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**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 2002-2003, 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 2002-2003, 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 2002-2003, as amended herein.

The foregoing resolution was on June 6, 2002 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), (c), (g), (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).



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ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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

Game	Season Dates	Bag	Permit Cost	No. Permits	Change From Last Year
<b>Deer</b>					
Whitetail Deer	Dec. 7'02-Jan. 5 '03	1 Buck	\$20	735	Same
Mule Deer	Nov. 16-Dec. 1, 2002	1 Buck	\$20	245	-85
Unit 8 Trophy Deer	Dec. 14-Dec. 31, 2002	1 Buck	\$50	40	Same
<b>Archery Deer</b>					
	Oct. 4-Oct. 18, 2002	1 Buck	\$20	50	Same
	Jan. 4-Jan. 19, 2003				
<b>Elk</b>					
Archery Elk	Oct. 4-Oct. 18, 2002	Cow, Calf, Spike	\$10	100	Same
General Elk	Oct. 19-Nov. 24, 2002	Cow, Calf, Spike	\$10	Unlimited	Same
Second Elk	Oct. 19-Nov. 24, 2002	Cow or Calf	\$10	Unlimited	Same
Junior Raghorn	Oct. 19-Nov. 24, 2002	1, ≤ 4 point Bull	Free to Juniors	45	Same
Zone 1 Bull Elk	Nov. 16-Dec. 8, 2002	1 Bull	\$50	70	+25
Zone 2 Bull Elk	Nov. 16-Dec. 1, 2002	1 Bull	\$50	65	+20
Zone 3 Bull Elk	Nov. 16-Dec. 8, 2002	1 Bull	\$50	90	+45
Unit 8 Bull Elk					
	Archery Sept. 6-20, 2002	1 Bull	\$125	15	Same
	Rifle Sept. 21-29, 2002	1 Bull	\$125	15	Same
Late Cow Elk	Dec. 14-Dec. 29, 2002	Cow or Calf	\$5	400	Same
<b>Other Big Game</b>					
Pronghorn	Oct. 12-20, 2002	Any Uncollared/ Ear tagged Buck	\$50	4	+4
Antelope					
Bighorn Sheep	Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2002	Any Ram	\$400	1	Same
Turkey	Oct. 19-Nov. 24, 2002	2 Turkeys	\$5	Unlimited	Same
Spring Gobbler	Apr. 5-Apr. 20, 2003	2 Gobblers	1/\$10 or 2/\$15	300	Same
Javelina	Jan. 25-Feb. 23, 2003	1 Javelina	\$5	150	Same
<b>Predators</b>					
Black Bear	Apr. 1-June 30, 2003 Aug. 15-Nov. 15, 2003	1 Bear	\$5	Unlimited	Same
Mountain Lion	Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2003	1 Lion	Free	Unlimited	Same
Bobcat	Nov. 1'02-Mar. 31'03	50	\$5 Export Tag	50	Same
Trapping	Nov. 1'02-Mar. 31'03	50	\$5 Export Tag	50	Same
<b>Small Game</b>					
Cottontail	Oct. 19'02-Feb. 23'03	10/Day	None	None	Same
Tree Squirrels	Oct. 19-Nov. 24, 2002	10/Day	None	None	Same
Quail	Oct. 5 '02-Jan. 26 '03	10/Day	None	None	Same
Blue Grouse	Oct. 19-Nov. 24, 2002	3/Day	None	None	Same

Doves/Pigeons

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.*

**WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**

**WILDLIFE & OUTDOOR RECREATION DIVISION  
TRIBAL-MEMBER HUNTING REGULATIONS 2002-2003**

**Big Changes This Year:**

- **REDUCED NUMBER OF MULE DEER TAGS.** See section 1B on page 1 for details.
- **VARYING SEASON LENGTHS & NUMBERS OF TAGS FOR THE FALL BULL ELK HUNT.** See sections 2E, 2F & 2G on page 2 for details.
- **EXTENDED ARCHERY SEASONS FOR UNIT 8 TROPHY ELK & LATE DEER.** For details, see sections 1D & 2H on pages 1 & 2 respectively.
- **PRONGHORN ANTELOPE HUNT** is open! See section 3 on page 2 for details.
- **MECHANICAL BROADHEADS ARE PROHIBITED FOR THE TAKING OF ELK.** See section R1.B.ii. on page 6 for details.
- **50% DISCOUNT ON SPECIAL DRAW TAG PRICES FOR HADICAPPED & SENIOR CITIZENS.** See section H1.B. on page 7 for details.

**1. DEER**

**A. WHITETAIL DEER**

**SEASON DATES:**

Dec. 7, 2002 through Jan. 5, 2003.

**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 20Jr./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. 16, 2002 through Dec. 1, 2002.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL DEER:**

Antlered Mule Deer (Buck) only.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

245 issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

	Total	General	Junior Permit
Zone - 1	- 75	70	5
Zone - 2	- 85	80	5
Zone - 3	- 85	80	5

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

Any legal firearm as described in R1.B.

**PERMIT COST:**  
**OPEN AREAS:**  
**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

\$20.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.  
Reservation Zone for which tag is issued.  
**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:**  
**BAG LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL DEER:**

Dec. 14, 2002 through Dec. 31, 2002.  
One (1) per tag holder per year.  
Branch Antlered Mule Deer (Buck) OR Whitetail Deer (Buck) only.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**PERMIT COST:**  
**OPEN AREA:**  
**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

40 issued by Draw (refer to section H2 for details).  
Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in R1.B.  
\$50.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.  
**Unit 8 ONLY.** Please refer to map.  
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. 4, 2002 through Oct. 18, 2002.

**AND**

Jan. 4, 2002 through Jan. 19, 2003.

**BAG LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL DEER:**  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.  
Any Antlered (Buck) Deer. (Please see Special Regulations).  
50 on a first-come-first-served basis (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

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

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

Reservation wide.

**Archery Deer tags will be sold beginning July 31, 2002. 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:**  
**BAG LIMIT:**  
**LEGAL ELK:**  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

Oct. 4, 2001 through Oct. 18, 2002.

One (1) per tag holder per year.

Cow, Calf or Spike.

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

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

Any legal bow & arrow as described in R1.B.  
\$10.00.

Reservation wide.

**Archery Elk tags will be sold beginning July 31, 2002. See section H1. E for other elk tags for which archery elk hunters are eligible.**

**B. GENERAL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

Oct. 19, 2002 through Nov. 24, 2002.

**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:** \$10.00.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

**C. SECOND ANTLERLESS ELK TAG**

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 19, 2002 through Nov. 24, 2002.  
**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:** \$10.00.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.  
**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. 19, 2002 through Nov. 24, 2002.  
**BAG LIMIT:** One per calendar year.  
**LEGAL ELK:** A legal 'Raghorn Bull' is a bull elk having no broken points or antler beams that displays a maximum of four (4) points on either antler beam. The end, or terminating tip, of the main antler beam is counted as one (1) of the maximum four (4) points.  
**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 2002 Hunter Education Course. For more information on class scheduling contact the W&ORD at 338-4385.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm and/or bow and arrow as described in R1.B.  
**PERMIT COST:** Free.  
**OPEN AREAS:** **ZONES 2, 3 and Unit 8 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 HUNTS FOR A PERIOD OF 1 (ONE) YEAR.** 2002 Raghorn Bull Elk tag holders are ineligible for any future Raghorn Bull Elk hunts.

**E. ZONE 1 FALL BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:** Nov. 16, 2002 through Dec. 8, 2002.  
**BAG LIMIT:** One (1) per tag holder per year.  
**LEGAL ELK:** Any Antlered Elk.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** 70 issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
**TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm and/or bow & arrow as described in R1.B.  
**PERMIT COST:** \$50.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.  
**OPEN AREA:** Zone 1 only.  
**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:** 2001 Bull Elk tag holders are eligible for this hunt. 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. ZONE 2 FALL BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

Nov. 16, 2002 through Dec. 1, 2002.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Any Antlered Elk.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

65 issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**PERMIT COST:**

\$50.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.

**OPEN AREA:**

Zone 2 only.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

2001 Bull Elk tag holders are eligible for this hunt.

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.

**G. ZONE 3 FALL BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

Nov. 16, 2002 through Dec. 8, 2002.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Any Antlered Elk.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

90 issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).

**TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**PERMIT COST:**

\$50.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.

**OPEN AREA:**

Zone 3 only.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

2001 Bull Elk tag holders are eligible for this hunt.

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.

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

**SEASON DATES:**

**ARCHERY:** Sept. 6, 2002 through Sept. 20, 2002.

**RIFLE:** Sept. 21, 2002 through Sept. 29, 2002.

**BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) per tag holder per year.

**LEGAL ELK:**

Any Antlered Elk.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

15 Rifle issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit 1 for details). 15 Archery issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**PERMIT COST:**

**RIFLE:** \$125.00/ \$5.00 Draw Application Fee.

**OPEN AREAS:**

**ARCHERY:** \$125.00.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

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

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 SUCCESSFUL 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 6, 2001. ARCHERY UNIT 8 TROPHY ELK TAGS WILL BE SOLD BEGINNING JULY 30, 2002.

**I. LATE SEASON ANTLERLESS ELK**

**SEASON DATES:** Dec. 14, 2002 through Dec. 29, 2002.  
**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 2, 2002, (refer to section H2 and Exhibit 1 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

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 12, 2002 through Oct. 20, 2002.  
**BAG LIMIT:** One (1) per tag per year.  
**LEGAL ANTELOPE:** Any Buck not marked with an identification collar and/or ear tag.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** Four (4), issued by Draw (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm and/or bow and arrow as described in R1.B.  
**PERMIT COST:** \$50.00/\$5.00 Draw Application Fee.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.  
**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:** **ALL ANTELOPE HUNTERS MUST CHECK IN AT THE W&ORD OFFICE IN WHITERIVER AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR HUNT REGARDLESS OF SUCCESS. ANTELOPE HUNTERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR ANY 2003 – 2004 BIG GAME HUNTS.** Information packets containing all pertinent information will be provided to all successful applicants at the time of their tag purchase.

### 4. BIGHORN SHEEP

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 1, 2001 through Dec. 31, 2002.  
**BAG LIMIT:** One (1).  
**LEGAL SHEEP:** Any Ram.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** ONE (1) issued by 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 REGULATIONS:** Bighorn Sheep permits are **ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME**, wherein all successful applicants will remain ineligible for future Bighorn Sheep hunt permits. **SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT MUST CHECK IN AT THE W&ORD OFFICE IN WHITERIVER AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS/HER HUNT REGARDLESS OF SUCCESS. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR ANY 2003 – 2004 BIG GAME HUNTS.** An information packet containing all pertinent information will be provided to the successful applicant at

the time of their tag purchase.

## 5. TURKEY

### A. FALL TURKEY

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 19, 2002 through Nov. 24, 2002.  
**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:** Any legal firearm or bow & arrow as described in section R1.A.  
**PERMIT COST:** \$5.00 for two (2) tags. Limit of two (2) tags per season.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

### B. SPRING GOBBLER

**SEASON DATES:** Apr. 5, 2002 through Apr. 20, 2003.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Two (2) per tag holder per season.  
**LEGAL TURKEY:** Bearded (Gobbler) Turkey only.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** 300, issued on a first-come-first-served basis (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm or bow & arrow as described in section R1.A.  
**PERMIT COST:** \$10.00 for one (1) or \$15.00 for two (2). Spring gobbler tags may be purchased beginning February 28, 2003.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.  
**SPECIAL REGULATION:** 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:** Jan. 25, 2003 through Feb. 23, 2003.  
**BAG LIMIT:** One (1) Javelina per tag holder per year.  
**LEGAL JAVELINA:** Any Javelina.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** 150, issued first-come-first-served basis (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.  
**PERMIT COST:** \$5.00. Javelina tags may be purchased beginning December 2, 2002.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

## 7. BLACK BEAR

**SEASON DATES:** Apr. 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003.  
**AND**  
Aug. 15, 2003 through Nov. 15, 2003.  
**BAG LIMIT:** One (1) Bear per tag, two (2) Bears per hunter per calendar year.  
**LEGAL BEAR:** Any Bear, except sow with cubs.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** Unlimited (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.  
**PERMIT COST:** \$5.00.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Reservation wide.

## 8. MOUNTAIN LION

**SEASON DATES:** Jan. 1, 2003 through Dec. 31, 2003.  
**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:** Unlimited (refer to section H2 and Exhibit I for details).  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.  
**PERMIT COST:** Free.  
**OPEN AREAS:** 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, 2002 through March 31, 2003.  
**LEGAL BOBCAT:** Any bobcat, except female with kittens.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** The reservation combined harvest quota for bobcat is 50.  
**PERMIT COST:** Refer to Special Regulation.  
**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, 2002 through Mar 31, 2003.  
**BAG LIMIT:** The reservation combined harvest quota for bobcat is 50.  
**PERMIT COST:** Refer to Special Regulation.  
**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. 19, 2002 through Feb. 23, 2003.  
**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. 19, 2002 through Nov. 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.

**C. QUAIL**

**SEASON DATES:** Oct. 5, 2002 through Jan. 26, 2003.  
**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. 19, 2002 through Nov. 24, 2002.  
**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:** Generally in September. Specific, Federally approved season dates will be available in July 2002.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Specific, Federally approved bag limits will be available in July 2002.  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Specific, Federally approved possession limits will be available in July 2002.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.  
**OPEN AREAS:** Specific, Federally approved areas will be available in July 2002.

**B WATERFOWL:**

**SEASON DATES:** Generally mid-November 2002 through mid-January 2003. Specific, Federally approved season dates will be available in July 2002.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Specific, Federally approved bag limits will be available in July 2002.  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Specific, Federally approved possession limits will be available in July 2002.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.

**OPEN AREAS:**

Specific, Federally approved areas will be available in July 2002.

**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. **Mechanical broadheads of any type (broadheads having hinged/rotating blades) are prohibited.**
  - 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 big game species must remain attached to the hide and be transported with the game

carcass at all times, 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., 2H 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 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2002), 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, UNIT 8 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. Physically handicapped and senior citizens are eligible for a 50% discount on all Special Draw hunt permits.
- 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 QUESTIONAIRES** 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 hunts (hunt numbers: 1A, 1B, 1C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3 and 4).

1. 1A - WHITETAIL DEER - 735 tags issued by draw, 245 per zone 1, 2, & 3.
2. 1B - MULEDEER - 245 tags issued by draw, 75 zone 1, 85 zones 2 & 3.
3. 1C - TROPHY DEER UNIT 8 - 40 tags issued by draw, unit 8 only.
4. 2E - FALL BULL ELK ZONE 1 - 70 tags issued by draw.
5. 2F - FALL BULL ELK ZONE 2 - 65 tags issued by draw.
6. 2G - FALL BULL ELK ZONE 3 - 90 tags issued by draw.
7. 2H - TROPHY BULL ELK UNIT 8 - 15 Rifle tags issued by draw, 15 archery tags issued over the counter, unit 8 only.
8. 3 - PRONGHORN ANTELOPE - 4 tags issued by draw, reservation wide.
9. 4 - BIGHORN SHEEP - 1 tag issued by draw, reservation wide.

**B. Application and Deadline Information**

Starting June 24, 2002 applications will be accepted for draws for all hunt drawings. The close of business on August 16, 2002 is the deadline to return all draw applications. Drawing will be held August 21, 2002. Successful applicants should pick up tags beginning August 28, 2002.

**C. HUNT DRAW METHODS**

All hunt tags issued through Draw (hunt numbers: 1A, 1B, 1C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 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**. The amount of time an alternate or group of alternates has to pick up their tags will be determined by the number of available tags and the number of alternates for a particular zone. If all available tags for a particular zone hunt are not sold before the first day of the season to all successful applicants and alternates for that zone hunt, alternates from other zones for that particular hunt may purchase any available tags. 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 (928-338-1023)**

### **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 928-338-1023 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.