



**The 2022 Big Game Draw is open!
We are here to help you get ready!**



Frequently asked questions of the week

Q: Where can I get the Rules and Information Booklet?

A: It is best to [download it directly off the website](#). Printed copies, in both English and Spanish, are available in limited quantities ONLY at Game and Fish offices across the state. Due to a national paper shortage, each person will be limited to a maximum of two copies and printed copies WILL NOT be available at vendors as they have in the past. [Click here to find the NMDGF office closest to you.](#)

Q: What is a game hunting license and why am I required to get one before I apply for the draw?

A: A game hunting license is valid for small game (migratory birds, upland game birds and squirrel) and is required by state law prior to purchasing or applying for a big game license (antelope, bear,

cougar, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina and oryx). Game hunting licenses and/or stamps purchased through the draw application are nonrefundable.

Q: If I am going to be applying for hunts for myself and two children, does each person have to have their own account?

A: Yes. Each person will need their own account. Also, if you have previously set up the accounts with the same email address, the reset my password feature will not work as the system can't verify which account belongs to the password. It is best to try logging into your account and your children's accounts soon to make sure they are updated before you apply for the draw. If you have a problem, you can call our office at 1-888-248-6866 and we will help you reset the password.

Application assistance is available virtually. You can [email](#) the Department's Information Center or message us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [TikTok](#). You can also call our Information Center at (888) 248-6866.

Preguntas frecuentes de la semana

P: ¿Dónde puedo encontrar el Folleto de reglas e información?

R: Lo mejor es [descargarlo directamente del sitio Web](#). Copias impresas, en inglés y español, están disponibles en cantidades limitadas SOLAMENTE en oficinas de Caza y Pesca en todo el estado. Debido a una escasez de papel en todo el país, cada persona estará limitada a un máximo de dos copias, y copias impresas no estarán disponibles a través de los proveedores como en el pasado. [Haga clic aquí para encontrar la oficina de NMDGF más cercana de usted.](#)

P: ¿Qué es una licencia de caza deportiva a por qué necesito obtenerla antes de solicitar el sorteo?

R: Una licencia de caza deportiva es válida para caza menor (pájaros migratorios, pájaros de caza deportiva de tierras altas y ardilla) y es requerida por la ley estatal antes de comprar o solicitar una licencia de caza mayor (antílope, oso, puma, arruí, borrego cimarrón, venado, uapití, cabra montesa, pecarí y órix). Licencias de caza deportiva y/o sellos comprados a través de la solicitud de participación en el sorteo no son reembolsables.

P: Si solicitaré cacerías para mí y dos hijos, ¿cada persona necesita tener su propia cuenta?

R: Sí. Cada persona necesitará su propia cuenta. También, si ha configurado previamente las cuentas con la misma dirección de correo electrónico, la función "restablecer mi contraseña" no funcionará, porque el sistema no puede verificar a qué cuenta pertenece la contraseña. Lo mejor es tratar iniciar sesión en su cuenta y en las cuentas de sus hijos pronto para asegurarse de que estén actualizadas antes de solicitar el sorteo. Si tiene un problema, puede llamar a nuestra oficina al 1-888-248-6866 y le ayudaremos a restablecer la contraseña.

La asistencia con la solicitud está disponible virtualmente. Puede [enviar un correo electrónico](#) al Centro de Información del Departamento o enviarnos un mensaje en [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) o [TikTok](#). También puede llamar a nuestro Centro de Información al (888) 248-6866.

#HuntNM22 - All you need to know virtual series

Have you thought about applying for the 2022 big game draw? The Department will be hosting a series of live webinars, covering all that you need to know when applying.

We will meet virtually every week, sometimes multiple times a week, to discuss the draw, how to apply, options for hunter education and reading the draw odds report. We will also have our big game biologists on hand to answer questions.

All webinars will start at 6:30 p.m. MST.

Please register online (topics and links below) and send us your questions through email (tristanna.bickford@state.nm.us).


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January 26 - Meet the Bear Biologist - Rick Winslow, bear and cougar biologist, will be on hand to answer your questions about applying for the Bear Draw as well as over-the-counter opportunities. [Click here to register.](#)

February 2 - Meet the Turkey Biologist - Casey Cardinal, resident bird biologist, will be on hand to answer your questions about applying for the Turkey Draw as well as over-the-counter opportunities. [Click here to register.](#)

February 7 – Access is the Key! – Rex Martensen, private lands coordinator, will be on joining us to talk about land status in New Mexico and the programs the Department has to help access private lands. [Click here to register.](#)

February 9 - Meet the Elk Biologist – Travis Zaffarano, elk program manager, will be on hand to answer questions about applying for and hunting elk in New Mexico. [Click here to register.](#)



IMPORTANT DRAW DATES

Feb. 9 Deadline to apply for bear and turkey draw permits.

Feb. 15 Deadline to submit 2021-22 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey license holders. This is deadline without paying a late fee.

Mar. 16 Deadline to apply for licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn, oryx and private-land only deer licenses in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Deadline to submit late 2021-22 harvest reports for deer, elk, pronghorn and turkey. All 2021-22 license holders must report to be eligible for 2022-23 draw licenses. Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications. An \$8 late fee applies after February 15, 2022.

Mar. 23 2022-23 over-the-counter (OTC) license types, including game-hunting licenses and game-hunting hunting & fishing licenses, are available online, by telephone and at NMDGF offices and license vendors.

Apr. 7 Deadline to submit 2021-22 harvest reports for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapper license holders to be eligible for big-game licenses. Reports can be submitted on-line or by telephone. Failure to report for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications. An \$8 late fee applies after April 7, 2022.

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February 16 - Meet the Deer Biologist – Orrin Duvuvuei, deer program manager, will be on hand to answer questions about applying for and hunting deer in New Mexico. [Click here to register.](#)

February 21 – It's in the reports! - The Draw Odds Report and the Harvest Reports can help you apply for a big game hunt. Join Kevin Rodden, SW area biologist, to learn how to read the reports and use them for your benefit. [Click here to register.](#)

February 23 - Meet the Pronghorn Biologist – Tony Opatz, pronghorn biologist, will be on hand to answer questions about applying for and hunting pronghorn in New Mexico. [Click here to register.](#)

March 2 - Meet the Bighorn Sheep Biologist – Caitlin Ruhl, bighorn sheep program manager, will be on hand to answer questions about applying for and hunting bighorn sheep in New Mexico. [Click here to register.](#)

March 9 - Meet the Biologist – Nicole Tatman, big game program manager, will be on hand to answer questions about applying for and hunting oryx, ibex and Barbary sheep in New Mexico. [Click here to register.](#)

March 14 – Last minute Q and A – March 16 deadline is just days away. We will address any last-minute things you should know or questions you might have. [Click here to register.](#)

Previous webinars can be found on the [Department's YouTube channel](#).

All webinars will be hosted in English. If you prefer to communicate in Spanish and have questions or comments, email DFG-Translation@state.nm.us or call us at 1-888-248-6866.

Todos los seminarios web se realizarán en inglés. Si prefiere comunicarse en español y tiene preguntas o comentarios, envíe un correo electrónico a DFG-Translation@state.nm.us o llámenos al 1-888-248-6866.

The Rules and Information Booklet is available ONLY at Game and Fish Offices

ATTENTION HUNTERS!

If you haven't heard, there is a nationwide shortage of paper. Due to this shortage, we have had to cut back on the number of Rules and Information Booklets that we have ordered. There will be a **LIMITED** supply of Rules and Information Booklets available at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish offices. We are expecting the shipment to arrive in mid-January.

Hunters are strongly encouraged to download a digital copy prior to applying and going into the field. A copy of the digital version can be downloaded at <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/home/publications/>.



¡Atención cazadores!

Si usted no se ha enterado, hay una escasez de papel a nivel nacional. Debido a esta escasez, hemos necesitado que reducir la cantidad de los Folletos de reglas e información que hemos pedido. Habrá un suministro **LIMITADO** de Folletos de reglas e información disponibles en las oficinas del Departamento de Caza y Pesca de Nuevo México. Esperamos que el envío llegue a mediados de enero. Se recomienda encarecidamente a los cazadores que descarguen una copia digital antes de presentar la solicitud e ir al campo. Se puede descargar una copia de la versión digital en <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/home/publications/>.

