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JICARILLA APACHE ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBER HUNTING PROCLAMATION

Season Year: April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027



Jicarilla Apache Nation Legislative Council Resolution 2026-R-038-02

LICENSE INFORMATION: This proclamation provides information regarding hunting and trapping opportunities for enrolled Jicarilla Apache tribal members and legally married spouses. Tribal members who live outside of Dulce may apply and receive licenses via USPS mail. All applications must be completed and signed by the applicant; application forms are available at JGFD or can be emailed to tribal members upon request. Applicable license, application and/or stamp fees must be received upon application. Draw applications require a \$10.00 non-refundable draw fee; applicable license fees are due by the first day of the hunt. A one-time \$5.00 Jicarilla Wildlife Stamp is required for all Tribal Members (except elders) who hold a license or designate hunt for the season year.

GENERAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, DEFINITIONS, and RULES

NOTICE: In addition to the rules and regulations found in this proclamation, a partial listing of Jicarilla Apache Nation wildlife laws (Title 10) applicable to tribal member hunts are summarized herein. 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
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, including un-manned aircraft (drones).
5. **Legal Hunting Methods:**
 - a. Legal Shooting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise, ½ after sunset (unless otherwise noted)
 - b. Centerfire Rifle: minimum caliber for all elk, deer, and bear is .243, and minimum caliber for mountain lion is .22 centerfire. 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.
 - 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 are 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.
6. **Tribal Member:** any individual enrolled as a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation verified by a census identification number issued by the Jicarilla Apache Nation government.
7. **Non-Tribal Member:** an individual who does not have a valid census number issued by the Jicarilla Apache Nation government.
8. **Tribal Member Age Categories** (at time of application): updated 2021 (Resolution No. 2020-R-080-03)
 - Youth: 17 years old and under. A valid Hunter Safety Card is required to apply for a license
 - Adult: Ages 18-59
 - Senior Citizen: Ages 60-69
 - Elder: 70 years +
9. **Immediate Family Members:**
 - a. **Tribal Member Immediate Family:** family members within a second degree of kindred, all of whom are enrolled tribal members of the Jicarilla Apache Nation. Second degree of kindred means a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, spouse, or grandparent.
 - b. **Non-Tribal Family Members:** family members of an enrolled Jicarilla Apache tribal member who are within a first degree of kindred but are not enrolled in the Jicarilla Apache Nation. First degree of kindred means a father, mother, son, daughter, siblings, or legally married spouse. Non-tribal family members must be accompanied by an adult tribal member who is an immediate family member for all allowed hunting activities except for non-tribal spouses who may accompany their enrolled tribal member children while hunting.
10. **Designated Hunter:** an enrolled Tribal Member who is authorized by JGFD to harvest a cow elk for another tribal member (see regulations below). A *designated hunter form* approved by the JGFD Director or his designate is required and must be carried by the designated hunter while in the field. Designated Hunting authorizations are non-transferable. Designated hunting is not allowed for any other species or hunts.
 - a. **Cow elk:** designated hunters may harvest an antlerless elk (early or late season), field dress, skin, and deliver meat to any other tribal member who requests this service. Tribal member spouses may designate hunt for a cow elk license held by their legally married non-tribal spouse.
11. **Mobility Impaired:** an individual with permanent physical impairment confirmed in writing by a Medical Doctor or equivalent that:



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- limits his/her mobility to a walker, wheelchair or crutches
 - severely restricts movement in both arms; and/or has combination of permanent disabilities which cause comparable functional limitations
- Mobility Impaired Hunters can shoot from a stationary vehicle that is not on an established road or highway. Upon clearly wounding a legal game animal, a mobility impaired hunter may be assisted by another person to track, retrieve and/or kill the game. Only the person meeting the mobility impaired requirements will be issued the license, and only this individual may hunt, unless the mobility impaired hunter specifically requests Department Harvest services authorized by the JGFD Director.
12. **Tribal Member Guides:** an enrolled tribal member who is hired to guide a non-tribal client during his/her hunt. A tribal member guide is required for most hunts. A maximum of 2 hunters per guide is permitted. Tribal member guides must have a valid driver's license and must be legally able to participate in firearm related activities.
 - 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 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.
 - c) Tribal members guiding non-tribal hunters during New Mexico State hunts can only use the following routes to access adjacent state hunt areas: NM 112; NM Highway 537; U.S. 64; U.S. 550; Forest Road 314, Forest Road 357 (Gas Buggy Road); Cooper-Neil Road-south of NM 112; Forest Road 300; Forest Road 301, and J-19 (Lindrith road). All other access to surrounding non-reservation lands is exclusive to enrolled tribal members.
 13. **Once-in-a-Lifetime License:** A license that can only be issued once in an applicant's lifetime. This license may not be applied for if an individual has previously held one.
 14. **Hard Luck mule deer license:** discontinued in 2025
 15. **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.
 16. **No Hunting and Restricted Hunting Zones:** areas within ¼ mile of an occupied dwelling and recreational areas when people are present.
 17. **Hunt Guests:** During all tribal hunting seasons, **non-tribal members cannot accompany tribal member hunters in the field, except for immediate family members** (see definition). Any other non-tribal member found in the company of a tribal member may be subject to civil penalty along with the licensed tribal member hunter.
 18. Tribal member hunters may only hold one (1) of the following licenses per year: turkey, mule deer, bull elk, black bear and pronghorn antelope. Tribal members may hold up to three (3) reservation antlerless elk licenses per season year (1 archery, 2 rifle) but may only hold one license at a time (additional licenses will be sold/issued after harvest reporting). Horse Lake Mesa hunts are considered a separate hunt unit thus tribal member application or participation in this hunt does not impact nor count towards reservation bull elk, cow elk, bear, or mule deer applications or status.
 19. **License Refunds and Transfers:** The JGFD Director 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; 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. Requests must be made one (1) week prior to the first day of the hunt.
 20. Extension of hunt dates or application deadlines is not allowed.
 21. **Shed Antlers and Skulls:** Non-tribal members are prohibited from picking up cast antlers or skulls on the Jicarilla Reservation and from accompanying tribal members who are hunting antlers, except for immediate family members (see definition).
 - a. Any skull with antlers attached requires a donation permit issued by the JGFD before they can be sold. Possession of antler(s) cut-off from the skull is illegal on the Jicarilla Apache Nation
 - b. Personal shed antler hunting and collection in the Horse Lake Mesa Game Park is prohibited (Resolution No. 2003-R-453-10). Any shed antlers found incidentally in Horse Lake Mesa Game Park must be turned into JGFD.
 22. **Waste of Game:** All edible portions of harvested wildlife must be transported to a place for human consumption, or provisions must be made to provide for human consumption.
 23. **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 may 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
 24. **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 that the game has been taken legally. Carcasses, meat and internal organs may be donated however it is illegal to sell game meat under tribal and federal laws
 25. It is illegal to resell any Jicarilla hunting license and it is illegal to purchase any Jicarilla hunting license from anyone other than the JGFD or authorized vendor (Resolution No. 2000-R-408-10).
 26. **Licenses 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. Improperly or untagged carcasses or hides will be seized, and the hunter will be cited.
 27. **Bounty:** Bounty payment is a management tool and is exclusive to enrolled tribal members who legally harvest coyotes and/or mountain lions within Jicarilla Apache Nation lands. Party hunting, submittal of coyotes killed by non-tribal members, off-reservation harvest, and submitting animals obtained from any other source is illegal and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. *Jicarilla Game and Fish Department reserves the right to refuse*



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bounty payment for lions or coyotes of unknown origin, deemed suspicious, abnormal, or evidentiary.

- a. Coyote: pending funds, tribal members who lawfully harvest coyotes may apply for a bounty payment of \$40.00. The full coyote carcass must be brought to JGFD for bounty application, and a coyote harvest affidavit must be completed.
 - b. Mountain Lions: pending funds, tribal members who lawfully harvest a mountain lion may apply for a bounty payment of \$200.00.
 - i. A valid carcass tag must be notched and attached.
 - ii. Full mountain lion pelts are preferred for bounty applications, but full carcasses are allowed. No photos will be accepted.
 - iii. JGFD must receive biological samples and a lion harvest report and hunt affidavit form
 - iv. **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 the reservation, whichever occurs first. The pelt tag must remain attached to the hide until the hide is processed.
28. **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 pursuits 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 tracks, 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 the pursuit and take of the mountain lion
29. Only dogs owned and used by enrolled Jicarilla Tribal Members can be used to pursue mountain lion or bear on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation. All dogs used in bear and lion hunts must have tags bearing the name, address and phone number of the enrolled tribal member owner. The licensed hunter with intent to harvest must be present when the dogs are released on the trail of a mountain lion or black bear.
30. Any applicant who is a felon per state and federal law shall be restricted to the use of archery equipment only and will be subject to abiding by existing Jicarilla Apache Nation archery qualifications, schedules, and other archery hunting rules and regulations.
31. Duplicate licenses (if allowed) for all hunts will be \$10.00
32. **NEW! Updated 2026 Archery Qualifications Rules**
- a. **Purpose:** encourage marksmanship, ethics, proper gear selection, and overall proficiency to minimize wound loss for archery big-game hunts
 - b. **Location:** Jicarilla Game and Fish Department Office, Dulce NM
 - c. **Dates and Time:** July 19, 2026 / July 25-26, 2026 / August 1-2, 2026 / August 8-9, 2026; 2pm to 6:30pm
 - d. **Draw Weight:** Forty (40) pound minimum draw weight will be checked and enforced for all archery hunters
 - e. **Distance:** Compound: 30 yards, Traditional: 20 yards
 - f. **Requirement:** Individuals must group 3-arrows within a 7-inch circle, no line cutting, verified by JGFD Conservation Officer(s) in charge, all decisions are final
 - g. **Attempts:** A maximum of 3 attempts per qualification day will be granted
33. **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 always remain closed
34. It is illegal to make false statements when applying, buying, or altering a license, and doing so voids the license.

HARVEST REPORTING is extremely important to wildlife management.

EVERY TIME YOU REPORT YOU ARE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAWING!

All Hunters and Guides:

- Whether successful or not, fill out a **Harvest Reporting Survey (tooth envelope)** for each license held
- Bring your harvested Buck, Bull for pictures and **antler scoring**
- **Pull lower incisor (2) teeth** from all harvested big game (including Bear and Lion)



RESPONSIBLE RECREATION REQUIRES LEAVE NO TRACE

LITTERING ENFORCED \$250.00 CITATION



MULE DEER

- The Hard Luck Draw Program has been discontinued (2025)
- Two Year Ineligible Period Adopted in 2025: All Once-in-a-Lifetime, General, Archery, Cooper-Neil shall be ineligible to apply for mule deer hunts for two (2) years after holding any of these licenses
- All Deer Licenses (excluding elders) will be issued via random draw
- Designated Hunting by the community is not allowed for any Mule Deer Hunt, this service has been replaced by Department Harvest upon the request of elder, senior citizen, or mobility impaired license holder(s).
- Harvest reporting is MANDATORY for All Mule Deer Hunts- during regular business hours (M-F, 8-5 MST)

RESERVATION ARCHERY MULE DEER

Dates: August 26–September 25, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Antlered Buck

License Price: \$50.00 (\$10 non-refundable application fee is required to apply, remaining \$40 license fee is due by August 26th if successfully drawn) The \$40 License fee is waived for Senior Citizens and Veterans

Weapon: Bow only, no crossbows. No firearms can be carried in the field while archery hunting.

Licenses: 5. Issued by Random Draw. Applications accepted July 20, 2026. Archery Qualification Required to Apply.

Application Deadline: August 10, 2026 **Results:** August 12, 2026

Eligibility: Successful applicants are not eligible to apply for mule deer 2 years after holding this license. Tribal members who held any mule deer license in 2025-26 season year are ineligible to apply

ELDER BUCK/MOBILITY IMPAIRED

Dates: October 17-25, 2026

Price: Free

Bag Limit: One (1) Antlered Buck for License Holders who Elect to hunt for themselves or JGFD Harvest: Management Buck: Cactus Buck, 3x3 or smaller (excluding brow tines) or any mature buck with one antler with 3 points or less per side (excluding brow tines)

Licenses: 27 licenses available (1 per household). Issued first come-first served beginning April 1, 2026, to eligible (even numbered) birthyears: 1956, 1954, 1952, 1950, 1948, and preceding even numbered birthyears'. Cutoff: Elder must meet age requirements by the first day of the hunt (DOB: Oct. 17, 1956) to be eligible.

Weapon: Legal firearm

Note: in-person application must be approved by JGFD Director (see reg. 8 and 11 for eligibility). Public Designated Hunting is not allowed. This service has been replaced by JGFD harvest. All JGFD Harvest antlers will be retained and sold at the annual antler auction with proceeds benefiting the Youth Development Fund.

MULE DEER: GENERAL DRAW

Dates: October 17-25, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Antlered Buck

License Price: \$50.00 (\$10 non-refundable application fee is required to apply, remaining \$40 license fee is due by October 17 if successfully drawn) The \$40 License fee is waived for Senior Citizens and Veterans

Weapon: Legal firearm or Bow

Licenses: 10 (ten), issued by random draw

Note: JGFD harvest is allowed for senior citizens who request this service, and will follow elder/MI designated hunters bag limit regulations

Deadline: August 10, 2026, 5pm MST **Results:** August 12

Eligibility: Successful applicants are not eligible to apply for mule deer 2 years after holding this license. Tribal members who held any mule deer license in 2025-26 season year are ineligible to apply



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CHRYPTORCHID MULE DEER (Cactus buck)

Dates: Nov. 1-December 31, 2026

Price: \$50.00

Bag Limit: any cactus buck (100% velvet antlers). **Mandatory reporting/bag verification/sample collection upon harvest or end of season, whichever occurs first.**

Weapon: Legal firearm or Bow

Licenses: 10.

Ineligible: Archery, Cooper Neal, or Once-in-a-Lifetime Mule Deer license in 2026. Holding this license will not affect eligibility for any of the 2027 mule deer hunts.

Note: in-person application only. Must be approved by JGFD Director.

COOPER-NEIL ARCHERY MULE DEER LICENSE

Date: Dec. 12, 2026-Jan. 17, 2027

License Price: \$50.00 (\$10 non-refundable application fee is required to apply, remaining \$40 license fee is due by December 12th if successfully drawn) The \$40 License fee is waived for Senior Citizens and Veterans

Bag Limit: One (1) antlered buck

Weapon: Bow only. No firearms can be carried in the field while archery hunting.

Licenses: 5. Issued by Random Draw. Applications accepted beginning July 20, 2026. Archery Qualification Required to Apply.

Application Deadline: August 10, 2026, **Results:** August 12, 2026

Successful applicants are not eligible to apply for mule deer 2 years after holding this license. Unit map provided.

Eligibility: Successful applicants are not eligible to apply for mule deer 2 years after holding this license. Tribal members who held any mule deer license in 2025-26 season year are ineligible to apply

ELK

*Tribal members may hold up to three (3) reservation antlerless elk licenses per season year (1 archery, 2 rifle) but may only hold one at a time. Additional cow licenses will be sold/issued upon cow license harvest reporting.

ARCHERY BULL ELK

Dates: September 1-25, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Bull Elk

Price: \$50.00

Weapon: Bow only. No firearms can be carried in the field while archery hunting. All archery hunters must qualify before applying for this hunt.

Licenses: 85. Issued first come-first serve to qualified archery hunters **Date Licenses Available:** July 20, 2026

ARCHERY COW ELK*

Dates: September 1-25, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Antlerless Elk

Price: \$20.00, Free to elders, veterans, mobility impaired and senior citizens.

Weapon: Bow only. No firearms can be carried in the field while archery hunting. All archery hunters must qualify before applying for this hunt.

Licenses: Unlimited. Issued first come-first serve to qualified archery hunters **Date Licenses Available:** July 20, 2026



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RIFLE BULL ELK DRAW

Dates: Early Season: October 11-18, 2026 (35 Licenses)

Late Season: November 21-29, 2026 (30 Licenses)

Bag Limit: One (1) Bull Elk.

License Price: \$50.00

\$10 non-refundable application fee is required to apply, remaining \$40 license fee is due by October 11 (early season) or November 18 (late season) if successfully drawn

Weapon: Legal firearm or bow

Licenses: 65. Issued by random drawing.

Application Deadline: August 10, 2026, **Results:** August 17

Note: 2025 Rifle Bull license holders are ineligible to apply.

RIFLE COW ELK*

Dates: October 11-December 31, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Antlerless Elk.

Price: \$20.00 for Enrolled Tribal Members; free to veterans, elders, mobility impaired, and senior citizens

Weapon: Firearm or Bow.

Licenses: Unlimited. Issued first come-first serve, **Date Licenses Available:** April 1, 2026

LEGALLY MARRIED SPOUSE COW ELK

Dates: October 11-December 31, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Antlerless Elk

Price: \$75.00 for legally married non-enrolled member spouses of Tribal Members.

Weapon: Firearm or Bow.

Licenses: 50. Issued first come-first serve, **Date Licenses Available:** April 1, 2026

Note: Non-tribal member spouses must be legally married to a Jicarilla Apache Tribal Member. **Hunt application must be co-signed** by a tribal member spouse, and a valid marriage certificate must be provided each year. Hunter must be accompanied by an immediate family member who is a tribal member.

BEAR & MOUNTAIN LION

1. Baiting and dogs are allowed for Black Bear hunts
2. Only dogs owned and run by Tribal Members are permitted. Non-tribal members are not allowed to run dogs on Nation lands.
3. Bear Bait sites must be clearly marked. Color codes are available at JGFD, otherwise the name of the hunter/guide must be visible/legible
4. Bait sites must be kept clean of all trash and cannot be within ¼ mile of recreational areas or houses.

BLACK BEAR

Dates: April 15 – November 30, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) either sex bear, excluding sow with cubs

Price: \$20.00, free to senior citizens and veterans.

Weapon: Firearm or Bow.

Licenses: 20. Issued first come-first serve, **Date Licenses Available:** April 1, 2026

MOUNTAIN LION

Dates: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

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

Price: \$10.00, free to senior citizens and veterans

Weapon: Firearm or Bow

Hunting Hours: 24 hours/day

Licenses: Unlimited **Date Licenses Available:** April 1, 2026



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ONCE IN A LIFETIME LICENSES

Application Deadline: June 5, 2026, Results: June 11, 2026

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MULE DEER

Dates: September 1- December 31, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Antlered Buck

Price: \$100.00, (\$10 non-refundable application fee is required to apply, \$90 is due only if successfully drawn)

Weapon: Legal firearm or bow

Licenses: One (1). Issued by random drawing. Any Jicarilla Tribal Member may apply, except those who have previously drawn this license. Successful applicant is not eligible to apply for mule deer 2 years after holding this license.

HORSE LAKE MESA ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME TROPHY COMBINATION

Dates: October 11-18, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Bull Elk, One (1) Buck Mule Deer, One (1) Cow Elk, (1) Turkey, and One (1) Black Bear.

Price: \$100.00, (\$10 non-refundable application fee is required to apply, \$90 is due only if successfully drawn)

Weapon: Legal firearm or bow

Licenses: (3). Issued by random drawing.

One license is reserved for each of the following. Applicants may only hold this permit once in their lifetime regardless of which category they obtained the permit:

1. Tribal Member (age: 18-59 at time of application)
2. Honorably Discharged Veteran
3. Senior Tribal Member (age 60+ at time of application)

If any reserved license(s) are unissued after the drawing, they may be issued by drawing from other pooled categories

Note: Horse Lake Mesa is considered a separate hunt unit thus tribal member application or participation in this hunt does not impact other reservation bull or cow elk, bear, turkey, or mule deer applications or status. **Successful applicants must attend a pre-hunt orientation before license is issued and must be accompanied by JGFD personnel during the hunt.**

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME BULL ELK

Dates: September 1- December 31, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Antlered Bull

Price: \$100.00, (\$10 non-refundable application fee is required to apply, \$90 is due only if successfully drawn)

Weapon: Firearm or Bow.

Licenses: (1). Issued by random drawing. Successful applicants are ineligible to apply for Rifle Bull for one year after holding this license

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME PRONGHORN

Dates: October 1-9, 2026

Bag Limit: One (1) Pronghorn Buck

Price: \$100.00, (\$10 non-refundable application fee is required to apply, \$90 is due only if successfully drawn)

Weapon: Legal firearm or bow

Permits: 1. Issued by random drawing. Any Jicarilla Tribal Member may apply, except those who have previously drawn this license.

YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION INCENTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

JGFD promotes youth hunter safety programs and the Jicarilla Apache's proud heritage of hunting. Enrolled tribal member youth (ages <17) who have successfully completed the Hunter Education Course (certificate/card required) are eligible to apply for youth licenses, except those who have previously held this once-in-a-lifetime license. **Successful applicants must attend a pre-hunt orientation before license is issued. Youth must be accompanied by JGFD personnel during the hunt.** **Note:** Youth must receive permission from, or must be accompanied by, a parent or legal guardian. One (1) additional guest is allowed.



MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

WATERFOWL

Dates: September 1- December 31, 2026

Price: \$10.00; fee waived for senior citizens, veterans and mobility impaired

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

Licenses: unlimited

Federal Duck Stamp: Each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his/her person a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) signed in ink across the stamp face purchased from the U.S.P.S. or E-Stamp from a state wildlife agency. A Jicarilla Wildlife Stamp is not required for waterfowl hunters.

Bag and Possession Limits: Harvest reporting is mandatory.

SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks (including Mergansers)	SEVEN (7), including no more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 mallards, including no more than two hen mallards • 6 Teal • 2 scaup • 2 canvasbacks • 2 redheads • 1 pintail 	3 times daily bag limit
Coots	25	75
Canada Geese	2	4

Legal Hunting Areas: all waters on the Jicarilla Apache reservation are open to waterfowl hunting, except Horse Lake and Mundo Lake. Maps are available at the JGFD office. Waterfowl hunting is permitted at remaining JGFD recreational waters if completely vacated by other users (day users, anglers, campers, etc.)

DOVE

Dates: September 1-30, 2026

Price: \$10.00, free to senior citizens, veterans and mobility impaired.

Weapons: Shotgun; **minimum caliber 20 gauge.**

Licenses: Unlimited. A Federal Duck Stamp is NOT required to hunt doves

Bag and Possession Limits:

- Mourning (image 1) and White-winged Doves (image 2): 15 singly or aggregate / 45 possession
- Eurasian Collared Doves (image 3): Unlimited

