

# NAVAJO HUNTING PROCLAMATION

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 27, 2016**

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## **IMPORTANT CHANGES**

- The lion hunt will be published in a separate proclamation at a later date.
- Department of Fish and Wildlife staff will assist applicants by screening their applications for accuracy and completeness when time permits.
- Special Once-in-a-Lifetime hunts, DBHS, DNS and ENS, must be applied for on an individual basis and separately from the DT and ET hunts. These hunts are at a reduced rate that is non-refundable.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- **DO NOT MAKE ANY MISTAKES WHEN FILLING OUT THE CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER OR YOUR PAYMENT AND APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.**
- If you receive a wildlife violation citation, you may be ineligible to hunt big game the following big game season.
- Hunters that are ineligible due to a survey card infraction may now pay a \$100 penalty fee and enter the big game permit draw.
- All deer and elk hunters are required to submit the 2 lower middle incisors (Teeth). All buck deer and bull elk hunters must also submit a photograph of the animal they harvest.
- If you wish to apply for a trophy hunt, you can select up to three DT hunt choices on one application and three ET hunt choices on one application. You cannot mix the DT hunts with the ET hunts on one application.
- Left-Over Permits: Individuals that applied and were not drawn for any hunt will have priority in the Left-Over Permit sale on the morning of July 9, 2016. Contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife for more information on the Left-Over Big Game Permit Sale Procedures. There are no quotas for left-over permit sales.
- Mobility Impaired Navajo Hunts: Mobility Impaired permits are for individuals who are permanently disabled. Mobility Impaired permits are available at a 50% discount. 5 General Deer Permits and 5 General Elk Permits are reserved for Mobility Impaired Hunters. If there are more than 5 applicants, for each hunt, then a random computer drawing will be conducted. To apply for a Mobility Impaired Hunt include documentation of a Mobility Impaired Card or Doctor's statement (not a rear-view mirror placard) and the general deer or elk hunt code you are applying for on a completed Big Game Hunt application. A mobility impaired permit authorizes the permittee to hunt and/or shoot from a vehicle and/or use an ATV. If a mobility impaired hunter has additional needs, they should include any special needs or other hunting regulation variances in a request to the Fish and Wildlife Director. **Mobility Impaired Hunters must apply individually.**
- Spring Gobbler hunters that fail to return their survey card will be placed on the following year's ineligible list due to time constraints with spring gobbler survey card deadlines and fall hunt application deadlines.

- If an applicant cancels their money order or Cashier's Check, or if the money order or Cashier's Check is returned, the applicant will remain ineligible to hunt until they pay all permit/application fees and the insufficient fund/returned check fees.
- REFUNDS: Refunds will be issued only to the hunt applicant, except for the Youth Hunts. See the Youth Hunt sections (DY and EY) for additional information.
- General Deer Hunts are DA, DY and DG hunts. General Elk hunts are EA, EM, EY and EG hunts. An applicant may select up to 4 choices in the General Deer Hunts and General Elk Hunts. However, you cannot mix General Deer Hunts with General Elk Hunts on the same application. If you apply for a General Deer Hunt, then you may select any of the other general deer hunts for additional choices. The same applies to the General Elk Hunts. A person may only submit one big game permit application for each of the general deer and general elk hunts for the big game draw. A person may only obtain one permit per hunt code. Submit payment for the highest priced hunt of the four application choices. If you are selected for one of the less expensive hunts, you will be refunded the difference. If an application contains an insufficient payment amount for one of their hunt choices, they will be disqualified from that hunt choice.
- Youth Hunt applicants are limited to one person per application.
- All incomplete, inaccurate, and illegible applications are subject to being disqualified and returned. **If one applicant is ineligible or disqualified, then all applicants on that application will also be rejected.**
- ATV's are not allowed during the big game hunts, except by special permit. See Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- **AG Hunt:** A person drawn for this hunt cannot apply for the AG hunt the next three (3) hunt seasons.
- Legal method of take for Turkey Hunts: **Shotgun and bow only.**
- If you do not receive your big game permit(s) by August 1, 2016, please call (928) 871-6455. ▪ Camping is permitted while in possession of a valid big game 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, EXPIRED 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, AND THE PAYEE WILL REMAIN INELIGIBLE TO HUNT UNTIL ALL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL.**
- DUE TO PUBLIC CONCERNS, ALL SPORTSMEN ARE REQUIRED TO PACK IN/PACK OUT GARBAGE FROM ALL AREAS OF THE NAVAJO NATION.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

All Navajo big game permits are issued on an APPLICATION and RANDOM DRAWING BASIS (if necessary) to ELIGIBLE PERSONS. Any individual may submit one hunt application per species for deer and elk, with the exception of the DT, ET, DNS and ENS hunts. This does not apply to left-over permits. A person is restricted to one permit per hunt code. 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 application 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 BE REJECTED.

Any person 12 years of age and older 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 and has successfully completed a Hunter Education Class.

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.

NO COMPLIMENTARY (free of charge) PERMITS will be issued to any person, with the exception of the Annual Youth Hunt, Annual Youth Hunt fundraising efforts and promotional/marketing purposes.

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 November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the following big game hunt season.

Deer densities in Units 6 through 15, excluding 12, are very low. Deer 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.

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

### **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 May 27, 2016. **THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT POSTMARKED APPLICATIONS.**

A \$10 Application Processing Fee is included in each permit cost. The application processing fee is 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 a sworn affidavit. The Department is not responsible for permits lost in the mail; the \$25 duplicate permit fee still applies. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that application information is legible and accurate. 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 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.

Applications must contain the ORIGINAL SIGNATURE of the applicant, the HUNT CODE, and applicant's Social Security number, HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION NUMBER, if required. If the applicant is under the age of 18, the parent/guardian may sign the application for the applicant. 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. Please be mindful of the big influx of applications as the application deadline approaches. Department of Fish and Wildlife staff will assist applicants by screening their applications for accuracy and completeness when time permits.

**The permit cost must be attached to 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.**

GROUP APPLICANTS (maximum of four (4) per application) can apply for the same hunt choices 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.

Hunt draw results 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.

### **REGULATION INFORMATION**

Please refer to the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations for all regulations. This Section only highlights certain regulations.

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 the Hunter's responsibility to familiarize themselves 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.

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.

In order to hunt on Indian Allotments, the hunter must have written permission from the allottee. Where there are multiple allottees, written permission must be from a majority of the allottees.

It is unlawful for anyone to intentionally interfere with a lawful hunt, including illegally denying access to trust lands. If a hunter encounters a locked gate, contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife for assistance.

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> DRAWING:** Two (2) 2017-2018 general deer and two general elk hunt permits will be given away as prizes for any eligible hunter who had their animals checked out during the 2016-2017 big game hunt season. Deer check stations will be operated both weekends of the General Deer Hunts. 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> DRAWING:** One (1) 2017-2018 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.

These permits do not count against the one permit per species per person. However, an individual is still limited to one permit per hunt code.

A hunter having their 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.

### **NAVAJO SENIOR CITIZEN AND NAVAJO VETERAN PERMITS**

Navajo Senior Citizens, age 60 and older and Honorably Discharged Navajo Veterans may purchase big game hunting permits (excluding DT, ET, DNS, ENS, DBHS, and AG hunts) at half price. A document showing proof of age must be submitted with each hunt application for Navajo Senior Citizen permits, unless the Department already has a copy on file. This also applies to leftover permit applications.

Navajo Veterans may purchase big game hunting permits (Excluding DT, ET, DNS, ENS, DBHS, and AG) at half price. A copy of Form DD-214 or Honorable Discharge Certificate from the Armed Forces of the United States must be submitted with each hunt application for Navajo Veteran permit, unless the Department already has a copy on file. 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.

### **NAVAJO SPOUSE PERMITS**

Non-Navajo Spouses may only receive one permit per species using the Non-Navajo Spouse provision. This includes left-over permits.

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 April 1, 2016 stating the applicant is still legally married to a Navajo, must be submitted with each hunt application.

### **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 (½) mile of any access road to a housing cluster or rural community. No camping is allowed within one-half (½) 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 gates are locked. Permitted hunter(s) can get a key through the New Lands Range office located in Chambers, AZ. Certain portions of New Lands may be closed to hunting. A portion of the revenue generated from the New Lands hunts will be utilized for management on those lands. Motor vehicle access to Padres Mesa must be obtained by the Padres Mesa Ranch Manager. For more information call the New Lands Range Office at (928) 688-2456.

**Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) Lands: NAPI is closed to big game hunting.**

## 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.** Failure to return the required survey card by the due date will cause you to be ineligible for the following big game hunt draw. A hunter that fails to return their survey card may pay a \$100 penalty fee in order to become eligible again. 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 does not have to return the survey card for that particular hunt. Survey card information can be called in to the front office at the Department of Fish and Wildlife if the survey card is lost.

## GUIDE REQUIREMENTS

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 May 27, 2016.

The following are Guide requirements and documentation must be attached to a Guide Application: Must be 21 years of age. Must show proof of Hunter Safety, First Aid Certification, Valid Driver's License, and Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance.

Must attend a Department and Navajo Guide Association sponsored Guide Workshop once.

1. Must 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.
2. Guides must submit two Law Enforcement background checks with their Guide Application. The background checks must be from the Navajo Nation and the state within which they reside. Background checks for first-time guides must go back a period of five years.
3. Guides are required to have a written contract with client(s) for each hunt where guiding services are provided. Guides must provide a copy of each contract to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
4. Each guide must submit a guide report to the Department of Fish and Wildlife by March 31, 2017, 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 submitted 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.

# ARCHERY DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Antlered Permits Available		COST		2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Vet/Senior	Navajo		
DA-2	Archery Deer	Sept. 3-11, 2016	2	21	0	\$21	\$42	52	31
DA-3	Archery Deer	Sept. 3-11, 2016	3	21	0	\$21	\$42	39	35
DA-4	Archery Deer	Sept. 3-11, 2016	4	21	0	\$21	\$42	26	15
DA-5	Archery Deer	Sept. 3-11, 2016	5	24	0	\$21	\$42	21	6
DA-6	Archery Deer	Sept. 3-11, 2016	8-11	25	1	\$21	\$42	38	0
DA-7	Archery Deer	Sept. 3-11, 2016	13-15	25	1	\$21	\$42	37	9
DA-12	Archery Deer	Sept. 3-11, 2016	12	5	0	\$26	\$52	45	30

Weapons: Any legal bow as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations in the DA hunts. An applicant may select up to 4 General Deer hunt choices when applying.

# RIFLE DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Antlered Permits Available		COST		2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Vet/Senior	Navajo		
DG-2	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	2	95	3	\$23.50	\$47	246	67
DG-3	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	3	75	2	\$23.50	\$47	218	62
DG-4	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	4	70	2	\$23.50	\$47	158	69
DG-5	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	5	85	3	\$23.50	\$47	218	49
DG-6	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	6	9	0	\$23.50	\$47	11	29
DG-7	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	7	8	0	\$23.50	\$47	29	17
DG-8	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	8	17	1	\$23.50	\$47	15	47
DG-9	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	9	17	1	\$23.50	\$47	11	33
DG-10	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	10	17	1	\$23.50	\$47	10	30
DG-11*	Rifle Deer	December 17-21, 2016	11	30	1	\$23.50	\$47	10	46
DG-12	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	12	5	0	\$23.50	\$47	82	70
DG-13	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	13	17	1	\$23.50	\$47	17	27
DG-14	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	14	17	1	\$23.50	\$47	26	47
DG-15	Rifle Deer	October 22 – 30, 2016	15	9	0	\$23.50	\$47	5	17

Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. An applicant may select up to 4 General Deer hunt choices when applying. **DG-7 and DG-12 hunters** making a kill are required to have their 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. DG-11 Hunters must check their deer out with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## YOUTH DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Antlered Permits Available		COST	2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo Youth Only				
DY-1	Youth Deer	September 23 - 25, 2016	12	15		NA	44	86
DY-2	Youth Deer	October 15 – 16, 2016	2, 3, 4	32		\$22	92	74

**Youth Hunt applicant refunds will be sent to the applicant, unless the individual paying for the application provides their name and address on the Cashier's check or money order.** 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.** Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

DY-1 Hunt: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is sponsoring this Annual Youth 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 and all equipment and food is provided. Qualification criteria: Enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, drug/alcohol free, must have never hunted before, must be physically fit to hike in rough terrain, camp out, and handle a firearm, and must successfully complete a Hunter Education Course, upon selection. 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 and submit contact information for two references. Upon selection, the youth must submit the following: Youth/parent contract, Medical Information form and Waiver of Liability. **Deadline to Apply for the DY-1 Hunt is June 10, 2016.**

## ARCHERY ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Elk Permits Available		COST		2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	VET/ SENIOR	NAVAJO		
EA-1	Archery Elk	September 3 – 22, 2016	1-5, 12	120	4	\$23.50	\$47	97	4
EA-2	Archery Elk	September 3 – 22, 2016	13 and 14	120	4	\$23.50	\$47	83	10
EA-3	Archery Elk	September 3 – 22, 2016	7	50	2	\$23.50	\$47	42	8

Weapons: Any legal bow as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. An applicant may select up to 4 General Elk hunt choices when applying.



## YOUTH ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Elk Permits Available		COST		2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Vet/Senior	Navajo		
EY-1	Youth Elk	October 8 – 12, 2016	1 – 8	40		\$22		43	0
EY-2	Youth Elk	October 8 - 12, 2016	11 - 14	30		\$22		31	40

Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. 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.** An applicant may select a second choice EY hunt when applying. **Youth Hunt applicant refunds will be sent to the applicant, unless the individual paying for the application provides their name and address on the Cashier's check or money order.**

## MUZZLELOADER ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Elk Permits Available		COST		2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Vet/Senior	Navajo		
EM-1	Muzzleloader Elk	Sept. 28 – Oct. 2, 2016	1 – 8	55	2	\$23.50	\$47	60	11
EM-2	Muzzleloader Elk	Sept. 28 – Oct. 2, 2016	11 - 14	30	1	\$23.50	\$47	25	28

Weapons: Any legal bow or muzzleloader as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trappings Regulations. An applicant may select up to 4 General Elk hunt choices when applying.

## GENERAL ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Permits Available		COST		2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	VET/ SENIOR	NAVAJO		
EG-1	General Elk	Nov. 5 - 9, 2016	1 - 8, 11 - 14	120 Any Elk	4 Any Elk	\$23.50	\$47	286	14
EG-2	General Elk	November 12 – 20, 2016	1 – 10	175 Antlerless	5 Antlerless	\$23.50	\$47	87	12
EG-3	General Elk	November 12 – 20, 2016	11 – 15	75 Antlerless	2 Antlerless	\$23.50	\$47	51	25
EG-4	General Elk	January 7 – 15, 2017	1 – 8	30 Any Elk	1 Any Elk	\$23.50	\$47	24	4
EG-5	General Elk	January 7 – 15, 2017	11 – 14	50 Any Elk	1 Any Elk	\$23.50	\$47	66	28
EG-6	General Elk	February 1 – 28, 2017	1 – 14	100 Antlerless	3 Antlerless	\$23.50	\$47	53	29
EG-7	General Elk	February 1 – 28, 2017	16A	20 Antlerless	1 Antlerless	\$23.50	\$47	23	59
EG-8	General Elk	February 1 – 28, 2017	16A and B	3 Antlerless	NA	\$23.50	\$47	NA	NA

Unit 16 has been split into sub-units for the elk hunts. 16A is all of New Lands excluding Padres Mesa. Unit 16B is the Padres Mesa area within New Lands. Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. An applicant may select up to 4 General Elk hunt choices when applying.

## FALL TURKEY HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Turkey Permits Available		COST		2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Vet/Senior	Navajo		
TF	Fall Turkey	November 18 – 24, 2016	1 – 5, 15	25	1	\$13.50	\$27	90	15

Weapons: Shotgun or bow only.

## PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Buck Permits Available			COST	2015 Permits Avail.	2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	VET/ SENIOR				
AG	Antelope	Sept. 3 - 7, 2016	16	3	0	\$155	\$155	3	14	67

Weapon: An legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. This hunt is open to Navajo tribal members only. A person drawn for this hunt cannot apply for the next three (3) hunt seasons. **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.**

## BLACK BEAR HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Bear Permits Available		COST		2015 Permits Avail.	2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	VET/ SENIOR	NAVAJO			
B-1	Black Bear	Aug. 15 - Oct. 14, 2016	1-5, 12	40	1	\$26	\$52	30	44	25

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

## TROPHY DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF NAVAJO AVAILABLE PERMITS	VET/ SENIOR	NAVAJO COST	2015 Permits Avail.	2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
DTN-1	Trophy Deer	Dec. 10–18, 2016	7	1 Antlered	\$310	\$310	1	3	0
DTN-2	Trophy Deer	Dec. 10-14, 2016	12	2 Antlered	\$310	\$310	2	13	50
DTN-3	Trophy Deer	Dec. 26-31, 2016	16	1 Antlered	\$310	\$310	1	3	0

**DT Hunts:** An applicant may select a second and third choice DT hunt on the application. No more than two (2) applicants may apply together. 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.

## TROPHY ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF NAVAJO AVAILABLE PERMITS	VET/ SENIOR	NAVAJO COST	2015 Permits Avail.	2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
ETN-1	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 14-28, 2016	9,10,15,16A	2 Any Elk	\$310	\$310	2	10	50
ETN-2	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 14-28, 2016	9,10,15,16B	1 Bull Elk	\$310	\$310	1	10	0
ETN-3	Trophy Rifle Elk	Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 2016	9, 10, 15, 16A	1 Bull Elk	\$310	\$310	NA	NA	NA
ETN-4	Trophy Rifle Elk	Jan. 7 – 13, 2017	9,10,15,16B	1 Bull Elk	\$310	\$310	NA	NA	NA
ETN-5	Trophy Rifle Elk	Jan. 7 – 13, 2017	9, 10, 15, 16A	1 Bull Elk	\$310	\$310	NA	NA	NA

**ET HUNTS:** Unit 16 has been split into sub-units for the elk hunts. 16A is all of New Lands excluding Padres Mesa. Unit 16B is the Padres Mesa area within New Lands. An applicant may select up to three ET hunt choices 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.

## SPECIAL ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF NAVAJO PERMITS	VET/ SENIOR	NAVAJO COST	2015 Permits Avail.	2015 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Apps.	% Hunt Success
DBHS	Desert Bighorn Sheep	Nov. 26 – 30 , 2016	11	2 Rams (once in a lifetime)	\$25	\$25	2	107	100
DNS	Navajo Special Deer	Oct. 1, 2016 - Jan. 31, 2017 Any 30 days	1-16	1 Antlered (once in a lifetime)	\$50	\$50	1	19	100
ENS	Navajo Special Elk	Sept. 1 – Oct. 15, 2016 and Jan. 1 - Feb. 15, 2017 Any 30 days	1-16	1 Any Elk (Once in a lifetime)	\$50	\$50	1	29	100

Special Once-in-a-lifetime hunts: If you are not drawn, you do not receive a refund.

**DBHS HUNT:** Contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife for more information on accessing the hunt area. Application Cost is a non-refundable \$25.

**DNS HUNT:** The hunt is only open to Navajo tribal members. The season is any 30 days between October 1, 2016 and January 31, 2017. 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.

**ENS HUNT:** This hunt is only open to Navajo tribal members. The season is any 30 days from September 1 – October 15, 2016, and January 1 – February 15, 2017. 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.