

**NAVAJO NATION
NON-NAVAJO
TROPHY MULE DEER AND ELK HUNTS
2022-2023 SEASON**

The 2022-2023 Trophy Deer and Elk permits are being offered to clients that hunted the Trophy deer and elk hunts during the 2021-2022 season. A returning client that desires the same hunt as last year may apply for the same hunt in 2022 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 Credit Card Authorization Form-must be included along with a completed Navajo Nation Big Game Hunting Application. These forms are available on the Department website nndfw.org. Applications are due at the Fish and Wildlife Office by 5:00 P.M. March 25, 2022. The primary contact for the sale of permits to returning clientele is Vernonda Howard at 928-871-6455.

Left-over permits will be sold by a drawing. The Department will begin accepting applications for left-over permits on April 11, 2022. Left-over permits may be applied for by submitting a Credit Card Authorization Form and a Big Game Hunting Application via the mail. The application deadline is 5:00 P.M. April 29, 2022. At the time the Department receives the application, the applicant's Credit Card will be assessed a \$25.00 application fee. If an individual is successfully drawn, their Credit Card will be assessed the remainder of the cost for the hunt. If the Credit Card declines, that applicant will be rejected immediately, and the next applicant drawn will received the permit.

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-6	Trophy Deer	Dec. 12-18, 2022	6	1 Antlered	\$7,200
DTNN-7	Trophy Deer	Dec. 12-18, 2022	7	2 Antlered	\$7,200
DTNN-8	Trophy Deer	Dec. 12-18, 2022	8	1 Antlered	\$7,200
DTNN-10	Trophy Deer	Dec. 22 – 30, 2022	10	1 Antlered	\$7,200
DTNN-12	Trophy Deer	Dec. 12-18, 2022	12	2 Antlered	\$7,200
DTNN-13	Trophy Deer	Dec. 12-18, 2022	13	1 Antlered	\$7,200
DTNN-14	Trophy Deer	Dec. 12-18, 2022	14	1 Antlered	\$7,200
DTNN-16	Trophy deer	Dec. 24, 2022 - Jan. 1, 2023	16	2 Antlered	\$7,200

*DTNN Hunt codes are changing so that the number represents the hunt unit. DTNN-6 hunt is a new hunt. Therefore, there will be a draw for this hunt. DTNN-1 hunt has been changed to DTNN-7. The Unit 7 permit numbers are being reduced from 3 to 2 permits. If all 3 Unit 7 hunters wish to return for the Unit 7 hunt, there will be a draw for the 2 permits. The DTNN-2 hunt has been changed to the DTNN-12 hunt. The Unit 12 permit numbers are being reduced from 3 to 2 permits. If all three (3) Unit 12 hunters return for the DTNN-12 hunt, there will be a draw for the 2 permits.

TROPHY ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PERMITS	COST
ETNN-1	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 10 – 25, 2022	9, 10, 15, 16A	2 Bull	\$6,000
ETNN-2	Trophy Archery Elk	Sept. 10 – 25, 2022	9, 10, 15, 16A & B	1 Bull	\$6,000
ETNN-3	Trophy Rifle Elk	Sept. 28 – Oct. 2, 2022	9, 10, 15, 16A	2 Bull	\$7,500
ETNN-4	Trophy Rifle Elk	Sept. 28. – Oct. 2, 2022	9, 10, 15, 16A & B	1 Bull	\$7,500
ETNN-5	Trophy Rifle Elk	January 1-9, 2023	9, 10, 15, 16A	2 Bull	\$7,500

16A is all of New Lands excluding Padres Mesa. Unit 16B is the Padres Mesa area within New Lands. Applicants may select a second and third choice for the trophy elk hunts. 16B hunters will be required to check in at the Padres Mesa Ranch house.

Application and Payment:

- **Applicants can pay with credit card by completing a Credit Card Authorization form available on the Department website www.nndfw.org**
- 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 people born after January 1, 1970, proof of Hunter Education Certification (card) must be in their possession when hunting or taking game animals.
- **ALL SALES ARE FINAL. 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.