

# Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife

## 2023-2024 Mountain Lion Proclamation

Hunt Code	Season	Open Units	Number of Permits	Cost Navajo/Navajo Spouse	Cost non-Navajo	Navajo Vets/Senior Citizens
MTL-1	Oct. 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	1-16	Unlimited	\$26.00	\$250.00	\$13.00

All successful lion hunters are required to check their harvested animal out with the Management/Research Section within (5) five days of making a kill. Hunters will be required to provide a photo and a lion harvest check sheet. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season. Legal Method of Take: Any legal weapon for big game as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. Spotted kittens and females with spotted kittens may not be taken.

The Department will be accepting big game hunt applications via email, mail or at the main Fish and Wildlife Office. Fillable applications and Credit Card Authorization Forms are available on the Department web site. Email applications and Credit Card Authorization Forms to [hunt@nndfw.org](mailto:hunt@nndfw.org). Incomplete applications or Credit Card Authorization Forms that are not signed will be rejected.

Non-Navajo hunters using illegal guides or hounds-men who make a kill and subsequently remove the carcass from the Navajo Nation are in violation of both Navajo Nation and federal wildlife laws and will have their hunting privileges revoked. Non-Navajos accompanying big game hunters will be issued a citation for illegal guiding under this provision.

Non-Navajos lion hunters may only be accompanied by Immediate family. Immediate family is defined as spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother. Aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, are not considered immediate family. It is illegal to accompany a non-Navajo in the field while hunting or scouting if that person is not an immediate family member.

It is a violation for any non-Navajo to guide or use their hounds to hunt game for any hunter unless they are immediate family.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is implementing a regional quota system for the 2023-2024 lion season. Hunters will be required to call the Department of Fish and Wildlife on each Friday during the lion season to find out if any lion quotas have been met. If a lion quota is met, that will also be publicized on the Department of Fish and Wildlife website, so a hunter has the option of checking the website each Friday. The following are regional quotas: Units 1, 7, 12 and 16 has a quota of 15 lions. Units 2-5 have a quota of 15 lions. Units 6, 8, 9 and 10 has a

quota of 5 lions. Units 13, 14 and 15 have a quota of 4 lions. When a quota for a region is met, the lion hunting in those units will be closed beginning on the Saturday after the information is posted on the Department of Fish and Wildlife website. Once a region is closed, it is illegal to hunt lions in those units.

Mountain Lion Permits sales will end on December 29, 2023. The Department will not accept post-dated mailed applications after December 29, 2023.