

What's New for 2023 Big Game Seasons?

Antelope

- Horns-longer-than-ears muzzleloader seasons for Units 041, 042; 043-046; 141, 143, 151-156; and 202, 204 were moved earlier to August 15 to August 21 to improve hunt success. The archery seasons for these unit groups were shorted to August 1 to August 14 to accommodate the earlier muzzleloader season.
- New horns-shorter-than-ears hunt for Unit 115 restricted to within 1 mile of Great Basin Ranch properties.

Elk

- The legal definition of a spike-only elk was revised in 2022. Starting with the 2023-2024 Big Game Hunting Season, hunters with spike-only elk tags may only take an antlered elk with no more than 2 antler points on either antler (NAC 502.104, 502.1045).
- A new depredation bull hunt with antler point restrictions in Unit 231. This new hunt includes a special hunt boundary focusing pressure on bulls frequenting agricultural areas in Lake Valley. Successful applicants will receive a letter with special instructions and hunt map before their season begins.
- Archery bull hunts during the rut (Sept. 17 - Sept. 30) are now offered in Units 161-164, 171-173 and Units 241, 242.
- Wilderness only antlerless elk hunts are not offered for the 2023-2024 Big Game Hunting Season. Applicants can expect a commiserate increase in available tags during standard antlerless elk seasons which include wilderness areas.

Bighorn Sheep

- California bighorn ram - 011, 013 Unit Group is closed; Units 012 and 014 combined into a unit group.
- Unit 161 – New archery ram hunt for residents and nonresidents in August. Early any-legal-weapon ram season is Sept 10 – 30; Ewe season October 1 – 20; and late any legal weapon ram season is also earlier Oct 21 – Dec 1.
- Unit 173 North (Toiyabe Range) has a management ram (once-in-a-lifetime) hunt that is a separate hunt category than the standard ram hunts. It is extremely challenging with limited hunter access (high elevation wilderness), heavy tree cover, and low density bighorn numbers.
- Unit 181 is now split into an east hunt area (Sand Springs Range) and west hunt area (Fairview Range/Slate Mountain).
- Unit 153 (Fish Creek Mountains) is now combined with Unit 183 (Augusta and Clan Alpine Mountains).
- Units 212 and 213 now only have a single any legal weapon season, Nov 20 – Jan 1.
- Archery season opened in Unit 267
- Units 280 and 281 on the Department of Defense's Nevada Test and Training Range now have a hunting party limit of 5 including the tagholder. Unit 282 is closed due to lack of mature rams.
- Rocky Mountain bighorn ram - Unit 102 open; Unit 114 is closed.

Mountain Goat

- Nonresident hunt open for Mountain Goat in Unit 102

Mule Deer

- Most of the Junior mule deer hunts are now antlered only hunts except for the following unit groups 061, 062, 064, 066-068; 071 – 079, 091; and 101, 102, 109 that are either antlerless or antlered.