

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division has come before the Tribal Council this date and requested approval of the Non-Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 2001-2002, copies of which are attached hereto; and

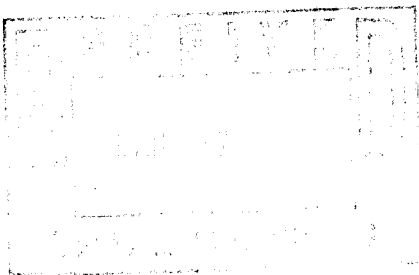
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed recommended changes to the Non-Member Tribal Hunting Regulations designed to provide sustainable management of Tribal wildlife resources; and

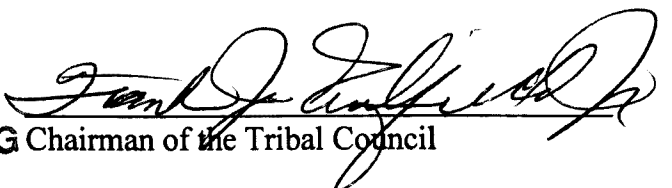
WHEREAS, the hunting seasons, bag limits and regulations are based on sound biological principle, surveys and methods; and

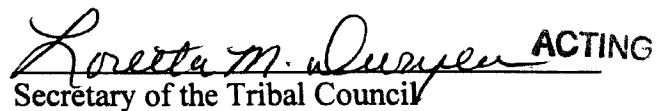
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that the Non-Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 2001-2002, as amended herein, be approved by the Tribal Council.

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 2001-2002, as amended herein.

The foregoing resolution was on February 28, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and ONE against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (g), (h), (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).




ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

W.M.A.T. 2001-2002 Non-Member Hunting Regulation Changes Summary Sheet

Game	Season Dates	Bag	Permit Cost	No. Permits	Change from Last Year
Elk					
Auction Bull	Sept. 8-Sept. 14, 2001	1 Bull	TBA	1	Same
Trophy Bull	Sept. 15-Sept. 25, 2001	1 Bull	\$14,000	65	Same
Mgt. Bull	Sept. 3-Oct. 9, 2001	1 Bull	\$7,500	35	Same
Cull Bull	Sept. 8-Oct. 9, 2001	2 Bulls	\$500	20	Same
Archery Cow	Oct. 13-Oct. 19, 2001	1 Antlerless	\$350	60	Same
Archery Raghorn	Oct. 13-Oct. 19, 2001	1 Bull(≤4-point)	\$1,000	40	+40
Early Cow A	Oct. 20-Oct. 28, 2001	1 Antlerless	\$375	300	Same
Early Cow B	Nov. 3-Nov. 11, 2001	1 Antlerless	\$350	300	Same
Late Cow	Dec. 15-Dec. 30, 2001	1 Antlerless	\$300	300	Same
Packaged Cow	CLOSED				-20
Other Big Game					
Whitetail Deer	CLOSED				Same
Pronghorn Antelope	CLOSED				Same
Bighorn Sheep	Apr. 1-Nov. 30, 2001	1 Mature Ram	\$40,000	1	+1
Javelina	Jan. 26-Feb. 24, 2002	1 Javelina	\$100	25	-5
Spring Gobbler	Apr. 13-Apr. 16, 2002	2 Gobblers	\$1,500	20	Same
	Apr. 18-Apr. 22, 2002	2 Gobblers	\$1,500	20	Same
Predators					
Black Bear	Apr. 1-Jun. 30, 2002	1 Bear	\$300	200	+ 65
	Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2002	1 Bear	\$300		
Affiliate Bear	Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2002	1 Bear	\$100	50	+50
Mountain Lion	Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2002	1 Lion	\$300	100	Same
Bobcat	Nov. 1, '01-Apr. 30, '02	1 Bobcat	\$75	25	Same
Coyote	Dec. 1, '01-Mar. 31, '02	Unlimited	\$75	10	Same
Fox	Dec. 1, '01-Mar. 31, '02	5/Season/Tag	\$75	10	Same
Small Game					
Squirrels	Oct. 20-Nov. 25, 2001	10/Day	\$50 Annual/\$10 Daily	Unlimited	Same
Cottontail	Oct. 20, '01-Jan. 29, '02	10/Day	\$50 Annual/\$10 Daily	Unlimited	Same
Quail	Oct. 6-Dec. 31, 2001	7/Day	\$50 Annual/\$10 Daily	Unlimited	Same
Doves/Pigeon	According to Federal Regulations - Migratory Birds				
Waterfowl	According to Federal Regulations - Migratory Birds				
*Federal Duck Stamp and the use of Non-lead Shot required for Waterfowl.					

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**WILDLIFE & OUTDOOR RECREATION DIVISION
NON-MEMBER HUNTING REGULATIONS 2001- 2002**

(REQUIRE W&ORD LICENSED GUIDE)

G1. TROPHY BULL ELK AUCTION HUNT

SEASON DATES: September 8, 2001 through September 14, 2001.
LEGAL ELK: One (1) Antlered Elk.
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 1.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in section R1 B.
PERMIT COST/Application Fee: Check with the W&ORD office for application deadline.
HUNT PACKAGE: This hunt is booked through the W&ORD office. This hunt is fully guided/outfitted and includes: lodging, meals, guide and hunt transportation.

G2. TROPHY BULL ELK

A. EASTEND TROPHY BULL ELK

SEASON DATES: 1st HUNT: September 17, 2001 through September 23, 2001.
2nd HUNT: September 25, 2001 through October 1, 2001.
LEGAL ELK: One (1) Antlered Elk.
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 48.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in section R1.B.
PERMIT COST/Application Fee: \$14,000.00/\$500.00.
HUNT PACKAGE: Hunts booked through W&ORD office. Hunts are fully guided/outfitted and include: lodging, meals, guide and hunt transportation.

B. WESTEND TROPHY BULL ELK

SEASON DATES: 1st HUNT: September 15, 2001 through September 23, 2001.
2nd HUNT: September 25, 2001 through October 3, 2001.
3rd HUNT: October 5, 2001 through October 11, 2001
LEGAL ELK : One (1) Antlered Elk .
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 12.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in section R1.B.
PERMIT COST/Application Fee: \$14,000.00/\$500.00.
HUNT PACKAGE: Hunts booked through W&ORD office. Hunts are fully guided/outfitted and include: lodging, meals, guide and hunt transportation.

C. SPECIAL CULL BULL ELK

SEASON DATES: Season runs concurrent with East and West Trophy Bull Elk Hunt tags available to Trophy Bull Elk clients only on a first-come-first-served basis.
BAG LIMIT: 1 per tag. Hunters are eligible for an unlimited number of tags as long as the Cull Bull tag quota, (20), is not exceeded.
LEGAL CULL BULL: A legal cull bull is a bull that clearly shows excessive antler deformity

NUMBER OF PERMITS:
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:
PERMIT COST/Application Fee:
HUNT PACKAGE:

or abnormality , as determined by a W&ORD guide.
20.
Any legal firearm as described in R1.B.
\$500.00/\$50.00.
Hunts booked through W&ORD office. Hunts are fully guided/outfitted and include: lodging, meals guide and hunt transportation.

D. PACKAGED MANAGEMENT BULL ELK

SEASON DATES:
BAG LIMIT:
LEGAL MANAGEMENT BULL:

October 3, 2001 through October 9, 2001.
1 per tag per year.
A legal management bull displays 5 or more points on at least one antler beam and scoring not more than 330 gross Boone & Crockett points (as determined by a W&ORD guide). For more information see the Management Bull Elk guidelines available through the W&ORD office.

NUMBER OF PERMITS:
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:
PERMIT COST/Application Fee:
HUNT PACKAGE:

35.
Any legal firearm as described in R1.B.
\$7,500.00/\$50.00.
Hunts are booked through the W&ORD office. Hunts are fully guided/outfitted and include: lodging, meals, guide and hunt transportation. Management Bull Elk tags are also available to Auction Bull Elk and Trophy Bull Elk hunters who may harvest a Management Bull Elk during the dates of their respective hunts.

G3. PRONGHORN ANTELOPE - NO SEASON

G4. BIGHORN SHEEP

SEASON DATES:
BAG LIMIT:
NUMBER OF PERMITS:
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:
PERMIT COST/Application Fee:

April 1, 2001 through November 30, 2001.
One (1) Mature Ram.
One (1). This hunt is booked through the W&ORD office.
Any legal firearm as described in Section R1.B.
\$40,000.00/\$500.00 if net "green" Boone & Crockett score is 180 points or more.
\$25,000.00/\$500.00 if net "green" Boone & Crockett score is under 180 points.

HUNT PACKAGE:

This hunt is booked through the W&ORD office.
A \$5,000.00 nonrefundable deposit is required prior to the opening of the season. This hunt is fully guided and outfitted and includes: lodging, meals, guide and hunt transportation.

G5. SPRING GOBBLER

SEASON DATES:

BAG LIMIT:
NUMBER OF PERMITS:
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:
PERMIT COST/Application Fee:
HUNT PACKAGE:

HUNT#1: April 13, 2002 through April 16, 2002.
HUNT#2: April 18, 2002 through April 21, 2002.
Two (2) Gobblers/hunter/season.
40. Hunts booked through the W&ORD office.
Any legal firearm as described in section R1.A.
\$1,500.00/\$25.00.
Hunts booked through W&ORD office. Hunts are fully guided/outfitted and include: guide, lodging, meals and hunt transportation. Limited guest accommodations are available. Please check with the W&ORD office for details.

G6. BLACK BEAR

A. GENERAL PUBLIC

SEASON DATES:

April 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002.

AND

August 15, 2002 through November 15, 2002.

One (1) Bear per tag, Two Bears per Hunter per Calendar Year.

Any Bear, except sow with cubs.

120.

Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A. \$300.00/\$25.00. All General Public Bear Hunters must be accompanied by a W&ORD Licensed/Registered Reservation Guide.

BAG LIMIT:

LEGAL BEAR:

NUMBER OF PERMITS:

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

PERMIT COST/Application Fee:

B. AFFILIATE

SEASON DATES:

August 15, 2002 through November 15, 2002.

BAG LIMIT:

One (1) Bear per tag.

LEGAL BEAR:

Any Bear, except sow with cubs.

NUMBER OF PERMITS:

20.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A. \$100.00/\$10.00. Affiliate bear hunters are not required to be accompanied by a guide and are prohibited from using dogs or bait. Refer to definition of "Affiliate" under section D1.B.

PERMIT COST/Application fee:

G7. MOUNTAIN LION

SEASON DATES:

January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

BAG LIMIT:

One (1) lion per tag; Two (2) lions per Hunter per Calendar Year.

LEGAL LION:

Any lion except female with kittens.

NUMBER OF PERMITS:

100 guided. 900 available to Early "A", Early "B" and Late Antlerless Elk tag holders.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A. tag holders. All non-Antlerless Elk tag holder/lion hunters must be accompanied by a W&ORD Licensed/Registered Reservation Guide. Antlerless Elk tag holders who are also hunting Mountain Lion are not required to be accompanied by a Licensed/Registered Reservation Guide. The use of dogs and/or bait is prohibited by any Antlerless Elk hunters also hunting Mountain Lion.

PERMIT COST/Application Fee: \$300.00/\$25.00 Guided. Free to Early "A", Early "B" and Late Antlerless Elk

G8. BOBCAT

SEASON DATES:

November 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002.

BAG LIMIT:

One (1) bobcat per tag; Two (2) bobcat/ Hunter/Calendar Year.

LEGAL BOBCAT:

Any Bobcat, except female with kittens.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A. \$75.00/\$5.00/\$25.00 Export Tag.

PERMIT COST/Application Fee:

25. Non-member taking of bobcat is restricted to stalking and/or calling hunting methods only. Trapping of any sort is strictly prohibited. All hunters must be accompanied by a W&ORD Licensed/Registered Reservation guide. Bobcats must have a WMAT Export Tag attached prior to transporting off reservation.

NUMBER OF PERMITS:

Export tags can be obtained at the W&ORD office.

SELF-GUIDED BIG GAME HUNTS

BG1. JAVELINA

SEASON DATES:
BAG LIMIT:
LEGAL JAVELINA:
NUMBER OF PERMITS:
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

January 26, 2002 through February 24, 2002.
One (1) Javelina/tag holder/season.
Any Javelina
25.
Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.

PERMIT COST/Application Fee:

\$100.00/\$5.00. Javelina permits can be purchased first-come-first-served beginning December 9, 2001 from W&ORD office or Hon Dah Ski & Outdoor Sport (520-369-7669).
Units 12 and 10 ONLY.

UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:

BG2. GENERAL ARCHERY ELK

SEASON DATES:
BAG LIMIT:
LEGAL ELK:

October 13, 2001 through October 19, 2001.
One (1) per calendar year.
Cow, Calf, or Spike ONLY. A legal spike is defined as a yearling bull elk exhibiting a single antler beam on the right and left side of the skull without ANY points coming off of either beam.
Antler beams must not exceed 24 inches.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:
PERMIT COST/Application Fee:
NUMBER OF PERMITS:

Any legal bow & arrow as described in R1.B.
\$350.00/\$5.00 - General public.
60 - Unit Specific (20 per Unit). TAGS MAY BE PURCHASED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS BEGINNING AUGUST 5, 2001 THROUGH HON DAH SKI & OUTDOOR SPORT (520-369-7669). Only the FIRST 15 mail-in applications returned or post marked by Friday July 27, 2001 will be accepted.
Units 1, 2, & 3 ONLY. Hunters must remain in their respective Unit while hunting.

UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:

BG3. ARCHERY RAGHORN ELK

SEASON DATES:
BAG LIMIT:
LEGAL ELK:

October 13, 2001 through October 19, 2001.
One (1) per calendar year.
A legal raghorn bull displays no more than four (4) points on either antler beam. A legal raghorn does not have any broken points or antler beams.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:
PERMIT COST/ Application fee:
NUMBER OF PERMITS:

Any legal bow & arrow as described in R1.B.
\$1000.00/\$5.00 General public.
45 - Unit Specific (15 per unit). TAGS MAY BE PURCHASED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS BEGINNING AUGUST 5, 2001 THROUGH HON DAH SKI & OUTDOOR SPORT (520-369-7669). ARCHERY HUNTERS MUST PRESENT PROOF OF HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPROVED BASIC & COMBINATION ARCHERY HUNTER SAFETY COURSE.
Units 1, 2 & 3 ONLY. Hunters must remain in their respective Unit while hunting.

UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:

SPECIAL REGULATION:

All hunters MUST CHECK IN AT A W&ORD CHECK STATION AT THE COMPLETION OF THEIR HUNT. HUNTERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WILL BE PROSECUTED. CHECK STATIONS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE HON-DAH SKI & OUTDOOR SHOP SEVEN (7) DAYS A WEEK 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. AND AT THE W&ORD OFFICE IN WHITERIVER MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.

BG4. ANTLERLESS ELK - EARLY "A"

SEASON DATES: October 20, 2001 through October 28, 2001.
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per calendar year.
LEGAL ELK: Any Antlerless Elk..
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in section R1.B.
PERMIT COST/Application Fee: \$100.00/\$5.00 - Non-tribal spouse (Refer to section D1.A).
\$150.00/\$5.00 - Affiliates (Refer to section D1.B.).
\$375.00/\$5.00 - General public.
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 300. 20 Affiliate. 280 General Public issued by Special Draw (refer to section A.1.)
UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING: Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 8 ONLY. Non-tribal spouse must be accompanied by Tribal-member and may hunt reservation Zone for which tag is issued.
SPECIAL REGULATION: Early "A" Elk tag holders may also obtain a Mountain Lion tag free of charge at the time of purchase of their Early "A" Elk tag. Early "A" Elk hunters may hunt Mountain Lion ONLY for the duration of their Elk hunt and are prohibited from using dogs and/or bait.

BG5. ANTLERLESS ELK - EARLY "B"

SEASON DATES: November 3, 2001 through November 11, 2001.
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per calendar year.
LEGAL ELK: Any Antlerless Elk.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in section R1.B.
PERMIT COST/Application Fee: \$100.00/\$5.00 - Non-tribal spouse (Refer to section D1.A).
\$150.00/\$5.00 - Affiliates (Refer to section D1.B).
\$350.00/\$5.00 - General Public.
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 300. 20 Affiliate. 280 General Public issued by Special Draw (refer to section A.1.)
UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING: Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 8 ONLY. Non-tribal spouse must be accompanied by Tribal-member spouse and may hunt reservation Zone for which tag is issued.
SPECIAL REGULATION: Early "B" Elk tag holders may also obtain a Mountain Lion tag free of charge at the time of purchase of their Early "B" Elk tag. Early "B" Elk hunters may hunt Mountain Lion ONLY for the duration of their Elk hunt and are prohibited from using dogs and/or bait.

BG6. ANTLERLESS ELK - LATE

SEASON DATES: December 15, 2001 through December 30, 2001.
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag per year.
LEGAL ELK: Any Antlerless Elk.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm as described in R1.B.
PERMIT COST/Application Fee: \$300.00/\$5.00 - General Public.
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 300, issued by General Public Special Draw (refer to section A.1.).
UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING: Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 ONLY .
SPECIAL REGULATION: Late Elk tag holders may also obtain a Mountain Lion tag free of charge at the time of purchase of their Late Elk tag. Late Elk hunters may hunt Mountain Lion ONLY for the duration of their Elk hunt and are prohibited from using dogs and/or bait.
SPECIAL REGULATION: Nontribal members may only harvest ONE (1) Antlerless, Spike or Raghorn elk per calendar year. Nontribal members may hold only ONE (1) of the following tags per year: General Archery Elk, Archery Raghorn Elk, Early Antlerless A, Early Antlerless B, or Late

Antlerless.

SELF-GUIDED SMALL GAME HUNTS

SG1. PREDATORS

A. INCLUDES COYOTES and FOXES

SEASON DATES:

December 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002.

BAG LIMIT:

Coyotes: Unlimited.

Fox: 5/Season/Tag.

NUMBER OF PREDATOR TAGS:

10. Permits will be issued beginning November 5, 2001.

PERMIT COST/Application Fee:

\$75.00/\$5.00.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

Any legal weapon described in section R1.C.

UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:

Units 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12.

SPECIAL REGULATION: Predator permit holders are prohibited from using any type of capturing, snaring or holding devices. Baiting of any type is prohibited, however the taking of predators over naturally occurring animal carcasses is allowed. Hunting methods are limited to the use of electronic and/or mouth calling devices and/or stalking. All permit holders are required to complete and return to W&ORD a harvest report form on or before April 15, 2002.

SG2. SMALL GAME

SMALL GAME PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL SPECIES:

PERMIT COST:

\$50.00 - Annual Permit

\$10.00 - Daily Permit

A. COTTONTAIL RABBITS

SEASON DATES:

October 20, 2001 through January 29, 2002.

BAG LIMIT:

Ten (10) per day.

POSSESSION LIMIT:

Twice Daily bag limit after opening day, of which no more than 10 may be taken in one day.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

Any legal weapon described in section R1.C.

UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:

Units 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

B. TREE SQUIRRELS

SEASON DATES:

October 20, 2001 through November 25, 2001.

BAG LIMIT:

Ten (10) per day.

POSSESSION LIMIT:

Twice Daily bag limit after opening day, of which no more than (10) may be taken in one day.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

Any legal weapon described in section R1.C.

UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:

Reservation-wide, except areas designated as Closed Areas.

C. QUAIL

SEASON DATES:

October 6, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

BAG LIMIT:

Seven (7) quail per day in the aggregate.

POSSESSION LIMIT:

Twice Daily bag limit after opening day, of which no more than 7 may be taken in one day.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:

Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.

LEGAL QUAIL:

Gambel's and Mearns' quail.

UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:

Check with W&ORD office for approved Hunt Areas, generally mid August.

SG3. MIGRATORY BIRDS

A. DOVES and PIGEONS:

SEASON DATES:

September 2001. Check with W&ORD office for specific, Federally

- BAG LIMIT:** approved season dates.
POSSESSION LIMIT: Check with W&ORD office for specific, Federally approved bag limits.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Check with W&ORD office for specific, Federally approved possession limits.
UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING: Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.
B. WATERFOWL: Check with W&ORD office for approved Hunt Areas.
SEASON DATES: Mid-November 2001 through Mid- January 2002. Check with W&ORD office for specific, Federally approved season dates.
BAG LIMIT: Check with W&ORD office for specific, Federally approved bag limits.
POSSESSION LIMIT: Check with W&ORD office for specific, Federally approved possession limits.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.
UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING: Check with W&ORD office for approved Hunt Areas.
- SPECIAL REGULATION:** A federal duck stamp and the use of steel shot are required to hunt waterfowl on the reservation. Please check with W&ORD office for additional waterfowl hunting information.

HUNTING REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

R1. METHODS OF LEGALLY TAKING GAME

- A. BIG GAME, except Elk,** may be legally taken with the following weapons:
- I. Center fire rifles, muzzle loading rifles, and all other rifles using black Powder or pyrodex.
 - ii. Center fire handguns and handguns of a caliber not less than .44 Magnum.
 - iii. Shotguns, not less than 20 gauge, shooting slugs or #4 shot (minimum).
 - iv. Bows having a standard pull of forty or more pounds, using arrows with metal broadheads no less than 7/8 inch width cutting edges.
 - v. Javelina may additionally be taken with .22 rimfire magnum rifles and 5mm Rimfire rifles.
- B. ELK** may be taken with the following weapons:
- I. Center fire rifles having a caliber of .243 or greater. For RIFLE caliber restrictions and MUZZLELOADER requirements during the Guided Hunts, contact the W&ORD Office.
 - ii. Bows having a standard pull of 50 or more pounds using arrows with metal broadheads having no less than 7/8 inch width cutting edges.
 - iii. Center fire handguns and handguns of caliber not less than .44 Magnum.
- C. SMALL GAME (EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS AND QUAIL)** may be legally taken with the following weapons:
- I. Any firearm and/or bow and arrow not prohibited in section R2.B.

D. MIGRATORY BIRDS and UPLAND GAME BIRDS may be taken only with the following weapons:

- I. Shotguns NOT larger than 10 gauge shooting any non-lead shot for Migratory Waterfowl only. Lead-shot is allowed for Upland Game Birds (Quail) and Doves and Pigeons only.
- ii. Bow and arrow not prohibited in section R2.B.

E. OTHER MAMMALS AND BIRDS may be taken during the season by any means not prohibited in section R2.B., except for foothold traps.

R2. HUNTING REGULATIONS

A. HEADS of all game must remain attached to game carcass for field identification purposes.

B. PROHIBITED WEAPONS, AMMUNITION and DEVICES: 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.

- I. Fully automatic firearms, including firearms capable of selective automatic fire.
- ii. Tracer ammunition and full metal jacketed bullets.
- iii. 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.
- iv. Semi-automatic centerfire rifles with a magazine capacity of more than five shells.
- v. Contrivances designed to silence, muffle, or minimize the report of a firearm.
- vi. Poisoned arrows, or arrows with explosive tips.
- vii. Crossbows and other bows having devices attached to hold to bow in drawn position are prohibited.
- viii. The use of artificial light to spotlight wild animals or birds is illegal.
- ix. Rifles and shotguns having total barrel length less than 24 inches.

C. TIME PERIODS FOR THE TAKING OF GAME

- I. Big game, wild mammals, and birds may be taken only during daylight hours, DEFINED AS: ½ hour before sunrise through ½ hour after sunset.
- ii. Migratory game birds may be taken only at such times as authorized by the Federal Laws.

R3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

A. 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 any of the Tribal-Member hunting seasons. Exempt from this regulation are immediate, non-member relatives of tribal-members such as

husband, wife, children, brother or sister (immediate family).

- B. BLAZE ORANGE** At least ONE (1) of the following articles of clothing must be worn at all times by all persons entering the field for all Self-Guided Big Game hunts (Javelina, Antlerless Elk) noted herein: Hat, Bandanna, Jacket, Vest, Pullover, Coveralls, or Pants. **Blaze orange is not required for the following hunts: G1, G2, G6, BG2 & BG3.**
- C. JUVENILES** The minimum age requirement to obtain a Tribal hunting tag or permit of any kind is 12 years old, subject to the Juvenile's mandatory successful completion of a hunter education course. All hunters under the age of eighteen (18) years must be accompanied by an adult while in the field.
- D. PRE-SCOUTING** is prohibited prior to any Self-Guided Big and/or Small Game hunt seasons, noted herein.
- E. CAMPING PERMITS** are not required for persons who have a valid W&ORD Big Game hunting tag and who are camping at a designated Reservation camp site for hunting purposes only:
- I.** Camping is allowed in designated camping areas only and licensed hunters are allowed to have a maximum of two (2) companions in the same vehicle;
 - ii.** Campers must pack out and appropriately dispose of all trash and leave campsites clean.
- F. NON-LICENSED PERSONS ACCOMPANYING LICENSED HUNTERS** in the same vehicle are not required to possess Reservation permits (of any type), as long as they accompany the licensed hunter at all times. **Recreation permits (of some type) are required of all non-licensed persons** assisting licensed hunters who are traveling in a separate vehicle. Non-licensed persons cannot enter the field without being in the direct company of a licensed hunter.
- G. NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS** are prohibited from picking up and/or possessing shed antlers or skulls with horns/antlers attached, or possessing any animal or type/form of animal part not associated with legally harvested game.
- H. HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENT:** Non-tribal member hunters born after December 31, 1960, must present a certificate or other proof of successful completion of an approved Hunter Education Course or Basic and Combination Archery Hunter Education Course in order to be eligible for any Tribal hunts.
- I. ALL BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS** must be validated, by signature, prior to entering the field and conducting any hunting activities on the reservation.
- I. GUIDING OR OUTFITTING of any type** is strictly prohibited without proper registration/licensing through the White Mountain Apache Tribe W&ORD office. Violators will be cited and prosecuted.
- K. CLOSED AREAS:** Only persons hunting General Archery Elk, Archery Raghorn Elk, Early (A or B) Antlerless Elk, and Late Antlerless Elk have access to all Closed Areas within their designated Management Unit(s) for the duration of their individual hunt. **ALL OTHER NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING ALL CLOSED AREAS AT ALL TIMES.**
- L. WHILE THE TROPHY ELK HUNT IS IN PROGRESS (SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH OCTOBER 9, 2001), ALL UNITS, EXCEPT UNIT 10, ARE CLOSED TO ALL TYPES OF HUNTING.**
- M. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO KNOWINGLY MOLEST, HARASS, TAPE, VIDEO, OR CALL IN ANY BIG GAME ANIMAL WHILE NOT IN POSSESSION OF A VALID WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE BIG GAME HUNTING PERMIT OR**

WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE WILDLIFE & OUTDOOR RECREATION DIVISION.

N. **SPOTLIGHTING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES BY ALL PERSONS IN ALL AREAS ON THE RESERVATION.**

D1. DEFINITIONS

A. NON-TRIBAL SPOUSE - DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of purchasing NON-TRIBAL MEMBER SPOUSE hunting permits, as noted in W&ORD recreation and hunting regulations, A "NON-TRIBAL MEMBER SPOUSE" is a person who is not a member of the WMAT but who is CURRENTLY married to a WMAT enrolled spouse. Applicant must be legally married to WMAT enrolled spouse at the time of application.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: Proof of marriage via certified marriage license/certificate, and concurrent proof of tribal-member spouse's WMAT enrollment is required upon purchasing NON-TRIBAL MEMBER SPOUSE permits.

B. AFFILIATE - DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of purchasing AFFILIATE hunting permits, as noted in W&ORD recreation and hunting regulations, Persons eligible for "AFFILIATE" permits are defined as one of the following:

I. Non-member persons who are active, full-time employees of the following institutions:

1. White Mountain Apache Tribe, all enterprises and departments;
2. Fort Apache Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
3. Local Indian Health Service and Public Health Service (those serving the Reservation full-time);
4. Whiteriver School District (includes schools in Reservation communities);
5. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (employees stationed at Pinetop AzFRO, William's Creek and Alchesay N.F.H.);
6. Full-Time ADOT/DPS employees that are permanently stationed at the Indian Pine and Flying V field offices.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: In all of the preceding cases, applicants are required to provide documented proof of employment before affiliate status is granted.

7. People who are CURRENTLY EMPLOYED seasonal/full-time employees of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that have worked for the Tribe a minimum of 4 consecutive months within the last calendar year.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: Proof of current Tribal employment satisfying the 4-month minimum is required from each applicant before affiliate status is granted.

8. Non-member biological children of WMAT enrolled parents (at least one parent being current member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe) that have any fraction of WMAT blood quantum. Direct descendants (biological children) of the WMAT-enrolled parents/generation qualify as affiliates, however, grandchildren and/or any other relatives of same WMAT enrolled parents/generation do not qualify as affiliates.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: Proof of biological relationship (birth certificate, etc.) and parent's valid tribal-member enrollment is required from each applicant before affiliate status is granted.

- ii. **Promotional and/or Business "Affiliate" Classification:** In special, select cases, "Affiliate" status may be granted to certain applicants who provide valuable business, policy, promotional, educational

and/or technical services to the W&ORD or Tribe. Said "Affiliate" classification may be granted at the sole discretion of the Tribe/W&ORD and may be extended as a sign of appreciation for these services. Examples of this special classification may include (but not be limited to):

1. Select applicants who have provided valuable business, promotional or professional consulting services to the Division or Tribe, whose contributions are viewed as worthy of special consideration;
2. Select applicants who have provided valuable enforcement, educational, policy, legislative and/or technical support or services to the Division/Tribe, whose contributions are viewed as worthy of special consideration;
3. Select applicants who are determined to hold V.I.P. status, as determined by the Tribal Chairman and Council or Division, whose contributions are viewed as worthy of special consideration.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: *In all cases, all special "affiliate" classification must be approved in advance by the Director before affiliate status is granted to the applicant. In addition, a memo or letter must accompany such applications that provide justification and an explanation for granting such special "affiliate" classifications.*

Special "Affiliate" Classifications shall not, at any time, be granted solely for purposes of fulfilling or rewarding personal relationships or interests.

**HUNT APPLICATION and TAG/PERMIT
PURCHASE INFORMATION**

A1. HUNT APPLICATIONS/DRAWS

- A. Non-tribal spouse and Affiliate permits for the non-tribal archery antlerless (BG2) and early non-tribal antlerless elk hunts, A & B (BG3 & 4), must be purchased between July 9 - July 25, 2001. Affiliate applicants must present required affidavit or other documentation at the time of purchase.
- B. General Public Special Draw permits will be issued by computerized random draw of hunt applications. Draw applications include a non-refundable application fee of \$5.00, due at the time of application.
 - Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to W&ORD office and be hand-received or post-marked on or before July 27, 2001.
 - Drawing will occur on August 1, 2001 with successful applicants being notified by mail immediately thereafter (notifications will be mailed to addresses provided on applications).
 - Successful applicant tag payments must be mailed or hand-delivered to W&ORD office and be hand-received or delivered to W&ORD office on or before September 7, 2001.
 - Unclaimed tags will be sold as outlined in section A1.C., below.
- C. Unclaimed/Leftover Special Draw Tags (if necessary) will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis at Hon Dah Ski & Outdoor Sport starting opening of business on October 9, 2001. Hunt applications will be required at the time of purchase of hunting tags and will include a non-refundable application fee of \$5.00.
- D. Transfer of Non-member Hunting Tags is allowed and is subject to a \$50.00 transfer processing fee. Hunting tag transfers are limited to one (1) transfer per tag. Hunt applications and a non-refundable application fee of \$5.00 are required of all persons accepting transferred Hunt tags.

- E. **DUPLICATE TAGS WILL NOT BE ISSUED.** IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR TAGS. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR LOST OR DESTROYED TAGS.

These regulations shall apply to all non-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 big game must be obtained from the White Mountain Apache Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Office in Whiteriver or it's Hon Dah Ski & Outdoor Sport Shop at Hon Dah prior to hunting. W&ORD office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm, Hon Dah Ski & Outdoor Sport hours are Monday through Sunday 7:00am to 6:00pm.

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REPORT-A-POACHER (520-338-1023)

Justification for the Proposed 2001-2002 Non Tribal Member Hunting Regulations

I. ELK

The Management Objectives for the Elk population on the east half of the White Mountain Apache Reservation are as follows:

- 1. Maintain a total elk population (Bulls, Cows & Calves) of : 9,000**
- 2. Maintain a Bull to Cow Ratio of 40 Bulls per 100 Cows.**
- 3. Maintain a Calf to Cow Ratio of 50 Calves per 100 Cows.**
- 4. Maintain a Mature Bull percentage of 55 of the total bull population.**
- 5. Maintain a Immature Bull percentage of 30 of the total bull population.**
- 6. Maintain a Spike Bull percentage of 15 of the total bull population.**
- 7. Maintain the current Tribal Member & Non-member harvest level of cows and calves, 836 antlerless elk harvested per year.**

The figures for these management objectives were derived from the elk herd characteristics of the mid 1980's when trophy bull production was at its highest.

Currently the total, (Bulls, cows, and calves), summer population size is estimated to be between 13,995 and 18,659 elk compared with the estimated range of 13,760 and 18,347 total elk in the summer of 1999. The low range was calculated assuming a 20% observance factor and the high range was calculated using a 15% observance factor. In other words, the W&ORD believes that only 15%-20% of the actual population was observed during an annual summer ground survey. The main goal of the summer ground survey is to obtain a calf to cow ratio, expressed as calves per 100 cows, of the herd which assists the W&ORD in evaluating population growth, decline or stabilization. The total number of calves born in the summer also assists in calculating the annual recruitment of the population. By calculating the annual recruitment the W&ORD is able to set harvest objectives. Other factors which influence population dynamics include: Natural mortality, (old age & predation). Vehicle mortality. Pregnancy rate. Harvest by other agencies, (State of Arizona & San Carlos Apache Reservation).

The current estimated winter elk population is between 6,000 and 10,000. These data are based on a 25% observance factor. The W&ORD feels that the population data derived from the 2000 winter aerial survey did not accurately reflect the actual population size due to mild weather conditions which resulted in a decrease in herd migration to winter ranges where the aerial survey is conducted. However, this year the W&ORD believes it obtained more accurate cow and calf winter population data due to favorable summer conditions. The data obtained during this survey indicate a stable population.

The bull to cow ratio decreased from 61 bulls per 100 cows in 2000 to 40 bulls per 100 cows in 2001. The management objective is 40 bulls per 100 cows, however, this ratio is probably higher. Many traditional bull wintering grounds were observed to be vacant this year which may indicate that they have altered their migration patterns and/or routes. Many bulls on the Maverick side of the reservation may have crossed over to State lands and/or the San Carlos Apache reservation. The winter survey data indicate that the percentage of mature bulls in the total bull population is below the management objective and that the percentage of immature bulls in the total bull population is above the management objective. In other words, there are too many immature bulls. The decline in the number of Boone & Crockett bulls harvested over the past several years, combined with drought conditions, also support this data.

Over the past 2 years a stabilization in the percentage of mature bulls in the total bull elk population has been observed, 41 %. The management objective for mature bulls is 55%. The winter survey data also indicate an increase in the percentage of immature bulls, currently 47%, which is up from 36% in 2000 and still above the immature bull percentage objective of 30%. The W&ORD recommends that the immature bull population be reduced through a limited Non Tribal Member archery raghorn bull hunt, allowing the take of spikes during the Non-member cow hunt by introducing a Tribal Member Junior raghorn bull elk hunt.

The percentage of spike bulls in the total bull population has decreased from 21% in 2000 to 13% in 2001. This decrease combined with an increased harvest of spikes will potentially assist in maintaining the spike management objective.

The W&ORD also recommends that a Archery "Raghorn" hunt for Nonmembers be instituted. A raghorn bull is defined as: A legal raghorn displays no more than four (4) points on either antler beam and does not have any broken points or antler beams. This hunt would be Unit specific, (Units 1, 2, & 3) with 15 tags available for each Unit. The price of the tags would be \$1000.00 + a \$15.00 application fee. The season would run concurrently with the proposed General Archery Elk hunt. Units 1, 2, & 3 were selected to target the immature bull population in the northeastern section of the reservation. The W&ORD will also make similar recommendations for the Tribal Member Archery Elk hunts in order to target the immature bull population in the southeastern portion of the reservation. A mandatory hunter check-in will be required regardless of success for both Tribal and Non-tribal members.

The W&ORD is recommending that Unit 5 be opened to the Non-member antlerless elk hunts, (Early "A", Early "B" & Late). A majority of the elk in Units 3 and 4 migrated to Units 5 and 6, which are closed to Non-member elk hunting, due to heavy snowfalls in November and December. This early migration may have reduced the number of animals available for potential harvest by Nonmembers causing a decrease in hunter success from 73% during the Early hunt in 1999 to 52% during the Early hunts in 2000. The Non-member hunter success rate for the Late hunt also decreased from 49% in 1999 to 27% in 2000. Opening Unit 5 to Non-member hunting should increase hunter success rates for the early and late elk hunts. A decrease in population size may have also contributed to lower success rates. It is recommended that the price and number of tags available for the Early "A", Early "B" & Late hunts remain the same.

The W&ORD recommends that the Packaged Antlerless Elk hunt be closed due to lack of interest.

II. Pronghorn Antelope

The W&ORD is recommending that the antelope season remain closed for 2001 in order to allow the antelope introduced in 2000 more time to breed with the preexisting population on the Bonito Prairie. Pronghorn habitat improvement projects are also currently underway.

III. Bighorn Sheep

The W&ORD recommends that the Bighorn Sheep season be opened for both Tribal Members and Nonmembers with 1 tag available for each hunt.

IV. Spring Gobbler

The W&ORD recommends that the opening date of the season be moved 1 week earlier while maintaining the same price and number of tags.

V. Black Bear

The Management Objectives for the Black Bear on the White Mountain Apache Reservation are as follows:

- 1. Increase the black bear harvest in Units 2, 3, 4 & 8 to minimize negative bear-human interactions. Manage the black bear harvest in Units 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12 on a sustainable level.**
- 2. Harvest 10 bears in each Management Unit, 12 Units = 120 bears.**
- 3. Harvest 95 males and 25 females per year.**
- 4. Prevent negative human-bear interactions.**
- 5. Minimize black bear predation of deer fawns.**

In 2000, 103 bears were harvested by Nonmembers. Of these bears 77 were males and 26 were females. In 1999, 86 bears were harvested. Of the bears harvested in 1999, 63 were male and 23 were female. In 2000 the harvest objective for females was met, however the male harvest was 18 short of the objective. These figures do not include problem bears that were destroyed.

This is the first year the W&ORD has kept records of problem bear incidents and during the summer and fall the W&ORD received 77 reports of problem bears throughout the reservation. 57% of these reports fell into the "High Priority Situation" category. A High Priority Situation is defined as:

1. The bear displays aggressive behavior and is either confined or will not leave the area.
2. An unprovoked attack has occurred in a campground or in a community resulting in human injury.
3. The bear is sick and/or injured.

This year the W&ORD captured and relocated 22 problem bears in comparison with 6 captured and relocated in 1999. Six of these bears were later destroyed due to a second recapture or aggressive behavior towards humans.

This year the W&ORD destroyed 44 bears due to second recapture or immediate threat to human safety. Most of these bears were yearlings.

The W&ORD is recommending that the number of General Public bear tags be increased from 120 to 200. The reintroduction of the Affiliate Black Bear season is also recommended to help accomplish bear management objectives. The season would run concurrent with the second General Public season, August 15 through November 15. It is also recommended that the spring season be shifted to begin April 1 and end June 30 and that the fall season begin August 15 and end November 15. The combined length of the two proposed seasons is 153 days, 32 days shorter than the combined 2001 season.

VI. Mountain Lion

The Management Objectives for the Mountain Lion on the White Mountain Apache Reservation are as follows:

- 1. Reduce the Mountain Lion population reservation wide through sport harvest.**
- 2. Minimize lion predation on livestock, whitetail deer, mule deer and pronghorn antelope.**

The mountain lion population on the reservation is conservatively estimated to be 200 adults. This estimate is based on mountain lion guide observances and experience.

An adult male mountain lion will make a kill approximately once every 9 days and will make approximately 40 kills a year. A female lion with kittens will kill more often. About 50% of these kills are deer which potentially add up to 4,000 deer kills a year. The following data are based reported lion kills and the assumption that a an adult female lion with kittens kills once every 9 days.

Estimated Mountain Lion Impacts on deer Populations

43% are whitetail deer bucks x 4,000 = 1,720 whitetail deer bucks killed per year.

20% are whitetail deer does x 4,000 = 800 whitetail deer does killed per year.

33% are mule deer does x 4,000 = 1,320 mule deer does killed per year.

4% are mule deer bucks x 4,000 = 160 mule deer bucks killed per year.

Estimated number of whitetail deer killed per year = 2,520

Estimated number of mule deer killed per year = 1,480

In 2000 a total of 14 adult lions were killed by hunters reservation wide compared with 9 adults killed in 1999.

The W&ORD has set a mountain lion harvest objective for 2002 of 24 adult lions with %50 of the harvest being comprised of males and %50 females. If the harvest objective is met, 302 whitetail deer and 178 mule deer will potentially not be killed by mountain lions. In order to accomplish this objective the W&ORD will open an additional slot for a licensed mountain lion only guide who specializes in dry ground tracking. The W&ORD recommends that all Antlerless Elk hunters be issued 1 mountain lion tag free of charge (900 tags).

VII. Bobcat

The Management Objective for Bobcat on the White Mountain Apache Reservation is as follows:

1. Manage the bobcat population at the current level.

The only change the W&ORD recommends for the 2001-2002 bobcat season is that the Export Tags be offered for \$25.00 instead of free of charge.

VIII. Javelina

The Management Objectives for the Javelina on the White Mountain Apache Reservation are as follows:

1. Increase the javelina population in Units 10 & 12 through reduced harvest and increased predator harvest.

2. Manage the javelina population throughout the rest of the reservation at the current level.

The W&ORD recommends that the number of available Non-member javelina tags be reduced from 30 to 25 and that nonmembers be restricted to hunting only Units 10 & 12.

IX. Predators

The W&ORD recommends no changes for the 2001-2002 predator season.

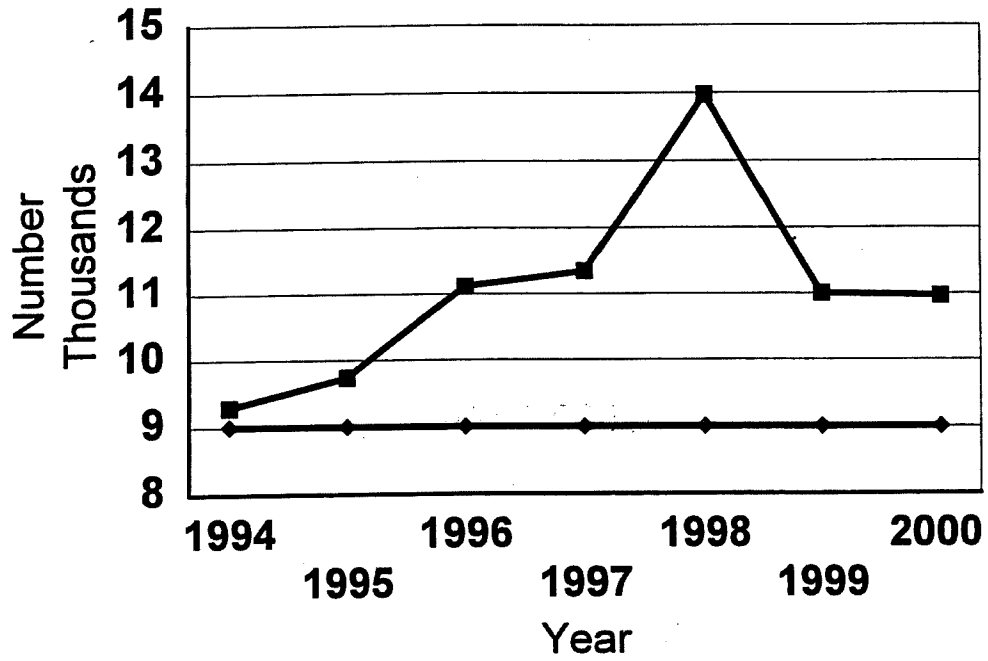
X. Small Game (Cottontail Rabbits, Tree Squirrels & Quail)

The W&ORD recommends no changes for the 2001-2002 small game season.

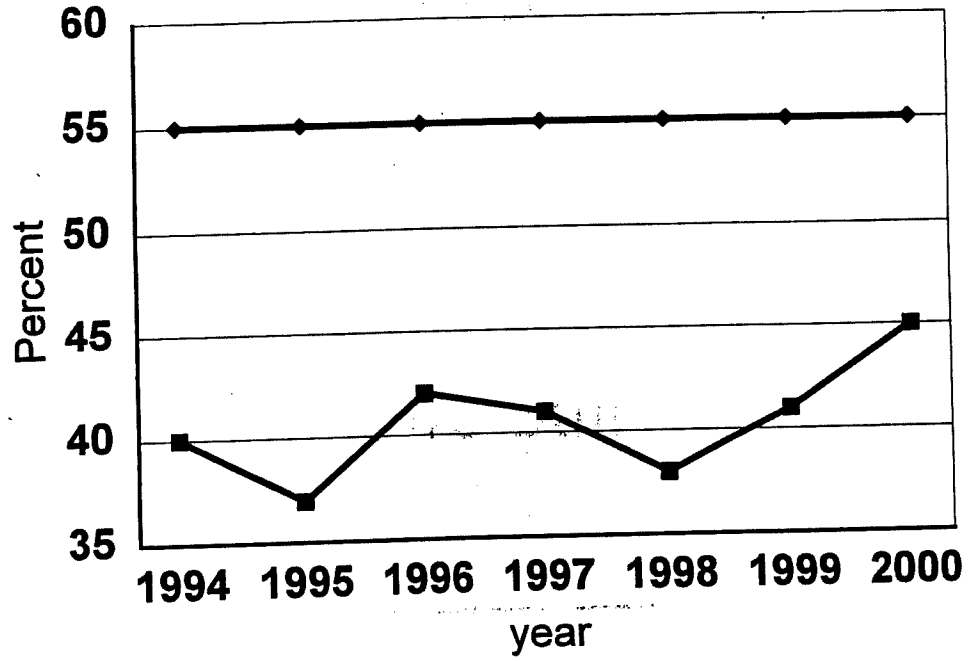
XI. Migratory Birds & Waterfowl

The W&ORD recommends no changes for the 2001-2002 waterfowl season.

Elk Population Trend 1994 - 2000



Mature Bull Trend



Immature Bull Population Trend

