

# 2016 BIG GAME SEASONS

CR 15-09, Amendment #2

# Proposed Amendments

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- Four proposals
  - Three regarding bighorn sheep
  - One regarding elk
- This is second year of existing season structure adopted by Commission in Feb 2015
- Revision in 2017
  - Harvest Guidelines

# Resident Desert Ram

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**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep**

**Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151**

Unit Group	2015-2016 Season	2016-2017 Season
195 <sup>C</sup>		Nov 20 - Dec 20

# Footnote C

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- This hunt is primarily on private land. Tag holders and each member of the hunt party must sign the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRIC) Hold Harmless Agreement before entering the TRIC property. Each hunt party shall be limited to 4 individuals (including the tag holder) and shall be limited to 2 motorized vehicles. A vehicle and trailer containing an off-highway vehicle (OHV) shall be considered a single vehicle. All vehicle travel is restricted to existing roads. The tag holder shall check in with TRIC security personnel each day by phone before entering and upon leaving the property, to provide approximate location of the day's activities. No overnight camping and no fires will be allowed on TRIC property. Pre-hunt scouting will be allowed from October 15 to the beginning of the hunting season and is subject to the conditions above. Tag holder must seek permission to access other private lands in the hunt unit.

# Rationale for Amendment

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- Unit 195 is a re-established population with older age class rams
- Hunt area primarily limited to private lands and access across private lands
- Cooperative agreement with Tahoe Reno Industrial Center
- Hunter will need to sign and comply with cooperative agreement to gain access

# Resident Rocky Mountain Ram

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## Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

### Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151

Unit Group	2015-2016 Season	2016-2017 Season
091 <sup>A</sup>	Sept 1 - Oct 30	Sept 1 - Oct 30

# Footnote A

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- Interstate hunt with Utah. Season not open to Nevada resident, only Utah tagholder drawn for the Box Elder, Pilot Mtn Hunt. Utah tagholder may hunt within Unit 091 in Nevada and must abide by Nevada regulations.

# Rationale for Amendment

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- ◉ Interstate hunt where if adequate rams exist, the tag(s) for the hunt are rotated every other year with Utah
- ◉ 2016 is the year for Utah resident to draw tag and hunt in both states
- ◉ To allow the Utah hunter to hunt in an “open” season in Unit 091 in Nevada, must list hunt without quota, tag quota will be administered by Utah

# Nonresident Ewe

## Nonresident Bighorn Sheep

### Any Ewe - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3281

Unit Group	2015-2016 Season	2016-2017 Season
212		Oct 5 - Oct 25
213		Oct 5 - Oct 25
253		Oct 5 - Oct 25
268		Oct 5 - Oct 25

# Rationale for Amendment

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- Contacted by public, making request
- Consistent with Policy 24
  - Limiting nonresident participation
- No additional biological effect
  - Total tag quota remains same

# Resident Elk Antlerless Depredation

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## Resident Elk Antlerless

### Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107

Unit Group	2015-2016 Season	2016-2017 Season
113 <sup>B</sup>	Sept 1 - Sept 30	Closed

# Rationale for Amendment

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- Inconsistent elk distribution in this unit in September, low hunter success, ineffective hunt
- Directing antlerless muzzleloader hunters (which was also at same time with depredation rifle hunt) toward the private land area of concern could alleviate private land issues
- Antlerless elk private land management hunt established 2 years ago may be used if needed

# Questions

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