



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the 2024-2025 Tribal Member Hunting Regulations)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Reservation") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(f) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power, "To protect and preserve the wildlife, plant life, forests, natural resources and water rights of the Tribe, and to regulate hunting and fishing on the Reservation"; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Department ("Game & Fish Department") requests approval of the 2024-2025 Tribal Member Hunting Regulations, attached and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, Game & Fish Department staff advised the Council that the hunting seasons, bag limits, and regulations ("Regulations") are based on sound biological principles, surveys, and methods; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the recommended Regulations and finds that they will provide sustainable management of Tribal wildlife resources, and that their adoption is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Game & Fish Department's 2024-2025 Tribal Member Hunting Regulations is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 10, 2024 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for, ONE against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1, of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on November 10, 2021, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Kasey Velasquez
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

7.10.2024
Date

Vaneysa Johnson
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

7/10/2024
Date

White Mountain Apache Tribe
Game & Fish Department
2024-2025 Tribal Member Hunting Regulations
Proposed Changes Summary Sheet
(Changes are denoted by bold print)

Game	Season Dates	Bag	Permit Cost	Application Fee	# Permits	# of Permits
DEER						
WHITETAIL DEER						
Super Whitetail Deer	Nov. 2, '24 – Feb. 28, '25	1 Antlered Deer	Raffle - \$25/Ticket	None	1	Same
General	Nov. 9 – Dec. 1, 2024	1 Antlered Deer	\$30.00	\$5.00	140	Same
Trophy	Dec. 21 '24 – Jan. 5 '25	1 Antlered Deer	\$60.00	\$5.00	80	Same
MULE DEER						
General Mule Deer	Nov. 9 – Nov. 24, 2024	1 Antlered Deer	\$30.00	\$5.00	75	Same
Youth Mule Deer	Oct. 26 – Nov. 10, 2024	1 Antlered Deer	\$30.00	\$5.00	25	Same
Super Mule Deer						
East & West Trophy Deer	Oct. 5 '24 – Jan. 31 '25	1 Antlered Deer	Raffle - \$25/Ticket	None	1	Same
55+ Deer	Dec. 7 – Dec. 29, 2024	1 Antlered Deer	\$60.00	\$5.00	20	Same
Archery Mule Deer	Oct. 26 – Nov. 10, 2024	1 Antlered Deer	\$30.00	\$5.00	60	Same
Archery Whitetail Deer	Oct. 5 – Oct. 20, 2024	1 Antlered Deer	\$30.00	\$5.00	60	Same
ELK	Jan. 11 – Jan. 26, 2025	1 Antlered Deer	\$30.00	\$5.00	85	Same
Archery Elk	Oct. 5 – Oct. 20, 2024	Cow, Calf or Spike	\$30.00	\$5.00	59	Same
General Elk	Nov. 16 – Dec. 1, 2024	Cow, Calf or Spike	\$30.00	\$5.00	165	Same
Youth Raghorn Bull	Oct. 26 – Nov. 3, 2024	1, < 4x4 Bull	\$15.00	\$5.00	20	Same
Fall Bull Elk	Oct. 26 – Nov. 3, 2024	1 Antlered Elk	\$60.00	\$5.00	81	Same
Unit 8 Trophy Bull	Sept. 7 – Sept. 15, 2024	1 Antlered Elk	\$140.00	\$5.00	15	Same
Rifle	Sept. 21 – Sept. 29, 2024	1 Antlered Elk	\$140.00	\$5.00	20	Same
Archery	Oct. 5 – Oct. 11, 2024	1 Antlered Elk	\$260.00	\$5.00	11	Same
Special Bull Elk	Oct. 5 – Dec. 31, 2024	1 Antlered Elk	\$510.00	\$5.00	1	Same
Reservation Wide Bull Elk						
OTHER BIG GAME						
Archery Pronghorn Antelope	Oct. 5 – Oct. 13, 2024	1 Buck	\$60.00	\$5.00	2	Same
Pronghorn Antelope	Oct. 14 – Oct. 21, 2024	1 Buck	\$60.00	\$5.00	3	Same
Bighorn Sheep	Oct. 12 '24 – Aug. 31 '25	1 ram	\$410.00	\$5.00	1	+1
Fall Turkey	Nov. 9 – Dec. 1, 2024	2 Turkeys, 1/Tag	\$5.00/tag	\$5.00	700	Same
Spring Gobbler	Apr. 5 – May. 11, 2025	2 Turkeys, 1/Tag	\$10.00	\$5.00	250	Same
55+ Spring Gobbler	Apr. 5 – May. 11, 2025	2 Turkeys, 1/Tag	\$10.00	\$5.00	25	Same
Javelina	Dec. 28 '24 – Jan. 26, '25	1 Javelina	\$15.00	\$5.00	100	Same

PREDATORS

Black Bear	Apr. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025	2 Bears, 1/Tag	\$5.00	75	Same
Mountain Lion	Apr. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025	2 Lions, 1/Tag	\$5.00	75	Same
Bobcat	Nov. 1 '24 – Mar. 31 '25	50	None	50	Same
Trapping	Nov. 1 '24 – Mar. 31 '25	50	\$5.00 Export Tag	50	Same

SMALL GAME

Cottontail	Oct. 5 '24 – Jan. 26 '25	10/Day	None	No Permit Required	Same
Tree Squirrels	Oct. 5 – Nov. 10, 2024	10/Day	None	No Permit Required	Same
Quail	Oct. 5 '24 – Jan. 26 '25	10/Day	None	No Permit Required	Same
Blue Grouse	Oct. 5 – Nov. 10, 2024	3/Day	None	No Permit Required	Same

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Doves/Pigeons
Waterfowl*

According to Federal Regulations – Migratory Birds, Available August 2024
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* A Federal Duck Stamp and the use of non-lead shot are required.

Other:

- The White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Department will accept UNLIMITED draw applications for the 20234 – 2025 seasons.
- 2024 WMAT G&F Dept. Tribal Member Hunting Regulation Public Comments Via Email , etc:
 - 3 emails total, see enclosures.