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# 2025-2026 NON-TRIBAL MEMBER HUNTING PROCLAMATION

Season Year: April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026  
Jicarilla Apache Nation Legislative Council Resolution 2025-R-072-02



## DRAW APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **March 24, 2025:** *Spring Bear / Mountain Lion*
- **May 1, 2025:** *Group Cow / Cow Elk Draw / Bull Elk*



## **JICARILLA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT**

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## THE APPLICATION PROCESS—

There are **three (3) application forms** and corresponding hunt types; Draw, Over the Counter (OTC), and Sealed Bid (call JGFD to request an application). To apply, hunters must download and print the appropriate *hunt application form* (pdf) from [jicarillahunt.com](http://jicarillahunt.com) and fill out the appropriate hunt(s), contact information, and submit appropriate fees. A **\$50 non-refundable Jicarilla Wildlife Stamp and Application Fee is required** for all hunt types unless otherwise noted. Checks, Money Orders only. No internet sales. Successful applicants will be sent hunting license(s) via USPS mail. Please complete the application in its entirety and sign verifying the information is correct and you have read, understand, and agree to, the hunt agreement and release. Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be processed; please contact JGFD if you need assistance. The Jicarilla Apache Nation has full wildlife management authority on their tribal lands; therefore, other hunting and fishing licenses from other agencies or jurisdictions are invalid.

**DRAW HUNTS:** Use the **DRAW Hunt Application Form** High-demand big-game licenses are issued by random draw, with an equal chance to draw (no preference system). There are two (2) draw hunt application deadlines in 2025-26. Draw Hunt Applications along with a **\$50 per applicant non-refundable application and wildlife stamp fee** are due no later than **March 24 (Spring Draw)** and **May 1, 2025 (Fall Draw), 5pm MST**. To enter the draw, please submit a completed **Draw Hunt Application Form** and \$50 per applicant (non-refundable application and wildlife stamp fee). If successful in the draw, the remaining license fee(s) will be due within 30 days of the draw date, unless full payment is due to apply.

DRAW HUNT TYPE	No. of Individuals Allowed per Application	Application DEADLINE	Fees required with application	Estimated Draw Odds (Previous Yr)
Spring Bear	1	March 24	Full License and \$50 JWS Fees	90%
Mountain Lion	1	March 24	Full License and \$50 JWS Fees	90%
Archery Bull Elk	1-10	May 1	\$50 JWS per applicant	85%
South Unit Bull Elk	1-10	May 1	\$50 JWS per applicant	60%
Early Rifle Bull Elk	1-10	May 1	\$50 JWS per applicant	80%
Cow Elk (All Seasons)	1-4	May 1	\$50 JWS per applicant	80%
Group Cow Elk	5-10	May 1	\$50 JWS per applicant	100%
Nov 1-5 Rifle Bull	1-10	May 1	\$50 JWS per applicant	1 <sup>st</sup> year on draw
Jan 1-5, 2026 Rifle Bull	1-10	May 1	\$50 JWS per applicant	1 <sup>st</sup> year on draw

- Draw Example 1:** a cow elk application with 3 applicants requires a \$150 (\$50x3) non-refundable application and stamp fee (due May 1). If successful in the draw, the total balance of \$4,500.00 (\$1500x3) is due within 30 business days of posted draw date. If unsuccessful in the draw, JGFD retains the application and wildlife stamp fee to help fund wildlife conservation initiatives.

**OVER-THE-COUNTER:** Use the **OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) Hunt Application Form**. Over the Counter (OTC) license(s) are available for purchase from the JGFD office with no draw required. All OTC licenses are sold on a first come-first serve basis beginning on the “date sales open” listed for each hunt type. These hunts may be sold in person or over the phone (575) 759-3255. Over the phone sales: JGFD will hold the spot for 7 days, during which an **Over-The-Counter Hunt Application Form and total payment must be received**. A \$50 non-refundable application and wildlife stamp fee per person is due along with license costs. If payment and application is not received within 7 business days, JGFD may sell the license to the next person.

Over the Counter (OTC) HUNT TYPE	Date Sales Open	Total License and JWS Fees required with application within 7 business days of booking	No. of Licenses
Spring Turkey	March 11	\$500 + \$50 JWS per applicant	30
Fall Bear	April 3	\$600 + \$50 JWS per applicant	10
South Unit Female Mountain Lion	April 3	\$400 + \$50 JWS per applicant	10
Waterfowl	April 3	Various	Unlimited

**SEALED BID APPLICATIONS:** **SEALED BID Form:** Buck/bull combo (Contact JGFD for detailed application information).

**PRICES**—listed prices are for the license/tag only, and do not include other costs like guide fees, meat processing, trophy handling and care, lodging, and meals.

<b>LICENSE TYPE</b>	<b>LICENSE PRICE</b>	<b>Season Dates</b>
• <b>WATERFOWL</b> (OTC)	\$20/day or \$100 Season	Oct. 11-Nov 30
• <b>MERRIAM TURKEY</b> (OTC)	\$500 + \$50 JWS	April 12-May 15
• <b>MOUNTAIN LION</b> (Draw)	\$600 + \$50 JWS	April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026 (5 consec. days)
• <b>SOUTH UNIT FEMALE MOUNTAIN LION</b> (OTC)	\$400 + \$50 JWS	April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026 (5 consec. days)
• <b>BEAR</b>		
○ Spring Season (Draw)	\$600 + \$50 JWS	April 8-June 15
○ Fall Season (OTC)	\$600 + \$50 JWS	August 14-Oct. 31
• <b>COW ELK</b>		
○ Group License (Draw)	\$2,000	Various
○ Reservation Cow Elk (Draw)	\$1,500	Various
○ South Cow Elk (Draw)	\$1,500	Various
○ Horse Lake Mesa (Draw)	\$1,500	Various
• <b>BULL ELK</b>		
○ South Archery (Draw)	\$8,000	Sept. 1-25 (7 consecutive days)
○ South Muzzleloader (Draw)	\$10,000	Sept. 1-25 (7 consecutive days)
○ Reservation Archery (Draw)	\$8,000	Sept. 26-30
○ Reservation Early Rifle 1 (Draw)	\$12,000	October 1-5
○ Reservation Early Rifle 2 (Draw)	\$12,000	October 6-10
○ Reservation November Rifle (Draw)	\$10,000	November 1-5
○ Late Season Rifle Bull (Draw)	\$10,000	Jan 1-5, 2026
○ Horse Lake Mesa (Wait List)	\$14,950	Various
• <b>MULE DEER</b>		
○ Buck and Bull Combo Sealed Bid	Top Bid (\$40,000 min.)	Nov. 15-Dec. 31
○ Live Auction @ Western Hunting & Conservation Expo		Nov. 15-Dec 31

## **HUNT INFORMATION**

**JICARILLA TRIBAL MEMBER GUIDES**—are required for all big-game hunts. Guide fees vary depending on the services provided; many guides charge a flat fee for big-game hunts. A list of Jicarilla Tribal Member Guides and their phone numbers is provided on the Department website ([jicarillahunt.com](http://jicarillahunt.com)). Hunters are encouraged to contact and book guides as soon as a license is obtained. The hunter/guide agreement is strictly between the hunter and his/her guide, and is the hunter's responsibility to negotiate any terms before the hunt. The Jicarilla Apache Nation is not responsible for setting guide fees. Guides are third-party independent contractors, and are not employed by the Jicarilla Apache Nation; however, any grievances or complaints about a guide should be directed to the JGFD Director. Hunters have the right to change guides before or during their hunt, at their discretion.

**LODGING AND ACCOMMODATIONS:** It is the hunter's responsibility to make lodging arrangements

- The Lodge and Ranch at Chama (owned by the Jicarilla Apache Nation) offers world-class accommodations and dining. Located 30-minutes from Dulce. Call for availability: 575-756-2133 [www.lodgeatchama.com](http://www.lodgeatchama.com)
- Camping is also allowed (see rule 34 for current regulations and information)
- Other Lodging and Meals: Neighboring towns such as Chama, NM, Cuba, NM (South Unit Hunters), Bloomfield, NM, and Pagosa Springs, CO offer lodging and meals, but add 30 to 60 minutes of one-way travel times to Dulce.

## **GENERAL LAWS, REGULATIONS AND RULES**

**NOTICE:** *In addition to the rules and regulations found in this proclamation, partial listing of Jicarilla Apache Nation wildlife laws (Title 10) applicable to non-tribal hunts are summarized herein for easier understanding. A complete copy of Title 10 is available at the Jicarilla Game and Fish office, upon request.*

1. **OPERATION GAME THIEF: REPORT POACHERS & ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, EARN A REWARD:** Rewards up to \$1,000.00 are paid to anyone providing information that results in a conviction for any Title 10 or Proclamation rules and regulations. 575-419-2033 [ogt@jan-nsn.com](mailto:ogt@jan-nsn.com)
2. Anyone convicted of violating Title 10 or Proclamation rules and regulations, will be subject to revocation of hunting and fishing privileges on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.
3. Take of all game and non-game wildlife is prohibited under Title 10 Code, unless explicitly authorized for take in this hunting proclamation. **Take is defined as:** to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.
4. It is unlawful to shoot at, pursue, harass, drive or rally wildlife by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, aircraft or drone. Shooting from the road is illegal.
5. The Jicarilla Game and Fish Department reserves the right to refuse sale of hunting licenses to anyone.

6. The Jicarilla Apache Nation, its officers and agents, are not responsible for injuries, accidents or deaths which may occur while hunting on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.
7. **No Hunting and Restricted Hunting Zones-** include areas within ¼ mile of occupied dwellings, Horse Lake Mesa Elk Breeding Facility, and recreational areas and lakes when people are present.
8. **Legal Hunting Methods:**
  - a. Legal Shooting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise, ½ after sunset (unless otherwise noted)
  - b. Centerfire: minimum caliber for all elk, deer, and bear is .243, and minimum caliber for mountain lion is .22 center-fire. Suppressors are permitted if lawfully obtained with supporting documentation on person.
  - c. Shotgun: a smooth-bore gun min. caliber .20 gauge used for firing small shot at short range (waterfowl, turkey, varmint)
  - d. Archery: Hand-held bows, including compound and traditional bows must use arrows with a broadhead (fixed or mechanical). No crossbows or draw assistance devices are allowed. Only legal, hand-held bows are allowed in the field during archery seasons (no firearms). Draw weight of 40 pounds (minimum) is required. Explosive arrows prohibited.
  - e. Muzzleloader: Includes rifles in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle and capable of being fired from the shoulder only. Only black powder, Pyrodex or an equivalent substitute may be used. Smokeless powder is illegal. Muzzleloaders may use in-line ignition, pelleted powder, sabots, belted bullets and scopes.
9. **Tribal Member Guides:** All Non-tribal elk, deer, bear, prairie dog, and mountain lion hunters must be accompanied by a Jicarilla Tribal Member Guide. A maximum of 2 hunters per guide is permitted. Tribal member guides must have a valid driver's license. Any guide who is a felon per state and federal law shall be restricted to guiding archery hunters only.
  - a. Tribal guides may be cited for acts of negligence, waste of game and other applicable violations of the annual hunting proclamation and/or Title 10 sustained while performing guiding services.
  - b. Tribal members who guide hunters off the reservation during New Mexico State hunts must be licensed by the New Mexico Game and Fish Department. Contact NMGFD at (505) 476-8000 for details.
10. **Cancellation Policy:** All sales are final; no refunds, no cancellations, and no transfer of any hunting license(s) will be allowed UNLESS the license holder meets requirements described below (see no. 11).
11. **License Refunds, Cancellations, and Transfers:** The Director of the JGFD may grant the refund or transfer of a hunting license if: the licensee has died, sustained a severe injury or suffered a life-threatening illness, preventing participation; the licensee has been deployed by the United States military prior to the start of the hunt, prohibiting participation; or a natural disaster has occurred, preventing the hunt. Requests must be made two (2) weeks prior to first day of hunt. Approved license transfers are subject to a transfer fee of up to \$500, and cancellation/refunds are subject to a fee of up to 50% of the total license price, payable to JGFD.
12. **Possession, Donation or Sale of Game:** Any person wishing to donate meat **must supply the recipient with a donation slip** available at the Game and Fish Office. It is unlawful to possess game without a proper license or without other evidence the game has been taken legally. Carcasses, meat and internal organs may be donated. It is illegal to sell game meat.
13. **Waste of Game:** All edible portions of harvested game must be transported to a place for human consumption, or provisions must be made to provide for human consumption.
14. **Skinning Shed:**
  - a. The JGFD Skinning Facility is for Licensed Reservation Hunters only
  - b. All carcasses and meat left in the skinning shed for more than 2 days will be forfeited. Requests for additional days will be considered by JGFD but must attain prior approval
  - c. All carcasses or meat in the skinning shed must be clearly and completely labeled with the following: Hunter's name, date of harvest, hunting license number on a meat tag available at the skinning shed or the actual carcass tag from the license.
  - d. Citations will be issued to hunter(s) and/or guide(s) and carcasses/meat will be forfeited if found after the allotted time frame, improperly labeled, or if the meat/carcass is in danger of spoiling or has spoiled.
  - e. Clean your area: Littering citations will be issued to hunters/guides who do not properly dispose of trash and animal remains after use
  - f. Hunters and guides may be cited for skinning shed violations
15. There will be no extension of any hunt dates. Hunting licenses may not be carried-over to the following year, unless circumstances (see number 11) warrant the license holder to submit a written request for consideration by the JGFD Director two (2) weeks prior to the first day of hunt.
16. **Wound Policy:** if a hunter wounds an animal (draws blood) it is the hunter/guide's responsibility to provide specific location and wound information as soon as possible to the JGFD. The hunter/guide cannot pursue any other animal for the duration of the permitted hunt dates, and regardless of whether the wounded animal is recovered, the hunt will terminate.
17. Requests for complimentary/donation licenses will not be considered, but may be sold for license price, if available.
18. Any hunter 17 years old or younger must have completed a Hunter Safety Program and must carry a Hunter Safety card while hunting
19. Baiting is allowed during Spring/Fall Bear hunts
  - a. Bear Bait sites must be marked: Color codes are available at JGFD otherwise the name of the hunter/tribal guide must be clearly marked. Bait sites must be kept clean of all trash, and cannot be within ¼ mile of recreational areas or houses.
20. **SPECIAL PERMIT FOR 24 hours/day PURSUIT:** Per Title 10, a special permit is REQUIRED for tribal member lion hunter guides pursuing mountain lions after traditional legal shooting light (night) to allow the use of artificial light. Special permits are available by appointment with Conservation Law Enforcement, and approved by the Director of the Game and Fish Department. 24-hour hunting is only allowed for the pursuit of mountain lions. The pursuit and take of all other wildlife must follow legal hunting hours and regulations, including species associated with dog pursuit such as bobcats and bears.
  - a. Special permits are valid for each season year (4/1 through 3/31). Any tribal member participating in any activities associated with the pursuit and take on a mountain lion outside of legal shooting hours must obtain a special permit.

- b. Without a special 24 hr./day permit, all lion hunt activities must follow legal hunting hours (½ hour before sunrise, ½ hour after sunset).
  - c. Artificial Light:
    - i. Artificial lights used for scouting, cutting track, or any activities associated with locating a track must be fixed, and have a downward angle that allows the hunters/scouts to locate and identify tracks as they cross a legal right of way (excluding normal use of vehicle headlights). Any other lights that protrude outwards or scan hillsides, flats, etc. shall constitute spotlighting (Class D offense).
    - ii. After a track is located and dogs are released:
      - 1. the licensed hunter must be present when the dogs are released on a track
      - 2. artificial handheld lights may be used to aid in the pursuit and take of the mountain lion
21. Only dogs owned and run by enrolled Jicarilla Tribal Members can be used to pursue mountain lion or bear on the Jicarilla Apache Nation. All dogs used in bear and lion hunts must have tags bearing the name, address and phone number of the owner. The licensed hunter with intent to harvest the pursued animal must be present when the dogs are released on the trail of a mountain lion or black bear.
  22. **Hunt Guests:** During all elk, deer, bear, turkey, and mountain lion hunts only one (1) guest is permitted per licensed hunter in the field and must accompany the hunter in the same vehicle. Requests for additional guests must receive prior approval from the Director.
  23. Coyote and Prairie dog hunting is included in all elk, deer, bear, and mountain lion hunts for the duration of the permitted hunt Guide required.
  24. **Reservation Scouting:** Hunters may accompany their guides in the field the day before their hunt starts, providing the hunter does not carry any weapon and has his/her hunting license in possession.
  25. **Horse Lake Mesa:**
    - a. **Scouting:** tribal guides are allowed to scout 14 days prior to the first bull elk hunt (Season 1: Sept. 1-4). Scouting with clients the day before the start of hunt date is not allowed, except for August 31 (HLM Bull Elk 1 License Holders).
    - b. **Only 1 vehicle per hunt party** is allowed for all elk hunts
  26. **Non-tribal member outfitters/guides** are NOT permitted to operate on the Jicarilla Apache Nation.
  27. It is illegal to resell any hunting license issued by the Jicarilla Game and Fish Department (Res. No 2000-R-408-10)
  28. Licenses are sold only at the JGFD, a Jicarilla Wildlife Stamp is required for all hunters (except Waterfowl). It is illegal to purchase any Jicarilla Big Game Hunting License from anyone other than the JGFD.
  29. **Shed Antlers and Skulls:** Jicarilla Legislative Council has prohibited collection of shed antlers in the Game Park (Resolution No. 2003-R-453-10). All shed antlers found in the Game Park, including Game and Fish Department employees, must be turned over to the JGFD for sale. Proceeds from the sale are deposited into a Youth Development Fund, established by the Legislative Council to benefit local youth organizations. Non-tribal members are prohibited from collecting shed antlers and skulls on the Jicarilla Reservation. Possession of cut-off antlers and skulls is illegal without proper permitting/documentation.
  30. Persons wishing to hunt lands surrounding the Jicarilla Apache Reservation (including those employing Jicarilla Tribal Member guides) can gain access across the Jicarilla Apache Reservation on the following roads only: County Road 39/NM 112, NM 537, U.S. 64, U.S. 550, Forest Road 314, Forest Road 357 (Gas buggy Road), Cooper-Neal road south of NM 112, Forest Road 300, Forest Road 301, and J-19 (Lindrith Road). Use of any other road on the Jicarilla Apache Nation for such purpose constitutes trespass.
  31. **Loaded Weapon:** It is unlawful to possess a loaded weapon on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation if you do not also possess a valid Jicarilla hunting license. Ammunition in the chamber, magazine or detachable clip constitutes a loaded weapon. Muzzleloaders with a charge and projectile in the barrel are considered loaded.
  32. **Harvest Reporting:** It is mandatory that all bull elk and mule deer hunters have their trophy scored and photographed before leaving the reservation. Failure to do so may render a hunter ineligible for hunting the following year. Department scorers can be reached at the following numbers: Kyle Tator (575-644-0521); Larson Panzy (575-759-3084); Lionel Velarde (575-486-0263); Bernard Inez, Jr. (575-419-2518)
  33. **License and Tagging:** Hunters must sign their license to be valid and must properly notch and sign their big game (carcass) tag immediately after harvesting an animal. The carcass tag must be securely attached to the carcass before transporting in a vehicle.
  34. **Camping** is permitted at reservation fishing lakes (except Horse Lake) and at the Stone Lake RV Park, if one member of the party has a valid hunting or fishing license.
    - A. Camping is not allowed on the Jicarilla Apache Nation for person(s) hunting surrounding non-tribal lands
    - B. Camping is permitted throughout the reservation for licensed Jicarilla Apache big-game hunters for a duration that coincides with the permitted hunt dates (with one day prior for set up and one day post hunt to break down camp), only if tribal member(s) are present at all times and all pertinent rules and regulations are followed. Camp must be located a minimum of ¼ mile from any water source. It is strongly recommended that the camp location is provided to the JGFD for security and safety purposes.
  35. It is unlawful to commercialize any personal video footage or still photos taken on Jicarilla lands. A film permit is required for TV hunting shows and other mass media outlets, at least 2-weeks prior to the hunt. Filmed hunts will be considered on a case-by-case basis with final approval from the JGFD Director and President of the Jicarilla Apache Nation.
  36. Duplicate licenses for all hunts will be \$20.00.
  37. **Secure Gate Law:** it is unlawful to purposely damage or negligently leave a gate unlocked or open when the gate was closed when first encountered or the gate is posted to remain closed at all times.
  38. It is illegal to make false statements when applying, buying, or altering a license, and doing so voids the license.
  39. **Mountain Lion Pelt Tags:** All mountain lion hides must be pelt tagged by the JGFD within 5 days of harvest, before the pelt can be frozen, processed, tanned or salted by a taxidermist, or before transporting the hide off of the reservation, whichever occurs first. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed. Harvested mountain lions must have a notched and attached carcass tag, and a JGFD issued pelt tag. Mountain lion pelts are preferred but full carcasses are allowed. No photos will be accepted. Hunters and/or tribal member guides must submit all biological samples along with a lion harvest report and hunt affidavit form.

## **JICARILLA APACHE NATION HUNT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

### **By applying for and validating a Jicarilla Apache Nation license, a hunter certifies:**

He/she possess sufficient hunting skills and experience to prevent injury to himself/herself and other clients/guests. He/she agrees to use due care while hunting on the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation. He/she acknowledges that the sport of hunting and their stay on the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation entail known and anticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death or damage to himself/herself, to property, or to third parties. He/she understands that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. He/she acknowledges that the risks include, among other things, risks associated with high altitude, fatigue, mountainous terrain, remote locations and the use of firearms and other weapons that could result in heart attack, cardiopulmonary disorder, broken bones and other injuries and health consequences, and that emergency medical services are not readily available in the event of a medical emergency. He/she acknowledges that they are responsible for informing their guide and other representatives of the Jicarilla Apache Nation Game and Fish Department matters associated with fitness and physical capabilities. He/she acknowledges ultimate responsibility in determining their personal capabilities and limitations while hunting in the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation. He/she certifies no known medical or physical conditions that could interfere with their health and safety while participating in activities on the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation, and he/she is willing to assume and does hereby assume and agrees to bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any medical or physical condition, including the COVID-19 virus.

A hunter acknowledges that they must hire an enrolled Jicarilla Apache tribal member hunting guide(s) in good-standing. He/she understands that the hunter/guide agreement is strictly between the licensed hunter and tribal member guide, and it is their responsibility to negotiate the terms of the agreement before the hunt. Further, he/she acknowledges that guides are independent contractors not employed by the Jicarilla Apache Nation or Game and Fish Department, and it is their obligation to carry out the terms of the guide/client agreement. A hunter also understands that they have the right to change guides before or during their hunt and submit any grievances or complaints about a guide with the Director of the Game and Fish Department.

He/she understands that participation in activities on the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation are voluntary, and he/she elects to participate regardless of the risks. He/she hereby accepts and assumes all risks associated with their participation in activities on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation. He/she certifies that they have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage they may cause or suffer because of their participation in activities on the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation, or else they agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage themselves. He/she voluntarily releases, forever discharges, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Jicarilla Apache Nation, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and other representatives providing services to the Jicarilla Apache Nation (collectively referred to as the Jicarilla Apache Nation parties) from all claims, damages, and losses which are in any way connected with their participation in any activity on the Jicarilla, and hunter's use of Jicarilla Apache Nation equipment and facilities.

He/she understands and agrees, in the spirit of sportsmanship and a hunter's obligation to the hunted animal, that if he/she wounds an animal (draws blood), a reasonable length of time, as judged by representatives of the Jicarilla Game and Fish Department, will be devoted to the successful recovery of the wounded animal. He/she understands and agrees that it is their responsibility to provide specific information as soon as possible to representatives of the Jicarilla Game and Fish Department in reference of the wounded animal, and regardless of whether the wounded animal is recovered, their hunt will terminate and all monies due to the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and tribal guide(s) are due and payable. A hunter understands and agrees, it is their responsibility as the permit holder to ensure all edible portions of game harvested must be transported to a place for human consumption, or provisions must be made to provide for human consumption. He/she also understands that should they decide to donate the game meat of the animal they harvest it is their responsibility to obtain a meat donation slip issued by Jicarilla Game and Fish Personnel, which releases their meat responsibilities thereafter. He/she understands that processing costs are their responsibility if they elect to donate game meat to the Jicarilla Apache Nation, which ensures that the game meat will be properly butchered, packaged, and distributed to the community. He/she understands that they may also donate game meat to an individual.

A hunter acknowledges that they will be participating in activities on land owned by the United States of America and held in trust for the benefit of the Jicarilla Apache Nation; that neither the United States of America or the Jicarilla Apache Nation shall be liable for any obligations or liabilities incurred for any reason; and there has been no waiver of sovereign immunity by or on behalf of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, which sovereign immunity is hereby expressly reaffirmed. He/she acknowledge that their hunt will be subject to the hunting rules and regulations of this proclamation, and Title of Jicarilla Game and Fish. Should any Jicarilla Apache Nation parties seek to enforce this Hunt Agreement and Release or to defend their interests based on a hunter's representations, acknowledgements or commitments set forth in this Hunt Agreement and Release, he/she agrees to reimburse, indemnify and hold each such party harmless for all reasonable legal fees and costs unless he/she is found by Jicarilla Apache Nation courts to be the prevailing party. He/she is making the commitments in this Hunt Agreement and Release, including the representations, acknowledgements, releases, and indemnifications set forth herein, on behalf of the hunter, on behalf of all guests accompanying the hunter during their stay on the Jicarilla at the hunter's primary expense or who are not 21 years old, and on behalf of all respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assignees.

## **SPRING BEAR (DRAW)**

**Dates:** April 8 - June 15, 2025 (5 consecutive days)

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Bear, excluding sow w/ cubs

**Price:** \$600.00 (+ \$50 JWS) 100% is required to apply

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 20, issued by random draw

**\*Application Deadline:** March 24, 2025 **Draw Results:** 3/28/25, any leftover licenses shall be issued 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served

## **MOUNTAIN LION (DRAW)**

**Dates:** April 1, 2025–March 31, 2026 (5 consecutive days)

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Lion either sex, excluding female with spotted kitten(s)

**Price:** \$600.00 (+ \$50 JWS) 100% is required to apply

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 25, issued by random draw

**\*Application Deadline:** March 24, 2025 **Draw Results:** 3/28/25, any leftover licenses will be issued 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served

**Bobcat Option:** Five (5) hound pursuit Bobcat licenses available concurrent with mountain lion hunt dates, first come first-served at \$300.00.

**MANDATORY CHECK-IN.**

## **NEW! SOUTH UNIT: FEMALE MOUNTAIN LION (OTC)**

**Dates:** April 1, 2025–March 31, 2026 (5 consecutive days), Upon request, the JGFD Director may reauthorize season dates for unfilled tags, a \$20.00 duplicate license fee applies.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Female Lion, excluding females with spotted kitten(s) ***(Guide and Hunter Must Complete a Cougar ID Form)***

**Price:** \$400.00 (+ \$50 JWS)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 10, issued 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served, beginning April 3, 2025

**THIS LICENSE REQUIRES MANDATORY CHECK IN WITH JGFD. Tribal Member Bounty:** Tribal Member Guides are Eligible to Apply for \$200 Bounty for legally harvested female lions (proof of sex), along with a mountain lion harvest affidavit, biological sample submission, and pelt tag (see regulation).

## **FALL BEAR (OTC)**

**Dates:** August 15–October 31, 2025 (5 consecutive days)

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Bear, excluding sow w/cubs.

**Price:** \$600.00 (+\$50 non-refundable JWS)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 10. Issued first-come, first-served beginning April 1, 2025

## **SPRING TURKEY (OTC) Note:** Tribal guide recommended but not required

**Dates:** April 12- May 15, 2025

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Gobbler, with visible beard.

**Price:** \$500.00 (+\$50 non-refundable JWS)

**Weapon:** Shotgun or Bow, min. caliber 20 gauge.

**Licenses:** 30. Issued first-come, first-served beginning March 11. Limit of 1 license per person.

## **WATERFOWL (OTC)**

**Dates:** October 11 - November 30, 2025

**Bag Limit:** Pacific Flyway bag limits apply

**Price:** \$20.00/day, \$100.00/season

**Weapon:** Shotgun only, min. caliber .20 gauge, non-toxic shot only

**Licenses:** Unlimited. Federal Migratory Bird Stamp is required for hunters' age 16 years and older. Jicarilla Wildlife Stamp is not required. See Waterfowl Regulations Supplement for complete rules and regulations

## **VARMINT (Prairie Dog) LICENSE (OTC)**

*Restrictions exist. Tribal Member Guide Required. Applications must include hunt location(s), subject to JGFD Director approval*

**Dates:** 3 consecutive days (April 1–August 31, 2025)

**Bag Limit:** unlimited prairie dogs

**Price:** \$300.00 (+\$50 non-refundable JWS)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** Unlimited

## **PREDATOR MANAGEMENT- TRAPPING**

**Dates:** April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

**Bag Limit:** unlimited coyote, fox, bobcat, skunks, raccoons, badger, weasel, ringtail, muskrat, beaver and mountain lion

**Price:** \$200.00 (+\$50 non-refundable JWS) **Methods:** Steel-jawed traps only, no snares or calling. Only .22 caliber rim-fire may be carried.

**Licenses:** up to six (6). Issued by the JGFD Director. **Note:** Restrictions exist; contact JGFD before applying. All licenses must be approved by the Director. Must work in concert with big-game management program. Additional regulations are available in the annual trapping supplement.

# HORSE LAKE MESA ELK GAME PARK

Horse Lake Mesa (HLM) is a 14,500-acre enclosed Game Park managed exclusively for exceptional elk hunting



## HORSE LAKE MESA BULL ELK

**Dates:** Season 1: September 1-4, 2025  
Season 2: September 5-8, 2025  
Season 3: September 9-12, 2025  
Season 4: September 13-16, 2025  
Season 5: September 17-20, 2025  
Season 6: September 21-24, 2025  
Season 7: September 25-28, 2025  
Season 8: September 29-October 2, 2025  
Season 9: October 3-6, 2025  
Season 10: October 7-10, 2025

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Bull Elk, 5x5 minimum  
**Price:** \$14,950.00 (+\$50 non-refundable JWS)  
**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow  
**Licenses:** 40.

**Note:** SEE SCOUTING RULE #25

**BOOKING:** Returning hunters are offered the courtesy to re-book each year. Contact JGFD to get on the wait list for these hunts.

**NEW! Cow Elk Option:** antlerless elk license \$750 available concurrent with season dates and weapon during Bull Elk Hunt

## HORSE LAKE MESA COW ELK DRAW

**Dates:** HLM 1: October 19-21, 2025 (5 licenses)  
HLM 2: October 23-25, 2025 (5 licenses)  
HLM 3: Oct. 27-Oct. 29, 2025 (5 licenses)  
HLM 4: October 31-Nov. 2, 2025 (5 licenses)  
HLM 5: November 4-6, 2025 (5 licenses)

**Bag Limit:** One Antlerless Elk  
**Price:** \$1,500.00, (\$50 non-refundable wildlife stamp and application fee is required to apply, \$1,500 is due if successfully drawn)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 25. Issued by random drawing.

**Application Deadline:** May 1, 2025

**Draw Results Posted on jicarillahunt.com:** May 23, 2025

**2<sup>nd</sup> License Option:** additional antlerless elk licenses may be available via 2<sup>nd</sup> license options determined by pre-hunt habitat conditions.

## FALL BEAR SEASON FOR HLM ELK HUNTERS

**Dates:** September 1- November 6, 2025

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Bear, excluding sow with cubs

**Price:** \$600 (+\$50 non-refundable JWS)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** Unlimited: Available only to those hunters holding a HLM bull or cow elk license. The bear license is valid concurrently with HLM bull or cow elk hunt dates. Dog-pursuit/baiting is not allowed.

# Reservation-Wide BULL ELK DRAW

**\*Application Deadline May 1, 2025 → Draw Results:** 5/16/25 leftover licenses shall be issued 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served

**Cow Elk Option:** antlerless elk license \$750 available concurrent with season dates and weapon during all Reservation-wide bull elk seasons

## ARCHERY BULL ELK

**DRAW HUNT CODE:**

**AB: Dates:** September 26-30, 2025

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Bull Elk, 5x5 minimum.

**Price:** \$8,000.00 (\$50 non-refundable JWS required to apply, Full license fee due if drawn)

**Weapon:** Bow Only

**Licenses:** 25, issued by random draw\*

## SOUTH UNIT ARCHERY/MUZZLELOADER

**Dates:** September 1-25, 2025 (7 consecutive days)

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Bull Elk, 5x5 minimum

**DRAW HUNT CODE:**

- **SAB: Archery:** \$8,000.00  
-Weapon: Bow Only
- **SAM: Muzzleloader:** \$10,000.00  
-Weapon: Muzzleloader or Bow Only

(\$50 JWS required to apply, Full license fee due if drawn)

**Licenses:** 5, issued by random draw\*

## EARLY RIFLE BULL ELK

**DRAW HUNT CODE:**

**EB1: Dates:** October 1-5, 2025 (20 licenses)

**EB2: Dates:** October 6-10, 2025 (20 licenses)

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Bull Elk, 5x5 minimum

**Price:** \$12,000.00 (\$50 non-refundable JWS required to apply, Full license fee due if drawn)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 40, issued by random draw\*

## LATE RIFLE BULL ELK

**DRAW HUNT CODE:**

**LB 1: Nov. 1-5, 2025 (20 licenses)**

**LB 2: Jan 1-5, 2026 (20 licenses)**

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Bull Elk, 5x5 minimum.

**Price:** \$10,000.00

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 40 total, issued by random draw\*



# MULE DEER

The Jicarilla mule deer management program promotes buck maturity and abundance. Hunters can expect to see several mature bucks while pursuing their buck-of-a-lifetime. Cow Elk License Option (\$750): concurrent with hunt dates

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## **SEALED BID: BUCK AND BULL COMBO**

**Date:** November 15 - December 31, 2025

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Reservation Bull Elk, 5x5 minimum & One (1) Buck Mule Deer, 4x4 minimum

**Price:** Highest bid (Minimum bid \$40,000)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**License:** One (1), Issued to the Highest Bidder. Licenses are non-transferable

**Form:** Sealed Bid Application

**Application Deadline:** **May 6, 2025**, 5pm MST. Bids must be submitted by mail; contact JGFD for instructions.

Auction results will be available May 7, 2025. Full payment must be received by June 2, 2025.



## **LIVE AUCTION: MULE DEER 2026**

**Date:** **November 15 - December 31, 2026**

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Buck Mule Deer, 4x4 minimum

**Price:** Highest Bid (Live Auction) Western Hunting and Conservation Expo, Salt Lake City, Utah

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** One (1), Issued to the Highest Bidder. Licenses are non-transferable

# COW ELK DRAW

## **RESERVATION-WIDE COW ELK**

### **Hunt Codes:**

**RC 1: October 29-31, 2025 (25 Licenses)**

**RC 2: Nov. 6-8, 2025 (15 licenses)**

**RC 3: Nov. 10-12, 2025 (30 licenses)**

**RC 4: Nov. 13-15, 2025 (30 licenses)**

**RC 5: Nov. 16-18, 2025 (30 licenses)**

**RC 6: Dec. 5-7, 2025 (15 licenses)**

**RC 7: December 8-10, 2025 (30 licenses)**

**RC 8: December 11-13, 2025 (30 licenses)**

**RC 9: December 14-16, 2025 (30 licenses)**

**RC 10: December 17-19, 2025 (30 licenses)**

**RC 11: December 20-22, 2025 (15 licenses)**

**RC 12: December 27-29, 2025 (15 licenses)**

**Bag Limit:** One (1) antlerless elk

**Price:** \$1,500 (\$50 non-refundable wildlife stamp and application fee is required to apply, \$1,500 is due only if successfully drawn)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 295, issued by random drawing

**Application Deadline:** 5/1/25 **Draw Results:** 5/23/25

**2<sup>nd</sup> License Option:** \$750.00, Second cow licenses available. ONLY available to 2025 cow elk license holders during concurrent drawn season dates, no transfers, not available to guests, no exceptions. DO NOT APPLY FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> License until DRAW RESULTS ARE RELEASED



## **RESERVATION-WIDE GROUP COW ELK** Groups only (5-10 hunters) Applicant #1 is the group organizer and point of contact

### **Hunt Codes:**

**GC 1: November 6-8, 2025 (20 licenses)**

**GC 2: December 5-7, 2025 (20 licenses)**

**GC 3: December 20-22, 2025 (20 licenses)**

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Antlerless Elk

**Price:** \$2,000.00 / person (\$50 non-refundable wildlife stamp and application fee / person is required to apply, \$2,000 due if drawn)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 60, issued by random draw

**Application Deadline:** 5/1/25 **Draw Results Posted on jicarillahunt.com:** 5/23/25

**2<sup>nd</sup> License Option:** \$750.00, Second cow licenses available. ONLY available to 2025 cow elk license holders during concurrent drawn season dates, no transfers, not available to guests, no exceptions. DO NOT APPLY FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> License until DRAW RESULTS ARE RELEASED

## **SOUTH UNIT: COW ELK**

### **Hunt Codes:**

**SC 1: November 6-9, 2025 (10 licenses)**

**SC 2: November 10-13, 2025 (10 licenses)**

**SC 3: November 14-17, 2025 (10 licenses)**

**SC 4: December 11-14, 2025 (10 licenses)**

**SC 5: December 15-18, 2025 (10 licenses)**

**SC 6: December 19-22, 2025 (15 licenses)**

**SC 7: December 27-30, 2025 (15 licenses)**

**Bag Limit:** One (1) Antlerless Elk

**Price:** \$1,500.00 / person (\$50 non-refundable wildlife stamp and application fee / person is required to apply, \$1,500 is due if drawn)

**Weapon:** Firearm or Bow

**Licenses:** 80, issued by random draw

**Application Deadline:** 5/1/25 **Draw Results Posted on jicarillahunt.com:** 5/23/25

**2<sup>nd</sup> License Option:** \$750.00, Second cow licenses available. ONLY available to 2025 cow elk license holders during concurrent drawn season dates, no transfers, not available to guests, no exceptions. DO NOT APPLY FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> License until DRAW RESULTS ARE RELEASED

***Horse Lake Mesa Cow Elk (See Page 7)***

**SOUTH HUNT UNIT:**

The unit is the southern “half” of the reservation. The northern reaches of the unit are bound as follows: Beginning where the reservation boundary and USFS access road 314 intersect, follow access road 314 south to its junction with NM 537, then follow NM 537 northeast to its junction with J-4, then following J-4 south to its intersection with J-30, then along J-30 east to its intersection with the center of the dike rock formation, then following the center (top) of Tapacito Ridge “dike rock” formation south to its intersection with the reservation boundary. The hunt unit encompasses all remaining Jicarilla Apache lands bound by the reservation boundary south and westward.

