

2026-2027 Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Member Hunt Proclamation



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2026-2027 License Year

GENERAL INFORMATION-PLEASE READ

All game, fish, and other wildlife are protected on the Pueblo of Acoma and may not be taken, possessed or transported unless specifically permitted by Tribal regulations. The Pueblo of Acoma has jurisdiction over fishing, hunting and trapping activities within its jurisdictional boundaries. The authority for licensing such activities resides exclusively in the Pueblo of Acoma (Title 7 Game and Wildlife Code, 2003). This proclamation has been approved by Tribal Council Resolution 2026-XXX. Therefore, all season dates and regulations found within shall be enforced by The Pueblo of Acoma Law Enforcement Services Department.

The general regulations pertain to all big game hunting on Pueblo of Acoma lands. The regulations found within the proclamation are not all inclusive. **Read the proclamation carefully before hunting or applying for any big game hunting permits.**

The Pueblo of Acoma will issue hunting permits for Elk, Mule Deer, Pronghorn, and Turkey through an application and random drawing process. Permits for Bear, Mountain Lion, and Furbearers will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters must submit a separate application for each hunt they wish to participate in. **All applications must be received by the Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise office no later than 4:00 PM on May 29, 2026.** The drawing will be conducted by the Governor or their designee, ensuring fairness and consistency throughout the process.

The license year of this proclamation will begin April 1, 2026 and will end March 31, 2027.

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2026-27 New Action Item

1. **Hunt Incentive Expiration Policy Update:** To ensure tribal members receive their incentive payouts in a timely manner, all Hunt Incentives will now expire **60 days from the date of issuance**. This policy applies to all bounties and rebates. If an incentive is not redeemed within the 60-day timeframe, tribal members may return the expired incentive to receive a new coupon. All incentives must be picked up in person at the Acoma Game and Fish Office. Cash payments will not be mailed. Hunters under the age of 18 will receive their cash payout in person at the Acoma Game and Fish Office.

ON-GOING ACTIONS

1. **By Tribal Council Resolution:** only the Acoma Game and Fish (AGF) Department may issue hunting permits for Pronghorn Antelope, Elk, Deer, Big Horn Sheep, Exotic Species, Mountain Lion, Bear, Turkey, Trapping, Furbearers, and Big Game Hunts.
2. **Application Process:** The application fee is \$7.00 per application, or \$10.00 per application if a population management hunt is selected. Hunters may select up to three (3) hunts for which they wish to be entered into the draw. Only one application per species, per Tribal Member, is permitted. **The application period begins April 1, 2026 and ends on May 29, 2026, at 4:00PM.**

Application Requirements:

- Provide the most current information on your hunting application.
- Tribal member enrollment numbers are required on each application.
- Present your Tribal identification card for verification.
- All applications must be signed and dated by applicant.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Acoma Game and Fish (AGF) will maintain and update hunters' mailing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and tribal enrollment information.

3. **Background Checks:** All Tribal and Trophy hunters may undergo background checks prior to the annual Tribal Hunt draw to ensure that they are eligible to obtain a Pueblo of Acoma Hunting License. Background checks will be conducted by the Acoma Department of Public Safety and records of any firearm restrictions will be kept. **It is unlawful for felons or domestic violence offenders to possess a firearm in all states in the US. Any applicant that is a felon or domestic violence offender shall be restricted to the use of "Archery equipment ONLY" if successful in drawing an "any legal weapon", "muzzleloader", or "shotgun" type license.** Those individuals that have felonies or domestic violence conviction.
4. **Hunting Permits:** Permits must be picked up in person at the Acoma Game and Fish Office during regular business hours. Hunters or a responsible party may sign for and receive the permits. **Permits will not be mailed.**
5. **Mandatory reporting of hunting outcome:** hunters who pursue big game on the reservation are required to report the outcome of their hunt. Incentives are available for hunters who present harvested game animals for data collection. Tribal member hunters who submit their completed hunt survey on or before the deadline will receive a cash rebate. Successful hunters who return their hunt survey and provide the harvested animal for data collection will receive an additional cash rebate. Rebate amounts vary by species. See page 17 for rebate details.
6. **Post Hunting Survey:** Hunt surveys must be completed and returned at the conclusion of the hunt or by January 29, 2027. Surveys not submitted for the 2026–2027 hunt year will render the hunter ineligible to apply for or purchase licenses. Failure to submit required survey(s) will result in a \$100.00 fine, which must be paid in full and is non-waivable. **All surveys are due by January 29, 2027.**

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7. **Rebates and Bounties:** Cash incentives are available for elk, deer, pronghorn, bear, coyote and mountain lion hunts. No incentives are offered for turkey, javelina, or furbearer hunts. See page 17 for details.
8. **Hunt Survey Fines:** Failure to complete and submit the hunt survey will result in a \$100.00 fine. The fine must be paid before the hunter is eligible for any future hunting opportunities.
9. **Mandatory reporting of wounded animals:** All hunters must immediately report any wounded animals to the Acoma Game and Fish Office or Acoma Rangers. Hunters are also encouraged to track and recover the wounded game for the remainder of their hunt.
10. **Population Management Hunts:** hunts will be available on an as needed basis beginning April 1, 2026. Hunters will be added to the list on a first come first serve basis at the Acoma Game and Fish Office. A \$3.00 fee will be assessed to be placed on the list. One population management permit will be issued to each Tribal Member.
11. **Governor's Deer Tag: One (1) Once-in-a-lifetime mule deer permit** will be issued by random drawing. Any enrolled Acoma Tribal Member may apply. The successful applicant will not be eligible for other deer licenses in 2026. Season dates: September 1– December 31, 2026; Bag Limit: 1 Mature Buck; Hunt Area: Reservation Wide (Excluding non-tribal lands in Bar 15 and Berry Hill; as well as all of the Gottlieb and La Ventana Ranches); Weapon: Any legal weapon.
12. **Governor's Elk Tag: One (1) Once-in-a-lifetime elk permit** will be issued by random drawing. Any enrolled Acoma Tribal Member may apply. The successful applicant will not be eligible for other elk licenses in 2026. Season dates: August 15 – December 31, 2026; Bag Limit: 1 Mature Bull; Hunt Area: Reservation Wide (Excluding non-tribal lands in Bar15 and Berry Hill; as well as all the Gottlieb and La Ventana Ranches); Weapon: Any legal weapon.
13. **Acoma Youth Hunt:** Acoma Big Game Hunts will host **one (1)** Tribal Member youth hunter (and guest) at big game camp for a guided cow elk hunt. This will be an all-inclusive hunt with lodging, food, field dressing, and guide included. **See page 18.**
14. **Hunter Education Incentive Cow Elk Permits:** any registered Acoma Tribal Member youth (18 years and younger on November 13, 2026) that passes an accredited Hunter Education course from **January 1 -November 13, 2026**, will receive a reservation wide cow elk permit valid November 14-22, 2026, free of charge. Proof of Hunter Education certificate and date of issuance must be provided to the Acoma Game and Fish Department to qualify.
15. **Extended Season Elk Hunts:** extended season elk hunts will be available in an attempt to assist farmers in the villages by reducing the elk population in this area of Acoma. Extended season dates will be from July 13 – September 25, 2026, for those individuals holding any Unit 1 Horace Mesa elk permit and October 5 – December 31, 2026, for any individual holding an unfilled Unit 1 Horace Mesa elk permit as well as any individual that was unsuccessful on any Tribal Trust Land archery permit. As part of Unit 3 Sandstone Mesa, individuals holding a Unit 3 tag may hunt the extended season unit during their licensed hunt dates.
16. **Pick Martin Muzzleloader Deer Permits:** Two (2) muzzleloader only mature buck mule deer permits will be available for the Pick Martin Ranch (Unit 7). **See pg. 24** for more information.
17. **Archery Pronghorn Hunts:** to continue to improve the management quality of the pronghorn herd, the Pueblo of Acoma will be taking a proactive approach to ensuring the quality of the herd and success rates in future years by continuing a limited number of available licenses for the 2026-2027 hunt season. A total of five (5) Mature Buck (MB) archery permits will be available valid in PMU 1 and PMU 2 ONLY. See page 20 for further information. Due to the high demand for pronghorn tags, a one-year mandatory waiting period will be required after holding a tag. For example, an individual who drew a pronghorn tag in 2025 will not be eligible to hold a tag until 2027.

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18. **Mandatory Waiting Period on Deer and Pronghorn Hunts:** Due to the high demand for mule deer and pronghorn tags, a one-year mandatory waiting period will be required after holding a deer or pronghorn tag. For example, an individual who drew a deer tag in 2025 will not be eligible to hold a deer tag until 2027. **Individuals who held a 2025 permit MAY NOT hold a 2026 license.**
19. **Hunters may hold multiple elk permits:** In attempt to increase hunter opportunity, hunters may hold multiple elk tags during the 2026-2027 license year. Hunters may hold: one (1) archery tag, (1) muzzleloader or rifle tag, and one (1) leftover cow elk or population management hunt. Youth, elderly, senior, active/veteran military may hold (1) cow elk tag and (1) population management hunt.
20. **Tribal Senior Tag Designation:** Any hunter **70 years of age or older** as of the **application deadline (May 29, 2026)** will be designated as a **Tribal Senior. Deer, Elk, and Turkey permits** issued to Tribal Seniors will be **free of charge**. Tribal Seniors **must participate in the draw** to be eligible for their preferred hunt. Any **remaining permits** may be issued to Tribal Seniors, if available, **once over-the-counter sales begin**.
21. **Designated Hunter:** an enrolled Tribal Member who is authorized by AGF to harvest game for another tribal member (see regulations below). A designated hunter form approved by AGF is required and must be carried by the designated hunter while in the field. AGF may also harvest cow elk for tribal seniors, elderly or mobility impaired hunters upon request.
 - a. **Elderly Deer:** designated hunters may harvest a bag limit restricted mule deer buck for an elderly or Tribal senior license holder who requests this service. The designated hunter must be an immediate family member of the elder or senior. All deer harvested by designated hunters shall be a 3x3 or smaller buck (excluding brow-tines)
 - b. **Cow Elk:** designated hunters may harvest an antlerless elk and deliver meat to any elderly, senior, or mobility impaired tribal member who requests this service. The designated hunter must be an immediate family member of the requesting tribal member.
22. **Elk Hunts:** The tags allocated for Horace Mesa have been redistributed to allow for muzzleloader and rifle tags. During the archery hunt a total of four (4) tags will be offered instead of eight (8). The remaining four (4) tags will be allocated as two (2) either sex muzzleloader tags and two (2) mature bull only rifle tags.
23. **Special Hunt Requests:** Acoma Tribal Council has reserved ten (10) permits specifically for other tribes or organizations who at times may request assistance by the Pueblo of Acoma. The Acoma Tribal Administration will determine the hunt dates. Only Acoma Game and Fish or Acoma Rangers staff will be permitted to harvest cow elk outside of Acoma Valley during special hunts. Bull elk, mule deer, or pronghorn do not qualify for special hunt permits outside of Acoma Valley.
24. **Spring Turkey Hunts:** a limited number of spring turkey hunts will be issued for the 2026-2027 license year. Spring turkey hunts will be issued by a random drawing. Season dates: April 1 – May 10, 2026, for youth, elderly, and military; April 13 – May 10, 2026, for the general season. Bag limit: one (1) turkey with a visible beard. Legal Method of take: shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and archery equipment only. **No rimfire, centerfire, or muzzleloading rifle may be used to harvest or attempt to harvest a turkey.**
25. **Javelina Permits:** A permit is now required for javelina hunting. To better manage this native species, AGF will issue an unlimited number of javelina permits. All successful hunters must present their harvested javelina to AGF for data collection. The cost of the permit is \$10.00 plus tax. **See Page 28 for further details.**
26. **Furbearer Season:** to allow for the harvest of fox and bobcats while predator calling AGF has implemented a new furbearer season from November 21, 2026 – March 21, 2027. A \$20.00 permit will be required. There will be no bag limit on foxes or bobcats. It is a federal requirement for all bobcats harvested on Acoma Lands to be pelt tagged by Acoma Game and Fish Staff. **See Page 24 for further details.**

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27. **Big Horn Sheep:** Big horn sheep will be considered a protected species on Pueblo of Acoma Lands. **Big horn sheep may not be shot at, harassed, or harvested without an official permit issued by the Acoma Game and Fish Department. No permits will be issued at this time.**
28. **Unit Name Changes:** The names of Unit 5 and 6 have been changed to reduce confusion of hunt boundaries. From this point forward Unit 5 will be known as **North Red Lake** and Unit 6 will be known as **Miguel Chavez**. See pg. 31 and 32 for descriptions and maps.
29. **Villages Unit:** Unit 3a and 3b will be designated as an extended season elk zone. Within these units there will be archery/muzzleloader only zones as well as any weapon zones. Please refer to the map on pg. 39; it is the hunter's responsibility to know where they are and what zone they are hunting.
30. **Pronghorn Management Units:** For management purposes, five (5) Pronghorn Management Units (PMU) have been developed. The units are as follows: PMU 1 all Reservation Lands north of Red Lake not including Berry Hill, Gottlieb, Horace Mesa, La Ventana, or Sanchez Ranches. PMU 2 Red Lake Ranch. PMU 3 Pick Martin Ranch. PMU 4 Bar 15 Ranch. PMU 5 Berryhill, Gottlieb, Horace Mesa, La Ventana, Sanchez Ranch.
31. **Gottlieb and La Ventana Ranches are CLOSED to deer and pronghorn hunting.** In addition, Unit 13 permits issued by New Mexico Game and Fish will not be considered valid hunting licenses for Gottlieb and La Ventana.
32. **Hunting in Acoma Valley-Acoma Valley remains closed** to all scheduled hunting and trapping activities for cultural and religious concerns unless the Head Field Chief provides written permission for a special hunt or hunts. Acoma Tribal Members desiring to hunt the Acoma Valley must obtain written permission from the Head Field Chief. **Proof of written documentation must be submitted to the Acoma Game and Fish Office for an official permit to be issued. Hunter must inform AGF upon completion of success of hunt by survey.**
33. **Shed Hunting:** Acoma Game and Fish requests that any shed deer or elk antlers be brought to the Acoma Game and Fish Office for scoring. Sheds will be returned to the individual. See page 11 for details.
34. **Archery Hunt Qualification Requirements:**
All archery hunters must qualify for the following hunts: elk, deer, pronghorn, bear, mountain lion, and turkey. Hunters drawn for a hunt must complete qualification prior to paying for licenses.
- Tribal members may call to schedule a qualification at a convenient date and time, provided a staff member is available to witness the session.
 - Qualification sessions must be scheduled with Acoma Game and Fish staff to ensure the safety of all Tribal Members.
 - Qualifications are valid for three years.
- Qualification Rules:**
- a) Participants must successfully place 3 of 5 arrows within the designated target area from a distance of 30 yards.
 - b) Each hunter is allowed up to four attempts per day.
35. **Dogs may be used for the Mountain Lion Bounty from April 1 – August 23 and October 10– December 31, 2026 only.** Dogs **MAY NOT** be used to pursue mountain lions or bears during any open tribal or trophy elk or deer hunting season. Dogs **MAY NOT** be exercised on Acoma Lands without a valid mountain lion or bear permit.
36. **Title 7 Game & Wildlife Code Exceptions:**
- Use of hunting dogs allowed for Bear and Mountain Lion Hunts.
 - Beavers may be trapped year-round by contract trapper or Game and Fish Staff
 - Snares, electronic calls, and flagging may be used by contract trapper
 - Tribal Members and Trophy Hunters may legally hold more than one (1) elk license in a hunting year

2026-2027 Dates to Remember

Date:	Event/Hunt:	Location
April 1 – May 29, 2026	Application Period	
April 1 – May 9, 2027	Youth/Elderly/Military Turkey Hunt	Reservation Wide
April 13 – May 9, 2027	General Spring Turkey	Reservation Wide
May 29, 2026	Deadline to apply for hunts	Acoma Game and Fish Office
June 5, 2026	Hunt Draw-Time: TBD	Acoma Tribal Administration Office
Jul. 13 – Sept. 25, 2026	Early Extended Season Elk	Villages Unit
July 24, 2026, by 4:00 PM	All drawn hunts-payment required	Acoma Game and Fish Office
July 27, 2026	Over the counter sales begin	Acoma Game and Fish Office
Aug. 15 – Dec. 31, 2026	Once-in-a-Lifetime Elk	Reservation Wide
Aug. 8 – 23, 2026	Archery Pronghorn	PMU 1 and PMU 2
Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026	Once-in-a-Lifetime Deer	Reservation Wide
Sept. 1–22, 2026*	Archery Elk (E-PLUS Only)	Gottlieb/La Ventana
Sept. 1 – 25, 2026	Archery Elk	Horace Mesa
Sept. 1 – 25, 2026	Archery Elk	Sand Stone Mesa
Sept. 1 – 25, 2026	Archery Elk	Miguel-Chavez / Pick Martin
Sept. 26 – Oct. 4, 2026	Muzzleloader Elk	Sand Stone Mesa
Sept. 26 – Oct. 4, 2026	Muzzleloader Elk	Horace Mesa
Oct. 5 – Dec. 31, 2026	Late Extended Season Elk	Villages Unit
October 10 – 14, 2026	Muzzleloader Elk	Brushy Mountain/ N. Red Lake
October 10 – 14, 2026	Muzzleloader Elk	Miguel Chavez/Wiley Mesa
October 10 – 14, 2026	Muzzleloader Elk	Pick Martin
Oct. 3 – 7, 2026*	Youth Only Muzzleloader Elk	Gottlieb/La Ventana
Oct. 10 – Nov. 29, 2026	Fall Bear	Reservation Wide
October 17 – 21, 2026	Rifle Elk	Horace Mesa
October 17 – 21, 2026	Rifle Elk	Sand Stone Mesa
October 17 – 21, 2026	Rifle Elk	Brushy Mountain/N. Red Lake
October 17 – 21, 2026	Rifle Elk	Miguel Chavez/Wiley Mesa
October 24 – 30, 2026	Muzzleloader Deer	Sand Stone Mesa/ Brush Mtn.
October 24 – 30, 2026	Muzzleloader Deer	North Red Lake/ Miguel Chavez
October 24 – 30, 2026	Muzzleloader Deer	Pick Martin
Oct. 10–14, 2026*	Muzzleloader Elk (E-PLUS Only)	Gottlieb/La Ventana
Oct. 31 – Nov 6, 2026	Youth/Military/Elderly Mule Deer	Reservation Wide
November 7 – 13, 2026	Rifle Deer General Season	Sand Stone Mesa/ Brush Mtn.
November 7 – 13, 2026	Rifle Deer General Season	North Red Lake/ Miguel Chavez
November 14 – 22, 2026	Rifle Cow Elk	Reservation Wide
November 1, 2026 - March 19, 2027	Trapping Season	Unit Specified
November 21, 2026 – March 21, 2027	Furbearer Season (Fox, Bobcat)	Unit Specified
Dec. 12, 2026 –Dec. 31, 2026	Archery Mule Deer	Sand Stone Mesa/ Brush Mtn.
Dec. 12, 2026 – Dec. 31, 2026	Archery Mule Deer	North Red Lake/ Miguel Chavez
Dec. 12, 2026 – Dec. 31, 2026	Archery Mule Deer	Pick Martin
April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027	Mountain Lion	Reservation Wide
April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027	Coyote	Reservation Wide
April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027	Javelina	Reservation Wide
January 27, 2027	Hunting Surveys Due	Acoma Game and Fish Office

*Dates subject to change

LICENSE FEES INCLUDING 8% ACOMA GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

Hunter Status:	License Type	License Fee	8% Tax	Total Cost
ELK				
Once-in-a-Lifetime Elk	Mature Bull	\$180.00	\$14.40	\$194.40
Adult Tribal Member	Either Sex/Mature Bull	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
Elderly/Military/Disabled	Either Sex/Mature Bull	\$73.60	\$5.89	\$79.49
Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth	Cow Elk	\$40.00	\$3.20	\$43.20
Adult Tribal Member (Left Over)	Cow Elk	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
Tribal Senior (70 +)	Either Sex/Mature Bull/Cow	\$0.00	\$0.00	FREE
Hunter Education Youth Cow Elk	Cow Elk	\$0.00	\$0.00	FREE
DEER				
Once-in-a-Lifetime Deer	Mature Buck	\$100.00	\$8.00	\$108.00
Adult Tribal Member Deer	Mature Buck	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth Deer	Mature Buck	\$40.00	\$3.20	\$43.20
Tribal Senior (70 +)	Mature Buck	\$0.00	\$0.00	FREE
PRONGHORN				
Adult Tribal Member	Mature Buck	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth	Mature Buck	\$40.00	\$3.20	\$43.20
Tribal Senior (70 +)	Mature Buck	\$0.00	\$0.00	FREE
PREDATORS				
All Tribal Members	Bear	\$48.00	\$3.84	\$51.84
All Tribal Members	Mountain Lion	\$20.00	\$1.60	\$21.60
All Tribal Members	Coyote	\$0.00	\$0.00	FREE
OTHER				
All Tribal Members	Javelina	\$10.00	\$0.80	\$10.80
Adult Tribal Members	Turkey	\$25.00	\$2.00	\$27.00
Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth	Turkey	\$20.00	\$1.60	\$21.60
Tribal Senior (70 +)	Turkey	\$0.00	\$0.00	FREE
All Tribal Members	Trapping	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
All Tribal Members	Furbearer	\$20.00	\$1.60	\$21.60
Only one discount will be applied per tag				

GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

1. The Pueblo of Acoma reserves the right to refuse the sale or issuance of hunting/trespass permits to anyone.
2. All hunters shall obey all Tribal, State and Federal rules and regulations.
3. All hunters under the age of 18 must have successfully completed a Hunters Safety Program in order to hunt big game. Proof of hunter education certification (CIN #) must be in your possession while hunting or provided to Acoma Big Game Hunts prior to arrival. Hunters born on or before December 31, 2007, are exempt from the hunter education requirement.
4. All hunters who have successfully completed a Hunter's Safety Program are eligible to apply for hunt draw's and purchase a hunt license.
5. **There will be no extensions to any hunts or sale of additional permits.**
6. For all hunts - only the person issued the permit is allowed to hunt. Designated hunter is the only exception see pg. 14
7. Hunters must tag all big game animals immediately after harvest.
8. All big game hunters must detach and fill out their big game tag immediately upon harvesting an animal. The tag must be securely attached to the carcass prior to transportation.
9. The antlers (or the scalp and both ears of female animals) must remain attached to the skull and accompany the carcass to the place of storage or where it will be consumed.
10. 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.
11. Successful harvests must be reported to the Acoma Game and Fish Office, in addition wounded game must be reported to either the Acoma Game and Fish Office and the Acoma Ranger Department.
12. Legal shooting time is during daylight hours. In general, if you can see well enough to shoot safely, you are legal.
Taking wild animals or birds by moonlight or artificial light is illegal.
13. Hunter orange is recommended but not required for rifle hunters.
14. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the unit boundaries and where he/she is permitted to hunt.
15. All motor vehicles including ATV's will be restricted to travel on main roads. The only time you may take a vehicle off a main road is to retrieve legally taken and tagged big game carcasses. All motor vehicles must be licensed and insured.
16. During all big game hunting seasons, non-tribal members may not accompany tribal members in the field unless a trespass permit is obtained from the Acoma Land Office.
17. Acoma Game and Fish employees may remove predatory, nuisance, or injured animals as part of their daily job duties. A report of all such removals will be provided to Tribal Council at the annual program update presentation.
18. **All applicants may be subject to a background check. It is unlawful for felons or domestic violence offenders to possess a firearm in all states in the US. Any applicant that is a felon or domestic violence offender shall be restricted to the use of "Archery equipment ONLY" if successful in drawing an "any legal weapon", "muzzleloader", or "shotgun" type license.**

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

- To take or attempt to take any game in any unit that is not included on the issued permit
- To take or attempt to take any game for another person or to use a permit issued to another person.
- To shoot at, pursue, harass, or drive any game by use of or from a motor driven vehicle or aircraft.
- To shoot at game on, from or across any graded or maintained road.
- To bring unlicensed non-Acoma person(s) onto the reservation without a trespass permit.
- To possess a firearm in or on any motor vehicle with live ammunition in the chamber.
- To possess any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
- To litter on Acoma lands.

- To take or attempt to take any wildlife with the aid of any artificial light.
- To possess or transport big game or parts thereof without a proper carcass tag attached.

Tribal Members found in violation of Acoma law will be tried in Acoma Tribal Courts. The Pueblo of Acoma reserves the right to accept or deny any or all application(s).

ILLEGAL HUNTING ACTIVITY – IT IS THE HUNTER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW THE RULES AND LAWS FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT AND TITLE 7 OF THE POA LAW AND ORDER CODE

Please remember to read your hunting proclamation. Protect yourself by being aware of what is legal and what is not. In the event of any violations of the Acoma Hunting Proclamation and the Pueblo of Acoma Law and Order Code, you could face the following:

- Up to 3 years hunting revocation.
- Forfeiture of Equipment – Upon Conviction, any equipment used to violate big-game regulation or laws may be forfeited to the Pueblo of Acoma.
- Pay fines and/or jail time.

LEGAL WEAPON:

Only the following weapons and ammunitions shall be permitted:

- Only those firearms that allow emission of a full report of explosion. Suppressors may be used by those individuals that have completed the BATFE Background Check and Form 4 process.
- Centerfire rifles only. No fully automatic firearms may be used.
- Semi-automatic firearms with a capacity of no more than five shells.
- Only soft-nosed or hollow point bullets may be used. Fully jacketed or steel jacketed bullets are illegal. Shotgun slugs are illegal.
- Bow and arrow with 50 lb. minimum draw weight. Broad heads with sharp metal blades, with a cutting diameter of 7/8 inch or larger.
- Crossbows will only be allowed for use by mobility impaired hunters, restrictions apply see below for more details.

MINIMUM CALIBER/WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

- Centerfire Rifle: Mule Deer, Cow Elk, Bear, and Mountain Lion - .243 caliber
- Centerfire Rifle: Bull Elk - .264 caliber
- Archery: Elk, Mule Deer, Bear, Turkey, Mountain Lion - 50 lb. min. draw weight
- Muzzleloader: Elk, Mule Deer, Bear, and Mountain Lion - .45 caliber
- Shotgun: Turkey - 20 Gauge

CROSSBOWS

Crossbow use is legal during archery and any legal weapon hunts by a certified mobility-impaired hunter only. Bolts must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on bolts. Bolts cannot be driven by explosives.

TRESPASS PERMITS

Acoma Natural Resources Land Office is responsible for the issuance of trespass permits for non-tribal members who accompany a licensed tribal hunter. Trespass permits will be valid only for the time period outlined on the hunting permit. It is the hunter’s responsibility to ensure that all guests have a Pueblo of Acoma trespass permit with them at all times.

NON-NATIVE GAME

Non-Native game refers to animals that are not native to Acoma Pueblo. These animals include: Feral hogs, Barbary sheep and Himalayan Tahr. These animals may be taken **on Tribal Trust Lands** without a permit; however, the harvest must be immediately reported to the Acoma Game and Fish Office.

PROTECTED GAME

Almost all birds and animals are protected either through Tribal, State, Federal, or international laws. This hunting proclamation generally refers only to animals that are hunted. Many other animals are not included in this proclamation. This should in no way be interpreted to mean that animals not listed here are not protected. For a full list of protected species refer to Title 7 Game and Wildlife Code, 2003, The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and other Federal Documents. It is the hunter's responsibility to know what animals are protected.

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POACHING-\$1,000.00 CASH REWARD!



POACHING IS A CRIME. IF YOU SEE A HUNTING VIOLATION, REPORT IT.

Your information will be kept confidential, and you will be eligible for a cash reward if your information leads to a citation.

If you suspect someone is poaching, try and gather the following information:

1. How many suspects?
2. What do they look like? Do you know them? (Physical Description) height, weight, hair color, clothing, etc.
3. Vehicle Information:
 - a. Type of Vehicle (Truck, Car, ATV, etc.)
 - b. Make and model
 - c. Body Style
 - d. Color
 - e. License Plate Information
4. Date and Time poaching might have occurred
5. Exact Location where poaching might have occurred
6. Photos if possible (cell phone pictures are acceptable)

ADDITIONALLY, do not attempt to poach! You will be caught; if you are caught and convicted you could face jail time, fines, forfeit and seizure of your firearms and be banned from future hunting opportunities.

Call Acoma Law Enforcement at 505-552-6601 as soon as possible if you witness a violation. The sooner you call to report an incident the better. Use caution when attempting to collect information.

CIVIL RESTITUTION SCHEDULE

POACHING IS A CRIME

When you are caught poaching, you will have charges filed against you, lose your hunting privileges, and will be subject to the following fines.

Acoma Game and Wildlife Civil Restitution Schedule

<u>Fish</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Non-Game Bird</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Upland Bird</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Small Game</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Turkey</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<u>Beaver</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Javelina</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Deer</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<u>Antelope</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Elk</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
<u>Bighorn Sheep</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
<u>Bear</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Bobcat</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Furbearer</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Exotic</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Mountain Lion</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>All Other Species</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
<u>Habitat</u>	<u>Civil Appraisal</u>
<u>Wildlife or Livestock Infrastructure</u>	<u>Civil Appraisal</u>

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Call Acoma Law Enforcement at 505-552-6601 as soon as possible if you witness a violation.

MANDATORY REPORTING OF HUNT OUTCOME

Mandatory reporting of all hunting is required for all hunters regardless of hunt success. Hunters must complete a hunt survey questionnaire and return the completed form to Acoma Game and Fish Office no later than **January 29, 2027**. Hunt surveys and data not collected from hunters will result in a \$100.00 fine which must be paid before any future hunting opportunities. Surveys can be mailed, hand delivered, emailed, or faxed.

Each hunter must complete a hunt survey whether you are successful or not. Successful hunters must bring their harvested animal to the Acoma Game and Fish Office Monday-Friday from 8am to 4pm for biological data collection. Photos will be taken at the time of data collection.

Please bring the following: complete head and udder (cows only) Sample testing will be used to determine the following:

For Bulls/Bucks:

- i. Antlers will be scored and photographed.
- ii. Teeth collection to provide accurate age of animal.

For Cows:

- iii. Reproductive status will be determined.
- iv. Teeth collection to provide accurate age of animal.

REBATES AND BOUNTIES

Cash incentives will be provided to hunters who submit harvested game animals for official data collection. Incentives can be picked up on the same day the survey is submitted and may be cashed at the Sky City Casino Cage. **Incentives will expire 60-days from the date of issuance.** Rebates and bounties must be picked up in person at the Acoma Game and Fish Office; cash will not be mailed. Hunters under the age of 18 will receive a cash payout at the Acoma Game and Fish Office.

License Type	Status:	Rebate:
Elk Either Sex/Mature Bull	Adult Tribal Member	\$20/survey only or \$30 data collection/survey
Elk Either Sex/Mature Bull	Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth	\$20/survey only or \$30 data collection/survey
Cow Elk	Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth	\$10/survey only or \$20 data collection/survey
Cow Elk	Adult Tribal Member	\$10/survey only or \$20 data collection/survey
Mule Deer	Adult Tribal Member	\$10/ survey only or \$20 data collection/survey
Mule Deer	Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth	\$10/ survey only or \$20 data collection/survey
Pronghorn	Adult Tribal Member	\$10/ survey only or \$20 data collection/survey
Pronghorn	Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth	\$10/ survey only or \$20 data collection/survey
Bear	All Tribal Members	\$20/survey only or \$30 data collection/survey
Mountain Lion	All Tribal Members	\$100 per lion with survey/data collection
Coyote	All Tribal Members	\$20 per coyote must have permit to receive bounty
Turkey	Adult Tribal Members	No Rebate
Turkey	Elderly/Military/Disabled/Youth	No Rebate
Javelina	All Tribal Members	No Rebate
Furbearer	All Tribal Members	No Rebate

Tribal seniors are not eligible for rebates due to the no-cost issuance of their permits; however, they are still required to provide harvested animals for data collection and submit a completed hunt survey.

DISCOUNTS

Veterans and Active Military tribal members will receive a 20% discount.

Elderly tribal members will receive a 20% discount. The recognized age of elderly is over 60 at time of application deadline.

Youth tribal members will receive a 20% discount. The recognized age of youth is under 18 at time of application deadline.

Tribal Seniors will not be charged a fee to possess a license. The recognized age of Tribal Senior is over 70 at time of application deadline.

Mobility Impaired or Severe Disabilities and Illnesses: Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise will offer a 50% discount to tribal member hunters who are mobility impaired or who have severe disabilities and illnesses.* The discount will be given off the full price of one hunt permit only/per species; Hunters must apply for draw hunts and purchase the license to hunt if drawn. The following conditions will apply:

- Individual must be able to provide proof of disability and be medically cleared to hunt to obtain discount.**
- Mobility-Impaired hunters may shoot from a stationary vehicle that is not on a maintained road.
- License holder (Hunter) must be accompanied by another person to assist in tracking and retrieving game if successful.
- The disability can be permanent or a temporary impairment.
- The option of using a crossbow for archery hunts will be allowed for disabled hunters.
- Sights on crossbows may not magnify targets or project light, bolts must have broadheads with steel cutting edges. No drugs may be used on bolts. Bolts cannot be driven by explosives.

**A severe disability includes one or more physical or mental disabilities resulting from amputation, arthritis, autism, blindness, burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, mental retardation, muscular dystrophy, musculoskeletal disorders, neurological disorders, paraplegia, quadriplegia and other spinal cord conditions, sickle cell anemia, and end stage renal disease or a combination of permanent disabilities which can cause comparable substantial functional limitations.*

****Proof of disability or impairment must be given by physician's office and must be on physician's letterhead with physical address and contact number.**

Discounts may not be combined.

DESIGNATED HUNTER

An enrolled Tribal Member who is authorized by AGF to harvest game for another tribal member (see regulations below). A designated hunter form approved by AGF is required and must be carried by the designated hunter while in the field. AGF staff may also harvest cow elk for elderly, senior, or mobility impaired hunters upon request.

a. Elderly/Senior Deer: designated hunters may harvest a bag limit restricted mule deer buck for an elderly or senior license holder who requests this service. The designated hunter must be an immediate family member of the licensed hunter. All deer harvested by designated hunters shall be a 3x3 or smaller buck (excluding brow-tines)

b. Cow elk: designated hunters may harvest an antlerless elk and deliver meat to any elderly, senior, or mobility impaired tribal member who requests this service. The designated hunter must be an immediate family member of the requesting tribal member.

APPLICATION/HUNT DRAW & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Application Process: Tribal members may apply for hunts using the application forms included in this proclamation. Each applicant may select **up to three (3) hunts** they wish to be considered for. During the draw, an applicant may be selected for **only one hunt per species**. **Only one application per tribal member, per species**, will be accepted.

Application Fees: The **application fee is \$7.00 per application** for **elk, deer, pronghorn, and turkey**. All application fees are **non-refundable**. Applicants may add an **additional \$3.00** to be considered for a **population management hunt**.

Application Availability: Applications are available at the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**, the **Acoma Tribal Administration Office**, or online at www.acomabiggamehunts.com.

Application Deadline: Completed applications and applicable fees must be submitted to the **Acoma Game and Fish Office** no later than **4:00 PM on May 29, 2026**. Applications **received or postmarked after this deadline will not be considered**.

Multiple Hunt Applications: Applicants may apply for **multiple hunts**; however, **only one hunt will be awarded** per applicant through the draw.

Tag Limits by Species:

Elk:

Tribal members may hold **one (1) archery elk tag, one (1) rifle or muzzleloader elk tag, and one (1) leftover cow elk or population management tag**.

Deer:

Tribal members may hold **one (1) mule deer tag per season**. A **one-year mandatory waiting period** applies after holding a deer tag.

Pronghorn:

Tribal members may hold **one (1) pronghorn tag per season**. A **one-year mandatory waiting period** applies after holding a pronghorn tag.

Draw Date and Results: The hunt draw will be held on **June 5, 2026**, at the **Acoma Tribal Administration Office (Council Chambers)**. Draw results will be available the **afternoon of June 5, 2026**, and will be posted at the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**, the **Tribal Administration Office**, and on both official websites. **Draw dates and result release dates are subject to change without notice**.

Payment and Permit Issuance: Successful applicants must submit **full payment** for each hunt drawn **no later than 4:00 PM on July 24, 2026**. Permits **not paid by this deadline will be forfeited** and resold to tribal member hunters who were not successful in the draw. Remaining permits will be sold on a **first-come, first-served basis** until **4:00 PM on the day prior to the hunt, until sold out, or whichever occurs first**. **Permits must be picked up in person; permits will not be mailed**.

Archery Qualification Requirement: Archery hunters must **qualify** for **archery elk, deer, and pronghorn hunts**. Drawn hunters must complete qualification **prior to license payment**. Tribal members may call to schedule a qualification date and time, subject to **staff availability** to witness the qualification.

Refunds and Permit Transfers: Refunds will be considered on a **case-by-case basis** and **only prior to the opening day of the permitted season**. **No refunds will be issued once the hunt has begun**. **Permits are non-transferable**.

Lost or Destroyed Permits: If a permit is lost or destroyed, a **duplicate permit** may be issued for an **administrative fee of \$5.00**. Duplicate permits must be **picked up in person** at the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**.

Acceptable Payment Types:

Payment will be accepted in the form of **cash, debit cards, credit cards, money orders, or certified cashier's checks**. All payments must be made payable to **Acoma Game and Fish**. **Personal checks will not be accepted**.

2026 ELK HUNTS

To Apply for Draw Permits:

Tribal members must submit one application for the hunts they wish to be considered for. Applicants may select up to three (3) hunt choices and must submit the completed application with the \$7.00 application fee to the Acoma Game and Fish Office.

APPLICATION PERIOD: April 1, 2026 – May 29, 2026

2026 Elk Hunts-Tribal Trust Lands

Once-in-a-lifetime Elk (Any Legal Weapon)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
RW	Reservation Wide***	8/15-12/31/2026	ELK-4-100	1 M/B	1+*	\$180.00	\$14.40	\$194.40

Archery Only Elk (No Crossbows or Firearms)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Horace Mesa	09/01 – 09/25, 2026	ELK-1-103	1 Elk E/S	8	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
3	Sand Stone Mesa	09/01 – 09/25, 2026	ELK-1-104	1 Elk E/S	6	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
6	Miguel-Chavez/Pick Martin**	09/01 – 09/25, 2026	ELK-1-105	1 M/B*	8	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36

** Miguel-Chavez excludes Unit 6a-Wiley Mesa

Muzzleloader Only Elk (Minimum .45 Caliber)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Horace Mesa	9/26 – 10/4, 2026	ELK-2-105	1 Elk E/S	4	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
3	Sand Stone Mesa	9/26 – 10/4, 2026	ELK-2-101	1 Elk E/S	4	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
4/5	Brushy Mountain/N. Red Lake	Oct. 10 – 14, 2026	ELK-2-102	1 M/B*	6	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
6/6A	Miguel Chavez/Wiley Mesa	Oct. 10 – 14, 2026	ELK-2-103	1 M/B*	6	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
7	Pick Martin	Oct. 10 – 14, 2026	ELK-2-104	1 M/B*	4	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36

Any Legal Weapon (Centerfire Rifle – minimum .270 caliber)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Horace Mesa	Oct. 17 – 21, 2026	ELK-4-104	1 M/B*	3	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
3	Sand Stone Mesa	Oct. 17 – 21, 2026	ELK-4-101	1 M/B*	5	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
4/5	Brushy Mountain/N. Red Lake	Oct. 17 – 21, 2026	ELK-4-102	1 M/B*	7	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36
6/6A	Miguel Chavez/Wiley Mesa	Oct. 17 – 21, 2026	ELK-4-103	1 M/B*	7	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36

Any Legal Weapon Cow Elk: Senior/Elderly/Youth/Active Military and Veterans

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
RW	Reservation Wide***	Nov. 14 – 22, 2026	ELK-3-103	Cow Elk	20	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00

Population Management Hunt / Extended Season

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
3 A/B	Villages Unit	TBD	ELK-3-104	1 Elk E/S	TBD	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
3 A/B	Villages Unit	Jul 13 – Sep 25, 2026	ELK-3-105	1 Elk E/S	TBD	-	-	-
3 A/B	Villages Unit	Oct 5 – Dec 31	ELK-3-105	1 Elk E/S	TBD	-	-	-

+* **Once-In-A-Lifetime:** This permit may be held once. Successful applicant may not apply for hunt in the future.

*M/B = **Mature bull**; any bull with at least one brow tine extending six or more inches from the main beam or at least one forked antler with both branches six inches long

*****Res. Wide**; includes all Pueblo of Acoma trust lands as outlined above; does not include: Gottlieb/La Ventana/ Bar 15.

You may apply for multiple hunts; you will only be drawn for one hunt. Tribal Members may hold 1 archery, 1 rifle OR Muzzleloader, and 1 left-over cow elk OR population management tag

ELK HUNTS OFFERED ON ACOMA'S RANCHES

(Lands not in Trust)

Gottlieb/La Ventana Ranch E-PLUS

Tribal hunters who wish to hunt elk on both the Gottlieb and La Ventana Ranches may now do so under the State of New Mexico Elk – Private Lands Use System (E-PLUS). These licenses are issued as “ranch only” and are valid only on Acoma owned land within these ranches. **Since these ranches are out of the “Core Occupied Elk Range” the permits are valid only on the deeded acreage, not on BLM or State parcels within these ranches.** Authorization certificates will be issued first come, first serve.

The deadline to obtain an authorization certificate from Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise is August 21, 2026. Hunters must submit the authorization certificate and license fee to any New Mexico Game and Fish Office on or before August 28, 2026, for archery elk and September 25, 2026, for muzzleloader elk. A hunter who obtains an authorization certificate may purchase only one private land elk license and may not hold a New Mexico private land and a public draw elk license in the same year.

Code	Dates	Bag	Weapon	Permits	Price*
ELK-2-221	Sept. 1-20, 2026	1 E/S	Archery	4	\$ 99.00
ELK-3-223 Youth Only	Oct. 3-7, 2026	1 E/S	Muzzleloader	2	\$ 67.00
ELK-3-224	Oct. 10-14, 2026	1 M/B	Muzzleloader	3	\$ 99.00

* New Mexico Resident elk prices listed. Non-resident elk tags are \$557. Price does not include State of New Mexico Hunting license or applicable stamps and/or validations. It is the hunter’s responsibility to ensure that they acquire all required State of New Mexico licenses and stamps.

** **Dates are estimated based on State of New Mexico regulations; exact dates are subject to change.** **

POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS

Acoma Tribal members who are experiencing crop damage by the resident elk herds should contact the Acoma Game and Fish Office; the need for hunts will be determined by Acoma Game and Fish and Tribal Administration on a case-by-case basis. Individuals attempting to harvest elk without a depredation license will be considered poaching and are subject to prosecution.

- Tribal members who wish to be considered for Population Management hunts may apply to be placed on a call list for the opportunity to harvest problem elk. Only those tribal members who were unsuccessful in the normal elk draw may apply. The first applicant drawn will be placed at the top of the list; all applicants will be drawn and placed on the list in the order in which they are drawn. In the event that a conflict arises between a tribal member and the resident elk herd, Acoma Game and Fish will determine the need for population reduction and contact the next available Population Management hunter. The hunter will be asked to accept or decline the hunt. If the hunter declines, the next hunter on the population management list will be contacted. Bag limits for Population Management Hunts will be primarily cow elk, since these hunts are intended to reduce population in specific areas.

Population Management Fees:

If a hunter is contacted and accepts a Population Management hunt, he/she will be required to pay the Tribal Cow Elk License fee of \$50.00 plus the appropriate taxes. Successful Population Management Hunters will be required to check in their cow elk at the Acoma Game and Fish Office so that biological samples may be collected. These hunts are on a draw basis.

MENTORED YOUTH HUNT

Acoma Youth (Under 18 on May 31, 2026) may apply for the mentored youth hunt in addition to the general elk draw. Submit Youth Hunt application to the Acoma Game and Fish Office.

APPLICATION PERIOD: April 1, 2026 – May 29, 2026



Acoma Enrolled Tribal Members or children of enrolled Acoma Tribal Members under the age of 18 on or before May 31, 2026, are eligible to apply for an all-inclusive guided cow elk hunt through Acoma Big Game Hunts. The lucky winner and a parent mentor guest will stay at the Big Game Hunts Camp from Monday, August 24 – Saturday, August 28, 2026 (or until tag is filled). Acoma Big Game Hunts will provide a canvas wall tent, queen bed, meals, shower facilities, guide, field dressing, meat prep, and a rifle for the duration of the hunt if required.

Tribal Member Youth of any skill level and experience who are interested in big game hunting are encouraged to apply. Completion of hunter's education is required prior to the hunt date.

One (1) Youth Hunter will be selected for the Mentored Youth Cow Elk Hunt

To apply: Visit the Acoma Game and Fish Office and complete the Youth Hunt Application before May 29, 2026.

What you will need:

1. A desire to hunt big game on Acoma
2. Hunter Education Card or Mentored-Youth Hunter Number
3. Copy of Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) for enrollment verification for youth and/or guardian
4. A 150-word essay describing the importance of wildlife management to you

Winner will be selected on the day of the hunt draw. There is no cost for this hunt, all equipment and food will be provided by Acoma Big Game Hunts.

2026 DEER HUNTS

To Apply for Draw Permits:

Tribal members must submit **one application** for the hunts they wish to be considered for. Applicants may select **up to three (3) hunt choices** and must submit the completed application **with the \$7.00 application fee** to the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**.

2025 Deer License holders are ineligible to apply for or hold a 2026 Deer Tag

APPLICATION PERIOD: April 1, 2026 – May 29, 2026

2026-Deer Hunts—Tribal Trust Lands

Once-in-a-lifetime Deer (Any Legal Weapon)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
RW	Reservation Wide***	9/1-12/31/2026	DER-4-100	1 FAD*	1+*	\$100.00	\$8.00	\$108.00

Archery Only Deer (No Crossbows or Firearms)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
3/4	Sandstone Mesa/ Brush Mountain	Dec 12-31, 2026	DER-1-100	1 FAD*	3	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
5/6	North Red Lake/ Miguel Chavez	Dec 12-31, 2026	DER-1-101	1 FAD*	3	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
7	Pick Martin	Dec 12-31, 2026	DER-1-102	1 FAD*	3	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00

Muzzleloader Deer (Minimum .45 Caliber)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
3/4	Sandstone Mesa/ Brush Mountain	Oct 24-30, 2026	DER-2-100	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
5/6	North Red Lake/ Miguel Chavez	Oct 24-30, 2026	DER-2-101	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
7	Pick Martin	Oct 24-30, 2026	DER-2-102	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00

Any Legal Weapon General Season (Centerfire Rifle – minimum .243 caliber)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
3/4	Sandstone Mesa/ Brush Mountain	Nov. 7-13, 2026	DER-4-102	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00
5/6	North Red Lake/ Miguel Chavez	Nov. 7- 13, 2026	DER-4-103	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00

Youth/Elderly/Disabled/Military Any Legal Weapon (Centerfire Rifle – minimum .243 caliber) (1 Permit per category)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
RW	Reservation Wide***	10/31-11/06, 2026	DER-4-101	1 FAD*	3	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00

*FAD = Fork Antlered Deer; any buck mule deer with at least one forked antler, does not include brow tines.

***Res. Wide; includes all Pueblo of Acoma trust lands; does not include: Gottlieb or La Ventana.

* Once-In-A-Lifetime: This permit may be held once. Successful applicant may not apply for hunt in the future

You may apply for multiple hunts; you will only be drawn for one hunt.

2026 PRONGHORN HUNTS

To Apply for Draw Permits:

Tribal members must submit **one application** for the hunts they wish to be considered for. Applicants may select **up to three (3) hunt choices** and must submit the completed application **with the \$7.00 application fee** to the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**.

2025 Pronghorn License holders are ineligible to apply for or hold a 2026 Pronghorn Tag

APPLICATION PERIOD: April 1, 2026 – May 29, 2026

Archery Only—Pronghorn (No Crossbows or Firearms)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
PMU1/2	Reservation Lands*/ Red Lake	Aug. 8-23, 2026	ANT-1-100	1 MB**	5	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00

***Reservation Lands;** Reservation Lands north of Red Lake not including Berry Hill, Gottlieb, Horace Mesa, La Ventana, or Sanchez Ranches.

****MB;** Mature Buck means any pronghorn antelope with at least one (1) horn that is longer than its ears.

RADIO COLLARED PRONGHORN MAY NOT BE HARVESTED

Additional Information regarding Pronghorn Hunts:

Pronghorn Management Units: For management purposes, five (5) Pronghorn Management Units (PMU) have been developed. The units are as follows: PMU 1 all Reservation Lands north of Red Lake not including Berry Hill, Gottlieb, Horace Mesa, La Ventana, or Sanchez Ranches. PMU2 Red Lake Ranch. PMU 3 Pick Martin Ranch. PMU 4 Bar 15 Ranch. PMU 5 Berryhill, Gottlieb, Horace Mesa, La Ventana, Sanchez Ranch.

Archery Pronghorn Hunts: to continue to improve the management quality of the pronghorn herd, the Pueblo of Acoma will be taking a proactive approach to ensuring the quality of the herd and success rates in future years by continuing a limited number of available licenses for the 2026-2027 hunt season. A total of five (5) Mature Buck (MB) archery permits will be available valid in PMU 1 and PMU 2 ONLY.

Mandatory Waiting Period: Due to the high demand for pronghorn tags, a one-year mandatory waiting period will be required after holding a tag. For example, an individual who held a pronghorn tag in 2025 will not be eligible to hold a tag until 2027.

BEAR AND MOUNTAIN LION HUNTS:

Tribal members may hire certified outfitters to assist in the harvest of mountain lions and bears. A certified outfitter is defined as: “A legally licensed outfitter that has presented required documentation to and has registered with the Acoma Game and Fish Department.” It will be the responsibility of the tribal member to pay any fees the outfitter may impose. Additionally, the tribal member is responsible for all actions of the outfitter. Non-Tribal Members who assist with use of dogs will be considered an outfitter even in the event that no fees are charged. Before hunting on Acoma lands all outfitters/guides are required to obtain a trespass permit from the Acoma Land Office.

Outfitters must supply the following information to the Acoma Game and Fish Department:

1. Outfitter Name and Outfitter License Number
2. Completed Waiver
3. Proof of Insurance
4. Copy of current driver’s license
5. Number of dogs to be ran
6. Copy of trespass permit issued by the Acoma Land Office

***OUTFITTERS MUST CERTIFY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN A MINIMUM OF A THREE (3) YEAR BAN OF ACCESS FOR THE OUTFITTER AND MINIMUM THREE (3) YEAR LOSS OF ALL HUNTING PRIVILEGES FOR THE TRIBAL MEMBER**

2026-2027 Bear Hunts—Weapon of your choice							
(Excludes Sows with Cubs)							
<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
BEAR-4-103	Reservation Wide	Oct 10 - Nov. 29, 2026	1 Bear E/S	5	\$48.00	\$3.84	\$51.84
BEAR-4-104	Reservation Wide	Apr.1 - May 31, 2027	1 Bear E/S	5	\$48.00	\$3.84	\$51.84

2026-2027 Mountain Lion Hunt*—Weapon of your choice							
(Excludes Female with Spotted Kittens)							
<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
LION-4-102	Reservation Wide	Year Round	1 Lion E/S	Unlimited	\$20.00	\$1.60	\$21.60

*Tribal hunters who are successful on their lion hunts will receive a \$100.00 cash incentive for each lion presented to the Acoma Game and Fish Office. The entire carcass must be checked in for data collection and will be returned to the hunter. Cash incentive will be distributed on the day of data collection.

**** Dogs may be used for the Mountain Lion Bounty from April 1 – August 23 and October 10 – December 31, 2026 only. Dogs may NOT be used to pursue mountain lions or bears during any open tribal or trophy elk or deer hunting season. Dogs may NOT be exercised on Acoma Lands without a valid bear or lion permit****

Radio collard Bears and Lions may not be harvested.

2026-27 TURKEY HUNTS

To Apply for Draw Permits:

Tribal members must submit **one application** for the hunts they wish to be considered for. Applicants may select only **two (2) choices** and must submit the completed application **with the \$7.00 application fee** to the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**.

APPLICATION PERIOD: February 2, 2026 – March 13, 2026

Turkey Rules and Regulations:

- The bag limit for turkey is one (1) bearded turkey. A bearded turkey is defined as a turkey with a visible beard patch protruding from its chest.
- The beard and a surround patch of feathers must remain on the bird until it is checked in and is delivered to the place it will be stored.
- Spring turkey may only be harvested with a shotgun 20 gauge or bigger, or archery equipment.
- Rimfire and centerfire rifles are not legal methods of take for spring turkey.
- Acoma Game and Fish must be notified immediately if a bird with a leg band or radio transmitter is harvested.
- **Age Classifications:** Youth (Under 18); Elderly (Age 60 and Older); Seniors (Age 70 and older); Military (Active Duty or Veteran)

2026 Spring Turkey Hunts – Tribal Trust Lands

Youth, Elderly, Seniors, and Military

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
RW**	Reservation Wide	April 1–May 10, 2026	TUR-4-100	1 BT*	3	\$20.00	\$1.60	\$21.60

General Season

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
RW**	Reservation Wide	April 13 –May 10, 2026	TUR-4-101	1 BT*	5	\$25.00	\$2.00	\$27.00

*BT = Bearded Turkey; any turkey with a visible beard patch protruding from its chest. Banded and radio telemetry marked birds must be reported to the AGF office immediately.

**Reservation Wide; includes all Pueblo of Acoma trust lands; does not include: Gottlieb, La Ventana, Berry Hill or Bar 15.

2027 Spring Turkey Hunts – Tribal Trust Lands

Youth, Elderly, and Military

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
RW**	Reservation Wide	April 1–May 9, 2027	TUR-4-100	1 BT*	3	\$20.00	\$1.60	\$21.60

General Season

<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hunt Code</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
RW**	Reservation Wide	April 13 –May 9, 2027	TUR-4-101	1 BT*	5	\$25.00	\$2.00	\$27.00

2027 Application, Draw and Payment Information:

- Application deadline: March 12, 2027
- Turkey Draw: March 19, 2027
- Payment Deadline: Youth, Elderly, Military March 26, 2027
- General Season: April 9, 2027

You may apply for multiple hunts; you will only be drawn for one hunt.

TRAPPING INFORMATION

Date:	November 1, 2026 – March 19, 2027
Bag Limit:	Unlimited Furbearers (Coyote, Bobcat, Fox).
Method:	Steel-jawed traps or snares only, no calling.
Weapon:	Only .22 caliber rimfire may be carried while trapping.
Permits:	3 available first come, first serve. Tribal Members Only
Price:	\$50.00 Tribal Members plus 8% tax

Restrictions:

1. Trappers must provide vehicle license number and description.
2. Trappers must contact Acoma Game and Fish if a Mountain Lion is inadvertently caught.
3. Traps must be checked a minimum of every 72 Hours.
4. There is a **mandatory** reporting requirement for all trappers with reports due the 1st of each month that trapping is taking place. Complete records must be kept including; location of trap line(s), total number of traps set, total trap nights, and total number of animals trapped (by species).
5. All Bobcats must be presented to Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise no later than **30 days** after harvest for CITES tagging. Only Acoma Game and Fish personnel are authorized to permanently tag Bobcat pelts harvested on Acoma Pueblo lands.
6. Trapping areas will be assigned.
7. Traps must be permanently marked and registered with a trapper ID number.
8. Travel is restricted to established roads only.
9. Trappers must remove all evidence of trapping including trap flags before trapping is complete.
10. Acoma Valley is closed to trapping without permission from Head Field Chief.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHOOT OR TAKE ANIMALS FROM A TRAP THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU.

FURBEARER INFORMATION

Date:	November 21, 2026 – March 21, 2027
Bag Limit:	Unlimited Furbearers (Coyote, Bobcat, Fox).
Method:	Any legal weapon, calling permitted
Weapon:	Any legal weapon
Permits:	Unlimited available first come, first serve. Tribal Members Only
Price:	\$20.00 Tribal Members plus 8% tax

Restrictions:

1. All Bobcats must be presented to Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise no later than 30 days after harvest for CITES tagging. Only Acoma Game and Fish personnel are authorized to permanently tag Bobcat pelts harvested on Acoma Pueblo lands.
2. Legal firearms: any legal weapon
3. Electronic and handheld calls may be used.
4. Use of any type of bait is prohibited.
5. Trapping is prohibited without a valid trapping license, see page 27 for details.
6. Hunters are required to use established roads; all vehicles must be licensed and insured.
7. Hunters may use artificial decoys; use of live animals is prohibited.
8. No night hunting is allowed. Hunt hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
9. Acoma Valley is closed to all hunting without written permission from Head Field Chief.

PREDATOR CALLING CONTESTS

Dates: February 6-7, 2027
(Dates subjected to change or cancellation)
Bag Limit: Unlimited Predators (Coyote, Bobcat, Fox, Mt. Lion) Method: Calling and Shooting
Weapon: Shotgun or Centerfire Rifle .204 - .25 caliber
Permits: 20 available first come, first serve.
Price: \$250.00 plus 8% tax total \$270.00 per team (2 people per team maximum) Eligibility: Open to both Tribal Members and Non-Tribal members
The team with the highest number of points at the end of the contest wins.

Rules and Regulations

1. All Pueblo of Acoma hunting regulations and laws will be obeyed; any team suspected of suspicious activity will be disqualified from contest and future contest/hunting opportunities.
2. 25-team limit (All entries are on a first-come, first-served basis).
3. Contest is for Fox, Coyotes, Bobcat, and Mountain Lions and is based on a point system.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Fox = 1 point apiece
Coyotes = 2 points apiece
Bobcats = 4 points apiece
Mountain Lions = 6 points apiece

4. The team with the highest number of points at the end of the contest wins.
5. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams. (Prize amounts will be determined on the number of entries).
6. Permits will be issued by Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise Official's after mandatory orientation meeting.
7. All teams must have hunting permit in possession at all times.
8. Contest begins Saturday and ends Sunday.
9. Legal firearms: .204 - .25 caliber centerfire rifles, shotguns no smaller than 20 gauge - including semi-automatic weapons.
10. Hunters may use artificial/electronic/handheld calls/decoys; use of live animals or any type of bait is prohibited.
11. Hunters must hunt together at each setup.
12. ATV'S/UTV'S prohibited.
13. Video filming is prohibited.
14. Use of artificial lighting is prohibited.
15. No night hunting allowed. Hunt hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturday. Sunday hunt runs from ½ hour before sunrise to 3:00 PM.
16. Preliminary Check-in of animals will be conducted at Game and Fish Headquarters on Saturday @ 6:00 PM. The final check-in will be held on Sunday @ 3:00 PM. Hunters are required to check-in both days regardless of number of animals harvested.
17. The clock at Game and Fish Headquarters is the official clock. In the event of a tie the team with the largest combined two-day total weight wins.
18. Teams must present entire carcass to officials at the Acoma Game and Fish Office located at the Acomita Lake. All carcasses will be inspected.
19. Mountain Lions, Bobcat, and Fox carcasses will remain the property of the Pueblo of Acoma.

BOUNTY HUNTS-COYOTE

Dates:	Year Round
Bag Limit:	Unlimited Coyote
Method:	Calling and Shooting
Weapon:	Any legal weapon
Permits:	Unlimited.
Price:	Free.
Eligibility:	Open to Acoma Tribal Members Only.
Incentive:	\$20.00 per coyote

This hunt is a depredation and management tool to aid in the protection of livestock and game animals.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise will pay \$20.00 for each coyote harvested on the Pueblo of Acoma.
2. Hunters must sign up and obtain a permit at the Acoma Game and Fish Office in order to receive incentive. Permits will be issued by Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise.
3. Entry fee is free.
4. \$20.00 incentive is for coyote only.
5. All hunters must have in their possession at all times a valid Pueblo of Acoma hunting permit.
6. All tribal hunting regulations will be followed.
7. The body of the coyote must be delivered to the Acoma Game and Fish Office.
8. Incentive will be given at the time the hunter brings in coyote(s).
9. Legal firearms: any legal weapon
10. Electronic and handheld calls may be used.
11. Use of any type of bait is prohibited.
12. Trapping is prohibited.
13. Hunters are required to use established roads; all vehicles must be licensed and insured.
14. Hunters may use artificial decoys; use of live animals is prohibited.
15. Video filming is prohibited.
16. No night hunting is allowed. Hunt hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
17. Preliminary Check-in of animals will be conducted at Acoma Game and Fish Office during regular business hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM.
18. Hunters must conduct all hunting within Pueblo of Acoma lands.
19. This hunt is for coyote; any other animals taken will be in violation of the Pueblo of Acoma Law and Order Code. Any person in violation of the above rules and regulations will be immediately disqualified and banned from entering all future contests/hunts.
20. Any coyote checked in with signs of trapping will result in violations and loss of hunting privileges and participation in the bounty program.

Wolves are in the Area Be sure of your target!



BOUNTY HUNTS-MOUNTAIN LION

Dates:	Year Round
Bag Limit:	1 Mountain Lion (Excludes Female with Spotted Kittens)
Method:	Calling and Shooting
Weapon:	Any legal weapon
Permits:	Unlimited. Multiple permits may be held by an individual
Price:	\$20.00 plus tax
Eligibility:	Open to Acoma Tribal Members Only.
Incentive:	\$100.00/per lion

This hunt is a depredation and management tool to aid in the protection of livestock and game animals.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise will pay \$100.00 for each mountain lion harvested on the Pueblo of Acoma.
2. Fee is \$20.00 plus tax per lion permit, only one permit may be held at a given time. Unlimited licenses may be held throughout the year.
3. Bounty is for mountain lion only.
4. Permits will be issued by Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise.
5. All hunters must have in their possession at all times a valid Pueblo of Acoma hunting permit.
6. All tribal hunting regulations will be followed.
7. The body of the lion must be presented at the Acoma Game and Fish Office.
- 8. Incentive will be given at the time the hunter presents lion to Acoma Game and Fish.**
9. Legal firearms: .243 or larger centerfire rifles, bows with a minimum 50lb. draw weight, muzzle loading rifles 45 caliber or larger.
10. Use of any type of bait is prohibited.
11. Trapping is prohibited.
12. Hunters are required to utilize established roads; all vehicles must be licensed and insured.
13. Hunters may use artificial decoys; use of live animals is prohibited.
14. Video filming is prohibited.
15. No night hunting is allowed. Hunt hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
16. Preliminary Check-in of animals will be conducted at Acoma Game and Fish Office during regular business hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM.
17. Hunters must conduct all hunting within Pueblo of Acoma lands.
- 18. Dogs may be used from April 1 – August 24 and October 11 – December 31, 2026 only**.**
19. Dogs may not be used for bounty hunts during open tribal or trophy hunts. It is the tribal member permit holder's responsibility to be familiar with open hunting seasons as set by this proclamation.
20. **Dogs may NOT be exercised on Acoma Lands without a valid bear or lion permit**
21. This hunt is for lions and only; any other animals taken will be in violation of the Pueblo of Acoma Law and Order Code. Any person in violation of the above rules and regulations will be immediately disqualified and banned from future hunts.

**** Dogs may be used for the Mountain Lion Bounty from April 1 – August 23 and October 10 – December 31, 2026 only. Dogs may NOT be used to pursue mountain lions or bears during any open tribal or trophy elk or deer hunting season. Dogs may NOT be exercised on Acoma Lands without a valid bear or lion permit****

JAVELINA HUNTS

Dates:	April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027
Bag Limit:	Any 1 Javelina
Weapon:	Any legal weapon
Permits:	Unlimited. One permit may be held by an individual
Price:	\$10.00 plus 8% Tax
Eligibility:	Open to Acoma Tribal Members Only.

Managing javelina as a big game species is an important step in the understanding and establishment of a native species on Acoma. Current population numbers require a permit to harvest the animal and report of harvest to the AGF for biological data collection. Biological data collection will assist AGF in determining the population size, demographics, age structures, and distribution of the species. Listing javelina as a big game species will allow AGF greater opportunities to monitor the populations and assist the expansion of a native species.

Some Tribal Members have expressed concern over the damage that javelina can cause to infrastructure in the backcountry and the challenges that this may present. It is important to understand the difference between feral hogs and javelina. Javelina root for their food and leave evidence of overturned soil; most commonly at the base of trees, shrubs, or cactus. They are not known to cause extensive damage commonly seen with the presence of feral hogs. Feral hogs, not javelina, can cause major damage to back country infrastructure such as roads and water pipelines.



Feral hogs (left) are very different from native javelina (right). Feral hogs are non-native and can cause extreme damage to habitat and infrastructure. Javelina are a native species and should be managed as such. (Photo Credit: New Mexico Game and Fish)

NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE HARVEST OF FERAL HOGS. IF YOU OBSERVE A FERAL HOG PLEASE ATTEMPT TO HARVEST OR PHOTOGRAPH THE ANIMAL AND REPORT THE OBSERVATION TO THE ACOMA GAME AND FISH OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. FERAL HOGS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE EXTENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE IN THE BACKCOUNTRY.

APPLICATION FOR ELK HUNTS:

This application is intended for enrolled Acoma Tribal Members applying for Elk Draw Hunts Only. Directions: Applicants may select up to three (3) hunts they wish to enter and designate their preferences as follows: “A” for first priority, “B” for second priority, and “C” for third priority. A **\$7.00 non-refundable application fee** must be submitted with each application. Applicants may add an additional **\$3.00**, for a total of **\$10.00**, for a chance to participate in the **Population Management Hunts**. Completed applications may be submitted to the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**, located at **10 Lakeside Drive, Acoma, NM 87034**. Applications and fee(s) may also be mailed to: **Acoma Game and Fish P.O. Box 310 Acoma, NM 87034**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 29, 2026

Last Name:	First Name:	MI.	Tribal Enrollment Number (required):
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Home/Cell Phone:	Message or Work Phone:	Email Address (optional):	
DOB:	Sex:	Height:	Weight:
Driver’s License No.	State:	Eye Color:	Hair Color:
Veterans/Military ID#/Branch:		Hunter Identification Number (if under 18):	
Have you ever been convicted of felony? Yes or No?			
<i>I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise to make any inquiries to verify for accuracy. I have read and agreed to all rules and regulations of the Acoma Tribal Member Hunting Proclamation.</i>			
Signature:		Date:	

You may apply for multiple hunts; you will only be drawn for one hunt.

Governor’s Tag Elk (Any Legal Weapon)									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
RW	Reservation Wide***	8/15-12/31/26	ELK-4-100	1 M/B*	1+*	\$180.00	\$14.40	\$194.40	
Archery Elk (No Crossbows or Firearms)									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
1	Horace Mesa	9/1 -9/25	ELK-1-103	1 ELK E/S	8	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
3	Sand Stone Mesa	9/1 -9/25	ELK-1-104	1 ELK E/S	6	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
6	Miguel-Chavez / Pick Martin**	9/1 -9/25	ELK-1-105	1 M/B*	8	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
**Miguel-Chavez excludes Unit 6a-Wiley Mesa									
Muzzleloader Elk (Minimum .45 Caliber)									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
1	Horace Mesa	9/26 - 10/4	ELK-2-105	1 ELK E/S	4	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
3	Sand Stone Mesa	9/26 - 10/4	ELK-2-101	1 ELK E/S	4	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
4/5	Brushy Mtn./North Red Lake	10/10 - 10/14	ELK-2-102	1 M/B*	6	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
6/6A	Miguel Chavez / Wiley Mesa	10/10 - 10/14	ELK-2-103	1 M/B*	6	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
7	Pick Martin	10/10 - 10/14	ELK-2-104	1 M/B*	4	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
Any Legal Weapon Elk									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
1	Horace Mesa	10/17 – 10/21	ELK-4-104	1 M/B*	3	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
3	Sand Stone Mesa	10/17 – 10/21	ELK-4-101	1 M/B*	5	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
4/5	Brushy Mtn. / North Red Lake	10/17 – 10/21	ELK-4-102	1 M/B*	7	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
6/6A	Miguel Chavez / Wiley Mesa	10/17 – 10/21	ELK-4-103	1 M/B*	7	\$92.00	\$7.36	\$99.36	
Rifle Cow Elk ONLY (Centerfire Rifle Only- minimum .270 Caliber)									
<i>This hunt is designated exclusively for applicants classified as Elderly, Youth, Active Duty Military, or Veterans.</i>									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
RW	Reservation Wide***	11/14-11/22	ELK-3-103	1 Cow	20	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
Population Management Hunt									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
3A/B	Mesa Hill /Sand Stone Mesa	TBD	ELK-3-104	1 Cow	TBD	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	

Important Notice for successful applicants:

- ***Mature Bull;** any bull elk with at least one forked antler not including the brow tine, each fork must be longer than six (6) inches
- *****Res. Wide;** includes all Pueblo of Acoma trust lands as outlined above; does not include Gottlieb, La Ventana or Bar 15.
- +* **Once-In-A-Lifetime:** This permit may be held once. Successful applicant may not apply for hunt in the future.

Reminder:

Tribal Members may hold 1 archery, 1 rifle OR Muzzleloader, and 1 left-over cow elk OR population management tag

Mentored Youth Elk Hunt Opportunity!

Enrolled Acoma Tribal Members, and children of enrolled Acoma Tribal Members who are under eighteen (18) years of age on or before May 29, 2026, are eligible and encouraged to apply for an all-inclusive guided Cow Elk Hunt through Acoma Big Game Hunts.

Tribal Member Youth of any skill level and experience who are interested in big game hunting are encouraged to apply. Completion of hunter's education is required prior to the hunt date.

One (1) Youth Hunter will be selected for the Mentored Youth Cow Elk Hunt.

The selected applicant and a **parent, mentor, or guest** will stay at the **Acoma Big Game Hunt Camp** from **Monday, August 25 through Saturday, August 29, 2026**, or until the tag is filled. Acoma Big Game Hunts will provide lodging in a canvas wall tent, bed and bedding, meals, shower facilities, professional guide services, field dressing, meat preparation, and a rifle for the duration of the hunt, if required.

To apply: Visit the Acoma Game and Fish Office and complete the Youth Hunt Application before May 29, 2026.

What you will need:

- A desire to hunt big game on Acoma
- Hunter Education Card or Mentored-Youth Hunter Number
- Copy of Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) for enrollment verification for youth and/or parent
- A 150-word essay describing the importance of wildlife management to you
- A completed application

MENTORED YOUTH HUNT APPLICATION:

Last Name:	First Name:	MI.	Tribal Enrollment Number (required):
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Home/Cell Phone:	Message or Work Phone:	Email Address (optional):	
DOB:	Sex:	Height:	Weight:
Driver's License or ID Card Number:	State:	Eye Color:	Hair Color:
Hunter Identification Number (Required):			
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes or No?			
<i>I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise to make any inquires to verify for accuracy. I have read and agreed to all rules and regulations of the Acoma Tribal Member Hunting Proclamation.</i>			
Signature:		Date:	
Acoma Enrolled Parents Name:		Acoma Enrolled Parents Census No.:	
Signature:		Date:	

Winner will be selected on the day of the hunt draw. There is no cost for this hunt, all equipment and food will be provided by Acoma Big Game Hunts.

APPLICATION FOR MULE DEER HUNTS

This application is open to **enrolled Acoma Tribal Members** applying for **Deer Draw Hunts only**. **Directions:** Applicants must select **three (3) hunt options** and indicate their order of preference by marking “**A**” for First Priority, “**B**” for Second Priority, and “**C**” for Third Priority. A **\$7.00 non-refundable application fee** must be submitted with each completed application. Applications submitted without the required fee will **not** be processed. Completed applications and applicable fee(s) must be submitted in person to the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**, located at: **10 Lakeside Drive Acoma, NM 87034**. Applications and fee(s) may also be mailed to: **Acoma Game and Fish P.O. Box 310 Acoma, NM 87034**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 29, 2026

You may apply for multiple hunts; you will only be drawn for one hunt.

<u>Governor's Tag Deer (Any Legal Weapon)</u>									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
RW	Reservation Wide***	9/1-12/31	DER-4-100	1 FAD*	1+*	\$100.00	\$8.00	\$108.00	
<u>Archery Deer (No Crossbows or Firearms)</u>									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
4/5	Sand Stone / Brush Mtn.	Dec. 12 – 31	DER-1-100	1 FAD*	3	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
5/6	North Red Lake / Miguel Chavez	Dec. 12 – 31	DER-1-101	1 FAD*	3	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
7	Pick Martin	Dec. 12 – 31	DER-1-102	1 FAD*	3	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
<u>Muzzleloader Deer (Minimum .45 Caliber)</u>									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
4/5	Sand Stone / Brush Mtn.	Oct. 24 – 30	DER-2-100	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
5/6	North Red Lake / Miguel Chavez	Oct. 24 - 30	DER-2-101	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
7	Pick Martin	Oct. 24 - 30	DER-1-102	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
<u>Any Legal Weapon (Minimum .243)</u>									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
4/5	Sand Stone / Brush Mtn.	Nov. 7 - 13	DER-4-102	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
5/6	North Red Lake / Miguel Chavez	Nov. 7 - 13	DER-4-103	1 FAD*	2	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	
<u>Rifle Deer Elderly, Youth, Active and Veteran Military (Centerfire Rifle Only - minimum .243)</u>									
Unit:	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Select Hunt:
RW	Reservation Wide***	10/31-11/06	DER-4-101	1 FAD*	3	\$40.00	\$43.20	\$43.20	

Important Notice for successful applicants:

*FAD = Fork Antlered Deer; any buck mule deer with at least one forked antler, does not include brow tines.

***Res. Wide; includes all Pueblo of Acoma trust lands; does not include: Gottlieb, La Ventana, or Bar 15.

+* Once-In-A-Lifetime: This permit may be held once. Successful applicant may not apply for hunt in the future

APPLICATION FOR PRONGHORN HUNTS

This application is open to enrolled Acoma Tribal Members applying for Deer Draw Hunts only. Directions: Applicants must select three (3) hunts and indicate their order of preference by designating “A” as first priority, “B” as second priority, and “C” as third priority. A **\$7.00 non-refundable application fee** must be submitted with each completed application. Applications submitted without the required fee will not be processed. Completed applications and applicable fee(s) must be submitted to the **Acoma Game and Fish Office**, located at **10 Lakeside Drive, Acoma, NM 87034**. Applications and fee(s) may also be mailed to: **Acoma Game and Fish P.O. Box 310 Acoma, NM 87034**.

Last Name:	First Name:	MI.	Tribal Enrollment Number (required):
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Home/Cell Phone:	Message or Work Phone:	Email Address (optional):	
DOB:	Sex:	Height:	Weight:
Driver’s License No.	State:	Eye Color:	Hair Color:
Veterans/Military ID#/Branch:		Hunter Identification Number (if under 18):	
Have you ever been convicted of felony? Yes or No?			
<i>I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise to make any inquiries to verify for accuracy. I have read and agreed to all rules and regulations of the Acoma Tribal Member Hunting Proclamation.</i>			
Signature:		Date:	

Archery Pronghorn (No Crossbows or Firearms)									
Unit	Location:	Dates:	Hunt Code:	Bag Limit:	Permits:	Cost:	Tax:	Total:	Selection
PMU 1/2	Reservation Lands / Red Lake Ranch	Aug 8 – 23	ANT-1-100	1 MB*	5	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$54.00	

Important Notice for successful applicants:

* **Reservation Lands;** Reservation Lands north of Red Lake not including Berry Hill, Gottlieb, Horace Mesa, La Ventana, or Sanchez Ranches.

****MB;** Mature Buck means any pronghorn antelope with at least one (1) horn that is longer than its ears.

RADIO COLLARED PRONGHORN MAY NOT BE HARVESTED

HUNT UNIT MAPS

It is the Hunter's Responsibility to know the Rules and Laws found in this document and Title 7 of The POA Law and Order Code including but not limited to unit boundaries. It is illegal to take or attempt to take any game in any unit that is not included on the issued permit

Hunt Unit Maps are available from the Acoma Game and Fish Department in a variety of formats. These formats include:

- Hard Copy Printed Maps
- Electronic (PDF) emailed upon request
- OnX Hunt map layers upon request*

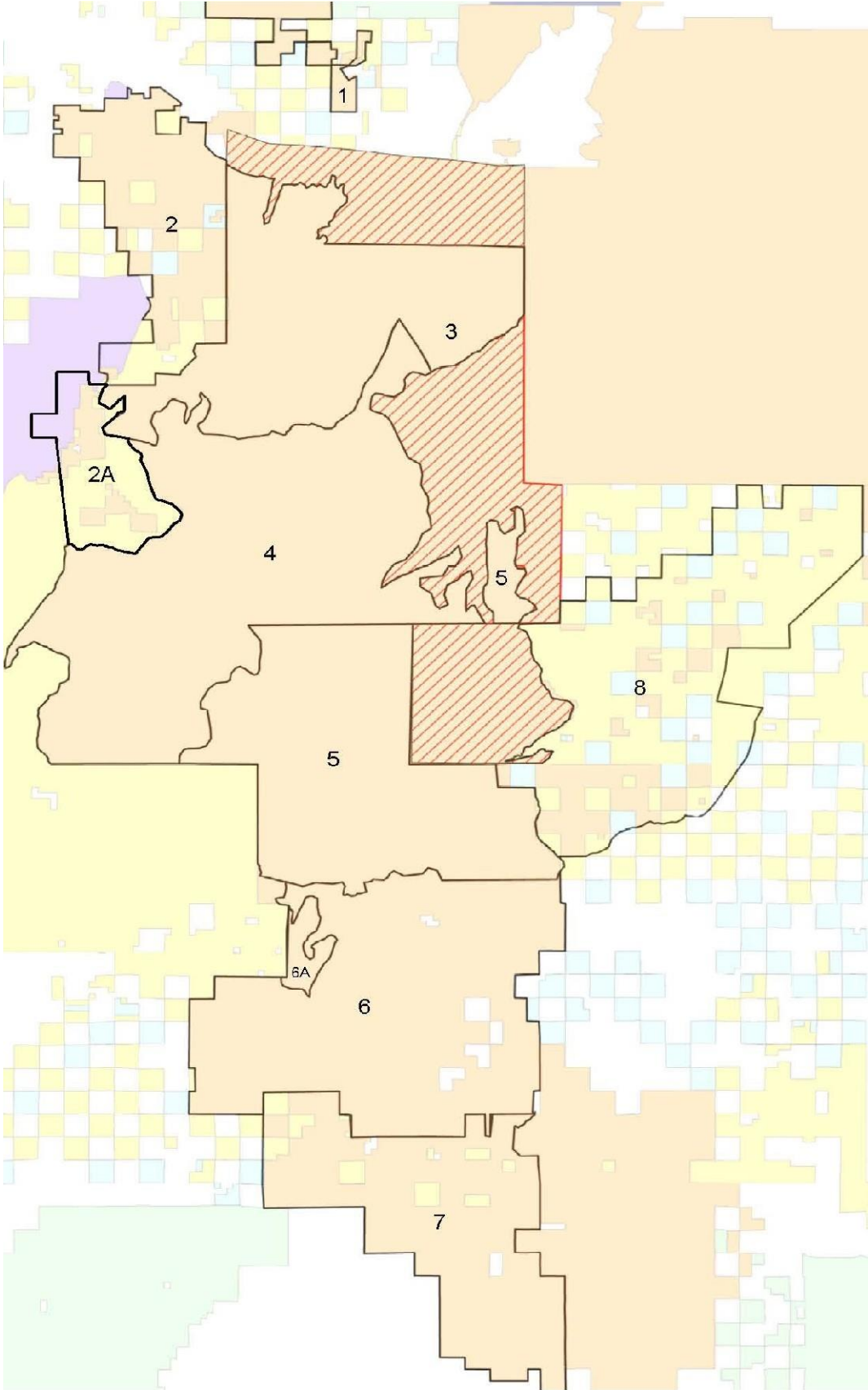
*OnX hunt maps are for reference only. It is the hunter's responsibility to know where he/she is at all times. Boundaries may have spatial errors occurring during layer projection. Acoma Game and Fish is not responsible for the errors that may occur. If there is a question where a unit or property boundary is located The Acoma Game and Fish or Acoma Rangers Department should be consulted prior to proceeding.



DEER AND ELK HUNTING UNITS:

Unit Number	Location:	Description:
Unit 1	Horace Mesa	Includes all Acoma lands north of Interstate 40 (I-40) including the Sanchez Ranch.
Unit 2	Gottlieb and LaVentana Ranch	Includes all Acoma trust lands within the Gottlieb, La Ventana. All State of New Mexico and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) owned lands are not included in hunt Unit 2. Only E-PLUS Elk permits are valid in Unit 2.
Unit 2a	Berry Hill Ranch	Includes Acoma Trust Lands within the ranch boundaries (CHECKERBOARD LAND, ACOMA TAGS ARE NOT VALID ON STATE OR BLM PROPERTY)
Unit 3	Sand Stone Mesa	The southern boundary of the unit proceeds from the western reservation boundary below the top rim of Putney Mesa across the mouth of Largo Canyon (Unit 3 does not include any part of Largo Canyon). From the eastern edge of the mouth of Largo canyon the eastern boundary of the unit proceeds northeasterly along AR-292 to the intersection with AR-29. The eastern boundary then follows AR-29 to the Crow Point Intersection with Haak'u Road. From Crow Point the eastern boundary follows Haak'u Road to the edge of the Acoma Valley Unit. From the edge of Acoma Valley the boundary is the edge of the mesa top to the eastern Reservation boundary. The western unit boundary follows the reservation boundary north residential boundary fence. The north boundary proceeds east along the residential boundary fence to the edge of McCarty Mesa. The unit boundary follows the top edge of McCarty Mesa northerly then easterly to the eastern reservation boundary. The western boundary is the western reservation line.
Unit 3a	Woods Mesa	The southern boundary of the unit proceeds from the eastern reservation boundary along the residential area boundary fence to Mesa Hill Canyon (The large canyon that extends south from Mesa Hill Road). Mesa Hill Canyon defines the western edge of the unit. The western edge proceeds north until the northern edge of Woods Mesa. The northern edge of Woods Mesa defines the northern edge of the unit. The northern edge proceeds east to the intersection of the eastern reservation boundary line.
Unit 3b	McCarty Mesa	The southern boundary of the unit proceeds from the eastern reservation boundary along the residential area boundary fence to the western edge of McCarty Mesa (Anzac is not included in Subunit 3b). The western edge proceeds north to the northern edge of McCarty Mesa. The northern edge of the unit is defined by the northern rim of McCarty Mesa and proceeds west to the eastern edge of McCarty Mesa. The eastern edge of the unit follows the eastern edge of McCarty Mesa south to the intersection with the residential area boundary fence.
Unit 4	Brushy Mountain	The southern boundary of the unit follows the reservation line east to the eastern edge of Cebollita Mesa. The eastern edge of the unit follows the top rim of Cebollita Mesa to the Knoblock Pasture fence. The unit then follows the Knoblock pasture fence east to the edge of the Acoma Valley Unit. The edge of Acoma valley is the eastern boundary of the unit. The north boundary of the unit is Haak'u Road to the Crow Point intersection. From this point the north boundary follows AR-29 to AR-292. AR-292 to the western edge of the mouth of Largo Canyon (Unit 4 includes Largo Canyon). From the mouth of Largo Canyon the unit boundary is the top rim of Putney Mesa to the western Reservation line. The west boundary is the west Reservation line.
Unit 5	North Red Lake; includes Majors Pasture and East Mesa	The north boundary of the unit follows the Knoblock pasture fence to the east edge of Cebollita Mesa. The western boundary is below the top rim of Cebollita Mesa to the south Reservation line. From this point the western edge follows the reservation line east to the Red Lake Ranch boundary. The unit then follows the west Red Lake boundary fence south to the south Barela Pasture fence. The south boundary follows the south pasture fence of Broom Mountain and North Sanchez pastures to the east edge of the Red Lake Ranch. The east boundary is the east edge of the Red Lake Ranch to the intersection with Jack Ward. The unit follows the Jack Ward fence west and then north to the intersection of the Knoblock pasture fence. The Knoblock pasture fence is the north boundary of the unit.
Unit 6	Miguel Chavez; includes lands south of Mosca Canyon	The unit includes all lands on the Red Lake Ranch south of Barela, Broom Mountain, and North Sanchez pastures excluding the top of Wiley Mesa, does not include the top of Wiley Mesa. All Lands South of Mosca Canyon
Unit 6a	Wiley Mesa	The Wiley Mesa unit includes all lands above the top rim of Wiley Mesa.
Unit 7	Pick Martin	The Pick Martin unit includes all Acoma lands within the boundaries of the Pick Martin Ranch. Does not include BLM property.
Unit 8	Bar 15	The Bar 15 unit includes all Acoma lands within the boundaries of the Bar 15 Ranch. (CHECKERBOARD LAND, ACOMA TAGS ARE NOT VALID ON STATE OR BLM PROPERTY)
Acoma Valley – Acoma Valley remains closed to hunting without written permission from the Head Field Chief.		
Reservation Wide - includes all Pueblo of Acoma Reservation and Trust lands as outlined above.		
La Ventana, and Gottlieb are closed to all hunting except limited elk hunts administered through the State Elk - Private Lands Use System (E-PLUS).		

2026-2027 DEER AND ELK HUNTING UNITS MAP

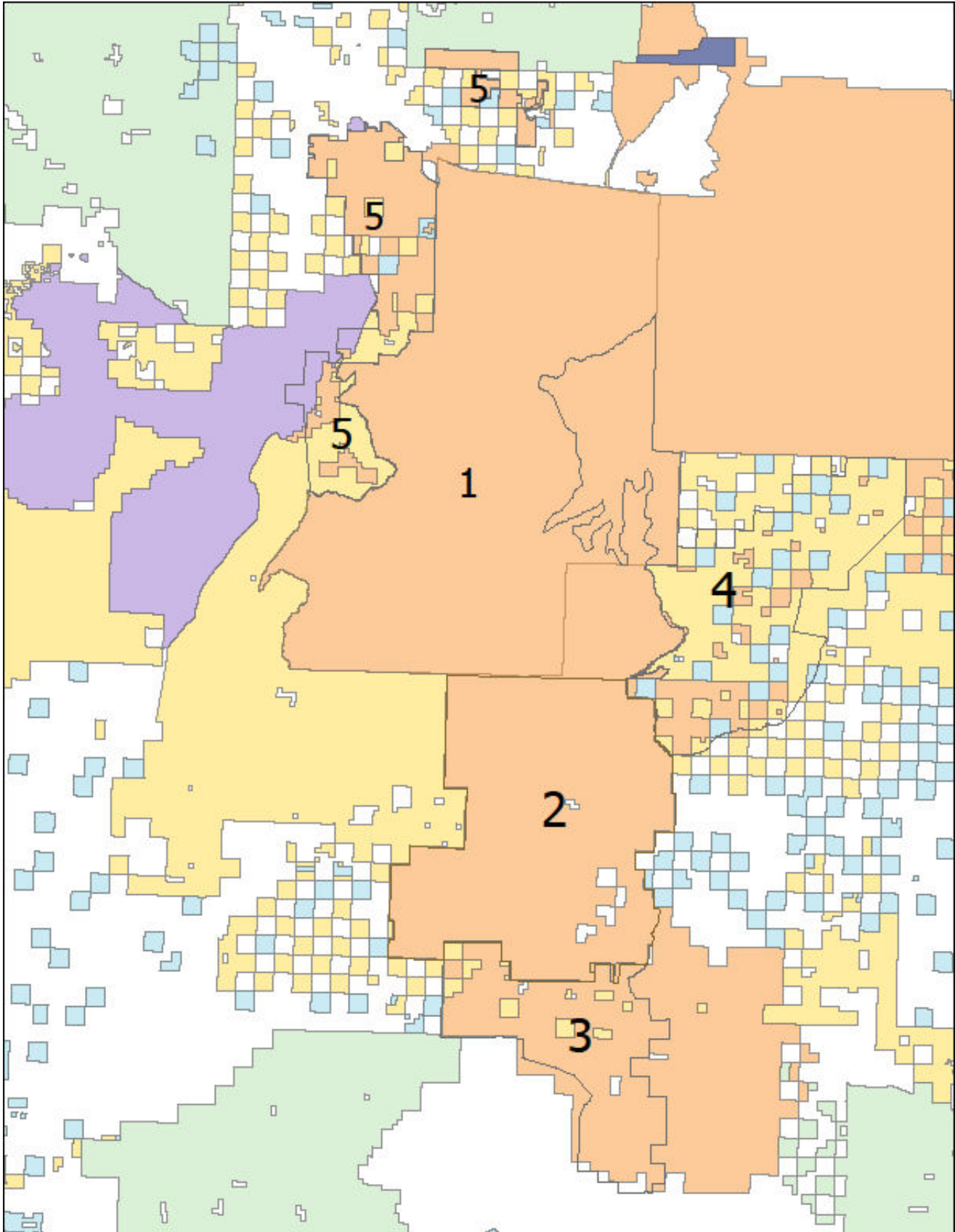


IT IS THE HUNTERS RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND HUNT THE ASSIGNED UNIT(S)

PRONGHORN HUNTING UNITS:

Unit Number	Location:	Description:
PMU 1	Main Reservation	Includes all Reservation Lands north of Red Lake not including Berry Hill, Gottlieb, Horace Mesa, La Ventana, or Sanchez Ranches.
PMU 2	Red Lake Ranch	Includes Acoma Trust Lands within the Red Lake ranch boundaries (CHECKERBOARD LAND, ACOMA TAGS ARE NOT VALID ON STATE OR BLM PROPERTY. IT IS THE HUNTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW HE OR SHE IS AT ALL TIMES)
PMU 3	Pick Martin Ranch	Includes Acoma Trust Lands within the Pick Martin Ranch boundaries (CHECKERBOARD LAND, ACOMA TAGS ARE NOT VALID ON STATE OR BLM PROPERTY. IT IS THE HUNTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW HE OR SHE IS AT ALL TIMES)
PMU 4	Bar 15 Ranch	Includes Acoma Trust Lands within the Bar 15 Ranch boundaries (CHECKERBOARD LAND, ACOMA TAGS ARE NOT VALID ON STATE OR BLM PROPERTY. IT IS THE HUNTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW HE OR SHE IS AT ALL TIMES)
PMU 5	Berry Hill, Gottlieb, Horace Mesa, La Ventana, Sanchez Ranch	Includes Acoma Lands within the Berry Hill, Gottlieb, La Ventana, and Sanchez Ranches. Additionally, all Acoma Lands located on Horace Slope. (CHECKERBOARD LAND, ACOMA TAGS ARE NOT VALID ON STATE OR BLM PROPERTY. IT IS THE HUNTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW HE OR SHE IS AT ALL TIMES)
Acoma Valley – Acoma Valley remains closed to hunting without written permission from the Head Field Chief.		
Reservation Wide - includes all Pueblo of Acoma Reservation and Trust lands as outlined above.		
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2026-2027 PRONGHORN HUNTING UNITS MAP



2026-2027 EXTENDED ELK UNIT MAP

