

**NAVAJO NATION
NON-NAVAJO
TROPHY MULE DEER AND ELK HUNTS
2016-2017 SEASON**

Returning Clientele: The 2016-2017 Trophy Deer and Elk permits are being offered to clients that hunted the Trophy deer and elk hunts during the 2015-2016 season. A returning client that desires the same hunt as last year may, apply for the same hunt in 2016, through the mail. A Navajo Nation Guide is required for all Trophy Hunts. The hunter must be in good standing and eligible to hunt on the Navajo Nation. A Cashier's Check or Money Order must be included along with a completed Navajo Nation Big Game Hunting Application. The Hunter must also provide the name of the licensed Navajo Nation guide that they will be hiring. This documentation is due at the Fish and Wildlife Office by 5:00 P.M. January 29, 2016. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will be verifying the application with the guide. The primary contact for the sale of permits to returning clientele is Vernonda Howard at 928-871-6455.

Remaining permits will be available on a first-come, first served basis beginning February 3, 2016. Permits will go on sale in Las Vegas, NV at the Navajo Fish and Wildlife Booth, number 5409, at the Safari Club International Convention at 10:00 a.m. located in the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino. Permits will also be available on February 3, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at the Fish and Wildlife Office in Window Rock, AZ. Half of the permits will be allocated to the sale in Las Vegas and half will be allocated to Window Rock. The allocated number of permits will remain in effect until 1:00 P.M. Window Rock and 12:00 noon in Las Vegas. Once the allocation time limit has passed, permits will be sold on a first come, first served basis in Las Vegas and Window Rock. In cases where there are an uneven number of permits for a hunt, the extra permit will be allocated to Window Rock.

For all DT and ET Hunts;

- Hunters must be eligible to hunt on the Navajo Nation.
- Hunters may only possess one big game hunting permit for each hunt code.
- Hunters are required to hire a licensed Navajo Nation Guide.
- All hunters making a kill are required to check their animals out with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in order to submit the lower incisors, a field photo, Harvest report form and trophy score sheet. **Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season.**

TROPHY DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PERMITS	Cost
DTNN-1	Trophy Deer	Dec. 10-18, 2016	7	2 Antlered	\$7,000
DTNN-2	Trophy Deer	Dec. 10-14, 2016	12	6 Antlered	\$7,000
DTNN-3	Trophy Deer	Dec. 26 – 31, 2016	16	2 Antlered	\$7,000

TROPHY ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PERMITS	COST
ETNN-1	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 14 – 28, 2016	9, 10, 15, 16A	2 Bull	\$6,000
ETNN-2	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 14 – 28, 2016	9, 10, 15, 16B	1 Bull	\$7,500
ETNN-3	Trophy Rifle Elk	Sept. 29. – Oct.3, 2016	9, 10, 15, 16A	2 Bull	\$6,000
ETNN-4	Trophy Rifle Elk	Sept. 29. – Oct. 3, 2016	9, 10, 15, 16B	1 Bull	\$7,500
ETNN-5	Trophy Elk	January 7-13, 2017	9, 10, 15, 16A	2 Bull	\$6,000

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. Since these hunt codes have changed, the number of permits available by each hunt code has changed. Returning Trophy Elk clients may apply for the trophy elk hunts in general. If we have more returning clients apply for a certain hunt code, we will conduct a permit drawing on January 29, 2016. Applicants may select a second and third choice for the trophy elk hunts. If you do not select a second and/or third choice, then you may not get a permit. 16B hunters will be required to check in at the Padres Mesa Ranch house and follow.....

Application and Payment:

- **Make Money Orders and Cashier's Checks Payable to THE NAVAJO NATION.**
- Applications must contain the original signature of the applicant, the correct Hunt Code, the applicant's Social Security Number and Hunter Education Number, if required. If the applicant is under the age of 18, the parent/guardian may sign the application for the applicant.
- 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 their possession when taking game animals.
- **NO REFUNDS. PERMITS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED.**

General Information

- ATV's UTV's are not allowed during the hunts, except by special permit. See Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- A big game hunter may take COYOTES and WILD DOGS during any big game hunt for which they possess a permit in the authorized unit(s) until their big game permit is filled. Only weapons legal for that hunt may be used. A small game permit is not required.
- 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.
- 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.
- It is unlawful for anyone to intentionally interfere with a lawful hunt, including illegally denying access to trust lands.