

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

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

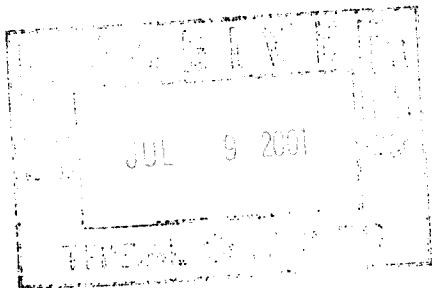
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has reviewed recommended changes to the Tribal Member Hunting Regulations designed to provide sustainable management of Tribal wildlife resources; and

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

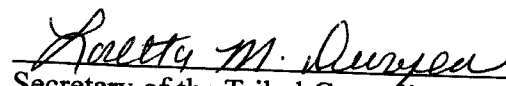
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council concludes that the Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 2001-2002, as amended herein, be approved by the Tribal Council.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the attached Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 2001-2002, as amended herein.

The foregoing resolution was on June 20, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (h), (i), (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).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
**ACTING** Secretary of the Tribal Council



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

### **I. Deer**

#### **A. Whitetail Deer**

**The Management Objectives for the Whitetail Deer population on the White Mountain Apache Reservation are as follows:**

- 1. Increase the survival of fawns and bucks through intensive predator control.**
- 2. Reduce the current harvest level of bucks through a decrease in the number of available tags, 840 General in 2000 to 675 General in 2001.**

The whitetail deer population trend data appear to indicate a decrease in the total population over the past year. However, the W&ORD feels that these data may not accurately reflect what the population is actually doing. In previous years, both mule and whitetail deer population survey data have been based on a 10% observance factor. In other words, it is estimated that %10 of both the actual mule and whitetail deer populations are observed during the winter survey. Also, the funding available for surveys fluctuates from year to year allowing us to survey more areas in some years and fewer areas in other years. This inconsistency in survey methodology yields numbers that may not be statistically accurate or comparable. During this year's survey few deer were observed in all management units but many deer tracks were observed in areas where no deer were actually seen. This may have been due to lower number of deer flushing. The lower number of deer observed may also be indicative of a shift in deer migration patterns due to this past winter's colder temperatures and heavier snowfalls.

Predation on whitetail deer by mountain lions may also be contributing to the apparent population trend decrease. In 1997 the W&ORD initiated a study to determine what effect reducing predator numbers in a designated area would have on whitetail deer population trends. The treatment area boundary follows the Y-70 road from the Seven Mile Rim south to Bonito Creek, Bonito Creek south west to the Black River and the Black River west to the Black River Crossing on R-9, the R-9 road north to Highway 73. The control area lies adjacent to the treatment area to the west. The boundary of the control area follows the R-9 road south from Highway 73 to the Black River Crossing, west along the Black & Salt Rivers to the Salt River Crossing on Highway 60 and northeast on Highway 60 to the Carrizo Junction.

In 1997 the W&ORD licensed bear and mountain lion outfitters killed 8 lions, in 1998, 16 lions, in 1999, 8 lions and 4 lions in 2000. Our data indicate that as the number of mountain lions and coyotes in the treatment area is decreased the survivorship of fawns and bucks increased. Based on these data the W&ORD is considering hiring an outfitter who specializes in hunting

mountain lion to harvest as many lions as possible reservation wide. The W&ORD has also amended the 2001-2002 Non Member Hunting Regulations to maximize the harvest of mountain lion and hopefully improve fawn and buck survival.

## **B. Mule Deer**

**The Management Objectives for the Mule Deer population on the White Mountain Apache Reservation are as follows:**

- 1. Improve overall habitat conditions throughout the reservation.**
- 2. Increase fawn survival through intensive predator control.**
- 3. Reduce the current harvest level of bucks by decreasing the number of available tags, 375 General in 2000 to 330 General in 2001.**
- 4. Reduce forage competition on winter ranges between mule deer and elk by meeting our elk harvest objectives.**

Mule deer population trend data indicate that the population has decreased over the past 6 years. However, this data probably does not accurately reflect the true population size due to the reasons stated in the whitetail deer section.

The W&ORD feels that the decrease in the adult mule deer population is primarily a result of declining habitat quality and not necessarily a result of predation or over-harvest. Drought conditions over the past 3-4 years may have also contributed to this decrease. Although at the current population level, predation does appear to be a limiting factor in fawns. The W&ORD feels that an increase in fire frequency over the entire reservation, i.e., prescribed/broadcast burning would greatly improve habitat quality.

The overabundance of elk on the reservation also appears to be having a detrimental effect on mule deer numbers. Elk are very adaptable and have been expanding both their summer and winter ranges from more "traditional" elk habitat, (high elevation pine and mixed conifer forests), to more "traditional" mule deer habitat, (low elevation chaparral and oak woodlands). Consequently, mule deer are being displaced from preferred habitat into areas with lower quality forage and denser cover possibly making them more susceptible to predation by mountain lions.

Currently the fawn to doe ratio is 7 fawns per 100 does. Through a combination of increased predator harvest and habitat improvement projects, our objective is to increase the fawn to doe ratio to 40 fawns per 100 does. If this objective I met consistently over the next 5 years we expect a significant increase in the mule deer population.

## **II. 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 and 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 an 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 and Nonmember harvest level of cows and calves, 836 antlerless elk harvested per year for the next 4 years.**

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 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 calf to cow ratio information, expressed as calves per 100 cows, 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 summer survey indicate a stable, (not growing) population.

The bull to cow ratio decreased from 61 bulls per 100 cows in 2000 to 40 bulls per 100 cows in 2001, however the actual ratio is probably higher. Many traditional bull wintering grounds were observed to be vacant this year which may be a result of bulls altering their migration patterns/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 aerial survey data indicate that the percentage of mature bulls in the total bull population is below the management objective. In other words, there are currently 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 aerial 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 the institution of a Junior only, (10-16 years old), Raghorn Bull elk hunt in Zone 2. This hunt would coincide with the Tribal Member and Nonmember General and Early A & B Elk hunts so as not to cause congestion during the Tribal Member Bull Elk hunt. This hunt is restricted to Zone 2 to balance the harvest of immature bulls in Units 1, 2 & 3 (Zone 1) by Nonmembers during their Archery Raghorn 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 Non-member harvest of spikes will potentially assist in achieving the spike management objective.

### **III. Other Big Game**

#### **A. Pronghorn Antelope**

The W&ORD recommends that the pronghorn antelope season remain closed for the 2001 season to allow the antelope introduced from the Prescott area time to supplement the existing gene pool.

#### **B. Bighorn Sheep**

Due to limited funding and the fact that bighorn sheep on the reservation are not residential, the W&ORD does not conduct surveys designed specifically to estimate bighorn sheep population size. The W&ORD does record incidental bighorn sheep sightings which occur during the annual summer ground and winter aerial surveys. No Bighorn Sheep were observed during the 2000 summer ground survey or the 2001 winter aerial survey. However, after consulting with the Arizona Game & Fish Department, who do conduct bighorn sheep specific surveys in the area adjacent to Rattlesnake Point in the southeastern corner of the reservation, the W&ORD feels that there are a sufficient number of rams to justify 1 Tribal Member tag and 1 Nonmember tag.

### **C. Turkey**

The W&ORD recommends that Tribal Members be allowed to purchase 2 spring gobbler tags at the following prices: 1 for \$10.00 or 2 for \$15.00. This recommendation is based on the fact that out of 300 available tags in 2001, only 133 were issued.

## **IV. Predators**

### **A. Black Bear**

The W&ORD recommends that the Tribal Member black bear season be lengthened to match the Nonmember season. This recommendation is based on the high black bear population on the reservation and the high number of problem bear incidents recorded during the summer of 2000.

### **B. Fur-Bearing Mammals**

The W&ORD recommends that bobcat export tags be issued at a cost of \$5.00 per tag.

## **Recommended Changes to the Proposed 2001-2001 Tribal Member Hunting Regulations**

The below stated recommendations are based on management objectives set for each game species by Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division biologists and by suggestions made by Tribal Members who attended the 2001-2002 Tribal Member Hunting Regulations public meetings. All of the below stated recommendations are supported by the Tribal Members who attended these public meetings.

### **I. Whitetail Deer**

1. Reduce the number of available tags from 900 General to 735 General while maintaining the current number of available Junior tags, 60.
2. Increase the price of a whitetail tag from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

### **II. Mule Deer**

1. Reduce the number of available tags from 375 General to 330 General while maintaining the current number of available Junior tags, 30.
2. Eliminate the waiting period for this hunt.

### **III. Unit 8 Trophy Deer**

1. Include whitetail bucks in this harvest.
2. Applicants successful in drawing a Unit 8 Trophy Deer tag will be ineligible to hold either a Mule Deer and/or a Whitetail Deer tag in the same calendar year.
3. Increase the number of available tags from 20 to 40, issued by drawing.
4. Maintain the current waiting period of 1 year for this hunt.

### **IV. Elk**

1. Institute a Juniors only Raghorn Bull Elk Hunt with 45 available tags issued to Tribal Members ages 10 to 16 who successfully complete an approved Hunter Safety Course.
2. Raghorn Bull Elk tag holders must check in at a W&ORD check station regardless of success, during or before the close of this season in order to be eligible any future tags.
3. Raghorn Bull Elk tag holders will be ineligible for any other Bull Elk hunts in the same calendar year.



4. Increase the price of Unit 8 Trophy Bull Elk Rifle and Archery tags from \$100.00 to \$125.00.

5. Open Unit 8 to General and Late Elk hunters.

#### **V. Pronghorn Antelope**

1. Closed Season.

#### **VI. Bighorn Sheep**

1. Reopen the Bighorn Sheep season.

**Dates:** Oct. 1, 2001 through Dec. 31, 2001.

**Number of tags:** 1, issued through a drawing.

**Tag price:** \$400.00.

**Open areas:** Reservation wide.

**Special Regulation:** This is a once-in-a-lifetime hunt, all past reservation Bighorn Sheep tag holders are ineligible for any future Bighorn Sheep tags.

#### **VII. Turkey**

1. Change the Spring Gobbler bag limit to 2 gobblers per year while maintaining the current number of available tags, 300.

2. Adjust the price of a tag or tags as follows: 1 for \$10.00 or 2 for \$15.00.

#### **VIII. Black Bear**

1. Change the season dates to:

Apr. 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002.

AND

Aug. 5, 2002 through Nov. 5, 2002.

#### **IX. Fur-Bearing Mammals**

1. Make Export Tags available at a cost of \$5.00.

## **X. Waterfowl**

1. Request the maximum allowable season lengths for ducks and geese from the Federal government.

## **XI. Special Regulations**

1. Amend the definition of a "Junior" to include 10 year olds.

## **XII. Tag/Permit Information**

1. Duplicate tags will not be issued.
2. A completed hunter questionnaire of all applicable hunts from the previous year will be required of all Tribal Members applying for any big game tags.

**WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

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

**1. DEER**

**A. WHITETAIL DEER**

**SEASON DATES:**

Dec. 8, 2001 through Jan. 5, 2002.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL DEER:**

Antlered Whitetailed Deer (Buck) only.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

735 on a first-come-first-served basis (refer to section H2 and Exhibit 1 for details).

245/Zone 20/Jr./Zone

	Total	General	Junior Permit
Zone - 1	245	225	20
Zone - 2	245	225	20
Zone - 3	245	225	20

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**Rifle hunters may hold either a Whitetail tag OR a Unit 8 Trophy Deer tag, but ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO HOLD BOTH TAGS IN THE SAME YEAR.**

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm or bow & arrow as described in section R1.B. \$20.00.

**PERMIT COST:**

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation Zone for which tag is issued.

**B. MULE DEER**

**SEASON DATES:**

Nov. 17, 2001 through Dec. 2, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL DEER:**

Antlered Mule Deer (Buck) only.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

330 issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
110/Zone 10/Jr.Zone

	Total	General	Junior Permit
Zone - 1-110	110	100	10
Zone - 2-110	110	100	10
Zone - 3-110	110	100	10

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$20.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation Zone for which tag is issued.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

**The waiting period for this hunt has been eliminated. All 2000 Mule Deer tag holders are eligible for this hunt. Rifle Hunters may hold either a Mule Deer tag OR a Unit 8 Trophy Deer tag, but ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO HOLD BOTH TAGS IN THE SAME YEAR.**

**C. UNIT 8 TROPHY DEER**

**SEASON DATES:**

Dec. 9, 2001 through Dec. 31, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL DEER:**

Branch Antlered Mule Deer (Buck) OR Whitetail Deer (Buck) only.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

40 issued by Special Draw (refer to section H2 for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$50.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.

**OPEN AREA:**

**Unit 8 ONLY.** Please refer to map.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

Beginning in 2000 applicants successful in drawing a Unit 8 Trophy Deer Tag will remain ineligible for this draw for a period

of one (1) year.

**D. ARCHERY DEER**

**SEASON DATES:**

Oct. 6, 2001 through Oct. 21, 2001.

**AND**

Jan. 5, 2002 through Jan. 13, 2002.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL DEER:**

Any Antlered (Buck) Deer. (Please see Special Regulations).

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

50 on a first-come-first-served basis (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal bow & arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$20.00.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation wide.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

**Archery Deer tags will be sold beginning August 1, 2001. Archery Deer tag holders are not eligible for the general rifle Mule Deer or Whitetail Deer seasons (1A and 1B, above). Archery Deer tag holders may take either an Antlered Mule Deer or Antlered Whitetail, not both. Archery Deer tag holders will be eligible for the Unit 8 Trophy Deer hunt (1C).**

**2. ELK**

**A. ARCHERY ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

Oct. 6, 2001 through Oct. 21, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Cow, Calf or Spike.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

100 issued on a first-come-first-served basis (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal bow & arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$10.00.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation wide.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**Archery Elk tags will be sold beginning August 1, 2001. See section H1. E for other elk tags for which archery elk hunters are eligible.**

**B. GENERAL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

Oct. 21, 2001 through Nov. 25, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Cow, Calf or Spike.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

Unlimited (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm and/or bow & arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$5.00. *Says \$10.00 in Summary*

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation wide.

**C. SECOND ANTLERLESS ELK TAG**

**SEASON DATES:**

Oct. 20, 2001 through Nov. 25, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Antlerless Elk, including Cow and Calf, **BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE SPIKES.**

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

Unlimited (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm and/or bow & arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$5.00.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation Zone for which tag is issued. Zone 1 General Elk hunters may hunt in Unit 8.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**A Second Antlerless Elk Tag may be issued ONLY after the**

General Elk (rifle only) tag has been legally filled. The used General Elk tag must be presented at the time of purchasing the Second Antlerless Elk Tag.

**D. JUNIOR RAGHORN BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

Oct. 20, 2001 through Nov. 4, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One per calendar year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

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.**

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

45 issued to the first 45 Tribal Members age 10 to 16 who successfully complete a W.M.A.T. W&ORD Hunter Education Course beginning in May of 2001 through September 2001. For more information contact the W&ORD Law Enforcement Division at 338-4385.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm and/or bow and arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

Free.

**OPEN AREAS:**

**ZONE 2 ONLY.**

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

All successful hunters **MUST CHECK THEIR KILLS IN AT THE W&ORD OFFICE IN WHITERIVER. UNSUCCESSFUL HUNTERS MUST ALSO CHECK IN AT THE W&ORD OFFICE AT THE COMPLETION OF THEIR HUNT. HUNTERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR ANY FUTURE HUNTS.** Raghorn Bull Elk tag holders are ineligible for any other Bull Elk tags in the same calendar year. 2001 Raghorn Bull Elk tag holders are ineligible for any future Raghorn Bull Elk hunts.

**E. BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

Nov. 17, 2001 through Dec. 2, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Any Antlered Elk.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

**Zone 1:** 45, issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**Zone 2:** 45, issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**Zone 3:** 45, issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm and/or bow & arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$50.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation Zone for which tag is issued.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

Applicants successful in drawing a Bull Elk permit will remain ineligible for this draw for a period of one (1) year.

Hunters may hold either a Bull Elk or a Trophy Elk - Unit 8 tag, but **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO HOLD BOTH TAGS IN THE SAME YEAR.** See section H2 for application and Draw information.

**F. TROPHY BULL ELK - UNIT 8**

**SEASON DATES:**

**ARCHERY:** Sept. 13, 2001 through Sept. 23, 2001.

**RIFLE:** Sept. 22, 2001 through Sept. 30, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Any Antlered Elk.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

15 Rifle issued by draw. 15 Archery issued on a first-come-first-

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**PERMIT COST:**

served basis.

Any legal firearm and/or bow & arrow as described in R1.B.  
**RIFLE:** \$125.00/ \$5.00 Draw Application Fee.

**ARCHERY:** \$125.00.

**OPEN AREAS:**

**UNIT 8 ONLY.** Please refer to map.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

Hunters may hold either a Bull Elk or a Trophy Elk - Unit 8 tag, but **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO HOLD BOTH TAGS IN THE SAME YEAR.** See section H2 for application and draw information. **APPLICANTS SUCESSFUL IN DRAWING A UNIT 8 RIFLE TAG WILL REMAIN INELIGIBLE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS.**

**DEADLINE: TO PICK UP UNIT 8 RIFLE & ARCHERY TAGS WILL BE SEPTEMBER 13, 2001. ARCHERY UNIT 8 TROPHY ELK TAGS WILL BE SOLD BEGINNING JULY 31, 2001.**

**G. LATE SEASON ANTLERLESS ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

Dec.15, 2001 through Dec. 30, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Antlerless Elk, including Cow and Calf, **BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE SPIKES.**

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

400, issued on a first-come-first-served basis beginning December 3, 2001, (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm and/or bow & arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$5.00.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation wide.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**One (1) additional Late Antlerless Elk tag may be obtained ONLY after the first Late Antlerless tag has been legally filled. The used Late Antlerless Elk tag must be presented at the time of purchase of the second Late Antlerless Elk tag. Additional Late Antlerless tags will be issued as long as the Late Antlerless Elk permit quota, (400), is not exceeded.**

**3. PRONGHORN ANTELOPE – NO SEASON**

**4. BIGHORN SHEEP**

**SEASON DATES:**

Oct. 1, 2001 through Dec. 31, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1).

**LEGAL SHEEP:**

Any Ram.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

ONE (1), issued through Special Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit 1 for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm and/or bow and arrow as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**

\$400.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation wide:

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**Bighorn Sheep permits are ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME, wherein all successful applicants will remain ineligible for future Bighorn Sheep hunt permits.**

**5. TURKEY**

**A. FALL TURKEY**

**SEASON DATES:**

Oct. 20, 2001 through Nov. 25, 2001.

**BAG LIMIT:**

Two (2) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL TURKEY:**

Any Turkey.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

Unlimited (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**PERMIT COST:**  
**OPEN AREAS:**

Any legal firearm or bow & arrow as described in section R1.A.  
\$5.00 for two (2) tags. Limit of two (2) tags per season.  
Reservation wide.

**B. SPRING GOBBLER**

**SEASON DATES:**  
**BAG LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL TURKEY:**  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

Apr. 6, 2002 through Apr. 21, 2002.  
Two (2) per tag holder per season.  
Bearded (Gobbler) Turkey only.  
300, issued on a first-come-first-served basis (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**PERMIT COST:**

Any legal firearm or bow & arrow as described in section R1.A.  
\$10.00 for one (1) or \$15.00 for two (2). Spring gobbler tags may be purchased beginning March 1, 2002.

**OPEN AREAS:**  
**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

Reservation wide.  
**All Spring Gobbler tag holders are required to submit a completed hunter questionnaire to the W&ORD office in Whiteriver at the conclusion of their Spring Gobbler hunt.**

**6. JAVELINA**

**SEASON DATES:**  
**BAG LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL JAVELINA:**  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

Jan. 26, 2002 through Feb. 24, 2002.  
One (1) Javelina per tag holder per year.  
Any Javelina.  
150, issued first-come-first-served basis (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**PERMIT COST:**

Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.  
\$5.00. Javelina tags may be purchased beginning December 3, 2001.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Reservation wide.

**7. BLACK BEAR**

**SEASON DATES:**  
  
**BAG LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL BEAR:**  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**PERMIT COST:**  
**OPEN AREAS:**

Apr. 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002.  
**AND**  
Aug. 15, 2002 through Nov. 15, 2002.  
One (1) Bear per tag, two (2) Bears per hunter per calendar year.  
Any Bear, except sow with cubs.  
Unlimited (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.  
\$5.00.  
Reservation wide.

**8. MOUNTAIN LION**

**SEASON DATES:**  
**BAG LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL LION:**  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**PERMIT COST:**  
**OPEN AREAS:**

Jan. 1, 2002 through Dec. 31, 2002.  
One (1) Lion per tag, two (2) Lions per hunter per calendar year.  
Any Lion, except female with kittens.  
Unlimited (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.  
Free.  
Reservation wide.

**9. PREDATORS & FUR-BEARING ANIMALS**

**PERMIT NOT REQUIRED:**

**A. COYOTE, FOX, SKUNK, RINGTAIL CAT, RACCOON and BADGER**

**SEASON DATES:** Yearlong.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Unlimited.  
**PERMIT COST:** None.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

**B. BOBCAT**

**SEASON DATES:** Nov. 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002.  
**LEGAL BOBCAT:** Any bobcat, except female with kittens.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** The reservation combined harvest quota for bobcat is 50.  
**PERMIT COST:** None.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.  
**SPECIAL REGULATION:** All bobcats harvested on the reservation must have an export tag attached to them. Export tags can be obtained at the W & ORD office for \$5.00.

**C. TRAPPING**

**SEASON DATES:** Nov. 1, 2001 through Mar 31, 2002.  
**BAG LIMIT:** The reservation combined harvest quota for bobcat is 50.  
**PERMIT COST:** None.  
**LEGAL TAKEN:** Please refer to the 2001 trapping regulations.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation Wide.  
**SPECIAL REGULATION:** A valid trapping permit must be obtained from the W&ORD. All bobcats harvested on the reservation must have an export tag attached to them. Export tags can be obtained at the W & ORD office for \$5.00.

**10. SMALL GAME**

**SMALL GAME PERMIT NOT REQUIRED:**

**A. COTTONTAIL RABBITS**

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 20, 2001 through Feb. 24, 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.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

**B. TREE SQUIRRELS**

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 20, 2001 through Nov. 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.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

**C. QUAIL**

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 6, 2001 through Jan. 27, 2002.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Ten (10) quail 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.D.



**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.  
**LEGAL QUAIL:** Gambel's and Mearns' quail.

**D. BLUE GROUSE**

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 20, 2001 through Nov. 25, 2001.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Three (3) per day.  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Twice Daily bag limit after opening day, of which no more than 3 may be taken in one day.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

**E. OTHER MAMMALS & BIRDS**

**SEASON DATES:** Yearlong.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Unlimited.  
**LEGAL ANIMAL:** Crows, sparrows and all mammals **EXCEPT** game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, predatory mammals, ferrets, wolves, jaguars, ocelots, coatis and any other species of bird and/or mammal protected by Federal, State and/or Tribal law.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm and/or bow & arrow described in section R1.D.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

**11. MIGRATORY BIRDS**

**A. DOVES and PIGEONS:**

**SEASON DATES:** Please check with W&ORD for specific, Federally approved dates, bag limits and possession limits.  
**BAG LIMIT:**  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

**B. WATERFOWL:**

**SEASON DATES:** Mid-November through Mid-January.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Please check with W&ORD for specific, Federally approved dates, bag limits and possession limits.  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Please check with the W & ORD for approved hunting areas.  
**SPECIAL REGULATION:** **A Federal Duck Stamp and the use of non-lead shot are required to hunt waterfowl on the reservation. Please check with W&ORD office for additional waterfowl hunting information.**

**HUNTING REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS**

The following regulations and procedures apply to all Tribal-members and to non-members who have been granted hunting rights by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

**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 shooting slugs.
  - 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 legally taken with the following weapons:
- i. Center fire rifles having a caliber of .243 or greater. Illegal calibers include: .22, .22 Magnum, 5mm, .222 and/or .22/250.
  - 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, BLUE GROUSE AND QUAIL)** may be legally taken with the following weapons:
- i. Any firearm, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapon, or sling shot not prohibited in section R2.B. (below).
- D.** **MIGRATORY BIRDS and UPLAND GAME BIRDS** may be taken only with the following weapons:
- i. Shotguns NOT larger than 10 gauge shooting shot. Waterfowl hunting requires the use of shotguns NOT larger than 10 gauge shooting non-lead shot only.
  - ii. Bow and arrow not prohibited in section R2.B. (below).
- E.** **PREDATORY AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS** may be legally taken with any firearm, bow & arrow or trap not prohibited in section R2.B. (below).
- F.** **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 Tribal and Federal Laws.
- iii. Nongame mammals, predatory and fur-bearing mammals permitted under Tribal trapping regulations may be taken by trap day or night.

**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 Special Draw 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. DEFINITION OF A JUNIOR:** To qualify for a junior permit the individual must be a bonafide tribal member, between the ages of 10 and through the calendar year of their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and successfully complete a hunter education course.

**C. BLAZE ORANGE** At least one (1) of the following items of blaze orange clothing must be worn at all times by all tribal members participating in any of the Tribal Member Big Game hunts: Hat, Bandanna, Vest, Pullover, Jacket, Coveralls, & Pants. Blaze orange is not required for the following hunts: 1D., 2A., 2F ARCHERY and 5B.

**D. JUVENILES** The minimum age requirement to obtain a Tribal hunting tag or permit of any kind is 10 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.

**E. HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENT:** Tribal-member hunters born after December 31, 1980, must present a certificate or other proof of successful completion of an approved Hunter Education Course in order to be eligible for any Tribal hunts.

**F. ALL BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS** must be validated, by signature, prior to entering the field and conducting any hunting activities on the reservation.

**G. GUIDING OR OUTFITTING FOR TROPHY ELK/BEAR/MOUNTAIN LION** is strictly prohibited without proper registration/licensing through the White Mountain Apache Tribe W&ORD office.

**H. WHILE THE TROPHY ELK HUNT IS IN PROGRESS (SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH OCTOBER 9, 2001), ALL UNITS EXCEPT UNITS 8 & 10 ARE CLOSED TO ALL TYPES**

OF HUNTING.

- I. UNIT 8 IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED PART OF ZONE 1. UNIT 8 IS ONLY OPEN TO PERSONS HUNTING UNIT 8 TROPHY ELK, TROPHY DEER, ZONE 1 GENERAL ELK, FALL TURKEY AND SPRING GOBBLER. UNIT 8 IS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER BIG GAME HUNTING.**
- J. SPOTLIGHTING OF ANY TYPE IS PROHIBITED.**

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

**H1. TAG/PERMIT INFORMATION**

- A. ALL HUNTING TAGS MUST BE PICKED-UP IN PERSON AT THE W&ORD OFFICE IN WHITERIVER (Office hours are 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday). A Tribal I.D. card or Affidavit of Tribal Membership (from B.I.A. or Tribal Council Secretary) must be presented at the time of application, or when tags are purchased.**
- B. PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (55 and older) will be issued permits for those seasons with an unlimited number of available permits, except/not including Special Draw hunt permits, free of charge.**
- C. DUPLICATE TAGS WILL NOT BE ISSUED. It is your responsibility to take care of your tags.**
- D. TRANSFER OF TRIBAL-MEMBER HUNTING TAGS is allowed and is subject to a \$25.00 transfer-processing fee. Hunting tag transfers are limited to one (1) per tag. Hunt applications are required of all persons accepting transferred hunt tags. Only the person to whom the tag was transferred will be subject to any applicable waiting period(s). Tag transfers must be completed on or before the day before the start of the hunt for that particular tag.**
- E. MULTIPLE ELK TAGS: ARCHERY ELK hunters are eligible for the following tags: One (1) archery elk tag, one (1) bull tag, one (1) second cow tag, two (2) late cow tags\*. **GENERAL ELK** hunters are eligible for the following tags: One (1) general elk tag, one (1) bull tag, one (1) second cow tag, two (2) late cow tags\*. **\* ALL HUNTERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) LATE COW TAGS AS LONG AS THE TAG QUOTA FOR THIS HUNT, (400), IS NOT EXCEEDED. All hunters may only possess ONE (1) valid Elk tag at a time while in the field.****
- F. HUNTER QUESTIONNAIRES are required to be completed from the current & previous years by all 2000 big-game tag applicants.**

**H2. HUNT APPLICATIONS AND DRAWINGS**

- A. EXHIBIT I All draw (hunt numbers: 1A, 1B, 1C, 2D, 2E, and 4).**
1. 1A - WHITETAIL DEER- 735 tags issued by draw, 245 per zone 1, 2, & 3.
  2. 1B - MULEDEER - 330 issued by draw, 110 per zone 1, 2, & 3.
  3. 1C - TROPHY DEER UNIT 8 - 40 tags issued by draw, unit 8 only.
  4. 2D - BULL ELK ZONE HUNT - 135 tags issued by draw 45 per zone. 1, 2, & 3.
  5. 2E - TROPHY BULL ELK UNIT 8 - 30 tags issued by draw, 15 rifle & 15 archery, unit 8 only
  6. 4 - BIGHORN SHEEP - 1 Tag issued by draw, reservation wide.

**B.**     **Application and Deadline Information**

Starting June 25, 2001 applications will be accepted for draws for all hunt drawings. The close of business on August 17, 2001 is the deadline to return all draw applications. Drawing will be held August 22, 2001. Successful applicants should pick up tags beginning August 29, 2001. Exhibit I includes a schedule of related application fees and permit costs for all hunts.

**C.**     **HUNT DRAW METHODS**

All hunt tags issued through Draw (hunt numbers: 1A, 1B, 2D, 2E, 3 and 4) are conducted through a computerized random draw of hunt applications (data-base) that are mailed or hand-delivered to the W&ORD office in Whiteriver on/before applicable hunt application deadline dates. All draw applications must be accompanied by a **non-refundable \$5.00 application fee**, which is due at the time of application.

**D.**     **UNCLAIMED/LEFTOVER SPECIAL DRAW TAGS** will be issued by a alternate draw list for each hunt, **not on a first-come-first-served basis**. Hunt applications will be required at the time of purchase of alternate draw hunting tags and will include a \$5.00 fee.

**E.**     Only **ONE (1)** application will be accepted for any special draw hunt.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED !!!**

**POACHERS STEAL FROM US ALL. IF YOU SEE A HUNTING VIOLATION PLEASE REPORT IT. YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT ANONYMOUS AND YOU CAN BE ELIGIBLE FOR A CASH REWARD IF YOUR INFORMATION LEADS TO AN ARREST.**

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

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

The following is a list of information to look for and make a note of. Often by the time an officer reaches the scene of the crime, the perpetrator has fled.

**\*How many suspects?**

**\*How many Males and/or Females?**

**\*Description of suspect's clothing.**

**\*Description of suspect's vehicle:**

**License plate.**

**Make.**

**Model.**

**Body style.**

**Color.**

**\*Time incident occurred.**

**\*Location where incident occurred.**

Call 520-338-1023 as soon as possible after witnessing a violation. The more information you have and the fresher it is, the more likely a case can be made.