunter shall check out in person at the Raymond Wildlife Area headquarters or the Department's Flagstaff regional office. The hunter shall present the buffalo to the Department for the purpose of gathering biological data.
  - b. An unsuccessful hunter shall check out by telephone at the Raymond Wildlife Area headquarters or the Department's Flagstaff regional office.
3. At the time of check-out, the hunter shall provide all of the following information:
  - a. Hunter's name,
  - b. Hunter's contact number,
  - c. Tag number,
  - d. Sex of buffalo taken,
  - e. Age of the buffalo taken: adult or yearling,
  - f. Number of days hunted, and
  - g. Number of buffalo seen while hunting.
4. When accompanied by an authorized Department employee, the employee shall conduct the check-out at the end of the hunt.
- F. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Section shall result in the invalidation of the hunter's permit-tag or nonpermit-tag, consistent with the written acknowledgment signed and agreed to by the hunter.

## R12-4-307

### Trapping Regulations: Licensing; Methods; Tagging of Bobcat Pelts

- A. An Arizona trapping license permits an individual to trap predatory and fur-bearing animals. The Department shall issue a registration number to a trapper and enter the number on the trapping license at the time the trapper purchases the license. The trapper registration number is not transferable.
- B. A trapping license is required for any individual 14 years of age and older. An individual under the age of 14 is not required to purchase a trapping license, but shall apply for and obtain a registration number.
- C. An individual born on or after January 1, 1967 shall successfully complete a Department-approved trapping education course before applying for a trapping license.
- D. An individual applying for a trapping registration number or trapping license shall pay the applicable fees established under R12-4-102.
- E. An individual applying for a trapping registration number or trapping license shall apply using a form furnished by the Department. The form is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). The individual shall provide all of the following information on the form:
  1. Applicant's:
    - a. Full name, address, and telephone number;
    - b. Date of birth and physical description;
  2. Identification number assigned by the Department;
  3. Category of license:
    - a. Resident,
    - b. Nonresident, or
    - c. Juvenile, and
  4. The applicant's signature.
- F. A trapper may only trap predatory and fur-bearing animals during trapping seasons established by Commission Order.
- G. A trapper shall:
  1. Inspect traps daily;
  2. Kill or release all predatory and fur-bearing animals;
  3. Possess a choke restraint device that enables the trapper to release a javelina from a trap when trapping in a javelina hunt unit, as designated by Commission Order;

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4. Possess a device that is designed or manufactured to restrain a trapped animal while it is being removed from a trap when its release is required by this Section; and
  5. Release, without additional injury, all animals that cannot lawfully be taken by trap.
  6. Subsections (G)(3) and (G)(4) do not apply when the trapper is using a confinement trap.
- H. A trapper shall not:
1. Bait a confinement trap with:
    - a. A live animal;
    - b. Any edible parts of small game, big game, or game fish; or
    - c. Any part of any game bird or nongame bird.
  2. Set any trap within:
    - a. One-half mile of any of the following areas developed for public use:
      - i. Boat launching area,
      - ii. Camping area,
      - iii. Picnic area, or
      - iv. Roadside rest area.
    - b. One-half mile of any occupied residence or building without permission of the owner or resident.
    - c. One-hundred yards of an interstate highway or any other highway maintained by the Arizona Department of Transportation.
    - d. Fifty feet of any trail maintained for public use by a government agency.
    - e. Seventy-five feet of any other road as defined under A.R.S. § 17-101.
    - f. Subsections (H)(2)(b), (H)(2)(c), (H)(2)(d), and (H)(2)(e) do not apply when the trapper is using a confinement trap.
  3. Set a foothold trap within 30 feet of sight-exposed bait.
  4. Use any:
    - a. Body-gripping or other instant kill trap with an open jaw spread that exceeds 5 inches for any land set or 10 inches for any water set;
    - b. Foothold trap with an open jaw spread that exceeds 7 1/2 inches for any water set;
    - c. Snare, unless authorized under subsection (I);
    - d. Trap with an open jaw spread that exceeds 6 1/2 inches for any land set; or
    - e. Trap with teeth.
- I. A trapper who uses a foothold trap to take wildlife with a land set shall use commercially manufactured traps that meet the following specifications:
1. A padded or rubber-jawed trap or an unpadded trap with jaws permanently offset to a minimum of 3/16 inch and a device that allows for pan tension adjustment;
  2. A foothold trap that captures wildlife by means of an enclosed bar or spring designed to prevent the capture of non-targeted wildlife or domestic animals; or
  3. A powered cable device with an inside frame hinge width no wider than 6 inches, a cable loop stop size of at least 2 inches in diameter to prevent capture of small non-target species, and a device that allows for a pan tension adjustment.
- J. A trapper who uses a foothold trap to take wildlife with a land set shall ensure that the trap has an anchor chain equipped with at least two swivels as follows:
1. An anchor chain 12 inches or less in length shall have a swivel attached at each end.
  2. An anchor chain greater than 12 inches in length shall have one swivel attached at the trap and one swivel attached within 12 inches of the trap. The anchor chain shall be equipped with a shock-absorbing spring that requires less than 40 pounds of force to extend or open the spring.
- K. A trapper shall ensure that each trap has either the name and address or the registration number of the trapper marked on a metal tag attached to the trap. The number assigned by the Department is the only acceptable registration number.
- L. A trapper shall immediately attach a valid bobcat transportation tag to the pelt or unskinned carcass of a bobcat taken in this state. The trapper shall validate the transportation tag by providing all of the following information on the bobcat transportation tag:
1. Current trapping license number,
  2. Game management unit where the bobcat was taken,
  3. Sex of the bobcat, and
  4. Method by which the bobcat was taken.
- M. The Department shall provide transportation tags with each trapping license. Additional transportation tags are available at any Department office at no charge.
- N. A trapper shall ensure that all bobcats taken in this state have a bobcat seal attached and locked either through the mouth and an eye opening or through both eye openings no later than 10 days after the close of trapping season.
1. When available, bobcat seals are issued on a first-come, first-served basis at Department offices and other locations at those times and places as determined and published by the Department.
  2. The trapper shall pay the bobcat seal fee established under R12-4-102.
  3. Department personnel or an authorized agent shall attach and lock a bobcat seal only to a pelt or unskinned carcass presented with a validated transportation tag and a complete lower jaw identified with labels provided with the transportation tag. Department personnel or authorized agents shall collect the transportation tags and jaws before attaching the bobcat seal.
- O. Department personnel shall attach a bobcat seal to a bobcat pelt seized under A.R.S. § 17-211(E)(4) before disposal by the Department to the public.
- P. A licensed trapper shall file the annual report prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-361(D).
1. The trapper shall submit the report to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Game Branch, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086 by April 1 of each year.
  2. A report is required even when trapping activities were not conducted. The report form is available at any Department office and online at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).
  3. The Department shall deny a trapping license to any trapper who fails to submit an annual report until the trapper complies with reporting requirements.
- Q. Persons suffering property loss or damage due to wildlife and who take responsive measures as permitted under A.R.S. §§ 17-239 and 17-302 are exempt from this Section. This exemption does not authorize any form of trapping prohibited under A.R.S. § 17-301.
- ## R12-4-308 Wildlife Inspections, Check Stations, and Roadblocks
- A. The Department has the authority to establish mandatory wildlife check stations.
1. The Department shall publish in the Commission Order establishing the season the:
    - a. Location,
    - b. Check in requirements, and
    - c. Check-out requirements for that specific season.
  2. The Department shall ensure a wildlife check station with a published:
    - a. Check in requirement is open:
      - i. 8:00 a.m. the day before the season until 8:00 p.m. the first day of the season, and
      - ii. 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during each day of the season.
    - b. Check-out requirement is open:
      - i. 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during each day of the season, and
      - ii. Until 12:00 noon on the day after the close of the season.
3. A hunter shall:
- a. Check in at a wildlife check station in person before hunting when the Department includes a check in requirement in the Commission Order for that season;
  - b. Check out at a wildlife check station in person after hunting when the Department includes a check-out requirement in the Commission Order for that season and shall:
    - i. Present for inspection any wildlife taken;
    - ii. Display any license, tag, or permit required for taking or transporting wildlife.
- B. The Department may conduct inspections of lawfully taken wildlife at the Department's Phoenix and regional offices or designated locations during the posted business hours
1. A bighorn sheep hunter shall check out either in person or by designee within three days after the close of the season. The hunter or designee shall submit the intact horns and skull for inspection and photographing. A Department representative shall affix a mark or seal to one horn of each bighorn sheep lawfully taken under Commission Order. It is unlawful for any person to remove, alter, or obliterate the mark or seal.
  2. A successful bear or mountain lion hunter shall:
    - a. Report information about the kill to the Department either in person or by telephone within 48 hours of taking the wildlife. The report shall include the:
      - i. Name of the hunter,
      - ii. Hunter's hunting license number,
      - iii. Sex of the wildlife taken,
      - iv. Management unit where the wildlife was taken,
      - v. Telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information, and
      - vi. Any additional information required by the Department.
    - b. Present either in person or by designee the skull, hide, and attached proof of sex for inspection within 10 days of taking the wildlife. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible.
  3. For seasons other than bear, bighorn sheep, or mountain lion, where a harvest objective is established, a successful hunter shall report information about the kill either in person or by telephone within 48 hours of taking the wildlife. The report shall include the information required under subsection (B)(2)(a).
- C. The Director may establish vehicle roadblocks at specific locations when necessary to ensure compliance with applicable wildlife laws. Any occupant of a vehicle at a roadblock shall, upon request, present for inspection all wildlife in possession, and produce and display any license, tag, stamp, or permit required for taking or transporting wildlife.
- D. This Section does not limit the game ranger or wildlife manager's authority to conduct stops, searches, and inspections authorized under A.R.S. §§ 17-211(E), 17-250(A)(4), and 17-331, or to establish voluntary wildlife survey stations to gather biological information.
- ## R12-4-318 Seasons for Lawfully Taking Wild Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles
- A. Methods of lawfully taking wild mammals, birds, and reptiles during seasons designated by Commission Order as "general" seasons are designated under R12-4-304.
- B. Methods of lawfully taking big game during seasons designated by Commission Order as "special" are designated under R12-4-304. "Special" seasons are open only to a person who possesses a special big game license tag authorized under A.R.S. § 17-346 and R12-4-120.

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- C. When designated by Commission Order, the following seasons have specific requirements and lawful methods of take more restrictive than those for general and special seasons, as prescribed under this Section. While taking the species authorized by the season, a person participating in:
1. A "CHAMP" season shall be a challenged hunter access/mobility permit holder as established under R12-4-217.
  2. A "youth-only hunt" shall be under the age of 18. A youth hunter whose 18th birthday occurs during a "youth-only hunt" for which the youth hunter has a valid permit or tag may continue to participate for the duration of that "youth-only hunt."
  3. A "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue bears, mountain lions, or raccoons as designated by Commission Order, but shall not kill or capture the quarry. A person participating in a "pursuit-only" season shall possess and, at the request of Department personnel, produce an appropriate and valid hunting license and any required tag for taking the animal pursued, even though there shall be no kill.
  4. A "restricted season" may use any lawful method authorized for a specific species under R12-4-304, except dogs may not be used to pursue the wildlife for which the season was established.
  5. An "archery-only" season shall not use any other weapons, including crossbows or bows with a device that holds the bow in a drawn position except as authorized under R12-4-216. A person participating in an "archery-only" season may use one or more of the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
    - a. Bows and arrows, and
    - b. Falconry.
  6. A "handgun, archery, and muzzleloader (HAM)" season may use one or more of the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
    - a. Bows and arrows,
    - b. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
    - c. Handguns, and
    - d. Muzzle-loading rifles as defined under R12-4-301.
  7. A "muzzleloader" season may use one or more of the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
    - a. Bows and arrows;
    - b. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device; and
    - c. Muzzleloading rifles or handguns, as defined under R12-4-301.
  8. A "limited weapon" season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
    - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
    - b. Bows and arrows,
    - c. Capture by hand,
    - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
    - e. Dogs,
    - f. Falconry,
    - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
    - h. Nets,
    - i. Pneumatic weapons discharging a single projectile .25 caliber or smaller, or
    - j. Slingshots.
  9. A "limited weapon hand or hand-held implement" season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
    - a. Catch-pole,
    - b. Hand,
    - c. Snake hook, or
    - d. Snake tongs.
  10. A "limited weapon-pneumatic" season may use one

or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:

- a. Capture by hand,
  - b. Dogs,
  - c. Falconry,
  - d. Hand-propelled projectiles,
  - e. Nets,
  - f. Pneumatic weapons discharging a single projectile .25 caliber or smaller, or
  - g. Slingshots.
11. A "limited weapon-rimfire" season may only use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
    - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
    - b. Bows and arrows,
    - c. Capture by hand,
    - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
    - e. Dogs,
    - f. Falconry,
    - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
    - h. Nets,
    - i. Pneumatic weapons,
    - j. Rifled firearms using rimfire cartridges,
    - k. Shotgun shooting shot or slug, or
    - l. Slingshots.
  12. A "limited weapon-shotgun" season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
    - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
    - b. Bows and arrows,
    - c. Capture by hand,
    - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
    - e. Dogs,
    - f. Falconry,
    - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
    - h. Nets,
    - i. Pneumatic weapons,
    - j. Shotgun shooting shot or slug, or
    - k. Slingshots.
  13. A "limited weapon-shotgun shooting shot" season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
    - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
    - b. Bows and arrows,
    - c. Capture by hand,
    - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
    - e. Dogs,
    - f. Falconry,
    - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
    - h. Nets,
    - i. Pneumatic weapons,
    - j. Shotgun shooting shot, or
    - k. Slingshots.
  14. A "falconry-only" season shall be a falconer licensed under R12-4-422 unless exempt under A.R.S. § 17-236(C) or R12-4-407. A falconer participating in a "falconry-only" season shall use no other method of take except falconry.
  15. A "raptor capture" season shall be a falconer licensed under R12-4-422 unless exempt under R12-4-407.

## R12-4-319

### Use of Aircraft to Take Wildlife

- A. For the purposes of this Section, "locate" means any act or activity that does not take or harass wildlife and is directed at locating or finding wildlife in a hunt area.

- B. An individual shall not take or assist in taking wildlife from or with the aid of aircraft.

- C. Except in hunt units with Commission-ordered special seasons under R12-4-115 and R12-4-120 and hunt units with seasons only for mountain lion and no other concurrent big game season, an individual shall not locate or assist in locating wildlife from or with the aid of an aircraft in a hunt unit with an open big game season. This restriction begins 48 hours before the opening of a big game season in a hunt unit and extends until the close of the big game season for that hunt unit.
- D. An individual who possesses a special big game license tag for a special season under R12-4-115 or R12-4-120 or an individual who assists or will assist such a licensee shall not use an aircraft to locate wildlife beginning 48 hours before and during a Commission-ordered special season.
- E. This Section does not apply to any individual acting within the scope of official duties as an employee or authorized agent of the state or the United States to manage or protect or aid in the management or protection of land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or crops.

## R12-4-320

### Harassment of Wildlife

- A. In addition to the provisions established under A.R.S. § 17-301, it is unlawful to harass, molest, chase, rally, concentrate, herd, intercept, torment, or drive wildlife with or from any aircraft as defined under R12-4-301, or with or from any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle.
- B. This Section does not apply to individuals acting:
1. In accordance with the provisions established under A.R.S. § 17-239; or
  2. Within the scope of official duties as an employee or authorized agent of the state or the United States to manage or protect or aid in the management or protection of land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or crops.

## R12-4-321

### Restrictions for Taking Wildlife in City, County, or Town Parks and Preserves

- A. All city, county, and town parks and preserves are closed to hunting, unless open by Commission Order.
- B. Unless otherwise provided under Commission Order or rule, a city, county, or town may:
1. Limit or prohibit any individual from hunting or trapping within 1/4 mile of any:
    - a. Developed picnic area,
    - b. Developed campground,
    - c. Boat ramp,
    - d. Shooting range,
    - e. Occupied structure, or
    - f. Golf course.
  2. Require an individual entering a city, county, or town park or preserve, for the purpose of hunting, to declare the individual's intent to hunt when entering the park or preserve, if the park or preserve has an entry station in operation.
  3. Allow an individual to take wildlife in a city, county, or town park or preserve only during the posted park or preserve hours.

## R12-4-322

### Pickup and Possession of Wildlife Carcasses or Parts

- A. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:
1. "Fresh" means the majority of the wildlife carcass or part is not exposed dry bone and is comprised mainly of hair, hide, or flesh.
  2. "Not fresh" means the majority of the wildlife carcass or part is exposed dry bone due to natural processes such as scavenging, decomposition, or weathering.

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- B. If not contrary to federal law or regulation, an individual may pick up and possess naturally shed antlers or horns or other wildlife parts that are not fresh without a permit or inspection by a Department officer.
- C. If not contrary to federal law or regulation, an individual may only pick up and possess a fresh wildlife carcass or its parts under this Section if the individual notifies the Department prior to pick up and possession and:
  - 1. The Department's first report or knowledge of the carcass or its parts is voluntarily provided by the individual wanting to possess the carcass or its parts;
  - 2. A Department law enforcement officer is able to observe the carcass or its parts at the site where the animal was found in the same condition and location as when the animal was originally found by the individual wanting to possess the carcass or its parts; and
  - 3. A Department law enforcement officer, using the officer's education, training, and experience, determines the animal died from natural causes. The Department may require the individual to take the officer to the site where the animal carcass or parts were found when an adequate description or location cannot be provided to the officer.
- D. If a Department law enforcement officer determines that the individual wanting to possess the carcass or its parts is authorized to do so under subsection (C), the officer may authorize possession of the carcass or its parts.
- E. Wildlife parts picked up and possessed from areas under control of jurisdictions that prohibit such activity, such as other states, reservations, or national parks, are illegal to possess in this state.
- F. This Section does not authorize the pickup and possession of a threatened or endangered species carcass or its parts.

## R12-4-609

### Commission Orders

- A. Except as provided in subsection (B):
  - 1. At least 20 calendar days before a meeting where the Commission will consider a Commission Order, the Department shall ensure that a public meeting notice and agenda for the public meeting is posted in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.02. The Department shall also issue a public notice of the recommended Commission Order to print and electronic media at least 20 calendar days before the meeting.
  - 2. The Department shall ensure that the public meeting notice and agenda contains the date, time, and location of the Commission meeting where the Commission Order will be considered and a statement that the public may attend and present written comments at or before the meeting.
  - 3. The Department shall also ensure that the public meeting notice and agenda states that a copy of the proposed Commission Order is available for public inspection at the Department offices in Phoenix, Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, and Mesa 10 calendar days before the meeting. The Commission may make changes to the recommended Commission Order at the Commission meeting.
- B. The requirements of subsection (A) do not apply to Commission orders establishing:
  - 1. Supplemental hunts as prescribed in R12-4-115, and
  - 2. Special seasons for individuals that possess special license tags issued under A.R.S. § 17-346 and R12-4-120.
- C. The Department shall publish the content of all Commission orders and make them available to the public without charge.

## R12-4-801

### Wildlife Areas General Provisions

#### A. Wildlife Areas:

- 1. Wildlife areas shall be established to:
  - a. Provide protective measures for wildlife, habitat, or both;
  - b. Allow for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities that are compatible with wildlife habitat conservation and education;
  - c. Allow for special management or research practices; and
  - d. Enhance wildlife and habitat conservation.
- 2. Wildlife areas shall be:
  - a. Lands owned or, leased, or otherwise managed by the Commission;
  - b. Federally-owned lands of unique wildlife habitat where cooperative agreements provide wildlife management and research implementation; or
  - c. Any lands with property interest conveyed to the Commission by any entity, through an approved land use agreement, including but not limited to deeds, patents, leases, conservation easements, special use permits, licenses, management agreements, inter-agency agreements, letter agreements, and right-of-entry, where the property interest conveyed is sufficient for management of the lands consistent with the objectives of the wildlife area.
- 3. Land qualified for wildlife areas shall be:
  - a. Lands with unique topographic or vegetative characteristics that contribute to wildlife,
  - b. Lands where certain wildlife species are confined because of habitat demands,
  - c. Lands that can be physically managed and modified to attract wildlife, or
  - d. Lands that are identified as critical habitat for certain wildlife species during critical periods of their life cycles.
- 4. The Department may restrict public access to and public use of wildlife areas and the resources of wildlife areas for up to 90 days when necessary to protect property, ensure public safety, or to ensure maximum benefits to wildlife. Closures or restrictions exceeding 90 days shall require Commission approval.
- 5. Closures of all or any part of a wildlife area to public entry, and any restriction to public use of a wildlife area, shall be listed in this Article or shall be clearly posted at each entrance to the wildlife area. No person shall conduct an activity restricted by this Article or by such posting.
- 6. When a wildlife area is posted against travel except on existing roads, no person shall drive a motor-operated vehicle over the countryside except by road.
- 7. The Department may post signs that place additional restrictions on the use of wildlife areas. Such restrictions may include the timing, type, or duration of certain activities, including the prohibition of access or nature of use.
- B. Commission-owned real property other than Wildlife Areas:
  - 1. The Department may take action to manage public access and use of any Commission-owned real property or facilities. Such actions may include restrictions on the timing, type, or duration of certain activities, including the prohibition of access or nature of use.
  - 2. No person shall access or use any Commission-owned real property or facilities in violation of any Department actions authorized under subsection (B)(1), if signs are posted providing notice of the restrictions..

## R12-4-802

### Wildlife Area and Other Department Managed Property Restrictions

#### A. No person shall violate the following restrictions on Wildlife Areas:

- 1. Alamo Wildlife Area (located in Units 16A and 44A):
  - a. Wood collecting limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only.
  - b. Overnight public camping in the wildlife area outside of Alamo State Park allowed for no more than 14 days within a 45-day period.
  - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - d. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
  - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
- 2. Allen Severson Wildlife Area (located in Unit 3B):
  - a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - e. Posted portions closed to discharge of all firearms from April 1 through July 25 annually.
  - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from April 1 through July 25 annually.
- 3. Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (located in Units 31 and 32):
  - a. Access through the Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area within the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness Area is by permit only, available through the Safford Office of the Bureau of Land Management.
  - b. Motorized vehicle travel is not permitted on the wildlife area. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - c. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of all firearms.
- 4. Arlington Wildlife Area (located in Unit 39):
  - a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - e. Target or clay bird shooting permitted in designated areas only.
  - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except:
    - i. Posted portions around Department housing are closed to the discharge of all firearms; and
    - ii. Wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
- 5. Base and Meridian Wildlife Area (located in Units 39, 26M, and 47M):
  - a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel is not permitted on the wildlife area. This subsection does not apply to

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- Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. No target or clay bird shooting.
  - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of rifled firearms.
6. Becker Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No overnight public camping.
    - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - d. The Becker Lake boat launch access road and parking areas along with any other posted portions of the wildlife area will be closed to all public entry from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise daily.
    - e. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
    - f. Posted portions closed to hunting.
    - g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of rifled firearms.
  7. Bog Hole Wildlife Area (located in Unit 35B):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel is not permitted on the wildlife area. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. Open to all hunting in season, by foot access only, as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  8. Chevelon Canyon Ranches Wildlife Area (located in Unit 4A):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads and areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  9. Chevelon Creek Wildlife Area (located in Unit 4B):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads and areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
    - f. Additional posted portions closed to all public entry from October 1 through February 1 annually.
    - g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from October 1 through February 1 annually.
  10. Cibola Valley Conservation and Wildlife Area (located in unit 43A):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated and administrative roads and areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
    - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of rifled firearms.
  11. Clarence May and C.H.M. May Memorial Wildlife Area (located in Unit 29):
    - a. Closed to the discharge of all firearms, except as authorized under subsection (A)(11)(b).
    - b. Closed to hunting, except for predator hunts authorized by Commission Order.
  12. Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area (located in Unit 31):
    - a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.
    - b. Wood collecting limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only.
    - c. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 45-day period.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. Posted portions around Department housing and Pond Three are closed to discharge of all firearms.
    - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
  13. Colorado River Nature Center Wildlife Area (located in Unit 15D):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles, law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. Closed to hunting.
  14. Fool Hollow Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 3C):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. The parking area adjacent to Sixteenth Avenue and other posted portions of the wildlife area will be closed to all public entry daily from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except for anglers possessing a valid fishing license accessing Fool Hollow Lake/Show Low Creek.
    - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  15. House Rock Wildlife Area (located in Unit 12A):
    - a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles, law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
    - c. Members of the public are prohibited from being within 1/4 mile of the House Rock bison herd while on House Rock Wildlife Area, except when taking bison or accompanied by Department personnel.
  16. Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area (located in Unit 3B):
    - a. No open fires.
    - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
    - c. No overnight public camping.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of rimfire and centerfire rifled firearms.
  17. Lamar Haines Wildlife Area (located in Unit 7):
    - a. Wood cutting by permit only and collecting limited to dead and down material, for noncommercial use only. Upon request, a person may obtain a wood cutting permit from the Flagstaff Game and Fish Department regional office.
    - b. No overnight public camping.
    - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - d. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  18. Lower San Pedro River Wildlife Area (located in Units 32 and 37B):
    - a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only. The following acts are prohibited:
      - i. Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire without removing all flammable material from around the fire to adequately prevent the fire from spreading from the fire pit.
      - ii. Carelessly or negligently throwing or placing any ignited substance or other substance that may cause a fire.
      - iii. Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire in any area that is closed to fires.
      - iv. Leaving a fire without completely extinguishing it.
    - b. Wood collecting limited to dead and down material, for onsite noncommercial use only.
    - c. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 45-day period.
    - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
    - e. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
    - f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting.
    - g. Parking allowed within 300 feet of designated open roads and in designated areas only.
    - h. Discharge of a firearm or pre-charged pneumatic weapon prohibited within 1/4 mile of buildings.
    - i. A person shall not use a metal detector or similar device except as authorized by the Department. This subsection does not apply to law enforcement officers in the scope of their official duties, or to persons duly licensed, permitted, or otherwise authorized to investigate historical or cultural artifacts by a government agency with regulatory authority over cultural or historic artifacts.
  19. Luna Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
    - a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement.

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- ment, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- b. Posted portions closed to all public entry from February 15 through July 31 annually.
- c. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except when closed to hunting from April 1 through July 31 annually.
20. Mitty Lake Wildlife Area (located in Unit 43B):
- a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.
- b. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 10 days per calendar year.
- c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- d. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
- e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting.
21. Planet Ranch Conservation and Wildlife Area (located in Units 16A and 44A):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 45-day period.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel:
- i. Is permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H).
- ii. Is prohibited within the posted Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program habitat area.
- iii. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting.
22. Powers Butte (Mumme Farm) Wildlife Area (located in Unit 39):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on posted designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. If conducted during an event approved under R12-4-125, target or clay bird shooting is permitted in designated areas only.
- f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except:
- i. Posted portions around Department housing are closed to the discharge of all firearms; and
- ii. Wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
23. Quigley-Achee Wildlife Area (located in Unit 41):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No overnight public camping.
- c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- d. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
- e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting.
24. Raymond Wildlife Area (located in Unit 5B):
- a. Overnight public camping permitted in designated sites only, for no more than 14 days within a 45-day period.
- b. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110 (G). All-terrain and utility type vehicles are prohibited. For the purpose of this subsection, all-terrain and utility type vehicle means a motor vehicle having three or more wheels fitted with large tires and is designed chiefly for recreational use over roadless, rugged terrain. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- c. Posted portions closed to all public entry from May 1 through July 29 annually.
- d. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting periodically during hunting seasons.
- e. Members of the public are prohibited from being within 1/4 mile of the Raymond bison herd while on Raymond Wildlife Area, except when taking bison or accompanied by Department personnel.
- f. Prior to entering Raymond Wildlife Area, members of the public shall sign in at a posted sign-in kiosk and by doing so acknowledge they have read and shall comply with the posted Raymond Wildlife Areas restrictions.
25. Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (located in Unit 39):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset daily, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. Parking in designated areas only.
- f. If conducted during an event approved under R12-4-125, target or clay bird shooting is permitted in designated areas only.
- g. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.
26. Roosevelt Lake Wildlife Area (located in Units 22, 23, and 24B):
- a. Posted portions closed to all public entry from November 15 through February 15 annually.
- b. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). No motorized travel is permitted within agriculture and crop production areas. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- c. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from November 15 through February 15 annually.
27. Santa Rita Wildlife Area (located in Unit 34A):
- a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). Portions of the wildlife area may be posted as closed to motorized vehicle travel for periodical research purposes. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except that the take of wildlife with firearms is prohibited from March 1 through August 31.
28. Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions around Department housing is closed to the discharge of all firearms.
29. Springerville Marsh Wildlife Area (located in Unit 2B):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. Closed to the discharge of all firearms.
- f. Open to all hunting as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of all firearms.
30. Sunflower Flat Wildlife Area (located in Unit 8):
- a. No overnight public camping.
- b. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- c. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
31. Three Bar Wildlife Area (located in Unit 22):
- a. Motorized vehicle travel:
- i. Is permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H).
- ii. Is prohibited within the Three Bar Wildlife and Habitat Study Area.
- iii. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- b. Open to all hunting in season, as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, which is closed to hunting, unless otherwise provided under Commission Order.
32. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area (located in Unit 38M):
- a. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads and trails as part of the road system managed and regulated by the City of Tucson and Pima County. This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- b. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except:
- i. Portions posted as closed to hunting, and
- ii. Wildlife area is closed to the discharge of all firearms.
- c. Archery deer and archery javelina hunters must check in with the Arizona Game and Fish Tucson Regional Office prior to going afield.
33. Upper Verde River Wildlife Area (located in Unit 8 and 19A):
- a. No open fires.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. No overnight public camping.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel is not permitted. This

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subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire department, or other emergency vehicles.

- e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
  - f. All dogs must remain on leash except for hunting dogs during a legal open season.
34. Wenima Wildlife Area (located in Unit 2B):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
  - c. No overnight public camping.
  - d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
35. White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area (located in Unit 1):
- a. No open fires.
  - b. No overnight public camping.
  - c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
  - d. Posted portions closed to all public entry.
  - e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

36. Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area (located in Unit 30B):

- a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.
- b. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 45-day period.
- c. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- d. Posted portions closed to all public entry from October 15 through March 15 annually.
- e. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except the wildlife area is closed to the discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.

37. Willcox Playa Wildlife Area (located in Unit 30A):

- a. Open fires allowed in designated areas only.
- b. No firewood cutting or gathering.
- c. Overnight public camping allowed in designated areas only, for no more than 14 days within a 45-day period.
- d. Motorized vehicle travel permitted on designated roads, trails, or areas only, except as permitted under R12-4-110(H). This subsection does not apply to Department authorized vehicles or law enforcement, fire response, or other emergency vehicles.
- e. Posted portions closed to all public entry from October 15 through March 15 annually.
- f. Open to all hunting in season as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except posted portions closed to hunting from October 15 through March 15 annually.

B. Notwithstanding Commission Order 40, public access and use of the Hirsch Conservation Education Area and Biscuit Tank is limited to activities conducted and offered by the Department and in accordance with the Department's special management objectives for the property, which include, but are not limited to, flexible harvest, season, and methods that:

1. Allow for a variety of fishing techniques, fish harvest, fish consumption, and catch and release educational experiences;
2. Maintain a healthy, productive, and balanced fish community and
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