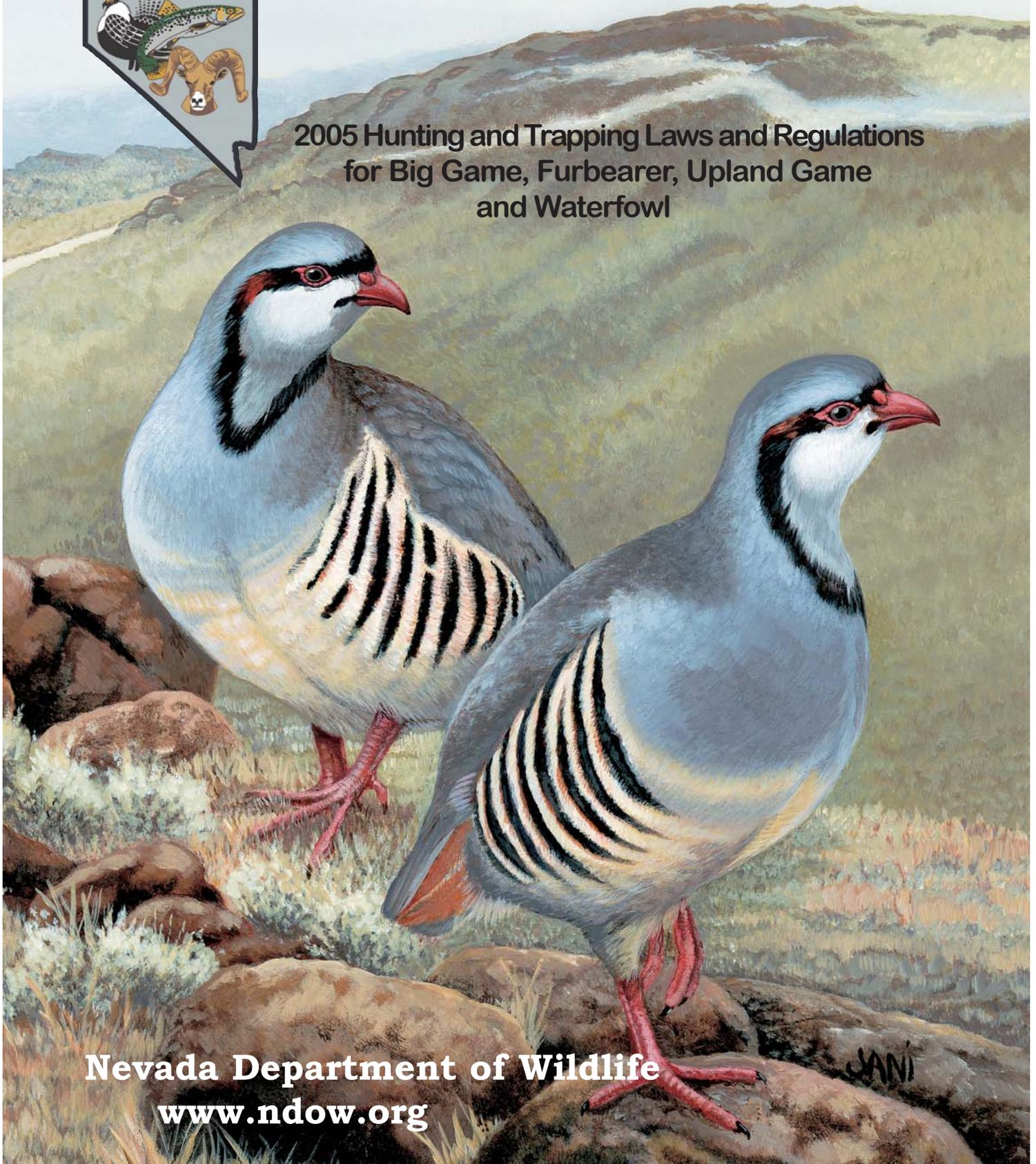


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Hunting's gifts to youth are many. Hunting rewards planning, alertness, patience, and self-restraint. It demands study and knowledge of firearms safety and the environment. No video game can teach these skills, nor can they be learned on the soccer field. Unfortunately, those things, among others, seem to compromise the time of the next generation.

Over time, young hunters mature and better understand that success as a hunter doesn't always mean harvesting an animal. They may not immediately grasp the concepts of wildlife management but with time in the field their understanding of natural resources and their connection to the land grows.

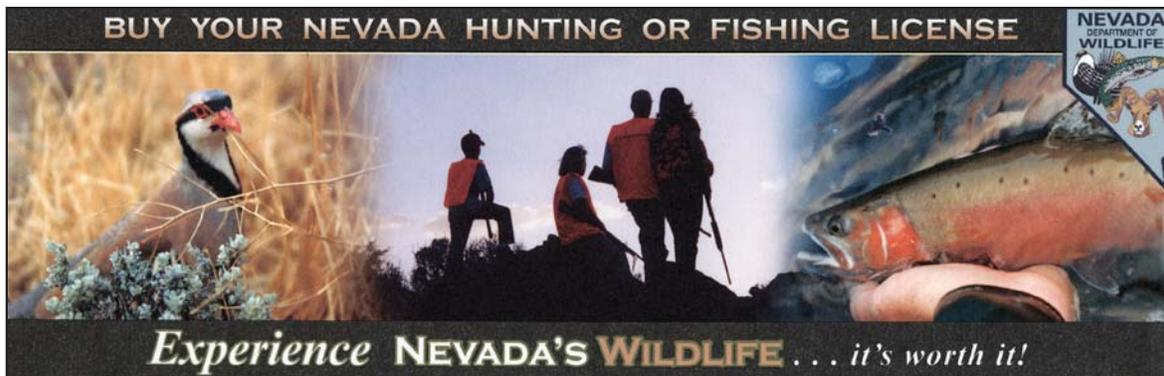
The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) provides several programs to make the introduction to hunting easy. Hunter education is required for youth, and focuses on firearms safety and proper hunting ethics. NDOW supports youth hunting with the Resident Junior Mule Deer Hunt, and the Youth Waterfowl Hunt – to promote a successful first hunting experience. A variety of clinics, on turkey hunting, antelope hunting, and tag applications, are also available to help you and your youth be successful.

More than 90 percent of you were initiated into hunting before the age of 20. Mentor your own son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild or neighbor. Responsible hunting requires that we usher our youth through this process. Sure, it takes time, but what could be a more important endeavor than building strong character and lasting memories within a child?

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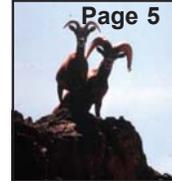


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Second Draw Results Available	July 15, 2005
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HOW TO USE THIS BROCHURE

First review the **General Hunting Laws** (page numbers 15-17), which apply to most hunting in Nevada.

Then read the **hunting laws and regulation section** for the species you will be hunting or trapping- big game, furbearer, migratory game bird, or small game/upland game bird. For instance, if you plan to hunt turkey, read the **Upland Game Laws and Regulations section**. **The title is highlighted in the vertical color bar at the edge of the page.**

In addition, if you plan to hunt on a **Wildlife Management Area (WMA)**, read pages 44-48, as specific rules apply to these areas.

The **Nevada Hunt Book** is designed to be used with the season and bag brochures that will be published later this year: **Furbearer and Upland Game** season regulations will be available in August, and **Migratory Game Bird** season and limit regulations in late September. **Be sure of your legal hunting hours, check the sunrise/sunset tables at the back of the book or on our website at www.ndow.org before heading out to determine legal hunting times in your area.**

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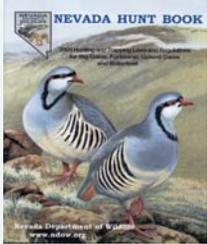
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Welcome to Nevada!

So – you're new to Nevada and looking for "hot tips" on how to get started hunting in Nevada. Well, you've come to the right place. Almost everything you need to know about hunting in Nevada is in this book, or on our web site: www.ndow.org. Below are answers to a few of the most common questions.

What is there to hunt in Nevada?

Big Game: mule deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep and mountain goat all require tags to be hunted. The application period for the tags is usually mid-March to mid-April. Mountain lion tags are available online at www.huntnevada.com.

Upland Game: Tags are required to hunt turkeys. An upland game bird stamp is required to hunt sage grouse, blue and ruffed grouse, Himalayan snow partridge, chukar, quail and pheasant. A license, but no upland game bird stamp is required to hunt crows, cottontail, pygmy and white-tailed jackrabbit.

Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: A hunting license and both state and federal duck stamps are required to hunt waterfowl in Nevada (check regulations for youth hunting and stamp requirement information). Waterfowl include: ducks, Canada, white-fronted, snow and Ross' geese.

Unprotected Species: Some animals may be hunted without a license or tag. The most commonly hunted non-protected species are coyotes and black-tailed jack rabbits.

When can I hunt in Nevada?

Hunting seasons vary for hunting different species. There are a couple of unique dates to remember when hunting in Nevada: the tag application period for all big game, including deer, begins in mid-March and the application deadline is in mid-April. Applicants find out if they drew a tag in mid-June.

Further information on big game hunting and season dates can be found on pages 21-35.

For Upland Game hunting information see page 43.

Wild Turkey hunting information can be found on page 42.

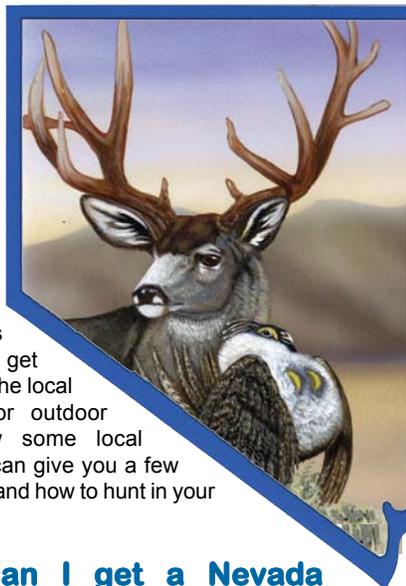
Migratory/Waterfowl bird hunting information is on pages 40-41.

Information on furbearing animals, including mountain lion can be found on pages 36-39.

How do I find where to hunt in Nevada?

Nevada has the second highest amount of public land in the nation, following Alaska. The limitation for finding good places to hunt in Nevada comes from the fact that Nevada is the most arid state in the Union. Consequently, it will take a little getting out and scouting around for places with game. Look online: www.ndow.org/info.sheets. Consider that water

is a limiting source in Nevada. A short-cut to finding places to hunt is to get involved with the local sportsmans or outdoor get to know some local hunters who can give you a few tips on where and how to hunt in your area.



Where can I get a Nevada hunting license?

There are three regional Nevada Department of Wildlife offices:

Reno Headquarters, Western Region Office, 1100 Valley Rd. (775) 688-1500.

Elko Office, 60 Youth Center Rd. (775) 777-2300. Winnemucca Office, 815 E. Fourth St. (775) 623-6565.

Las Vegas Office, 4747 W. Vegas Dr. (702) 486-5127.

In addition there is a license agent in nearly every town or city in Nevada. Check with any store that sells sporting goods (K-MART, WALMART, Shopko, etc.), or a local tackle shop or hardware store to see if they sell hunting licenses. A list of authorized license agents is also on our web site at: www.ndow.org.

Who can hunt in Nevada?

Anyone who can legally possess a firearm and who has not been legally restricted from hunting due to conviction on a wildlife violation may hunt in Nevada.

Hunters of any age may hunt upland game and waterfowl with a small-bore rifle or a shotgun.

To apply for a big game tag, including deer, hunters must be at least 12 years old. At 12, all hunters must purchase a junior license. Hunters 16 years and older must purchase a general hunting license, regardless of their preferred method of take (archery, muzzleloader, etc.).

Anyone born after January 1, 1960 must provide proof of Hunter Education, from Nevada or another state or province, in order to purchase a hunting license.

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Correction: Upland game birds and waterfowl may be hunted with a shotgun. Cottontails may be hunted with a small-bore rifle.

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Is blaze orange required to hunt in Nevada?

It is not required at this time, but it is recommended for safety.

Where can I find out information about hunter education classes?

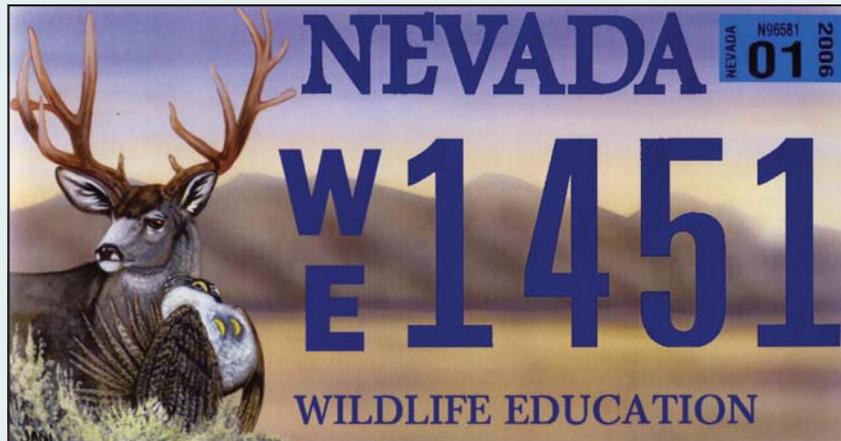
Class information is posted on our web site at: www.ndow.org. Information may also be obtained by calling any NDOW Office.

How long do I have to live in Nevada before I can apply for a resident license?

You must physically live in Nevada for six months before applying for a license. See additional requirements on page 12.

How can I get more information about hunting in Nevada?

For more information about hunting in Nevada, start with our web site: www.ndow.org.



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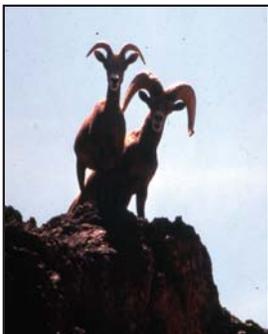
The details: Nevada law prohibits DMV from issuing more than 25 separate designs of specialty license plates at any one time. This plate will be placed on a waiting list and will be available when an existing plate fails to reach the required number of active registration renewals.

Accept no substitutes! This is the only official plate of the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the only one benefiting our programs. It is not to be confused with another plate featuring a desert bighorn sheep.

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A Look Into Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination Classes

By Craig Mortimore



In June when the 2005 draw results are released, a small number of hunters will be notified that they have successfully drawn a tag to hunt bighorn sheep in Nevada. For many of these recipients, the opportunity to pursue a Nevada ram represents a long sought milestone in their hunting career. For others who only recently began to apply for these valued tags, it represents an unexpected bonus. Tag holders will range from individuals who have years of bighorn hunting experience to others that have never even seen Nevada's state animal. All of these people have one thing in common, a requirement that they must attend a Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination Course before they actually receive their tag.

The first bighorn sheep hunting season to be regulated through the state's wildlife management agency, then known as the Nevada Fish & Game Commission, occurred in 1952. Early regulations stipulated that only rams with horns with three-quarters of a curl or better could be taken for harvest. Beginning in 1965, the convention was changed for some units so that hunters could take only those rams that were at least seven years old or with a Boone & Crockett measurement of at least 144 points, using the horn with the most points doubled. In 1966 the new convention was applied to all units and a new regulation required that hunters carry a spotting scope with a minimum power of 15. In that same year, a new regulation was established that stated, "An indoctrination period will be required at specified times and places prior to the sheep season, for all persons drawing a tag." These regulations were made to assure that only mature rams would be taken for harvest.

The indoctrination courses went through a number of iterations over the years. The early focus of the indoctrination was to educate hunters how to judge a ram's age through field observations, both through the unaided eye and through optics. Hunters were also instructed in the Boone and Crockett scoring system so that they could measure the longest horn of their animal. The training took about three-quarters of a day and included slide programs focused around scoring and aging procedures. Tagholders were also required to participate in a field exercise wherein they used their spotting scopes to

judge the age and scores of ram skulls set up at varying distances.

This curriculum remained relatively unchanged for years, with some additional emphasis about the agency's bighorn translocation program added beginning in the 1980s when that program began to take off. When the first California bighorn hunt opened in 1984, those tagholders were required to attend a separate indoctrination course correlated to that subspecies. The inaugural Rocky Mountain bighorn season opened the following year and these tagholders also had to attend their own indoctrination. Eventually, the indoctrination program was redesigned so that tagholders for all species could attend a generic course.

In 1996, a major decision was made that radically altered the "trophy ram" regulations. In that year, hunters were allowed to harvest *any ram*. A number of factors contributed to this decision. As the translocation program generated positive results in reestablishing populations throughout Nevada and these populations began to yield hunting opportunity, tag quotas increased and new, inexperienced bighorn hunters began to draw tags.

At that time, there was some discussion about removing the requirement for bighorn tag recipients to attend an indoctrination. Some thought the indoctrination had become



moot, since it existed primarily to educate the attendees on how to age and score a ram, knowledge that was key to remaining compliant with the law. However, decision makers determined that it would serve the best interests of the public and the resource if all tagholders continued to attend indoctrination sessions. The Department invoked program changes that provided greater emphasis in learning about the biology of the animal and the various tools applied in the management of this important species.

Recently, conservation organizations have been invited to participate in the program and volunteers from these groups provide refreshments and materials to help make the day all the more pleasurable for the attendees. Most participants finish the day with a feeling that they benefited from the experience. The indoctrinations are still limited to tagholders or their guides, although hunting companions are not turned away unless space is limited. Interest from the hunting public in learning more about Nevada's great wildlife resources remains high and NDOW is considering opening up bighorn indoctrinations to anyone who wishes to attend, much like the agency's pronghorn and turkey seminars.

Information on 2005 bighorn dheep indoctrination classes can be found on page 54.

Many Factor's Affect Mule Deer Populations

By Jill Olson

Just what are the factors that impact the populations of Nevada's deer herds? Find out by reading *Nevada's Mule Deer Population Dynamics: Issues & Influences* - August 2004, by Tony Wasley, a biologist at the Nevada Department of Wildlife. This detailed report, which can be ordered online for \$10, discusses the many factors that affect mule deer survival and population numbers including habitat, climate, human influences, reproduction, disease, predation, competition, mule deer harvest and more. The report provides the questioning hunter with scientific and historical data that may confirm or counter underlying preceptions.

It's a report that could not come at a better time. Mule deer population declines have been witnessed throughout the west, and speculation has snowballed as to the "why's" and "how's" of the dips and spikes of mule deer populations in Nevada. Many hunters' theories as to why we have seen such fluctuations have been centered around predators or harvest quotas. While these *are* two components that do indeed influence populations, they are only two of many factors. The report details the many different contributing factors, and in fact, places much emphasis on the quality and quantity of mule deer habitat and how that has a trickle-down effect on all other factors.

Habitat Links it All

Habitat, habitat, habitat: the importance of the availability of quality habitat is an underlying theme throughout the report, affecting everything from providing cover and protection to deer to supplying the nutrients needed to create fat stores that enable the deer to survive the natural and man-made obstacles presented them. These fat stores are essential to meet the basic energy demands of life (like maintaining a constant body temperature, rutting, breeding, birthing, feeding offspring, migrating, avoiding predators or fighting off disease, not to mention the added stress of dealing with obstacles like roads, fences, and general urban development).

Research also points out that these fat stores are directly linked to larger antlers sizes often coveted by hunters. Although age is an important determinant in mule deer antler size, recent studies have shown that the most influential factor in antler growth is nutrition. Animal fitness and available body fat plays a critically important role in antler length, number of points, and volume. With the proper nutrition, a three-year old buck may have larger

antlers than a malnourished six year old buck. Nutrition is key.

Quantity and Quality

Quality of available vegetation may be just as important as quantity. The report explains why higher quality forage is needed to build the fat stores that mule deer need to survive, and that does need for healthy ovulation, conception, and pregnancy – key for supporting healthy populations.

But, not just any old plant will do. Mule deer show preference for the types of plants they eat (sagebrush, bitterbrush, or forbs) and for the most tender parts of the browse like new shoots or "leaders" on the vegetation. These parts of the plants pack the biggest punch in terms of nutritional quality, are the most flavorful, and are the easiest parts of the plant to bite and digest.

Mule deer have the best chance of finding "leaders" on



their menus during ideal conditions created by good winter snow packs, and consistent spring and summer rains. Unfortunately, in the driest state in the nation and seven years into drought, these ideal conditions are not a reality much of the time.

The report shows direct correlations between population numbers and seasonal precipitation.

Both winter and summer/spring precipitation is

important in maintaining the growth and abundance of food needed for quality habitats. In fact, when plants do not get enough water in the summer months, their leaves begin to thicken to protect against further drying. As they thicken, the leaves become more difficult for mule deer to digest. This is yet another habitat-related factor affecting needed fat supplies.

Other Impacts on Habitat

Mule deer migrations from higher elevations to lower winter ranges are triggered by food supply and ability to move through migratory corridors due to temperature and rain or snow conditions. Quality habitat is needed to provide places to escape from energy-sucking wind, heat and weather, as well as predators.

Because they rely on key habitats to survive, mule deer are easily affected by a variety of range-related factors, like plant age, pinyon juniper encroachment, overgrazing by livestock, fire and invasive species. In the case of fire, natural vegetation is destroyed, leaving the bare soils that are more prone to invasive vegetation like cheat grass that

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grows quickly and can take over an entire area without providing any nutritional value to mule deer. These weeds are also more susceptible to fires in the future. Area 6 is a prime example of the devastation such events can cause on mule deer herds. There, more than 660,000 acres burned, reducing critical winter range from 184,320 acres to 22,400 acres, and decreasing mule deer populations by two-thirds.

Already fighting an uphill battle, mule deer are then faced with man-made challenges like urban development, housing, mining, roads, fences and canals. With limited energy stores, actions like jumping fence after fence can take their toll on mule deer. More and more roads and developments are intersecting migration corridors or being built on prime winter or summer ranges forcing deer to travel farther and expend even more energy to find suitable browse or cover. Consequently, mule deer are often required to expend greater amounts of energy during times when less energy is available, further jeopardizing an already tenuous survival as they are faced with natural challenges like weather and predation.

Predators and Habitat

As mule deer have declined, some people have placed heavy blame on predators. While there is no doubt that predators do play a role in mule deer survivability (NDOW currently has four predator/mule deer studies in place), studies are showing a strong relationship between predation activity and declining habitat conditions.

Mule deer hide their fawns as a way to avoid predators. However, this requires enough thick cover that the adult can hide their fawn (fawns are virtually scentless) from the predator's sight. Cover also helps the fawns stay warm, healthy, and able to deal with their environmental conditions. However, in vegetation suffering from a drought or overgrazed by livestock or wild horses, hiding cover may be sparse or nonexistent, resulting in increased predation. Also, when drought conditions affect forage, deer are forced to travel longer distances to find adequate nutrients, making them more susceptible to predation as well.



The poor body condition that results from poor habitat often results in low fawn production and survival. It may also affect the age at which a mule deer becomes sexually mature. As production and survival goes down, an unchanged number of predators can affect a larger percentage of the mule deer population.

Poor habitat and body condition may also increase the duration during which does can conceive, extending the amount of time during which fawns may be born. While this may sound positive at first, it in fact can work directly against a natural predation defense in which deer "swamp" the population with fawns all at once, producing many more fawns than predators can consume. When swamping occurs, more fawns are likely to survive. However, when births are spread out and swamping does not occur, more fawns may actually be consumed by predators. The long-term, cost-effective solution is to create and/or maintain high quality habitat for mule deer.

Conclusions

It's important to note that there is no single factor that is responsible for mule deer population trends; rather, it is the cumulative effect of numerous factors that can tip the scale between mule deer survival and mortality. It is also important to note that changes to population levels in response to changes in climate or habitat condition may not be apparent right away, and instead may be evident only after many years.

The report also points out that all-time population peaks are unrealistic goals as population objectives, and biologists recognize that many of the factors affecting mule deer are politically or logistically impossible to change. However, protection of existing habitat and increasing quantity and quality of habitat is critical to reverse the trend.

It may seem like a lofty goal for a busy sportsman, but there are things that you can do to support this effort, like support a conservation organization that raises funds for wildlife habitat and education, contacting your land management agency to support the protection of wildlife habitat, getting involved in local planning efforts in your city or county, and of course by buying a hunting license to support the states' wildlife management activities.

Who Pays the Bills for Nevada's Wildlife Management?

By Geoff Schneider

Have you ever wondered where the money comes from to pay for Nevada's wildlife management programs?

The answer to that is a million-dollar question. Actually, it's more like a \$23 million dollar question. That's because the annual revenue of the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is around that amount each year, which is the combination of its wildlife and boating programs.

Boaters, through registration fees on their vessels and federal excise taxes on the sale of fuel that they consume, provide the agency with around \$3 million in revenue annually. That money goes to support boat registration programs as well as boating education and boating safety enforcement programs on the state's waterways.

In 2004 the department received nearly \$700,000 from the state's General Fund that is paid from the state's taxes and gaming. That money is used to help fund NDOW's non-game and wildlife education programs. That leaves about \$19.3 million in revenues, an amount that is paid almost entirely by sportsmen and sportswomen.

These revenues are generated from a variety of sources. Obviously, a big chunk comes from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, as well as big game hunting tags and hunting and fishing stamps. These provide about \$7.5 million for fish and game management programs, help to fund hatcheries and wildlife management areas and pay for law enforcement and public information programs. Portions of the agency's administrative and habitat management fees, including water development construction and maintenance, come from these revenues as well.

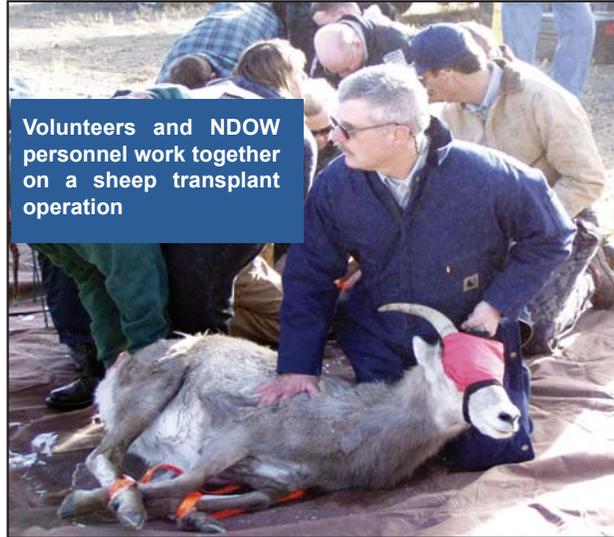


Warden Dave Patula checks licenses on opening day of dove season

The biggest source of funding is provided through federal aid programs that are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for sport fish and wildlife restoration. They are Wallop-Breaux, a program that provides funding for fisheries management programs and Pittman-Robertson, a similar program for game management programs.

Relocation efforts are often sponsored by sportsmen's organizations due to limited agency funding.

Wallop-Breaux revenues are generated through excise taxes that are placed on fishing products, such as lures,



Volunteers and NDOW personnel work together on a sheep transplant operation

fishing line and rods and reels. Similarly, Pittman-Robertson funding from an excise tax on hunting products, such as firearms, archery equipment, decoys and ammunition.

Pittman-Robertson and Wallop-Breaux funds are used to help fund salaries of game and fisheries biologists, purchase trucks and research boats, fly helicopters that are used for big game surveys and raise fish at hatcheries. These funds also help to support wildlife management areas, fund hunter education classes and shooting range development and pay for a multitude of supplies and equipment that are required for biologists and other staff to do their work.

The final source of revenue comes from the many hours of time and hard work that volunteers contribute to NDOW each year. These are the folks who volunteer to teach hunter and angler education classes, collect seeds for range rehabilitation projects, build and maintain water developments for the state's wildlife and do a multitude of other things that enhance wildlife and outdoor recreational opportunities in the state.

Since 2000, volunteers have contributed more than 36,000 hours of time and driven nearly 350,000 miles in their own vehicles. This has resulted in a contribution of more than \$1 million for wildlife programs. What's more, all of this is used by NDOW to provide state revenue match to federal aid programs revenues under the wildlife and sport fish restoration programs.

Nevada is a large state with diverse habitats that support an equally diverse variety of wildlife. Thanks to conservationists who call themselves sportsmen and sportswomen, the state's wildlife is being well managed for present and future generations of Nevadans.

Upland Game Stamp Proceeds Quench Wildlife's Thirst

By Kelly Clark

The \$10 stamp that upland game hunters are now required to purchase is funding the maintenance of water developments or "guzzlers" and habitat work to benefit upland game species. These water sources allow wildlife to flourish during good water years and maintain base populations during periods of low precipitation. The Upland Game Stamp became a requirement for upland game hunters in 2004. (See regulations on page 43 - NRS 502.292)

"This is a good deal for hunters because all of the money that is generated from the sale of the stamps will be used to enhance upland game hunting in the state," says Doug Hunt, acting deputy director for the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). "Hunters will see their money at work and they will be the beneficiaries."

Nevada's history of installing water developments, or "guzzlers," dates back over 60 years. Despite having the essential habitat requirements of food and cover, many areas of the state lacked water to support wildlife. What was then Nevada Fish and Game Commission installed guzzlers in the late 1940s to expand habitat for Gambel's quail in southern Nevada. The program has grown to over 1,500 guzzlers supporting a myriad of species throughout the state.

The first guzzlers were constructed of concrete and asphalt. Water was collected on a concrete apron and funneled into an underground concrete tank. A small opening at one end provided access to a variety of small animals. These guzzlers showed great success, and were used by bird species such as chukar as well as big game species like elk, bighorn sheep, and pronghorn. However years later many of those early guzzlers have fallen into disrepair.

With time, the materials used and placement strategies of the guzzler program have evolved. Now, guzzlers are made of fiberglass or polyethylene, and water collection



aprons are made of plastic or steel. In the past, Nevada's rugged terrain limited placement of guzzlers to areas accessible by vehicle. Today, guzzler materials are routinely transported to remote sites using a helicopter.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners directs expenditures from Upland Game Stamp proceeds. The Commission recently approved \$230,000 to create a second crew that will work in the southern Nevada to maintain and install water developments. Their immediate task will be maintenance of more than 300 small game water developments in the region. Statewide, approximately 11 percent of the guzzlers are in need of repair. Needed repairs range from simply tightening the fences which surround the developments to complete rebuilds.

Although initial proceeds from Upland Game Stamps support guzzler maintenance, future projects that could be funded with upland game stamp monies include acquisitions of upland game habitats, range rehabilitation and seeding after range fires, and construction of new upland game water developments.



Don't Forget Your Upland Game Stamp! Help Support All of Nevada's Wildlife!

In addition to protecting and acquiring upland game habitat, funds from the \$10 upland game stamp help to build and maintain wildlife water developments called "guzzlers."

These guzzlers support wildlife populations of all types in Nevada.

Don't wait for upland game seasons to begin... get your stamp today!

NEW INFORMATION FOR 2005 HUNTS

- ✱ **Beginning in 2005 applicants have the option to apply for a big game bonus point without applying for a tag for a species.** To participate it requires a nonrefundable \$10 application fee for each bonus point only application and the purchase of a hunting, or combination hunting and fishing license (If not already purchased). Those who apply for the bonus point only are not eligible for hunting license refunds.
- ✱ **New nonresident big game hunts have been added this year.** Hunt 4281 Anterless Elk - any legal weapon; Hunt 4276 Anterless Elk - muzzleloader and Hunt 4211 Anterless Elk - archery. A new nonresident Hunt 9251 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep - any ram - any legal weapon hunt has also been added this year.
- ✱ **Remaining tags in each type of hunt except for the junior hunt will be available to both resident and nonresident applicants who are eligible to apply in the second drawing.**
- ✱ **Unlawful Killing of big game now a felony** - See page 22, NRS 501.376.
- ✱ **Return Card Deadline Reminder** - The deadline for returning the hunt questionnaire attached to an issued big game tag is within **15 weekdays after the close of the season** for which the tag was issued. **The deadline date is also printed on the questionnaire. Failure to return the hunt questionnaire will result in a loss of tag draw privileges, or a fee of \$50.** Online harvest return questionnaires make reporting easy. Go to www.huntnevada.com. If you have faxed or mailed your questionnaire, call 1-800-576-1020 to make sure it was received before the deadline>
- ✱ **Update your Hunter Education information online.** Since Nevada law requires anyone born after Jan 1, 1960 who is purchasing a hunting license to show proof of hunter education, NDOW is offering the opportunity to preregister your hunter education card number into the application hunt database. Once we key your card number, you will be allowed to apply for a hunting license at the same time you apply for a big game tag. Your hunter education card number will remain in the online database for future online license, or hunt application purposes. This will smooth any future online license purchases or big game tag applications. Go to www.huntnevada.com and click on hunter education pre-registration.

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2005 Nevada Hunting Laws & Regulations
Hunting Licenses and Fees

The 2005 License Year is March 1, 2005 - Feb. 28, 2006

Resident License Fees and Permits

Qualifications for Resident Licenses. For the purpose of issuing and using resident licenses or permits, a person is considered to be a resident of the State of Nevada if he is a citizen of, or is lawfully entitled to remain in the United States, and during the six months preceding his application to the Department for a license or permit, he was domiciled in this state; was physically present in this state except for temporary absences; and did not purchase or apply for any resident license, tag or permit to hunt, fish or trap in another state, country or province. A resident license or permit issued by this state is void if the person to whom it was issued establishes his domicile in, and obtains any privilege or entitlement conditional on residency from another state, country or province.

A person who is not domiciled in Nevada but who is attending an institution of higher learning in this state as a full-time student is eligible for a resident license or permit if, during the six months preceding his application to the Department for a license or permit, he was physically present in Nevada except for temporary trips outside the state, and did not purchase or apply for any resident license, tag or permit to hunt, fish or trap in another state, country or province.

<u>Resident Hunting Licenses:</u>	<u>Class:</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
General Hunting License (For persons 18 years or older)	20	\$33.00
Pre-Adult Hunting License (For Persons 16 - 17 years old. Parental/legal guardian signature required)	60	\$33.00
Junior Hunting License (For persons 12 - 15 years old. Parental/legal guardian signature required)	21	\$13.00
Senior Hunting License (For persons 65 years or older with 5 years continuous Nevada residency)	22	\$13.00
Serviceman's Hunting License (For Nevada resident servicemen on active military duty outside of Nevada)	23	\$9.00
Severe Disability Hunting License (Requirements in NRS 502.245. Available at NDOW office only)	04	\$13.00
Native American Hunting & Fishing License (For resident Native Americans as defined in NRS 502.245. Issued at NDOW offices only)	01	Free
Disabled Veteran Hunting & Fishing License (For Nevada resident veteran's who have incurred a service-connected disability of 50 percent or more. Issued at NDOW offices only)	03	Free
Combination Hunting & Fishing License (For persons 18 years or older)	24	\$54.00
Pre-Adult Combination Hunting & Fishing License (For persons 16 - 17 years old. Parental/legal guardian signature required)	61	\$54.00
Junior Combination Hunting & Fishing License (For persons 12 - 15 years old. Parental/legal guardian signature required)	26	\$21.00
Senior Combination Hunting & Fishing License (For persons 65 years or older, with 5 years of continuous Nevada residency)	25	\$21.00
Severe Disability Combo Hunting & Fishing License (For persons with a severe physical disability. Requirements listed in NRS 502.245. Issued at NDOW offices only)	06	\$21.00

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Licenses and Permits - Continued

Nonresident Hunting Licenses:

	<u>Class:</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
General Hunting License (For persons 18 years of age or older)	28	\$142.00
Pre-Adult Hunting License (For persons 17 years of age or younger. Parent/guardian signature required)	62	\$142.00
Regular Combination License (For persons 18 years of age or older)	40	\$199.00
Pre-Adult Combination License (For persons 17 years of age or younger. Parent/guardian signature required)	27	\$199.00

Permits & Fees:

	<u>Fees:</u>
Nonresident Short-Term Permit to Hunt Upland Game & Waterfowl	\$21.00
Each Consecutive Day Added to Short-Term Permit	\$ 8.00

License Requirements

License Requirements: (NRS 502.010) Any person 12 years of age or older, who hunts game birds or game mammals in Nevada is required to have a hunting license or combination hunting and fishing license.

Purchasing a License: Licenses can be purchased from independent agents, and from Nevada Department of Wildlife offices in Reno, Fallon, Winnemucca, Elko, Las Vegas, and Henderson.

Possession and Display of License: (NRS 502.120) Every person required to have a license while hunting, trapping, or fishing shall have that license in his possession and available for inspection upon demand of any officer authorized to enforce the fish and game laws of the state of Nevada.

License Exemptions: (NAC 503.193) A hunting license is not required to hunt **unprotected** wild birds (English house sparrows and European starlings) or **unprotected** mammals (black-tailed jackrabbits, coyote, skunk, weasel, and ground squirrel).

Hunter Education Requirements: (NRS 502.330) Persons born after January 1, 1960, must take a hunter education course before obtaining a hunting license. See page 14 for requirements and acceptable proof of hunter education certification.

Youths and Possession of License: Children under age 12 may not legally hunt big game in Nevada. Youths 14 years and older who possess a valid license and have received parental permission may hunt unaccompanied. (See NRS 202.300 on page 14). If a child under age 18 is applying for a license to hunt, the child's parent or legal guardian must sign the application and an attached statement acknowledging that the parent or legal guardian has been advised of the provisions of NRS 41.472.

False Statement: (NRS 502.060) Any person who makes any false statement or furnishes false information to obtain any license, tag or permit from the Department is guilty of a misdemeanor; false statements to obtain a big game tag constitute a gross misdemeanor offense.

Legal Hunting Hours by Species

Big Game	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset
Mountain Lion	Anytime of day or night
Migratory Birds	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset
Small Game and Upland Game	Sunrise to sunset, EXCEPT for quail in Pahrump Valley of Nye County (8 a.m. to sunset)
Turkey - Fall	Sunrise to sunset
Turkey - Spring	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.

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Tag and Stamp Fees

In Nevada, big game seasons are established for antelope, deer, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and mountain lion. Tags for all species but mountain lion are allocated through a random computerized tag draw system held in early June. Mountain lion tags are available over the counter at license agents and Department regional offices statewide.

TAG FEES

DEER

Resident Deer Tag	\$30.00
Nonresident Deer Tag	\$240.00
Nonresident Restricted (Guided) Deer Tag	\$300.00

ANTELOPE

Resident Antelope Tag	\$60.00
Nonresident Antelope Tag	\$300.00

BIGHORN SHEEP

Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag	\$120.00
Nonresident Bighorn Sheep Tag	\$1,200.00

ELK

Resident Elk Tag	\$120.00
Nonresident Elk Tag	\$1,200.00

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Resident Mountain Goat Tag	\$120.00
Nonresident Mountain Goat Tag	\$1,200.00

MOUNTAIN LION TAGS - see page 36

Resident Mountain Lion Tag	\$26.00
Nonresident Mountain Lion Tag	\$101.00

TAG APPLICATION FEES (Non-refundable)

Elk	\$15.00
Nonresident Restricted Guided Deer Hunt	\$10.00
Landowner Damage Compensation	\$10.00
All Other Hunts	\$10.00
Predator Control Fee -- each application	\$3.00
Online Application Fee -- each application	\$2.00
Bonus Point Fee	\$10.00

TRAPPING LICENSES/FEES - see pages 38-39

Resident, 16 and over	\$42.00
Resident, 15 and under	\$14.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License	\$63.00
Trap Registration Number (not mandatory)	\$10.00
Nonresident Trapping License	\$192.00
Nonresident Fur Dealer's License	\$125.00

MIGRATORY BIRD STAMPS & TAGS - see page 40

Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (16 & over)	\$16.00
State Duck Stamp (12 & over)	\$10.00
Swan Tag	\$10.00
Swan Tag Application Fee	\$10.00

UPLAND GAME - see pages 43-44

Resident Turkey Tag	\$20.00
Nonresident Turkey Tag	\$50.00
Turkey Application Fee	\$10.00
Upland Game Bird Stamp	\$10.00

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Hunter Education Requirements

Hunter Education Requirements (NRS 502.330)

Persons born after January 1, 1960 must take a hunter education course before obtaining a hunting license.

The following will be accepted as proof of hunter education:

A certificate showing successful completion of a hunter safety course;

An equivalent certificate of completion of a course in hunter responsibilities provided by a state or an agency of a Canadian province for the management of wildlife; or

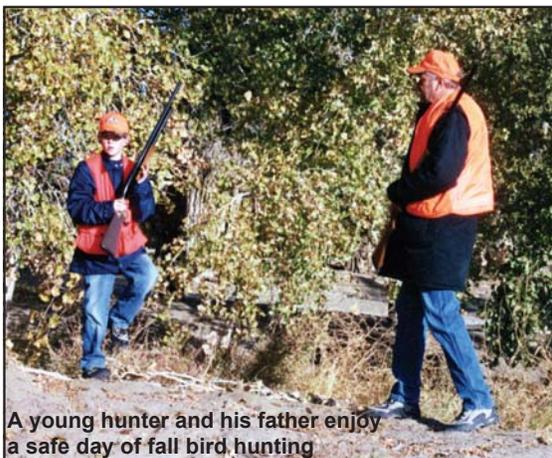
A hunting license issued to the hunter in a previous year by the Department of Wildlife, a state, or an agency of a Canadian province, which bears a number or other unique mark showing proof that a course of instruction on the responsibilities of hunters has been successfully completed.

Any person convicted of violating NRS 503.165 (Loaded rifle or shotgun in or on a vehicle unlawful) or NRS 503.175 (discharging a firearm from, over highways unlawful) may not obtain a hunting license until he has successfully completed a course in the responsibilities of hunters.

Use or Possession of Firearm by a Child Under 18 Years Old (NRS 202.300)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a child under the age of 18 years shall not handle or have in his possession or under his control, except while accompanied by or under the immediate charge of his parent or guardian or an adult person authorized by his parent or guardian to have control or custody of the child, any firearm of any kind for hunting or target practice or for other purposes. A child who violates this subsection commits a delinquent act and the court may order the detention of the child in the same manner as if the child had committed an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.

Note: Blaze orange is not required to hunt in Nevada.



A young hunter and his father enjoy a safe day of fall bird hunting

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5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a child who is 14 years of age or older, who has in his possession a valid license to hunt, may handle or have in his possession or under his control, without being accompanied by his parent or guardian...:

(a) A rifle or shotgun that is not a fully automatic firearm, if the child is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the rifle or shotgun and the child has the permission of his parent or guardian to handle or have in his possession or under his control the rifle or shotgun; or

(b) A firearm capable of being concealed upon the person, if the child has the written permission of his parent or guardian to handle or have in his possession or under his control such a firearm and the child is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing such a firearm, and the child is traveling to the area in which he will be hunting or returning from that area and the firearm is not loaded, or the child is hunting pursuant to that license.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a child who is 14 years of age or older may handle or have in his possession or under his control a rifle or shotgun that is not a fully automatic firearm if the child is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the rifle or shotgun, without being accompanied by his parent or guardian or an adult person authorized by his parent or guardian to have control or custody of him, if the child has the permission of his parent or guardian to handle or have in his possession or under his control the rifle or shotgun and the child is:

(a) Attending a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters or a course of instruction in the safe use of firearms;

(b) Practicing the use of a firearm at an established firing range or at any other area where the discharge of a firearm is permitted;

(c) Participating in a lawfully organized competition or performance involving the use of a firearm;

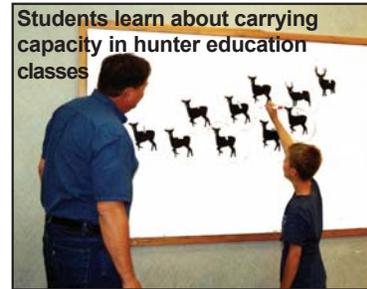
(d) Within an area in which the discharge of firearms has not been prohibited by local ordinance or regulation and he is engaging in a lawful hunting activity in accordance with chapter 502 of NRS for which a license is not required;

(e) Traveling to or from any activity described in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d), and the firearm is not loaded;

(f) On real property that is under the control of an adult, and the child has the permission of that adult to possess the firearm on the real property; or

(g) At his residence.

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Students learn about carrying capacity in hunter education classes

The Nevada Department of Wildlife provides hunter education courses year round through its regional offices. For more information contact your regional hunter education coordinator or check our web site at www.ndow.org.

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General Hunting Regulations

Manner of Hunting (NRS 503.150)

1. Unless otherwise specified by commission regulation, it is unlawful to hunt:

(a) Any game bird or game mammal with any gun capable of firing more than one round with one continuous pull of the trigger, or with any full steel, full steel core, full metal jacket, tracer or incendiary bullet or shell, or any shotgun larger than number 10 gauge.

(b) Big game mammals in any manner other than with a rifle, held in the hand, that exerts at least 1,000 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards, or with a longbow and arrow which meet the specifications established by commission regulation. (See page 16).

(c) Small game mammals in any manner other than with a handgun, shotgun, rifle, longbow and arrow or by means of falconry.

(d) Game birds with any rifle or handgun, or in any manner other than with a shotgun held in the hand, with a longbow and arrow or by means of falconry.

(e) Migratory game birds with any shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

(f) Any game bird or game mammal with the aid of any artificial light.

(g) Any big game mammal, except mountain lions, with a dog of any breed.

2. Nothing in this section prohibits the use of dogs in the hunting of game birds or small game mammals.

Unlawful Use of Aircraft, Helicopter, Motor-driven Vehicle or Boat (NRS 503.010)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS 503.005, it is unlawful to molest, rally, stir up or drive any game mammals or game birds with an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle, including a snowmobile, motorboat or sailboat.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, it is unlawful to shoot at any game mammals or game birds with a weapon from an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle, including a snowmobile. A person who is a paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputated or has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes his walking may shoot from a stopped motor vehicle which is not parked on the traveled portion of a public highway, but he may not shoot from, over or across a highway or road specified in NRS 503.175.

3. It is unlawful to spot or locate game mammals or game birds with any kind of aircraft or helicopter and communicate this information by any means to a person on the ground for the purpose of hunting or trapping.

4. It is unlawful to use a helicopter to transport game, hunters or hunting equipment, except when the cargo or passengers or both are loaded and unloaded at airports, airplane landing fields or heliports, which have been established by a department or agency of the federal or state government or by a county or municipal government or when the loading or unloading is done in the course of an emergency or search and rescue operation.

5. For the purposes of this section, "game bird" does not include a raven even if classified as a game bird pursuant to NRS 501.110.

Scouting from Aircraft (NAC 503.148)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not, for the purpose of hunting, locate or observe, or assist a person in locating or observing, any big game mammal in a management unit described in NAC 504.210 during the period beginning 48

hours before a big game hunting season opens until the close of the season in that management unit with the use of:

(a) An aircraft, including, without limitation, any device that is used for navigation of, or flight in, the air;

(b) A hot air balloon or any other device that is lighter than air; or

(c) A satellite or any other device that orbits the earth and is equipped to produce images.

2. For the purposes of subsection 1, the season for hunting a mountain lion which is open in a management unit shall be deemed not to be a big game hunting season during the period beginning after the big game hunting season for all other species of big game has closed in that management unit until the period beginning 48 hours before the opening of a big game hunting season established for hunting any other species of big game in that management unit.

3. Evidence of an act constituting a violation of subsection 1 includes, without limitation:

(a) Flying slowly at low altitudes;

(b) Hovering;

(c) Circling; or

(d) Repeatedly flying,

over a forest, marsh, field, woodland or rangeland where a big game mammal is likely to be found.

4. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who:

(a) Is acting within the scope of his official duties and who is:

(1) An employee or authorized agent of this state;

(2) An employee of a municipal or county government of this state; or

(3) An employee of the Federal Government;

(b) Holds a scientific permit issued by the Department for the collection of wildlife and who is acting in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit; or

(c) Holds a permit issued by the Department which authorizes the control of bobcats, coyotes or ravens from an aircraft and who is acting in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

5. The provisions of this section do not authorize any act that is prohibited by NRS 503.010.

Carrying Loaded Gun in/on Vehicle

(NRS 503.165)

1. It is unlawful to carry a loaded rifle or loaded shotgun in or on any vehicle* which is standing on or along, or is being driven on or along, any public highway or any other way open to the public.

2. A rifle or shotgun is loaded, for the purposes of this section, when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell in the firing chamber, but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine.

3. The provisions of this section do not apply to paraplegics, persons with one or both legs amputated or who have suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes walking, or peace officers and members of the armed forces of this state or the United States while on duty or going to or returning from duty.

* Includes ATVs, motorcycles.

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Firing Firearm from/over Roads (NRS 503.175)

Unless a greater penalty is provided in NRS 202.287, a person who discharges a firearm from, upon, over or across any federal highway, state highway as described in NRS 408.285, or main or general county road as designated in NRS 403.170, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Possessing Firearm While Under Influence (NRS 202.257)

1. It is unlawful for a person who:

(a) Has 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in his blood; or (b) Is under the influence of any controlled substance, or is under the combined influence of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance, or any person who inhales, ingests, applies or otherwise uses any chemical, poison or organic solvent, or any compound or combination of any of these, to a degree which renders him incapable of safely exercising actual physical control of a firearm, **to have in his actual physical possession any firearm.**

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Wildlife Transport Permit (NRS 503.040)

A transportation permit is required:

1. Whenever game mammals, game birds, game fish, mammals taken by trapping, or raw furs will be transported **out of the state** by any person **other** than the lawful harvester.

2. **Whenever a tagged species** (antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, mountain goat, mountain lion, swan, and wild turkey) **will be transported anywhere by any person other than the lawful harvester; or**

3. Whenever **any** person will be transporting **more than one** possession limit of game mammals, game birds, game fish, mammals taken by trapping, or raw furs. **Permits are free when obtained from the Department. License agents may charge a fee. Permits are available from any game warden, Department offices, or certain license agents.** (See page 30 for a list of vendors who sell permits).

A person **may not** transport more than one daily limit of ducks, geese, swan, pigeons, dove, coots, moorhens (gallinules), or snipe between the place of harvest and his car, place of lodging, preservation facility or common carrier (see page 38).

Transportation of Animal to Taxidermist... Restrictions (NAC 502.403)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person to whom a game tag has been lawfully issued may, in lieu of obtaining a transportation permit as described in NRS 503.040, use that portion of his game tag designated as the taxidermy record stub in the following manner:

(a) The person may ship by commercial carrier any nonedible game parts taken from the animal lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed and located in this state. If such parts are placed for shipment, the taxidermy record stub must accompany the shipment.

(b) If the person reaches his place of residence with an animal which has been lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag or delivers the animal to a commercial processor for processing, he may authorize another person to transport any

nonedible game parts taken from the animal to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed and located in this state.

The person shall, at the time of making the authorization, print in ink on the taxidermy record stub both the name of the authorized transporter and the date of the authorization. The taxidermy record stub must accompany the transportation of the parts.

(c) The person who is specified on the tag may deliver any nonedible game parts taken from the animal lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed in any state.

2. Whenever antlers are shipped, transported or delivered in the manner provided in subsection 1, the holder of the game tag shall indicate in ink on the taxidermy record stub the number of both the left and right antler points.

3. If a person who holds a game tag delivers any nonedible game parts of a game animal which he has lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a taxidermist before the carcass of the animal is delivered for processing to a commercial processing plant or before the carcass of the animal is taken to or left at the holder's place of residence, the holder shall obtain from the taxidermist, and the taxidermist shall provide to the holder, an itemized receipt which includes the following printed information:

(a) The date on which the nonedible game parts were received;

(b) The species of game from which the nonedible game parts were taken;

(c) A brief description of each of the nonedible game parts received; and

(d) The number of antler points, both left and right, if any, of the animal.

Both the holder of the tag and the taxidermist shall sign the receipt. The holder of the tag shall retain possession of the receipt until he acquires physical possession of the nonedible game parts specified in the receipt from the taxidermist to whom the parts were delivered.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a taxidermy record stub may not be used or possessed by any person other than the person to whom the game tag to which the stub is attached was issued.

5. A taxidermy record stub is valid only for the type of hunt, season and animal specified on the tag and may only be used as authorized in this section.

6. Nonedible game parts taken from a harvested game animal which is required to be presented to a representative of the division for inspection and branding or sealing may not be shipped, transported or delivered pursuant to the provisions of this section until the animal has been properly inspected and branded or sealed by the Department.

7. The provisions of NAC 503.173 do not apply to a person who ships, transports or delivers nonedible game parts in compliance with the provisions of this section.

8. As used in this section, "nonedible game parts" means the hide, head, skull, antlers, horns, paws, hooves or claws of any game animal. The term does not include the carcass of the animal.

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Disguising Sex of Animals (NAC 503.175)

It is unlawful for a person to disguise or attempt to disguise the sex characteristics of any animal killed by him if sex characteristics are a determining factor in any regulation of the commission concerning hunting seasons for or possession of the animal.

Cape and Horns/Antlers of Wildlife must be Maintained with Carcass (NAC 503.173)

Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.403, any person who kills a deer, elk, mountain goat, antelope or bighorn sheep shall, until the carcass is frozen, smoked, dried, consumed or accepted by a commercial processing plant for processing, maintain possession of **at least that portion of the cape or scalp that includes the ears to the base of the muzzle** and any antlers or horns. The cape or scalp and any antlers or horns from the animal must be possessed in such a manner that they remain or are kept together with the carcass of the animal.

Sale of Nonedible Parts (NAC 503.174)

The sale of the hide, head, antlers or horns or other nonedible parts of game animals which were legally killed is permitted.

Restrictions on Deer Hunting in Particular Areas; Prohibition on use or Possession of Certain Shotgun Rounds in Particular Areas (NAC 503.170)

1. In the fenced or cultivated lands of the Smith and Mason Valleys, in the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and in the zones within the Fort Churchill State Historic Park and the Lahontan State Recreation Area that are designated for hunting by the administrator of the division of state parks of the state department of conservation and natural resources:

(a) Deer may be hunted only with:

- (1) A shotgun no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge, using:
 - (I) Rifled slugs; or
 - (II) Shotgun rounds with sabots that contain rifled slugs of conventional design; or
- (2) A longbow and arrow.

(b) The use or possession of shotgun rounds with sabots that contain other than rifled slugs of conventional design is prohibited.

2. In the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area:

(a) Deer may be hunted only on the following days during the season set for the hunting of deer:

- (1) Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays;
- (2) _***_

(3) November 11, Veteran's Day;

(4) Thanksgiving Day; and

(5) Family Day, as declared pursuant to NRS 236.015

(b) Deer may be hunted only with longbow and arrow during the season set for the archery hunt for deer.

Camping Near Water Hole (NRS 503.660)

It is unlawful for any person to camp within 100 yards of a water hole in such a manner that wildlife or domestic stock will be denied access to such water hole.

Unlawful to Waste Game (NRS 503.050)

1. It is unlawful for any person to cause through carelessness, neglect or otherwise any edible portion of any game bird, game mammal, game fish or game amphibian to go to waste needlessly.

2. It is unlawful for any person to capture or destroy any game mammal, except a carnivore, and detach or remove from the carcass the head, hide, antlers, horns or tusks only and leave the carcass to waste.

3. For the purposes of subsection 1, "game bird" does not include a raven, crow or magpie even if classified as a game bird pursuant to NRS 501.110.

Use of Flashlight in Mountain Lion Hunt (NAC 503.189)

A person who is hunting, chasing, or pursuing a mountain lion, pursuant to a mountain lion tag, and who is not in or on a motorized vehicle, may use a flashlight which is hand-held and powered by a dry cell.

Hunting on Posted Lands Without Permission (NRS 503.240)

1. It is unlawful for any person to hunt or to trap upon or within any enclosed grounds which are private property and where signs are displayed, as provided in NRS 207.200, forbidding hunting or shooting, without permission obtained from the owner or person in possession of such enclosed grounds.

2. Any person using such property for hunting or trapping purposes shall comply with the provisions of NRS 207.220.



Legal Weapons by Type of Hunt

(NRS 503.150, NAC 503.142, NAC 503.187, NAC 503.183, NAC 503.144)

1. Any-Legal-Weapon Hunt: (NRS 503.150)

During a big game hunt that authorizes the use of “any legal weapon,” the following types of weapons are allowed: centerfire rifle, centerfire handguns, muzzleloading rifle or musket, shotguns (deer and mountain lion only), and archery equipment, **as described below under legal weapons.** Muzzleloading rifles or muskets must meet the same characteristics as that described below for the muzzleloader-only hunt, but **may have** a rifle scope.

2. Muzzleloader-Only Hunt

During a type of hunt that is restricted to muzzle-loading firearms, a person may hunt a big game mammal only with a muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket, and may use only a lead ball, a lead bullet, a semijacketed bullet or a metal alloy bullet that expands. **The use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Only black powder or a black powder substitute such as Pyrodex or Triple 7 may be used as a propellant.** A sabot round may be used. The muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket must have the following characteristics:

(a) A wheel lock, matchlock or flintlock ignition system, or a percussion ignition system **that uses a primer or percussion cap;**

(b) A single barrel of caliber .45 or larger; and

(c) Open sights or peep sights. **The use of a sight that is operated or powered by a battery, electronics or a radioactive isotope such as tritium is prohibited.**

While in the field during a “muzzleloader only” hunt, the tagholder may only carry an authorized muzzleloading rifle or musket, and a flintlock or percussion handgun. **It is unlawful to hunt big game with such a weapon.** It is unlawful to carry a longbow and arrow or any other type of firearm. A muzzleloading rifle or musket is not considered loaded if the priming compound or element, such as the priming powder or the unfired primer or percussion cap, is removed.

3. Archery Hunt (NAC 503.144)

A longbow used in hunting a big game mammal must, in the hands of the user, be capable of throwing a 400 grain arrow 150 yards over level terrain. Arrows used in hunting big game mammals must be at least 24 inches long and have:

(a) **Fixed broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point; or**

(b) **Expandable, mechanical broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point when the broadhead is in the open position.**

Correction:
It is unlawful to hunt big game with a handgun.

Legal Weapons and Methods of Take by Species

Legal Weapons for Big Game Mammals Include:

Centerfire rifle, held in the hand, of .22 caliber or larger.

Centerfire handgun: Must have a barrel length of 4 inches or more and use a cartridge of caliber .22 or larger with an overall loaded length of 2 inches or more; **OR**, .24 caliber or larger with a case length which equals or exceeds that of a .44 Remington magnum case.

Longbow and arrow: as described above in number 3.

Muzzleloading rifle and musket as described above in number 2.

Shotgun: The **only** big game animals that may be hunted with a shotgun are deer and mountain lion. For deer, rifled slugs must be used. No shotgun smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge may be used. (See NAC 503.170, page 45, for legal weapons allowed on the Smith and Mason Valleys and in the Fort Churchill and Lahontan State Recreation Area zones).

Legal Weapons for Hunting Turkey: (NAC 503.187)

Turkey may be taken only with a shotgun that is no larger than 10 gauge, nor smaller than 20 gauge and uses a shot size no larger than a number 2 pellet; or longbow and arrow. 3. Shot used to hunt wild turkey on a wildlife management area must be:

(a) **non-toxic shot; and**

(b) **not larger than standard-size T.**

Legal Methods of Take for Small Game Mammals:

Small game mammals (cottontail, white-tailed jackrabbits) may be taken with a handgun, shotgun, rifle, longbow and arrow, or by falconry.

Legal Methods of Take for Game Birds: Game birds may be taken with a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge held in the hand, longbow and arrow, or by falconry.

Legal Methods of Take for Migratory Game Birds:

Ducks, mergansers, geese, swans, dove, coots, common moorhens (gallinules), and snipe may be taken only with a shotgun plugged to limit shot-shell capacity to three, longbow and arrow, or by falconry.

Nontoxic shot: when hunting ducks, mergansers, geese, swans, coots, common moorhens (gallinules) or snipe, a hunter must use nontoxic shot. It is unlawful to possess shells that contain anything other than nontoxic shot when hunting these birds. **Nontoxic shot must be used for all species on Wildlife Management Areas. See page 44.** (NAC 503.183)

Ammunition Restrictions - Full Automatic

Weapons Big game and game birds: No full steel, full steel core, full metal jacket, tracer or incendiary bullets or shells may be used. Firearms must not be capable of firing more than one round with one continuous pull of the trigger.

NOTE: Special firearms restrictions are in effect at Wildlife Management Areas (page 45) and National Wildlife Refuges (page 49).

2005 Nevada Hunting Laws & Regulations

Common Violations

The vast majority of hunters, trappers and anglers do their best to abide by the wildlife laws and regulations. For those people who fail to follow the law, convictions of wildlife law may carry serious penalties, including criminal fines up to \$5,000, jail, civil penalties up to \$5,000, loss of equipment and lost license privileges.

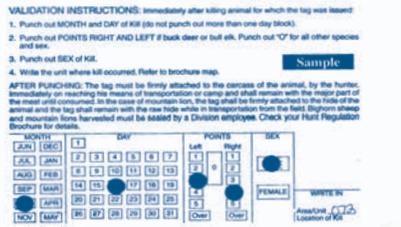
Here is a list of the eight most common violations in the field. Check twice, take due care, and you too can avoid unnecessary citations, costly fines, and loss of equipment and hunting privileges.

If you make a mistake - for example shooting a spike, or small forked-horn deer instead of an antlerless deer - report it immediately to the local game warden or Operation Game Thief (OGT) at 1-800-992-3030. Take care of the game and wait for the warden to arrive, or follow any instructions that are provided to you. Taking the opposite approach, such as hiding or wasting game, will carry much more serious consequences.

1. Failure to Properly Punch Tag Immediately after Taking Game

Upon reaching game, **immediately** validate (punch) the tag with a knife or other sharp object. Marking it with a pencil or pen is not acceptable. **This is a misdemeanor offense.**

If a tag is used to kill more than one animal, the crime is punishable as a category E felony and all equipment used in the crime is subject to forfeiture, including guns, and vehicles.



big game mammal with such a tag is a felony. This activity steals tags from lawful sportsmen.

6. Possessing an Over Limit of a Species

Possession Limit is the maximum number of a species that one person can legally take and control at any one time—this includes animals held in the freezer and ice chest.

Daily Limit is the maximum number of a species that is allowed to be harvested in any given day.

For example: A chukar hunter looks at the following possession table before going hunting.

		Daily Limit	Poss. Limit
Chukar and Hungarian	Oct. 3-Jan. 31	6	12

He takes five chukar opening day, goes home, puts them in the freezer, and goes out the second day and takes six more chukar. On the third day, he goes out. How many chukar may he legally take? Answer: **One**, unless, he eats or gives away additional chukar.

Explanation: The hunter was one bird under his daily limit the first day, and took his daily limit the second day. He possessed 11 birds, allowing him to legally harvest one more bird on a third or subsequent day, allowing him to complete a possession limit of 12.

2. Hunting Outside Unit Area Designated on Tag

Double-check the hunt area/unit designated on your tag, and review the boundary unit descriptions on the reverse of the Department's Big Game Boundary Unit Reference Map. Purchase detailed reference maps. Know where you are. **This is a misdemeanor offense, but if an animal is killed, it can escalate to a felony.**

3. Loaded Gun in/on Vehicle

Nevada law prohibits carrying loaded rifles and shotguns in or on vehicles, including ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, etc. After hunting on foot, unload the gun before placing it in or on the vehicle. **This is a misdemeanor offense.**

4. Using Tag of Another

This is a surprisingly common violation. Only the person named on the tag may use or possess the tag. **This violation is now considered a felony offense if an animal is harvested. See Page 22.**

5. License and Tag Fraud

Providing false information (for example, claiming to be a Nevada resident, using a false date of birth, or fictitious name, etc.) to obtain a license is a misdemeanor. Providing false information to obtain a big game tag is a gross misdemeanor, and killing a

7. Early/Late Shooting

Do not shoot at game before or after the designated hunting hours. Check the sunset/sunrise and hunts by species table. Sunset does not mean dark! **(Refer to legal hunting hours by species on page 54. Also see sunrise/sunset tables pages 55-58).** **This is a misdemeanor offense.**

8. Unplugged Shotgun (Waterfowl and Dove Hunters)

Waterfowl and dove hunters may not use shotguns capable of holding more than three shells. Shotguns must be plugged and rendered incapable of holding more than three shells. **Shotguns must also be plugged in all wildlife management areas regardless of species. This is a misdemeanor offense.**

TAKE CARE IN THE FIELD AND KEEP YOUR RECORD CLEAR OF VIOLATIONS

Areas Closed to Hunting and Trapping

Note: This is not an all-encompassing list of areas closed to hunting by federal, state, and local regulations. Please contact the appropriate land management agency for information on hunting closures in specific areas.

The following areas are closed to all hunting and trapping: (NAC 504.340)

1. Those portions of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area which are within:

- (a) A 1-mile radius of Overton Landing, Willow Beach, Rogers Spring, the area for cabins at Stewart's Point, Echo Bay, Eldorado Canyon, Cottonwood Cove and the petroglyphs of Grapevine Canyon.
- (b) The Lower or Boulder Basin, including all of the area from Hoover Dam to a line running north and south near the peninsula between Hamblin Bay and Rotary Cove. The townships or portions of them located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and included within this closed area are: T. 20 S., R. 63 E., R. 64 E., R. 65 E.; Sections 6, 7 and 18 of T. 21 S., R. 66 E.; T. 21 S., R. 63 E., R. 63 1/2 E., R. 64 E., R. 65 E. and T. 22 S., R. 64 E. and R. 65 E., M.D.B. & M.
- (c) A 1/2-mile strip parallel to the west shoreline of Lake Mohave from Hoover Dam south to a point 2 miles south of the campground at Willow Beach.
- (d) The area of land extending 1/2 mile west of the water elevation of Lake Mohave and the Colorado River between the southern boundary of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the crossing of those cables of the power line located approximately 5 1/4 miles north of Davis Dam and all waters between that cable and the southern boundary.

2. All portions of the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge in Churchill County south of Division Road, except that trapping is allowed to the extent authorized pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §§ 31.14 and 31.16.

3. All portions of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, except that:

- (a) Hunting is allowed pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47 on designated areas of the refuge in Elko and White Pine counties and to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118; and
- (b)

4. All portions of the Death Valley National Park.

5. All portions of the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, except that hunting is authorized on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent permitted by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

6. All portions of Clark, Lincoln and Nye counties within the boundaries of the Nellis Air Force Range, the Nevada Test Site and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, except that the hunting of bighorn sheep is authorized in certain described portions of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47 and the Nellis Air Force Range, to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

7. All portions of Clark, Lincoln and Nye counties within the boundaries of the Nellis Air Force Range, the Nevada Test Site and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, except that certain described portions of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, not within the Nellis Air Force Range, will be opened for the hunting of deer pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

8. All portions of the Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuge in Lincoln County, except that hunting is permitted on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

9. All portions of the Great Basin National Park.

10. All portions of the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, except that hunting is permitted on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

Limited Access in Black Rock Desert National Conservation Area (NCA)

Hunters should beware that motorized access (and mechanical devices) will be severely limited in portions of Hunt Units 012, 034, and 035 due to federal designations as a wilderness area. Hunters should check the Big Game Sheets on NDOW's web site (www.ndow.org) or the BLM's website at www.blackrockhighrock.org/maps.asp to determine access availability.

ASK PERMISSION BEFORE CROSSING PRIVATE LAND!

Big Game Tag Regulations

Use of Tags (NAC 502.385) 1. The tag must be carried by the owner at all times while he is hunting or trapping, or while he is fishing, for wildlife for which a tag is required. It is unlawful for any person to use or possess a tag issued to any other person or to transfer or give a tag issued to him to any other person.

2. It is unlawful for a person to use any tag in a management area or unit for which it is not intended or to use a tag at any time other than at the time intended.

3. After it has been issued, a tag may not be exchanged or a refund made except in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Commission.

Validation of Tag (NAC 502.390) When a person reaches any wildlife which he has killed, he must validate his tag by cleanly punching out the spaces necessary to properly identify the physical description of the animal including its sex and antler points, where appropriate, and the day and month of the kill.

Tag Must be Attached to Animal (NAC 502.400) 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the owner of a tag must firmly attach it to the carcass of an animal killed by him, at or before the time he first reaches his means of transportation or camp. The tag must remain with the major portion of the meat until it is consumed.

2. If the animal killed is a mountain lion or furbearing mammal for which a tag is required, the owner of the tag must firmly attach it to the hide or pelt of the animal. The tag must remain attached to the hide while it is transported and until it is processed.

Bighorn Sheep Tags (NAC 502.345) 1. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to apply for a tag for one or more of the following subspecies of bighorn sheep: (a) Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep; (b) California bighorn sheep; or (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, if he did not receive a tag or replacement tag for that subspecies in the previous 5 open seasons or kill a bighorn sheep of that subspecies in the previous 10 open seasons.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3, 4 or 5, if an applicant, upon a drawing, becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area, he or his guide or subguide who is licensed by this state, must attend an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep. The tag will be issued upon the completion of the course. **(NOTE: See page 54 for list of indoctrination courses).**

3. An applicant, upon a drawing, who becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area, is not required to attend an indoctrination course if: **(a) Upon a drawing conducted in 1990, or later, he was eligible to draw a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area; and (b) He attended and completed an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep after the date that he became eligible for the tag.**

4. A master guide or subguide licensed by the Department who attends and completes an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep in 1998, or later, will not be required to attend another such indoctrination course.

5. The director may excuse an applicant who, upon a drawing, becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area from attending an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep.

6. Any person electing to have a licensed guide or subguide attend the indoctrination course may hunt only under the direct supervision of the guide or subguide who attended the course.

7. Each hunter shall possess a binocular with a minimum power of 5 magnifications or a spotting scope with a minimum power of 15 magnifications while hunting bighorn sheep.

8. A person who kills a bighorn sheep regardless of subspecies shall, within 5 days after killing it, **personally** present the skull and horns of the

animal to a representative of the Department for inspection. The inspector shall permanently attach a seal to or permanently brand an identification number on one of the horns. It is unlawful for any person to possess or sell the horns without a seal having been so attached or number so branded.-...-

9. Any person who transfers ownership of a skull of a bighorn sheep to which a seal has been attached or an identification number has been branded pursuant to this section shall give written notice of the transfer to the Department within 10 days after the transfer.

Mountain Goat Tags (NAC 502.364) 1. Before a person may hunt a mountain goat, he must obtain a tag from the Department. Except as otherwise provided by a regulation of the Commission or Title 45 of NRS, a person of the State of Nevada may apply once for a mountain goat tag in any year. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 502.215 and NAC 502.321, a person who obtains a mountain goat tag or replacement tag for mountain goat may not apply for another mountain goat tag during his lifetime.

2. A person who harvests a mountain goat shall, within 5 days after harvesting it, **personally** present the skull, hide and any edible portion of the animal, or its carcass to a representative of the Department for inspection.-...-

3. A person who is unsuccessful in harvesting a mountain goat shall, **within 5 days after the open season, present the unused tag to a representative of the Department for cancellation.** It is unlawful to possess an unused tag that has not been canceled within 5 days after the season.

Antelope Tags (NAC 502.341) 1. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to apply once in any year for one of the following tags:

(a) A tag for the general hunt for antelope if he did not receive a tag or replacement tag for the general hunt for antelope during the 5 previous years. (b) A tag for the archery hunt for antelope.

2. Any person who obtains a tag or replacement tag for the general hunt for antelope during a season is not eligible to apply for another tag for the general hunt for antelope during the next five open seasons.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.215 and NAC 502.321, any person who harvests an antelope in the general hunt or in the archery hunt for antelope is not eligible to apply for another tag for the general hunt or the archery hunt during the next five open seasons.

Elk Tags (NAC 502.361) 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 or unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, a person is eligible to apply once for a bull elk tag in any year if he did not receive a bull elk tag or a replacement tag for a bull elk in the previous 5 years. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, a person is eligible to apply once for an antlerless elk tag in any year.

2. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, a person is eligible to apply once for a spike elk tag in any year if he did not receive a spike elk tag or a replacement tag for a spike elk in the previous year.

3. A person who obtains a bull elk tag or a replacement tag for a bull elk and is successful in harvesting a bull elk is not eligible to apply for another bull elk tag during the next 10 years.

2005 Return Card Questionnaire The questionnaire issued as part of a tag must be properly completed and received by the Wildlife Administrative Services Office, P.O. Box 1345, Fallon, Nevada 89407-1345 or submitted online at www.huntnevada.com no later than 5 p.m., 15 weekdays after the close of the season to which the

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Big Game Tag Regulations

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tag applies. Questionnaires may be submitted by phone, fax, or online. Please follow-up with the Wildlife Administrative Service office to make sure your questionnaire has been received.

Any person who fails to return the questionnaire within the period specified or who submits incomplete or false information on the questionnaire will be denied all big game tags for one year.

Any person who has been denied all big game tags pursuant to the provisions of this section may have those privileges reinstated if he pays the Department an administrative fine of \$50 for each such questionnaire. The administrative fine for failure to return the 2005 big game hunting questionnaire must be paid by money order or cashier's check payable to the Department of Wildlife, License Office, 4600 Kietzke Ln #D-135, Reno, NV 89502 on or before March 17, 2006.

Unlawful killing or possession of bighorn sheep, mountain goat, elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, mountain lion or black bear; criminal penalties (NRS 501.376)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not intentionally kill or aid and abet another person to kill a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, mountain lion or black bear: (a) Outside of the prescribed season set by the Commission for the lawful hunting of that animal; (b) Through the use of an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle in violation of NRS 503.010; (c) By a method other than the method prescribed on the tag issued by the Department for hunting that animal; (d) In a manner, during a time or in a place otherwise prohibited by a specific statute or a regulation adopted by the Commission; or (e) Without a valid tag issued by the Department for hunting that animal. A tag issued for hunting any animal specified in this subsection is not valid if knowingly used by a person:

(1) Other than the person specified on the tag; (2) Outside of the management area or other area specified on the tag; or (3) If the tag was obtained by a false or fraudulent representation.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not prohibit the killing of an animal specified in subsection 1 if: (a) The killing of the animal is necessary to protect the life or property of any person in imminent danger of being attacked by the animal; or (b) The animal killed was not the intended target of the person who killed the animal and the killing of the animal which was the intended target would not violate the provisions of subsection 1.

3. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 shall be punished for a category E felony as provided in NRS 193.130 or, if the court reduces the penalty pursuant to this subsection, for a gross misdemeanor. In determining whether to reduce the penalty, the court shall consider: (a) The nature of the offense; (b) The circumstances surrounding the offense; (c) The defendant's understanding and appreciation of the gravity of the offense; (d) The attitude of the defendant towards the offense; and (e) The general objectives of sentencing.

4. A person shall not willfully possess any animal specified in subsection 1 if the person knows the animal was killed in violation of subsection 1 or the circumstances should have caused a reasonable person to know that the animal was killed in violation of subsection 1.

5. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 4 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Cancellation of Tag & Conditions of Refund

Section 1. Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 1. Active duty military personnel mobilized and deployed outside of Nevada after receiving a resident big game tag may return the tag for refund as provided in NAC 502.422 and may request the tag privilege be deferred for an identical privilege for the following hunt year without entering that year's big game tag drawing. In addition, the person can return the hunting license at the same time for a refund as long as the person did no hunting under the authority of the license.

2. To be eligible for the tag deferment for the following year, the active duty military personnel must: (a) Provide a copy of his orders or other proof satisfactory to the Department; and (b) Specify in writing his desire for the deferment of his tag in the following year at the time he requests a refund for his tag and hunting license, if applicable; and (c) Submits in the following year the appropriate hunting license fee, if the person has not already obtained a valid hunting license, and the tag, nonrefundable application and predator fees before the Department will issue the tag and license.

3. The tag and hunting license must be returned to the Department before the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued, except if the person can show to the Department satisfactory proof that he was deployed outside the area prior to the opening of the season and had no opportunity to hunt under the authority of the tag and license in which case the tag and license must be returned prior to the close of the season.

NAC 502.422 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.422. 1. The Department may cancel a tag and provide a refund if the Department issues the tag in error.

2. The Department shall provide a refund if the holder of a tag:

(a) Dies, as verified by a certificate of death; (b) Incurs a disability, as verified in writing by a physician, which prevents him from hunting during the season for which the tag was issued; or (c) Is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and is transferred, as verified by a copy of his orders or other proof satisfactory to the Department, to a location which makes it impracticable for him to hunt in the area for which the tag was issued, and his tag is returned to the Department before the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued **except as otherwise provided in section 2, subsection 3 of this regulation.** If the holder obtained his hunting license with his tag, the hunting license may be returned with the tag.

3. If a **tag** refund is provided pursuant to this section, the Department shall: (a) Return all the fees submitted with the application for the tag except the **fees** required pursuant to **NRS 502.253 and NAC 502.331**; and (b) Treat the recipient of the refund, with respect to his eligibility to obtain a tag and to be awarded a bonus point, as if the tag had not been issued and the applicant was unsuccessful **except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.4225 subsection 2.**

4. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.421, the Department is not required to refill a quota for the issuance of tags if the application of this section reduces the number of tags issued to less than a quota.

NAC 502.4225 is hereby amended to read as follows: 502.4225. 1. An applicant who fails to obtain a tag may obtain a refund of the fee for his hunting license if the license is not a combined hunting and fishing license and he: (a) Purchased the license solely to apply for a tag; (b) Does no hunting under the authority of the license; and (c) Submits the license to the Department on or before the last weekday of August of the year in which the license was valid. The Department shall accept the license only if it is received on or before that date.

2. If an applicant obtains a refund pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1, the applicant will not be awarded any bonus points as provided in NAC 502.4187.



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Big Game Season Dates and Quotas

2005 Big Game Seasons CR 05-15

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.120 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the big game resource.

The limit is one animal per tag and the hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset for all big game hunts, unless otherwise specified.

RESIDENT HUNTS

Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
011	Aug 27 - Sept 5	54
012 - 014	Aug 27 - Sept 5	181
015	Aug 27 - Sept 5	73
021, 022	Aug 27 - Sept 5	22
031	Aug 27 - Sept 5	94
032, 034, 035	Aug 27 - Sept 5	128
033 Early	Aug 20 - Aug 26	24
033 Late	Aug 27 - Sept 5	24
041, 042	Aug 27 - Sept 5	76
051	Aug 27 - Sept 5	58
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 27 - Sept 5	155
065, 142, 144 ^A	Aug 27 - Sept 5	10
066	Aug 27 - Sept 5	14
067, 068	Aug 27 - Sept 5	72
072, 074, 075	Aug 27 - Sept 5	56
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 27 - Sept 5	27
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 27 - Sept 5	52
101 - 104, 108, 144 ^B	Aug 27 - Sept 5	36
111 - 114	Aug 27 - Sept 5	100
115, 231, 242	Aug 27 - Sept 5	24
131, 145, 163, 164, 221 ^C	Aug 27 - Sept 5	51
132 - 134, 245	Aug 27 - Sept 5	16
141, 143, 151 - 155	Aug 27 - Sept 5	31
161, 162	Aug 27 - Sept 5	13
171 - 173	Aug 27 - Sept 5	13
181 - 184	Aug 27 - Sept 5	10
202, 204	Oct 15 - Oct 30	12
203, 291	Aug 27 - Sept 5	2
205, 206	Aug 27 - Sept 5	18
221 ^D - 223, 241	Aug 27 - Sept 5	14
251	Aug 27 - Sept 5	10
		Total 1,470

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

^C That portion of Unit 221 north and west of Highway 6.

^D That portion of Unit 221 south and east of Highway 6.



Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2161

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
011	Aug 6 - Aug 21	10
012 - 014	Aug 6 - Aug 21	41
015	Aug 6 - Aug 21	22
021, 022	Aug 6 - Aug 21	2
031	Aug 6 - Aug 21	28
032, 034, 035	Aug 6 - Aug 21	35
033	Aug 6 - Aug 19	6
041, 042	Aug 6 - Aug 21	10
051	Aug 6 - Aug 21	20
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 6 - Aug 21	28
065, 142, 144 ^A	Aug 6 - Aug 21	3
066	Aug 6 - Aug 21	6
067, 068	Aug 6 - Aug 21	34
072, 074, 075	Aug 6 - Aug 21	12
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 6 - Aug 21	8
101 - 104, 108, 144 ^B	Aug 6 - Aug 21	19
111 - 114	Aug 6 - Aug 21	12
115, 231, 242	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
131, 145, 163, 164, 221 ^C	Aug 6 - Aug 21	19
132 - 134, 245	Aug 6 - Aug 21	2
141, 143, 151 - 155	Aug 6 - Aug 21	12
161, 162	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
171 - 173	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
181 - 184	Aug 6 - Aug 21	9
203, 291	Aug 6 - Aug 21	1
205, 206	Aug 6 - Aug 21	6
221 ^D - 223, 241	Aug 6 - Aug 21	3
251	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
		Total 368

^A That portion of Unit 104 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

^C That portion of Unit 221 north and west of Highway 6.

^D That portion of Unit 221 south and east of Highway 6.



2005 Nevada Hunting Laws & Regulations

Resident Antelope - Horns shorter than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181

Special Regulations: Eligibility restrictions concerning successive years' hunts as stated in NAC 502.341 do not apply to this hunt.

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
035 ^A Early	Aug 13 - 19	15
035 ^A Mid	Aug 20 - 26	15
035 ^A Late	Aug 27 - Sept 5	15
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Sept 6 - Sept 18	118
062 ^B , 067 ^B , 068 ^B	Aug 20 - Oct 9	10
067, 068	Sept 6 - Sept 18	24
114 ^C , 115 ^C	Sept 24 - Oct 2	15
144 ^D	Aug 20 - Oct 9	10
Total		177

^A Silver State Valley within Unit 035.

^B Portions of Unit 062, 067, 068 in Independence Valley within 1 mile of Van Norman irrigated or cultivated lands.

^C Within 1 mile of the Baker Ranch properties.

^D That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

Resident Elk - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
061, 071	Oct 29 - Nov 13	56
062, 064, 066 - 068	Oct 29 - Nov 13	7
072, 074	Oct 29 - Nov 13	40
075*	Oct 29 - Nov 13	21
076, 077, 081	Nov 12 - Nov 27	114
078, 104 ^A , 105 - 107	Nov 12 - Nov 27	3
079 ^B	Sept 17 - Oct 7	3
104 ^C , 108, 121	Nov 12 - Nov 27	11
111 - 115, 221, 222 Early	Nov 12 - Nov 27	200
111 - 115, 221, 222 Late	Dec 3 - Dec 18	160
131, 132	Nov 12 - Nov 27	11
161 - 164 Early	Sept 24 - Sept 30	9
161 - 164 Late	Nov 12 - Nov 27	33
231, 241, 242	Nov 1 - Nov 18	60
262	Nov 12 - Nov 27	1
Total		729

*Difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area.

^A That portion of Unit 104 east of the CCC and Quilici Spring Roads.

^B Interstate hunt with Utah. Nevada and Utah hunters may hunt within open units in both states. Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations.

^C That portion of Unit 104 south of the CCC Road and southwest of the Quilici Spring Road.

Resident Elk - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102

Special Regulations: Eligibility restrictions concerning successive years' hunts as stated in NAC 502.361 do not apply to this hunt.

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
101 - 104 ^A	Aug 6 - Oct 30	15

^A Units 101, 102 and 103 and that portion of Unit 104 north and west of the CCC Road. Difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area. This hunt is an attempt to remove all elk from these units or drastically reduce elk numbers from these units.

Muzzleloader Hunt 4156 Resident Elk - Antlered

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
061, 071	Oct 1 - Oct 16	10
062, 064, 066-068	Oct 1 - Oct 16	1
072, 074	Oct 1 - Oct 16	29
075*	Oct 1 - Oct 16	1
076, 077, 081	Oct 29 - Nov 11	13
078, 104 ^A , 105 - 107	Oct 29 - Nov 11	1
104 ^B , 108, 121	Oct 29 - Nov 11	1
111 - 115, 221, 222	Oct 29 - Nov 11	38
131, 132	Oct 29 - Nov 11	2
161 - 164	Oct 29 - Nov 11	4
231, 241, 242	Nov 19 - Dec 4	20
262	Oct 29 - Nov 11	1
Total		121

*Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area.

^A That portion of Unit 104 east of the CCC and Quilici Spring Roads.

^B That portion of Unit 104 south of the CCC Road and southwest of the Quilici Spring Road.

Resident Elk - Antlered Archery Hunt 4161

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
061, 071	Aug 27 - Sept 16	4
062, 064, 066 - 068	Aug 27 - Sept 16	1
072, 074	Aug 27 - Sept 16	11
075*	Aug 27 - Sept 16	2
076, 077, 081	Aug 27 - Sept 16	17
078, 104 ^A , 105 - 107	Aug 27 - Sept 16	1
104 ^B , 108, 121	Aug 27 - Sept 16	1
111 - 115, 221, 222	Aug 27 - Sept 16	30
131, 132	Aug 27 - Sept 16	2
161 - 164	Aug 27 - Sept 16	4
231, 241, 242	Aug 27 - Sept 16	17
262	Aug 27 - Sept 16	1
Total		91

*Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area.

^A That portion of Unit 104 east of the CCC and Quilici Spring Roads.

^B That portion of Unit 104 south of the CCC Road and southwest of the Quilici Spring Road.

Elk Incentive Tags

Special incentive elk tags are awarded to landowner applicants as an incentive to support an increase in the elk population in Nevada. Any owner, lessee or manager of private land who wishes to participate in the program may enter into an agreement with the Department that specifies how the landowner will support increases in the local elk herd, and provides that the landowner will agree to provide reasonable public access to adjacent public lands.

Landowners or hunters who are interested in the elk incentive tag program may contact the Nevada Department of Wildlife Headquarters at (775) 688-1529, or (775) 688-1507 for more information.

**Resident Elk - Antlerless
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
072	Oct 1 - Oct 23	22
075*	Nov 14 - Jan 1	76
076, 077, 081	Oct 1 - Oct 23	121
101 - 104 ^A Early	Aug 6 - Aug 28	10
101 - 104 ^A Mid	Aug 29 - Sept 30	10
101 - 104 ^A Late	Oct 1 - Oct 30	10
111	Oct 1 - Oct 23	197
112	Oct 1 - Oct 23	10
113 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 23	26
113 ^B Late	Dec 19 - Jan 15	26
114, 115	Oct 1 - Oct 23	21
161 - 164 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 23	15
161 - 164 Late	Dec 10 - Jan 1	15
221	Oct 1 - Oct 23	36
222	Oct 1 - Oct 23	148
231, 241, 242 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 9	61
231, 241, 242 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 8	142
231 Early ^C	Aug 6 - Aug 28	20
231 Late ^C	Aug 29 - Sept 30	20
Total		986

*Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area.

^AUnits 101, 102, 103 and that portion of Unit 104 north and west of the CCC Road. Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area. This hunt is an attempt to remove all elk or drastically reduce elk numbers from these units.

^B That portion of Unit 113 north of the Trippett/Pleasant Valley Road. Elk availability dependent on winter conditions that affect elk movement from adjacent Goshute Tribal Lands.

^CThat portion of Unit 231 within 2 miles of the irrigated or cultivated Atlanta Farm fields located north and south of the Atlanta Road.

**Resident Elk - Antlerless
Muzzleloader Hunt 4176**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
072	Sept 17 - Sept 30	2
075*	Sept 17 - Sept 30	2
076, 077, 081	Sept 17 - Sept 30	8
111, 112, 221, 222	Sept 17 - Sept 30	69
113	Sept 17 - Sept 30	9
114, 115	Sept 17 - Sept 30	4
161 - 164	Oct 29 - Nov 11	2
231, 241, 242	Sept 17 - Sept 30	43
Total		139

*Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area.

**Archery Hunt 4111
Resident Elk - Antlerless**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
072	Aug 6 - Aug 26	4
075*	Aug 6 - Aug 26	3
076, 077, 081	Aug 6 - Aug 26	27
111, 112, 221, 222	Aug 6 - Aug 26	85
113	Aug 6 - Aug 26	12
114, 115	Aug 6 - Aug 26	8
161 - 164	Aug 6 - Aug 26	2
231, 241, 242	Aug 6 - Aug 26	34
Total		175

*Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area.

**Resident Mountain Goat - Any Goat
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
101	Aug 27 - Oct 30	4
102	Aug 27 - Oct 30	18
103	Aug 27 - Oct 30	1
Total		23

**Resident California Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
012	Aug 27 - Oct 30	4
011, 013	Aug 27 - Oct 30	3
014	Aug 27 - Oct 30	1
031	Aug 27 - Oct 30	3
032	Aug 27 - Oct 30	5
033	Aug 27 - Oct 30	3
034	Aug 27 - Oct 30	5
035	Aug 27 - Oct 30	2
041	Aug 27 - Oct 30	1
051	Aug 27 - Oct 30	2
066, 068	Aug 27 - Oct 30	3
Total		32

**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep -
Any Ram
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
044, 182	Nov 12 - Dec 11	4
133, 245	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
134	Nov 12 - Dec 11	4
161	Nov 12 - Dec 11	7
162, 163	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
173	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
181*	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
183	Nov 12 - Dec 11	4
184	Nov 12 - Dec 11	5
202	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
205	Nov 12 - Dec 11	7
206	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
211 ^A	Nov 12 - Dec 11	4
211 ^B	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
212	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
221	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
223, 241	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
244	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
252*	Nov 12 - Dec 4	4
253 ^C	Nov 12 - Dec 11	4
253 ^D	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
261	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
262	Nov 12 - Dec 11	4
263	Nov 12 - Dec 11	8
264, 265	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
266	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
267	Nov 12 - Dec 11	5
268	Nov 12 - Dec 11	14
243, 271	Nov 12 - Dec 11	4
272	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
280*	Dec 17 - Jan 1	2
281*	Dec 17 - Jan 1	2
282*	Dec 17 - Jan 1	2
283, 284	Nov 12 - Dec 11	3
286	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
Total		125

* Department of Defense briefing required. Restrictions to hunt area access in all units. In some units there will likely be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations. All tagholders will receive a letter with additional information.

^A That portion of Unit 211 north of Highway 95.

^B That portion of Unit 211 south of Highway 95.

^C That portion of Unit 253 east of the road that extends north from the junction of U.S. 95 and SR 373.

^D That portion of Unit 253 west of the road that extends north from the junction of U.S. 95 and SR 373.

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Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

Any Ram

Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
074	Aug 27 - Oct 30	1
101	Aug 27 - Oct 30	2
102	Aug 27 - Oct 30	2
Total		5



Resident Mule Deer - Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 1101

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
114 ^A , 115 ^A Early	Sept 24 - Sept 30	25
114 ^A , 115 ^A Late	Nov 25 - Dec 4	25
Total		50

Resident Mule Deer - Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
101, 102, 104 ^A	Oct 1 - Oct 21	35
114, 115	Oct 8 - Oct 30	20
144	Oct 8 - Oct 30	10
Total		65

^A That portion of Unit 104 north of the CCC Road and east of the Quilici Spring Road.

Resident Junior Mule Deer - Antlered - or - Antlerless Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107

The Junior Youth Hunt is an either sex hunt; tag holders can harvest a buck or a doe. This tag allows the junior hunter to hunt during the archery season when the unit is open for archery only; to hunt with a muzzleloader when the unit is open for muzzleloader only; and to hunt with any legal weapon when the unit is open for any legal weapon. If a junior hunt applicant is unsuccessful in drawing a tag, bonus points will be awarded for the junior hunt. Junior hunt applicants are not eligible for the Partnership in Wildlife draw.

Youth must be 12 prior to the opening of the first hunt season applied for (usually archery), and no older than 16 by the end of the last season applied for (usually rifle). Quota listed is for all hunts combined in the unit group.

Unit Group	Weapon	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
011 - 013	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	36
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	
014	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	7
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	
015	Archery	Nov 19 - Dec 2	8
	Muzzleloader	Dec 3 - Dec 11	
	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 12 - Jan 1	
021	Archery	Nov 19 - Dec 2	9
	Muzzleloader	Dec 3 - Dec 11	
	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 12 - Jan 1	
022	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	14
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	
031	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	30
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	
032	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	29
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	
033 Early	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	18
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 23	
033 Late	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	18
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 24 - Nov 6	
034	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	8
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	
035	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	14
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	
041, 042	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	14
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	



*Pass on the wildlife legacy -
take a young person hunting.*



**Resident Junior Mule Deer - Antlered - or - Antlerless
Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107**

Unit Group	Weapon	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota	Unit Group	Weapon	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
043 - 046	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	43	194, 196	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	14
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6			Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	
051	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	119	195	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	12
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6			Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	
061-064, 066-068 Early	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	140	201, 204	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	31
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Dec 3 - Dec 11	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 23			Archery	Dec 12 - Jan 1	
061-064, 066-068 Late	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	16	202, 205, 206	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	23
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Dec 3 - Dec 11	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 22 - Nov 6			Archery	Dec 12 - Jan 1	
065	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	10	203 ^A	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	17
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6					
071-079	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	250	211, 212	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	16
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6			Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	
081	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	12	221 - 223	Archery	Aug 6 - Sept 5	100
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6			Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 30	
101-108 Early	Archery	Aug 6 - Sept 4	705	231	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	42
	Muzzleloader	Sept 10 - Sept 25			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 1 - Oct 21			Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 30	
101-108 Late	Archery	Nov 12 - Dec 4	178	241 - 245	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	24
	Muzzleloader	Sept 10 - Sept 25			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 22 - Nov 6			Any Legal Weapon	Oct 15 - Nov 6	
111-113 Early	Archery	Aug 6 - Sept 5	283	251 - 253	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	13
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 23			Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6	
111-113 Late	Archery	Aug 6 - Sept 5	5	261 - 268	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	19
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 22 - Nov 6			Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	
114, 115	Archery	Aug 6 - Sept 5	25	271, 272	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	7
	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Nov 27			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Muzzleloader	Oct 8 - Oct 30			Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	
121	Archery	Aug 6 - Sept 5	52	291	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	14
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2			Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2	
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 30			Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4	
131-134	Archery	Aug 6 - Sept 5	52	Total 3,000			
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2					
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 30					
141-145	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	140				
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2					
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 30					
151-155	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	65				
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2					
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 30					
161-164	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	129				
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2					
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 30					
171-173	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	167				
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2					
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Oct 30					
181-184	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	55				
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2					
	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 8 - Nov 6					
192	Archery	Aug 13 - Sept 11	17				
	Muzzleloader	Sept 17 - Oct 2					
	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 5 - Dec 4					



A young junior hunt tag holder proudly poses with his first deer

Help Support Operation Game Thief

By Edwin Lyngar

Despite being in existence for more than 10 years, many sportsmen and women still don't know about Operation Game Thief (OGT), a Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) program designed to specifically protect sporting opportunities for hunters today and well into the future.

"We designed the OGT program to allow private citizens to report wildlife crime, pure and simple," said NDOW game warden Jim Herndon, coordinator of the program. "Sportsmen can report crime, remain anonymous and even get cash rewards after a conviction. Without the support of sportsmen, OGT could not exist."

Sportsman can help wardens do their job of protecting wildlife by remaining observant while they are out in the field, and picking up the phone when they see something wrong or unusual. Callers often can provide that vital piece of information, which allows for the successful investigation and prosecution of wildlife crimes that otherwise may go undiscovered. Some game wardens patrol areas exceeding 8,000 square miles. With this type of distance, detecting wildlife crime becomes a real challenge. However, with new technology, like cell phones and GPS units, sportsmen can do more to help protect their resource.

"Many sportsmen may ask what to report," said Herndon. "We are looking for a description of the vehicle, including license plate numbers if you can get them. We

also want to know what the poachers look like, including any equipment they may have."

The Department gets hundreds of calls to OGT every year covering big game animals, but many people also call OGT to report other wildlife crime like poaching of waterfowl, upland game, fish, and even trapping violations. Any time a poacher steals wildlife resources, honest men and women who love the outdoors should report the crime.

The Operation Game Thief program is successful because it is supported by people calling in and providing valuable information, but also because sportsmen and women are willing to support the program through their monetary donations. As a primarily self-funded program, OGT relies on donations to provide funding for reward payments, for specialized equipment necessary to conduct investigations and for the outreach programs that are utilized to get the OGT message to the public.

Concerned citizens can report wildlife violations and suspected wildlife violations by calling OGT at 1-800-992-3030, or make a report online at www.stoppoaching.org. Those who would like to help more can contact the Department of Wildlife at (775) 688-1500 for further information. Anonymity of sources is guaranteed.



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Resident and Nonresident Combined Hunts

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Resident Quota	2005 Nonresident Quota
011 - 013	Oct 8 - Nov 6	148	20
014	Oct 8 - Nov 6	21	2
015	Dec 12 - Jan 1	36	5
021	Dec 12 - Jan 1	29	4
022	Oct 8 - Nov 6	44	6
031	Oct 8 - Nov 6	96	13
032	Oct 8 - Nov 6	60	7
033 Early	Oct 8 - Oct 23	51	5
033 Late	Oct 24 - Nov 6	51	5
034	Oct 8 - Nov 6	12	2
035	Oct 8 - Nov 6	39	5
041, 042	Oct 8 - Nov 6	48	7
043 - 046	Oct 8 - Nov 6	154	21
051	Oct 8 - Nov 6	300	34
061, 062, 064, 066-068 Early	Oct 8 - Oct 23	712	98
061, 062, 064, 066-068 Late	Oct 22 - Nov 6	79	11
065	Oct 8 - Nov 6	22	2
071 - 079	Oct 8 - Nov 6	661	78
081	Oct 8 - Nov 6	39	5
101 - 108 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 21	2,458	313
101 - 108 Late	Oct 22 - Nov 6	615	78
111 - 113 Early	Oct 8 - Oct 23	604	70
111 - 113 Late	Oct 22 - Nov 6	44	5
114, 115	Oct 8 - Oct 30	136	13
121	Oct 8 - Oct 30	190	25
131 - 134	Oct 8 - Oct 30	240	33
141 - 145	Oct 8 - Oct 30	191	11
151, 152, 154, 155	Oct 8 - Oct 30	158	18
161 - 164	Oct 8 - Oct 30	295	39
171 - 173	Oct 8 - Oct 30	548	70
181 - 184	Oct 8 - Nov 6	170	21
192	Nov 5 - Dec 4	32	5
194, 196	Nov 5 - Dec 4	45	6
195	Nov 5 - Dec 4	24	3
201, 204	Nov 5 - Dec 4	65	7
202, 205, 206	Nov 5 - Dec 4	50	6
203 ^A	Nov 5 - Dec 4	61	9
211, 212	Nov 5 - Dec 4	42	6
221 - 223	Oct 8 - Oct 30	300	39
231	Oct 8 - Oct 30	119	15
241 - 245	Oct 15 - Nov 6	62	7
251 - 253	Oct 8 - Nov 6	38	6
261 - 268	Nov 5 - Dec 4	55	9
271, 272	Nov 5 - Dec 4	18	2
291	Nov 5 - Dec 4	43	6
Total		9,205	1152

^ASpecial restrictions apply, see NAC503.170

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered - Archery Hunt 1341

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Resident Quota	2005 Nonresident Quota
011 - 013	Aug 13 - Sept 11	28	4
014	Aug 13 - Sept 11	3	2
015	Nov 19 - Dec 2	3	2
021	Nov 19 - Dec 2	6	2
022	Aug 13 - Sept 11	11	2
031	Aug 13 - Sept 11	23	4
032	Aug 13 - Sept 11	9	2
033	Aug 13 - Sept 11	17	3
034	Aug 13 - Sept 11	3	2
035	Aug 13 - Sept 11	9	2
041, 042	Aug 13 - Sept 11	14	2
043-046	Aug 13 - Sept 11	52	8
051	Aug 13 - Sept 11	75	12
061, 062, 064, 066-068	Aug 13 - Sept 11	139	22
065	Aug 13 - Sept 11	19	3
071-079	Aug 13 - Sept 11	68	11
081	Aug 13 - Sept 11	2	2
101-108 Early	Aug 6 - Sept 4	498	75
101-108 Late	Nov 12 - Dec 4	124	20
111 - 113	Aug 6 - Sept 5	58	6
114, 115	Aug 6 - Sept 5	68	11
121	Aug 6 - Sept 5	26	4
131-134	Aug 6 - Sept 5	30	4
141-145	Aug 13 - Sept 11	52	8
151, 152, 154, 155	Aug 13 - Sept 11	99	16
161 - 164	Aug 13 - Sept 11	76	12
171 - 173	Aug 13 - Sept 11	204	33
181 - 184	Aug 13 - Sept 11	41	7
192	Aug 13 - Sept 11	19	3
194, 196	Aug 13 - Sept 11	10	2
195	Aug 13 - Sept 11	7	2
201, 204	Dec 12 - Jan 1	28	5
202, 205, 206	Dec 12 - Jan 1	7	2
203	Aug 13 - Sept 11	25	4
211, 212	Aug 13 - Sept 11	22	2
221 - 223	Aug 6 - Sept 5	50	6
231	Aug 13 - Sept 11	30	4
241 - 245	Aug 13 - Sept 11	20	2
251 - 253	Aug 13 - Sept 11	3	2
261 - 268	Aug 13 - Sept 11	10	2
271, 272	Aug 13 - Sept 11	2	2
291	Aug 13 - Sept 11	9	2
Total		1,999	321



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**Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer -
Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 1371**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Resident Quota	2005 Nonresident Quota
011 - 013	Sept 17 - Oct 2	9	2
014	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
015	Dec 3 - Dec 11	5	2
021	Dec 3 - Dec 11	5	2
022	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
031	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
032	Sept 17 - Oct 2	3	2
033	Sept 17 - Oct 2	21	7
034	Sept 17 - Oct 2	3	2
035	Sept 17 - Oct 2	3	2
041, 042	Sept 17 - Oct 2	3	2
043 - 046	Sept 17 - Oct 2	24	4
051	Sept 17 - Oct 2	26	4
061, 062, 064,			
066-068	Sept 17 - Oct 2	51	6
065	Sept 17 - Oct 2	3	2
071 - 079	Sept 17 - Oct 2	69	9
081	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
101 - 108	Sept 10 - Sept 25	207	19
111 - 113	Sept 17 - Oct 2	50	5
114, 115	Nov 5 - Nov 27	54	7
121	Sept 17 - Oct 2	17	3
131 - 134	Sept 17 - Oct 2	26	4
141 - 145	Sept 17 - Oct 2	9	2
151, 152, 154, 155	Sept 17 - Oct 2	26	4
161 - 164	Sept 17 - Oct 2	31	5
171 - 173	Sept 17 - Oct 2	82	6
181 - 184	Sept 17 - Oct 2	7	2
192	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
194, 196	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
195	Sept 17 - Oct 2	2	2
201, 204	Dec 3 - Dec 11	5	2
202, 205, 206	Dec 3 - Dec 11	3	2
211, 212	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
221 - 223	Sept 17 - Oct 2	20	2
231	Sept 17 - Oct 2	12	2
241 - 245	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
251 - 253	Sept 17 - Oct 2	3	2
261 - 268	Sept 17 - Oct 2	4	2
271, 272	Sept 17 - Oct 2	3	2
291	Sept 17 - Oct 2	5	2
		Total 833	Total 132

NONRESIDENT HUNTS

**Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
011	Aug 27 - Sept 5	9
012 - 014	Aug 27 - Sept 5	29
015	Aug 27 - Sept 5	12
021, 022	Aug 27 - Sept 5	3
031	Aug 27 - Sept 5	15
032, 034, 035	Aug 27 - Sept 5	21
033 Early	Aug 20 - Aug 26	4
033 Late	Aug 27 - Sept 5	4
041, 042	Aug 27 - Sept 5	12
051	Aug 27 - Sept 5	9
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 27 - Sept 5	25
065, 142, 144 ^A	Aug 27 - Sept 5	2
067, 068	Aug 27 - Sept 5	12
072, 074, 075	Aug 27 - Sept 5	9
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 27 - Sept 5	4
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 27 - Sept 5	8
101 - 104, 108, 144 ^B	Aug 27 - Sept 5	6
111 - 114	Aug 27 - Sept 5	21
115, 231, 242	Aug 27 - Sept 5	5
131, 145, 163, 164, 221 ^C	Aug 27 - Sept 5	8
132 - 134, 245	Aug 27 - Sept 5	3
141, 143, 151, 152, 154, 155	Aug 27 - Sept 5	5
161, 162	Aug 27 - Sept 5	2
202, 204	Oct 15 - Oct 30	2
205, 206	Aug 27 - Sept 5	3
221 ^D - 223, 241	Aug 27 - Sept 5	2
251	Aug 27 - Sept 5	2
		Total 237

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.
^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.
^C That portion of Unit 221 north and west of Highway 6.
^D That portion of Unit 221 south and east of Highway 6.

**Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears
Archery Hunt 2261**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
012 - 014	Aug 6 - Aug 21	9
015	Aug 6 - Aug 21	6
031	Aug 6 - Aug 21	6
032, 034, 035	Aug 6 - Aug 21	8
033	Aug 6 - Aug 19	1
041, 042	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 6 - Aug 21	6
067, 068	Aug 6 - Aug 21	8
101 - 104, 108, 144 ^A	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
111 - 114	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
131, 145, 163, 164, 221 ^B	Aug 6 - Aug 21	4
		Total 60



**Nonresident Elk - Antlered
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
061, 071	Oct 29 - Nov 13	9
072, 074	Oct 29 - Nov 13	7
076, 077, 081	Nov 12 - Nov 27	18
111 - 115, 221, 222 Early	Nov 12 - Nov 27	31
111 - 115, 221, 222 Late	Dec 3 - Dec 18	31
161 - 164 Early	Sept 24 - Sept 30	1
161 - 164 Late	Nov 12 - Nov 27	5
231, 241, 242	Nov 1 - Nov 18	12
		Total 114

**Nonresident Elk - Antlered - Muzzleloader
Hunt 4256**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
111 - 115, 221, 222	Oct 29 - Nov 11	17

**Nonresident Elk - Antlered - Archery
Hunt 4261**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
111 - 115, 221, 222	Aug 27 - Sept 16	7
161 - 164	Aug 27 - Sept 16	2
231, 241, 242	Aug 27 - Sept 16	4
		Total 13

**Nonresident Elk - Antlerless
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4281**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
075*	Nov 14 - Jan 1	12
076, 077, 081	Oct 1 - Oct 23	19
111	Oct 1 - Oct 23	32
222	Oct 1 - Oct 23	24
231, 241, 242 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 9	10
231, 241, 242 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 8	23
		Total 120

*Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area

**Nonresident Elk - Antlerless
Muzzleloader Hunt 4276**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
111, 112, 221, 222	Sept 17 - Sept 30	11
231, 241, 242	Sept 17 - Sept 30	7
		Total 18

**Nonresident Elk - Antlerless
Archery Hunt 4211**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
076, 077, 081	Aug 6 - Aug 26	4
111, 112, 221, 222	Aug 6 - Aug 26	14
231, 241, 242	Aug 6 - Aug 26	6
		Total 18

Information on 2005 Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination classes can be found on page 54.

**Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep
Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
044, 182	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
134	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
161	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
183	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
205	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
263	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
266	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
267	Nov 12 - Dec 11	2
268	Nov 12 - Dec 11	4
283, 284	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
286	Nov 12 - Dec 11	1
		Total 19

**Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep Any
Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
012	Aug 27 - Oct 30	2
032	Aug 27 - Oct 30	1
033	Aug 27 - Oct 30	1
035	Aug 27 - Oct 30	1
		Total 5

**Nonresident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9251**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
101	Aug 27 - Oct 30	1

**Nonresident Mountain Goat - Any Goat Any
Legal Weapon Hunt 7251**

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
101, 102	Aug 27 - Oct 30	4

**Aerial and Ground Surveys Being
Conducted by NDOW**

The Department of Wildlife conducts extensive big game aerial and ground surveys to collect data on herd status for season and tag quota determination and for herd management. **Due to the length of Nevada's numerous hunting seasons, and the extensive distribution of Nevada's big game animals, the optimal time period to conduct surveys is limited. On rare occasions hunters may encounter biologists performing either aerial or ground survey activities, but all efforts will be made to minimize the potential for conflict.**

If you are unsure whether or not an aircraft or ground vehicle is performing a legitimate herd status survey, please report the incident to a NDOW office with the time, date, location, and aircraft/vehicle description.

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Nonresident Guided Hunt Deer Tags

Attention Hunters:

There are 114 licensed master guides in Nevada that provide guide services for big game, game birds, game fish and unprotected wildlife. Different hunters often desire to hire a guide for different reasons, ranging from a novice hunter that is a little uncomfortable with trekking into the remote Nevada outback to an experienced hunter that draws the tag of a lifetime, like a desert bighorn or bull elk tag.

When booking a guided hunt be sure that the master guide you hire is licensed to provide guide service in Nevada and be sure that you are provided with a contract before services are provided. If you are a nonresident of Nevada you may participate in the nonresident restricted guided deer draw, a program that allots a number of tags specifically for a guided deer hunt.

If you would like to become a master guide or subguide in Nevada you can learn about experience requirements, licensing fees, laws and the application process at www.ndow.org and clicking on the guide section.

Many hunters may never use or even see a guide, but understanding the rules, who can guide and how the process works can save problems for those hunters who want to use this type of service.

Restricted Nonresident Deer Tags:

(NRS 502.147 In part)

- The Department shall make available restricted nonresident deer tags in an amount not to exceed the amount set forth in this section. If the number of persons who apply for restricted nonresident deer tags is greater than the number of tags to be issued, the Department shall conduct a drawing to determine the persons to whom to issue the tags.
- The number of restricted nonresident deer tags must:
 - Be subtracted from the quota of rifle deer tags for nonresidents; and
 - Not exceed 16 percent of the deer tags issued to nonresidents during the previous year or 400 tags, whichever is greater.
- The number of restricted nonresident deer tags issued for any management area or unit must not exceed 37.5 percent, rounded to the nearest whole number, of the rifle deer tags issued to nonresidents during the previous year for that management area or unit.
- The Department shall mail the tags to the successful applicants.

Restricted Nonresident Deer Tags: (NRS 502.149)

Guide to accompany hunter during hunt. A restricted nonresident deer hunter must be accompanied at all times during the restricted nonresident deer hunt by the licensed master guide who cosigned the application or one of his licensed subguides.

Restricted Nonresident Deer Tags: Application; Fees; Eligibility For Other Tags

(NRS 502.148)

- Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who wishes to apply for a restricted nonresident deer tag pursuant to NRS 502.147 must complete an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department. A licensed master guide may complete the application for an applicant. The application must be signed by the applicant and the master guide who will be responsible for conducting the restricted nonresident deer hunt.
- The application must be accompanied by a fee for the tag of \$300, plus any other fees which the Department may require. The Commission shall establish the time limits and acceptable methods for submitting such applications to the Department.
- Any application for a restricted nonresident deer tag which contains an error or omission must be rejected and the fee for the tag returned to the applicant.
- A person who is issued a restricted nonresident deer tag is not eligible to apply for any other deer tag issued in this state for the same hunting season as that restricted nonresident deer hunt.
- All fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the wildlife account in the state general fund.

Restricted Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1235

Unit Group	2005 Season Dates	2005 Quota
011 – 013	Oct 8 - Nov 6	4
014	Oct 8 - Nov 6	1
015	Dec 12 - Jan 1	1
021	Dec 12 - Jan 1	1
022	Oct 8 - Nov 6	1
031	Oct 8 - Nov 6	3
032	Oct 8 - Nov 6	3
033 Early	Oct 8 - Oct 23	3
033 Late	Oct 24 - Nov 6	3
034	Oct 8 - Nov 6	1
035	Oct 8 - Nov 6	1
041, 042	Oct 8 - Nov 6	1
043 - 046	Oct 8 - Nov 6	4
051	Oct 8 - Nov 6	14
061 - 064, 066 - 068 Early	Oct 8 - Oct 23	16
061 - 064, 066 - 068 Late	Oct 22 - Nov 6	2
065	Oct 8 - Nov 6	1
071 – 079	Oct 8 - Nov 6	29
081	Oct 8 - Nov 6	1
101 - 108 Early	Oct 8 - Oct 23	83
101 - 108 Late	Oct 22 - Nov 6	21
111 - 113 Early	Oct 8 - Oct 23	28
111 - 113 Late	Oct 22 - Nov 6	2
114, 115	Oct 8 - Oct 30	9
121	Oct 8 - Nov 6	6
131 – 134	Oct 8 - Nov 6	6
141 – 145	Oct 8 - Nov 6	20
151 - 155	Oct 8 - Nov 6	7
161 – 164	Oct 8 - Nov 6	10
171 – 173	Oct 8 - Nov 6	18
181 - 184	Oct 8 - Nov 6	6
192	Nov 5 - Dec 2	1
194, 196	Nov 5 - Dec 2	1
195	Nov 5 - Dec 2	1
201, 204	Nov 5 - Dec 2	3
202, 205, 206	Nov 5 - Dec 2	2
203 ^A	Nov 5 - Dec 2	1
211, 212	Nov 5 - Dec 2	1
221 - 223	Oct 8 - Nov 6	9
231	Oct 8 - Nov 6	4
241 - 245	Oct 15 - Nov 6	3
251 - 253	Oct 8 - Nov 6	1
261 – 268	Nov 5 - Dec 2	1
271, 272	Nov 5 - Dec 2	1
291	Nov 5 - Dec 2	1
	Total	336

^ASpecial regulations apply see NAC 503.170 on page 44.

2005 Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Hunts

Legal Weapon: Archery when the season for that species and management unit is restricted to archery. Muzzleloader when the season for that species and management unit is restricted to muzzleloader. Any legal weapon when the season for that species and management unit allows any legal weapon.

Limit: One.

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Resident Mule Deer Hunt 1000

Category: Antlered only

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.

Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 1331, 1341, and 1371.

Quota: 22

Nonresident Mule Deer Hunt 1200

Category: Antlered only

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.

Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 1331, 1341, and 1371.

Quota: 3

Resident Antelope Hunt 2000

Category: Antelope with horns longer than ears

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.

Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 2151 and 2161.

Quota: 5

*Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Hunt 3000

Category: Any Ram

Unit Group: *Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep.

Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunt 3151

Quota: 3

***In 2005:** In Units 181, 252, 280, 281 and 282, a Department of Defense briefing is **required**. There are access restrictions in all these units. In some units there will likely be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations.

Resident Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt 4000

Category: Elk with at least one antler

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk.

Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 4151, 4156, 4161.

Quota: 3

Resident Rocky Mountain Goat Hunt 7000

Category: Any Goat

Legal Weapon: Any legal weapon when the season for that species and management unit allows any legal weapon.

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for mountain goat.

Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunt 7151.

Quota: 1

Resident California Bighorn Sheep Hunt 8000

Category: Any Ram

Legal Weapon: Any legal weapon when the season for that species and management unit allows any legal weapon.

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for California Bighorn sheep.

Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunt 8151.

Quota: 1

Funds Benefit Wildlife Heritage Trust

The funds donated through PIW are placed in the Wildlife Heritage Trust account. Only the interest generated from these funds will be used each year for special projects benefiting game species. We hope that the Wildlife Heritage Trust account will one day become a stable, long-term source of revenue for game management. PIW promises to benefit both Nevada's wildlife and the sportsmen by providing voluntary support of game management programs and providing a hunting opportunity that would not otherwise be available to most sportsmen in Nevada.

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2005 Wildlife Heritage Tags

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.120 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of the big game resource.

The successful bidder may hunt statewide during the 2005 season, except those areas closed to hunting in NAC 504.340. (See page 18)

HUNTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to government sunrise-sunset tables. (See pages 55-58)

LEGAL WEAPON: Any legal weapon may be used throughout the season.

LIMIT: One.

2005 Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer.

Sex/Age Class: Any Mule Deer.

Season Dates: Aug. 6, 2005 through Dec. 31, 2005.

Quota: 2

2005 Wildlife Heritage Pronghorn Antelope Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage Antelope.

Sex/Age Class: Any pronghorn antelope.

Season Dates: July 15, 2005 through October 31, 2005.

Quota: 2

2005 Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk.

Sex/Age Class: Elk with at least one antler.

Season Dates: September 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Quota: 2

2005 Wildlife Heritage Nelson (Desert)

Bighorn Sheep Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage (Desert) Bighorn Sheep.

Sex/Age Class: Any ram.

Season Dates: September 1, 2005 through January 15, 2006.

Quota: 2

2005 Wildlife Heritage California Bighorn Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage California Bighorn Sheep.

Sex/Age Class: Any ram.

Season Dates: August 1, 2005 through November 15, 2005.

Quota: 1

2005 Wildlife Heritage Wild Turkey Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage Wild Turkey.

Sex/Age Class: Any Wild Turkey.

Season Dates: March 26, 2005 through May 1, 2005.

Quota: 5

2005 Emergency Depredation Hunts

Applications: For all emergency depredation hunts, prospective emergency depredation hunt participants will be selected from the unit group alternate list established for the nearest similar hunt. If an emergency depredation problem occurs on a geographic area where a mule deer hunting season is not established, the alternate list from the closest unit group will be used to select hunters.

In the event the quota for the emergency depredation hunt cannot be filled from the selected hunt unit group alternate list, the next closest hunt unit group alternate list will be used. Eligibility restrictions concerning successive years' hunts as in Nevada Administrative Code 502.341 do not apply to this hunt.

Resident Mule Deer Emergency Depredation Hunt

Legal Weapon: To be determined by hunt.

Class of Animal: To be determined by the Department for each designated emergency depredation hunt. Hunt number #1104 for antlerless mule deer, hunt number #1105 for antlered mule deer, and hunt number #1106 for either class of mule deer.

Open Season: Individual designated emergency depredation hunts may occur between July 1 and February 28 of the following year.

Tag Quota: Not to exceed 500 tags statewide for all designated emergency depredation mule deer hunts.

Resident Antelope Emergency Depredation Hunt

Legal Weapon: To be determined by hunt.

Class of Animal: To be determined by the Department for each designated emergency depredation hunt. Hunt number #2104 for antelope with horns shorter than ears, hunt number #2105 for antelope with horns longer than ears, and hunt number #2106 for either class of antelope.

Open Season: Individual designated emergency depredation hunts may occur between July 1 and February 28 of the following year.

Tag Quota: Not to exceed 500 tags statewide for all designated emergency depredation antelope hunts.

Resident Elk Emergency Depredation Hunt

Legal Weapon: To be determined by hunt.

Class of Animal: To be determined by the Department for each designated emergency depredation hunt. Hunt number #4104 for antlerless elk, hunt number #4105 for antlered elk, and hunt number #4106 for either class of elk.

Open Season: Individual designated emergency depredation hunts may occur between July 1 and February 28 of the following year.

Tag Quota: Not to exceed 500 tags statewide for all designated emergency depredation elk hunts.

Mountain Lion Regulations

Mountain lion tags are available over the counter at all license agents statewide. Please call the Harvest Information Hotline at 1-800-800-1667 to determine which units remain open.

Mountain lion tags: Eligibility; expiration; duties upon harvesting; restrictions; report of accidental trapping or killing. (NAC 502.370)

1. Unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Commission or Title 45 of NRS, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to obtain not more than two mountain lion tags in any year. A mountain lion tag:

- (a) May be purchased from the Department or a license agent;
- (b) May be used in any management unit or group of management units in Nevada during any open season established for the management unit or group of management units pursuant to subsection 2; and
- (c) Expires upon the termination of all the open seasons established pursuant to subsection 2 for the year for which the tag is issued.

2. The Commission will annually specify the number of mountain lions it determines to be appropriate for harvesting in a management unit or group of management units. The open season for mountain lions in each such management unit or group of management units begins on March 1 and ends on:

- (a) The last day of the next succeeding February; or
- (b) The day the Department determines that the number of mountain lions harvested in that management unit or group of management units is equal to or greater than the number specified by the Commission pursuant to this subsection, whichever occurs earlier. The Department shall maintain and annually publish a toll-free telephone number for ascertaining whether the Department has determined that the number of mountain lions harvested in a management unit or group of management units is equal to or greater than the number specified by the commission pursuant to this subsection. The Department is not required to provide any other notice of the termination of an open season for mountain lions in a management unit or group of management units.

3. A person who harvests a mountain lion shall, within 72 hours after harvesting it, **personally** present the skull and hide to a representative of the Department for inspection. The representative shall affix the seal of the Department permanently to the hide.

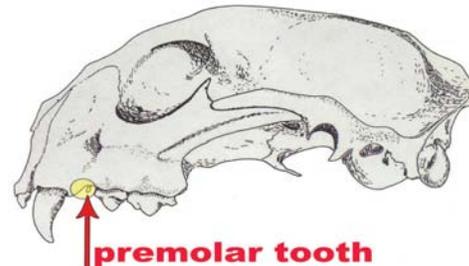
4. It is unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Transport the hide of a mountain lion from this state without a seal permanently affixed to the hide.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, possess the hide of a mountain lion without a seal permanently attached to it.
- (c) Kill a female mountain lion which is accompanied by a spotted kitten.
- (d) Kill or possess a spotted mountain lion kitten.

5. If a mountain lion is accidentally trapped or killed, the person trapping or killing it shall report the trapping or killing within 48 hours to a representative of the Department. The animal must be disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the representative.



Attention: Mountain Lion Hunters



The Nevada Department of Wildlife is requesting that hunters allow for the removal and retention of one premolar tooth from each harvested mountain lion when presenting the skull and hide to NDOW for sealing. Please present the skull, unfrozen, or with the mouth fixed open. The premolar tooth will be used to accurately age harvested mountain lions. NDOW is also asking that a one-inch-square piece of tongue, or other muscle tissue from each lion to be turned in at the same time for future DNA testing.

Teeth and skulls can be presented at any NDOW regional office. Please call first to confirm biologist availability.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Resident 5132 and Nonresident 5232
Mountain Lion - Either Sex -
Any Legal Weapon Hunt^A

Limit: 1 animal per tag, 2 tag maximum per person
Hours: Any time of the day or night

Unit Group	2005-2006 Season Dates	Harvest Objectives
011-015, 021, 022, 031, 032, 034, 035, 041-046, 051, 181-184, 192, 194-196, 201-206, 291	March 1, 2005 - Feb 28, 2006 - or earlier if harvest objective met.	114
033	Closed	0
061-068, 071-078, 081, 101-108, 111-115, 121, 131-134, 141-145, 151-155	March 1, 2005 - Feb 28, 2006 - or earlier if harvest objective met.	163
079 ^B	March 1, 2005 - Feb 28, 2006 - or earlier if harvest objective met.	4
161-164, 171-173, 211, 212, 221-223, 231, 241-244, 251-253, 261-268, 271-272	March 1, 2005 - Feb 28, 2006 - or earlier if harvest objective met.	68
280-284, 286	Closed	0

Harvest Information Hotline
1-800-800-1667

Tagholders must call the Mountain Lion Harvest Information Hotline at any time to determine if a unit or unit group has been closed due to the harvest objective being reached. The hotline number is 1-800-800-1667, and is accessible 24 hours a day. Tagholders may also obtain information on the status of a unit or unit group by contacting Department offices in Fallon, Reno, Winnemucca, Elko, Ely, Las Vegas, and Henderson, or online at www.ndow.org.

When contacting the hotline, the automated phone offers a choice of Western, Eastern and Southern regions. The Western Region is comprised of the counties of Washoe, Humboldt, Pershing, Churchill, Mineral, Lyon, Douglas, Carson City and Storey. The Eastern Region is comprised of Elko, Lander, Eureka, and White Pine. The Southern area includes Nye, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Clark counties. Hunt areas listed on the Information Hotline correspond to the first two digits of the hunt unit groups listed here: Area 1 = Units 011-015, Area 2 = Units 021 and 022, and Area 19 = Units 192, 194, 195, and 196.

^A**SPECIAL REGULATION:** A hunter, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the mountain lion hotline at 1-800-800-1667 prior to hunting to determine if a unit group is open or closed.

^BInterstate hunt with Utah. Nevada and Utah hunters may hunt within open units in both states. (Nevada unit 079, Utah unit 1c). Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations and season dates on the Utah portion of the hunt area.

Note: Spotted kittens, and females with spotted kittens, prohibited. See NAC 502.370

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The desert bighorn sheep face growing obstacles concerning population and environment. Help support the continuing efforts to protect Nevada's native wildlife and their natural habitat. Join the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn and the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, dedicated to the conservation and welfare of the desert bighorn sheep. The responsibility is ours.



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 Nevada Bighorns Unlimited: www.nevadabighorns.org

Mountain Lion Hunts/Season Dates & Quotas

Furbearer/Trapping Laws

Trapping licenses/fees are listed on page 13

License Requirements

Furbearer seasons are established for beaver, muskrat, mink; otter; bobcat, gray fox; and kit fox. Furbearers may only be taken with a trap, gun, or bow and arrow.

Note: The following species can be hunted without a hunting license in Nevada, but a trapping license is required to trap them: Coyote, black-tailed jackrabbit, badger, weasel, spotted skunk, striped skunk, raccoon, and ring-tailed cat. Any person of any age who sells raw furs of any kind, whether taken by trap or by firearm, is required to purchase a trapping license.



Manner of Hunting Furbearing Mammals

(NRS 503.450)

It is unlawful for any person at any time to hunt any furbearing mammal in any manner other than by trap, gun or bow and arrow.

Steel Leg Hold Traps: Definitions (NAC 503.153)

As used in NAC 503.155 and 503.157, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Bait" means the flesh, fur, hide, viscera or feathers of any animal.
2. "Exposed bait" means bait, any portion of which is visible from any angle.
3. "Trap" means any device designed, built or made to close upon or hold fast any wild animal or wild bird.

Steel Leg Hold Traps: Distance from Exposed Bait (NAC 503.157)

1. A person shall not place, set or maintain a steel leg hold trap **within 30 feet of exposed bait**.
2. A person using bait is responsible if it becomes exposed for any reason.
3. A person shall not use any part of a game animal, game bird, game fish, game amphibian or protected species of wildlife for bait.

Steel Leg Hold Traps: Spacers (NAC 503.155)

All steel leg hold traps of size number 2 or larger or with an outside jaw spread of 5 1/2 inches or larger used in the taking of any wildlife must have lugs, spacers or similar devices permanently attached so as to maintain a minimum trap opening of three-sixteenths (3/16") of an inch.

Minimum Visitation of Traps (NRS 503.570)

1. A person taking or causing to be taken wild mammals by means of traps, snares or any other devices which do not, or are not designed to, cause immediate death to the mammals, shall, when the traps, snares or devices are placed or set for the purpose of taking mammals, visit or cause to be visited at least once **each 96 hours** each trap, snare or other device during all of the time the trap, snare or device is placed, set or used in the taking of wild mammals, **and remove therefrom any mammals caught therein**.

Trappers Please Note These Common Violations:

- Failing to visit each trap, snare, or device each 96 hours and failing to remove mammals caught therein.
- Setting a steel leg hold trap within 30 feet of exposed bait.
- Using parts of game for bait.
- Trappers are cautioned against relying upon signaling devices to alert them from a distance that an animal is caught in a trap. The devices can fail to work, putting the trapper in jeopardy of violating the law.

2. The provisions in subsection 1 do not apply to employees of the Division of Agriculture of the Department of Business and Industry or the United States Department of Agriculture when acting in their official capacities.

Trapping license required; unlawful to remove or disturb trap of licensee (NRS 503.454)

1. Every person who takes fur-bearing mammals by any legal method or unprotected mammals by trapping or sells raw furs for profit shall procure a trapping license.
2. It is unlawful to remove or disturb the trap of any holder of a trapping license while the trap is being legally used by him on public land or on land where he has permission to trap.

Exceptions to Trapping License Requirement

(NAC 503.193)

1. A person is not required to obtain a hunting license or permit to **hunt** unprotected wild birds or mammals.
2. A person is not required to obtain a hunting license or permit or a trapping license to hunt or trap wildlife which are authorized to be taken in accordance with a (*depredation*) permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.710 to 503.740, inclusive.
3. A person who holds a trapping license issued by the Department is not required to obtain a hunting license to hunt coyotes, badgers, skunks, raccoons, weasels, ring-tailed cats or fur-bearing mammals.

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Furbearer/Trapping Laws

Registration/Marking of Traps (NRS 503.452)

Each trap, snare or similar device used in the taking of wild mammals may bear a number registered with the Department or be permanently marked with the name and address of the owner or trapper using it. If a trap is registered, the registration is permanent. A registration fee of \$10 for each registrant is payable only once, at the time the first trap, snare or similar device is registered.

Trap Registration (NAC 503.150)

1. A person may obtain an application form for registering a trap from any office of the Department. The forms must be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon.
2. The Department shall issue registration numbers beginning with NV 0001. The number must be clearly stamped on the trap or on a metal tag that is attached to the trap.
3. The person shall enter the appropriate registration number on his trapping license.

Trapping Within 200 Feet of Public Road/ Highway (NRS 503.580)

1. For the purposes of this section, "public road or highway" means:
 - (a) A highway designated as a United States highway.
 - (b) A highway designated as a state highway pursuant to the provisions of NRS 408.285.
 - (c) A main or general county road as defined by NRS 403.170.
2. It is unlawful for any person, company or corporation to place or set any steel trap, used for the purpose of trapping mammals, larger than a No. 1 Newhouse trap, within 200 feet of any public road or highway within this state.
3. This section does not prevent the placing or setting of any steel trap inside, along or near a fence which may be situated less than 200 feet from any public road or highway upon privately owned lands.

Bobcats: Pelt Inspection/Fees (NAC 502.347)

1. Any person who kills a bobcat shall, within 10 days after the close of the season, personally:
 - (a) Present its pelt for inspection by and give its lower jaw to a representative of the Department;
 - (b) Have the Department's seal affixed to the pelt; and
 - (c) Complete a report of the killing in accordance with the Department's instructions.
2. A person shall not sell, offer for sale, barter, trade, purchase or transport from the state any pelt of a bobcat unless the Department has affixed its seal to the pelt.
3. A person shall not possess a raw pelt of a bobcat 10 days or more after the close of the season unless the Department's seal is permanently attached to the pelt.
4. A resident of Nevada must pay the Department \$5 for such a seal.

Data from Trappers/Penalty (NAC 503.160)

1. The Department may determine methods of obtaining necessary data from trappers relative to their activities and success.
2. It is unlawful for any trapper to fail to return any reporting form or questionnaire of the Department or to falsify any information



Trapping on State and Federal Lands

Trapping on Specific Wildlife Management Areas is Allowed Only as Follows:

Persons having permits to do so may trap on the Overton, Key Pittman, W.E. Kirch, Scripps, Humboldt, Fernley, Mason Valley, Alkali Lake, Steptoe Valley and Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Areas. Permits will be issued through a drawing process and may contain designations of specific trapping areas, dates or other restrictions to ensure compatibility with other public activities. (NAC 504.170).

Trapping on National Wildlife Refuges:

The following National Wildlife Refuges are closed to trapping and furbearer harvest:
Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Desert National Wildlife Range, Pahrnatag National Wildlife Refuge, and Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge and Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge are closed to trapping with the exception that muskrat trapping is allowed by special permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

requested. Failure to return such a form or questionnaire within 10 days after the close of the season or the submission of any false statement thereon may be cause to deny the person the right to acquire any trapping license for a period of 2 years.

Migratory Bird Laws and Regulations

In Nevada, **migratory game bird seasons are established for** ducks and mergansers, coots and moorhens (gallinules), common snipe, Canada and white fronted geese, snow geese and Ross' geese, tundra and trumpeter swans, and mourning dove. **Migratory waterfowl** are a subgroup of migratory game birds, and include ducks, mergansers, geese and swans.

Stamp Requirements

(Required regardless of residency)

Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp \$15.00

Any person 16 or older who hunts any migratory waterfowl is required to purchase a federal migratory bird hunting stamp. The stamp must be carried on the person and signed in ink across its face.

State Duck Stamp \$10.00

Any person 12-64 years old who hunts any migratory bird EXCEPT mourning or white-winged dove, snipe, coot or moorhen (gallinule) is required to purchase a state duck stamp that must be carried on the person, and signed in ink across its face, or a state duck stamp privilege as printed on the face of license issued from a NDOW office.

Swan Tags \$10.00

Persons with a Nevada annual hunting license and possessing both a 2005 Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp if required, and a 2005 Nevada Duck Stamp, may apply for one of the 650 swan tags. Application forms will be available in August at license agents, Department offices, or on the agency website. The application form must be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon. **In general, swan tag applications must be received by the third Friday in September. Results are generally available by the first Friday in October.** No hand delivered applications are accepted for the drawing. Any remaining tags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through the mail, Internet, or over the counter during normal business hours at the Wildlife Administrative Services Office, P.O. Box 1345, 185 N. Maine, Fallon, NV 89406.

Note: Successful swan hunters must punch their swan tags at the time of harvest. Swan hunters must present the head and neck of their harvested swan to a Department representative within 5 days of harvest. If the entire swan is brought in by the hunter, the tag must be attached. Validation requirements will be provided with swan tags. Once five trumpeter swan are taken the season is closed to all swan hunting.

Hunting Hours

Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset: all migratory bird seasons are open to nonresidents. Consult sunrise/sunset tables on pages 55-58.

Shotguns Limited to Three Shells

When hunting for migratory game birds the use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited, unless the shotgun is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so that the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

One-day youth waterfowl hunts are generally scheduled as part of the waterfowl season setting process. In the southern part of the state the youth hunt usually occurs one week after the close of the general duck season; in the north, the duck hunt usually occurs one week prior to the opening of the regular waterfowl season. Species in the hunt usually include ducks, Canada and white-fronted geese, snow and Ross geese, and coots and moorhens. The Youth Waterfowl Hunt is open to both nonresident and resident hunters 15 years of age and younger, anyone 12 or older must take a hunter education course prior to buying a license. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years old. Adults are not allowed to hunt during the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Any youth age 12 or older is required to purchase a State Duck Stamp prior to waterfowl hunting. In addition, anyone 12 or older who plans to hunt migratory birds is required to obtain a HIP validation number.



Migratory Bird Hunters Get HIP Annually

Any person 12 years or older who plans to hunt any kind of migratory game bird, including ducks, geese, swans, coot, doves, snipe, or moorhen (gallinules) in Nevada, is required ANNUALLY to obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) validation number and write it on their hunting license before entering the field. The validation number is free, and is available by logging on to www.ndowlicensing.com and completing a simple survey, or by calling 1-866-703-4605. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting the nationwide harvest survey to better understand the impact of hunting on these wildlife resources. Tribal members on Federal Indian Reservations or tribal members hunting on ceded lands are exempt from the requirements. Migratory bird hunters will be surveyed at season's end to collect harvest information.

Nontoxic Shot Requirements (NAC 503.183)

1. A hunter of ducks, mergansers, geese, swans, coots, moorhen (gallinules) or snipe shall use nontoxic shot in muzzleloaders or in shells for a shotgun when hunting in this state.
2. The possession of shells for a shotgun which contain other than nontoxic shot is prohibited while hunting any birds designated in subsection 1.
3. The possession of shot for a muzzleloading shotgun other than nontoxic shot is prohibited while hunting any birds designated in subsection 1.
4. As used in this section, "nontoxic shot" means any shot which has been approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to 50 C.F.R. Part 20.134. (see Sec 20.21). See page 38.

PLEASE CALL TO REPORT ALL WATERFOWL AND DOVE BANDS: 1-800-327-2263

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Federal Migratory Bird Regulations

The following Federal regulations, adopted by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners pursuant to NAC 503.180, apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. Consult the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, Part 20 for additional information. **Migratory game birds are: ducks (including mergansers), geese, swans, coot, moorhens (gallinules), snipe, dove, (both white-winged and mourning) and band-tailed pigeon.**

Sec. 20.21 Hunting methods

Migratory birds on which open seasons are prescribed in this part may be taken by any method except those prohibited in this section. No persons shall take migratory game birds:

(a) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;

(b) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells;

(c) From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;

(d) From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;

(e) From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased...;

(f) By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;

(g) By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds;

(h) By means or aid of any motordriven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird;

(i) By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the areas is or has been baited. However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits:

(1) the taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas--

(i) Standing crops of flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;

(ii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or

(iii) Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

(2) The taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

(j) While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot, or bismuth-tin (97 parts bismuth: 3 parts tin with 1 percent residual lead) shot, or tungsten-iron (nominally 40 parts tungsten: 60 parts iron with 1 percent residual lead) shot or such shot approved as nontoxic by the Director pursuant to procedures set forth in Sec. 20.134, provided that: (1) This restriction applies only to the

taking of Anatidae (ducks, geese [including brant] and swans), coots (Fulica americana) and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons with the former in areas described in Sec. 20.108 as nontoxic shot zones...

Sec. 20.25 Wanton waste of migratory game birds

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this part without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody...

Sec. 20.35 Field possession limit

No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Sec. 20.36 Tagging requirement

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Sec. 20.37 Custody of birds of another

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required by Sec. 20.36.

Sec. 20.38 Possession of live birds

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit...

Sec. 20.43 Species identification requirement

No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons (Columba fasciata), unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility. **The head or a fully feathered wing must remain attached while in transit from the field for ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens (gallinules), snipe, geese and swan.**

Sec. 20.44 Marking package or container

No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

**ADDITIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE INFO
PROVIDED ON PAGES 39 & 49.**

Wild Turkey Tags

Wild Turkey Tags (NAC 502.378)

1. A tag is required to hunt wild turkey. The fee for a resident tag is \$20. The fee for a nonresident tag is \$50. In addition, a nonrefundable fee of \$10 will be charged for acting upon each application for a tag. A person may obtain a form to apply for a tag from a license agent or an office of the Department. The form must be completed in accordance with the instructions on the form. The Department's award of these tags will be based on a drawing held after the deadline specified on the form.

2. A person, while hunting wild turkey, shall have in his possession:

- (a) A valid hunting license; and
- (b) A valid tag to hunt wild turkey issued to him.

3. A hunter who has killed a wild turkey and taken it into his possession shall immediately punch the tag and attach it to the turkey's body as required by NAC 502.390 and 502.400.

Hunting with a dog (NAC 503.147)

It is unlawful to hunt, chase or pursue:

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3. Any wild turkey with a dog from March 1 through June 30 of any year.

Weapons and type of shot permitted for hunting wild turkey (NAC 503.187, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150)

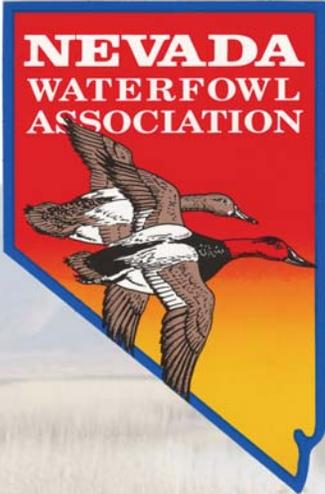
1. No weapon other than a:

- (a) Shotgun which is no larger than 10 gauge nor smaller than 20 gauge and uses a shot size no larger than a number 2 pellet; or
- (b) Longbow and arrow, may be used to hunt wild turkey.

2. Shot used to hunt wild turkey on a wildlife management area must be:

- (a) Nontoxic shot; and
- (b) Not larger than standard-size T.





Nevada Waterfowl Association's mission is to protect, restore and enhance Nevada's wetlands and the wildlife dependent upon them, especially waterfowl and shorebirds. Nevada Waterfowl Association works closely with organizations such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), Lahontan Wetlands Coalition, The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, and other conservation organizations that share our goal of preserving Nevada's unique desert wetlands for future generations to enjoy.

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Small Game/Upland Game Laws & Regulations

In Nevada, upland game bird species include blue and ruffed grouse, and sage grouse; chukar and Hungarian partridge, snowcock, ring-necked and white-wing pheasant, California, Gambel's, mountain and scaled quail; North American wild turkey, and American crow.

In addition, small game species include cottontail, pygmy and white-tailed jack rabbits. Falconry seasons are in effect for waterfowl (all migratory bird stamp requirements apply) dove, chukar, sage, blue and ruffed grouse, pheasant, snowcock, Hungarian partridge, quail and rabbit.

Nevada provides both fall and spring turkey hunts.

Tags and Fees:

In addition to a regular hunting license, the following tags and fees apply for upland game hunting:

Resident Turkey Tag	\$20.00
Nonresident Turkey Tag	\$50.00
Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$10.00
On-line Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 2.00
Predator Control Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 3.00
Upland Game Bird Stamp*	\$10.00

*Required to hunt sage grouse, blue and ruffed grouse, Himalayan snow partridge, chukar, quail, **dove** and pheasant.

Applications and Permits

Permit applications for the Sheldon NWR special sage grouse hunt are generally available in August at Department of Wildlife Offices in Elko, Fallon, Las Vegas, Henderson, and Reno, and on the agency website. The application deadline is usually in late August, and the hunts occur in mid-late September. However, as this is established by Commission regulation in late August, please contact a regional office for more information.

Hunting Hours

Sunrise to sunset except for quail in Pahrump Valley of Nye County (8 a.m. to sunset); for turkey see adjacent page or season and bag regulations brochure.

While Hunting

The use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited on all wildlife management areas unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. (NAC 504.135).

NOTE: Special firearms restrictions are in effect at Wildlife Management Areas (page 44) and National Wildlife Refuges (page 45).

Harvest

Snowcock hunters are encouraged to have a snowcock harvest information report in their possession when hunting snowcock. The report forms are available from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F, by the Department of Wildlife, Eastern Region Office, 60 Youth Center Rd., Elko, NV 89801, phone (775) 777-2300.

Blue and Ruffed Grouse (NAC 503.185)

The head or one fully feathered wing must be attached to all blue and ruffed grouse until the carcass reaches the possessor's residence or a commercial facility for its preservation.

Persons harvesting ruffed grouse in Humboldt County are requested to report harvest in person to the Department of Wildlife Office, in person or by mail at 815 E. Fourth St., Winnemucca, NV 89406. Phone (775) 623-6565.

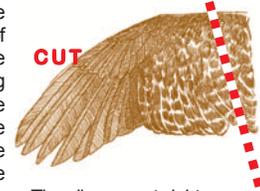
Mountain Quail

The Department of Wildlife is interested in collecting harvest information on mountain quail throughout Nevada. The Department requests that hunters contact the Reno Headquarters at (775) 688-1529 or your local game agent to report your mountain quail harvest.

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Sage Grouse

The Nevada Department of Wildlife is conducting a long-term study of the state's sage grouse populations and is collecting wing samples to help determine the status of the sage grouse population in Nevada. Sage grouse hunters are asked to remove one wing from each sage grouse taken.



The diagram at right illustrates where the wing should be cut. Please keep the wing dry and away from flies. A paper lunch bag works well. Deposit the wing at any of the Department's wing barrels, at check stations, or with Department employees who contact you in the field.

Falconry License/Training/Fees (NRS 503.583)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who practices falconry or trains birds of prey must obtain a falconry license from the Department upon payment of a license fee as provided in **NRS 502.240**.
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Practice of Falconry (NAC 503.210)

When practicing falconry on game species, a licensee shall comply with the provisions of Title 45 of NRS and all regulations of the board of wildlife commissioners. A species of wildlife which is classified as protected by the Department, or as threatened or endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, that is taken incidentally by a raptor may not be retained or possessed by a licensee. A species of wildlife which is classified as a game species by the Department that is taken incidentally by a raptor during the closed season may not be retained or possessed by the licensee. A licensee shall not intentionally release a raptor after any wildlife which is in a refuge or in a state or national park or is on privately owned property where the licensee does not have permission to hunt.

Falconry License (NAC 503.235)

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4. A person must possess a valid falconer's license when practicing falconry. In addition, a person who releases a raptor at game birds or game mammals during the open season must possess a valid hunting license issued by the Department.

Fee to hunt certain upland game birds (NRS 502.292)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful for any person to hunt any upland game bird, except turkey and crow, unless at the time he is hunting he carries on his person such documentation as the Department provides as proof that he has paid to the Department, for the licensing period that includes the time he is hunting, the fee required pursuant to this section.
2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who is under the age of 12 years.
3. The documentation required pursuant to this section must be sold by the Department, and persons authorized by the Department to sell hunting licenses, for a fee of \$10.
4. The Department shall determine the form of the documentation. The Department has determined this to be the upland game bird stamp.

State Wildlife Management Areas

Special regulations are in effect at our state wildlife management areas. PLEASE review the following information and adjacent table before hunting on a state wildlife management area.

Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition

(NAC 504.135)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the discharging of a rifle or pistol is prohibited on the following wildlife management areas:

- (a) Overton in Clark County.
- (b) Key Pittman in Lincoln County.
- (c) Wayne E. Kirch in Nye County.
- (d) Scripps in Washoe County.
- (e) Mason Valley in Lyon County.

2. Deer may be hunted on the Mason Valley and Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Areas only by persons using:

- (a) Shotguns and rifled shotgun slugs; or
- (b) Longbows and arrows.

3. The use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited on all wildlife management areas owned or managed by this State unless the shotgun is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so that the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.

4. The use or possession of shells for a shotgun containing shot that is toxic or larger than standard-size T is prohibited on the following wildlife management areas:

- (a) Overton in Clark County.
- (b) Key Pittman in Lincoln County.
- (c) Wayne E. Kirch in Nye County.
- (d) Scripps in Washoe County.
- (e) Mason Valley in Lyon County.
- (f) Fernley in Lyon County.
- (g) Alkali Lake in Lyon County.
- (h) Humboldt in Churchill and Pershing Counties.
- (i) Steptoe Valley in White Pine County.
- (j) Franklin Lake in Elko County.

5. The use or possession of shotgun rounds with sabots that contain other than rifled slugs of conventional design is prohibited on all wildlife management areas owned or managed by this State.

6. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to persons authorized by the Department to use rifles and pistols for the control of predatory animals and rodents.

7. For the purposes of this section, all shot shall be deemed toxic unless it has been approved as nontoxic by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 20.134.

Restrictions on entry into certain areas (NAC 504.120)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a person shall not enter, occupy, use or be upon the following described portion of the Scripps Wildlife Management Area from February 15 through August 15:

That portion of the Scripps Wildlife Management Area which lies south of Little Washoe Lake, as posted, and further described as including all or portions of Sections 1 and 2, T. 16 N., R. 19 E., M.D.B. & M. and Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, T. 17 N., R. 19 E., M.D.B. & M.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a person shall not enter, occupy, use or be upon the following described portion of the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area from February 15 through August 15:

The portion of Nesbitt Lake north of the old fence line.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a person shall

not enter, occupy, use or be upon the following described portion of the Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area from February 15 through August 15:

The upper portion of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs and Haymeadow reservoirs, as posted, and all of Dacey and Tule reservoirs.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a person shall not enter, occupy, use or be upon the following described portion of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area from February 15 through August 15:

The eastern portion of the main developed pond area, as posted.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a person shall not enter, occupy, use or be upon the following described portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area from March 1 through August 1: The Honey Bee Pond and the Center Pond.

6. The provisions of subsections 1 to 5, inclusive, do not apply to authorized personnel in the performance of their official duties.

Restrictions on deer hunting in particular areas; prohibition on use or possession of certain shotgun rounds in particular areas. NAC 503.170 (NRS 501.105, 501.181)

1. In the fenced or cultivated lands of the Smith and Mason Valleys, in the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and in the zones within the Fort Churchill State Historic Park and the Lahontan State Recreation Area that are designated for hunting by the Administrator of the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:

(a) Deer may be hunted only with:

- (1) A shotgun no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge, using:
 - (I) Rifled slugs; or
 - (II) Shotgun rounds with sabots that contain rifled slugs of conventional design; or
- (2) A longbow and arrow.

(b) The use or possession of shotgun rounds with sabots that contain other than rifled slugs of conventional design is prohibited.

2. In the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area:

(a) Deer may be hunted only on the following days during the season set for the hunting of deer:

- (1) Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays;
- (2) Nevada Day, as observed, pursuant to NRS 236.015;
- (3) November 11, Veteran's Day;
- (4) Thanksgiving Day; and
- (5) Family Day, as declared pursuant to NRS 236.015.

(b) Deer may be hunted only with longbow and arrow during the season set for the archery hunt for deer.

Construction and use of hunting blinds; use of decoys

(NAC 504.160)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a person may construct a hunting blind on any wildlife management area if the Department has no obligation to protect a privately constructed blind or to arbitrate the use or priority of use of such a blind. A blind to be constructed must:

- (a) Be temporary and portable;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), be constructed of lumber, screen, fabric, synthetic material or native vegetation; and
- (c) In the Kirch, Steptoe Valley and Mason Valley Wildlife

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Management Areas, be constructed of native vegetation, removable fabric, or a synthetic material that is of a temporary nature.

2. A group of persons may construct a blind only after the supervisor of the wildlife management area has approved the plans for the blind.
3. Sunken blinds, and barrels and boxes used as sunken blinds, must be covered when not in use to prevent the entrapment of animals.
4. The use of a sink box is prohibited.
5. A blind may not be locked or reserved for the use of a particular person or group of persons.
6. The Department may:
 - (a) Prohibit the construction of a hunting blind if it is detrimental to a wildlife management area or portion thereof.
 - (b) Designate a hunting blind on a wildlife management area as intended for the use of persons with physical handicaps pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 to 12213, inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
7. A person may use decoys on a wildlife management area so long as the decoys are not left set up in the field between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Control of vehicular travel (NAC 504.115)

1. Vehicular travel within a wildlife management area may be controlled for operation of the area, for public use and to benefit the public and wildlife resources. Such control may include specifying parking areas, closing interior roads or trails to vehicular travel and prohibiting travel beyond designated points.
2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, it is prohibited, within a wildlife management area, to operate a motor vehicle:
 - (a) Off an interior road or trail that is designated for vehicular travel; or
 - (b) On an interior road or trail that is marked as closed to vehicular travel.
3. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to authorized personnel in the performance of their official duties.

Restrictions on camping; building prohibited; restrictions on operation of certain devices (NAC 504.145)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, camping is prohibited in wildlife management areas.
2. Camping is permitted in the:
 - (a) Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area in those sites designated for camping.
 - (b) Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area within the Dave Deacon Campground.
 - (c) Humboldt Wildlife Management Area in those sites designated for camping.
 - (d) Fernley Wildlife Management Area.
 - (e) Overton Wildlife Management Area within the rest and trails area.
 - (f) Bruneau Wildlife Management Area, except that camping is not permitted in any building or other structure located within that wildlife management area.
3. Camping facilities, including, without limitation, house trailers, must not be stored, parked or maintained in a wildlife management area for more than 8 days, or left in a wildlife management area for occasional occupancy by a person or group of persons associated with the facility.
4. The erection, fabrication or maintenance of a permanent

dwelling or building in a wildlife management area is prohibited.

5. A person camping in a site, campground or area within a wildlife management area designated for camping pursuant to subsection 2 shall not operate a television, radio or any other device, including, without limitation, a generator, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. if the device produces sound that is audible beyond the campsite in which it is operated.

Trapping: Restrictions; permits. (NAC 504.170)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person shall not trap on a wildlife management area.
2. Persons having permits to do so may trap on the Overton, Key Pittman, Wayne E. Kirch, Railroad Valley, Humboldt, Fernley, Scripps, Mason Valley, Steptoe Valley, Franklin Lake and Alkali Lake Wildlife Management Areas.
3. Permits to trap on wildlife management areas will be issued through a drawing process and may contain designations of specific trapping areas, dates or other restrictions to ensure compatibility with other public activities.

Campfires and bonfires prohibited; exceptions (NAC 504.140)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, campfires and bonfires are prohibited in wildlife management areas.
2. Campfires are permitted in the:
 - (a) Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area within the Dave Deacon Campground.
 - (b) Humboldt Wildlife Management Area in those sites designated for camping.
 - (c) Fernley Wildlife Management Area.
 - (d) Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area in those sites designated for camping.
 - (e) Overton Wildlife Management Area within the rest and trails area.
 - (f) Bruneau Wildlife Management Area.

Denial of use of area for abuse or littering of area (NAC 504.155)

The Department may deny further use of the management area to any person who abuses or litters the area.

Removal of persons from area: Authority; grounds (NAC 504.110)

The Department or an authorized agent may remove a person from a wildlife management area for disorderly conduct, intoxication or any other conduct which endangers the area, a person, wildlife or livestock.

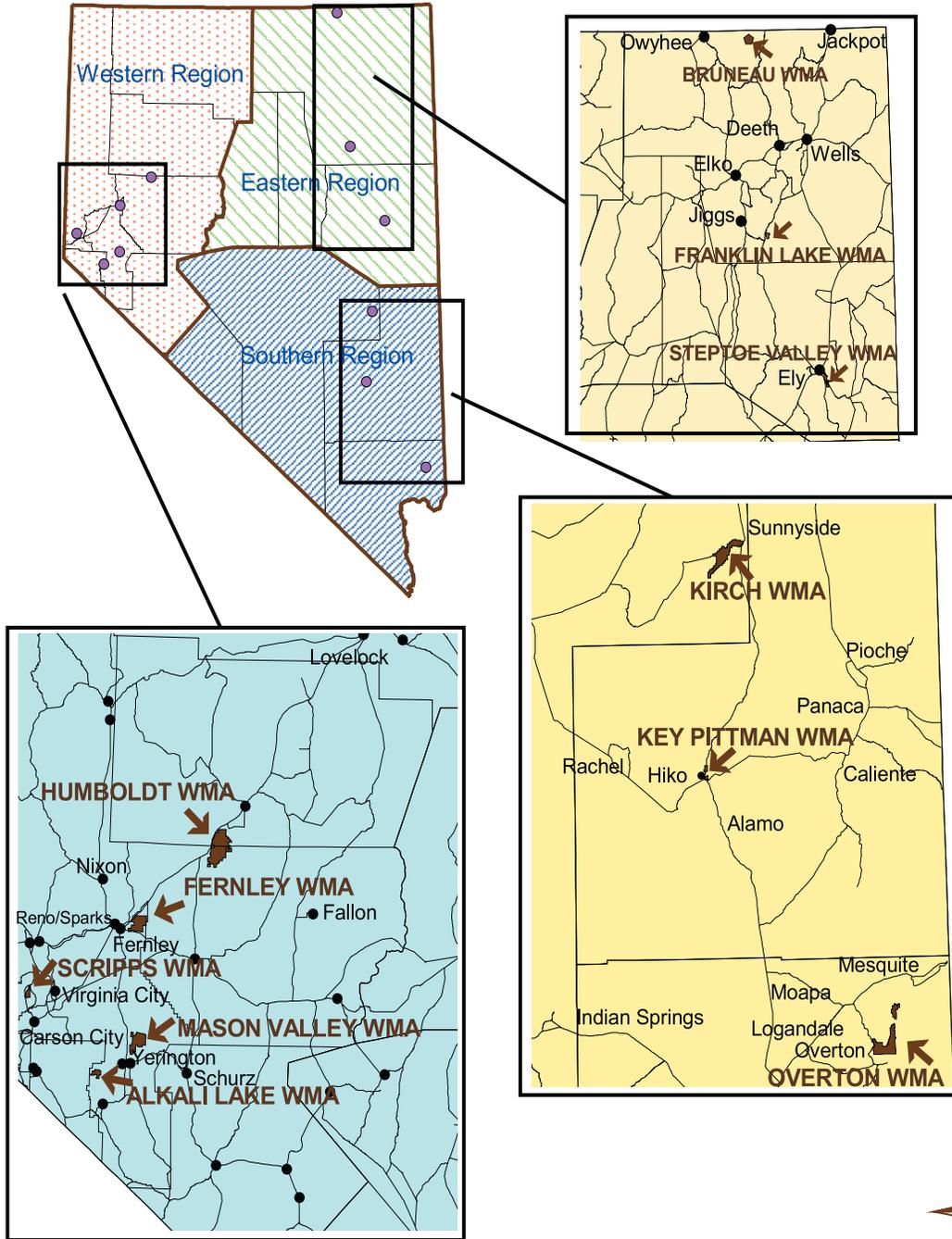


NDOW Wildlife Management Areas

The State of Nevada through the Department of Wildlife owns or has long-term leases on more than 115,000 acres of land incorporated into wildlife management areas (WMAs) across the state. The primary management emphasis on WMAs is the protection of wetlands and waterfowl including the use of the areas as public hunting grounds. Hunting opportunities for sportsmen on WMAs include migratory game bird, upland game bird, furbearer, and big game hunting. Below is a table of restrictions associated with each of the wildlife management areas. Please review this table and the accompanying list of hunt and use restrictions on wildlife management areas before hunting in these areas.

Area	Trespass	Use of Vessels	Use of Campfires	Camping
Overton WMA (Clark Co.)	Trespass prohibited at Honey Bee Pond and Center Pond from March 1 through Aug. 1	Vessels are prohibited on all ponds. Vessels are allowed on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead, except that on Overton hunt days, vessels may be used only by persons authorized to hunt waterfowl.	Permitted within the rest and trails area.	Permitted within the rest and trails area.
W.E. Kirch WMA (Nye Co.)	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the upper portion of Adams McGill, Cold Springs, and Haymeadow reservoirs, and all of Dacey and Tule reservoirs.	Vessels must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may exceed 5 nautical miles per hour.	Permitted within the Dave Deacon Campground.	Permitted within the Dave Deacon Campground.
Key Pittman WMA (Lincoln Co.)	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the portion of Nesbitt Lake north of the old fence line.	Vessels must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may exceed 5 nautical miles per hour.	Not permitted	Not permitted
Mason Valley WMA (Lyon Co.)	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the eastern portion of the main developed pond area, as posted.	All vessels are prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 each year, except on Hinkson Slough, Bass, Crappie, and North Pond, Beaver Slough and the Walker River. Vessels must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may exceed 5 nautical miles per hour.	Permitted in those sights designated for camping.	Permitted in those sights designated for camping.
Humboldt WMA (Pershing & Churchill Co.)		Airboats are prohibited on the Humboldt Sink until 1 hour after the legal shooting time on the opening day of the waterfowl season. Airboats are prohibited on the Tulon portion of the area during the waterfowl season. All vessels are prohibited on the ponds 5 days before the opening day of waterfowl season.	Permitted in those sights designated for camping.	Permitted in those sights designated for camping.
Fernley WMA (Lyon Co.)			Permitted.	Permitted.
Scripps WMA (Washoe Co.)	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in that portion of the area that lies south of Little Washoe Lake.		Not Permitted.	Not Permitted.
Alkali Lake WMA (Lyon Co.)			Not Permitted.	Not Permitted.
Franklin Lake WMA (Elko Co.)			Not Permitted.	Not Permitted.
Bruneau River WMA (Elko Co.)			Permitted.	Permitted except that camping is not permitted in any building or other structure located within the WMA.
Steptoe Valley WMA (White Pine Co.)		Water skiing allowed only between 11 a.m. and sunset. Flat wake restrictions for boats during other hours.	Not Permitted.	Not Permitted.

NDOW Wildlife Management Areas



State Wildlife Management Areas

State of Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners

Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands

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Please note that during the August 2005 Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting new regulations will be adopted and may include some language changes. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our web site at: www.ndow.org.

Scripps Wildlife Management Area and Washoe Lake State Park

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and the following legal State holidays: Nevada Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Family Day (day after Thanksgiving), Christmas, New Years Day and Martin Luther King Day.

Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and the following legal State holidays: Nevada Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Family Day (day after Thanksgiving), Christmas, New Years Day, and Martin Luther King Day. Hunters with a valid turkey tag for the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area may hunt each day of the established turkey season. Before or after the waterfowl season, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.

2. AREAS CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING ADJACENT TO THE FT. CHURCHILL WATERFOWL SANCTUARY: Those portions of SE corner of Section 36, T.15N., R.25E; W ½ of Section 31, T.15N, R.26E, and N ½ of Section 1, T.14N, R.25E., M.D. & M. are closed to hunting as posted.

3. The following area within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area is designated as a CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE and will be closed to all persons five (5) days prior to the last Saturday in November through the end of the waterfowl hunting season, except for those persons having a valid Mason Valley controlled goose hunting permit, described in #4 following. Prior to the described closure dates, all legal hunting is allowed within the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE. Those portions of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management area within Sections 1, 2 and 12, T.14N, R.25E; Section 35, T.15N, R.25E; Sections 6 and 7, T.14N, R.26E, and Section 31, T.15N, R.26E, M.D.B. & M. as posted. The assigned blinds for the controlled goose hunt are located in farm fields MV-10, 11, and B-11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

4. Hunt permit applications for the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area are available through the Headquarters Office in Reno and the Western Region Office in Fallon. Unless their privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to apply once for a hunt permit. A person whose name appears on more than one application will be rejected from the drawing. Permit applications will be accepted for groups no larger than four individuals, and all members of a group must hunt from the same assigned location. Applications for the Special Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Goose Hunt shall be received at the Headquarters Office in Reno (through a postal service only) no later than the second Wednesday in October. A public drawing will be held at the Headquarters Office in Reno at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in October. Successful applicants will receive a permit by return mail.

Ft. Churchill Cooperative Wildlife Management Area

1. From October 1, through the Friday preceding the second Saturday of February, the area shall be closed to trespass.

Overton Wildlife Management Area

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted on the Moapa Valley portion of the area only on the opening day of the duck season, alternate days thereafter throughout the season, opening day of the goose season, and the closing two days of the duck and goose seasons. Before or after the waterfowl season, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.

2. During the waterfowl season on the Moapa Valley portion of the area, hunters must hunt from assigned hunt locations (blinds) constructed by the Department of Wildlife. A maximum of up to four hunters are permitted at each hunt location. Assigned hunt locations are marked by numbered stakes. Hunters shall hunt only within their assigned hunt location and moving to vacant locations is prohibited. The only exception involves reasonable accommodation of the disabled.

3. During the opening day and the first weekend of the dove season the maximum capacity for the Moapa Valley portion of the area is 60 hunters by reservation only.

4. The hunting of upland game species is prohibited during the waterfowl season.

5. On Overton Hunt days, only persons authorized to hunt waterfowl may use vessels on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead.

Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted on the opening weekend of the duck season, odd-numbered days throughout the season, opening day of the goose season, and the closing two days of the waterfowl season.

2. The maximum hunter capacity during the opening day of duck season and the opening day of goose season will be 55 at any time.

3. All hunters will check-in and out at the main entrance and will park in designated parking areas only. No vehicles are allowed on the area during the hunting season.

4. The area is closed to fishing during the waterfowl season.

Overton-Key Pittman Hunter Reservation System

1. To guarantee an opportunity to hunt, reservations must be made for the following specified days of each hunt listed: on the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area - opening day and the first weekend of the dove season and the entire duck and goose seasons. On Overton Wildlife Management Area, a person or his representative applying for reservations for group hunting on either hunt area will be limited to up to four hunters per party. On the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area - the opening day of the duck and goose seasons. A reservation may be made for one hunt day only.

2. Reservations must be made in person (or by a representative) at the Las Vegas Office, the Henderson office or at the Overton or Key Pittman Wildlife Management Areas. Reservations will not be accepted by mail or phone. The reservations must be in the hunter's possession and be shown to the check station attendant to constitute a valid reservation for the day specified. At the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area, reservations for hunting will be required only on the opening day of duck season and the opening day of goose season. On all other waterfowl hunt days, hunters must obtain a reservation card at the Frenchy Lake or Nesbitt check stations prior to hunting. This card must be filled out and returned to the check station upon completion of the hunt. Failure to turn in a completed card at the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area or failure to check out at the Overton Wildlife Management Area may result in a citation being issued, and the loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the season.

3. A drawing will be held for reservations starting at 8:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the opening of the above listed seasons. If the Monday prior to season opening is a state holiday, the drawing will be held on Tuesday. Reservations remaining after the drawing are available on a "first come, first served" basis, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays, through the close of these seasons.

4. At the Overton Wildlife Management Area, during the waterfowl season an assigned hunt location program will be in effect. An individual may reserve no more than one assigned hunt location on the Moapa Valley portion of the area for no more than four individuals to hunt as a party and this reservation must be utilized prior to reserving another hunt day. Hunters will make a reservation for one of four types of hunt locations (field, pond, bulrush plot, or lake) and the specific hunt location will be determined by a drawing at the check station prior to each day's hunt.

5. A hunter with a reservation will be considered as a "no-show" if he does not present himself at the check station by one full hour before shooting time, except that at the Overton Wildlife Management Area, a hunter with a reservation will be considered a "no-show" if he does not present himself at the checking station one and one-half hours before shooting time during the waterfowl season.

6. Standby hunters must register at the check station upon arrival.

7. All reservations, permits and assigned hunting locations are nontransferable.

8. The Department of Wildlife reserves the right to: refuse issuing a permit to anyone, revoke the permit of anyone, and to eject anyone from the area for disorderly conduct, intoxication, or for any other reason when it appears the safety or welfare of the area or persons thereon is endangered.

9. On Overton Wildlife Management Area, the maximum capacity of hunters or hunting parties on the areas at any one time is limited for certain hunt days. The maximum capacity may be filled by non-reservation (standby) hunters as vacancies become available; however, during duck and goose seasons, under no circumstances will standby hunters be allowed to enter the area except up to one-half hour prior to legal shooting time and between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.

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National Wildlife Refuge Regulations

Caution: More restrictive regulations may apply on National Wildlife Refuges. The following is only a summary of the general hunting available on national wildlife refuges in Nevada. A complete list of the federal regulations can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations 50CFR SUBCHAPTER C. In addition, all National Wildlife Refuges have general provisions regarding travel, firearms, alcohol consumption, fireworks, and hunting. Check with the refuge manager before hunting on a National Wildlife Refuge. For additional information on specific refuge regulations, contact the refuge managers or special agents listed below:

US Fish & Wildlife Service Special Agent
600 Las Vegas Blvd South
Las Vegas, NV
(702) 388-6380

US Fish & Wildlife Service Special Agent
1340 Financial Blvd.
Suite 234
Reno, NV 89502 (775) 861-6300

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge - All portions of the AMNWR are closed to hunting, except as otherwise posted. Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens (gallinules), snipe, and doves is permitted on designated areas of the refuge. Hunters may hunt quail, cottontail rabbits, and jackrabbits on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: Hunters may hunt cottontail rabbits and jackrabbits only during the state quail hunting season. Hunters must only use shotguns. Nontoxic shot is required.

1. The refuge is open to the public from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.
2. Only motorless boats, or boats with electric motors are allowed on the refuge hunting area during the migratory waterfowl season.
3. Only approved nontoxic shot is allowed while out in the field.

Desert National Wildlife Refuge - is closed to migratory game bird hunting and upland game hunting. **Check with Refuge at (702) 879-6110.**

Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Clark County is closed to all hunting and trapping. **Check with Refuge at (702) 879-6110.**

Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge - **Check with Refuge at (702) 725-3417.** The hunting of migratory game birds, geese, ducks, coots, moorhens (gallinules), snipe, and mourning doves is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Only non-motorized boats or other motorless flotation devices are permitted on the refuge hunting area during the migratory waterfowl hunting season.
2. Hunting of waterfowl, coots, and moorhens (gallinules) is permitted only on the opening weekend and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday throughout the remainder of the season.
3. Upland Game hunters may hunt quail and rabbit as permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: Hunting of jackrabbit is permitted only during the regular state season for cottontail rabbit.

Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge is closed to upland game hunting. **Check with Refuge at (775) 779-2237.** The following areas are open for migratory bird hunting as listed:

1. The hunt area includes the area as posted from the Brown Dike access road and Brown Dike to the White Pine County Line. No hunting is permitted on Brown Dike or from the Brown Dike access road. In White Pine County, the spring pond area between the county road and the marsh edge is open as posted. For public safety, a no hunting zone is posted in the immediate vicinity of the Main Boat Landing.

2. Only ducks (including mergansers), dark geese (including white-fronted and Canada geese), coots, moorhens (gallinules) and snipe may be hunted. **ALL OTHER SPECIES OF WILDLIFE ARE PROTECTED.**

3. The entire Ruby Valley, including Ruby Lake Refuge, is **closed** to the hunting of all white waterfowl.
4. Hunting on the refuge is permitted daily during the waterfowl season as established by the State of Nevada.
5. The refuge is open to the public from one hour before sunrise to two hours after sunset.
6. No boats are permitted on the refuge from January 1 to June 14. Only foot (kick fin) propelled floatation devices (float tubes) are allowed and only in designated areas from January 1 to June 14.
7. No reservations or special refuge permits are required.
8. Hunters may use portable hunting blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural vegetation. All decoys, portable blinds, and other personal property must be removed from the refuge daily and temporary blinds must be dismantled at the close of each day.
9. No All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) or snowmobiles are permitted on Ruby Lake Refuge.

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex – **Check with Refuge at (775) 423-6452.** Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex is open for hunting of migratory and upland game birds and big game subject to the following:

1. Boating restrictions are in effect, check with Refuge at (775) 423-6452.
2. Airboat owners are required to obtain an annual permit from the Refuge Manager and display a number on their airboat.
3. You are not allowed to hunt inside the posted No Hunting Zone around the residence of the former Alves property.
4. You are not allowed to hunt inside the sanctuary located south of Division Road.
5. You may not possess loaded weapons inside the posted Retrieval Zone. The zone begins on the north edge of Division Road and extends 200 yards north.
6. You may not use rifles and pistols anywhere on Stillwater Refuge. You are allowed to transport only unloaded and cased rifles and pistols through the refuge.
7. You may use only registered vehicles on designated roads. You may not use any off-highway vehicles (OHV).
8. You may park only on designated boat landings and in designated parking areas.
9. Overnight stays are allowed in designated areas only. Campfires are not allowed.
10. You may use only shotguns and non-toxic shot while hunting upland game and big game.

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Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - Check with Refuge at (541) 947-3315. Catnip Reservoir, Big Spring Reservoir, and the Virgin Valley are closed to migratory bird hunting. The remainder of the Sheldon is open for waterfowl hunting in accordance with NDOW seasons and bag limits. No permanent blinds are allowed on the Sheldon. The Sheldon is open to sage grouse, California quail and chukar hunting in accordance with NDOW regulations. Areas closed to hunting include Little Sheldon, the Virgin Valley including Dufurrena and other areas as posted.

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BLM Information

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Nevada encourages hunters to call in advance of hunting season to find out if land management practices will be conducted during the hunting season. While BLM field offices are aware of hunting seasons, some management activities, such as prescribed burns, wild horse gathers, road closures or fire restrictions may temporarily disrupt hunting activities.

Call Before You Hunt

If possible, call the appropriate BLM office before you send in your hunt area requests. That way you may avoid an area that may have some access restrictions or other changes because of management activities. It's a good idea to call BLM just before the hunt to find out if any unplanned restrictions from fire or emergency wild horse gathers are in effect.

- Battle Mountain Field Office (775) 635-4000
- Carson City Field Office (775) 885-6000
- Elko Field Office (775) 753-0200
- Ely Field Office (775) 289-1800
- Las Vegas Field Office (702) 515-5000
- Winnemucca Field Office (775) 623-1500

Responsible Hunting in Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs)

Some units contain BLM lands designated as wilderness or wilderness study areas. Motor vehicle use—trucks, ATVs and motorcycles—is not allowed unless signs are placed to indicate a designated route. The motorized vehicle rule extends to mechanized vehicles such as game carriers, which are also not allowed in these areas. Hand-held GPS units are allowed.

Responsible Off-Highway Vehicle Use

There has been a big increase in the use of OHVs by hunters. While most areas of the public lands are designated as open to OHV use, cross-country travel on OHVs is causing unnecessary damage to habitat that wildlife depend on. OHV riders are asked to stay on existing roads and trails. If it is necessary to drive off roads to retrieve and pack out harvested game, hunters are asked to use care and avoid creating new routes.

Wildlife Habitat

BLM conducts a variety of projects to improve wildlife habitat, restore watersheds and improve forage quality. Prescribed burning is conducted in spring and fall to take advantage of fuel and weather conditions. Fire and mechanical thinning is an effective way to rejuvenate old stands of aspen and some shrubs and open areas invaded by junipers to encourage regrowth of grasses and shrubs beneficial to wildlife. Hunters may question why prescribed fire has to take place during the hunting season, especially in units where it may take 10 years

or more to draw a tag. Very specific criteria are used to develop a burn prescription. Weather conditions, fuel conditions and numerous other factors must be within strict parameters before a manager can conduct a burn. Adding to the complexity, hunting seasons for various species are scheduled almost continuously from August through December.

Wild Horse Gathers

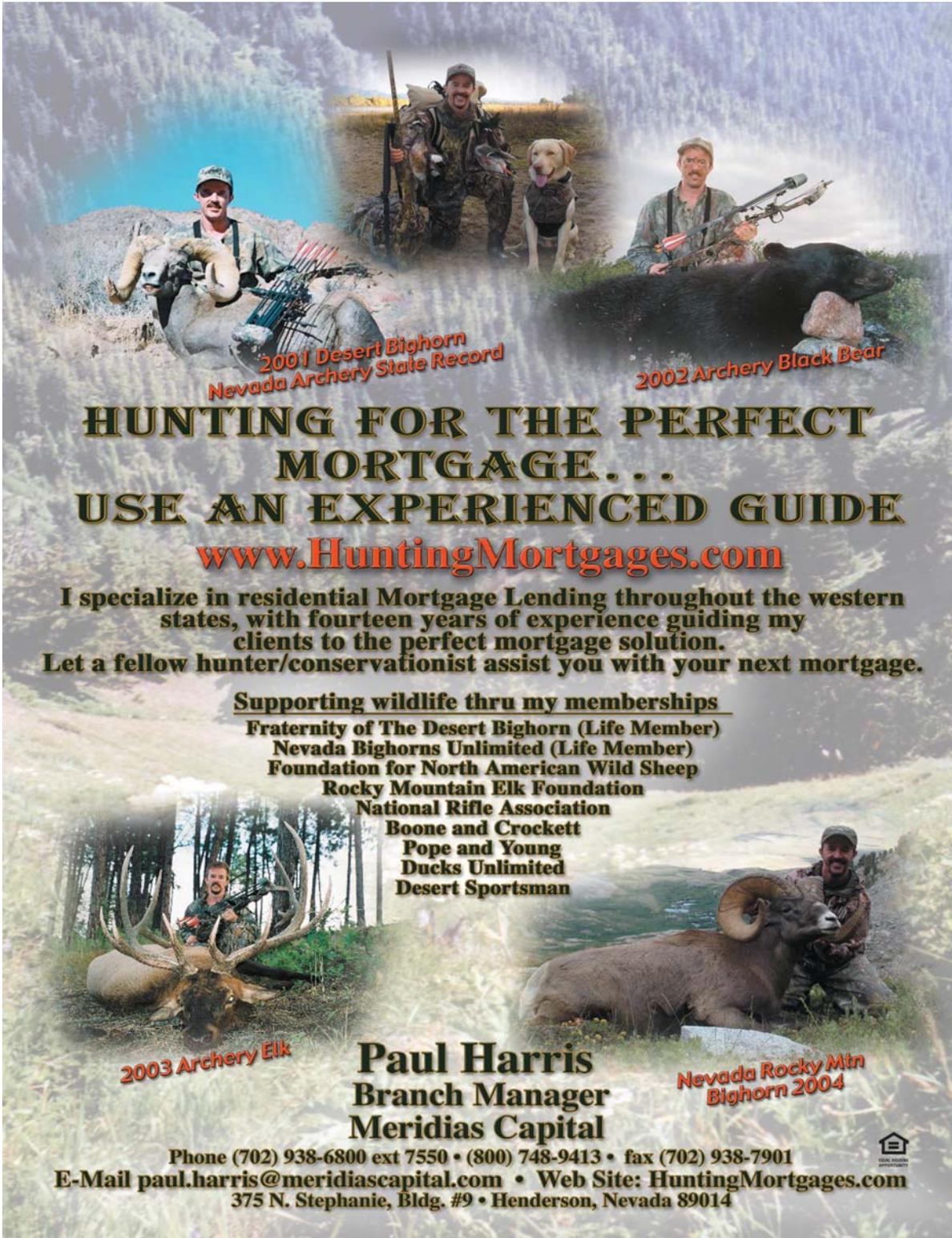
BLM conducts wild horse gathers to maintain appropriate management levels of animals to prevent overgrazing and to promote the well-being of wild horses. Lack of natural predators and good habitat conditions contributes to an average annual increase in wild horse populations of over 20 percent, requiring herds to be reduced every 4 to 5 years. Except for emergency situations, BLM gathers wild horses in late summer, fall and winter to reduce risk of injury to foals, which are typically born in March and April. Large wildland fires and drought conditions may require unscheduled, emergency removal to protect the animals and habitat.

Wild Horses in Nevada:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is responsible for the protection, restoration, and management of fish and wildlife resources in the state. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), under the Wild Free-roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, are responsible for managing wild horses and burros in a manner that is designed to achieve and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance on public lands. The BLM, through its public planning process, sets Appropriate Management Levels (called "AMLs") based on the ability of the habitat to support the animals. Wild horses and burros share the range with livestock and wildlife, and it is the Federal agency's goal to productively support all rangeland values.

Like all grazers, wild horses and burros, when not at AML, can exceed the capacity of the land to support them and degrade the habitat. This degradation includes damage to riparian zones and watersheds, adverse effects on water quality, and impacts to native vegetative communities, which accelerates the spread and establishment of invasive weeds. The NDOW supports BLM and USFS management of wild horses and burros at levels that protect wildlife habitat while benefiting all of the animal populations that live in the Silver State.

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NDOW Encourages Applicants To Do Their Homework

Hunters are advised to develop some familiarity with units where they apply to hunt. For many hunts there are characteristics that can affect your chances for success, including: 1) restrictions or difficulties in accessing the hunt area due to private land ownership, wilderness or consistent winter weather patterns, 2) difficult terrain, heavy tree cover, or other natural hindrances, 3) varying big game densities – for example many deer herds may be significantly reduced compared to what they were in the past, and 4) trends in trophy quality or age of animals harvested among unit groups.

The Department has spent a considerable amount of time assembling information for hunters to use in educating themselves about the area and hunt they are wishing to apply for. These include: Big Game Information Information Sheets (facts for each unit group big game hunt on terrain, vegetation, land ownership, hunter access, map references, local services, and recommended hunting areas), big game draw odds, hunter success rates, harvest point class, and bighorn sheep age and scores. Please take the time to go online and access this information at our website at www.ndow.org. For those lacking computer access, visit or call the NDOW regional office closest to your home to obtain these materials. You may be charged a fee to help defray administrative time. In either case, use these materials to help you determine where to apply for your next big game hunt in Nevada. Hunter information sheets also reveal which federal or state agencies have land management responsibilities in the unit. These agencies can provide maps and information about camping sites, off-highway travel, campfire restrictions and other important facts and policies.

Landowner Compensation Tags

An owner, lessee or manager of private land in this state may apply to the Department for the issuance of deer or antelope tags for compensation for damage caused by these animals. These tags can be used by the owner, lessee or manager if he holds a valid Nevada hunting license or the tag(s) can be sold to any holder of a valid Nevada Hunting license at any price mutually agreed upon. Any landowner, lessee or manager of private land or any hunter wanting more information on this program should call (775) 688-1507.

Weed Free Hay

Hunters, you can find a list of weed-free hay producers and vendors by visiting the Nevada Department of Agriculture's web site at: www.agri.nv.gov. Click on the "noxious weeds" section under the "plant industry" heading.

Map Resources

A list of map vendors known to sell USGS topographic maps can be found on the Department of Wildlife's web site at: www.ndow.org. Other map vendors may also be found by calling: Map Quest: 1-800-627-0039.

Did You Know?

You can now have your name removed from lists that are sold. To request your name be removed, please submit your request in writing to: Wildlife Administrative Services, P.O. Box 1345, Fallon, NV 89407-1345. Please include your client number for your request to be processed. This does not remove your name from lists that are public record.

2005 Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination Courses

Indoctrination is **MANDATORY** to hunt Rocky Mountain, California, and Desert Bighorn Sheep.

Call NDOW regional offices for more information

RENO

Day and Date: Saturday, August 13, 2005

Location: At a location in Reno to be announced

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

LAS VEGAS

Day and Date: Saturday, August 20, 2005

Location: At a location in Las Vegas to be announced

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

ELKO

Day and Date: Thursday, August 25, 2005

Location: At a location in Elko to be announced.

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

LAS VEGAS

Day and Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Location: At a location in Las Vegas to be announced

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.



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With Chris Healy, NDOW Public Information Officer

Keep up to date with the latest Wildlife news and information on the following Nevada radio stations:

Reno

AM 780 KKOH Mon. - Fri. at 5:40 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

AM 1400 KBDB Mon. - Fri. each hour 4 - 6 p.m. On Sat every hour 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Carson City

AM KPTL 1300

Fallon

AM 980 KVLV/FM 99.3 KVLV Mon. - Sat. at 6:25 a.m. and at 12:25 p.m.

Ely/Eureka

FM 92.7 KDSS Mon. - Fri. at 12:50 p.m. and 4:20 p.m.

Winnemucca

AM 1400 KWNA Mon. - Fri. at 12:50 p.m.

FM 92.7 KWNA Mon. - Fri. at 12:40 p.m.

Radio clips can also be found online at www.ndow.org.

In northern Nevada wildlife news and information can also be found on KOLO-TV Channel 8 Morning News show every Thursday morning at 6:35 a.m. during the Wildlife Segment.

Nevada Wildlife Facts and Figures

- Animals transplanted into Nevada by species from the very first release of elk in 1932 through January 2005: desert big horn sheep – 1,439 (all from Nevada), California bighorn sheep – 640 (only 160 from Nevada), Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep – 265 (only 32 from Nevada), goats – 23 (all from Washington), elk – 1,135 (only 115 from Nevada), pronghorn antelope – 2,399 (594 from Nevada).
- Nevada has given these number of animals to other states: desert bighorn sheep – 348, California bighorn sheep - 103
- First regulated bighorn sheep hunt in Nevada for desert bighorn sheep was held in the spring 1952.
- First elk hunt in Nevada was in 1945.
- New scientific evidence tells us that desert bighorn were found throughout Nevada before settlement of the state. There were genetically the same but very different phenotypically or body and behavior wise.
- Mule deer are very selective feeders, more so than any other ungulate or big game species, which makes them the most difficult big game animal to manage due to the inability to manage public and private lands for the exact time of plants they desire and prefer.
- Highest elevation desert bighorn sheep population in North America is Mt. Jefferson at over 11,000 feet.

Demerits and Penalties

The vast majority of hunters, trappers, and anglers do their best to abide by the wildlife laws and regulations. For those people who fail to follow the law, convictions of wildlife law may carry serious penalties including criminal fines up to \$5000, jail, civil penalties up to \$5000, loss of equipment, and loss of license privileges.

Demerits and License Revocations

Hunting, fishing and trapping license privileges are revoked when a person accumulates 12 demerit points within a 60-month period. When a person is convicted of a wildlife violation, a certain number of demerits are assessed for that crime. The more serious the crime, the greater the number of demerits that are assessed.

Demerit-based revocations may last up to three years. Under some circumstances a persons tag privileges may be revoked for up to 10 years.

Criminal Penalty Provisions

NRS 501.376 Unlawful killing or possession of bighorn sheep, mountain goat, elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, mountain lion or black bear; criminal penalties.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not intentionally kill or aid and abet another person to kill a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, mountain lion or black bear:

(a) Outside of the prescribed season set by the Commission for the lawful hunting of that animal;

(b) Through the use of an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle in violation of 503.010;

(c) By a method other than the method prescribed on the tag issued by the Department for hunting that animal;

(d) In a manner, during a time or in a place otherwise prohibited by a specific statute or a regulation adopted by the Commission; or

(e) Without a valid tag issued by the Department for hunting that animal. A tag issued for hunting any animal specified in this subsection is not valid if knowingly used by a person:

(1) Other than the person specified on the tag;

(2) Outside of the management area or other area specified on the tag; or

(3) If the tag was obtained by a false or fraudulent representation.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not prohibit the killing of an animal specified in subsection 1 if:

(a) The killing of the animal is necessary to protect the life or property of any person in imminent danger of being attacked by the animal; or

(b) The animal killed was not the intended target of the person who killed the animal and the killing of the animal which was the intended target would not violate the provisions of subsection 1.

3. A person who violates the provisions of **subsection 1 shall be punished for a category E felony** as provided in NRS 193.190 or, if the court reduces the penalty pursuant to this subsection, for a gross misdemeanor.

4. A person shall not willfully possess any animal specified in subsection 1 if the person knows the animal was killed in violation of subsection 1 or the circumstances should have caused a reasonable person to know that the animal was killed in violation of subsection 1.

5. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 4 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

NRS 501.385 Unlawful acts; criminal penalties. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute: 1. Any person who: (a) Performs an act or attempts to perform an act made unlawful or prohibited by a provision of this title;

(b) Willfully fails to perform an act required of him by a provision of this title;

(c) Obstructs, hinders, delays or otherwise interferes with any officer, employee or agent of the Department in the performance of any duty while enforcing or attempting to enforce any provision of this title;

(d) Violates any order issued or regulation adopted by the Commission under the provisions of this title; or

(e) Having been granted a privilege or been licensed or permitted to do any act under the provisions of this title, exercises the grant, license or permit in a manner other than as specified, **is guilty of a misdemeanor.**

2. Every person who is guilty of a misdemeanor under this title shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment in jail for not more than 6 months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

NRS 501.3857 Forfeitures. Any gun, ammunition, trap, snare, vessel, vehicle, aircraft or other device or equipment used, or intended for use: 1. To facilitate the unlawful and intentional killing or possession of any big game mammal; or 2. Knowingly to transport, sell, receive, acquire or purchase any big game mammal which is unlawfully killed or possessed, *is subject to forfeiture pursuant to NRS179.1156 to 179.119 inclusive.*

Civil penalties. In addition to the criminal penalties, every person who unlawfully kills or possesses a big game mammal, bobcat, swan or eagle is liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$250 nor more than \$5,000.

For unlawfully killing or possessing fish or wildlife not mentioned above, the court may order the defendant to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000.

For hunting, fishing or trapping without a valid license, tag or permit, the court may order the defendant to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250.

Failure to pay a penalty within 90 days may result in license suspension or revocation and denial of privileges.

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Sunrise/Sunset Tables

Sunrise and sunset are legal times. Times shown are Pacific Standard Time. Add one hour for Daylight Savings Time from April 3, 2005 to Oct. 30, 2005.

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Sunrise/Sunset Tables

Sunrise and sunset are legal times. Times shown are Pacific Standard Time. Add one hour for Daylight Savings Time from April 3, 2005 to Oct. 30, 2005.

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