

**NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**2026 SPRING BEAR HUNT**

SEASON DATES: **May 11 – June 28, 2026**

MANAGEMENT UNITS OPEN: **Units 1-5 and 12**

PERMIT COST: Navajo (census # required) 20 Permits = \$54.00  
Navajo Senior Citizen & Veteran = \$26.00  
Navajo Spouse 1 Permit = \$54.00  
Non-Navajo 2 Permits = \$1,500.00

Permit Cost includes a non-refundable application fee of \$15.00  
**Senior Citizens** must include documentation of proof of age  
**Veterans** must provide copy of DD-214  
**Navajo Spouses** must include marriage license, spouses' CIB and affidavit signed by both husband and wife.

APPLICATION TIMELINE: Online Application open from **April 13, 2026 9AM MDT to April 24, 2026 by 5PM MDT.**

HOW TO APPLY: Visit [hunt.nndfw.org](http://hunt.nndfw.org) or you can find a link on our main page at [www.nndfw.org](http://www.nndfw.org) and fill out the big game hunt application and credit card information to complete the application process. Supporting documents for Veterans, Seniors Citizens, Navajo Spouse Etc. should be submitted at [2026documents@nndfw.org](mailto:2026documents@nndfw.org).

LEGAL METHOD OF TAKE: Any legal weapon for big game as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation Booklet.

BAG LIMIT: One any bear. Cubs and sows with cubs may not be taken.

✓ Permits will be issued to eligible applicants on a random drawing basis (if necessary).

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✓ Group applicants will be drawn together.

✓ No transferring of permits, no refunds on issued permits.

✓ Left-over permits will be available on a first-come-first-served basis on April 30, 2026.

### **IMPORTANT CHANGES**

- § The Navajo Nation Fall Hunting Proclamation is a supplement to the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation Booklet. Any changes outlined in this proclamation supersede the Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- § UTVs/ATV's are not allowed during big game hunts, except by special permit, or to retrieve downed game. Possession of a firearm, bow or muzzleloader during retrieval is prohibited.
- § Small game hunting, including furbearers, is permitted year-round with proper small game permit.
- § It is illegal to bait big game for the purpose of hunting or scouting. Baiting is defined as placing a natural or artificial food source or supplement utilized to attract a big game animal.
- § Immediate family is defined as spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother. Aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, 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 other hunter, unless they are immediate family *or they have the same permit that authorizes them to be hunting*.
- § 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.
- § Use of Hounds: Non-Navajo hunters using hounds for bear, lion and bobcat 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.