

Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department



**2026-2027 Zuni General Public
Big Game Hunting Proclamation**

General Public Hunt Proclamation

<http://www.ashiwi.org/FishandWildlife.html>

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General Information

Important information you need to know before applying for any hunting activities on the Zuni Reservation.

The Zuni Indian Reservation and Mazone Ranch is Tribal Land and is not open to unauthorized public use. All visitors are expected to abide by all Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department (ZFWD), Zuni Open Space Department, Tribal Rules and Regulations, And Federal Laws. All game, fish, wildlife, natural resources, shed antler(s), skulls with antlers, all archeological artifacts and sites are protected on the Pueblo of Zuni and Mazone Ranch 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 (ZFWD) on an annual basis. Upon the Tribal Council's approval, this document will govern the activities of the General Public Hunts administered through the ZFWD.

The license year of the Zuni Fish Wildlife Department General Public Big Game Proclamation will begin February 20, 2026, and will end January 31, 2027.

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

Other protected species: Turkey, Mountain Lion, and Bear. Will be considered protected species on Zuni Tribal Lands. They shall not be shot at, harassed, or harvested without proper permit that is issued by ZFWD. No permits will be issued at this time.

The Pueblo of Zuni Government, the ZFWD, the Zuni Tribal Rangers, and Tribal Guides are not responsible for hunters contracting the COVID-19 virus or any other virus and/or illness, 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 in 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 2026-2027 hunting season.

Important Reminders

- 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 without proper permitting and documentation.
- Zuni Bluehead Sucker fish, Chiricahua Leopard Frog, Mexican Spotted Owl, Southwest Willow Flycatcher, Zuni Fleabane, and Mexican Grey Wolf are threatened or endangered species categorizing them as protected.
- **The use of All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles (ATV/UTV) are allowed only on established road(s). ATV/UTV's may only be driven off established roads to retrieve big game animals.** The use of ATV/UTV being driven off established roads and making new roads while not retrieving big game is strictly prohibited.
- **Non-Zuni Residents/Spouses and the General Public** may visit the [Pueblo of Zuni Department of Tourism](#) for any archeological site tours and all other tours. For more information, please visit [Pueblo of Zuni Department of Tourism](#) or call **(505)782-7237**.

What's New for 2026-2027?

- For the 2026-2027 hunting season, ZFWD will make it mandatory for all hunters to submit their surveys 15 working days after their hunt has concluded. Late surveys submitted after the 15 working days, will be required to pay \$100 late fee and still be required to turn in the hunt survey.
- For the 2026-2027 hunting season, **Hunter Education** will be required for **ALL APPLICANTS** under 65 years of age.
- **Tukey, Mountain Lion, and Bear:** Will be considered a protected species on Zuni Tribal Lands. They shall not be shot at, harassed, or harvested without a proper permit that is issued by ZFWD. No permits will be issued at this time.
- The use of game/trail cameras is allowed starting August 1st of each new hunting season. Game/trail cameras must be removed from the field on January 31st at the end of each hunting season. Game/trail cameras found after January 31st or before August 1st will be confiscated by the appropriate authorities.
- **Sealed Bid** application must be submitted by **June 5, 2026, no later than 4:00PM (MT)**. Applying for **Sealed Bid Hunts** will require a **Sealed Bid** application to be completed and submitted to the ZFWD.
- **The awarded bidder(s)** will be notified on **June 10, 2026**. *All drawings dates and result dates are subject to change. See page 9 for more information on Sealed*
- **Antlerless Elk Applications** must be completed and submitted to the ZFWD by **June 5, 2026, before 4:00PM (MT)**. **Drawings** will be held on **June 10, 2026**. *Draw date and draw results dates are subject to change without notice.*
- **Antlerless Elk Drawn Applicants** will be notified as early as **June 17, 2026**. *Draw date and draw results dates are subject to change without notice.*
- **Full Payments** for all hunts must be paid & received at the **Zuni Finance Department** by **July 31, 2026, no later than 4:00PM (MT)**.

Continuing Actions

- **Combination Buck & Bull** hunt season dates have changed. Please call ZFWD for dates and refer to the Hunt Restriction table on page 10.

APPLICANT INFORMATION & APPLICATION PROCESS

- All applicants must be aware of all deadline dates to eliminate confusion; **please** read the information carefully.
- Payments will not be accepted at the ZFWD. All applications, permit, habitat, and late fees will be paid to the Zuni Finance Department, by calling over the phone, paying online, or visiting the finance department window.
- **General Public** are allowed to submit one application per hunting opportunity with an application fee(s) of **\$30.00**. All application fees and permit fees can be paid by **Money Orders, Cashier's Check, Cash, and/or Debit/Credit Card**.
- All payments are to be made at **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**.
- 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, 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.
- **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.
- **Full Payments** must be paid & received at the **Zuni Finance Department by July 31, 2026, no later than 4:00PM (MT)**.
- Hard copy application(s) may be mailed into the ZFWD office and must be postmarked 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 <https://zunifishandwildlife.org/> which than can be filled out and email to POZ.Hunts@ashiwi.org.
- A **2026-2027 Habitat Fee** of \$5.00 is required and must be paid along with the permit fee.
- **The General Public** is required to call 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 their permit. No exceptions. Permits are non-transferable.
- **Hunter Education Certification** will be required for all applicants 65 years of age.
- **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 alternates. **Alternates will be given 5 days to pay 50% of the permit fee to place a hold on the 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 numbers 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 in any hunts.
- **No Refunds** will be made to anyone unable to participate in a hunt for which they have already paid. Unless you meet Hunting Rules and Regulations #19 & 20 requirements.
- 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 email or drop-off). Individuals failing to submit a survey will have to pay a \$100.00 late fee and submit survey to be allowed to apply for 2027 hunts. Electronic surveys can be accessed at <https://zunifishandwildlife.org/>. QR Code will be available on the hunters' permit and on page #8 of the proclamation. Hardcopy surveys will still be made available to those that wish to submit hardcopy surveys. Emailed surveys can be sent to POZ.Hunts@ashiwi.org. Emailed surveys will be accepted within the fifteen (15) working day requirement.

Hunting Rules and Regulations

1. The Pueblo of Zuni has the right to refuse the sale or issuance of hunting permits to anyone.
2. The Pueblo of Zuni, ZFWD, Open Space Officers, 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.
3. All hunters must/shall obey all Tribal, state, federal laws and rules and regulations.
4. All hunters under 65 years of age or younger must have successfully completed a Hunter Safety Program.
5. All hunters 10 years of age or older who have successfully completed a Hunter Safety Program are eligible to apply for a license.
6. **All 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.
7. For all hunts – No extensions will be made to any hunt dates, deadlines, or sale of additional permits. **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.

8. The minimum caliber is .243 for rifles, and .40 for muzzleloaders. A draw weight of 40 pounds minimum is required for archery.
9. 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.
10. The antlers must remain attached to the skull or the scalp and both ears with proof of sex on a female of a female to accompany the carcass during the pack-out and transportation of the carcass until reaching its place of storage or consumption.
11. **It is mandatory that all harvested or wounded game be reported** to the Open Space Department. All harvests will be checked by the Open Space Department officers for data collection and photographing the animal harvested. Digital or printed copies of original field photos are greatly appreciated for public information. Open Space officers can be contacted through Dispatch.
12. **Wound Fees:** If an animal is wounded and not recovered immediately by the hunter and guide, it is required that the hunter contacts the Open Space Department and/or Fish and Wildlife Department immediately to assist with locating the 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.
13. Legal Shooting Hours for Big Game hunts are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
14. **Hunter Blaze Orange is mandatory** for all firearm hunts. A minimum of a Blaze Orange hat or vest.
15. **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**.
16. No aerial scouting, hunting, or flying of drones of any form is permitted.
17. 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.
18. **All General Public** hunters must be aware that there will always be other individuals out in the field. **Please be considerate of all individuals.**
19. **Cancellation Policy:** All sales are final with no refunds; no cancellation of any hunting license(s) will be allowed UNLESS the license holder meets requirements below (See no. 20).
20. **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 from proceeding. Requests for refunds and/or cancellations must be made two weeks prior to the 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 ZFWD.

21. **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. Camps must be set up no more than a week before the hunt and removed no more than a week after the hunt.
22. 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 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 using a motor driven vehicle or aircraft/drones. The use of game/trail cameras after January 31st or before August 1st is also considered harassment.
- 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, deadheads (skulls with antlers), or possessing cut-off antlers from skulls by the General Public.
- To call and locate game while scouting is considered **harassment**.
- To camp within 300 yards of water resources other than designated tribal lakes.
- 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 and Tribal Council.
- To camp by the General Public on the Zuni Reservation & Mazone Ranch if person(s) are hunting the adjoining hunting units (NM Units 10 or 12, and Arizona Newlands) that are non-tribal lands.
- To access 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.

Non-Tribal Members found in violation of the Pueblo of Zuni law and Game & Fish Code 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

- **All General Public Antlerless Elk** tags will be a full draw system. Any unsold or leftover tags will be made available on a first come first serve basis.
- Antlerless Elk tags are a non-package hunt. Lodging and meals will be at the hunter's 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).

- 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.
- 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.
- **Late Mule Deer** hunt dates are To Be Announced (TBA). Late Mule Deer hunt will be any choice of weapon.
- **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. Open Space officers 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.**

PENALTIES

Violation of any provision of this Code or any regulation or proclamation issued there under by the Zuni Tribal Council shall, unless otherwise designated, be a class B offense, a civil offense and may in addition to any other prescribed penalties, be punishable by revocation of fishing, hunting, trapping licenses, confiscation and forfeiture of all equipment. The provisions for penalties herein shall apply to all persons, both members and non-members of the Tribe alike, unless otherwise provided herein. At the time an arrest is made and/or citation issued for violation of this code, the arresting officer may confiscate any fishing equipment, rifles, weapons or other fishing or hunting equipment or paraphernalia as reasonably appears to have been involved in the commission of the violation for which the arrest was made and shall give the person from whom such things are taken an itemized receipt for all such confiscated items. The court, when hearing the case concerning the alleged violation may, in addition to any other penalty imposed upon finding of guilt, order the forfeiture to the Department of all or part of the confiscated items.

The Zuni Indian Reservation is Tribal Land and is not open to unauthorized public use. All visitors are expected to abide by all Fish and Wildlife Department and other Tribal Regulations. Please see Section on Hiking for additional Rules and Regulations. This proclamation will remain in effect until a subsequent proclamation is approved.

PROCLAMATION:

APPROVED

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Arden Kucate

04-20-2026

Arden Kucate, Governor of Zuni Pueblo

Date

Authorized License Vendor location

Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department

20 Conservation Dr.

P.O. Box 339

Zuni, New Mexico 87327

Open: M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Contact: (505) 782-5851

REPORT ILLEGAL HUNTING & FISHING ACTIVITIES

24 hours/7 day a week

Zuni Police Dispatch

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Zuni Fish & Wildlife

Zuni Game & Fish Rangers

Phone Numbers:

Emergency

911

Zuni Fish and Wildlife

(505) 782-5851

Zuni Open Space Department

(505) 782-7224

Zuni Police Dispatch

(505) 782-4493/4494

Zuni BIA Fire Dispatch

(505) 782-3375/3355

Visit us on the Web:

<https://zunifishandwildlife.org/>

Scan QR Code for Hunt Survey



MULE DEER HUNTS						
No.	Hunt	Hunt Dates	Tags	Cost	1 st Half Deposit	Full Payment Deadline
1	Late Mule Deer***	TBA	4	\$8,500.00	\$4,250.00	July 10
BULL ELK AND COW ELK HUNTS						
No.	Hunt	Hunt Dates	Tags	Cost	1 st Half Deposit	Full Payment Deadline
2	Muzzleloader Bull Elk	Sept 7 – 11, 2026	5	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	July 10
3	Archery Bull Elk	Sept 12 – 18, 2026	5	\$9,000.00	\$4,500.00	July 10
Bid	Bull Elk Rut Package	Sept 20 – 26, 2026	1	Min. Bid \$12,000.00	-	-
MDF	MDF Auction Tag	Sept 20 – 26, 2026	1	Highest Bid	-	-
4	Rifle Bull Elk	Sept 27 – Oct. 1, 2026	5	\$11,500.00	\$5,750.00	July 10
4.B	Rifle Bull Elk	Sept 27 – Oct. 1, 2026	1	Min. Bid \$12,000.00	-	-
5	Antlerless Elk	Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, 2026	10	\$400.00	\$200.00	July 10
6	Antlerless Elk	Nov. 7 – 11, 2026	10	\$400.00	\$200.00	July 10
7	Late Rifle Bull Elk***	TBA	3	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	July 10
8	Combo Buck & Bull***	Call ZFWD for Availability of Dates	2	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	July 10
***Start dates on hunts are subject to change according to cultural calendar/events.						

2026-2027 General Public Big Game Hunt List and Restrictions

Mule Deer Restrictions

1. Late Mule Deer ***	TBD	4	\$8,500.00	General Public
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One Mule Deer Buck with 3x3 or grater antlers. Choice of weapon: Archery, muzzleloader, rifle. A minimum caliber of .243 for rifles, .40 for muzzleloaders, and a minimum of 40 (lbs.) pound draw weight. Scope or open-sight muzzleloaders are allowed. Mechanical broad heads are allowed for Mule Deer archery hunts only. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters are allowed as companions. *** Hunt dates are subject to change due to cultural calendar/events.

Elk Hunt Restrictions

2. Muzzleloader Bull Elk	Sept. 7-11, 2026	5	\$10,000.00	General Public
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One Mature Bull Elk 5x5 or better OR One Mature 6x6 or better. Scopes or open iron sights are allowed on Muzzleloaders. A minimum caliber of .40 for muzzleloaders. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters are allowed as companions.

3. Archery Bull Elk	Sept. 12-18, 2026	5	\$9,000.00	General Public
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One Mature Bull Elk 5x5 or better OR One Mature 6x6 or better. Archery equipment ONLY. No mechanical broad heads are allowed on archery Elk hunts. A minimum of a 40 (lb.) pound draw weight. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters are allowed as companions.

Bid. Bull Elk Rut Package	Sept. 20-26, 2026	1	Highest Bid Min. Bid - \$12,000	General Public
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Much like a silent auction. Each hunter must submit a bid for one of the two sealed bids or both per application and hope that their bid is the highest. Please contact the ZFWD for any questions. One Mature Bull Elk 5x5 or better OR One Mature 6x6 or better. Choice of weapon: Archery; scoped or open sight muzzleloader; rifle. A minimum of .270 for rifles, .40 for muzzleloaders, and a minimum of 40 (lbs.) pound draw weight. Archery equipment, no mechanical broad heads are allowed on archery Elk hunts. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters allowed as companions.

MDF Auction Bull Elk	Sept. 20-26, 2026	1	Highest Bid	General Public
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One Mature Bull Elk 5x5 or better OR One Mature 6x6 or better. Choice of weapon: Archery; scoped or open sight muzzleloader; rifle. A minimum of .270 for rifles, .40 for muzzleloaders, and a minimum of 40 (lbs.) pound draw weight. Archery equipment, no mechanical broad heads are allowed on archery Elk hunts. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters allowed as companions. Hunt is auctioned at the Mule Deer Foundation – Western Hunting & Conservation Expo.

4. Rifle Bull Elk	Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2026	5	\$11,500.00	General Public
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One Mature Bull Elk 5x5 or better OR One Mature 6x6 or better. A minimum of .270 for rifles. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters allowed as companions.

4.B. Sealed Bid Rifle Elk	Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2026	1	\$12,000.00	General Public
Much like a silent auction. Each hunter must submit a bid for one of the two sealed bids or both per application and hope that their bid is the highest. Please contact the ZFWD for any questions. One Mature Bull Elk 5x5 or better OR One Mature 6x6 or better. A minimum of .270 for rifles. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters allowed as companions.				
5. Antlerless Elk Rifle	2026	10	\$400.00	General Public
One Antlerless Elk. Hunter must be accompanied by a ZFWD certified guide or approval of a tribal member for the duration of scouting and hunting. A minimum of .270 for rifles. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters allowed as companions.				
6. Antlerless Elk Rifle	2026	10	\$400.00	General Public
One Antlerless Elk. Hunter must be accompanied by a ZFWD certified guide or approval of a tribal member for the duration of scouting and hunting. A minimum of .270 for rifles. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters allowed as companions.				
7. Late Bull Elk Rifle	TBA	3	\$7,500.00	General Public
One Mature Bull Elk 5x5 or better. A minimum of .270 for rifles. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters allowed as companions. *** Hunt dates are subject to change due to cultural calendar/events.				
8. Combination Buck & Bull Rifle	Call ZFWD For Availability of Dates	2	\$20,000.00	General Public
One Mature Bull Elk 5x5 or better OR One Mature 6x6 or better. One Mule Deer Buck 3x3 or greater. Choice of weapon: Archery, scoped or open sight muzzleloader, and rifle. There are Blackout Dates for the Combo Hunt. Please Call ZFWD for more information. A minimum of .270 for rifles, .40 for muzzleloaders, and a minimum of 40 (lbs.) pound draw weight. Archery equipment, no mechanical broad heads are allowed on archery Elk hunts. For an additional \$1,500.00, a cull/management elk tag may be purchased with the approval of the ZFWD director or his designee in coordination with the Tribal Certified Guide. Due to potential conflict of interest with Tribal Guides, no non-Zuni guides/outfitters allowed as companions. ***Hunt dates may be subject to change due to cultural calendar/events.				

**Big Game Proclamation Map
with BIA Roads
Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department**





