

**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 Non-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 Non-Tribal Member Hunting Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that the Non-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 Non-Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 1996-1997, as amended herein.

The foregoing resolution was on July 11, 1996 duly adopted by a vote of seven for and one 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

**WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
NON-MEMBER HUNTING REGULATIONS 1996-1997**

1. ELK

A. TROPHY ELK HUNT

SEASON DATES: East and West End
1ST HUNT: Sept. 16 thru noon on the 22nd, 1996
2nd HUNT: Sept. 23 thru noon on the 29th, 1996
3RD HUNT: Sept. 30 thru noon on Oct. 6th, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag per year.
LEGAL ELK: Bull Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 66 (56 permits for the east end and 10 permits for the west end hunt).
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in 12.
PERMIT COST: \$12,000.00 for 6 1/2 days hunt.

B. SPECIAL AUCTION HUNT

SEASON DATES:
1ST HUNT: Sept. 16 noon on the 22nd, 1996
2ND HUNT: Sept. 23 noon on the 29th, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag per year
LEGAL ELK: Bull Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 4 Permits
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in 12.
PERMITS COST: Four highest bids postmarked by deadline.

C. SPECIAL CULL BULL HUNT

Season Dates: The season dates for this hunt will coincide with the regular trophy bull elk hunt.
Bag Limit: 1 per tag per year.
Legal Cull: A legal cull bull is a bull that no longer has trophy quality potential. These are normally bulls that have exceeded the age of 12 or exhibit excessive antler deformity.
Number of permits: 20
Permit Cost: \$1500

D. SPECIAL NONTRIBAL COW HUNT

SEASON DATES: Oct. 26 thru Nov. 10, 1996
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag per year
LEGAL ELK: Antler less
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in 12, except bow and arrow.
PERMIT COST: \$100.00 - Affiliate non-tribal spouse
\$200.00 - Affiliated
\$300.00 - General public
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 225 - Unit 1 and Unit 2.
75 - Unit 5 (Affiliated Only)

E. SPECIAL LATE SEASON COW HUNT

SEASON DATES: January 17 thru January 20 1997
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag per year
 LEGAL ELK: Antler less
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in 12, except bow and arrow.
 PERMIT COST: \$250.00

NUMBER OF PERMITS: 200
 UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING: 2, 3, and 4 only

*The Unit 5 NonTribal Cow Hunt will be open to Affiliated hunters only. General Public permits will not be sold for this unit.

* Affiliated is defined as a Non-Tribal member spouse or Non-tribal member employed full-time (At the time of purchase) on the Reservation, i.e., School System or any Tribal program or Tribal Enterprise. Affiliated permits may also be purchased by employment carded individuals (TERO). Affiliated permits will be sold on a first come basis during regular business hours from July 15, 1996 August 2, 1996. General public permits will be sold on a first come basis beginning August 5, 1996. All affiliated hunters must present an affidavit or any other documentation of employment or marital status at the time of purchase. The purchase of cow tags is limited to three (3) per customer. Tags may also be purchased by mail. Deadline for applications is August 16, 1996.

2. BEAR

A. NON-AFFILIATED

SEASON DATES: Jan. 1, 1997 - Dec. 31, 1997
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) Bear per tag, Two Bears per Calendar Year.
 LEGAL BEAR: Any Bear, except sow with cubs.
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 12.
 PERMITS COST: \$150.00

B. AFFILIATED

SEASON DATES: Oct. 15-Nov. 15, 1996 and May 1-30, 1997
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) Bear per Season.
 LEGAL BEAR: Any Bear, except sow with cubs.
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 12.
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: 10
 PERMITS COST: \$50.00

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: All Non-Affiliated Bear Hunters must be accompanied by a Registered Reservation Guide. Affiliated Bear hunters are not required to be accompanied by a guide and are prohibited from using dogs or baits. Refer to definition of Affiliate under 3.

3. LION

SEASON DATES: Year Round
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) lion per tag; Two Lions per Calendar Year.
 LEGAL LION: Any lion except female with kitten.
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 12.
 PERMIT COST: \$200.00

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: All hunters must be accompanied by a registered reservation Guide.

4. Bobcat

SEASON DATES: Nov. 1, 1996 - April 30, 1997.
 BAG LIMIT: One per tag, two per calander year.
 LEGAL BOBCAT: Any Bobcat, except female with kittens.
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 12.
 PERMIT COST: \$75
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: 50

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Nontribal taking of bobcat is restricted to hunting methods only. They may include stalking and/or calling. Trapping of any sort is strictly prohibited. All hunters must be accompanied by a registered reservation guide.

5. ANTELOPE

Season Dates: Any 3 consecutive days, from August 31 thru September 8, 1996.
 Bag Limit: One (1) per tag holder.
 Legal Antelope: Mature Buck
 Number of Permits: 2
 Legal Taking Device: Any legal firearm as described in 12.
 Permit Cost: \$ 3500

TROPHY ANTELOPE PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED BY DRAW.

6. JAVELINA

SEASON DATES: Jan. 11 thru Feb. 16 1997.
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) Javelina per tag holder per year.
 LEGAL JAVELINA: Any Javelina
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: 100
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm of bow and arrow as described in 12.
 PERMIT COST: \$75.00

* Permits can be purchase beginning December 2, 1996.

7. BIGHORN SHEEP

Season Dates: Any 10 consecutive days, beginning
December 1 thru December 31, 1996
Bag Limit: One Mature Ram, not less than full
curl.
Number of Permits: 1
Permit Cost: \$ 40,000

* This is a fully packaged hunt and includes food, lodging and guide.
Fee is contingent upon the harvest of a legal ram. If hunter is unsuccessful, the
amount will be refunded ,less 10 percent.

8. SMALL GAME

PERMIT COST \$50.00 Per year \$5.00 per day

A. COTTONTAIL RABBITS

SEASON DATES: Nov.2 thru Feb 2, 1997
BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) per day
POSSESSION: Twenty (20) after opening day,
of which no more than 10 may be
taken in one day.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow, shotgun, 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,shotgun,or rimfire
weapons only.

C. QUAIL

SEASON DATES: Oct. 5,1996 thru Feb. 2,1997
BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) quail per day
POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) after opening day,
of which no more than 10 be
taken in one day.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow, shotguns, or
rimfire weapons only.
LEGAL QUAIL: Gambel and Mearns quail.

D. BLUE GROUSE

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9. **MIGRATORY**

Doves and Pigeons:

Season dates generally run from Sept. 1 thru Sept. 10. Please check with the WOR office for specific dates.

Waterfowl: Season Dates: Nov. 9, 1996 - Jan. 19, 1997.

* A federal duck stamp is required to hunt waterfowl on the reservation. Please check with WOR office for additional waterfowl hunting information.

10. **METHODS OF LEGALLY TAKING GAME**

A. Big game, except Elk may be legally taken with the following weapons:

1. Center fire rifles, muzzle loading rifles, and all other rifles using black Powder or pyrodex.
2. Center fire 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.
5. In addition, Javelina may taken with 22 rimfire magnum rifles and 5mm Rimfire rifles.

B. Elk may be taken with the following weapons.

1. Center fire rifles having a caliber of 270 or greater.
2. Bows having a standard pull of 50 or more pounds using arrows with metal broadheads no less than 7/8 inch width cutting edges.

C. Small game (**EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS AND QUAIL**) may be legally taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapon, or sling shot not prohibited in section F.

D. Migratory birds and upland game birds may be taken only with shotguns shooting shot or bow and arrow not prohibited in section F.

E. Other mammals and birds may be legally taken during the season by any means not prohibited in section F except for foothold traps.

F. Head must remain attached to game.

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; 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.
9. Rifles and shotguns less than 24 inches in length.

11. 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. Migratory game birds may be taken only at such times as authorized by the Tribal Council and Federal Migratory Game Bird Regulations.

12. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. Non-members (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. Blaze orange will be required during the general and late season cow elk hunts.

3. Juveniles 12 and 13 years old, may obtain a big game hunting permit; following the successful completion of a hunter education course.
4. Prescouting is prohibited prior to the special non-tribal cow elk hunt.
5. Non-tribal member hunters are prohibited from picking up and/or possessing shed antlers or skulls with horns or antlers attached at anytime while hunting on the reservation.

WHILE THE TROPHY ELK HUNT IS IN PROGRESS (SEPTEMBER 1 THRU OCTOBER 6, 1996), ALL
UNITS EXCEPT UNITS 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.

Tag for big game must be obtained from the White Mountain Apache Game and Fish Office in Whiteriver prior to hunting.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm.