

CR 23-10 2024 Wildlife Heritage Tag

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, under the authority of Section 501.181, 502.140, 502.250 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of wildlife resources in the State of Nevada.

Wildlife Heritage Tags

Hunting Hours: Big game mammals and wild turkey may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset as listed on government sunrise-sunset tables.

Take Limit: One animal allowed per tag.

Legal Weapon: Any legal firearm or bow as described in NRS 503.150 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.141, 503.142, 503.143 and 503.144 may be used throughout the big game season. Additionally, any legal weapon or shotgun or bow as described in NAC 503.187 may be used throughout the wild turkey season.

Unit Closures: The Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee and Commission directive on unit closures is associated with the setting of the annual bighorn sheep quotas and the following table that identifies the maximum number of specialty tags for every unit group that has an open season. Some unit groups may be set to zero (0) if they are not able to sustain additional ram harvest beyond the general draw's tag quota.

| BHS Unit Group Quota | Maximum Specialty Tag Quota |
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| 1-2 | 0 |
| 3-6 | 1 |
| 7-12 | 2 |
| 13-20 | 3 |
| >20 | 4 |

Upon the collection of the unit of kill during the harvest check in process, the Department will notify specialty tag bighorn sheep holders of any unit closures by cell or satellite phone, satellite communicator, email, or other forms of electronic notification the Department may adopt to advise of bighorn sheep unit group closures due to specialty tag harvest limits being reached.

| Species | Class | Unit Group | Season | Quota | Organization |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Mule Deer | Any mule deer | Any hunt unit assigned an antlered mule deer season. | August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 | 2 | To be determined at June NBWC meeting |
| Pronghorn Antelope | Any pronghorn antelope | Any hunt unit assigned a pronghorn antelope with horns longer than ears season. | August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 | 2 | To be determined at June NBWC meeting |
| Rocky Mountain Elk | Any elk with at least one antler | Any hunt unit assigned an antlered elk season except for unit 091. | August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 | 2 | To be determined at June NBWC meeting |
| Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep* | Any ram | Any hunt unit assigned a Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep season. | July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 | 2 | To be determined at June NBWC meeting |
| Wild Turkey | Any wild turkey | Any hunt unit assigned a wild turkey season. | March 21, 2024 through May 3, 2024 | 5 | To be determined at June NBWC meeting |
| Total | | | | 13 | |

* There are portions of hunt 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. Those portions of hunt unit 181 that do not fall within the boundaries of NAS Fallon are open to the public.

Portions of Hunt Units 252, 280, 281 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 Hunt Units 252, 280, 281, 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 Hunt Units 252, 280, 281 at any given time. Those portions of Hunt Units 252, 280, 281 that do not fall within the boundaries of NTTR are open to the public.

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.

In the instance that an approved Heritage Tag vendor is unable to hold an event where a Heritage Tag is scheduled to be sold, the Board of Wildlife Commission grants authority to the Department to allocate the tag(s) to a different Commission approved Heritage Tag vendor for the corresponding year who has the ability to hold their event and offer for auction the Heritage Tags.