

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

2015-16 Game Hunting Proclamation

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Hunting on the Pueblo of Laguna is a privilege not a right.

All hunters on the Laguna Reservation shall adhere to Pueblo and Federal rules and regulations.



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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

All Hunters

- Archery Qualification Dates April 29 to May 2, or May 27 to 30 (or by appointment)
(Sign up for a qualification time by calling (552-7512 or 552 5053) or email infor.nr@lagunapueblo-nsn.gov)
- General Application Deadline - NR office by 4:30 pm or postmarked May 1, 2015
- Drawing Date – ENRD Conference Room, 12:00 noon May 26, 2015
- Payment Due Date – June 26, 2015
- Over-the-Counter permits are available, NR office, 10:00 am July 13, 2015
- Hunters Education Certification See <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter>

Non-Laguna Hunters

- Hunter Assistance Forms -- NR office by 4:30 PM or postmarked at least **2 Fridays prior to hunt!!**

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Laguna Emergency Dispatch, Ph# (505) 552-6685, Email – rsoto@lagunapueblo-nsn.gov
- Acoma Police Phone # (505) 552-6601/6602

IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

- **To receive an over the counter permit all fees must be paid at time of purchase!**
- **Permits and tags will not automatically be mailed out!! You must request that they be mailed to you!!**
- **All mule deer hunts are draw only, this is the only hunt that is not automatically available to disabled, elder, veteran, or youth hunters, all applicants will be entered in a random draw.**
- **A limit of two youth permits can be added to any mentor permit, not including mule deer permits.**
- **All draw hunts must be paid for by June 26. If the permit is not paid for by this date it will be made available over the counter.**
- **Permit Fees for High Demand Hunts and some Special hunts are now \$20.**
- **Personal checks will not be accepted.**
- Archery hunters must be qualified by payment due date (June 26th) in order to hunt!
- High Demand hunts like Cow Elk, Tahr, Barbary Sheep (Aoudad), Pronghorn and Mule Deer will be draw only.
- High Demand hunts like Cow Elk, Tahr, Barbary Sheep (Aoudad), Pronghorn and Mule Deer will have alternates drawn for permits.
- Permits purchases over the counter **must be paid for at that time.**
- All Archery Hunters must be qualified to be eligible for the draw. Archery Hunters are encouraged to qualify before the draw. Qualification is good for three years!!!
- No youth can be added to a hunt purchased Over the Counter.
- **Non-Pueblo Hunters** will be allowed to scout for the ten (10) days prior their hunt, unless a hunt is going on in that unit.

- If you hunted in the 2014-2015 season and we do not have a **Harvest Report** from for your hunt, you will not be eligible to apply for any hunts this year or next. See *Section 2 General Information, H. Hunting Regulations, (3) Mandatory Harvest Reporting*, “Mandatory harvest reporting is required, *whether or not a game animal was harvested.*”

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Poaching is considered the taking or attempting to take an animal without a permit, on another person’s permit, or taking to attempting to take a species not on the permit issued to the hunter.**
- **Laguna Elders** (65 years of age or more), Disabled hunters, and Veterans will have all fees waived.
- Anyone under the age of 18 can get a permit for free (the application fee still must be paid)!! A responsible adult (Mentor) just needs to attach the youths’ application to theirs and **pay both application fees**. Then if the Adult is chosen in the draw the youth gets a free permit for the same hunt. **Limit of two youth per mentor, per hunt**. After the draw, youth can purchase available tags for cost of hunt. Mule Deer hunts are the only hunts that youth **cannot** get through a mentor permit. Youth are allowed to apply through the draw for a permit.
- By signing the application you are authorizing a **Background Check**.
- **Naturalized Members** are eligible to hunt on the Pueblo as regular members.
- ENRD will accept **credit cards** for payment of fees.
- All Archery Hunts are either sex unless otherwise indicated.
- **All Hunters** that are not able to hunt because of an “emergency” may submit a written petition to the Natural Resource Program for consideration. The NRP will evaluate each petition on a case by case basis; however, we reserve the right to refuse any petition.
- **In Non-Member hunting camps with a Hunters Assistant**, the number of “firearms” in a hunting camp cannot exceed the number of hunting permits issued in that camp.
- On the last day of any Bull Elk hunt, a hunter that has not filled their tag with a bull, can fill their tag with a cow elk instead.

POACHING HURTS EVERYONE!

- Animals taken without a permit are not considered in the management plan, and can harm the overall population. With the increased amount of dry conditions every individual in the population is important.
- **Poaching is not our way!!** Poachers may feel that the limits put on hunting permits are not our native way, but taking animals out of season or without a permit is selfish.
- Repeat Poachers can lose lifetime hunting privileges.
- Don’t be a poacher! Conserve the resources we have been blessed with, and allow your children and grandchildren to enjoy our hunting traditions.

BE AWARE OF WHAT IS LEGAL AND WHAT IS NOT!! ALL HUNTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS BEFORE GOING INTO THE FIELD!!

SECTION 1: LEGAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A. Applicability of Pueblo and Federal Laws

- (1) Any person hunting on the Pueblo of Laguna is subject to prosecution in Pueblo or Federal court if the person is in violation of any Pueblo or Federal law.
- (2) The Natural Resource Program, and the Public Safety Department are exempt from this proclamation and the Wildlife Code when conducting management activities.

B. Criminal Background Investigations

- (1) The Pueblo reserves the right to investigate the criminal backgrounds of any person who applies for a permit, purchases a big game hunting permit to hunt on the Pueblo, or applies as a Hunter's Assistant (HA).
- (2) Hunters or Hunter Assistants convicted of domestic violence crimes or felony crimes from possessing or using firearms (including civil, misdemeanor, or felony) may not be permitted to hunt or assist hunters on Laguna, and fees collected by the department will not be returned. The restriction may or may not be permanent depending on court judgment.
- (3) If you have been convicted (or pled guilty) to a domestic violence charge or felony charge after 2007, or have a domestic restraining order issued against you in any jurisdiction, it is illegal to apply for a rifle or muzzleloader hunt. Applications for archery hunts are permitted.
- (4) By signing the application you are authorizing a Background Check.

C. Disabled Hunters

- (1) Any member that has a physical disability may apply for a Disabled Hunter Permit.
- (2) All persons applying as a disabled must have a Mobility Impairment Certification Form (MICF) filled out from their doctor in file at the ENRD Office prior to the 2016-17 season.
 - (a) The MICF can be picked up at the ENRD office, or emailed out upon request.
- (3) Mobility Impairment Certification Forms are good for 60 months (5 years).

D. Signed Consent

- (4) By signing a Pueblo of Laguna Big Game Hunting Application or Hunter's Assistant Agreement Form, the hunter or HA acknowledges that they have read and understand the proclamation, accepts, and agrees to be legally bound by ALL Pueblo of Laguna laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and is subject to both civil and criminal penalties.
- (5) Failure to comply may result in the immediate termination of your hunt, removal from Pueblo of Laguna lands, suspension, or loss of hunting privileges on the Pueblo, or other legal action as appropriate.
- (6) The hunting permit and Hunter's Assistant Agreement Form must be signed by hunter and the HA to be valid; hunters with unsigned documents are subject to trespass and/or poaching law.

SECTION 2: GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Application Procedure

(1) Applying for Pueblo or Non-Pueblo Draw Hunts

- (a) Applications must be fully filled out, incomplete applications will not be processed.
- (b) A \$10.00 non-refundable **application** fee will be charged at the time of turn in for all applications except for Laguna Elders, Laguna Disabled Hunters and Laguna Veterans.
- (c) All application fees collected will go to the Turn In Poachers (TIP's) Program.
- (d) A non-refundable **permit** fee will be due on the date indicated in the Proclamation (June 26). Permits can be paid for at any time prior to that date.
- (e) Laguna Elders, Laguna Disabled Hunters and Laguna Veterans do not have to pay an application fee or a permit fee.
- (f) All High Demand hunts like Cow elk, Tahr, Barbary sheep (Aoudad), Pronghorn and Mule Deer hunts are **Draw Only**, this is the only hunt that is not automatically available to disabled, elder, veteran, or youth hunters, all applicants will be entered in the random draw
- (g) All High Demand hunts like Cow elk, Tahr, Barbary sheep (Aoudad), Pronghorn and Mule Deer **will have alternates drawn for permits**. Any permits that are not paid for, turned back in, or forfeited will be offered to the alternates in the order they were drawn.
- (h) All Draw hunts must be paid for by the deadline stated above (on page 3), if they are not paid for they will be made available over the counter.
- (i) Hunters that did not draw can purchase permits over the counter on July 13th, but they must be paid in full at the time of purchase.
- (j) Hunters that did not apply in the draw must pass a background check before they can purchase a permit over the counter.
- (k) All application and permit fees are non-refundable.
- (l) Permits cannot be transferred, loaned or borrowed.
- (m) Big Game Hunting Applications are available at the following locations: NR Program office, Dancing Eagle Supermarket, Laguna Pueblo Administrative Building, Laguna Superette, Pagate Mart, online at http://www.lagunapueblo-nsn.gov/Natura_Resources.aspx and are also available via e-mail by contacting us at info.nr@lagunapueblo-nsn.gov.
- (n) Permits for draw hunts will be awarded on a random drawing basis. Applicants do not need to be present to be drawn. Successfully drawn applicants will be notified by mail and names will be posted at the NR Program office and Pueblo Building.
- (o) Permits not paid for by the deadline will be made available for purchase Over the Counter.
- (p) Tags turned in or tags not paid for before the deadline will be made available for purchase over the counter or be made available to alternates if it is a High Demand hunt.
- (q) Applications will be accepted by mail, email or in person to the NR Program office, but the application fee must be paid to be eligible for the draw. Payment for the application can be taken over the phone.
- (r) Applications may be paid over the phone, with a credit card.

- (s) All Hunters: Send only the application fee with your application. Do not send full payment until notification (by mail or email) of the drawing results. Once notified full payment must be received by deadline to secure the hunt.
- (t) All tags can be picked up at the ENRD Office after being paid for.
- (u) Permits and/or tags will only be mailed out upon request, but must be paid for prior to being sent out!
- (v) Permit Fees will be deposited in the Pueblo of Laguna General Fund.
- (w) The Natural Resource Program will accept credit cards, cash, money orders, or cashier's checks for payment of application fees and permit fees. Personal check will not be accepted!!

(2) Youth/Mentor Applications

- (a) **Parents, guardians, or mentors** wishing to take a qualified youth on a hunt with them can apply for an additional youth permit by indicating so on their application.
- (b) The \$10.00 application fee for the youth must be paid. All other fees will be waived for the youth.
- (c) Youth permits can only be added to the hunts a Mentor is applying for.
- (d) Mentors both hunting and non-hunting can only apply for a maximum of two (2) big game hunts.
- (e) A non-hunting Mentor can accompany a youth, and will not be charged an application fee. They will be issued a mentor permit. **A non-hunting Mentor must have the same qualifications as a hunting Mentor.**
- (f) Limit of two youth per mentor, per hunt.
- (g) Non-hunting mentors can only be drawn for a maximum of two hunts. Youth being mentored can accompany the mentor on those two hunts only.

(3) Applying for Permits Left Over After the Draw

- (a) If you applied for a Draw Hunt and were not drawn you can purchase a "Left over Permit" not applied for in the draw.
- (b) If you already applied for a permit in the draw the "Over the Counter" section of your original application must be filled out to indicate what you are purchasing.
- (c) Applications must be fully filled out, incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- (d) The permit must be paid for at the time of selection. No permits will be distributed without payment!

(4) Unpaid or Returned hunts

- (a) Any hunt that is not paid for by the deadline, or if hunter turns back in a permit, it will be made available for purchase "Over the Counter," except for high demand hunts. Any high demand permits will offered to the alternates in the order they were drawn.
- (b) High demand hunts (Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Tahr & Barbary Sheep) that are unpaid or returned will be offered to applicants drawn as alternates after the awarded hunters.

B. Permit Eligibility

(1) Permit Requirements

- (a) All hunters must have submitted a fully filled out application, and passed a background check.
- (b) All hunters must be in possession of a valid POL big game permit to hunt, take, possess, or transport any type of big game on the Pueblo
- (c) All Hunters or Hunter Assistants must have their permit in their possession at all times during a hunt.
- (d) If a permit is lost or destroyed a \$5.00 duplicate permit fee will apply.

(2) Hunter Education Card – Youth Hunters (under 18 years old)

- (3) A Hunter Education (HE) card is REQUIRED for all youth hunters. Hunter education cards must be presented prior to obtaining a permit and carried at all times while hunting.
 - (a) Youth hunters may hunt only when accompanied by a parent, guardian, or an assistant (must be 21 years and older).
 - (b) A parent, guardian, or an assistant is eligible to hunt with a youth hunter if they also have a valid hunting permit.

C. Types of Hunts

(1) Rifle Hunts – All eligible Pueblo members may apply for this hunt.

- (a) Youth (under 18) that apply for rifle hunts must show proof of completing a **Hunter Safety Course**, and be accompanied by a permitted mentor or another adult 21 years or older.
- (b) It is recommended that all rifle hunters wear at least 300 square inches of blaze orange, generally a vest and hat will meet this requirement.

(2) Muzzle Loader Hunts – All eligible Pueblo members may apply for this hunt.

- (a) Youth (under 18) that apply for rifle hunts must show proof of completing a **Hunter Safety Course**, and be accompanied by an adult.
- (b) It is recommended that all rifle hunters wear at least 300 square inches of blaze orange, generally a vest and hat will meet this requirement.

(3) Archery Hunts – A proficiency test must be successfully completed before an archery permit is issued. The test is as follows.

- (a) All successfully drawn archery hunters will be required to be qualified in order to hunt.
- (b) Archers that do not qualify at least 30 days prior to the hunt, will not be issued a permit and that permit will be made available for purchase OTC, or to an alternate.
- (c) The qualifying archer will have three separate opportunities to choose to shoot or not to shoot at a 3D target from three different angles and distances.
- (d) Each arrow must pass through the vitals area of the 3D target. Arrows that do not will be counted as a miss.
- (e) Shots that hit in the target and would need to pass through bone to hit the vitals will count as a miss.
- (f) Archers can use any instruments/tools to determine distance.

- (g) Each shot attempt can take no longer than 60 seconds, including determining distance.
 - (h) One arrow per opportunity.
 - (i) The hunter will be required to correctly answer questions about when a shot should be taken depending on distance, and position of the animal.
 - (j) Archers are allowed to attempt to qualify once per day, and if they fail to qualify they may schedule up to four more qualifying session in order to qualify, no more than five (5) qualifying attempts in one year.
 - (k) Qualifications are good for three (3) years.
 - (l) Permits will only be issued to hunters that have successfully qualified.
 - (m) Youth (under 18) that apply for archery hunts must show proof of completing a **Hunter Safety Course**, and be accompanied by an adult.
- (4) Special Reserved Hunts
- (a) Hunts that are reserved for particular activities, such as Cultural Hunts, Exchange Hunts, or for Guided hunts.
- (5) Disabled Hunt -To qualify for a disability hunt a written doctor certification of a must be on file when obtaining a permit. Hunting permits cannot be issued without this certification.
- (a) Disabled Non-Members are not eligible to apply for any Disabled Member hunt.
 - i. Disabled Non-Members with a valid MICF will be allowed accommodations during regular Non-Member hunts.
 - (b) If a Disabled Member Hunter is not able to shoot they may apply to have accommodations made to their permit.
 - i. Written request must be submitted for consideration of the accommodations.
 - ii. Accommodations will be made on an individual basis.

D. Permits

(1) Adult Permit

- (a) Anyone over the age of 18 and a member of the Pueblo will be issued an Adult Permit.

(2) Member Elder

- (a) Any member 65 years or older can apply for any elk hunt. Permit and application fees waived.
- (b) Elders that apply for High Demand Hunts will be included in the Draw for that hunt.

(3) Member Disabled

- (a) Any member that is disabled can apply for any elk hunt. Permit and application fees waived.
- (b) The disabled status must be qualified by having a Disabled Hunter Certification form on file with the Natural Resource Program.
- (c) Forms are good for 5 years
- (d) Disabled hunters may apply for special accommodations that allow them to hunt.

- (4) Member Youth/Mentor Permit - Any adult wanting to take a youth hunting can do so by attaching the youth application(s) to the Mentors application when turning in.
 - (a) All Mentors will be put in the draw, both non-hunting and hunting mentors.
 - (b) If mentor is not hunting application fee is waived.
 - (c) If the Mentor is selected in the draw, youth that they are mentoring will also be issued a permit,
 - (d) Not available for Over the Counter (OTC) Permits,
 - (e) Youth and mentors must be applying for the same hunts.
 - (f) A maximum of two (2) youth can accompany any mentor, except for High Demand Hunts only one (1) youth can accompany a mentor.
- (5) Youth Permits
 - (a) Anyone under the age of 18 will be issued a Youth Permit. In order to hunt they must be accompanied by an adult.
 - (b) Youth do not have to have a mentor in order to hunt.
- (6) Member Veteran Permit
 - (a) Permit and application fees are waived for Laguna member veterans for all hunts.
 - (b) Veteran cards and/or honorable discharge papers (DD-214) must be presented when submitting an application for a permit.
 - (c) Or, a copy by the hunters DD214 certified by a Notary Public can be left at the ENRD office to be kept on file.
- (7) Non-hunting Mentor Permit
 - (a) Application fees are waived for anyone that has chosen not hunt and mentor a youth hunter.
 - (b) Non-hunting mentors and youth must apply for the same hunt.
 - (c) Non-hunting mentors must have an application must be filled out and attached to the youth hunters' application.
 - (d) Mentors must pass all the qualifications needed to hunt.
- (8) Naturalized Members Permit
 - (a) Naturalized members are eligible for all Pueblo hunts.
- (9) Non-Member Parents of Member Youth and Non-Member Children of Members
 - (b) To qualify birth certificates, marriage license, or Non-Member paperwork must be on file at the Natural Resources Office.
 - (c) Non-Member Children and resident spouses of Pueblo of Laguna Members will be eligible to apply for Non-Member hunts.
 - (d) The cost of the permit for eligible applicants will be three times the Member price of a hunt.
- (10) Special Permits/Non-Member Cultural Permit

- (a) Special permits may be issued at the discretion of the Natural Resource Program for purposes not covered by other permits. (Examples, Cultural Hunts, Depredation Hunts, and Designated Shooter)

(11) For the Use of Dogs in a Hunt

- (a) Dogs can only be used for the tracking or pursuit of species allowed in this proclamation.
- (b) Dogs must have proof of all proper vaccinations.
- (c) Dogs must have a collar and tag that includes name and contact information of the owner.
- (d) Paying someone for the use of their dogs requires a letter of approval from the Natural Resources Program.

(12) Small Game Permits

- (a) Small Game permits are available over the counter all year long.
- (b) Permits are valid for one year from the date of purchase.
- (c) All rules for Big game, unless specified, also apply to Small Game.
- (d) Hunting units are closed to small game during a big game hunt.

E. Draw Procedure

(1) All applications submitted on time will be checked against lists of hunters that are not eligible to hunt for the following reasons.

- (a) Non reporting or late reporting of harvest,
- (b) Violations of the proclamation,
- (c) Violations of the "Wildlife Code,"
- (d) And all other prohibitions

(2) Violators will be removed from the draw pool.

- (a) Persons removed from the draw pool will be notified after the draw the reason they were removed,
- (b) Notice will be sent in writing to the applicant at least two weeks before the first hunt informing them why they were removed from the draw.

(3) All eligible applications will be entered into the pool for hunts indicated on the application

- (a) A random draw of applicants will be done to determine selection for a hunt,
- (b) One alternate for each available permit will be selected in a second draw for high demand hunts such as,
 - i. Mule deer
 - ii. Pronghorn
 - iii. Tahr
 - iv. Barbary Sheep
 - v. Cow elk
- (c) Alternates will be ranked by the random draw order they were picked in,

- (d) Alternates will be offered permits that are given up, not paid for, or forfeited for any reason,
- (e) If the first alternate turns down the available permit, it will be offered to the next alternate, and so forth until the permit is accepted.

F. Rules and Regulations Defining Legal Big Game Animals for Harvest

- (1) Lawful taking of big game animals is one animal per permit meeting the following requirements:
 - (a) Mule Deer Buck and Bull Elk must have at least an established fork on both sides of the head (2X2). No 'spikes' or animals with one point per side (1X1 or 1x2) may be harvested.
 - (b) All archery hunts are for either sex, unless otherwise indicated on the permit or in the proclamation.
 - (c) If on the last day of any Bull Elk hunt a hunter has not filled their tag with a bull, they may fill their tag with a Cow Elk instead, unless otherwise indicated on the permit.
 - (d) Cow elk with calves may NOT be taken.
 - (e) Pronghorn buck must have horns longer than ears.
 - (f) Spring Wild Turkey must have a visible beard. Fall Wild Turkey is any one turkey.
 - (g) Barbary Sheep (Aoudad) or Himalayan Tahr of either sex may be harvested.
 - (h) Cougars must not be a kitten with spots or be a female with kittens with spots.
 - (i) Only adult bears without cubs may be taken.
- (2) All violations of this proclamation, or of Pueblo Law, will be enforced by Pueblo of Laguna law enforcement officers.
- (3) Feral, Invasive or Non-Game Animals
 - (a) Feral horses and burros **are not** considered game animals and have no protection under this proclamation.
 - (b) Feral pigs **are not** considered game animals and **are** considered invasive; they also have no protection under this proclamation.
 - (c) The taking of feral animals is not prohibited and is not encouraged. If an animal is taken a reporting of the location where the animal was taken to the Natural Resource Program is required.
 - (d) Feral animals taken for reasons other than consumption must be buried with at least 6 inches of soil covering them.
 - (e) Non-Game species found on the Pueblo of Laguna may only be taken under an approved permit from the Natural Resource Program. Taking of non-game animals without a permit is considered poaching and may be prosecuted as such.
- (4) The NR Program staff will assist as necessary and participate in any court proceedings, if required.

G. Acts Specifically Prohibited

(1) Any alleged violation of these prohibited acts will be referred to the Laguna Police Department for civil or criminal action. Any person in violation of the acts below will lose hunting privileges for (5) five years unless otherwise indicated:

- (a) Taking of or attempting to take wildlife without a permit (Poaching).
- (b) Taking or attempting to take wildlife under a permit issued to another person (unless specifically exempted).
- (c) Taking or attempting to take wildlife not specifically indicated on your hunting permit.
- (d) Shooting from, along, near (40 ft minimum), or across a graded or paved road (the only exception is where accommodations were granted to a disabled hunter).
- (e) Shooting from within ½ mile of a designated campground, recreation area, or residence (without written permission of the owner).
- (f) Possessing a rifle in any motor vehicle with live ammunition in the chamber; or possessing a firearm in the field during an archery hunting for big game.
- (g) Abandoning or wasting any edible portion of a big game animal. Donations are encouraged.
- (h) Hunting big game while in possession of, or under the influence of alcohol or other illegal or performance inhibiting drugs.
- (i) Shooting or attempting to shoot a decoy, except, during a legal hunt by legal means.
- (j) Driving off maintained or established roads in motor vehicles, including ATVs is strictly prohibited, *except* for disabled hunters and/or to retrieve legally taken game.
- (k) Camping in any restricted areas (indicated on unit maps) or within ¼ mile of a wildlife/livestock water structure.
- (l) Use of hunting dogs to hunt any big game including wild turkey, unless otherwise specified in the proclamation.
- (m) Taking or attempting to take any wildlife from a motor vehicle (the only exception is where accommodations were granted to a disabled hunter) or aircraft.
- (n) Taking or attempt to take any wildlife with the aid of any artificial light.
- (o) Littering on Pueblo of Laguna lands.

H. Hunting Regulations

(1) Manner and method of lawful take of Big Game

- (a) Hunting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- (b) Only the following shall be permitted:
 - i. Legal firearms are of .22 caliber or greater, unless used for small game.
 - ii. Firearms which allow emission of a full report from the barrel with nothing to silence or muffle of the sound.
 - iii. Shotguns (10 gauge and smaller) with no more than a three shell capacity. Shotgun plugs are required on guns with shell capacity greater than three.
 - iv. Muzzleloaders: firing a projectile of .45 caliber or larger.

- v. Any bow (except crossbows) of 40 pounds or greater, capable of casting an arrow 160 yards. Arrow points with sharpened broad heads or replaceable blades larger than 7/8 inches in diameter, non-explosive and non-poisonous.
- vi. Crossbows may be used during any rifle hunt, hunter must follow all other rifle hunting rules.

(1) Ammunition

- (a) Centerfire cartridges firing a soft nose bullet, hollow point bullet, or a solid lead projectile.
- (b) Non Lead bullets will be phased in over the next 5 – 7 years (starting from 2015).

(2) Mandatory Harvest Reporting

- (a) Small Game hunters and trappers are required to make a general report of the previous permit years activities in order to purchase a new permit.
 - i. The report must include the approximate number of small birds that were taken in the previous year for religious purposes.
 - ii. The report must also include an approximate number of furbearers that were taken in that same period.
 - iii. Failure to make a report will disqualify that hunter from purchasing any hunting permit from the Pueblo for that calendar year.
- (b) Big Game harvest reports must be submitted within **30 days** of the last day of a permitted hunt, **even if hunter did not participate in hunt.**
- (c) Mandatory harvest reporting for Big Game is required, **whether or not a game animal was harvested.**
- (d) Failure to report will result in the loss of hunting privileges for **two years.**
- (e) Hunters awarded two hunts must report results within each hunt's respective reporting period.
- (f) Hunting results can be reported by: filling out and mailing in the *Big Game Harvest Report* form attached to the hunting permit, in person at the Program office (8am-4:30pm weekdays), by e-mail info.nr@lagunapueblo-nsn.gov. (must be a scan of a filled out form or contain all information on the Harvest Report)
- (g) Harvest Reports can also be mailed with the included stamped post card.
- (h) **To phone in a harvest report you must talk to a person, leaving a message is not sufficient.**
- (i) **Harvest Reports phoned in must contain all information on the Harvest Report, including hunt and unit, hunt dates, permit number, date of harvest and hours hunted.**
- (j) **If you did not hunt you still have to submit a Harvest Report with the DID NOT HUNT box checked, and the permit number.**
- (k) **Reports not containing all the information in the Big Game Harvest Report will be considered incomplete and not accepted.**

(2) Transportation, Possession, Evidence of Sex and Species Requirement

- (a) A valid big game permit is required to transport and possess any big game or parts thereof. Only permitted hunters (or Pueblo Law Enforcement Officers) may transport wildlife from the place where it was taken to a permanent residence or place of storage.
- (b) Any wildlife possessed or transported must be accompanied by natural evidence to enable the sex and species of the animal to be readily determined by ordinary inspection. Proof of sex and species shall be as follows:
 - i. Big game ungulates (hoofed animals): male (head & testicles), female (head & udder)
 - ii. Turkey (attached beard)

(3) Tagging

- (a) All Harvested Big Game Must Be Tagged
- (b) The issued plastic tag must be attached to either the antler of males harvested or through the ear of any female animal taken.
- (c) The month and day of the harvest must be marked on the paper tag by the permitted hunter who harvested the animal.
- (d) The tag must remain with the skull of the harvested animal at all times, including when it is left unattended in the field, is in camp, is in/on any vehicle, is at a residence, or is at a place of storage.
- (e) Tags may be removed when not in the field and a significant portion of the animal has been processed.

(3) Donation of Wildlife

- (a) It is recommended that all donations of an animal or animal parts be documented to protect the hunter from suspicion of poaching,
- (b) Donation of an animal or animal parts for a cultural purpose is encouraged.

(4) Notification of Wounded Animal Leaving Reservation:

- (a) The NR Program or Conservation Officers must be contacted by the hunter if a wounded animal leaves the Pueblo Boundary. They will notify appropriate jurisdiction at the Pueblo border to assist with the retrieval of wounded big game that left Laguna land during any big game hunt. The hunter must pay any applicable retrieval fees that may be required.

(5) Hunting Unit Closures During Hunts (all big game hunting seasons)

- (a) The NR Program reserves the right to close any game unit to recreational activity during any hunt if it is determined that the safety and well-being of the public may be in jeopardy.
- (b) For public safety, hunting units with active big game hunts will be closed to firewood hauling (except for immediate camp use), small game hunts (except for immediate camp use), and trapping.

(6) No Guiding or Outfitting

- (a) Guided and outfitted hunts are NOT permitted on the Pueblo of Laguna (*Resolution No. 46-90*) without specific written permission of the Natural Resources Program. Severe Civil penalties may be enacted for illegal guiding and outfitting.

- (b) If approached by anyone offering to guide or outfit, or if guiding is witnessed in the field contact the Laguna Police Department at 552-6685.

(7) Illegal Hunting (Also Known as Poaching)

- (a) Hunting any animal other than specifically indicated on a hunting permit is poaching and will result in the immediate termination of a hunt, seizure of any firearm in position at time of violation, and loss of future hunting privileges on the Pueblo, and other civil penalties.
- (b) Any person witnessing any illegal or suspicious activity has the responsibility to call the Laguna Police Department at 552-6685.

I. Hunter's Code of Ethics

- (1) I will obey all hunting rules and regulations for firearms, hunting safety, and help teach proper gun safety to new hunters. I will conduct myself in an ethical, respectful manner and insist that other hunters with me do likewise.
- (2) If I witness any illegal hunting activities, I will make an effort to contact Pueblo of Laguna Law Enforcement Officials at (505) 552-6685.
- (3) I will be respectful and courteous to other hunters and non-hunters.
- (4) I will hunt under the rules of "fair chase". I will respect my quarry before and after the hunt and hunt only in fair and sporting ways and not take unfair advantage of any game animals.
- (5) I will improve my hunting and marksmanship skills and take only shots that permit clean, swift kill. I will make every possible effort to locate any animal wounded by myself or another hunter. If I draw blood and cannot locate the animal, **my hunt is done**.
- (6) I will support conservation through direct involvement or financial assistance to help restore habitat and wildlife so future hunters may have a high quality outdoor experience.
- (7) I will make full use of any game I harvest to prevent waste. I will take no species or number of game that I do not want for personal consumption.
- (8) I will always leave my hunting area cleaner than it was when I arrived.

SECTION 3: SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUEBLO OF LAGUNA MEMBERS

A. Restrictions for High Demand Hunts

- (1) Applicants that are drawn for any Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Tahr or Barbary Sheep hunt will not be eligible for that permit again for one (1) year.
- (2) If an applicants that are drawn for any Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Tahr or Barbary Sheep hunt and is successful they are not eligible for that permit for two (2) years.

SECTION 4: SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NON-MEMBERS

A. Non-Laguna Hunter Rules and Regulations

- (1) **Limit of TWO** big game permits per hunting season.
 - (a) All Non-Pueblo hunters are **REQUIRED** to Check-in at the NR Program office **During Business Hours** prior to starting their hunt.
 - (b) Check in can be done by phone at least 72 hours prior to starting the hunt or scouting period.
 - (c) A vehicle dash placard will be issued to the hunter prior to traveling on Laguna reservation lands. Permits and dash placards can be mailed to hunters by request only.
- (2) **Failure to Check-in WILL result in the loss of hunting privileges and forfeiture of all fees.**
- (3) **In Non-Pueblo hunting camps with a Hunters Assistant**, the number of “firearms” in a hunting camp cannot exceed the number of hunting permits issued in that hunt in camp.
- (4) State of New Mexico Hunting Licenses are **NOT** valid on the Pueblo of Laguna, and POL permits are not valid on BLM or State land (**know where you are in the checkerboard regions**).
- (5) Big Game Hunting Permits and Hunter Assistant forms function as Laguna access permits to hunt in specific units only and authorizes hunters to camp in designated areas for the duration of their hunt/scout period. Signed permits must be in possession at all times.
- (6) Scouting is permitted up to **ten (10) days prior** to the starting hunt date. Check in and pick up permit to serve as an access permit. At the time, a campsite may be established. **Scouting prior to this period is considered trespass without another form of approved access permit**, and will result in trespass fines, loss of hunting privileges, and forfeiture of all paid fees.
- (7) All hunts are non-refundable and non-transferable.

All individuals are recommended that they wear at least 300 square inches of blaze orange, generally a vest and hat will be sufficient.
- (8) In the event of an emergency that prevents a hunter from participating in the purchased hunt, a petition may be submitted to the Natural Resource Office and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. The hunter **may** be granted a “raincheck” that will be honored for the same hunt the following year.
- (9) The Pueblo reserves the right to collect tissue, teeth, and other biological samples from taken game animals as necessary for scientific and wildlife management purposes.

B. Cultural Elk Hunts – (Non- Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Members)

- (1) Written requests for cultural hunts must be submitted to the Pueblo of Laguna Governor for approval. Any requests received after August 1, will not be considered.

C. Non-Pueblo Hunter's Assistant (HA) Requirements

- (1) The Hunter Assistant Application must be in the Natural Resources Office before 4:30 PM at least two Fridays before the state of the hunt applying to assist on.
- (2) **One HA** is permitted to accompany a permitted hunter in camp, and/or in the field.
- (3) Up to two (2) more individuals may accompany a Non-Member hunter, but they will require access permits issued by the Government Affairs Office.
- (4) The HA may not have been convicted of past wildlife crime in any jurisdiction.
- (5) The HA may not be a licensed guide or outfitter.
- (6) The HA may not carry a weapon of any kind during the hunt or when scouting.
- (7) The HA may assist with tracking, retrieving, field dressing and transporting eligible big game from the field to a campsite.
- (8) In camps with a Hunters Assistant, the number of "firearms" in a hunting camp cannot exceed the number of hunting permits issued in that camp.
- (9) Prior to the hunting date all Non-Pueblo hunters and HAs must submit a ***Hunter's Assistant Agreement Form*** by the payment due date. The permitted hunter is responsible for completing, signing, and submitting the form to the NR Program. Only HAs officially approved will be allowed to accompany the permitted hunter.
- (10) Any Non-Pueblo permitted hunter that is accompanied by an unapproved HA, an HA without an HA permit and/or found to be in violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation related to these hunts, may have their hunting privileges revoked and may be charged with trespass.
- (11) Pueblo Members may accompany a Non-Pueblo hunter who has a valid permit. This individual will not be considered a "Non-Pueblo Hunters Assistant." If compensated for accompanying the Non-Pueblo hunter, they will be considered to be "guiding," and can be prosecuted by law.

D. Camping Requirements

- (1) All hunting camps must be in **designated areas only**. Maps of roads and designated camping areas will be provided. Representative from the Pueblo may be available upon request, escort the non-Pueblo hunter to the campsite.
- (2) Campsites are available on a first come, first served basis. There may be more than one hunting group camp in the same location. There will be no changing of campsite locations.
- (3) Camping is allowed for up to **five (5) days prior to the starting hunt date, and must be vacated two (2) days after the ending hunt date**. Any request for extension must be submitted in writing to the NR Program two weeks prior to the hunt start date and will be considered on a case by case basis.
- (4) Camps must be kept clean. Littering is prohibited. The *pack it in-pack it out* concept will be strictly enforced on all Pueblo lands. Any litter left at a campsite will be punishable by severe penalties and will result in the loss of hunting privileges for a minimum of one (1) year.

- (5) Firewood gathering is restricted to dead and downed wood for immediate campfire use only.
- (6) Camping will not be allowed on Pueblo of Laguna land for hunts occurring on state, BLM or private land.

For additional rules and regulations, or questions not covered in this document; please contact the NR office at (505) 552-7512 or (505) 552-9658, or email: info.nr@lagunapueblo-nsn.gov

Appendix A: Definitions

Application fee is the non-refundable \$10.00 fee for applying for a Pueblo big game hunt.

Conservation Officer is an officer of the Public Safety Department with a duty to enforce the law within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo of Laguna.

Disabled is a person with a physical impairment who is unable to hunt in a normal fashion provided they present certification from a medical doctor verifying the extent of their disability.

Elderly are people 65 years of age and older.

Feral Animals are animals that were once domesticated or are descendant from one domestic animals, and are now free roaming and living in a wild, natural or untamed state.

Firearm is any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, or any other device which expels a projectile by an explosive force and is capable of being used as a weapon.

Game Management Unit (GMU) is a designated area for big game hunting.

General is in reference to all eligible Pueblo hunters.

Guiding means to lead, direct, show, or point out wildlife, or hunting areas to any person for compensation.

High Demand Hunt is a hunt that consistently has more applicants than available permits.

Hunter's Assistant (HA) is an individual that aids an eligible hunter in carrying and field dressing harvested game for the duration of a hunt.

Hunter's Assistant Agreement Form permits one (1) individual to assist a hunter.

Hunter Education is a required instruction and proficiency course that all youth (Under 18 years old) hunters must successfully complete in order to legally hunt on the Pueblo.

Hunting Hours are the permitted hours when wildlife may be lawfully taken.

Invasive Species are plants or animals that are non-native or non-indigenous to the Pueblo and have a tendency to spread and cause damage to the environment, human economy and/or human health.

Native Non-Member is an individual that is a member of a federally recognized tribe but not a member of the POL.

Naturalized Member is an individual who is enrolled as a Naturalized Member of the Pueblo of Laguna.

Non-Game Animals are game animals that are not listed on the Big Game Proclamation or the Small Game permit, because they are on adjacent lands and/or are in small populations. Both of these conditions would not support hunting. Non-Game animals include but are not limited to porcupines, turtles, flying squirrels, javelina (peccary), big horn sheep, ibex, oryx, voles, mice, bats or wolves.

Non-Laguna Member is any person who is not enrolled as a regular member of the Pueblo of Laguna.

Outfitting means to provide equipment and/or supplies intended for temporary use by hunters to take big game in exchange for compensation.

Over-the-Counter Permits are permits available on a *first come, first served* basis after a random draw.

Permit to Enter Laguna Land authorizes temporary access on Pueblo of Laguna land.

Premium Hunt are hunts for Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Cougars, Bears, Himalayan Tahr, and Barbary Sheep.

Poaching is the illegal killing of any animal.

Pueblo means the Pueblo of Laguna government.

Pueblo Enrollment Number is the six (6) digit number assigned to a regularly enrolled Laguna Pueblo member.

Pueblo Member is an individual who is officially recognized and enrolled as a member of the Pueblo of Laguna.

NR Program refers to the Pueblo of Laguna Natural Resources Program.

Random Draw is a lottery process in which hunts are randomly drawn.

Scouting is the process of seeking animals to hunt prior to a permitted Big Game hunt.

Tag is an identification label, issued by the Program, for attachment to any harvested wildlife as evidence of legal take and possession.

Take is the shooting, killing, injuring, damaging or harassing of an animal.

Trespass is to access an area without written permission.

Wildlife Donation refers to the act of giving harvested wildlife or portions thereof to another person or group.


Youth are people under 18 years of age.

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Appendix C: Example of How to Fill Out Harvest Report

Pueblo of Laguna

2015-16 Big Game Permit



Permit Number

Unit

Last Name

First Name

Address

City

Height

Hunt

Dates (MM/DD to MM/DD)

Enrollment No.

MI Birth Date (MM/DD/YY)

State Zip Code

Weight Eye Color Hair Color

If information is incomplete harvest report will not be accepted. If you *did not hunt*, fill out “Hunt and Unit, Permit Number” and check the box “DID NOT HUNT.” Then send in!

Sig

Date

Harvest Report: this report must be turned in before

Harvest Rep. Due (MM/DD/YY)

Hunt and Unit

Dates Hunted (MM/DD to MM/DD)

Permit Number

Hours Spent Hunting ☐ DID NOT HUNT

Harvest reports must be filled out and returned to the NR Program. You can drop it off, mail it, or email it to info.nr@lagunapueblo-nsn.gov

Indicate harvest date by notching the Month, Date and Year along the edge

15 16 Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Cut out the year of harvest here

Cut out the month of harvest here

Cut out the day of harvest here.....

Cut off here after harvest, then drop in the mailbox. Postage provided.

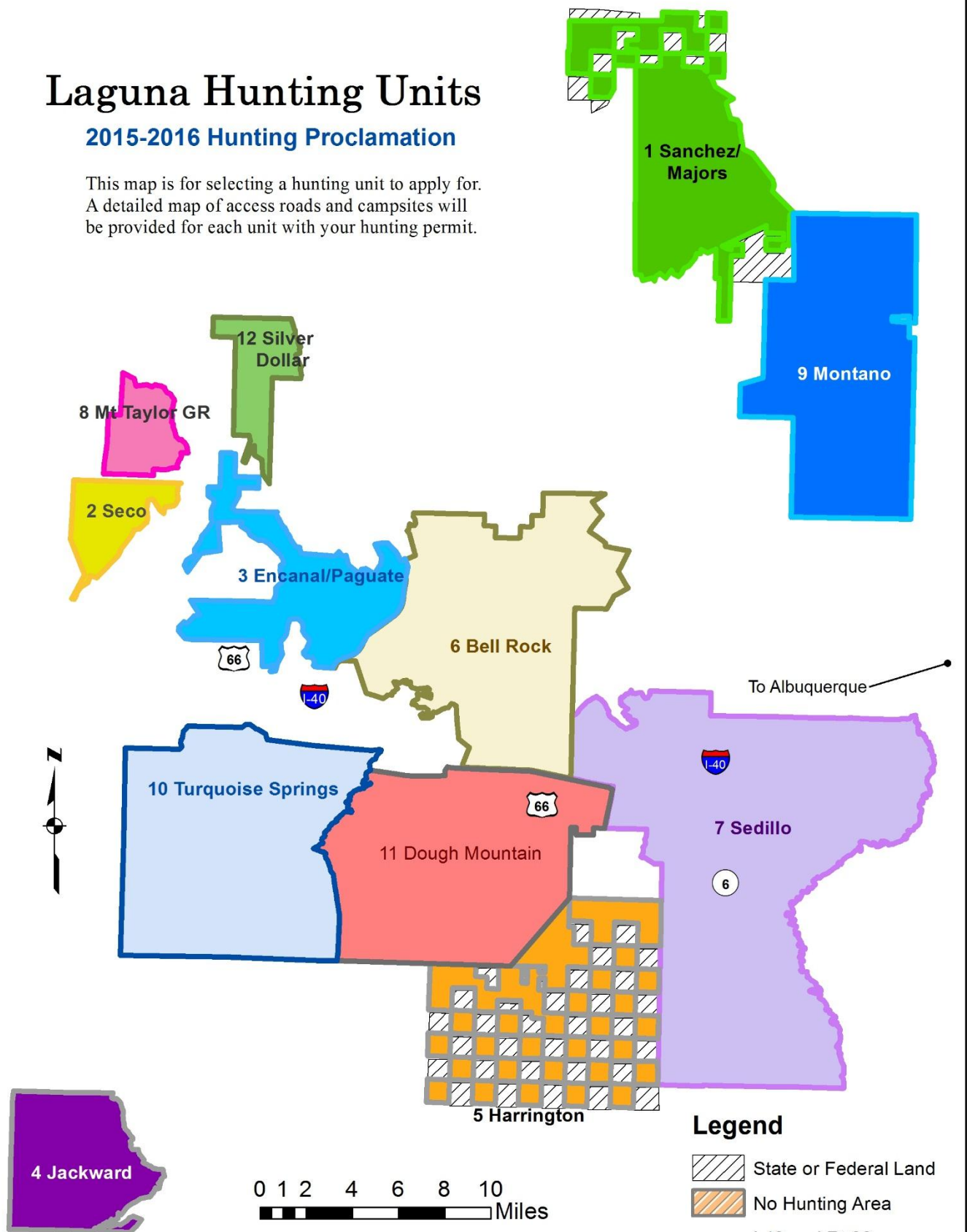
Or here

Appendix D: Overview Map of Hunting Areas

Laguna Hunting Units

2015-2016 Hunting Proclamation

This map is for selecting a hunting unit to apply for.
A detailed map of access roads and campsites will
be provided for each unit with your hunting permit.



Permit

Appendix F: Hunt Codes, Hunt Information and Dates

Archery Hunts

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Hunt</u>	<u>Hunting Units</u>	<u># Permits</u>	<u>Hunt Dates</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>
PAP1-	Pronghorn	1,4,5,7,9,10,11	3/unit	Aug. 7 - 16	Either sex	\$20
PAS1-12	Elk (SD)	12	3	Sept. 4 - 9	Either sex	\$10
PAE1-	Elk	1,3,6,9	5/unit	Sept. 4 - 13	Either sex	\$10
PAS2-12	Elk (SD)	12	3	Sept. 12 - 16	Either sex	\$10
PAE2-	Elk	4,5,7,10	5/unit	Sept. 18 - 27	Either sex	\$10
PAS3-12	Elk (SD)	12	3	Sept. 19 - 23	Either sex	\$10
PAS4-12	Elk (SD)	12	3	Sept. 26 - 30	Either sex	\$10
PAMD-	Mule Deer	1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,12	1/unit	Nov. 21 - 27	Either sex	\$20
PAT1-08	Tahr	8	2	Jan. 30-Feb.7, 2016	Either sex	\$20
PABS-	Barbary sheep	6&7	3/unit	Jan. 30-Feb.8, 2016	Either sex	\$20

Muzzle loader Hunts

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Hunt</u>	<u>Hunting Units</u>	<u># Permits</u>	<u>Hunt Dates</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>
PME1-12	Elk (SD)	12	2	Oct. 9 - 12	Either sex	\$10
PME1-	Elk	4,7,10	4/unit	Oct. 9 - 12	Either sex	\$10
PME2-12	Elk (SD)	12	2	Oct. 14 - 17	Either sex	\$10
PME2-	Elk	2,3,6	4/unit	Oct. 14 - 17	Either sex	\$10
PME3-12	Elk (SD)	12	2	Oct. 19 - 27	Either sex	\$10
PME3-	Elk	1,9,10	4/unit	Oct. 19 - 27	Either sex	\$10

Rifle Hunts

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Hunt</u>	<u>Hunting Units</u>	<u># Permits</u>	<u>Hunt Dates</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>
PRP1-	Pronghorn	1,4,5,6,7,9,10	3/unit	Aug. 21 - 24	Buck only	\$20
PRDE-04	Elk (Disabled)	4	Limit 4	Oct. 24 - 27	Either sex	\$10
PRE1-	Bull Elk	5,7,10	4/unit	Oct 28 - 31	Cow last day	\$10
PRE2-	Bull Elk	1,2,3,6	4/unit	Nov. 1 - 4	Cow last day	\$10
PRE3-	Bull Elk	4,5,7,10	4/unit	Nov. 5 - 8	Cow last day	\$10
PRE4-	Bull Elk	1,2,3,6	4/unit	Nov. 9 - 12	Cow last day	\$10
PRMD-	Mule Deer	1,2,3,5,7,8,9,10	1/unit	Dec. 4 - 7	Buck only	\$20
PRBS-	Barbary Sheep	6&7	2/unit	Dec. 11 - 18	Either sex	\$20
PRT1-08	Tahr	8	2	Dec. 11 - 18	Either sex	\$20
PRC1-	Cow Elk	1,3,4,5,6,7,10	4/unit	Jan. 8, 2015 - Jan. 13, 2015	Cow Only	\$10

Special Hunts

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Hunt</u>	<u>Hunting Units</u>	<u># Permits</u>	<u>Hunt Dates</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>
SPHC-01	Cougar	Open	4	June 1,2015 - May 31,2016	Dogs allowed	\$20
SHBR-01	Bear	2,3,8,12	2/unit	Aug. 9 - Aug. 25	Either Sex	\$20
SHBA-01	Bear	2,3,8,12	2/unit	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	Either Sex	\$20
PSTF-	Turkey	2,3,8,12	4/unit	Oct. 23 - 27	Either sex	\$10
PATS-	Turkey	2,3,8,12	3/unit	Mar. 26 ,2016 - Apr. 4, 2016	1 with beard	\$10
PSTS-	Turkey	2,3,8,12	4/unit	Apr. 9, 2016 - Apr. 18, 2016	1 with beard	\$10

Non-Pueblo Hunts

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Hunt</u>	<u>Hunting Units</u>	<u># Permits</u>	<u>Hunt Dates</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>
	Bull Elk	12	Reserved	Oct. 3 - 7	Bull only	
NRG1-	Group Elk	1,2,9,10	5 max/unit	Oct. 24 - 27	Bull, up to 5 in Group	\$10,000
NRE1-	Elk	1,2,4,7,10	4/unit	Nov. 13 - 19	Bull, cow last day	\$3,000
NRBS-67	Barbary Sheep	6&7	2/unit	Dec. 11 - 18	Archery, Either sex	\$600
NRT1-08	Tahr	8	2	Dec. 11 - 18	Archery, Either sex	\$800
NRCE-	Cow Elk	1,4,7,10	4/unit	Jan. 15,2016 - Jan. 20,2016	Cow only	\$400
NRGC-	Group Cow Elk	2,7,10,	5 max/unit	Jan. 22,2016 - Jan. 27,2016	Up to 5 in group	\$1,500
NABS-	Barbary Sheep	6&7	2/unit	Jan. 30,2015 - Feb. 7,2015	Either sex	\$600
NAT1-08	Tahr	8	2	Jan. 30,2015 - Feb. 7,2016	Either sex	\$600
SNPC-01	Cougar	Open	4	June 1,2015 - May 31,2016	Hunting Dogs allowed	\$50

