

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Game and Fish Department has come before the Tribal Council this date and requested approval of Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 1996-1997, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council proposes that changes be made to the Tribal Member Hunting Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that the Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 1996-1996, as amended herein, be approved by the Tribal Council.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the attached Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 1996-1997, as amended herein.


The foregoing resolution was on July 11, 1996 duly adopted by a vote of nine for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section I (a), (f), (g), (i), (q), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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**FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY
WHITERIVER, ARIZONA**


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

TRIBAL MEMBER HUNTING REGULATIONS 1996 - 1997

Tags will be Issued BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 1996.

1. DEER

A. WHITETAIL DEER

SEASON DATES: Dec. 7, 1996 thru Jan. 1, 1997
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL DEER: Antlered Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described under methods of take.
OPEN AREAS: Reservation wide
PERMIT COST: \$5.00

B. MULE DEER

SEASON DATES: Nov. 2 thru Nov. 17, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL DEER: Antlered Mule Deer Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 600 by draw.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described under methods of take.
OPEN AREAS: Reservation Wide
PERMIT COST: \$10.00

Applications for the Mule Deer Drawing will be accepted beginning July 29, 1996. Deadline for applications is close of business, Aug. 30, 1996. Drawing will be held September 4, 1996. Successful applicants should pick up tags beginning September 30, 1996 thru October 25, 1996. Tags remaining on October 28, 1996 will be sold on a first come basis at a cost of \$25.00. All drawing applications must be accompanied with a \$5.00 Non-refundable application fee.

C. ARCHERY MULE DEER

SEASON DATES: Oct. 12, thru Oct. 27, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL DEER: Antlered Mule Deer Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 50
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal bow and arrow as described under methods of take.
OPEN AREAS: Reservation Wide
PERMIT COST: \$15.00

***** ARCHERY TAGS WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST COME BASIS STARTING SEPTEMBER 3, 1996. ARCHERY MULEDEER TAG HOLDERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GENERAL MULE DEER SEASON(NOVEMBER 2 THRU NOVEMBER 17, 1996.)

2. TURKEY

A. FALL TURKEY

SEASON DATES: Oct. 26 thru Nov. 24, 1996
BAG LIMIT: Two (2) per tag holder per year

LEGAL TURKEY: Any Turkey
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described under methods of take.
 OPEN AREAS: Reservation wide
 PERMIT COST: \$5.00

* The \$5.00 purchase includes two (2) fall turkey tags.

B. SPRING GOBBLER

SEASON DATES: April 1 thru April 30, 1997
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) Bearded Turkey
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: 250 will be issued on first come basis.
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described under method of take.
 OPEN AREAS: Reservation wide
 PERMIT COST: \$5.00 per tag

** Spring Gobbler permits will be issued beginning March 3, 1997.**

3. ELK

A. **ARCHERY ELK**

SEASON DATES: Oct. 12, thru Oct. 27, 1996
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
 LEGAL ELK: Cow, Calf or Spike
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: 100 first come basis
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Archery Only
 OPEN AREAS: Reservation wide
 PERMIT COST: \$5.00

** Archery permits will be issued beginning SEPTEMBER 3, 1996. Hunters who obtain Archery Elk tags, are eligible for the General Elk Hunt (B).**

B. **GENERAL ELK**

SEASON DATES: Oct. 26, thru Nov. 24, 1996
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
 LEGAL ELK: Cow, Calf or Spikes
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described under method of take.
 OPEN AREAS: Reservation wide
 PERMIT COST: \$2.00

C. SECOND COW ELK TAG:

SEASON DATES: Oct. 26 thru Nov. 24, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder
LEGAL ELK: Antlerless Only (Does not include SPIKES)
NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow & arrow.
OPEN AREAS: Reservation Wide
PERMIT COST: \$ 5.00

* A second Cow Elk Tag will be sold only after the First elk has been legally taken. The used tag must be presented at the time a Second Cow Elk Tag is purchased.

D. SPECIAL BULL ELK SEASON

SEASON DATES: Nov. 16 thru Nov. 24, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL ELK: Any Bull
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 30 in Zone 1
30 in Zone 2
30 in Zone 3
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and
arrow as described under method
of take.
PERMIT COST: \$50.00

**** All Special Bull Elk permits will be issued by drawing. Applications for the drawing will be accepted beginning July 29, 1996. Deadline for applications is close of business August 30, 1996. Drawing will be held September 4, 1996. Tags must be picked up beginning Sept. 30 - Oct. 25, 1996. Tags remaining on Oct. 28, 1996 will be sold on a first come basis for \$55. All applications must be accompanied with a \$5.00 non-refundable application fee.

E. UNIT 8 TROPHY ELK

SEASON DATES: Sept. 14 thru Sept. 29, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL ELK: Any Bull
OPEN AREAS: Unit 8 Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 25
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and
arrow as described under method
of take.
PERMIT COST: \$100.00

Trophy Bull permits for Unit 8 will be issued by drawing. Applications may be submitted beginning July 29, 1996. Deadline for applications is close of business August 30, 1996. Drawing will be held on September 4, 1996. All drawing applications must be accompanied with a \$5.00 Non-refundable application fee.

F. SPECIAL LATE SEASON COW HUNT

Season Dates: Jan. 17 - Jan. 20, 1997
Bag Limit: One (1) per tag
Legal Elk: Any Antlerless Elk
Legal Taking Device: Any firearm or bow and arrow as described under method of take.
Open Areas: Reservation Wide
Number of Permits: 200
Permit Cost: \$ 5.00

*** Permits can be purchased beginning December 2, 1996

4. **BEAR**

SEASON DATES: Year Long
BAG LIMIT: One (1) Bear per tag, Two (2) per Calendar year.
LEGAL BEAR: Any Bear, except Sow with cubs
NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described under method of take.
PERMIT COST: NONE

5. **LION**

SEASON DATES: Year Long
BAG LIMIT: One (1) Lion per tag (2) Lions per Calendar year
LEGAL LION: Any lion
NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described under method of take.
PERMIT COST: NONE

6. **ANTELOPE**

SEASON DATES: Oct. 5 thru Oct. 13, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One Antelope per calendar year
LEGAL ANTELOPE: Buck Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 2
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described under method of take.
PERMIT COST: \$30.00

Antelope permits will be issued by drawing. Applications will be accepted beginning July 29, 1996. Deadline for applications is close of business August 30, 1996. Drawing will be held September 4, 1996. Applications must be accompanied with a \$5.00 non-refundable applications fee.

7. JAVELINA

SEASON DATES: Jan.13 thru Feb.14,1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) Javelina per tag holder per year.
LEGAL JAVELINA: Any Javelina
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 150
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described under method of take.
PERMIT COST: \$2.00

**** Permits will be available December 2, 1996 on a first come basis.****

8. BIG HORN SHEEP

NO SEASON

*Small Game may be hunted without a permit.

9. SMALL GAME

A. COTTONTAIL RABBITS

SEASON DATES: Year Long
BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) per day
POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) after opening day, of which no more than 10 may be taken in one day.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow, shotguns, or rimfire weapons only.

B. TREE SQUIRRELS

SEASON DATES: Nov.2 thru Nov. 24,1996.
BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) per day
POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) after opening day, of which no more than 10 may be taken in one day.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow, shotguns, or rimfire weapons only.

C. QUAIL

SEASON DATES: Oct. 5,1995 thru Jan.31,1997
BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) quail per day
POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) after opening day, of which no more than 10 may be taken in one day.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow or shotgun ONLY.

D. BLUE GROUSE

SEASON DATES: Nov.2,1995 thru Nov.24,1996
BAG LIMIT: Three (3) grouse per day
POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) after opening day, of which no more than 3 may be taken in one day.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow or shotgun ONLY.

E. PREDATORY AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

SEASON DATES: Year long
BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any firearm, or bow and arrow
as described in 11.
LEGAL ANIMAL: Coyote, skunks, foxes, ringtail
cats, raccoon and badgers.

F. BOBCATS

RESERVATION QUOTA: 100 Animals

1. FIREARMS SEASON

SEASON DATES: Nov.1,1995 thru April 30,1996
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any firearm, or bow and arrow
as described in 11.
LEGAL ANIMALS: Any Bobcat

2. FUR BEARER TRAPPING SEASON

SEASON DATES: Nov.1,1995 thru April 30,1997
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: SEE TRAPPING REGULATIONS SHEET
Any Bobcat, Fox, Coyote, Beaver,
Raccoon, Ringtail Cat.

**** SPECIAL REGULATIONS: All bobcats taken on the Reservation must have a bobcat export tag locked thru the mouth or eye opening in a manner such that it cannot be removed. See the TRAPPING REGULATIONS SHEET for further information.

G. OTHER MAMMALS AND BIRDS

SEASON DATES: Year Long
BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any firearm or bow and arrow as
described in 11.
LEGAL ANIMAL: Crows Sparrows and all mammals
EXCEPT game mammals, furbearing
mammals predatory mammals,
ferrets, wolves, jaguars and
ocelots.

10. MIGRATORY BIRDS

Doves and Pigeons: Season dates generally run from Sept. 1 - 10.
Please check with the WOR office for specific dates

Waterfowl: Waterfowl seasons generally run from early November
Thru Mid January and comply with federal framework.
Please check with WOR for specific dates.

*** Tribal waterfowl hunters are required to possess a federal duck stamp.

11. METHODS OF LEGALLY TAKING GAME

- A. All big game except elk may be legally taken with the following weapons:
1. Center rifles, muzzlesloading rifles, and all other rifles using black powder or pyrodex.
 2. Centerfire handguns and handguns using black powder or pyrodex.
 3. Shotguns shooting slugs.
 4. Bows having a standard pull of forty or more pounds, using arrows with metal broadheads no less than 7/8 inch width cutting edges.
- B. Elk may be legally taken with the following weapons
1. Centerfire rifles having a caliber of 243 or greater (Illegal calibers include:22, 22mag.,5mm, 222, 22-250).
 2. Bows having a standard pull of fifty or more pounds, using arrows with Metal broadheads no less than 7/8 inch width cutting edges.
- C. Small game (EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS, BLUE GROUSE AND QUAIL) may be legally taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapons, or sling shot not prohibited in Section G.
- D. Predatory and fur-bearing animals may be taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, or trap not prohibited in Section G.
- E. Migratory birds and upland game birds may be taken only with shotguns shooting shot or bow and arrow not prohibited in Section G.
- F. Other mammal and birds may be legally taken during the season by any means not prohibited in Section G except for foothold traps.
- G. The following devices and ammunition are prohibited for the taking of ANY wildlife on the Reservation and may not be possessed in the field while hunting.
1. Fully automatic firearms, including firearms capable of selective Automatic fire.
 2. Tracer ammunition and full metal jacketed bullets other than those designed for hunting.
 3. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge; or shotguns capable of holding more than two shells in the magazine, unless plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

4. Semi-automatic centerfire rifles with a magazine capacity of more than five shells.
5. Contrivances designed to silence, muffle, or minimize the report of a firearm.
6. Poisoned arrows, or arrows with explosive tips.
7. Crossbows and other bows having devices attached to hold to bow in drawn position are prohibited.
8. The use of artificial light to spotlight wild animals or birds is illegal (Except for Raccoons).
9. Rifles and shotguns less than 24 inches in length.

12. TIME PERIODS FOR THE TAKING OF GAME

1. Big game, wild mammals, and birds may be taken only during daylight hours 1/2 hour before sunrise till 1/2 hour after sunset.
2. Nongame mammals, predatory, and fur-bearing animals may be taken by Trap day or night.
3. Migratory game birds may be taken only at such times as authorized by the Tribal Council and Federal Regulations.

13. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. Non-member (anyone who is not a registered member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe) may not be in the field with Tribal Members during the hunting season. Exempt from this are immediate family Members such as husband, wife, children, brother, sister.
2. All hunting tags must be picked up in person. Tribal I.D. card or affidavit of membership (from B.I.A. or Tribal Council Secretary) must be presented at the time tags are purchased. Except for Special drawing hunts Permits will be issued to physically handicapped and senior citizens (55) free of charge.
3. Duplicate tags will be issued at a cost of \$10.00 per tag.
4. During the 1996-1997 hunting season, wearing of blaze hunter orange will be required.
5. Juveniles 12 and 13 years old, may obtain a big game

hunting permit; following the successful completion of a hunter education course. Juveniles must be accompanied by an adult while in the field.

WHILE THE TROPHY ELK HUNT IS IN PROGRESS (SEPTEMBER 1 THRU OCTOBER 6, 1996), ALL UNITS EXCEPT UNIT 7, 8 AND 10 ARE CLOSED TO HUNTING.

These regulations shall apply to all tribal members and to those non-members who have been granted hunting rights by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Tags for hunting and trapping must be obtained from the White Mountain Apache Game Fish Office in Whiteriver prior to hunting.

Office hours for picking up tags and making applications are Monday thru Friday 8:00 - 5:00 pm.