

NAVAJO NATION FALL HUNTING PROCLAMATION

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS May 14, 2021

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IMPORTANT CHANGES: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is trying to increase the number of Chronic Wasting Disease samples taken on the deer and elk herds due to the disease being found adjacent to the Navajo Nation in the four corners area. Therefore, several hunts now have mandatory check-out requirements. The hunts that are mandatory check-out are the DA-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, DG-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 14, DY-1 and 2, EA-1 and 2, EY-1 and 2, EM-1 and 2, EG-1, 2, 3, DTN-2, 6 and 7, ENS and DNS. Failure to check out an animal will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game hunt season. Hunters can check their animals in at deer check stations during the rifle deer hunt. Hunters may also check their animals out at the Department main office in Window Rock, Toadlena Fish Hatchery, Nenahnezad Chapter warehouse. Hunters can call 928-871-6450 for more information or to schedule an appointment to check in an animal.

- Hunters that are ineligible due to a survey card infraction must pay a penalty fee of \$100/hunt code to enter the big game permit draw or sit out that hunt season they are ineligible for. However, be mindful you can sit out two hunt seasons due to how the ineligible list is compiled. For more information, please call our office at (928) 871-6450.
- The Department will no longer print Social Security numbers on big game hunt permits. Social Security numbers are still required on the big game hunt application.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Department will only be accepting big game hunt applications via email, mail or the drop box 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. Incomplete applications or Credit Card Authorization Forms that are not signed will be rejected. The fall hunts could be cancelled at a later date due to the Covid 19 Pandemic or special provisions may be required, such as wearing masks and social distancing.
- For applications that are emailed, electronic signatures and scanned signatures are acceptable.
- In an effort to reduce the number of left-over permits, the draw process is being amended. Once the Navajo and non-Navajo draws are completed (1st through 4th Choice draws), a final left-over draw will be conducted without any quotas in effect for those Hunt Codes that have leftover permits remaining.
- For the 2021/2022 Big Game Hunt Season ONLY, the Department will accept Hunter Education notice of successful online class completion from the Arizona Game and Fish Department's online class only to apply and hunt this year. This notice must be attached to their hunt applications and must be in possession when hunting. All online class attendees will be required to complete the field portion before they can apply for future hunts.
- Left-Over Permits: Left-over permit sales will start July 10, 2021. Left-over sale procedures will be available prior to July 10, 2021.

- 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.
 - ATV's/UTV's and snowmobiles are not allowed during big game hunts, except by special permit.
 - 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, 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.
 - 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.
- **DO NOT MAKE ANY MISTAKES WHEN FILLING OUT THE CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER OR YOUR PAYMENT AND APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.**
 - Payment may be made by credit card, Cashier's Check or Money Order. Payment must be made out to the Navajo Nation. If paying by Cashier's Check or Money Order, the applicant must pay the full amount of the hunt cost. Payment by Credit Card may be done by completing a Credit Card Authorization Form. At the time of application, Credit Cards will only be charged the \$15.00 application fee. Upon being drawn, the remaining cost for the hunt will be charged to the Credit Card on file. If that Credit Card declines, that will result in the applicant being rejected from the hunt, automatically.
 - If you receive a wildlife violation citation, you will be ineligible to hunt big game. You must successfully complete a hunter education class and pay a reinstatement fee to become eligible to hunt again.
 - All deer and elk hunters are required to submit the 2 lower middle incisors (Teeth). All buck deer and bull elk hunters must also submit a photograph of the animal they harvest.
 - If you wish to apply for a trophy hunt, you can select up to three DT hunt choices on one application and three ET hunt choices on one application. You cannot mix the DT hunts with the ET hunts on one application.
 - Mobility Impaired Navajo Hunts: Mobility Impaired permits are for individuals who are permanently disabled. Mobility Impaired permits are available at a 50% discount. 5 General Deer Permits and 5 General Elk Permits are reserved for Mobility Impaired Hunters. If there are more than 5 applicants, for each hunt, then a random computer drawing will be conducted. To apply for a Mobility Impaired Hunt, include documentation of a Mobility Impaired Card or current Doctor's statement (not a rear-view mirror placard) and the general deer or elk hunt code you are applying for on a completed Big Game Hunt application. A mobility impaired permit authorizes the permittee to hunt and/or shoot from a vehicle and/or use an ATV/UTV. If a mobility impaired hunter has additional needs, they should include any special needs or other hunting regulation variances in a request to the Fish and Wildlife Director. **Mobility Impaired Hunters must apply individually.**
 - 2021 Mountain Lion and Spring Gobbler hunters that fail to return their survey card will be placed on the 2022/2023 ineligible list due to time constraints with survey card deadlines and fall hunt application deadlines.
 - If an applicant cancels their money order or Cashier's Check, or if the money order or Cashier's Check is returned, the applicant will remain ineligible to hunt until they pay all permit/application fees and the insufficient fund/returned check fees.

- REFUNDS: Refunds will be issued only to the hunt applicant, except for the Youth Hunts. See the Youth Hunt sections (DY and EY) for additional information.
- General Deer Hunts are DA, DY and DG hunts. General Elk hunts are EA, EM, EY and EG hunts. An applicant may select up to 4 choices in the General Deer Hunts and General Elk Hunts. However, you cannot mix General Deer Hunts with General Elk Hunts on the same application. If you apply for a General Deer Hunt, then you may select any of the other general deer hunts for additional choices. The same applies to the General Elk Hunts. A person may only submit one big game permit application for each of the general deer and general elk hunts for the big game draw. A person may only obtain one permit per hunt code. Submit payment for the highest priced hunt of the four application choices. If you are selected for one of the less expensive hunts, you will be refunded the difference. If an application contains an insufficient payment amount for one of their hunt choices, they will be disqualified from that hunt choice.
- Youth Hunt applicants are limited to one person per application.
- All incomplete, inaccurate, and illegible applications are subject to being disqualified and returned automatically. **If one applicant is ineligible or disqualified, then all applicants on that application will also be rejected automatically.**
- The Antelope Hunt (AG) is \$25.00 and non-refundable.
- **AG Hunt:** A person drawn for this hunt cannot apply for the AG hunt the next three (3) hunt seasons.
- Legal method of take for Turkey Hunts: **Shotgun and bow only.**
- If you do not receive your big game permit(s) by August 2, 2021, please call (928) 871-6450.
- Camping is permitted while in possession of a valid big game hunting permit.
- Big game hunters must sign their big game permit prior to hunting in order to validate the permit. It is illegal to not tag big game immediately upon making a kill.
- For those people born after Jan. 1, 1970, proof of Hunter Education Certification (Card) must be in possession when taking big game.
- The mountain lion hunt will be published in a separate proclamation at a later date.
- Special Once-in-a-Lifetime hunts, DBHS, DNS and ENS, must be applied for on an individual basis on separate applications. These hunts are at a reduced rate that is non-refundable.

ALTERED, EXPIRED OR WORTHLESS MONEY ORDERS, CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. IN THE EVENT A MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECK IS RETURNED FROM THE BANK, THE PAYEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICE FEE CHARGED BY THE BANK, AND THE PAYEE WILL REMAIN INELIGIBLE TO HUNT UNTIL ALL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL. DUE TO PUBLIC CONCERNS, ALL SPORTSMEN ARE REQUIRED TO PACK IN/PACK OUT GARBAGE FROM ALL AREAS OF THE NAVAJO NATION.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All Navajo big game permits are issued on an APPLICATION and RANDOM DRAWING BASIS (if necessary) to ELIGIBLE PERSONS. Any individual may submit one hunt application per species for deer and elk, with the exception of the DT, ET, DNS and ENS hunts. This does not apply to left-over permits. A person is restricted to one permit per hunt code. In the event a person submits more than one application per species for deer or elk, the Department will only accept the first application received. The other application will be returned to the applicant.

Anyone required to have VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION must submit those required documents with their hunt application. If documents are not attached, the application is incomplete and will BE REJECTED.

Any person 12 years of age and older 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 Hunter Education Class.

Persons under 12 years of age, having successfully completed a Hunter Education Course, may hunt small game without a permit if accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) who has a valid Navajo Nation Small Game Permit in their possession.

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.

NO COMPLIMENTARY (free of charge) PERMITS will be issued to any person, with the exception of the Annual Youth Hunt and Annual Youth Hunt fundraising efforts and promotional/marketing purposes.

A limited number of special permits for deer, elk and turkey may be issued or donated through fund raising events, pursuant to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Big Game Permit Donation Policy. Written requests for permit donations must be received on or before November 1st of prior year for the following big game hunt season.

Deer densities in Units 6 through 15, excluding 12, are very low. Deer tend to occur in small, widely spaced "pockets". Most resident elk occur in small, local populations. Hunts are designed primarily to control these expanding elk populations.

No person may alter, damage, excavate, deface, destroy or remove any CULTURAL PROPERTIES on Navajo Nation lands. No person may sell, purchase, exchange or transport cultural resources from Navajo lands (Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act, CMY-19-88).

In order to hunt on Indian Allotments, the hunter must have written permission from the Allottee. Where there are multiple Allottees, written permission must be from a majority of the allottees.

Hunters dissatisfied with guide services may file a written complaint to the Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife. The complaint should be submitted within thirty days of the hunt and should include a copy of the contract, complaint details and any other relevant documentation. See Section 2.05B of the Navajo Hunting and Trapping Regulation Booklet.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications with payment must be received at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office in Window Rock, AZ, by 5:00 p.m., on May 14, 2021. **THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT POSTMARKED APPLICATIONS.**

A \$15.00 Application Processing Fee is included in each permit cost. The application processing fee is deducted from each refund.

NO REFUNDS will be made on drawn or issued permits. PERMITS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED.

If the permit is lost or destroyed, a DUPLICATE PERMIT may be issued at a cost of \$25.00 each. The person whose permit was lost or destroyed must pick up the duplicate at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office after filling out and notarizing a sworn affidavit. The Department is not responsible for permits lost in the mail; the \$25 duplicate permit fee still applies. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that application information is legible and accurate. If there is an error on the Department's part, the Department will issue a duplicate permit at no cost.

APPLICATIONS are AVAILABLE at Fishing and Small Game permit vendors, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office and on the Department website at www.nndfw.org.

An **eligible person** is a person who returned their survey card by the due date for all big game hunts he/she had a permit for the previous season; has successfully completed a hunter education course, if issued a wildlife violation citation on the Navajo Nation; does not currently have their Navajo Nation hunting and trapping privileges suspended; and are not on the Western State Compact list.

Applications must contain the ORIGINAL SIGNATURE of the applicant, the HUNT CODE, and applicant's Social Security number, HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION NUMBER, if required. If the applicant is under the age of 18, the parent/guardian may sign the application for the applicant. Incomplete, ineligible, or incorrect applications will be returned to the applicant. A NAVAJO CENSUS NUMBER is required for all Navajo tribal members. **If an application is emailed, electronic signatures and scanned signatures are acceptable.**

Please be mindful of the big influx of applications as the application deadline approaches. Department of Fish and Wildlife staff will assist applicants by screening their applications for accuracy and completeness when time permits.

Payment must be attached to the application. Payment can be by MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED or CASHIER'S CHECK made payable to the NAVAJO NATION or by CREDIT CARD, using a Credit Card Authorization Form. CASH and PERSONAL CHECKS are NOT accepted.

GROUP APPLICANTS (maximum of four (4) per application) can apply for the same hunt choices and will be drawn together, except where specifically prohibited. All hunt applications received at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office will be handled in accordance to the Department's Procedures for Processing Big Game Hunt Applications. For copies of the procedures, contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Applications received by the Department of Fish and Wildlife will be logged in, screened for eligibility and completeness, and entered into the hunt database in preparation for the draw.

Hunt draw results are confidential. Draw result information can only be released to the individual who applied for a particular hunt or to immediate family members. The social security number of the applicant is required.

REGULATION INFORMATION

Please refer to the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations for all regulations. This Section only highlights certain regulations.

ALL FISH AND WILDLIFE ARE PROPERTY OF THE NAVAJO NATION AS A WHOLE. All game, fish and other wildlife are protected on the Navajo Nation 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 anyone. All regulations in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet shall apply. It is the Hunter's responsibility to familiarize themselves with them.

A person may not use any aircraft, including drones, 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.

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.

An ANTLERED DEER shall mean a mule deer with at least one 2" antler. SPIKES are LEGAL. An ANTLERLESS ELK shall mean an elk with no visible antler (i.e. cow or calf bull). A BUCK ANTELOPE shall mean a male pronghorn antelope with a horn longer than its ear.

It is unlawful for anyone to intentionally interfere with a lawful hunt, including illegally denying access to trust lands. If a hunter encounters a locked gate, contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife for assistance.

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

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

1st DRAWING: Two (2) 2022-2023 general deer and two general elk hunt permits will be given away as prizes for any eligible hunter who had their animals checked out during the 2021-2022 big game hunt season. Deer check stations will be operated both weekends of the General Deer 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.

2nd DRAWING: One (1) 2022-2023 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 within 48 hours of making a kill. 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.

NAVAJO SENIOR CITIZEN AND NAVAJO VETERAN PERMITS

Navajo Senior Citizens, age 60 and older and Honorably Discharged Navajo Veterans may purchase big game hunting permits (excluding DT, ET, DNS, ENS, DBHS, and AG hunts) at half price. A document showing proof of age must be submitted with each hunt application for Navajo Senior Citizen permits, unless the Department already has a copy on file. This also applies to leftover permit applications.

Navajo Veterans may purchase big game hunting permits (Excluding DT, ET, DNS, ENS, DBHS, and AG) at half price. A copy of Form DD-214 or Honorable Discharge Certificate from the Armed Forces of the United States must be submitted with each hunt application for Navajo Veteran permit, unless the Department already has a copy on file. This also applies to left-over permit applications. NOTE: A person may apply for only a Senior Citizen permit or a Navajo Veterans permit; not both.

NAVAJO SPOUSE PERMITS

Non-Navajo Spouses may only receive one permit per species using the Non-Navajo Spouse provision. This includes left-over permits.

Non-Navajo spouses married to Navajos may purchase big game hunt permits (excluding DG-7, DT, ET, DNS, ENS, DBHS, and AG hunts) at the Navajo price. A copy of the marriage license, Navajo Spouses Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), and a notarized affidavit dated on or after April 19, 2021 stating the applicant is still legally married to a Navajo, must be submitted with **each** hunt application.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE NEW LANDS

No shooting is allowed within one (1) mile of any of the range unit housing clusters or rural community, or within one-half (½) mile of any access road to a housing cluster or rural community. No camping is allowed within one-half (½) mile of any natural waterhole containing water (including seeps and/or springs) or manmade facility containing water (including stock ponds and/or windmill troughs) that are available to big game. Off road vehicle travel is prohibited. Portions of New Lands gates are locked. Permitted hunter(s) can get a key to New Lands at the Fish and Wildlife Office. Certain portions of New Lands may be closed to hunting. A portion of the revenue generated from the New Lands hunts will be utilized for management on those lands.

Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) Lands: NAPI is closed to big game hunting.

SURVEY CARDS

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 you to be ineligible for the following big game hunt draw. A hunter that fails to return their survey card may pay a \$100 penalty fee, per hunt, in order to become eligible again. Survey cards will be accepted by mail, email or drop box at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office only and will be handled in accordance to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Survey Card Handling Procedures. We recommend permit holders mailing a survey card, send it certified mail and/or call our office for confirmation of survey card receipt before the survey card deadline. We also recommend the survey card be emailed and the email will serve as a receipt. Survey cards hand delivered to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office will be dated and initialed by Department personnel. Any big game hunter checking in an animal through a designated check station does not have to return the survey card for that particular hunt. Survey card information can be called in to the front office at the Department of Fish and Wildlife if the survey card is lost. **You are still responsible for submitting your hunt survey even if you never received a permit in the mail or did not hunt. Hunt surveys can be submitted over the phone by calling the Fish and Wildlife Office at (928) 871-6450.**

GUIDE REQUIREMENTS

A GUIDE (OUTFITTER) PERMIT is required for any Navajo who, for pay or gain aids or assists another in the taking of wildlife. The guide permit does not assure consumer satisfaction. It is recommended that potential clients check references before hiring a guide. Only Navajo tribal members are eligible for a guide permit and they must be eligible to hunt. The Guide permit cost is \$50 per applicant per season. The Guide permit application and payment deadline is May 14, 2021.

The following are Guide requirements and documentation must be attached to a Guide Application: Must be 21 years of age. Must show proof of Hunter Safety, First Aid Certification, Valid Driver's License, and Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance.

Must attend a Department and Navajo Guide Association sponsored Guide Workshop once.

1. Must have no felony or more serious misdemeanor convictions in the last five (5) years; and must not be on the Department's ineligible list. If ineligible for not meeting survey card requirements, the applicant is required to pay the \$100 penalty fee, per hunt, in order to receive a Guide permit. The guide will only be eligible for left-over permits.
2. Guides must submit two Law Enforcement background checks with their Guide Application. The background checks must be from the Navajo Nation and the state within which they reside. Background checks for first-time guides must go back a period of five years.
3. Guides are required to have a written contract with client(s) for each hunt where guiding services are provided. Guides must provide a copy of each contract to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

4. Each guide must submit a guide report to the Department of Fish and Wildlife by March 31, 2022 whether or not any guiding activities took place. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of guiding privileges for the following big game season. A guide may pay a \$100 penalty fee to be reinstated, if they submit a late report.

ARCHERY DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Antlered Permits Available			COST			2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Non-Navajo	Vet/Senior	Navajo	Non-Navajo		
DA-1	Archery Deer	Sept. 4-12, 2021	1	10	0	1	\$23.50	\$47	\$400	12	60
DA-2	Archery Deer	Sept. 4-12, 2021	2	21	1	2	\$23.50	\$47	\$400	57	38
DA-3	Archery Deer	Sept. 4-12, 2021	3	21	1	2	\$23.50	\$47	\$400	43	43
DA-4	Archery Deer	Sept. 4-12, 2021	4	21	1	2	\$23.50	\$47	\$400	75	53
DA-5	Archery Deer	Sept. 4-12, 2021	5	24	1	2	\$23.50	\$47	\$400	30	26
DA-6	Archery Deer	Sept. 4-12, 2021	8-11	25	1	2	\$23.50	\$47	\$400	18	14
DA-7	Archery Deer	Sept. 4-12, 2021	13-15	25	1	2	\$23.50	\$47	\$400	12	13

Weapons: Any legal bow as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations in the DA hunts. An applicant may select up to 4 General Deer hunt choices when applying. DA-1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are required to have their deer checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season.

RIFLE DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Antlered Permits Available			COST			2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Non-Navajo	Vet/Senior	Navajo	Non-Navajo		
DG-1	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	1	5	0	0	\$26.00	\$52	NA	5	100
DG-2	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	2	23	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	157	81
DG-3	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	3	23	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	120	86
DG-4	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	4	23	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	151	83
DG-5	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	5	23	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	121	65
DG-6	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	6	9	0	1	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	11	29
DG-7	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	7	5	0	0	\$26.00	\$52	NA	28	60
DG-8	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	8	17	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	14	50
DG-9	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	9	17	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	8	14
DG-10	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	10	17	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	25	47
DG-11*	Rifle Deer	December 13-19, 2021	11	30	1	3	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	12	10

DG-13	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	13	17	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	26	6
DG-14	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	14	17	1	2	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,400	43	32
DG-15	Rifle Deer	October 23 – 31, 2021	15	9	0	0	\$26.00	\$52	NA	10	33

Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. An applicant may select up to 4 General Deer hunt choices when applying. DG-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 14 hunters are required to have their deer checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season. **DG-7 hunters** making a kill are required to have their deer checked at a designated check station and submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season. DG-11 Hunters must check their deer out with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

YOUTH DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Permits Available		COST		2020 1 st Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Non-Navajo	Navajo	Non-Navajo		
DY-1	Youth Deer	Sept. 24-26, 2021	1-5	15 Any Deer	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
DY-2	Youth Deer	November 19 – 21, 2021	2, 3, 4	32 Antlered	3 Antlered	\$27	\$300	81	87

Youth Hunt applicant refunds will be sent to the applicant, unless the individual paying for the application provides their name and address on the Cashier's check or money order. Hunters must be 12 to 16 years of age. NOTE: **Only one applicant per application.** Hunters must be accompanied during the hunt by a person 18 years of age or older. **Proof of Hunter Education Certification (card) must be in possession when taking big game animals.** Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. DY-1 and 2 hunters are required to have their deer checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season.

DY-1 Hunt: The Department of Fish and Wildlife will incorporate Navajo hunting practices and techniques into the curriculum of the Annual Youth Hunt-Hunter Education class and harvested deer will be skinned and butchered in accordance to Navajo skinning and butchering methods. Other Navajo hunting practices and techniques will be incorporated throughout the DY-1 Hunt.

ARCHERY ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Elk Permits Available			COST			2020 1 st Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Non-Navajo	Vet/Senior	Navajo	Non-Navajo		
EA-1	Archery Elk	Sept. 11 – 26, 2021	1-5, 12	120	4	20	\$26.00	\$52	\$600	122	8

EA-2	Archery Elk	Sept. 11 – 26, 2021	13 and 14	120	4	20	\$26.00	\$52	\$600	112	9
EA-3	Archery Elk	Sept. 11 – 26, 2021	7	50	2	5	\$26.00	\$52	\$600	45	7

Weapons: Any legal bow as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. An applicant may select up to 4 General Elk hunt choices when applying. EA-1 and 2 hunters are required to have their elk checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season.

YOUTH ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Elk Permits Available		COST		2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Non-Navajo	Navajo	Non-Navajo		
EY-1	Youth Elk	October 9 – 13, 2021	1 – 8	40	4	\$27	\$300	43	19
EY-2	Youth Elk	October 9 - 13, 2021	11-14	30	3	\$27	\$300	33	16

Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. Hunters must be 12 to 16 years of age. NOTE: **Only one applicant per application.** Hunters must be accompanied during the hunt by a person 18 years of age or older. **Proof of Hunter Education Certification (card) must be in possession when taking big game animals.** An applicant may select a second choice EY hunt when applying. **Youth Hunt applicant refunds will be sent to the applicant, unless the individual paying for the application provides their name and address on the Cashier's check or money order.** EY-1 and 2 hunters are required to have their elk checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season.

MUZZLELOADER ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Elk Permits Available			COST			2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Non-Navajo	Vet/ Senior	Navajo	Non-Navajo		
EM-1	Muzzleloader Elk	Oct. 2 - 6, 2021	1 – 8	55	2	6	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,300	89	24
EM-2	Muzzleloader Elk	Oct. 2 -6, 2021	11-14	30	1	3	\$26.00	\$52	\$1,300	23	14

Weapons: Any legal bow or muzzleloader as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trappings Regulations. An applicant may select up to 4 General Elk hunt choices. EM-1 and 2 hunters are required to have their elk checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season.

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Turkey Permits Available			COST			Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Non-Navajo	Vet/Senior	Navajo	Non-Navajo		
TF	Fall Turkey	November 13 - 21, 2021	1 - 5, 15	60	2	6	\$16.00	\$32	\$100	105	44

Weapons: Shotgun or bow only.

PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Buck Permits Available		COST	2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse			
AG	Antelope	Sept. 4 - 8, 2021	16	3	0	\$25.00	102	100

Weapon: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. This hunt is open to Navajo tribal members only. A person drawn for this hunt cannot apply for the next three (3) hunt seasons. **All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season.** If you are not drawn, you do not receive a refund.

BLACK BEAR HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	Any Bear Permits Available			COST			2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
				Navajo	Spouse	Non-Navajo	Vet/Senior	Navajo	Non-Navajo		
B-1	Black Bear	Aug. 7 - Oct. 15, 2021	1-5	40	1	4	\$28.50	\$57.00	\$1,000	45	28
B-2	Black Bear	Aug. 7 - Oct. 15, 2021	12	5	0	2	\$28.50	\$57.00	\$250.00	2	50

WEAPONS: Any legal weapon for big game, as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation booklet. All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season. Baiting is not allowed. Dogs may be used for pursuit as long as the permit holder is present. Cubs and sows with cubs may not be taken.

TROPHY DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF NAVAJO AVAILABLE PERMITS	NAVAJO COST	2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
DTN-1	Trophy Deer	Dec. 11-19, 2021	7	1 Antlered	\$315.00	4	25
DTN-2	Trophy Deer	Dec. 11 - 19, 2021	12	1 Antlered	\$315.00	3	50
DTN-3	Trophy Deer	Dec. 22 - 30, 2021	16	1 Antlered	\$315.00	3	100
DTN-4	Trophy Deer	Dec. 11-19,2021	8	1 Antlered	\$315.00	1	100
DTN-5	Trophy Deer	Dec. 11 -19, 2021	10	1 Antlered	\$315.00	1	0
DTN-6	Trophy Deer	Dec. 11 -19, 2021	13	1 Antlered	\$315.00	0	0
DTN-7	Trophy Deer	Dec. 11 -19, 2021	14	1 Antlered	\$315.00	1	0

DT Hunts: An applicant may select a second and third choice DT hunt on the application. All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season. DTN-2, 6 and 7 hunters are required to have their deer checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season.

TROPHY ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF NAVAJO AVAILABLE PERMITS	NAVAJO COST	2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
ETN-1	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 11 - 26, 2021	9,10,15,16A	2 Any Elk	\$315.00	15	0
ETN-2	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 11 - 26, 2021	9,10,15,16A and B	1 Any Elk	\$315.00	8	100
ETN-3	Trophy Rifle Elk	Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 2021	9, 10, 15, 16A	1 Bull Elk	\$315.00	12	0
ETN-4	Trophy Rifle Elk	Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 2021	9,10,15,16 A and B	1 Bull Elk	\$315.00	26	100
ETN-5	Trophy Rifle Elk	Jan. 1 – 9, 2022	9, 10, 15, 16A	1 Bull Elk	\$315.00	16	100

ET HUNTS: 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. An applicant may select up to three ET hunt choices on the application. All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo, and check sheet along with the survey card in accordance to the Survey Card Deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible for any big game hunts the following season.

SPECIAL ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF NAVAJO PERMITS	NAVAJO COST	2020 1 st Choice Apps.	2020 % Hunt Success
BHS	Desert Bighorn Sheep	December 1 – 5, 2021	6	1 Ram (Once in a lifetime)	\$25	26	100
DNS	Navajo Special Deer	Oct. 1, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022 Any 30 days	1-16	1 Antlered (once in a lifetime)	\$50	45	100
ENS	Navajo Special Elk	Sept. 1 – Oct. 15, 2021 and Jan. 1 - Feb. 15, 2022 Any 30 days	1-16	1 Any Elk (Once in a lifetime)	\$50	46	Pending

Special Once-in-a-lifetime hunts: If you are not drawn, you do not receive a refund.

BHS HUNTS: Contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife for more information on accessing the hunt areas. Application Cost is a non-refundable \$25.

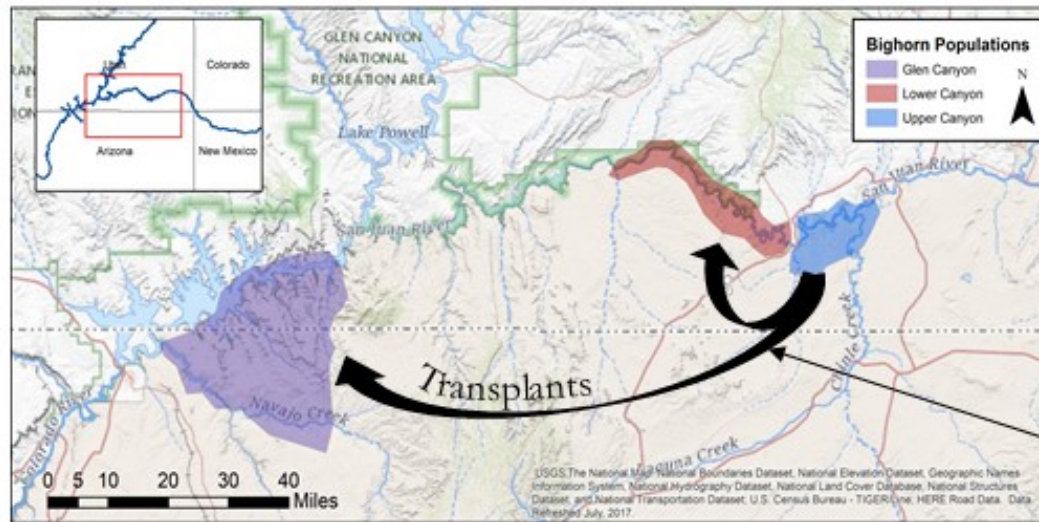
Successful sheep hunters must have their horns plugged by the Department. This should be done by making an appointment.

DNS HUNT: The hunt is only open to Navajo tribal members. The season is any 30 days between October 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022. All hunt units 1 thru 16 are open. The DNS hunter is required to have their deer checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season.

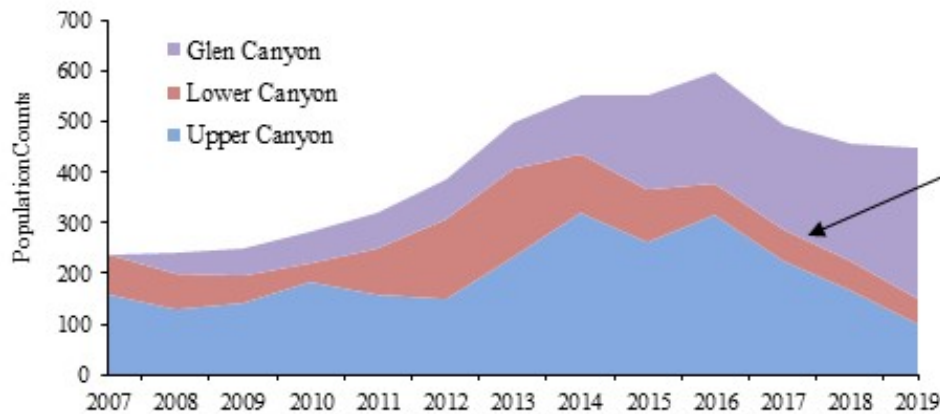
ENS HUNT: This hunt is only open to Navajo tribal members. The season is any 30 days from September 1 – October 15, 2021, and January 1 – February 15, 2022. Hunt Units 1 thru 16 are open. There is a mandatory permit check-out and check-in for the hunter. Each day the permit is checked out counts as a hunt day. The ENS hunter is required to have their elk checked and sampled for Chronic Wasting Disease. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season.

Icons of the West: Recovering Navajo Bighorn Sheep Populations

Navajo Nation supports 3 desert bighorn sheep populations along the southern rim of the San Juan River and Lake Powell (see map). Since the Department's first capture and relocation of sheep in 2003, NNDFW has deployed 208 radio and GPS collars and has conducted annual surveys to monitor herd health and population trends. From 1997 to 2016, the desert bighorn populations increased steadily, peaking at approximately 600 individuals among the three herds in 2016. However, introduction of respiratory disease is now threatening desert bighorn recovery.



Did you know? Desert bighorn sheep were historically abundant across the Southwest, but populations declined in response to European colonization that brought excessive hunting, livestock competition, diseases, and human-caused habitat changes to the region. From the 1850s to the early 20th century, bighorn sheep on the Navajo Nation were nearly wiped out and by the 1960s the Navajo bighorn population was estimated at only 34 individuals on the San Juan River. In 1997, NNDFW decided to prioritize the species for recovery and has since established two other populations by transplanting individuals from the original stock population.



NNDFW has observed sharp drops in lamb recruitment and survival in both Lower and Upper Canyon herds, resulting in a severe ~70% population declines in those herds. The likely culprit of bighorn population declines is the introduction of a novel respiratory disease, pneumonia, into herds. Pneumonia has now been detected in all 3 herds on Navajo Nation. It is important to note that this type of pneumonia is not contagious to people and the meat is still safe to eat.

NNDFW has secured close to \$290K in funding to investigate respiratory disease in Navajo bighorns and how it may affect long-term survival of herds. Initiated in 2020, the disease study will look at infection rates of pneumonia between herds and how that has affected population trends over time. The study will also determine if bighorn movement across the landscape puts them at risk for coming in contact with domestic sheep herds that may also carry the disease. Findings from the study will inform the development of a Navajo Bighorn Disease Management Plan which will help NNDFW mitigate bighorn and livestock contact and reduce disease in the herds. Ultimately, the management plan's goal is to recover bighorn numbers to a sustainable level that allows for an increase in hunting opportunities for tribal and non-tribal members, with an overall benefit to Diné cultural and traditional uses now and in the future.



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