



## STATE OF NEVADA

## DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

## Operations Division

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**MEMORANDUM****Date: June 23, 2017**

**To:** Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

**From:** Maureen Hullinger, Management Analyst III, Operations Division

**Title:** Commission Regulation 17-06, Amendment #1

**Description:** 2018 Heritage Tags Organization/Vendor Selection

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**Summary:**

In February 2017 the Commission approved Commission Regulation (CR) 17-06 for the 2018 Heritage Tags, species, seasons and quotas. Pursuant to Commission Policy 10 the Department mailed potential vendors the vendor packets with a copy of Commission Policy 10, CR 17-06, and instructions that included the deadline and email addresses for the vendors to submit their packets. This information was also posted to the Nevada Department of Wildlife's website ([www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org)). The process of posting on the website and allowing remittance by email was quite successful. The Department received an all-time high of 16 vendor proposals by the deadline of April 17, 2017 including 1 late proposal.

At the Heritage Committee meeting in May the committee reviewed the proposals. They asked the Department to provide eligibility information to the potential vendors. The vendors were also informed of the June 23, 2017 Heritage Committee meeting in Las Vegas at 8:00am where final recommendations will be determined. The committee meeting will be held prior to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting, which will begin at 10:00 am on June 23, 2017.

**Recommendation:**

The Department recommends that the Commission approve CR 17-06 Amendment #1 as presented.





**Nevada Department of Wildlife  
6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Ste 120  
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**2018 Heritage Tag Vendor Proposal & Fundraising Summary  
Deadline – April 17, 2017**

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Function Date</b>	<b>Function and Location</b>	<b>Requested Species Heritage Tag to Auction</b>
WHIN-Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada	March 3, 2018	Annual Banquet Gold Coast Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada	Mule Deer Wild Turkey (requested 2)
Nevada Bighorns Unlimited – Reno Chapter	March 30, 2018	38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet Peppermill Casino Reno, Nevada	Mule Deer Desert Bighorn Sheep California Bighorn Sheep Rocky Mountain Elk Pronghorn Antelope
Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited	March 2018	Annual Banquet Caliente Volunteer Fire Station Caliente, Nevada	Pronghorn Antelope Rocky Mountain Elk Wild Turkey
Nevada Waterfowl Association	May 2018	Place - TBA	Pronghorn Antelope
Mule Deer Foundation	February 9, 2018	Western Hunting & Conservation Expo Salt Lake Palace Convention Center Salt Lake City, Utah	Mule Deer Pronghorn Antelope Rocky Mountain Elk
Pershing Co. Chukars Unlimited	September 16, 2017	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet Pershing Co. Community Center Lovelock, Nevada	Pronghorn Antelope
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	January 27, 2018	RMEF Hunter's Rendezvous JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort Tucson, Arizona	Rocky Mountain Elk
Wild Sheep Foundation & Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn	January 18-20, 2018	41 <sup>st</sup> Annual WSF Convention Tuscany Ballroom, Peppermill Casino Reno, Nevada	Desert Bighorn Sheep California Bighorn Sheep Rocky Mountain Elk Pronghorn Antelope
Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited	January 27, 2018	Annual Banquet Gold Coast Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada	Mule Deer Desert Bighorn Sheep California Bighorn Sheep Rocky Mountain Elk Pronghorn Antelope Wild Turkey
Nevada Bighorns Unlimited – Fallon Chapter	February 17, 2018	Annual Banquet Fallon Convention Center Fallon, Nevada	Desert Bighorn Sheep California Bighorn Sheep Pronghorn Antelope
Elko Bighorns Unlimited	February 11, 2018	Annual Banquet Elko Convention Center Elko, Nevada	California Bighorn Sheep Rocky Mountain Elk
Safari Club International – Northern Nevada Chapter	March 10, 2018	23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Banquet Silver Legacy Resort–Grand Ballroom Reno, Nevada	Mule Deer Desert Bighorn Sheep California Bighorn Sheep Rocky Mountain Elk Pronghorn Antelope Wild Turkey

Las Vegas Woods & Waters	February 24, 2018	Annual Banquet South Point Casino Las Vegas, Nevada	Wild Turkey
Carson Valley Chukar Club	March 3, 2018	Annual Banquet Douglas County Fairgrounds Gardnerville, Nevada	Wild Turkey
Bristlecone Family Resources	March 2018	Annual Fundraising Dinner Eldorado Resort Casino Reno, Nevada	Mule Deer Desert Bighorn Sheep California Bighorn Sheep Rocky Mountain Elk Pronghorn Antelope
California Wild Sheep Foundation	May 5, 2018	Annual Banquet Double Tree by Hilton Sacramento, California	Desert Bighorn Sheep California Bighorn Sheep Rocky Mountain Elk Pronghorn Antelope

**Late Proposals: California Wild Sheep Foundation**

**CR 17-06**  
**2018 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS**  
**Amendment #1**

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 of Wildlife Heritage tags to allocate each year.

**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 sunset, 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	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota	Organization
Mule Deer	Any Mule Deer	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	<i>To be determined at June Commission meeting</i>
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Pronghorn Antelope	Any Pronghorn Antelope	Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	<i>To be determined at June Commission meeting</i>
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Rocky Mountain Elk	Elk with at least one antler	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk except for Unit 091 which is closed.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	<i>To be determined at June Commission meeting</i>
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Nelson Bighorn Sheep #1	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except the hunt unit where Desert Heritage Tag No. 1 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota in the prior year for that unit is less than ten (10).	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 except for units 252, 280, 281, 282 which will be the season dates as established by the Commission for Hunt 3151	1	<i>To be determined at June Commission meeting</i>
Nelson Bighorn Sheep #2	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except the hunt unit where Desert Heritage Tag No. 2 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for the prior year for that unit is less than ten (10).	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 except for units 252, 280, 281, 282 which will be the season dates as established by the Commission for Hunt 3151	1	<i>To be determined at June Commission meeting</i>
California Bighorn Sheep	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for California bighorn sheep except for the hunt unit where California Heritage Tag was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for that unit is less than seven (7) and unit 041.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	1	<i>To be determined at June Commission meeting</i>
Wild Turkey	Any Wild Turkey	Any management unit where there is an open season for Wild Turkey	March 24, 2018 – May 6, 2018	5	<i>To be determined at June Commission meeting</i>
<b>Total</b>				<b>14</b>	

#### 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, 6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Ste. 120, Reno, Nevada 89511, 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 identified in this regulation.

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

\*Portions of Hunt units 252, 280, 281, 282 are within the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) where public access is restricted. 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, 3) attend the Nellis Air Force Base hunter safety briefing, and 4) within the NTTR portion of unit 252 limit party size to 5 including tag holder. Additional party members may complete background check and safety briefing, but only maximum of 5 party members including tag holder may be present within the NTTR portion of unit 252 at any given time.

\*Hunters and members of their parties who fail to comply with these requirements may be denied access to the NTTR. Hunters and members of their parties may not access the NTTR after a tag is filled and animal has been removed and in possession of tag holder. 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.

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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.

## 5 YEARS OF NEVADA HERITAGE TAGS BY YEAR

Sum of BID AMOUNT		SPECIES						Grand Total
YEAR	ORGANIZATION	ANTELOPE	CALIF BHS	DEER	ELK	NELSON BHS	TURKEY	
<b>2014</b>	MDF			\$85,000.00				\$85,000.00
	NBU-Reno		\$79,000.00			\$100,000.00		\$179,000.00
	NV Waterfowl Association	\$7,500.00						\$7,500.00
	PCCU	\$7,750.00					\$425.00	\$8,175.00
	RMEF				\$125,000.00			\$125,000.00
	SCI-N NV Chapter				\$155,000.00		\$1,350.00	\$156,350.00
	WHIN			\$77,500.00			\$1,600.00	\$79,100.00
	Wild Sheep Foundation						\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00
<b>2014 Total</b>		<b>\$15,250.00</b>	<b>\$79,000.00</b>	<b>\$162,500.00</b>	<b>\$280,000.00</b>	<b>\$215,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,375.00</b>	<b>\$755,125.00</b>
<b>2015</b>	MDF			\$100,000.00				\$100,000.00
	NBU-Fallon		\$73,500.00					\$73,500.00
	NBU-Reno					\$72,000.00		\$72,000.00
	NV Waterfowl Association	\$9,000.00						\$9,000.00
	PCCU	\$5,000.00					\$575.00	\$5,575.00
	RMEF				\$100,000.00			\$100,000.00
	SCI-N NV Chapter				\$70,000.00		\$1,800.00	\$71,800.00
	WHIN			\$105,000.00			\$1,600.00	\$106,600.00
Wild Sheep Foundation						\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	
<b>2015 Total</b>		<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$73,500.00</b>	<b>\$205,000.00</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	<b>\$192,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,975.00</b>	<b>\$658,475.00</b>
<b>2016</b>	MDF			\$105,000.00				\$105,000.00
	NBU-Fallon		\$75,000.00					\$75,000.00
	NBU-Reno					\$107,500.00		\$107,500.00
	NV Sportsman						\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
	NV Waterfowl Association	\$9,250.00						\$9,250.00
	NWTF						\$2,291.87	\$2,291.87
	PCCU	\$5,500.00					\$625.00	\$6,125.00
	RMEF				\$160,000.00			\$160,000.00
SCI				\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00	
WHIN			\$135,000.00			\$1,500.00	\$136,500.00	
Wild Sheep Foundation						\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	
<b>2016 Total</b>		<b>\$14,750.00</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$240,000.00</b>	<b>\$210,000.00</b>	<b>\$202,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,616.87</b>	<b>\$747,866.87</b>
<b>2017</b>	MDF			\$130,000.00				\$130,000.00
	MVWU						\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
	NBU-Reno				\$92,500.00	\$140,000.00		\$232,500.00
	NWA	\$8,100.00						\$8,100.00
	PCCU	\$9,000.00					\$375.00	\$9,375.00
	RMEF				\$95,000.00			\$95,000.00
	WHIN			\$145,000.00			\$2,900.00	\$147,900.00
WSF		\$70,000.00				\$110,000.00	\$180,000.00	
<b>2017 Total</b>		<b>\$17,100.00</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>\$275,000.00</b>	<b>\$187,500.00</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,175.00</b>	<b>\$804,775.00</b>







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### Heritage Committee Notes for Discussion on Tag Vendors for 2018

Species	Notes From May Heritage Committee
Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer	Mule Deer Foundation, Wildlife Habitat Improvement of NV
Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer	NBU Fallon, NV Sportsman Unlimited
Wildlife Heritage Antelope	Pershing County Chukar Unlimited
Wildlife Heritage Antelope	Nevada Waterfowl Association
Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk	Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited
Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk	Rocky Mt Elk Foundation, NBU Reno
Wildlife Heritage Nelson Bighorn Sheep #1	Wild Sheep Foundation/Foundation for Desert Bighorn
Wildlife Heritage Nelson Bighorn Sheep #2	NBU Reno
Wildlife Heritage California Bighorn Sheep	NBU Reno, Elko Bighorns Unlimited
Wildlife Heritage Wild Turkey	WHIN (2)
Wildlife Heritage Wild Turkey	Carson Valley Chukar Club
Wildlife Heritage Wild Turkey	Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited
Wildlife Heritage Wild Turkey	NV Sportsman Unlimited
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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION

June 19, 2017

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Attn: Director Tony Wasley  
6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Suite 120  
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RE: Proposal for: Rocky Mountain Elk tag

Dear Tony,

As you know, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the future of elk and other wildlife by conserving, restoring and enhancing natural habitats. To help achieve this mission, the National office of the RMEF has requested to contract with the Nevada Division of Wildlife to participate in the auction of the proposed Nevada Elk Tags.

The special state tags will again be sold at our Hunter's Rendezvous event to be held in Tucson, Arizona on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Since 1990, RMEF has raised over \$1.6 million for the state of Nevada. Over the past four years at this Tucson event, the tags have raised a combined \$480,000. One hundred percent of that went back to the state Nevada.

In addition to the money raised on the tags, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has done the following in Nevada over the past 10 years:

- Funded 90 projects across the state including:
  - o 5 lands projects that permanently protected 2,829 acres of critical wildlife habitat.
  - o 47 Habitat & Wildlife Stewardship projects enhanced and restored more than 24,000 acres of wildlife habitat across the state in addition to reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire.
  - o 38 Hunting Heritage & Conservation Outreach projects that instructed more than 11,000 youth and adults in outdoor skills and conservation.
- Collectively these projects have directly benefitted 13 Nevada counties. Several projects also had statewide benefits.
- Collectively these projects have a RMEF contributed conservation value of nearly \$1.2 million.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit for the Nevada elk tags. If you have any questions, please call me at 1-800-225-5355, extension 511.

Sincerely,

Kathy Zeiler  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
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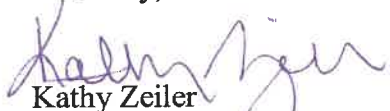
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**RMEF**

**NUMBER OF PROJECTS**

Land Protection & Access	7
Habitat Enhancement	100
Wildlife Management	67
Research	4
Hunting Heritage & Conservation Outreach	57
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>235</b>

**ACRES AFFECTED**

13,954



- Acres Protected
- Acres Enhanced

NV RMEF Chapters: 10  
 NV RMEF Members: 3,948



[WWW.RMEF.ORG](http://WWW.RMEF.ORG)

# NEVADA

Project History Summary as of December 31, 2016

IN NEVADA, RMEF AND ITS PARTNERS HAVE COMPLETED 235 CONSERVATION AND HUNTING HERITAGE OUTREACH PROJECTS WITH A COMBINED VALUE OF MORE THAN \$17.6 MILLION. THESE PROJECTS HAVE PROTECTED OR ENHANCED 284,155 ACRES OF HABITAT AND HAVE OPENED OR SECURED PUBLIC ACCESS TO 11,827 ACRES.



**Total Value of RMEF Efforts in Nevada: \$17,665,289**

CATEGORY	RMEF\$	PARTNER\$	TOTAL\$
Land Protection & Access*	-	-	<b>\$7,015,000</b>
Habitat Enhancement	\$1,803,155	\$4,569,641	<b>\$6,372,796</b>
Wildlife Management	\$1,399,894	\$1,362,899	<b>\$2,762,793</b>
Research	\$30,000	\$266,553	<b>\$296,553</b>
Hunting Heritage & Conservation Outreach	\$94,411	\$1,123,736	<b>\$1,218,147</b>

\* Land Conservation projects reflect value of land protected at time of transaction rather than expenditures







- Chapters
- Land Protection - Acquisition
- Land Protection - Conservation Easement
- Habitat and Wildlife Stewardship

