MEMO **S-2**

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TITLE: Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 2, 5–10, and 26 for 2010–2011 Hunting Season, Commission Orders 11–18 for 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 Hunting Seasons, and Commission Order 23 for the 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 Trapping Seasons.

DESCRIPTION: The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Orders 2 (deer), 5–10 (turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, buffalo, bear, and mountain lion), and 26 (population management) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for the 2010–2011 season. The Commission will also consider and may vote to approve Commission Orders 11–18 (tree squirrel, cottontail rabbit, predatory and furbearing mammals, other mammals and birds, pheasant, quail, chukar partridge, and blue grouse) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, and open areas for the 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 seasons. Additionally, the Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 23 (trapping), establishing season dates, legal species, open and closed areas, and bag and possession limits for the 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 seasons. A detailed description of proposals is available for public review at Department offices. Spring turkey, spring bear, spring buffalo, and spring javelina Commission orders are presented at the August Commission meeting, whereas elk and pronghorn antelope are presented at the December Commission meeting.

DATE: March 16, 2010

Summary:

The Department is recommending seasons, season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for Commission Orders 2 (deer), 5–10 (fall turkey, fall javelina, bighorn sheep, fall buffalo, fall bear, and mountain lion), and 26 (population management seasons) for 2010–2011 according to hunt guidelines approved by the Commission during September 2009 for a two-year period. The Department is also recommending seasons, season dates, legal species, bag and possession limits, and open and closed areas for Commission Orders 11–18 (tree squirrel, cottontail rabbit, predatory and furbearing mammals, other mammals and birds, pheasant, quail, chukar partridge, and blue grouse) and 23 (trapping) for 2010–2011 and 2011–2012. The hunt guidelines were approved by the Commission for a two-year period that

extends through spring 2012. Consequently, no public meetings discussing the guidelines were held prior to the April 2010 Commission meeting. Each Region hosted a public meeting, prior to meeting with the Game Branch, to discuss their harvest prescriptions with the public and an open house, prior to the April Commission meeting, where final recommendations were available for public review and discussion. These meetings are generally lightly attended, with an average of about 5 attendees.

The Commission has provided the Department with direction through the hunt guidelines to offer specific hunting opportunities.

Specifically, the Department was to allocate at least 5% of the general deer permits to juniors-only seasons. According to hunt guidelines, units with multiple deer hunts will have stratified 7-day seasons.

Statewide, white-tailed deer hunting opportunity in December is limited to 5% of the total white-tailed deer permits, although alternative white-tailed deer units (Units 6A, 23, 30B, 31, and 36C) will be structured to harvest up to 30% of the expected take for that unit during December. Units 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B, 45A, 45B, and 45C are managed according to the alternative deer guidelines for mule deer. Archery deer seasons are recommended for season length adjustments or permitting to attain 10–20% of the total deer harvest by archers, although no unit south of the Colorado River will be permitted for archery.

Fall turkey hunts are recommended as limited-weapon-shotgun-shooting-shot seasons. Juniors-only turkey permits will be recommended as over-the-counter nonpermit tags in specific units. Archery turkey seasons have been adjusted to overlap with corresponding archery deer seasons.

Fall javelina hunts are to be offered during juniors-only seasons to strive for 10% of total tags (both fall and spring) for juniors hunters. Juniors-only seasons should coincide with a juniors-only deer season, and companion population management seasons are recommended to capitalize on juniors deer hunters in the field.

All bear seasons have specific female harvest limits that close a season on the following Wednesday when that number of female bears have been harvested. Each unit that provides a bear hunt will also have an annual female harvest limit. If the annual female harvest limit is met, this will close any open season on the following Wednesday or any subsequent season in that unit during the current calendar year, even if the subsequent season has not yet opened. The annual female harvest limit is comprised of female bears lethally removed through Department action (e.g., nuisance) and female bears harvested by hunters.

All other small game, trapping, and big game seasons are recommended in accordance with the approved guidelines, unless specifically noted under the species-specific information provided under the corresponding Commission Order.

Hopi tribal members will be allocated a small portion of deer tags in Units 4A, 4B (5 permits), 5A, and 5B (20 permits) according to the Hopi Trust Land allocation authorized through the hunt guidelines.

COMMISSION ORDER 2 – DEER

The Department is recommending 43,930 general deer permits in 2010, an increase of 350 permits statewide from 2009. Archery deer seasons for 2010 are generally unchanged from 2009, except that Units 1, 3A and 3C, and 7 will be available as over-the-counter nonpermit tags rather than draw permit tags. Units 12A and 12B, 13A, and 13B will remain permitted, with no change in permits in Units 13A and 13B. Units 12A and 12B will be reduced by 240 permits, in conjunction with the overall buck harvest reduction in those units, which should keep archery harvest at or near 20% of the total harvest. The total number of tags permitted for archery is recommended at 1,010. Archers that draw a permit tag will not be required to report their harvest through the phone line, and the 10% cap on nonresident participation will apply to these draw hunts.

Several changes are recommended for deer seasons. White-tailed deer permits are recommended for an increase of 135 permits. Antlered mule deer permits are recommended for an increase of 215. Juniors permits are recommended at 2,170 (5% of general), a 135-permit increase over 2009 (2120 general, 50 muzzleloader). This recommendation includes a 250-permit (increase of 50 from 2009) antlerless deer hunt for juniors-only in Unit 12AW, which is consistent with allowing population growth on the Kaibab described in the hunt guidelines. A 20-permit juniors-only muzzleloader deer season is recommended in Units 15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D, whereas a 20-permit general juniors-only deer season in Unit 16A is recommended to be removed. The December archery deer and general deer seasons are recommended to begin on December 10, 2010. Muzzleloader permits are recommended at 1,025 permits, an increase of 15 from 2009.

A 10-permit CHAMP hunt is again recommended for Unit 12AW for 2010, although the season is recommended for later dates (November 5–11, 2010).

Total permits for general, muzzleloader, and juniors-only seasons is 47,135, which is an increase of 500 permits above 2009 levels.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 2 – DEER AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 5 –TURKEY

The fall limited weapon shotgun-shooting-shot turkey season is recommended to run October 1–7, 2010 with 6,820 permits, which is an increase of 700 permits over 2009. There are seven units

(Units 1, 4A, 4B, 6A, 8, 10, 12A, 23, and 27) recommended for juniors-only seasons where over-the-counter nonpermit tags will be offered. These seasons will run concurrently with the permitted turkey season in the unit.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 5 – TURKEY AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 6 – JAVELINA

For fall 2010, the Department continues recommending fall javelina seasons to juniors only during general seasons for which season dates coincide with a juniors-only deer season, with 800 permits. Units within Region 5 allocate 15% of the annual permits to either an October 8–14 or a November 19–25, 2010 season. Additional units in Region 3 (Units 16A, 17B, 18B, and 20A) also offer this juniors-only opportunity, although season dates would be October 8–17. Unit 39 in Region 6 is recommended to change from muzzleloader and archery to general, and run November 19–28, 2010.

In accordance with the 2009 hunt guidelines, the Department is also recommending the juniors-only deer hunters in Units 16A, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 36A, 36B, and 36C be provided with the opportunity to purchase over-the-counter "companion" tags for javelina, which must be authorized within Commission Order 26.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 6 – JAVELINA AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 7 – BIGHORN SHEEP

Bighorn sheep permits are recommended for a total of 97, an increase of 10 from last year. Permit increases are recommended in Units 12B East (1 permit), 15B (1 permit), 15C North (1 permit), 15D (3 permits), 16A (1 permit), 22 (2 permits), 24B South (1 permit), 31 and 32 (1 permit), 39 West (1 permit), and 40B Tinajas Altas (1 permit). A new hunt for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep is also recommended in Unit 6A with 1 permit. Permit decreases are recommended in Units 40B Gila Mountains (1 permit), 41 East (1 permit), 41 West (1 permit), and 45B (1 permit). The season in Unit 13B South is recommended for lengthening, with proposed dates of November 16–December 31, 2010. Units where recent declines have been detected or suspected, specifically 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 45A, 45B, and 45C, have received recent surveys and hunt recommendations are based on these data.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 7 – BIGHORN SHEEP AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 8 – BUFFALO

Two hunts for 2 permits each are recommended for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd in Units 5A and 5B. These hunts are recommended to run September 24–26 and October 8–10, 2010. All 4 tags are proposed to be for yearling buffalo.

No general fall hunts are recommended on the House Rock Wildlife Area herd because structured hunts have been ineffective in harvesting buffalo during the fall. In accordance with the 2009 hunt guidelines, the Department is also recommending the general deer hunters in Units 12A West and 12A East be provided with the opportunity to purchase over-the-counter "companion" tags for buffalo, which must be authorized within Commission Order 26.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 8 – BUFFALO AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 9 – BEAR

During 2010, fall bear seasons are recommended to occur during August 6–19, from August 20 for up to 38 days, or October 1 through the end of the 2010 calendar year. The season in Units 4A and 5A is recommended to begin on November 5 and run through the end of the calendar year. General seasons may occur during any of these season dates and archery seasons may occur during the 38 day season beginning on August 22, 2008. This structure maintains open seasons while allowing Regions to manage female harvest and maintain sites to relocate nuisance bears if necessary. The 2010 recommendation is for a cumulative female harvest limit of 87 for general and 20 for archery season, which is an overall increase of 7 female bears from 2009.

The annual female harvest limit will again apply to fall seasons this year. Annual female harvest limits were established in August 2009 for the units with 2010 spring hunts. Those units that have both spring and fall hunts were considered in the spring 2010 hunt formulation. Harvest that applies to annual female harvest limits includes any take by a hunter or Department action that occurs within a calendar year. Implementation of the annual female harvest limit may result in the closure of a hunt before it opens if the annual female harvest limit is reached before the start of a season. Hunters will need to contact the Department before they go hunting to determine if a specific hunt unit is open, and notification of this need will be plainly identified within the regulations. Compliance with the mandatory physical check for bear remains high.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 9 – BEAR AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 10 – MOUNTAIN LION

The Department recommends that the mountain lion season be opened from August 20, 2010 to May 19, 2011 in all units except those units with a multiple bag limit. Units with a multiple bag limit are recommended to remain open yearlong in accordance with the approved hunt guidelines. Compliance with the mandatory physical check for mountain lion remains high.

The Department recommends removing Unit 22 (south of AZ Hwy 87 and FR 143 and west of AZ Hwy 188) from the list of units open under the multiple bag limit for next year because the management objectives for the bighorn sheep population in that unit have been met. No other changes to the units open to mountain lion hunting under the multiple bag limit approach are recommended at this time.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 10 – MOUNTAIN LION AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 26 – POPULATION MANAGEMENT SEASONS

Population management seasons are recommended for buffalo to be available to permitted general and archery deer hunters in Unit 12A. These seasons are also recommended for javelina to be available to juniors-only muzzleloader deer hunters in Unit 16A and juniors-only general season deer hunters in Units 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 36A, 36B, and 36C. These permits are popularly known as "companion" tags. Buffalo population management restricted nonpermit tags are recommended at 1,116 for general seasons and 850 for archery seasons. Juniors-only javelina population management restricted nonpermit tags are recommended at 450 for general and 30 for muzzleloader juniors-only seasons. These permits will be available only to hunters that successfully draw a deer tag in the coincidental deer hunt.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 26 – POPULATION MANAGEMENT SEASONS AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 11 – TREE SQUIRREL

The Department recommends no change to the tree squirrel seasons for 2010–2012.

COMMISSION ORDER 12 – COTTONTAIL RABBIT

The Department recommends no change to the cottontail rabbit seasons for 2010–2012.

COMMISSION ORDER 13 – PREDATORY AND FUR-BEARING MAMMALS

The Department recommends no change to the predatory and fur-bearing mammal seasons for 2010–2012.

COMMISSION ORDER 14 – OTHER BIRDS AND MAMMALS

The Department recommends no change to the other birds and mammals seasons for 2010–2012.

COMMISSION ORDER 15 – PHEASANT

The Department recommends no changes to pheasant permits for the 2010–2012 seasons. All pheasant hunts in Units 40B are draw hunts. Dates for the individual hunts are adjusted periodically to accommodate local agricultural practices and conditions to maximize hunter success. Four limited-weapon shotgun-shooting-shot seasons are each recommended for 40 permits each, which yields a total 160 permits. Juniors-only seasons (30 permits) remain unchanged, as do archery and falconry seasons. Dates for the hunts in 2010 and 2011 are specified in the attached Commission Orders.

COMMISSION ORDER 16 – QUAIL

The Department recommends no change to the quail seasons for 2010–2012.

COMMISSION ORDER 17 – CHUKAR PARTRIDGE

The Department recommends no change to the chukar partridge seasons for 2010–2012.

COMMISSION ORDER 18 – BLUE (DUSKY) GROUSE

The Department recommends no change to the blue (dusky) grouse seasons for 2010–2012. The Department continues to recommend Units 4A and 5A remain closed to allow grouse transplants to proceed in those units.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDERS 11–18 AS PROPOSED**.

COMMISSION ORDER 23 – TRAPPING

The Department recommends no change to the trapping seasons for 2010–2012.

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 23 AS PROPOSED**.

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Attachments

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 2: Deer

General Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010		1	Any antlered deer	260	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010		2A, 2B, and 2C	Any antlered deer	100	20
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010	(25)	3A and 3C	Any antlered deer	350	50
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010	(27)	4A and 4B	Any antlered deer	175	25
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010	(18,20,27)	5A and 5B	Any antlered deer	330	-20
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(18)	6A	Antlered mule deer	425	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(1,18)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Antlered mule deer	275	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010	(18)	7	Any antlered deer	800	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(18)	8	Antlered mule deer	600	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010	(18)	9	Any antlered deer	400	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010		10	Any antlered deer	750	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010	(2,3,17)	12A East (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	150	-100
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010	(2,3,17)	12A East (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	35	-15
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010	(2,4,17)	12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	600	-100
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010	(2,4,17)	12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	175	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010	(13)	12B	Any antlered deer	25	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010	(13)	12B	Any antlered deer	10	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010	(5,13)	12B West	Any antlered deer	150	25
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010		12B West	Any antlered deer	65	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 21, 2010	(13)	13A	Any antlered deer	55	5
	Nov 5 - Nov 14, 2010	(13)	13B	Any antlered deer	55	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010	(6)	16A (except Mohave County Park lands)	Any antlered deer	650	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010		17A	Any antlered deer	400	50
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010		17B	Any antlered deer	450	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010		18A	Any antlered deer	650	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010		18B	Any antlered deer	350	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010		18B	Any antlered deer	375	25
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010		19A	Any antlered deer	575	50
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010		19B	Any antlered deer	350	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010		20A	Any antlered deer	700	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 21, 2010		20B	Any antlered deer	350	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010		20C	Any antlered deer	325	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010		20C	Any antlered deer	250	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(13)	21	Antlered mule deer	550	50
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(22)	22	Antlered mule deer	600	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010		23	Antlered mule deer	700	75
No Hunt	Nov 6 - Nov 15, 2009		24A	Antlered mule deer	0	-200
	Nov 12 - Nov 21, 2010		24A	Antlered mule deer	300	300
	Nov 12 - Nov 21, 2010		24B	Antlered mule deer	550	50
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010		27	Antlered mule deer	900	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010		28	Antlered mule deer	425	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010		28	Antlered mule deer	425	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(11)	29	Antlered mule deer	75	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(11)	29	Antlered mule deer	75	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(6,11)	30A	Antlered mule deer	350	0

General Deer

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(6,11)	30A	Antlered mule deer	350	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(11)	30B	Antlered mule deer	450	25
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(11)	30B	Antlered mule deer	450	25
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(21)	31	Antlered mule deer	150	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(21)	31	Antlered mule deer	150	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(11,21)	32	Antlered mule deer	400	-50
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(11,21)	32	Antlered mule deer	400	-50
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010		33	Antlered mule deer	225	-25
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010		33	Antlered mule deer	225	-25
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(10)	34A	Antlered mule deer	25	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010		34B	Antlered mule deer	100	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010		34B	Antlered mule deer	100	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(6)	36A	Antlered mule deer	375	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(6)	36A	Antlered mule deer	450	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(6)	36B	Antlered mule deer	225	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(6)	36B	Antlered mule deer	225	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(6)	36C	Antlered mule deer	150	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(6)	36C	Antlered mule deer	150	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(13)	37A	Antlered mule deer	75	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(13)	37A	Antlered mule deer	75	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(19)	37B	Any antlered deer	350	50
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(19)	37B	Any antlered deer	350	50
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(7,13,26)	39, 40A, and 40B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 7)	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(7,13,26)	39, 40A, and 40B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 7)	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 14, 2010	(8)	41	Any antlered deer	500	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 14, 2010		42 (except White Tank Mountain Park)	Any antlered deer	300	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 14, 2010	(6,8)	43A, 43B, 44A, and 44B	Any antlered deer	600	-100
	Nov 5 - Nov 14, 2010	(6)	45A, 45B, and 45C	Any antlered deer	275	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(18)	6A	Antlered whitetail deer	175	-25
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(18)	6A	Antlered whitetail deer	175	-25
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(18)	6A	Antlered whitetail deer	75	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(1,18)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Antlered whitetail deer	55	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,18)	6B (except Camp Navajo) and 8	Antlered whitetail deer	25	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010	(18)	8	Antlered whitetail deer	75	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(13)	21	Antlered whitetail deer	525	50
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(13)	21	Antlered whitetail deer	30	5
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(22)	22	Antlered whitetail deer	700	25
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(22)	22	Antlered whitetail deer	25	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010		23	Antlered whitetail deer	575	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010		23	Antlered whitetail deer	85	0
No Hunt	Oct 30 - Nov 5, 2009		24A	Antlered whitetail deer	0	-475
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010		24A	Antlered whitetail deer	450	0
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010		24A	Antlered whitetail deer	475	475
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010		24A	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	375	25
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	375	25
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	40	5
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010		27 and 28	Antlered whitetail deer	500	50
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010		27 and 28	Antlered whitetail deer	20	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(11)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	260	-25
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(11)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	250	-25
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(11)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	250	-25

General Deer

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	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(11)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(6,11)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	225	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(6,11)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	225	0
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(6,11)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	225	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(6,11)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(11)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	150	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(11)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	150	0
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(11)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	100	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(11)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	100	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(21)	31	Antlered whitetail deer	250	-50
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(21)	31	Antlered whitetail deer	200	-50
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(21)	31	Antlered whitetail deer	200	-50
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(21)	31	Antlered whitetail deer	165	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(11,21)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	475	-25
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(11,21)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	475	-25
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(11,21)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	450	-50
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(11,21)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010		33	Antlered whitetail deer	670	20
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010		33	Antlered whitetail deer	700	50
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010		33	Antlered whitetail deer	680	30
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010		33	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(10)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	650	25
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(10)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	650	25
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(10)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	600	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(10)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	150	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	150	0
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	100	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	325	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	325	0
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	250	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	425	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	425	0
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	300	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	450	50
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	500	25
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	400	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	850	25
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	850	25
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	825	50
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	40	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	200	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	200	0
	Nov 26 - Dec 2, 2010	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	175	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	125	0
	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer		
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010	(27)	Hopi Hunt in Units 4A and 4B	Designated deer	5	5
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010	(27)	Hopi Hunt in Units 5A and 5B	Designated deer	20	20
				Total	43930	350

General Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(25)	3A and 3C	Any antlered deer	125	25
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(18)	7	Any antlered deer	75	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 17, 2010		10	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 11, 2010	(2,4,12)	12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Antlerless deer	250	50
No Hunt	Oct 9 - Oct 18, 2009	(6)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any antlered deer	0	-20
	Oct 8 - Oct 17, 2010		17B	Any antlered deer	60	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010		18B	Any antlered deer	100	25
	Oct 8 - Oct 17, 2010		20A	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010		20C	Any antlered deer	125	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(22)	22	Any antlered deer	85	35
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010		23	Any antlered deer	175	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010		27	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(6,11,17,21)	28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, and 32	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(17)	33	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 25, 2010		33	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(6)	36A	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 25, 2010	(6,17)	36A	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 25, 2010	(6,17)	36B	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010		42 (except White Tank Mountain Park)	Any antlered deer	75	0
	Nov 11 - Nov 28, 2010	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer		
				Total	2120	115

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

When applying for a Juniors-Only Hunt, do not reapply for the same species with family on a separate application.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

CHAMP Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
No Hunt	Oct 9 - Oct 15, 2009	(2)	12A (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	0	-10
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(2,4)	12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	10	10
				Total	10	0

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114, and a CHAMP permit. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

CHAMP Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Limited to individuals with a Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) as pursuant to R12-4-217. Qualified individuals should contact Fort Huachuca for hunt numbers, season dates, and other requirements.

Muzzleloader Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010		3B	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Oct 22 - Oct 28, 2010	(1,18)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any antlered deer	275	0
	Nov 5 - Nov 11, 2010	(2,3)	12A East (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	50	50
No Hunt	Nov 13 - Nov 19, 2009	(2,4)	12B West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	0	-35
	Oct 22 - Oct 31, 2010	(6)	15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D	Any antlered deer	200	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2010		20B	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Nov 12 - Nov 18, 2010	(10)	34A	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2010	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca) and 35B	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca) and 35B	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Dec 10 - Dec 31, 2010	(7,8,13)	39, 40A, 40B, 41, and 42 (except White Tank Mountain Park) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 7)	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Nov 1 - Dec 30, 2010	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer		
				Total	1025	15

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H)plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only (Muzzleloader) Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010	(6)	15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D	Any antlered deer	20	20
	Dec 17 - Dec 31, 2010	(6,17)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any antlered deer	30	0
				Total	50	20

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

When applying for a Juniors-Only Hunt, do not reapply for the same species with family on a separate application.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

Archery-Only Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
No Hunt	Aug 21 - Sep 10, 2009	(14)	1	Any antlered deer	0	-190
No Hunt	Aug 21 - Sep 10, 2009	(14,25)	3A and 3C	Any antlered deer	0	-150
No Hunt	Aug 21 - Sep 10, 2009	(14,18)	7	Any antlered deer	0	-400
	Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(2,14,17)	12A (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED) and 12B	Any antlered deer	850	-240
	Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(13,14)	13A	Any antlered deer	40	0
	Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(13,14)	13B	Any antlered deer	30	0

Archery-Only Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
				Total	920	-980

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Archery Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,6,11,18,20,21, 22)	1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11M, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A (except Mohave County Park Lands), 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19A, 19B, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21 (except Cave Creek Recreation Area), 22, 23, 24A, 24B, 27, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), 35B, 36A, 36B, and 36C	Any antlered deer
Jan 1 - Jan 14, 2011	(18)	4A, 4B, 8, 9, and 19A	Any antlered deer
Dec 10, 2010 - Jan 31, 2011	(6,7,8,9,10,11,13, 15,16,19,21,23,24)	10, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20B, 20C, 21 (except Cave Creek Recreation Area), 24A, 24B, 25M, 26M, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), 35B, 36A, 36B, 36C, 37B, 38M (including Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area), 39, 40A, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, 44A, 44B, and 47M	Any antlered deer
Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2011	(6,22)	16A (except Mohave County Park lands), 17A, 20A, 22, 23, 27, 37A, 42, 45A, 45B, and 45C	Any antlered deer
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any antlered deer
Aug 20, 2010 - Jan 31, 2011	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Archery Deer nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to deer hunting only to properly licensed hunters who meet the qualifications as “Authorized Participants” according to the installation hunting policies outlined on the Camp Navajo website. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Hunters must agree to the Camp Navajo hunting policies during the required registration at http://www.campnavajo.com/index.php?which_page=recreation. After registering, hunters will gain access to the hunt numbers required when submitting the application. All hunters are required to show proof of attendance to a hunter safety education course during paperwork submission for the Camp Navajo permit. Increases in Force Protection Conditions, training missions and industrial operations may result in partial or complete hunt cancellation at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
2. A Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp is required for all Unit 12A (North Kaibab) deer hunters. Stamps are available at a cost of $15.00 at all Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or wherever hunting licenses are sold. All 12A North Kaibab deer hunters shall have this stamp attached to their hunting license. Stamps cannot be obtained through the draw process. Successful Unit 12A (North Kaibab) firearms deer hunters must check out and personally present their deer for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station in accordance with R12-4-308. A check station will not be operated during the Unit 12A (North Kaibab) CHAMP, muzzleloader, or archery deer seasons.
3. 12A East Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located east of AZ Hwy 67 and south of U.S. Hwy 89A.
4. 12A West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located west of AZ Hwy 67 and also that portion of Unit 12A located north of U.S. Hwy 89A.
5. 12B West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12B beginning at the Arizona-Utah Stateline and BLM Rd. 1065; south on BLM 1065 to U.S. Hwy 89A; west on U.S. Hwy 89A to Kaibab National Forest boundary; north then west then south on the Kaibab National Forest boundary to Kanab Creek; north on Kanab Creek to the Arizona-Utah Stateline; east on the Arizona-Utah Stateline to BLM 1065.
6. The Buenos Aires, Cibola, Imperial, and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to deer hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.

7. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.

8. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to deer hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit and coordination with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must check in with the YPG Hunting Program by calling the toll-free number prior to conducting any hunting activities on the range. Occassionaly, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148, or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.

9. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to deer hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Juniors only hunts are only open to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian dependents holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.

10. The Santa Rita Wildlife Area in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.

11. Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.

12. An "antlerless deer" is a deer, any age, without antlers.

13. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

14. Archery deer hunters who received a hunt permit-tag through the draw process are not required to call the toll free Archery Deer Harvest Reporting telephone number to report their deer kill. We encourage hunters to return the Hunter Survey they will receive in the mail. Unit 12A archery deer hunters are not required to check their deer for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station.

15. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.

16. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.

17. Individuals with permits for these hunts are eligible to purchase Restricted Nonpermit tags for the corresponding javelina or buffalo population management seasons listed in Commission Order 26.

18. The U.S. Forest Service has expressed concern regarding road damage during wet weather. The Department is working with the U.S. Forest Service to provide limited access via designated core roads in units 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, and 9 that will remain open during periods when other roads may be closed. When weather is deemed severe, the core roads may also be closed to prevent excessive road damage, provide for public safety, and protect natural resources. Roads that have been closed are closed to all users. Hunters should respect and obey road closures and drive responsibly during wet periods. It is recommended that hunters contact the appropriate Forest Service office to determine current road status for their hunt area (see the Index: Hunting on Public Lands).

19. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).

20. In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only. Written permission may be obtained at the Ranch headquarters located west of AZ Highway 87 at mile post 333.

21. Unit 31 and 32 hunts - Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm.

22. The area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, is open to public entry and the taking of deer during open season.

23. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

24. Archery deer hunters planning to hunt in the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area in Unit 38M must check in with the Arizona Game and Fish Department Tucson Regional Office prior to going afield.

25. Unit 3C Hunts – For all hunts that include that portion of Unit 3C south of State Route 260. Due to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire there are Special Restrictions (per Forest Order) in place: 1) Vehicle access is allowed only on open roads that are marked with white arrows; 2) Cross-country travel with any type of motorized vehicles is not allowed; 3)Use of motor vehicles to retrieve big game (elk, deer) is only permitted within 300 feet of open roads (those marked with white arrows).

26. Unit 39 - Base and Meridian, Robbins Butte, and Powers Butte Wildlife Areas are closed to discharge of centerfire rifled firearms.

27. Hopi Trust lands in Units 4A, 5A, and 5B are open to both state and Hopi hunters under an agreement with the Hopi Tribe. A percentage of tags are set aside for Hopi Tribal member hunters. Hunt numbers for these hunts must be obtained from the Hopi Tribe Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program by calling (928) 734-3606 or (928) 734-3605. Non-Hopi Tribal members cannot apply for these hunts. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department on the standard form by the published deadline. The Hopi Wildlife and Ecosystems Management program has requested that all deer hunters for these hunts provide a sample for Chronic Wasting Disease testing. Please call 928-734-3606/3605 if you have any questions.

DEFINITION: ANTLERED - means having an antler fully erupted through the skin and capable of being shed as defined in R12-4-101.

DEER BAG LIMIT: One (1) deer per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

ARCHERY DEER SPECIAL REGULATION: All Archery hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person, or by telephone (1-866-903-DEER [3337]), within ten (10) days of taking a deer pursuant to R12-4-308.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 5: Turkey

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		1	Any turkey	725	100
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		3C	Any turkey	100	100
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		4A and 4B	Any turkey	575	0
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		5A	Any turkey	450	50
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010	(2)	5B North	Any turkey	35	0
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010	(4)	5B South	Any turkey	125	50
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		6A	Any turkey	525	50
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010	(1)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any turkey	350	50
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		7	Any turkey	350	100
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		8 and 10	Any turkey	650	25
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		9	Any turkey	75	25
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		12A	Any turkey	1000	0
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010	(3)	13A	Any turkey	5	0
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010	(3)	13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any turkey	5	0
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		17A, 17B, and 18B	Any turkey	25	0
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		22	Any turkey	225	50
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		23	Any turkey	700	0
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		27	Any turkey	900	100
				Total	6820	700

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only Nonpermit Tag Required (Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot) Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2010		1, 4A, 4B, 6A, 8, 12A, 23, and 27	Any turkey	0
				Total	0

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Turkey nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1)	1, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11M, 12A, 17A, 17B, 18B, 20A, 22, 23, and 27	Any turkey
Aug 27 - Sep 9, 2010	(1)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any turkey

LAWFUL TAKING DEVICES: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Archery Turkey hunt nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to turkey hunting only to properly licensed hunters who meet the qualifications as “Authorized Participants” according to the installation hunting policies outlined on the Camp Navajo website. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Hunters must agree to the Camp Navajo hunting policies during the required registration at http://www.campnavajo.com/index.php?which_page=recreation. After registering, hunters will gain access to the hunt numbers required when submitting the application. All hunters are required to show proof of attendance to a hunter safety education course during paperwork submission for the Camp Navajo permit. Increases in Force Protection Conditions, training missions and industrial operations may result in partial or complete hunt cancellation at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
2. 5B North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located north of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
4. 5B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located south of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.

TURKEY BAG LIMIT: One (1) turkey per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 6: Javelina

Juniors-Only Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 8 - Oct 17, 2010	(2)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any javelina	50	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 17, 2010		17B	Any javelina	50	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010		18B	Any javelina	75	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 17, 2010		20A	Any javelina	75	0
No Hunt	Oct 9 - Oct 15, 2009	(2,5,7)	28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, and 32	Any javelina	0	-150
	Nov 19 - Nov 25, 2010	(2,5,7)	28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, and 32	Any javelina	100	0
No Hunt	Oct 9 - Oct 15, 2009		33	Any javelina	0	-100
	Nov 19 - Nov 25, 2010		33	Any javelina	75	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(1,4)	34A, 34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), and 35B	Any javelina	50	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 25, 2010	(1,4)	34A, 34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), and 35B	Any javelina	50	0
No Hunt	Nov 20 - Nov 26, 2009	(2)	36A, 36B, and 36C	Any javelina	0	-50
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(2)	36A, 36B, and 36C	Any javelina	50	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 14, 2010	(3,6)	37A and 37B	Any javelina	100	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 25, 2010	(3,6)	37A and 37B	Any javelina	100	0
	Nov 19 - Nov 28, 2010		39	Any javelina	25	25
				Total	800	-275

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

Juniors-Only (Muzzleloader) Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
No Hunt	Nov 20 - Nov 29, 2009		39	Any javelina	0	-10
				Total	0	-10

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

Juniors-Only (Archery-Only) Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
No Hunt	Nov 6 - Nov 15, 2009		39	Any javelina	0	-15
				Total	0	-15

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only (Archery-Only) Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

Notes:

1. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to javelina hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: IMWE-HUA-PWB (Hunting), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7010, www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html, (520) 533-2549 or dis-enrd@conus.army.mil.
2. The Buenos Aires Refuge is open to javelina hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
4. The Santa Rita Wildlife Area in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
5. Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.
6. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at (602) 267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
7. Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 7: Bighorn Sheep

General Bighorn Sheep

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,12,15)	9 and 10	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,8,9,12,13,15)	12A and 12B West	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,8,10,13)	12B East	Any ram	4	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,8,12,13)	13A	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,8,13)	13B (north of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any ram	4	0
	Nov 16 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,8,12,13,15)	13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,12)	15A and 15B (east of Temple Bar Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,13)	15B (west of Temple Bar Road)	Any ram	4	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,13)	15C (north of Cottonwood Road)	Any ram	4	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,12)	15C (south of Cottonwood Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,13)	15D	Any ram	9	3
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,13)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,13)	16B	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1)	22	Any ram	3	2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1)	24B North (north and west of AZ Hwy 88)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1)	24B South (south and east of AZ Hwy 88)	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1)	28 (south of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,13,14)	31 and 32	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,13)	37A	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1)	39 (west of Old AZ Hwy 80)	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,3,13)	40B Gila Mtns (north of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	2	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,3,13)	40B Mohawk and Copper Mtns (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,3)	40B Tinajas Altas Mtns (south of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,13)	41E (east of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd [Clanton Hills Rd])	Any ram	2	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,4,13)	41W (west of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd [Clanton Hills Rd] and south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	2	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,4)	43A (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,4,13)	43B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	5	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1)	44A East (Harquahala Mtns, Little Harquahala Mtns, Black Mtns, Harcuvar Mtns, and Granite Wash Mtns)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2)	44A West (west of Swansea Rd. and south of Bill Williams River Rd.)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,13)	44B (north of I-10)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2)	44B (south of I-10 and that portion of 45A and 45B north of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2)	45A (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,13)	45B (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	1	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,13)	45C (Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,3,5)	46A (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,3,5,13)	46B (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	5	0
	Nov 1 - Nov 30, 2010	(1,6)	Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27	Any ram	1	0

General Bighorn Sheep

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,11)	Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 15, 2010	(1,13)	27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 16 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,13)	27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,7,13)	Foote Creek Hunt Area in Unit 27 North	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2010		6A	Any ram	1	1
				Total	97	10

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) Bighorn Sheep hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Notes:

1. All bighorn sheep hunters must personally check out within 3 days following the close of the season at any Department office in accordance with R12-4-308. Unsuccessful hunters and those who did not hunt must also check out either in person or by telephone at any Department office.
2. The Bill Williams River, Cabeza Prieta, Havasu, Imperial and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to bighorn sheep hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
3. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
4. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to bighorn sheep hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit and coordination with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must check in with the YPG Hunting Program by calling the toll-free number prior to conducting any hunting activities on the range. Occassionaly, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148, or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
5. Due to travel restrictions in the Wilderness Area, those persons interested in hunting bighorn sheep on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge should contact the Refuge Manager (520) 387-6483 for information regarding special refuge regulations prior to applying.
6. Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27 - That portion of Unit 1 and 27 beginning at the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary and State Highway 260; east on State Highway 260 to State Highway 180/191; south on State Highway 180/191 to FR 25; northwest on FR 25 to FR 25D; west on FR 25D to San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary: north on San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary to Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary; north on Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary to State Highway 260.
7. Foote Creek Hunt Area in Unit 27 North - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 180 and the New Mexico state line; south along the New Mexico state line to FR 232; west on FR 232 to FR 281; south on FR 281 to Forest Trail 75; west on Forest Trail 75 to Forest Trail 76; west on Forest Trail 76 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to U.S. Hwy 180; east on U.S. Hwy 180 to the New Mexico state line.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
9. 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM road 1065 and north of U.S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S.Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.
10. 12B East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying east of BLM road 1065 and north of the segment of U.S. Hwy 89A between the Kaibab National Forest Boundary easterly to Navajo Bridge.
11. Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and Forest Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow; east-northeast on Forest Trail 76 to Forest Trail 75; east on Forest Trail 75 through Grant Creek drainage to FR 281 (the Blue Road); north on FR road 281 to Forest Trail 52; east-southeast on Forest Trail 52 in Lanphier Canyon to Forest Trail 55; south-southwest on Forest Trail 55 through Bear Valley to Blue River; north-northwest in Blue River to Forest Trail 20; west on Forest Trail 20 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to Forest Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow.
12. This unit has a low density bighorn sheep population in a remote area with difficult access. Hunters should be prepared for backcountry camping and extensive strenuous hiking in an extremely remote, harsh hunting environment.
13. Non-residents: Permits are available within these hunt numbers for which you may be drawn in accordance with R12-4-114(E).
14. Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4450 or https://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm.
15. This unit is remote, with limited road (or no road) access and difficult terrain. Hunt success has averaged less than 70%. Hunters should be prepared for back country camping and extensive, strenuous hiking.

BIGHORN BAG LIMIT: One (1) desert bighorn sheep in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120. One (1) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

DEFINITION: RAM - means any male bighorn sheep, excluding male lambs.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 8: Buffalo

General Buffalo

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
No Hunt	Oct 23 - Oct 25, 2009	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Yearling buffalo only	0	-2
	Sep 24 - Sep 26, 2010	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Yearling buffalo only	2	0
	Oct 8 - Oct 10, 2010	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Yearling buffalo only	2	0
				Total	4	-2

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire handguns, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304. Note that bow and arrow or centerfire handguns may NOT be used at Raymond Wildlife Area.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Buffalo hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Notes:

1. A hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd shall be accompanied by an authorized Department employee who shall designate the animal to be harvested and shall hunt in the order scheduled by the Department in accordance with R12-4-306. Hunters that desire a more challenging hunt should apply for the House Rock Wildlife Area hunts.
2. An unsuccessful hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful buffalo hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within five business days after taking the buffalo either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the buffalo taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information. (R12-4-306).
3. Successful applicants will be contacted in writing by the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide them with additional information regarding their hunt.

BUFFALO BAG LIMIT: One (1) buffalo in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

HOUSE ROCK BUFFALO HUNT SPECIAL NOTE: During the fall and spring hunts at the House Rock Wildlife Area (HRWA), a significant portion of the herd has in the past moved to the Grand Canyon National Park where hunting is not allowed. Hunters are advised that if this occurs, their ability to successfully harvest a buffalo may be significantly impacted. As with any hunt, circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Game and Fish Department may prevent the permit holder from being successful. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission disclaims any responsibility to reissue or replace a permit, to reinstate bonus points, to refund any fees, or to provide any other form of relief.

The HRWA buffalo hunt is considered to be one of the most difficult hunts in the state. Buffalo can be difficult to locate. Plan on spending the entire season hunting, as an abbreviated hunt will lower your chances of success. Buffalo hunters must dress and care for their own animals; the Department will not assist. Take time to improve your physical condition. Hunters are often required to walk considerable distances (up to 8 miles) every day over rugged terrain. House Rock hunters should be prepared for remote and primitive conditions.

High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Some portions of HRWA are included in the U.S. Forest Service wilderness system that does not preclude hunter access but does limit their means of transportation and equipment usage. For more information, call the Flagstaff Regional Office at 928-774-5045.

BUFFALO SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Buffalo meat taken under this Order may be sold as prescribed in R12-4-305. SEE BUFFALO HUNT REGULATIONS UNDER R12-4-306.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 9: Bear

General Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Limit
Aug 6 - Aug 19, 2010	(1,2,10)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Aug 6 - Aug 19, 2010	(1,2,10)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10,12)	3C	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Nov 5 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	4A and 5A	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	5B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	6A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	6A	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Aug 6 - Aug 19, 2010	(1,2,10)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	7 and 9	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	8	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	10, 18A, 19B, 20A, and 20B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	17A, 17B, and 18B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,8,10)	21	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,3,10)	22 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Aug 6 - Aug 19, 2010	1,2,4,10,11	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	1,2,4,10,11	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	1,2,4,10,11	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,5,10)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Aug 6 - Aug 19, 2010	(1,2,6,10)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,6,10)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,6,10)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	24B	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	11
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	28	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,10)	29 and 30A	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,9,10)	31	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,9,10)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
			Total	87

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Archery-Only Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Limit
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	3C	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 20 - Sep 26, 2010	(1,2,10)	6B (except Camp Navajo) and 11M	Any bear except sows with cubs	1

Archery-Only Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Limit
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,3,10)	22 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,5,10)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1,2,10)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	6
Aug 20 - Sep 30, 2010	(1,2,9,10)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 20 - Sep 30, 2010	(1,2,10)	34A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,2,7,10)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any bear except sows with cubs	
			Total	20

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. No person shall knowingly use any substance as bait at any time to attract or take bear.
2. When the number of female bears equaling the female harvest limit for a particular hunt has been reported killed, by either hunters or the Department, the unit(s) will be closed at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open. The female harvest limit is combined for Unit 35A/35B and Fort Huachuca hunts, and both hunts will close when the female harvest limit is reached for Unit 35A/35B.
3. 22 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located north of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
4. 22 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located south of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the east Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
5. 23 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located north of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
6. 23 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located south of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
7. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to bear hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: IMWE-HUA-PWB (Hunting), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7010, www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html, (520) 533-2549 or dis-enrd@conus.army.mil.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
9. Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4400 or www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm.
10. Annual Female Harvest Limit – If the Annual Female Harvest Limit for a given unit is met during a calendar year, that unit or portion thereof will close to bear hunting for the current and future bear seasons during that calendar year. The Annual Female Harvest Limit is comprised of any female bear killed by a hunter or the Department. Refer to the table below for the Annual Female Harvest Limit by unit.
11. The area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, is open to public entry and the taking of bear during open season.
12. Unit 3C Hunts – For all hunts that include that portion of Unit 3C south of State Route 260. Due to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire there are Special Restrictions (per Forest Order) in place: 1) Vehicle access is allowed only on open roads that are marked with white arrows; 2) Cross-country travel with any type of motorized vehicles is not allowed; 3)Use of motor vehicles to retrieve big game (elk, deer) is only permitted within 300 feet of open roads (those marked with white arrows).

BEAR BAG LIMIT: One (1) bear per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

BEAR SPECIAL REGULATIONS: As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) within 48 hours of taking a bear. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the bear taken, management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a bear, the hunter shall present the bear's skull, hide, and attached proof of sex to a designated Arizona Game and Fish Department employee for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

BEAR SPECIAL NOTE: In accordance with R12-4-305(H), an individual may retain the carcass of a bear taken under ARS 17-302 when the season is closed.

ANNUAL FEMALE HARVEST LIMIT (refer to Note 10)					
Unit	Limit	Unit	Limit	Unit	Limit
1,2A,2B,2C	12	8	5	24A	8
3B	10	10, 18A, 19B, 20A,20B	2	24B	2
3C	4	17A,17B,18B	2	27	25
4A,5A	8	19A	4	28	5
4B	4	21	8	29, 30A	10
5B	2	22N	10	31	9
6A	7	22S	4	32	6
6B	4	23N	15	35A (FTHU), 35B	7
7, 9	2	23S	12		

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 10: Mountain Lion

General Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Multiple Bag Limit
Aug 20, 2010 - May 19, 2011	;,5,8,9,10,11,	Statewide (except National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M, and any hunt listed below in Commission Order 10 with a multiple bag limit)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2,9)	6A South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	15
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2,5,13)	13B South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2)	15B (west of Temple Bar Rd), 15C, and 15D	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2,14)	16A South and 18B South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	15
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2,15)	Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	5
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2,8)	Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2,5,10)	40A	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	4
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2)	42 (south of the Buckeye-Aguila Rd and west of 355th Ave)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	2
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(2)	44A (east of Cunningham Wash)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	4
			Total	75

General Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Multiple Bag Limit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Mountain Lion nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Archery-Only Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Multiple Bag Limit
Aug 20, 2010 - May 19, 2011	(4,6,7)	11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	
			Total	

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Mountain Lion nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open for mountain lion hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. For more information on Camp Navajo hunting opportunities go to www.campnavajo.com and select Hunting. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters holding these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
2. When the number of mountain lions equaling the multiple bag limit for a particular hunt has been reported, that hunt will revert to the statewide bag limit of one (1) lion per calendar year at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to determine if the multiple bag limit for their desired hunt unit is still in effect.
3. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to mountain lion hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occassionaly, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148, or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
4. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
5. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the city of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
7. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
8. Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR trail 20; east on FR trail 20 to Blue River; south in Blue river to FR trail 55; east-northeast on FR trail 55 to FR trail 41; east-southeast on FR trail 41 to the Arizona-New Mexico stateline; south on the Arizona-New Mexico stateline to the San Francisco River; west in the San Francisco River to Blue River; north in Blue River to FR 475 (the Juan Miller road); west on FR 475 to U.S. Hwy 191; north U.S. Hwy 191 to FR trail 20.
9. 6A South Hunt Area - That portion of 6A east of I-17 and south of FR 213 (Stoneman Lake Road).
10. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
11. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).

12. The area within the fenced enclosure inside the loop formed by Tonto National Forest Road 647, also known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure, is open to public entry and the taking of mountain lion during open season.

13. 13B South Hunt Area - That portion of Unit 13B south of the following line: beginning at the junction of the Arizona/Nevada state line and county road 101. Northeast along county road 101 to county road 5. Southerly on county road 5 to county road 257. Southerly on county road 257 to BLM road 1045. Southerly on BLM road 1045 to the bottom of Whitmore Canyon. South in Whitmore Canyon to the Colorado River.

14. Unit 16A South and 18B South Hunt Area - Those portions of Units 16A and 18B beginning in Wikieup at Chicken Springs Road and U.S. Hwy 93; north on U.S. Hwy 93 for 2.2 miles to Pump Station Road; east on Pump Station Road for 0.9 miles to Back Road; north on Back Road for 1.8 miles to Boner Canyon Road (unmarked); northeast on Boner Canyon Road to Bogles Ranch Road near SV Ranch headquarters (stay right at each road fork); south on Bogles Ranch Road for 3.5 miles to Black Canyon drainage; northeast in Black Canyon drainage to Francis Creek; southeast on Francis Creek to Burro Creek; northeast on Burro Creek to Conger Creek; southeast on Conger Creek to Conger Springhead; south on access road to Bozarth Mesa Road; east on Bozarth Mesa Road to Camp Wood (Yolo) Road, the Unit 17B-18B boundary; southwest on Camp Wood Road to AZ Hwy 96 in Bagdad; southeast on AZ Hwy 96 to the Santa Maria River; southwest along Santa Maria River to Alamo Lake; westerly along the north shore of Alamo Lake to Alamo Road; northwest on Alamo Road to Chicken Springs Road; southeast on Chicken Springs Road to U.S. Hwy 93.

15. Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR trail 76 at Hannagan Meadow; east-northeast on FR trail 76 to FR trail 75; east on FR trail 75 through Grant Creek drainage to FR 281 (the Blue Road); north on FR road 281 to FR trail 52; east-southeast on FR trail 52, in Lanphier Canyon, to FR trail 55; south-southwest on FR trail 55 through Bear Valley to Blue River; north-northwest in Blue River to FR trail 20; west on FR trail 20 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to FR Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow.

MOUNTAIN LION BAG LIMIT: One (1) mountain lion per calendar year statewide. In units with a multiple bag limit, hunters may take one (1) mountain lion per day until the multiple bag limit is reached. Once the multiple bag limit has been reached, the season will remain open and revert to calendar year bag limit of one (1) mountain lion. Mountain lions taken under the one (1) per day multiple bag limit do not apply towards the calendar year bag limit until the multiple bag limit is reached.

MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL REGULATION: As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-877-438-0447 within 48 hours of taking a lion. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the lion taken, management unit where the lion was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a lion, the hunter shall present the lions skull, hide, and attached proof of sex for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL NOTE: Hunters may encounter mountain lions wearing radio collars around Flagstaff, Prescott, Payson, Tucson, and western Maricopa County. The lions instrumented with these collars are part of several ongoing research projects. The collars are used to track lion movements as researchers try to learn how the lions use various habitat types and urban interface areas. The longevity of these lions is important to the ongoing research, and data collected will help to improve Arizona's management of lions in the future. If you would like more information about any of these research efforts please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department Research Branch at (623) 236-7247. Also, if one of these animals is harvested, the hunter is asked to return the collar, as well as any other marking device, such as an ear tag, to a Department office or officer when doing the required physical check-in of the carcass parts.

MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL NOTE: In accordance with R12-4-305(H), an individual may retain the carcass of a lion taken under ARS 17-302 when the season is closed.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 11: Tree Squirrel

General Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 11M)	Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011		31	Tassel-eared tree squirrel
Sep 1, 2010 - May 31, 2011		33	Tassel-eared tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(2)	11M	Any tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Archery-Only Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Aug 20 - Sep 30, 2010	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B)	Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel
Aug 20 - Sep 9, 2010	(1)	12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B	Any tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
2. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.

TREE SQUIRREL BAG LIMIT: Five (5) tree squirrels per day.

TREE SQUIRREL POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) tree squirrels of which no more than five (5) may be taken in any one day.

2011-2012 Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 11: Tree Squirrel

General Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 30 - Dec 31, 2011	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 11M)	Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012		31	Tassel-eared tree squirrel
Sep 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012		33	Tassel-eared tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 30 - Dec 31, 2011	(2)	11M	Any tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Archery-Only Tree Squirrel

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Aug 19 - Sep 29, 2011	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B)	Any tree squirrel except the Mount Graham red squirrel
Aug 19 - Sep 8, 2011	(1)	12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B	Any tree squirrel

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
2. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.

TREE SQUIRREL BAG LIMIT: Five (5) tree squirrels per day.

TREE SQUIRREL POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) tree squirrels of which no more than five (5) may be taken in any one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 12: Cottontail Rabbit

General Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(1,5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Any cottontail rabbit
Sep 1, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(2)	Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges	Any cottontail rabbit
Oct 8, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(2)	Kofa National Wildlife Refuge	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. The use of rifled firearms is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(3,4,5,6,7,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(3)	11M	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit.Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Building 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148 or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
2. National Wildlife Refuges are open to cottontail rabbit hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations. The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs .
3. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
4. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
5. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
7. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.

8. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.

9. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).

10. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) cottontail rabbits per day.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) cottontail rabbits of which no more than ten (10) may be taken in any one day.

2011-2012 Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 12: Cottontail Rabbit

General Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011- Jun 30, 2012	(1,5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Any cottontail rabbit
Sep 1, 2011- Feb 5, 2012	(2)	Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges	Any cottontail rabbit
Oct 7, 2011- Feb 5, 2012	(2)	Kofa National Wildlife Refuge	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304. The use of rifled firearms is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Buenos Aires, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011- Jun 30, 2012	(3,4,5,6,7,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Cottontail Rabbit

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011- Jun 30, 2012	(3)	11M	Any cottontail rabbit

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit.Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Building 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148 or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
2. National Wildlife Refuges are open to cottontail rabbit hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations. The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs .
3. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
4. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
5. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
7. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
8. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
9. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
10. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) cottontail rabbits per day.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) cottontail rabbits of which no more than ten (10) may be taken in any one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 13: Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

General Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(1,8,11,12)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Coyote and skunks
Aug 20, 2010 - May 31, 2011	(2)	Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge	Coyote and skunks
Oct 8, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(2)	Kofa and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges	Coyote and foxes
Aug 1, 2010 - Mar 31, 2011	(1,3,4,8,11,12)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(5,6,8,9,10,13)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Coyote and skunks
Aug 1, 2010 - Mar 31, 2011	(3,4,5,6,8,9,10,13)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, and bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, and R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(5)	11M	Coyote and skunks
Aug 1, 2010 - Mar 31, 2011	(3,4,5)	11M	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, and bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Pursuit-Only Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1 - Jul 31, 2010 and Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2011	(1,7,8,12)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Raccoon

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: An individual participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons but shall not kill or capture the quarry as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Building 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148 or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
2. The Buenos Aires, Kofa, and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges are open to predatory and fur-bearing mammal hunting. A refuge permit may be required; contact the individual refuges for their regulations (see Index: Hunting on Public Lands).
3. Any raw bobcat pelt sold or exported must have attached permit tag in accordance with R12-4-305.
4. Raccoon may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light; however the light may not be attached to or operated from a vehicle.
5. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
6. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
7. A person participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons, but shall not kill or capture the quarry, pursuant to R12-4-318.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
9. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
10. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
11. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
12. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
13. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS BAG LIMIT: Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season, an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.

PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season, an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.

2011-2012 Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 13: Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

General Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(1,8,11,12)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Coyote and skunks
Aug 19, 2011 - May 31, 2012	(2)	Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge	Coyote and skunks
Oct 7, 2011 - Feb 5, 2012	(2)	Kofa and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges	Coyote and foxes
Aug 1, 2011 - Mar 31, 2012	(1,3,4,8,11,12)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(5,6,8,9,10,13)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Coyote and skunks
Aug 1, 2011 - Mar 31, 2012	(3,4,5,6,8,9,10,13)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, and bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, and R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(5)	11M	Coyote and skunks
Aug 1, 2011 - Mar 31, 2012	(3,4,5)	11M	Raccoon, bobcat, foxes, ringtail, weasel and badger

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, and bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Pursuit-Only Predatory & Fur-bearing Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1 - Jul 31, 2011 and Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2012	(1,7,8,12)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Raccoon

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: An individual participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons but shall not kill or capture the quarry as prescribed in R12-4-318.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Building 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148 or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
2. The Buenos Aires, Kofa, and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges are open to predatory and fur-bearing mammal hunting. A refuge permit may be required; contact the individual refuges for their regulations (see Index: Hunting on Public Lands).
3. Any raw bobcat pelt sold or exported must have attached permit tag in accordance with R12-4-305.

4. Raccoon may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light; however the light may not be attached to or operated from a vehicle.
5. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
6. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
7. A person participating in a "pursuit-only" season may use dogs to pursue raccoons, but shall not kill or capture the quarry, pursuant to R12-4-318.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
9. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
10. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
11. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
12. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
13. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS BAG LIMIT: Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season, an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.

PREDATORY & FUR-BEARING MAMMALS POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited. In the "pursuit-only" season, an individual shall not kill or capture any mammal.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 14: Other Birds & Mammals

General Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(1,5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Sep 1 - Dec 31, 2010	(1,5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Crow
Sep 1, 2010 - Mar 31, 2011	(5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Coati
Jul 1, 2010 - Mar 31, 2011 and Jun 16 - Jun 30, 2011	(5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 29, 30A, 30B, 34A, 34B, 35A, 35B, 38M, and 47M)	Gunnison's prairie dog
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(1,2,5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(3,4,5,6,7,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(3,4,5,6,7,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(3)	11M	House (English) sparrow and European starling

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2010 - Jun 30, 2011	(3)	11M	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-303, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Building 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148 or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
2. Other mammals may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light as prescribed in R12-4-304E. No firearms may be used at night.
3. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
4. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
5. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
7. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
8. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
9. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
10. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS BAG LIMIT: Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year. House (English) sparrows, European starlings and mammals of the Orders Rodentia (except beaver, black-tailed prairie dog, muskrat, porcupine or tree squirrel) and Insectivora may be taken alive and held in captivity pursuant to R12-4-404.

OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year.

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Commission Order 14: Other Birds & Mammals

General Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(1,5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Sep 1 - Dec 31, 2011	(1,5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Crow
Sep 1, 2011 - Mar 31, 2012	(5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Coati
Jul 1, 2011 - Mar 31, 2012 and Jun 16 - Jun 30, 2012	(5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 29, 30A, 30B, 34A, 34B, 35A, 35B, 38M, and 47M)	Gunnison's prairie dog
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(1,2,5,8,9)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, Gunnison's prairie dog, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Rimfire Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(3,4,5,6,7,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(3,4,5,6,7,10)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Rimfire rifled firearms, shotgun, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-301, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Other Birds & Mammals

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(3)	11M	House (English) sparrow and European starling
Jul 1, 2011 - Jun 30, 2012	(3)	11M	All mammals EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing mammals, predatory mammals, bats, coati, black-footed ferret, Hualapai vole, black-tailed prairie dog, jaguar, jaguarundi, ocelot, otter, porcupine and wolves

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, sling shots, traps and falconry as prescribed in R12-4-303, R12-4-304, R12-4-307, R12-4-318, and R12-4-422.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Building 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148 or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
2. Other mammals may be taken at night with the aid of artificial light as prescribed in R12-4-304E. No firearms may be used at night.
3. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
4. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is limited to archery only.
5. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
7. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
8. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
9. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
10. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS BAG LIMIT: Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year. House (English) sparrows, European starlings and mammals of the Orders Rodentia (except beaver, black-tailed prairie dog, muskrat, porcupine or tree squirrel) and Insectivora may be taken alive and held in captivity pursuant to R12-4-404.

OTHER BIRDS & MAMMALS POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited, except for coati which is one (1) per calendar year.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 15: Pheasant

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Sep 17 - Sep 19, 2010	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	40
	Sep 24 - Sep 26, 2010	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	40
	Oct 1 - Oct 3, 2010	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	40
	Oct 8 - Oct 10, 2010	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	40
				Total	160

WHEN APPLYING FOR HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, crossbow, and bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license plus Pheasant hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.

Juniors-Only Limited Weapon Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Sep 10 - Sep 12, 2010	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any pheasant	30
				Total	30

WHEN APPLYING FOR HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license plus Pheasant hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday.

JUNIORS-ONLY LIMITED WEAPON SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.

Archery-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 1, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(2)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any pheasant

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license.

PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants per day.

PHEASANT POSSESSION LIMIT: Four (4) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.

Falconry-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 1, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(2)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any pheasant

Falconry-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license plus Sport Falconry License as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.

PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants per day.

PHEASANT POSSESSION LIMIT: Four (4) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.

Notes:

1. For the Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant application acceptance date see the Table of Contents: Application Info and Fees. Submitting your application before the acceptance date will result in your application being rejected.
2. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

2011-2012 Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 15: Pheasant

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
11001	Sep 16 - Sep 18, 2011	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	40
11002	Sep 23 - Sep 25, 2011	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	40
11003	Sep 30 - Oct 2, 2011	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	40
11004	Oct 7 - Oct 9, 2011	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any rooster pheasant	40
				Total	160

WHEN APPLYING FOR HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!
LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot, crossbow, and bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license plus Pheasant hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.
LIMITED WEAPON-SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.

Juniors-Only Limited Weapon Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
11005	Sep 9 - Sep 11, 2011	(1)	40B (Yuma Valley, west of East Main Canal)	Any pheasant	30
				Total	30

WHEN APPLYING FOR HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!
LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.
LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license plus Pheasant hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.
ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday.
JUNIORS-ONLY LIMITED WEAPON SHOTGUN SHOOTING SHOT PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants. Each pheasant possessed shall have a hunt permit-tag attached.

Archery-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 30, 2011 - Feb 5, 2012	(2)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any pheasant

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.
LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license.
PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants per day.
PHEASANT POSSESSION LIMIT: Four (4) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.

Falconry-Only Pheasant

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 30, 2011 - Feb 5, 2012	(2)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges, and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any pheasant

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.
LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license plus Sport Falconry License as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.
PHEASANT BAG LIMIT: Two (2) pheasants per day.
PHEASANT POSSESSION LIMIT: Four (4) pheasants of which no more than two (2) may be taken in any one day.

Notes:

1. For the Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Pheasant application acceptance date see the Table of Contents: Application Info and Fees. Submitting your application before the acceptance date will result in your application being rejected.
2. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 16: Quail

General Quail

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 1, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(1,3,4,5,6,7)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Gambel's, Scaled and California quail
Oct 1, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(2)	Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges	Gambel's, Scaled and California quail
Nov 26, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(3,4,5,6,7)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Mearns' quail

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

GENERAL QUAIL BAG LIMIT: Fifteen (15) quail per day in the aggregate of which no more than eight (8) may be Mearns' quail.

GENERAL QUAIL POSSESSION LIMIT: Thirty (30) quail in the aggregate after opening day of which no more than fifteen (15) Gambel's, Scaled, or California quail in the aggregate may be taken in any one day. After Mearns' season opens, the 30 quail possession limit may include Mearns' quail of which no more than eight (8) may be taken in any one day.

GENERAL QUAIL SPECIAL NOTE: Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.

Falconry-Only Quail

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 1 - Oct 1, 2010	(3,6,7)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Any quail
Jul 1, 2010 - Mar 31, 2011	(3,4,5,8)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any quail

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license license plus Sport Falconry License as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL BAG LIMIT: Three (3) quail per day.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) quail of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL SPECIAL NOTE: Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Building 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148 or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
2. National Wildlife Refuges are open to quail hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations.The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs.
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
4. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
5. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.

6. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.

7. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).

8. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

2011-2012 Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 16: Quail

General Quail

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 30, 2011 - Feb 5, 2012	(1,3,4,5,6,7)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Gambel's, Scaled and California quail
Sep 30, 2011 - Feb 5, 2012	(2)	Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, Imperial, Kofa, and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges	Gambel's, Scaled and California quail
Nov 25, 2011 - Feb 5, 2012	(3,4,5,6,7)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Mearns' quail

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-301 and R12-4-304.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.
GENERAL QUAIL BAG LIMIT: Fifteen (15) quail per day in the aggregate of which no more than eight (8) may be Mearns' quail.
GENERAL QUAIL POSSESSION LIMIT: Thirty (30) quail in the aggregate after opening day of which no more than fifteen (15) Gambel's, Scaled,or California quail in the aggregate may be taken in any one day. After Mearns' season opens, the 30 quail possession limit may include Mearns' quail of which no more than eight (8) may be taken in any one day.
GENERAL QUAIL SPECIAL NOTE: Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.

Falconry-Only Quail

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 1 - Oct 1, 2011	(3,6,7)	Open areas Statewide (including Walnut Canyon Enclosure in Unit 22; excluding National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands, and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M)	Any quail
Jul 1, 2011 - Mar 31, 2012	(3,4,5,8)	25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any quail

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Falconry as defined in R12-4-101 and as prescribed in R12-4-318.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license license plus Sport Falconry License as prescribed in R12-4-422 or R12-4-407.
FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL BAG LIMIT: Three (3) quail per day.
FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) quail of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.
FALCONRY-ONLY QUAIL SPECIAL NOTE: Quail hunters are reminded that A.R.S. 17-309 requires wildlife in possession be identifiable as to species. Commission Rule R12-4-305 states that for a person transporting or possessing quail, that each quail have attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached.

Notes:

1. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Building 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148 or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
2. National Wildlife Refuges are open to quail hunting as permitted by Refuge regulations.The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWRs.
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
4. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
5. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
6. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
7. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
8. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 17: Chukar Partridge

General Chukar Partridge

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 10, 2010 - Feb 6, 2011	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any chukar

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE BAG LIMIT: Five (5) chukar per day.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) chukar of which no more than five (5) may be taken in one day.

2011-2012 Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 17: Chukar Partridge

General Chukar Partridge

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 9, 2011 - Feb 5, 2012	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for National Wildlife Refuges and Mohave County Park Lands)	Any chukar

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-304.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE BAG LIMIT: Five (5) chukar per day.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) chukar of which no more than five (5) may be taken in one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 18: Blue Grouse

General Blue Grouse

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 10 - Nov 14, 2010	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for Units 4A and 5A, National Wildlife Refuges, and Mohave County Park Lands)	Blue grouse

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BLUE GROUSE BAG LIMIT: Three (3) blue grouse per day.

BLUE GROUSE POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) blue grouse of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

2011-2012 Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 18: Blue Grouse

General Blue Grouse

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 9 - Nov 13, 2011	(1)	Open areas Statewide (except for Units 4A and 5A, National Wildlife Refuges, and Mohave County Park Lands)	Blue grouse

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any lawful methods as prescribed in R12-4-304.
LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license obtained from a license dealer.

Notes:

1 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BLUE GROUSE BAG LIMIT: Three (3) blue grouse per day.

BLUE GROUSE POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) blue grouse of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 23: Trapping

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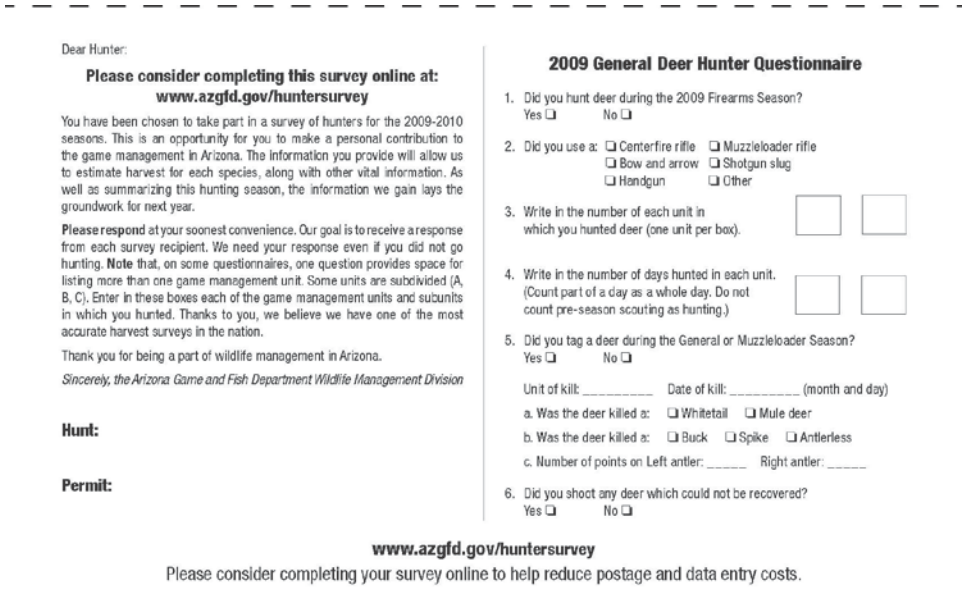
HUNTER QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS OF MAIL VERSUS ONLINE RESPONSES

Summary: The change to the hunter questionnaire program to allow hunters to respond online as an option in lieu of responding through the mail was instituted for fall 2009. The change increased questionnaire costs (format and mailing) from about $0.48/questionnaire return to $0.60/questionnaire return (estimated cost in 2009 was $89,629). The cost could be reduced to 2008 levels if about 50% of responses had been received online. Responses for hunting participation (did you hunt or not hunt) were similar between online and mail reporting for most hunts, however online respondents were more likely to be successful hunters and online respondents reported harvesting animals with more antler points. The effect of the differences were limited to moderate, and because only about 12% of all respondents reported online, the likelihood of any effect to 2009 data is inconsequential. The degree of influence for future questionnaires is difficult to predict because more respondents may begin to use the online feature in the future, but the Department needs to remain sensitive to these changes because hunter harvest plays an important role in formulating hunt recommendations. We will continue collecting harvest information online and continue to evaluate this approach.

Analysis: A modification to the hunter questionnaire program was initiated in fall 2009 in response to Arizona Game and Fish Commission direction to improve customer service, while investigating options to reduce costs and maintain long-term data streams. Hunter harvest data collected through the hunter questionnaire program is important to the Arizona Game and Fish Department because hunt success derived from this data is used in formulating hunt recommendation for most big game species.

For the 2009-2010 hunt seasons, the hunter questionnaire was modified to include an option for responding online. The response web link was printed on the questionnaire (pictured below).



Dear Hunter:

Please consider completing this survey online at:
www.azgfd.gov/huntersurvey

You have been chosen to take part in a survey of hunters for the 2009-2010 seasons. This is an opportunity for you to make a personal contribution to the game management in Arizona. The information you provide will allow us to estimate harvest for each species, along with other vital information. As well as summarizing this hunting season, the information we gain lays the groundwork for next year.

Please respond at your soonest convenience. Our goal is to receive a response from each survey recipient. We need your response even if you did not go hunting. **Note** that, on some questionnaires, one question provides space for listing more than one game management unit. Some units are subdivided (A, B, C). Enter in these boxes each of the game management units and subunits in which you hunted. Thanks to you, we believe we have one of the most accurate harvest surveys in the nation.

Thank you for being a part of wildlife management in Arizona.

Sincerely, the Arizona Game and Fish Department Wildlife Management Division

Hunt:

Permit:

2009 General Deer Hunter Questionnaire

1. Did you hunt deer during the 2009 Firearms Season?
   Yes ❑ No ❑
2. Did you use a: ❑ Centerfire rifle ❑ Muzzleloader rifle ❑ Bow and arrow ❑ Shotgun slug ❑ Handgun ❑ Other
3. Write in the number of each unit in which you hunted deer (one unit per box).
4. Write in the number of days hunted in each unit. (Count part of a day as a whole day. Do not count pre-season scouting as hunting.)
5. Did you tag a deer during the General or Muzzleloader Season?
   Yes ❑ No ❑
   Unit of kill: _____ Date of kill: _____ (month and day)
   a. Was the deer killed a: ❑ Whitetail ❑ Mule deer
   b. Was the deer killed a: ❑ Buck ❑ Spike ❑ Antlerless
   c. Number of points on Left antler: _____ Right antler: _____
6. Did you shoot any deer which could not be recovered?
   Yes ❑ No ❑

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Please consider completing your survey online to help reduce postage and data entry costs.

The questionnaire itself was reformatted, requiring a new size for the mailed document when compared with previous years. While this increased printing costs somewhat, the need for an explanation resulted in the expanded text version. The increased size also increased the cost of

return mail postage. Dependant on return rates and the use of the online reporting web link, the overall cost of the questionnaire could have been reduced had return rates approached 50% online. However, only about 12% of all respondents have used the online feature to date.

With the new format, printing costs were $14,000 for 2009–2010 questionnaires (this is an increase from 2008–2009). Due to the change in format, mailing costs increased to an estimated $75,629 for 2009–2010. To reduce the cost of the questionnaire program, we will need to have about 50% responding online (average $0.48/questionnaire last year, average cost of $0.60/questionnaire this year). We expect that the proportion of hunters using the online reporting option will increase over time.

Another important consideration when comparing the new online reporting option with the existing mail questionnaire is any differences in reporting bias that may be introduced. Existing research indicates that mail questionnaires routinely overestimate harvest by 5–10%, but this bias has been in existence with the Department's data set for over 40 years and is factored into the existing hunt guidelines. The effect of a 10% overestimate of the harvest on hunt success is relatively minimal (e.g., an estimated 22% hunt success in reality would be a 20% hunt success). This has very little effect on an individual hunt recommendation. Introducing a new bias would be important to recognize.

The Department analyzed the mail and online response data to determine if there were differences between hunter responses using the 2 methods. We used a chi square (χ^2) contingency table analysis to determine if differences existed in reporting hunter participation and hunter success. A two-sample *t*-test was used to test for differences about the reported mean antler points in the harvest. We used additional statistical tests to determine the "effect size" or practical association of the significance. The relevance of effect size is that sometimes a factor can have a statistical effect (or detectable difference) based on the power of the statistical test (which are often quite powerful with sample sizes obtained through this survey) but the overall effect may be small. Using the example of our existing mail questionnaire survey, the bias associated with overestimation of harvest is statistically significant by the effect is relatively minor.

Four hunter questionnaires were examined: general deer (all draw hunts), archery deer (over-the-counter), archery elk, and fall turkey. Results varied between the four questionnaires. However, when differences were detected, the effect size was generally limited.

General, Juniors only, Muzzleloader, and Archery Deer (draw hunts)

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Hunted	92.6%	92.5%
Did not Hunt	7.4%	7.5%
Sample Size	18,792	2,492

$\chi^2 = 0.70$, $P = 0.792$

No difference

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Harvested	28.9%	35.5%
Didn't Harvest	71.1%	64.5%
Sample Size	17,402	2,304

$\chi^2 = 43.323$, $P < 0.001$

Online respondents more likely to be successful

Limited effect

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Mean Antler Points	2.77	3.86

$t = 589.644$, $P < 0.001$

Online reports more points than do mail responses

Moderate effect

Archery Deer (over-the-counter hunts)

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Hunted	79.3%	86.2%
Did not Hunt	20.7%	13.8%
Sample Size	2,970	443

$\chi^2 = 11.580$, $P < 0.001$

Online respondents more likely to have participated in hunt

Limited effect

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Harvested	8.2%	7.9%
Didn't Harvest	91.8%	92.1%
Sample Size	2,356	382

$\chi^2 = 0.063$, $P = 0.801$

Online respondents more likely to be successful

Little effect

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Mean Antler Points	3.17	4.18

$t = 16.8$, $P < 0.001$

Online reports more points than do mail responses

Moderate effect

Archery Elk

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Hunted	96.4%	98.5%
Did not Hunt	3.6%	1.5%
Sample Size	2,421	463

$\chi^2 = 5.342$, P = 0.021

No difference

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Harvested	24.2%	30.7%
Didn't Harvest	75.8%	69.3%
Sample Size	2,334	456

$\chi^2 = 8.520$, P = 0.004

Online respondents more likely to be successful

Limited effect

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Mean Antler Points	5.37	6.50

t = 40.862, P< 0.001

Online reports more points than do mail responses

Moderate effect

Fall Turkey

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Hunted	79.3%	83.1%
Did not Hunt	20.7%	16.9%
Sample Size	2,574	356

$\chi^2 = 2.931$, P = 0.087

No difference

	Response	
	Mail	Online
Harvested	35.0%	37.8%
Didn't Harvest	65.0%	62.2%
Sample Size	2,040	296

$\chi^2 = 0.943$, *P* = 0.331

No difference.

Conclusion: For most hunts, participation in hunting did not differ in response between hunters that chose to report online or by mail. However, hunters that responded online consistently reported higher hunt success and taking animals with a greater number of antler points than did hunters that reported by mail. Because proportionally few hunters reported online this year, the Department does not believe any effect has been realized in this year's hunt statistics.

Questionnaire costs will be greater with this new approach until such point as a majority of respondents use the online reporting option.

It is difficult to predict precisely what effect the differences detected between the 2 reporting options may have in the future. As the proportion of reporting online increases with time, the Department will continue to monitor for differences and effects. Successful hunters and those that harvest animals with greater antler points may be those hunters that are more familiar with the use of the internet, and with increased familiarity, the unbalanced reporting may be minimized. Effect size was limited for hunter success, which is used for the formulation of hunt recommendations. Moderate effect size for antler points is not used for formulation in most hunt recommendations, and should not affect management. The Department will continue to monitor differences and effects into the future. The Department will continue to use the online reporting option.