

**Support Material for
CR 12-03
2013 Wildlife Heritage Tags**

BACKGROUND

NRS 502.250 restricts the number of big game tags allocated between the Heritage tags and Silver State tags to 15. The recommendation by the Department for the 2013 Heritage tags is a total of 9 of the 15 allowed.

In 2011 the Heritage tag program generated \$390,220.

The Department must send the vendor packets, including this regulation and Commission P-10, to potential vendors by March 1.

Language Explanations

The language included here is the same as what was recommended for the 2012 Heritage tags with one exception. The Department is recommending the addition of a Nelson bighorn sheep tag for 2013.

Section 4 includes the same unit closure information as identified in 2012 for the Heritage tags. This includes, for desert bighorn sheep, the closure of the unit where the previous year's Heritage tag was harvested.

Implementation

Effective immediately with approval by the Board of Wildlife Commission.

CR 12-03 2013 WILDLIFE HERITAGE

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of the wildlife resource. NRS 502.250 authorizes the Wildlife Commission to designate the number Wildlife Heritage game tags to be auctioned each year.

2013 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS

Hunting Hours: Big game mammals: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables. Wild Turkey: one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables.

Limit: One animal per tag.

Legal Weapon: Big game species: Any legal weapon may be used throughout the season. Wild Turkey: Any legal weapon per NAC 503.187 or shotgun or longbow and arrow may be used throughout the season.

Species	Quota	Class	Season	Organization
Mule Deer	2	Any Mule Deer	The Saturday next preceding the earliest date for antlered mule deer established in regulation by the Board of Wildlife Commission through the last day of December.	To be Determined at a future Commission meeting for each tag.
Pronghorn Antelope	2	Any Pronghorn Antelope	The Saturday next preceding the earliest date established in regulation by the Board of Wildlife Commission for antelope horns longer than ears through the last day of October.	To be Determined at a future Commission meeting for each tag.
Rocky Mountain Elk	2	Elk with at least one antler	The Saturday next preceding the earliest date established in regulation by the Board of Wildlife Commission for antlered elk through the last day of December excluding depredation hunts.	To be Determined at a future Commission meeting for each tag.
Nelson Bighorn Sheep*	2	Any Ram	The first day of September through the first day of the following January.	To be Determined at a future Commission meeting for each tag.
California Bighorn Sheep	1	Any Ram	The Saturday next preceding the earliest date established in regulation by the Board of Wildlife Commission through the fifteenth day of November.	To be Determined at a future Commission meeting for each tag.
Wild Turkey	5	Any Wild Turkey	Earliest date established in regulation by the Board of Wildlife Commission for Spring Wild Turkey through the last day of the last season for Spring Wild Turkey.	To be Determined at a future Commission meeting for each tag.
Total	14			

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR EACH TAG:

1. Unless his privilege is revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to submit a bid for a Wildlife Heritage tag.

The bid includes the fee for a combination hunting and fishing license and the fees for processing the Wildlife Heritage tag.

2. The bid must be delivered to the Organization at the auction.

The Organization shall submit the full amount of the bid as well as the name of the designated hunter to the Department of Wildlife no later than 30 days after the auction is held. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the Department initiating a sealed bid process for the Wildlife Heritage hunt tag.

3. Should a sealed bid process become necessary, sealed bids will be accepted by the Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512, on or before 5:00 p.m., on the third Friday following the deadline established in subsection 2. In the event of an identical sealed bid, the tag will be awarded based on the bid having the earliest postmark or date stamp.

The successful bidder of the sealed bid shall submit the full amount of his bid within 10 calendar days after notification by the Department. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the tag being awarded to the next highest bidder.

4. The successful bidder for each tag type may hunt statewide in units where a season is established by commission for that species except those areas closed to hunting in NAC 504.340 and for Desert Bighorn Sheep the unit where the previous year harvest for the Heritage Desert Bighorn Sheep tag occurred.

* Fallon NAS - There are portions of Unit 181 in Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon where public access is restricted. To hunt Nelson bighorn sheep in this unit, the tag holder is required to attend a NAS hunter safety briefing.

* Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) - There are portions of Hunt Units 252, 280, 281, 282 within the NTTR where public access is limited. Hunters and everyone in their respective hunting parties, must comply with all Nevada hunting requirements and all NTTR safety and security requirements including the following: 1) consent to and pass a criminal history background check, 2) be at least 14 years old on opening day of the respective hunting season, and 3) attend the Nellis Air Force Base hunter safety briefing. Hunters and members of their parties who fail to comply with these requirements may be denied access to the NTTR. No pets are allowed on NTTR. It is the hunter's responsibility to meet and/or comply with all NTTR eligibility requirements. In some units there may be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations.

*The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners hereby delegates authority to the Nevada Department of Wildlife to adjust season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations so long as there is no change to the overall length of the season.

5. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
6. There shall be no refunds except as authorized by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
7. Eligibility restrictions as established by the Commission in NAC 502.341, 502.345 and 502.361 regulations do not apply to these tags.