

NAVAJO NATION
HUNTING AND TRAPPING PROCLAMATION

JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 13, 2008!

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HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF PERMITS AVAILABLE	PERMIT COST			2007-08 HUNT RESULTS		
					Veteran & Senior Citizen	Navajo	Non-Navajo	# of Permits Avail.	# of 1 st Choice Apps.	Hunt Success (%)
DA-1	Archery Deer	Sept. 3 - 21, 2008	1-6,8-11,13-15	260 Antlered	\$17.50	\$35	\$400	260	268	45
DA-2	Archery Deer	Sept. 3 - 21, 2008	12	40 Antlered	\$20	\$50	\$600	45	80	49
DM-1	Muzzleloader Deer	October 8 - 12, 2008	1	15 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	15	31	57
DM-2	Muzzleloader Deer	October 8 - 12, 2008	2	25 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	25	62	83
DM-3	Muzzleloader Deer	October 8 - 12, 2008	3	20 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	20	50	75
DY-1	Youth Deer	October 17 - 19, 2008	2, 3, 5A, 5B	35 Any Deer	NA	\$20	\$300	35	97	87
DY-2	Youth Deer	Sept. 26 - 28, 2008	12	20 Any Deer	NA	NC	NA	20	24	100
DG-1	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	1	75 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	75	75	64
DG-2	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	2	200 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	200	162	62
DG-3	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	3	175 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	175	233	79
DG-4	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	4	100 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	120	153	71
DG-5	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	5A, 5B	200 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	200	279	64
DG-6	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	6	10 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	20	14	6
DG-7	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	7	10 Antlered	\$20	\$40	NA	10	27	30
DG-8	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	8	20 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	20	12	25
DG-9	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	9	20 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	20	6	27
DG-10	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	10	20 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	20	11	38
DG-11	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	11	5 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	5	4	67
DG-12	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	12	10 Antlered	\$20	\$40	NA	20	72	88
DG-13	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	13	20 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	20	22	15
DG-14	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	14	20 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	20	15	65
DG-15	General Deer	Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 2008	15	10 Antlered	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	10	7	50
DT-1 ^{MG}	Trophy Deer	Dec. 1 - 31, 2008 Any 7 Consecutive days	7	3 Antlered	NA	\$300	\$5,000	3	3	33
DT-2 ^{MG}	Trophy Deer	Dec. 13 - 31, 2008 Any 7 Consecutive days	12	8 Antlered	NA	\$300	\$5,000	8	20	71
DT-3 ^{MG}	Trophy Deer	Dec. 13 - 31, 2008 Any 7 consecutive days	16	3 Antlered	NA	\$300	\$5,000	16	7	67
MD-1 ^{MG}	Management Deer	Nov. 22, 2008	12	12 Antlered	\$50	\$100	\$1,200	15	18	100
MD-2 ^{MG}	Management Deer	Nov. 23, 2008	12	12 Antlered	\$50	\$100	\$1,200	15	18	100

DD-1	Management Deer Combo Adult/Youth	Nov. 29 - 30, 2008	5	80 Antlerless	NA	\$50*	\$50*	NA	NA	NA
DD-2	Management Deer Combo Adult/Youth	Nov. 29 - 30, 2008	12	80 Antlerless	NA	\$50*	\$50*	NA	NA	NA
DAL-1	Late Archery Deer	Jan. 1 - 11, 2009	1-4, 5B	100 Antlered	\$25	\$50	\$800	100	146	31
DAL-2	Late Archery Deer	Jan. 1 - 11, 2009	5A, 7	20 Antlered	\$25	\$50	\$800	20	29	70
DNS	Navajo Special Deer	Oct. 1, 2008 - Jan. 31, 2009 Any 30 days	1-16	1 Antlered (once in a lifetime)	NA	\$300	NA	1	11	0
EA	Archery Elk	Sept. 3 - 21, 2008	1-8, 11-14	225 Any Elk	\$20	\$40	\$500	225	172	6
EY	Youth Elk	October 3 - 5, 2008	1-8, 11-14	30 Any Elk	NA	\$20	\$300	30	42	35
ET-1 ^{MG}	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 3 - 21, 2008	9,10,15,16	6 Any Elk	NA	\$300	\$3,500	6	6	40
ET-2 ^{MG}	Trophy Elk	Oct. 4 - 12, 2008	9,10,15,16	3 Any Elk	NA	\$300	\$4,500	3	12	100
ET-3 ^{MG}	Trophy Elk	Jan. 1 - 11, 2009	9,10,15,16	5 Any Elk	NA	\$300	\$4,500	5	7	100
EG-1	General Elk	Oct. 8 - 12, 2008	1-8, 11-14	120 Any Elk	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	120	237	18
EG-2	General Elk	November 8 - 16, 2008	1-10	175 Antlerless	\$20	\$40	\$300	175	87	26
EG-3	General Elk	November 8 - 16, 2008	11-16	50 Antlerless	\$20	\$40	\$300	50	26	33
EG-4	General Elk	January 17 - 25, 2009	1-8, 11-14	60 Any Elk	\$20	\$40	\$1,200	60	63	34
EG-5	General Elk	February 1-28, 2009	1 - 16	100 Antlerless	\$20	\$40	\$300	100	65	52
EM	Muzzleloader Elk	September 24-28, 2008	1-8, 11-14	50 Antlerless	\$20	\$40	\$300	50	43	13
ENS	Navajo Special Elk	Sept. 1 - Oct. 15, 2008 and Jan. 1 - Feb. 15, 2009 Any 30 days	1-16	1 Any Elk (once in a lifetime)	NA	\$300	NA	1	10	100
AG	General Antelope	September 10 - 14, 2008	16	3 Buck	NA	\$150	NA	5	24	100
B-1	Black Bear	Sept. 13 - Oct. 22, 2008	1-5	20 Any Bear	\$25	\$50	\$1,000	20	20	22
TF	Fall Turkey	November 15 - 23, 2008	1-5, 15	15 Any Turkey	\$12.50	\$25	\$100	15	46	25
DBHS	Desert Bighorn Sheep	Dec. 1 - 31, 2008 Any 5 Consecutive Days	11	1 Ram	NA	\$150	NA	1	36	100
TSG-A	Spring Gobbler	April 18 - May 03, 2009	1,4 & 5	Jan. 2008	\$10	\$20	\$100	200	204	NA
TSG-B	Spring Gobbler	April 18 - May 03, 2009	2 & 3	Jan. 2008	\$10	\$20	\$100	200	209	NA

Hunt success results are not extrapolated.

* The cost includes both the adult and youth permits combined

MG - Mandatory Guide Required for Non-Navajo Hunters.

NC - No Charge.

NA - Not Applicable.

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR

- Any individual may only apply for one hunt per species for deer and elk, with the exception of the DD hunts. This does not apply to left-over permits. A person is still only allowed to have one permit per hunt code per hunting season (DG, DM, etc.)
- There are new management doe deer hunts in Units 5 and 12. These are combination Adult/Youth hunts. The cost for the two permits is \$50.
- The Navajo Spouse permit is available as specified under general information below.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PLEASE READ BEFORE APPLYING

- Navajo **Veterans** and **Senior Citizens** get a 50% discount on permit cost. See table on page 1 for eligible hunts. These discounts require additional documentation (see Navajo Senior Citizen and Navajo Veteran Permit Section) and must be submitted with the application.
- All incomplete, inaccurate, and illegible applications are subject to being disqualified and returned with application fee. **If one applicant is ineligible or disqualified, then all applicants on that application will be rejected.**
- ATV's are not allowed during the hunts, except under special permit.
- **AG Hunt:** A person drawn for this hunt cannot apply for the next three (3) hunt seasons.
- Legal method of take for Turkey Hunts: **Shotgun and bow only.** Crossbows will not be permitted.

- If you do not receive your big game permit(s) by August 11, 2008, please call (928) 871-6451/6452.
- Camping is permitted while in possession of a valid hunting permit.
- A big game hunter may take COYOTES and WILD DOGS during any big game hunt they are permitted for, in the unit(s) they are permitted for until their big game permit is filled. Only weapons legal for that hunt may be used. A small game permit is not required.
- It is illegal to not tag game immediately upon making a kill.
- For those people born after Jan. 1, 1970, proof of Hunter Education Certification (Card) must be in possession when taking big game.
- NO ALTERED OR WORTHLESS MONEY ORDERS, CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. IN THE EVENT A MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECK IS RETURNED FROM THE BANK, THE PAYEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICE FEE CHARGED BY THE BANK.
- DUE TO PUBLIC CONCENS, ALL SPORTSMEN ARE REQUIRED TO PACK IN/PCK OUT GARBAGE FROM ALL AREAS OF THE NAVAJO NATION.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any individual may only apply for one hunt per species for deer and elk, with the exception of the MD hunts. This does not apply to left-over permits. A person is still only allowed to have one permit per hunt code (DG, DM, etc.). In the event a person submits more than one application per species for deer or elk, the Department will only accept the first application received. The other applications will be returned to the applicant.

Anyone required to have VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION must submit those required documents with their hunt application. If documents are not attached, the application is incomplete and will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Any person 12 years of age or older, Navajo or non-Navajo may hunt big game on the Navajo Nation when properly permitted. A person under the age of 12 may apply for big game hunts only if he/she turns 12 years of age before the beginning of the hunt(s) they are applying for.

Persons under 12 years of age, having successfully completed a Hunter Education Course, may hunt small game without a permit if accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) who has a valid Navajo Nation Small game Permit in their possession.

No one born after January 1, 1970, may take any game without having satisfactorily completed a certified Hunter Education Course. **For those people born after January 1, 1970, proof of Hunter Education Certification (card) must be in possession when taking game animals.**

Deer densities in Units 6 through 15, excluding 12, are very low. Animals tend to occur in small, widely spaced "pockets". Most resident elk occur in small, local populations. Hunts are designed primarily to control these expanding elk populations.

There is NO REGULAR HUNT SEASON on mountain lion. The department is interested in observation information on this species. Please report any sightings to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

NO COMPLIMENTARY (free of charge) PERMITS will be issued to any person, with the exception of the Annual Youth Hunt, fundraising efforts related

to the Annual Youth Hunt, and promotional/marketing purposes.

BIG GAME PERMIT DONATION

A limited number of special permits for deer, elk and turkey may be issued or donated through fund raising events. Pursuant to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Big Game Permit Donation Policy, written requests for permit donations must be received on or before December 31st of each year for the following big game hunt season.

All big game permits, except donated and check station prize permits are issued on an APPLICATION and RANDOM DRAWING (if necessary) BASIS to ELIGIBLE PERSONS.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications with payment must be received at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office in Window Rock, AZ, by 5:00 p.m., on June 13, 2008. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT POSTMARKED APPLICATIONS.

Each applicant is charged a \$10 application processing fee, which is included in the permit cost. The \$10 application processing fee will be deducted from each refund.

NO REFUNDS will be made on drawn or issued permits. PERMITS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED.

If the permit is lost or destroyed, a DUPLICATE PERMIT may be issued at a cost of \$25.00 each. The person whose permit was lost or destroyed must pick up the duplicate at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office after filling out and notarizing an affidavit.

If you do not receive your big game permit(s) by August 11, 2008, please call (928) 871-6451/6452. The Department is not responsible for permits lost in the mail; the \$25 duplicate

permit fee still applies. If there is an error on the Department's part, the Department will issue a duplicate permit at no cost.

APPLICATIONS are AVAILABLE at Fishing and Small Game permit vendors, Resource Enforcement offices and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office.

An **eligible person** is a person who returned their survey card by the due date for all big game hunts he/she had a permit for the previous season; has successfully completed a hunter education course if issued a wildlife violation citation on the Navajo Nation; does not currently have their Navajo Nation hunting and trapping privileges suspended; and are not on the Western State Compact list.

Anyone required to have VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION must submit those required documents with their hunt application.

Any individual may only apply for one hunt per species for deer and elk, with the exception of the MD hunts. This does not apply to left-over permits. A person may APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN no more than ONE (1) permit for EACH of the HUNT CODES. For example, a person may apply for and obtain only one DG hunt, one DM hunt, one EG hunt, etc.

Applicants may select a 2nd choice hunt for the following HUNT CODES: DA, DM, DG, DT, DAL, DD, EA, ET, and EG. The hunt application has a second choice box in the upper right corner of the application.

Applications must contain the ORIGINAL SIGNATURE of the applicant; include the HUNT CODE, and applicant's Social Security number, HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION NUMBER if required. Incomplete, ineligible, or incorrect

applications will be returned to the applicant. No FAXED APPLICATIONS will be accepted. A NAVAJO CENSUS NUMBER is required for all Navajo tribal members.

Big Game Hunt Applications will be accepted by mail or walk-in. All applications with incorrect payment and/or incomplete information or documentation will be returned to the applicant by mail if the application is received ten (10) days before the application deadline. Within ten (10) days of the application deadline, incomplete applications received in the mail may not be immediately returned due a high influx of applications.

The permit cost fee must be included with the application and made by MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED or CASHIERS CHECK only, payable to THE NAVAJO NATION. NO CASH, PERSONAL CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO ALTERED OR WORTHLESS MONEY ORDERS, CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. IN THE EVENT A MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECK IS RETURNED FROM THE BANK, THE PAYEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICE FEE CHARGED BY THE BANK.

All applicants, Navajo and Non-Navajo will be drawn together. GROUP APPLICANTS (maximum of four (4) per application) must apply for the same hunt and will be drawn together, except where specifically prohibited. All hunt applications received at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office will be handled in accordance to the Department's Procedures for Processing Big Game Hunt Applications. For copies of the procedures, contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Applications received by the Department of Fish and Wildlife will be logged in, screened for

eligibility and completeness, and entered into the hunt database in preparation for the draw.

At the completion of the entire draw, Hunt Lists for each Hunt Code will be generated. Hunt lists are confidential. Draw result information can only be released to the individual who applied for a particular hunt or to immediate family members. The social security number of the applicant is required.

An unsuccessful applicant may re-apply for leftover permits. APPLICATIONS for LEFTOVER PERMITS will be accepted beginning August 8, 2008. Applications received before this date will be returned. Leftover permits will be sold at the Department of Fish and Wildlife office in Window Rock, AZ. Leftover permits will be sold through the same process as in 2007. Leftover permits will be mailed out no later than one (1) week prior to the beginning of the hunt. After which time the permit must be picked up in person at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office.

REGULATION INFORMATION

ALL FISH AND WILDLIFE ARE PROPERTY OF THE NAVAJO NATION AS A WHOLE. All game, fish and other wildlife are protected on the Navajo Nation and may not be taken, possessed or transported unless specifically permitted. Hunting on the Navajo Nation is a privilege. The Navajo Nation reserves the right to refuse hunting privileges to anyone. All regulations in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet shall apply. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with them.

A person may not use any aircraft to locate or take any wildlife.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS A FIREARM WITH LIVE AMMUNITION IN THE FIRING CHAMBER IN OR

ON ANY MOTOR VEHICLE DURING A HUNT OR WHILE ENGAGED IN A POACHING ACTIVITY.

It is illegal for non-Navajos to accompany non-Navajo big game hunters in the field, including during scouting. Exceptions are only made for immediate family members. If encountered with a professional, non-Navajo guide, the permit will be confiscated and revoked. Immediate family members are guests on the Navajo Nation and can be asked to leave if warranted.

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT: Any person (including hunt guides or others accompanying the hunter) in the act of taking big game is required to wear a minimum of 300 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange during any hunt allowing the use of any center-fire firearm.

An ANTLERED DEER shall mean a mule deer with at least one 2" antler. SPIKES are LEGAL. An ANTLERLESS ELK shall mean an elk with no visible antler (i.e. cow or calf bull). A BUCK ANTELOPE shall mean a male pronghorn antelope with a horn longer than its ear.

Special Regulations for the New Lands

No shooting is allowed within one (1) mile of any of the range unit housing clusters or rural community, or within one-half (1/2) mile of any access road to a housing cluster or rural community. No camping is allowed within one-half (1/2) mile of any natural waterhole containing water (including seeps and/or springs) or manmade facility containing water (including stock ponds and/or windmill troughs) that are available to big game. Off road vehicle travel is prohibited. Portions of New Lands are locked. Permitted hunter(s) can get a key through the New Lands Range office located in Chambers, AZ. A portion of the revenue generated from the New Lands hunts will be utilized for management on those lands.

No person may alter, damage, excavate, deface, destroy or remove any CULTURAL PROPERTIES on Navajo lands. No person may sell, purchase, exchange or transport cultural resources from Navajo lands (Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act, CMY-19-88).

NAPI HUNTS

Hunting/trapping for small game, furbearers, game birds, and waterfowl is by special permission from NAPI. Hunters must possess a special Access Permit issued by NAPI, as well as the small game permit issued by the Navajo Nation with the appropriate validations for bird hunting. For more information contact NAPI at (505) 566-2600 Ext. 1039. All Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Rules and Regulations apply.

**** WIN A GENERAL DEER or ELK PERMIT ****

Two (2) separate random drawings will take place for eligible hunters.

1st DRAWING: Four (4) 2009-2010 general hunt permits will be given away as prizes for any eligible hunter who had their animals checked out during the 2008-2009 big game hunt season. Deer check stations will be operated both weekends of the General Deer Hunt. All other hunters can have their animal checked out at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office in Window Rock, AZ, or in the field if a Department of Fish and Wildlife employee is available.

2nd DRAWING: One (1) 2009-2010 general hunt permit will be awarded to any eligible hunter who submits the head of their deer or elk for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing. Tissue samples can be collected at deer check stations or you can bring the head to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office in Window Rock, AZ.

A hunter having his/her deer/elk checked out **and** submitting tissue samples for CWD testing will be in **both** drawings. A hunter may receive only one

prize permit/season. Department of Fish and Wildlife employees are not allowed to be in the drawings. For more information, call (928) 871-6450/6451/6452.

NAVAJO SENIOR CITIZEN and NAVAJO VETERAN PERMITS and non-Navajo Spouses

Navajo Senior Citizens, age 60 and older and Navajo Veterans may purchase big game hunting permits (excluding DT, ET, DNS, ENS, DBHS, DD and AG hunts) at half price. **A document showing proof of age must be submitted with each hunt application for Navajo Senior Citizen permits. This also applies to leftover permit applications.**

Navajo Veterans may purchase big game hunting permits (Excluding DT, ET, DNS, ENS, DBHS, DD and AG) at half price. A copy of DD Form 214 or Honorable Discharge Certificate from the Armed Forces of the United States must be submitted with each hunt application for Navajo Veteran permits. This also applies to left-over permit applications.

NOTE: A person may apply for only a Senior Citizen permit or a Navajo Veterans permit; not both.

Non-Navajo spouses married to Navajos may purchase big game hunt permits (excluding DG-7, DG-12, DT, ET, DNS, ENS, DBHS, and AG hunts) at the Navajo price. A copy of the marriage license, Navajo Spouses Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), and a notarized affidavit dated on or after May 1, 2008 stating the applicant is still legally married to a Navajo must be submitted with each hunt application. Non-Navajo spouses are treated as Navajo applicants in the draws. Non-Navajos who are widowed are no longer eligible to apply for Navajo Spouse Permits.

NAVAJO PERMITS

Navajo applicants may be required to submit a

Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) upon request.

SURVEY CARDS

All big game permit holders must complete and return the big game hunt survey card provided with their permit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, even if they did not hunt or make a kill. **HUNT SURVEY CARDS ARE DUE WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE HUNT THE PERMIT WAS ISSUED FOR. THIS DEADLINE EXCLUDES THE SPRING GOBBLER HUNT. THE 2009 SPRING GOBBLER SURVEY CARD IS DUE ON MAY 15, 2009.**

Failure to return the required survey card by the due date will cause you to be ineligible for the following 2009-2010 big game hunt draw. However, you have the option of paying a **non-refundable \$100 PENALTY FEE and will only be allowed to purchase leftover permits.**

Survey cards will be accepted by mail or in person at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office only and will be handled in accordance to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Survey Card Handling Procedures. We recommend permit holders mailing a survey card, send it certified mail and/or call our office for confirmation of survey card receipt before the survey card deadline. Survey cards hand delivered to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office will be dated and initialed by Department personnel. A photocopy of the dated and initialed survey card will be issued back to the permit holder for proof of survey card return. Any big game hunter checking in an animal through a designated check station during the General Deer hunt does not have to return the survey card for that particular hunt.

GUIDE INFORMATION

A GUIDE (OUTFITTER) PERMIT is required for any Navajo who, for pay or gain aids or assists another in the taking of wildlife. **The guide permit does not assure consumer satisfaction. It is recommended**

that potential clients check references before hiring a guide. Only Navajo tribal members are eligible for a guide permit.

The Guide permit cost is \$50 per applicant per season. The Guide permit application and payment deadline is **June 13, 2008.**

The following are Guide requirements:

1. Must show proof of Hunter Safety, First Aid Certification, Valid Driver's License, and Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance.
2. Must attend a Department sponsored Guide Workshop.
3. Have no felony or more serious misdemeanor convictions in the last five (5) years; and must not be on the Department's ineligible list. **If ineligible for not meeting survey card requirements, the applicant is required to pay the \$100 penalty fee in order to receive a Guide permit. The guide will only be eligible for left-over permits.**
4. Guides are required to have a written contract with client(s) for each hunt where guiding services are provided.
5. Each guide must submit a guide report to the Department of Fish and Wildlife by March 30, 2009, whether or not any guiding activities took place. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of guiding privileges for the following big game season.

Hunters dissatisfied with guide services may file a written complaint to the Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife. The complaint should be done within thirty days of the hunt and should include a copy of the contract, complaint details and any other relevant documentation. See Section 2.05B of the Navajo Hunting and Trapping Regulation Booklet.

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT **DBHS**

This ONCE IN A LIFETIME HUNT is open to Navajo

tribal members only. The applicant must choose 5 consecutive hunt days between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31, 2008 and indicate the dates on the application. **Once dates are specified, they may not be changed.** Contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife for more information on accessing the hunt area. For more information, call (928) 871-6451/6450/6452.

DEER HUNTS

DA, DM, DY, DYS, DG, DT, DAL, DNS, MD, DD

If a permit drawing is necessary, the number of non-Navajo permits issued in the draw is limited to a maximum of 15% of the total number of available permits per hunt for the general hunts. One (1) permit is available for Navajos and two (2) permits for non-Navajos in the DT-1 hunt, two (2) permits are available for Navajos and six (6) permits for non-Navajos in the DT-2 hunt and one (1) permit is available for Navajos and two (2) permits for non-Navajos in the DT-3 hunt. **Any leftover DT permits will be available to both Navajo and Non-Navajo applicants on August 8, 2008. The Non-Navajo quotas are no longer in effect.**

WEAPONS: Any legal bow in the DA and DAL hunts; any legal muzzleloader in the DM hunt; and any legal weapon for big game in the DY, DYS, DG, DT and DNS hunts; as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet.

DA HUNTS: An applicant may select a second DA hunt choice on the application.

DAL HUNTS: An applicant may select a second DAL hunt choice on the application.

DM HUNTS: An applicant may select a second choice DM hunt choice on the application.

DY HUNTS: Hunters must be 12 to 16 years of age. **NOTE: Only one applicant per application.** Hunters must be accompanied during the hunt by

a person 18 years of age or older. **Proof of Hunter Education Certification (card) must be in possession when taking big game animals.**

DY-2 Hunt: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is sponsoring this hunt for youth who have an interest in hunting, but do not have anyone to teach them the basics of hunting and outdoor life. **There is no cost for this hunt.**

Qualification criteria:

- Enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.
- Must be drug/alcohol free.
- Must have never hunted before, hunting opportunities not available.
- Must be physically fit to hike in rough terrain, camp out, and handle a firearm.
- Must successfully complete a 20-hr., Hunter Education Course.

Application requirements:

- Complete an Annual Youth Hunt application and a Navajo Nation Big Game Hunt Application.
- Write a one (1) page essay explaining why they want to hunt.
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or social worker.

Upon selection, the youth must submit the following:

- Youth/parent contract.
- Complete a medical information form.
- Waiver of liability.

DG HUNTS: An applicant may select a second choice DG hunt on the application. The DG-7 and DG-12 hunts are open to Navajo tribal members only.

DG-7 and DG-12 hunters making a kill are required to have his/her deer checked at a designated check station or submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in

accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season.

DT HUNTS: An applicant may select a second choice DT hunt on the application. No more than two (2) applicants may apply together. Hunters must choose seven (7) consecutive hunt days between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31, 2008 and indicate the dates on the application. **Once the dates are specified on the application, they cannot be changed.** All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season.

DNS HUNT: The hunt is only open to Navajo tribal members. The season is any 30 days between October 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009. All hunt units 1 thru 16 are open. There is a mandatory permit check-out and check-in for the hunter. Each day the permit is checked out counts as a hunt day. **GUIDELINES FOR CHECKING OUT and IN PERMITS:** The hunter is responsible for making arrangements with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to check out and in his/her permit. If coming in on the weekend, notify the Department to make arrangements prior to your arrival. We do not hand deliver permits. The permits will be checked in and out at the Window Rock office only. If a kill is made, the hunter is required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season. A hunter may obtain this permit only once in a lifetime.

MD Hunts These hunts are management hunts. Only non-trophy deer may be harvested. The MD hunts require a guide for both Navajo and non-

Navajo hunters to ensure that a non-trophy animals is harvested. As is the case with the trophy hunts, the hunter is responsible for securing the services of a guide for the MD hunt. Most of the guides will provide this service for no fee. The successful hunter is required to check their animal out at the check station that will be set up at Red Valley during the hunt.

DD- 1 and DD- 2: An applicant may select a second choice DD hunt on the application. The purpose of these hunts is to offer a family/social oriented hunting opportunity. This is a combination hunt. An adult and a youth will each get a permit. The cost for both permits is \$50 for Navajos and non-Navajos. The youth must be 12-16 years of age and must have successfully completed a Hunter Education Course. Proof of Hunter Education must be in possession when in the field. All hunters are required to check their deer out at the deer check station that will be manned in each of the hunt units during the hunt, or the day after the hunt at the Fish and Wildlife main office. Failure to check out will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season.

One (1) permit, per person, bag limit is ONE (1) ANTLERED DEER per permit in the DA, DAL, DM, DY, DG, DT, MD and DNS hunts. Bag limit is one (1) antlerless deer per permit in the DD hunts.

ELK HUNTS
(EA, EY, ET, EG, EM, ENS)

If a permit drawing is necessary, the number of non-Navajo permits issued in the draw is limited to a maximum of 15% of the total number of available general hunt permits per hunt. Three (3) permits are available for Navajos and three (3) permits for non-Navajos in the ET-1 hunt. In the ET-2 hunt, one (1) permit is available for Navajo and two (2) permits are available for non-Navajos. In the ET-3 hunt, two (2) permits are available for Navajos and three (3) permits are available for non-Navajos. **Any leftover ET permits will be available to both Navajo and Non-Navajo applicants on August 8, 2008. The Non-Navajo quotas are no longer in effect.**

One (1) permit per person, bag limit is ONE (1) ANY ELK per permit in the EA, ET, EY, EG-1, EG-4, and ENS hunts and ONE ANTLERLESS ELK per permit in the EG-2, EG-3, EG-5, and EM, hunts.

WEAPONS: Any legal bow in the EA and ET-1 (trophy archery elk) hunt. Any legal bow or muzzleloader in the EM-1 hunt and any legal weapon for big game in the EY, ET-2, ET-3, EG, and ENS hunts as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation booklet.

EY HUNT: Hunters must be 12 to 16 years of age. **NOTE: Only one applicant per application.** Hunters must be accompanied during the hunt by a person 18 years of age or older. **Proof of Hunter Education Certification (card) must be in possession when taking big game animals.**

ET HUNTS: An applicant may select a second choice ET hunt on the application. All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season.

EG HUNTS: An applicant may select a second

choice EG hunt on the application.

ENS HUNT: This hunt is only open to Navajo tribal members. The season is any 30 days from September 1 – October 15, 2008, and January 1 – February 15, 2009. Hunt Units 1 thru 16 are open. There is a mandatory permit check-out and check-in for the hunter. Each day the permit is checked out counts as a hunt day. **GUIDELINES FOR CHECKING OUT and IN PERMITS:** The guide or hunter is responsible for making arrangements with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to check out and in his/her permit. If coming in on the weekend, notify the Department to make arrangements prior to your arrival. We will not hand deliver permits. Permits must be checked out and in at the Window Rock office only. If a kill is made, the hunter is required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season. A hunter may obtain this permit only once in a lifetime.

GENERAL ANTELOPE (AG)

A person drawn for this hunt cannot apply for the next three (3) hunt seasons.

This hunt is only open to Navajo tribal members.

All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season.

One (1) permit, per person, bag limit is ONE (1) BUCK ANTELOPE per permit.

WEAPONS: Any legal weapon for big game, as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping

Regulation booklet.

BLACK BEAR (B-1)

If a permit drawing is necessary, the number of non-Navajo permits issued in the draw is limited to a maximum of 15% of the total number of available permits in the hunt.

One (1) permit, per person, bag limit is ONE (1) BEAR per permit.

All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season. Baiting is not allowed. Dogs may be used for pursuit as long as the permit holder is present. Cubs and sows with cubs may not be taken.

WEAPONS: Any legal weapon for big game, as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation booklet.

FALL TURKEY (TF)

If a permit drawing is necessary, the number of non-Navajo permits issued in the draw is limited to a maximum of two (2) of the available permits.

One (1) permit, per person, bag limit is ONE (1) EITHER SEX TURKEY per permit.

WEAPONS: Any legal weapon for big game as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation booklet.

SMALL GAME HUNTS

Refer to Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation booklet for information.

GAME BIRD HUNTS

GAMBEL & SCALED QUAIL, CHUKAR PARTRIDGE:

The season is September 13, 2008, - January 1, 2009. Small game permit with bird validation and bird harvest survey form are required and are obtainable from fishing and small game permit vendors or the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office. Bag and possession limits: Quail - Eight (8) per day (any combination of the 2 species); Sixteen (16) in possession (no more than eight (8) taken in one (1) day). Partridge - Three (3) per day; Six (6) in possession (no more than three (3) taken in one (1) day).

DOVES, BAND-TAILED PIGEONS & WATERFOWL:

Small game permit with bird validation and bird harvest survey form are required and obtainable from fishing and small game permit vendors or the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office; and the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (for waterfowl) which is obtainable from U.S. Post Offices. Seasons and bag limits subject to federal regulations. Information will be available in September 2008.

PHEASANT: October 11 - 26, 2008. Small game permit with bird validation and bird harvest survey form are required and obtainable from fishing and small game permit vendors or the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office; and a \$5 pheasant stamp available from the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office. Bag limit is ONE (1) MALE pheasant per stamp. **Open areas are along the San Juan River from Shiprock, NM to Bluff, UT. No hunting along the south side of the San Juan River (from Farmington, NM, west to Hogback, NM).**

COMMERCIAL TRAPPING

Season: October 01, 2008, - March 31, 2009. Thirty (30) permits are available on a first come-first served basis. Fees: Navajo - \$5.00; Non-Navajo - \$250.00.

The following species are permitted to be taken:

badger, bobcat, coyote, gray and red fox, raccoon, skunk, weasel, wild dogs, and feral cats. Muskrat and beaver can be taken only along the San Juan River where it crosses through Navajo lands.

Trappers are restricted to three (3) management units at any one (1) time. If a trapper wants to move to another management unit, he must first notify the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office.

All bobcat pelts MUST BE TAGGED WITH THE APPROVED CITES EXPORT TAG within forty-five (45) days of harvest. Export tags are \$20.00/pelt for Non-Navajo trappers and \$5.00/pelt for Navajo trappers. Bobcat lower jaws must be submitted at the time of tagging. Bobcat pelt export tags will be available at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office from 8:00 a.m., to 5:00 p.m., on Monday through Friday, or by appointment.

Possession tags are not required but are available upon request.

Each trapper must submit a harvest report to the Department of Fish and Wildlife by April 10, 2009. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of trapping privileges for one (1) year.

Sight baits are prohibited. Traps must be checked at least once every 48 hours.

Traps or the contents of traps belonging to another person shall not be disturbed without written permission from the owner. Violators are subject to 7 N.N.C. Section 330, Theft. All traps must be identified with the name and address of owner or a registration number may be used in lieu of name and address; if only the registration mark or number is registered with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

DAMAGE BEAR AND MOUNTAIN LION

Permits may be issued for the taking of bear and mountain lion on a damage basis. For a fee of \$5.00, hunters can contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife to have their name put on a waiting list. Lists are re-done each year beginning January 1st.

Permits expire two (2) weeks from the issue date and will be limited to a designated area. Baiting is not allowed. The permit fee for bear is \$35 for Navajos and \$100 for non-Navajos. The permit fee for mountain lion is \$100 for Navajos and \$200 for non-Navajos. Any permitted hunter taking a damage bear or lion must report the kill to the Department of Fish and Wildlife within seven (7) days of the date of kill and submit pre-molars (bear only) within twenty (20) days.

MANAGEMENT UNIT BOUNDARIES

- UNIT 1.....From the junction of Rte 12 and Rte 13 near Lukachukai northwest on Rte. 12 to Hwy. 191 continuing to Rock Point; east and southeast toward Cove on 5040 rd. to 332 rd. to 33 rd. to Red Rock; south and west on Rte. 13 to Rte 12.
- UNIT 2.....From the junction of Rte 12 and Rte 13 near Lukachukai northeast on Rte. 13 to 7500 rd.; south on 7500 rd. to 7170 rd.; south on 7170 rd. to Hwy. 134; west on Hwy 134 to Rte. 12; northwest on Rte. 12 to Rte 13.
- UNIT 3.....From Sheep Springs west on Hwy. 134 to 7170 rd.; north on 7170 rd. to 7500 rd. north to Rte. 13 to Red Rock continuing north on Rte. 63 to Beclabito; northwest on Hwy 64 (504) to Teec Nos Pos; north on Hwy. 160 to the Navajo Nation boundary; east along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 666; south on Hwy. 666 to Sheep Springs.
- UNIT 4.....From Sheep Springs south on Hwy 666 to 602 (32) continuing south to the Navajo Nation boundary on Hwy. 602; west along the Navajo Nation boundary to Int. 40 (excluding the New Lands); northeast on Int. 40 to Rte. 12; north on Rte. 12 then east on Hwy. 264 and north again on Rte. 12 to Hwy. 134; east on Hwy. 134 to Sheep Springs.
- UNIT 5A.....From Chinle to Round Rock on Hwy 191; southeast from Round Rock on Rte. 12 to Rte 64; southwest on Rte. 64 to Chinle.
- UNIT 5B.....From Chinle northeast on Rte 64 to Rte. 12; south on Rte. 12 to Lupton; southwest along I-40 to Chambers; north from Chambers to Chinle on Hwy 191.
- UNIT 6.....From Kayenta southwest on Hwy. 160 to Rte. 98; northwest on Hwy. 98 to the Navajo Nation boundary near Page; northeast along the Navajo Nation boundary along the San Juan River to Hwy. 163; southwest on Hwy. 163 to Kayenta.
- UNIT 7.....From Kayenta east on Hwy 160 to Hwy. 59; southeast on Hwy. 59 to Hwy 191 to Round Rock, from Round Rock south on Rte. 12 to Rte. 64 to Chinle, Hwy 191; south on Hwy. 191 to Hwy. 264; west on Hwy 264 to the Hopi Partitioned Lands boundary; northwest along the Partitioned Land boundary to Rte. 41; north on Rte 41 to Hwy 160; northeast on Hwy 160 to Kayenta.
- UNIT 8.....From Ganado south on Hwy. 191 to the Navajo Nation boundary (excluding the New Lands); west along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 87; north on Hwy. 87 to the Hopi Partitioned Lands boundary; northeast along the Partitioned Land boundary to Hwy. 264; east on Hwy. 264 to Ganado.
- UNIT 9.....From Cameron north on Hwy. 89 to Hwy. 160; east on Hwy. 160 to the Hopi Partitioned Lands boundary; south and east along the Partitioned Land boundary to Hwy. 87; south on Hwy. 87 to the Navajo Nation boundary; west and north along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 64; east on Hwy. 64 to Cameron.
- UNIT 10.....From Cameron west on Hwy. 64 to the Navajo Nation boundary; north along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 98; southeast on Hwy.98 to Hwy. 160; northeast on Hwy. 160 to Rte. 41; south on Rte. 41 to the Hopi Partitioned Land boundary; west along the Partitioned Land boundary to Hwy. 160; west on Hwy. 160 to Hwy. 89; south on Hwy. 89 to Cameron.

- UNIT 11.....From Kayenta northeast on Hwy. 163 to the Navajo Nation boundary along the San Juan River; east, north and south along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 160; south and west on Hwy. 160 to Hwy. 191; south on Hwy. 191 to Hwy. 59; northwest on Hwy. 59 to Hwy. 160; west on Hwy. 160 to Kayenta.
- UNIT 12.....(Carrizos) From Rock Point north on Hwy. 191 to Hwy. 160; east on Hwy. 160 to Hwy. 504; south on Hwy. 504 to Rte. 63; south on Rte. 63 to Red Rock; west and northwest on Rte. 33 toward Cove to 332 rd. to 5040 rd. to Rock Point.
- UNIT 13.....From Crownpoint south on Hwy. 57 to the Navajo Nation boundary; west along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 602 (32); north on Hwy. 602 to Hwy. 666 continuing north past Shiprock to the Navajo Nation boundary; east, south and east along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 371; south on Hwy. 371 to Crownpoint. **The Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council closed a portion of Unit 13 to hunting by Resolution RCMY-15-04. The No-Hunting Zone boundaries are the Eastern and Western boundaries of Upper Fruitland Chapter. The middle of the San Juan River is the Northern boundary and NAPI is the Southern boundary.**
- UNIT 14.....From Crownpoint north on Hwy. 371 to the Navajo Nation boundary; southeast along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 44; southeast and east on Hwy. 44 to the Jicarilla Apache Reservation boundary, continuing south and west along the Navajo Nation boundary to Hwy. 57; north on Hwy. 57 to Crownpoint.
- UNIT 15.....Navajo Nation Lands within the boundaries of the communities of Alamo, Canoncito and Ramah.
- UNIT 16.....Navajo Nation Lands within the boundaries of the Navajo-Hopi relocation 'New Lands' near Sanders, AZ.

There are 'checkerboard' areas (federal, state, and private lands) within some management units, primarily units 4, 5, 13, 14, 15 and 16 that are not under Navajo jurisdiction. When hunting, make sure you are on Navajo trust lands, or if on Navajo allotted lands you have the allottee's written permission to hunt there.