

**NAVAJO NATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**2015 - 2016**  
**Non-Navajo**  
**Fall Big Game Hunt Proclamation**

The following 2015-2016 Non-Navajo Big Game Permits will be sold beginning Wednesday, February 4, 2015. Permits will be sold concurrently in Window Rock, AZ at the Fish and Wildlife Office at 11:00 a.m. and at the Safari Club International Convention, Booth Number 4463 at 10:00 a.m. for an allotment period of two hours. Allotment Period: Half of the permits will be allotted to the sale in Las Vegas and half will be allotted to Window Rock at the start of the sale. The allotted number of permits will remain in effect until and 1:00 p.m. Window Rock and 12:00 noon in Las Vegas. After the allotment period expires, available permits will be sold on a first come, first served basis at both locations. If there is an uneven number of permits for any hunt, the extra permit will be available in Window Rock. Camping will not be permitted at the Fish and Wildlife Office. Permits will be available until sold out or until the left-over permit sale day on July 11, 2015.

**ARCHERY DEER HUNTS**

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2013 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
DA-1	Archery Deer	Sept. 5-13, 2015	1	3 Antlered Deer	\$400	3	36
DA-2	Archery Deer	Sept. 5-13, 2015	2	3 Antlered Deer	\$400	3	21
DA-3	Archery Deer	Sept. 5-13, 2015	3	3 Antlered Deer	\$400	3	28
DA-4	Archery Deer	Sept. 5-13, 2015	4	3 Antlered Deer	\$400	3	17
DA-5	Archery Deer	Sept. 5-13, 2015	5	3 Antlered Deer	\$400	3	28
DA-6	Archery Deer	Sept. 5-13, 2015	8-11	5 Antlered Deer	\$400	5	0
DA-7	Archery Deer	Sept. 5-13, 2015	13-15	5 Antlered Deer	\$400	5	2

DA-12	Archery Deer	Sept. 5-13, 2015	12	2 Antlered Deer	\$600	2	37
DAL-1	Archery Deer	January 2-6, 2016	1-4, 5B	10 Antlered Deer	\$900	10	Pending
DAL-2	Archery Deer	January 2-6, 2016	5A	2 Antlered Deer	\$800	2	Pending

Weapons: Any legal bow as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

\*See New Hunt Reporting Requirements

### **MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNTS**

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2012 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
DM-1	Muzzleloader Deer	Sept. 26-30, 2015	1	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,300	2	69
DM-2	Muzzleloader Deer	Sept. 26-30, 2015	2	3 Antlered Deer	\$1,300	3	74
DM-3	Muzzleloader Deer	Sept. 26-30, 2015	3	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,300	2	44

Weapons: Any legal bow or muzzleloader as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

\*See New Hunt Reporting Requirements

### **RIFLE DEER HUNTS**

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2012 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
DY-2*	Youth Deer	Oct. 16-18, 2015	2, 3, 5	4 Any Deer	\$300	4	70
DG-1	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	1	5 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	5	61
DG-2	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	2	15 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	15	59
DG-3	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	3	13 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	13	56
DG-4	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	4	10 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	10	52
DG-5	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	5	15 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	15	44
DG-6	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	6	1 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	1	60
DG-8	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	8	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	50
DG-9	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015 Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	9	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	6

DG-10	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	10	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	25
DG-11	Rifle Deer	December 16-20, 2015	11	1 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	1	Pending
DG-13	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	13	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	27
DG-14	Rifle Deer	Oct. 24- Nov. 1, 2015	14	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	56

Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation hunting and Trapping Regulations.

\*Youth Only Hunt must be 12-16 years old during the hunt \*See New Hunt Reporting Requirements

## ARCHERY ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2012 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
EA-1	Archery Elk	September 5-24, 2015	1-5, 12	20 Any Elk	\$600	20	6
EA-2	Archery Elk	September 5-24, 2015	13, 14	20 Any Elk	\$600	20	14
EA-3	Archery Elk	September 5-24, 2015	7	5 Any Elk	\$600	5	3

Weapons: Any legal bow as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

\*See New Hunt Reporting Requirements

## MUZZLELOADER ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2012 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
EM-1	Muzzleloader Elk	Sept. 26 - 30, 2015	1-8	5 Any Elk	\$1,300	5	17
EM-2	Muzzleloader Elk	Sept. 26 - 30, 2015	11-14	3 Any Elk	\$1,300	3	33

Weapons: Any legal bow or muzzleloader as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

\*See New Hunt Reporting Requirements

## GENERAL ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2012 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
EY-1*	Youth Elk	October 7-11, 2015	1-8	5 Any Elk	\$300	5	16
EY-2*	Youth Elk	October 7-11, 2015	11-14	5 Any Elk	\$300	5	12
EG-1	General Elk	Nov. 4 – 8, 2015	1-8, 11-14	15 Any Elk	\$1,400	15	20
EG-2	General Elk	Nov. 11 - 18, 2015	1-10	25 Antlerless	\$300	25	16
EG-3	General Elk	Nov. 11 - 18, 2015	11-15	25 Antlerless	\$300	25	14
EG-4	General Elk	Jan. 9 - 17, 2016	1-8	5 Any Elk	\$1,400	5	Pending
EG-5	General Elk	Jan. 9 - 17, 2016	11-14	5 Any Elk	\$1,400	5	Pending
EG-6	General Elk	February 1-29, 2016	1-14	25 Antlerless	\$300	25	Pending

Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation hunting and Trapping Regulations.

\*Youth Only Hunt must be 12-16 years old during the hunt

\*See New Hunt Reporting Requirements

## FALL TURKEY HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2012 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
TF	Fall Turkey	Nov. 19-25, 2015	1-5, 15	2 Any Turkey	\$100	2	44

Weapons: Any legal bow or shotgun as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Proclamation.

## BLACK BEAR HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2012 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
B-1	Black Bear	Aug. 15 – Oct. 15, 2015	1-5 and 12	5 Any Bear	\$1,000	5	47

Weapons: Any legal weapon for big game as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo and check sheet along with the survey card by the survey card deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season. Baiting is not allowed. Dogs may be used as long as the permit holder is present. Sows with cubs may not be taken.

## MOUNTAIN LION HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2012 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
MTL-1	Mountain Lion	Oct. 1, 2015 – Mar. 31, 2016	1-16	Unlimited	\$250	Unlimited	Pending

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. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is implementing a regional quota system for the 2014-2015 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 10 lions. Units 2-5 have a quota of 5 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.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **The Regulation prohibiting the hunting of coyotes during big game hunts will only be enforced during the following rifle deer hunts, DG, DTN, DTNN. It is no longer illegal to hunt coyotes during other big game hunts.**
- All deer and elk hunters are now required to submit the 2 lower middle incisors (Teeth) along with a photograph of the animal they harvest with the survey card. Photos are not required for cow elk or doe harvests. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible to hunt big game the following season.
- **Make Money Orders and Cashier's Checks Payable to THE NAVAJO NATION.**
- Applications must contain the **ORIGINAL** signature of the applicant, the **HUNT CODE**, and the applicant's Social Security Number, **HUNTER EDUCATION NUMBER**, if required. If the applicant is under the age of 18, the parent/guardian may sign the application for the applicant. **FAXED** applications will not be accepted.
- 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.
- 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 and has successfully completed a Hunters Education Class.
- 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.
- **All permit sales are final, no refunds and PERMITS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED.**
- 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 the hunter to be ineligible. A hunter that is ineligible due to failure to return the survey card can pay a \$100 penalty fee to be removed from the ineligible list.
- Camping is permitted while in possession of a valid hunting permit.
- It is unlawful to possess a firearm with live ammunition in the firing chamber in or on any motor vehicle.
- 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.
- All Fish and Wildlife are property of the Navajo Nation. All game and fish are protected 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 anybody. All regulations in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations apply and it is the hunter's responsibility to familiarize themselves with them.
- A person may not use any aircraft to locate or take any wildlife.
- ATV's and UTV's are not allowed during the big game hunts, except by special permit. See Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- It is unlawful for anyone to intentionally interfere with a lawful hunt, including illegally denying access to trust lands.

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> DRAWING:** Four (4) 2016-2017 general hunt permits will be given away as prizes for any eligible hunter who had their animals checked out during the 2013-2014 big game hunt season. Deer check stations will be operated both weekends of the General Deer Hunt and during the doe 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) 2016-2017 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) 871-6450/6451/6452.