2022 – 2023

General Public
Big Game Hunting Season

Proclamation

Val R. Panteah, Sr.
Governor

Approved: March 14, 2022
General Public Hunt Proclamation
http://www.ashiwi.org/FishandWildlife.html
(Fish and Wildlife Icon Right Hand Corner)

Important

The Pueblo of Zuni still faces many unforeseen circumstances, challenges, losses, and unprecedented situations along with the rest of the state of New Mexico and nationwide. In the 2021-2022 hunting season, The Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department (ZFWD) welcomed back our General Public Hunters to the Pueblo of Zuni for the fall and winter hunts. Although, we were still in the height of the pandemic, the decision was made with the implementations of safe and precautionary protocols for the protection of our community, our hunters, and guides to do their part in reducing the spread of COVID-19. With any and all unforeseen circumstances, the ZFWD plan to welcome back our General Public Hunters for the Fall and Winter of the 2022-2023 hunting season.

The 2022-2023 General Public hunters – as the Zuni Pueblo continues to provide safe and all precautionary measures associated with the global pandemic, we intend to move forward in a healthy and safe manner and ask that all General Public hunter(s) respect and abide by all safety protocols as the department will continue to monitor the latest health information and safety guidelines. Currently the Pueblo of Zuni requires masks in public places, social distancing of at least 6 feet, and strongly recommend General Public hunters who wish to hunt on the Zuni Reservation receive a COVID-19 vaccine prior to arriving. If you have received a COVID-19 vaccine, we ask that you bring your vaccination cards to show proof. If you have not received a vaccine, we ask that you take a COVID-19 nasal swap test 48 hours prior to arriving. We respectfully ask and encourage all hunters to simply stay home if you do not feel well. We would happily reward you and your honesty by refunding 100% of your license fees. We as a hunting community can make 2022-2023 a better, healthy, safe year, and for years to come. Please recognize the Tribe will remain vigilant to the current COVID-19 related conditions within the community and reserve the right to cancel or modify any scheduled 2022-2023 Big Game General Public hunt(s). We thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding.

~ZFWD Staff
General Information

Important information you need to know before applying and hunting on the Zuni Reservation. All game, fish, wildlife, natural resources, shed antler(s), skulls with antlers, all archeological artifacts, and sites are protected on the Pueblo of Zuni by Tribal and Federal Law and may not be taken, possessed or transported by Non-Zuni Tribal members without proper permitting and documentation.

The sole purpose of this document is to provide written documentation for the General Public Hunting activities provided by the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department on an annual basis. Upon the Tribal Council’s approval of the General Public Big Game Proclamations, this document will govern the activities of General Public Hunts administered through the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department.

The license year of the Zuni Fish and Wildlife General Public Proclamation will begin March 14, 2022 and will end January 31, 2023.

Through the General Public Proclamation that has been set forth and approved by the Tribal Council, only the ZFWD may issue hunting permits for the following big game species: Pronghorn Antelope, Elk, and Mule Deer.

The Pueblo of Zuni Government, the ZFWD, Tribal Rangers, and Tribal Guides are not responsible for hunters contracting the COVID-19 virus or any other injuries, accidents or possibility of death, which may occur while hunting on the Pueblo of Zuni Reservation. General Public hunters acknowledge ultimate responsibility for their own personal capabilities and limitations while hunting on the Zuni Reservation. General Public hunters understand their decision to participate with the big game hunting activities on the Zuni Reservation are completely voluntary and they wish to proceed to participate being aware of and assuming any risks.

All Rules and Regulations pertain to all big game hunting on the Pueblo of Zuni and the Tribal sections of Mazone Ranch.

All applicants are responsible for reading and understanding the Proclamation Rules and Regulations before applying. The Proclamation Rules and Regulations permit numbers and permit costs are approved through end of 2022-2023 hunting season.
What's New for 2022-2023?

- Application fees have been increased to $30.00 per application.
- Package fees have increased slightly to keep up with the rising economy around the surrounding areas and nationwide because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A Limited Number of tags will be available for each hunt that will be up for draw. It will require each applicant to fill and complete each application for the desired hunt(s) they wish to apply for.
- All General Public Antlerless Elk tags will now be a full draw system. Any unsold or leftover tags will be made available on a first come first serve basis.
- A handful of Antlerless Elk permit holders will be authorized to hunt the Main Zuni Reservation & Mazone Ranch. This will be randomly drawn by the ZFWD staff before the hunts.
- All Applications for all hunts must be completed and submitted to the ZFWD by April 29, 2022 before 4:00PM (MT).
- All Drawings will be held on May 4, 2022. Draw date and draw results dates are subject to change without notice.
- Drawn Applicants will be notified by May 9, 2022. Draw date and draw results dates are subject to change without notice.
- Full Payment must be paid & received at the Zuni Finance Department by July 1, 2022 no later than 4:00PM (MT).
- Two (2) Sealed Bid hunts have been implemented for the 2022-2023 hunting season. Applying for these hunts will require a Sealed Bid application to be completed and submitted to the ZFWD.
- Sealed Bid application must be submitted by May 6, 2022 no later than 4:00PM (MT). If you have any questions regarding the Sealed Bid process or application, please give ZFWD a call or email POZ.Hunts@ashiwi.org.
- Sealed Bid full payment must be paid and received at the Zuni Finance Department by July 8, 2022 no later than 4:00PM (MT).
- Online payment system has been made available at www.Ashiwi.org. Step 1: Click the tab “New! Online Payments”. Step 2: Click “Pay Now”. Step 3: Fill in the appropriate amount being paid. If a permit fee is being paid, please include the $5.00 habitat fee. Step 4: Fill in appropriate payment and billing information. Step 5: Under “Custom Section”, in the box labeled “Account Number”. Simply type in “Application” and the appropriate hunt number (Ex. Application Hunt # 2, 3, & 4). If you are paying a permit fee, type in the appropriate hunt number and habitat fee (Ex. Hunt # 4 & Habitat fee). Step 6: Click “Payment for” and a drop down menu will appear. Choose “Fish/Wildlife”. Step 7: Under “Account Name”, type in the appropriate name of the applicant. Step 8: Submit Payment.
- A confirmation email will be sent to the appropriate email entered under the “Billing Address” information.
- IF, after making a payment, an error screen shows. Please, do check for a confirmation email or check the appropriate debit/credit card account transaction history before proceeding to make another payment. Sometimes, payments will be processed regardless of the error screen.
Continuing Actions

- All hunts will still be package hunts and all lodging, meals, and guide fees are included within the package.

- Antlerless Elk tags are a non-package hunt. Lodging and meals will be at the hunters own discretion. Tribal Guide listing will be provided to permit holders after all payments have been made. Fees and gratuities will be between the hunter and tribal guide(s).

- Payments will no longer be accepted at the ZFWD. All application, permit, habitat, and late fees will be paid to Zuni Finance Department, by calling over the phone, paying online, or visiting the finance department window.

- **All Bull Elk & Mule Deer** permit holders are required to be accompanied at all times by a ZFWD Certified Tribal Guide when scouting and during the hunt. Any violation(s) of Game and Fish/Tribal code(s) void permit and No future hunting opportunities will be allowed for three (3) years.

- **All Anterless Elk** permit holders are required to be accompanied at all times by a ZFWD Certified Guide or Tribal Member when scouting and during the hunt. Any violation(s) of Game and Fish/Tribal code(s) void permit. No future hunting opportunities will be allowed for three (3) years.

- **General Public hunters** may accompany their guides (if time permits for Tribal Guides) in the field the day before their hunt starts without the possession of the hunter’s weapon.

- Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides and Tribal Members, No Non-tribal member outfitters/guides are allowed as companions and are NOT permitted to operate on the Pueblo of Zuni.

- It is unlawful to commercialize any personal video footage and photos taken on the Zuni Reservations. A film permit is required for any TV hunting shows and other mass media outlets two weeks prior to the start of the hunt(s). Filmed hunts will be considered on a case-by-case basis with final approval from the ZFWD, Governor and Tribal Council.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION & APPLICATION PROCESS**

- All applicants must be aware of all deadline dates to eliminate confusion; please read information carefully.

- **General Public** are allowed to submit one application per hunting opportunity with application fee(s) of $30.00. All application fees and permit fees can be paid by **Money Orders, Cashier's Check, and/or Debit/Credit Card**.

- All payments are to be made to the **Zuni Finance Department by telephone @ (505)782-7146**. Or using the “New Online Payment” system. All **Money Orders and Cashier’s Check** should be made payable to the **Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department**.

- **General Public** - When calling the Finance Department please provide full name, reason for calling, type of hunt, hunt number, and total amount of fee(s) being paid.

- Hard copy application(s), may be mailed into the ZFWD office and must be post marked by the application deadline date. **No refunds on late applications. Electronic applications will be accepted and is another option for hunter convenience.** Application can be downloaded at [http://www.ashiwi.org/FishandWildlife.html](http://www.ashiwi.org/FishandWildlife.html) which than can be filled out and email to POZ.Hunts@ashiwi.org.
• A **2022-2023 Habitat Fee** of $5.00 is required and must be paid along with permit fee.

• **General Public** are required to call the ZFWD @ *(505)782-5851* to coordinate with staff on time of arrival and schedule an appointment to pick up permit. Our normal working days/hrs. are Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm (MT).

• **General Public hunters** are required to personally sign for permit. No exceptions. Permits are non-transferable.

• **General Public hunters** must pay 50% of permit fee(s) to place a hold on permit. Clients will then need to pay for the rest of the fees by the deadline date posted. Any permits not paid for, will be offered to alternate’s. **Alternates will be given 5 days to pay 50% of the permit fee to place a hold on permit.**

• **All Applicants** are subject to a background check to avoid any conflicts with domestic violence, game violations, or court ordered restrictions. Social Security numbers need to be provided to conduct background checks. Failure to provide or falsify social security number will eliminate you from hunting with us for the season. **No refund** will be given if the applicant is found with any of the three listed violations.

• **All INDIVIDUALS** with prior domestic violence or felony convictions in **any court, can only apply for archery hunts.**

• **All INDIVIDUALS** with game violations within the past three years or court ordered restrictions are not allowed to submit applications or participate on any hunts.

• **No Refunds** will be made to anyone unable to participate in a hunt for which they have already paid. Unless meeting Hunting Rules and Regulations #22.

• It is **MANDATORY** that Hunters complete and submit the hunter survey questionnaire. **Surveys must be returned 15 working days after completion of hunt** to the ZFWD (accepted by fax, email, drop-off). Individuals failing to submit survey will have to pay a $30.00 late fee and submit survey to be allowed to apply for 2023 hunts. Replacement surveys can be downloaded at [http://www.ashiwi.org/FishandWildlife.html](http://www.ashiwi.org/FishandWildlife.html). Faxed and emailed surveys will be accepted within the fifteen (15) working day requirement. Emailed surveys can be sent to POZ.Hunts@ashiwi.org.

### Hunting Rules and Regulations

• The Pueblo of Zuni has the right to refuse the sale or issuance of hunting permits to anyone.

• The Pueblo of Zuni, ZFWD, Tribal Rangers, Tribal Guides and its agents are not responsible for injuries, accidents, or deaths that may occur in the field while hunting on the Zuni Reservation.

• All hunters must/shall obey all Tribal, state, federal laws and rules and regulations.

• All hunters under 18 years of age or younger must have successfully completed a Hunter Safety Program. Proof of hunter education certification (CIN #) must be in your possession while out in the field hunting.

• All hunters 11 years of age or older who have successfully completed a Hunter Safety Program are eligible to apply for a license.

• No extensions will be made to any hunt dates, deadlines, or sale of additional permits. The only exception are the hunts and hunt dates that are near cultural events and ceremonies.
For all hunts – ONLY the person issued the permit is allowed to hunt and possess the legal weapon for the duration of the hunt. Only the legal weapon used by the licensed hunter will be allowed within the hunting party.

A minimum caliber is .243 for rifles, and .40 for muzzleloaders. A draw weight of 40 pounds’ minimum is required for archery.

All hunters must tag all harvested big game animals immediately after kill. The tag portion of your permit must be securely attached to the antlers or the leg of a female carcass, prior to transportation.

The antlers must remain attached to the skull or the scalp and both ears or proof of sex on a female to accompany the carcass during the pack-out and transportation of the carcass until reaching its place of storage or consumption.

It is mandatory that all harvested or wounded game be reported to the Game and Fish Department. All harvests will be checked by the Game & Fish Department staff for data collection and photographing the animal harvested. Digital or printed copies of original field photos are greatly appreciated for public information. G&F can be contacted through Dispatch.

Legal Shooting Hours for Big Game hunts are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Hunter Blaze Orange is recommended but not mandatory for all hunts.

All BOSQUE firearm hunters (including muzzleloader & bird hunters) are required to wear a minimum of a Blaze Orange hat or vest while hunting in the Bosque.

No aerial scouting, hunting, or flying of drones of any form is permitted.

It is recommended that hunting parties be limited to two (2) individuals, but no more than three (3) individuals will be allowed. Only the legal weapon used by the licensed hunter will be allowed within the hunting party. Additional companions are allowed to assist only in retrieval of harvested game. All restrictions and regulations will apply.

All General Public hunters must be aware that there will be other individuals out in the field at all times. Please be considerate of all individuals.

Cancellation Policy: All sales are final with no refunds, no cancellation of any hunt license(s) will be allowed UNLESS the license holder meets requirements below (See no. 22).

License Refunds & Cancellations may be granted by the ZFWD director or his designee if the licensee has died, sustained severe life-threatening injuries or illness preventing participation, OR licensee has been deployed by the United States military prior to the start of the hunt preventing participation. OR natural disaster has occurred that has prevented the hunts to proceed. Request for refunds and/or cancellations must be made two weeks prior to first day of the hunt. Approved cancellations/refunds are subjected to a fee of up to 50% of the total license price made payable to the ZFWD.

Camping is permitted at all tribal lakes and other designated camp sites as long as one member of the party has a valid big game hunting license.

No camping is allowed on the Zuni Reservation & Mazone Ranch if person(s) are hunting the adjoining hunting units (unit 10, 12, and Arizona Newlands) that are non-tribal lands.

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weeks prior to the start of the hunt(s). Filmed hunts will be considered on a case-by-case basis with final approval from the ZFWD and Tribal Council.

**It is Unlawful:**

All provisions under the Game and Fish code will be enforced on all hunts.

- To attempt to take game mammals over ground baited with any material or scent distributed there to entice/attract/habituate the animal(s) to the area.
- To take or attempt to take any game from another person or to use another person’s permit.
- To shoot at, pursue, harass, or drive out any game by the use of a motor driven vehicle or aircraft/drones.
- To shoot game on/from/across any graded or maintained road or from within the right of way.
- To have any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while hunting on the Zuni lands. Anyone in possession or under the influence of alcohol/drugs will be reported to the appropriate authorities and permits will be immediately suspended with NO Refund.
- To litter Zuni lands with any type of household or yard waste litter.
- To have in possession or transport big game or parts without proper documentation for a carcass tag.
- To collect shed antlers and skulls or possessing cut-off antlers from skulls by the General Public.

Non-Tribal Members found in violation of the Pueblo of Zuni law are subject to prosecution in Zuni Tribal or Federal Court. The Pueblo of Zuni has the right to refuse the sale or issuance of hunting permits to anyone.

**Other Information**

- **No access allowed to state hunt units 10 & 12, state sections of Mazone Ranch, or Arizona Newlands** through Tribal property for scouting, hunting or camping by General Public OR while acting as any hunting guide for Non-Zuni’s.

- **Mazone hunts** are only on the tribal sections of Mazone Ranch. NO State licensed General Public hunters are allowed to trespass on Mazone Ranch for State hunts or as any hunting guide. Tribal Rangers will enforce regulations.

- **All General Public Mule Deer and Bull Elk hunts** are open to the main Zuni Indian Reservation and Mazone Ranch. Mazone Ranch hunts are ONLY on tribal sections which are not clearly identified; it’s the ZFWD Certified Tribal Guide/Tribal Member responsibility to positively know the boundaries (GPS devices are recommended). Zuni – Arizona Tribal Lands not included.

- **Opportunities for Disabled Hunters**: to qualify, an applicant must show proof of disability from a physician or with Division Motor Vehicle designation. Disabled hunters will be allowed various privileges and assistance dependent on their disabilities. Mobility-Impaired licensee may shoot from a stationary vehicle that is not on a maintained road (BIA Routes and State Highways). Once the licensee has clearly wounded a legal game animal, another person(s) may assist in tracking and retrieving game.
All rules of “Fair Chase” will apply to scouting and hunting activities. Fair chase is defined as the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit of a free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage. Ethics and common courtesy are greatly appreciated by everyone in the field. Calling to locate game while scouting is “harassment”. All TRIBAL regulations, codes and ordinances will be enforced.

Wound Fees: If an animal is wounded and not recovered immediately by the hunter and guide, it is required that the hunter contacts the Game and Fish Department and/or Fish and Wildlife Department immediately to assist with locating wounded big game (no fees for assistance). If the wounded animal is not recovered and the hunter chooses to continue hunting, a written confirmation must be provided by the Game and Fish Ranger(s) that all search/recovery efforts were exhausted before a second permit is issued at 50% of the original permit cost. Otherwise the permit will be voided. If a second permit is issued and a second animal is wounded and not recovered, the permit will be voided. All search and recovery efforts for the wounded animal will need to be conducted for the remainder of the hunt.
DRAW HUNT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 29, 2022.
SEALED BID APPLICATION DEADLINE IS May 6, 2022.

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**BULL ELK AND COW ELK HUNTS**

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### 2022-2023 General Public Big Game Hunt List and Restrictions

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