

White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Game & Fish Department  
NON-MEMBER HUNTING REGULATIONS  
2016-2017

Big Changes This Year...

- The Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 is CLOSED to all Hunting activities.
- The Management Bull tags/hunt is now \$7,500.00.
- The Bighorn Sheep Hunt will be open for the 2017 season.
- The Black Bear Tag/Application fee will be \$400.00/\$5.00 beginning in the 2017 season.
- The Mountain Lion Tag/Application fee will be \$400.00/\$5.00 beginning in the 2017 season.
- The Annual and Daily Small Game Permit Fees are now \$100.00/\$20.00.

GUIDED-ONLY BIG GAME HUNTS  
(WMAT Game & Fish, Licensed, Tribal Guide Required)

**G1. TROPHY BULL ELK AUCTION HUNT**

<b>SEASON DATES:</b>	August 1 through October 31, 2016.
<b>LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:</b>	One (1) Antlered Elk per tag per calendar year. See Section R3R. for details.
<b>NUMBER OF PERMITS:</b>	<b>(Two) 2.</b>
<b>PERMIT COST:</b>	Bidding information may be obtained from the Game & Fish office.
<b>TROPHY FEE:</b>	Not Applicable.
<b>LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:</b>	Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.B.
<b>UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:</b>	Reservation wide, except for Unit 8.

**HUNT PACKAGE:**

**Only the tag/permit is provided. Lodging and meals are not included. Successful bidders must hire their own guide(s) from a list of approved Tribal guides available through the Game & Fish office.**

**G2. TROPHY BULL ELK**

**A. EAST END TROPHY BULL ELK**

**SUNRISE SEASON DATES:** 1st HUNT: September 10 through September 19, 2016.  
2nd HUNT: September 21 through September 30, 2016.

**MAVERICK SEASON DATES:** 1st HUNT: September 12 through September 18, 2016.  
2nd HUNT: September 20 through September 26, 2016.  
3rd HUNT: September 28 through October 4, 2016.

**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:** One (1) Antlered Elk per tag per calendar year with a maximum of one (1) Trophy tag per person per calendar year. See Section R3R. for details.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** **52.**

**PACKAGE COST:** \$20,000.00/1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> hunts.  
\$18,000.00/3<sup>rd</sup> Maverick hunt.

**TROPHY FEE:** \$3,000.00 for any Typical Bull that net, green scores 375 B&C points or larger or any Non-Typical Bull that net, green scores 385 B&C points or larger.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.B.

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Sunrise Camp – Units 1, 2 and 3.  
Maverick Camp – Units 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10.

**HUNT PACKAGE:** Fully guided/outfitted 7-day OR 10-day hunt (depending on camp), booked through the Game & Fish office which includes; tag/permit, lodging, meals (at Base Camps only), guide and hunt transportation.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:** **I. A Mountain Lion or Black Bear tag, up to a maximum of 2 tags for each species per hunter, may be purchased for \$500.00 per tag. See sections G8. A. and G9 A. respectively for information regarding legal bears and mountain lions.**

**B. WEST END TROPHY BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:** 1st HUNT: September 12 through September 18, 2016.  
2nd HUNT: September 20 through September 26, 2016.  
3rd HUNT: September 28 through October 4, 2016.

**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:** One (1) Antlered Elk per tag per calendar year with a maximum of one (1) Trophy tag per person per calendar year. See Section R3R. for details.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** **27.**

**PACKAGE COST:** \$20,000.00/1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> hunts.  
\$18,000.00/3<sup>rd</sup> hunt.

**TROPHY FEE:** \$3,000.00 for any Typical Bull that net, green scores 375 B&C points or larger or any Non-Typical Bull that net, green scores 385 B&C points or larger.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.B.

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**  
**HUNT PACKAGE:**

West End Camp – Units 9, 10, 11, & 12.  
Fully guided/outfitted 7-day hunt, booked through the Game & Fish office which includes; tag/permit, lodging, meals (at Base Camp only), guide and hunt transportation.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**I. A Mountain Lion or Black Bear tag, up to a maximum of 2 tags for each species per hunter, may be purchased for \$500.00 per tag. See sections G8. A. and G.9. A. respectively for information regarding legal bears and mountain lions.**

### **G3. MANAGEMENT & CULL BULL ELK**

#### **A. EAST END & WEST END MANAGEMENT BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

August 1 through October 4, 2016.

**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) Antlered elk meeting Tribal Game & Fish Department “Management Bull Elk Guidelines”, as determined by a Tribal Game & Fish guide.

**LEGAL MANAGEMENT BULL:**

A legal management bull is a **mature** bull that displays no more than 5 points per side on both beams or a bull that has both main beam tops/ends that are commonly referred to as palmated. For more information see the Management Bull Elk Guidelines available through the Game & Fish office.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

**30.**

**PACKAGE COST:**

\$7,500.00.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Sunrise Camp – Units 1, 2 and 3.  
Maverick Camp – Units 4, 5, 6 and 7.  
West End Camp - Units 9, 10, 11 and 12.

**HUNT PACKAGE:**

These tags are only available to Auction/Trophy clients for the duration of their Trophy hunt. Once the Trophy tag has been filled the Management Hunt ends as well.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**I. A Mountain Lion or Black Bear tag, up to a maximum of 2 tags for each species per hunter, may be purchased for \$500.00 per tag. See sections G8. A. and G9. A. respectively for information regarding legal bears and mountain lions.**

#### **B. EAST END & WEST END CULL BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

August 1 through October 4, 2016.

**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) Antlered elk meeting Tribal Game & Fish “Cull Bull Elk Guidelines”, as determined by a Tribal Game & Fish guide.

**LEGAL CULL BULL:**

A legal cull bull is a **mature** bull that displays **extreme antler deformity of at least 1 main beam**. For more information see the Cull Bull Elk Guidelines available through the Game & Fish office.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

**30.**

**PERMIT COST:**

\$500.00.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Sunrise Camp – Units 1, 2 and 3.  
Maverick Camp – Units 4, 5, 6 and 7.

**HUNT PACKAGE:**

West End Camp - Units 9, 10, 11 and 12.  
These tags are only available to Auction/Trophy clients for the duration of their Trophy hunt. Once the Trophy tag has been filled the Cull Hunt ends as well.

**G4. EAST END MANAGEMENT BULL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:**

September 4 through September 8, 2016.

**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) Antlered elk meeting Tribal Game & Fish Department "Management Bull Elk Guidelines", as determined by a Tribal Game & Fish guide.

**LEGAL MANAGEMENT BULL:**

A legal management bull is a **mature** bull that displays no more than 5 points per side on both beams or a bull that has both main beam tops/ends that are commonly referred to as palmated. For more information see the Management Bull Elk Guidelines available through the Game & Fish office.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

**8.**

**PACKAGE COST:**

\$7,500.00.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Sunrise Camp – Units 1, 2 and 3.

**HUNT PACKAGE:**

Fully guided/outfitted 5-day hunt, booked through the Game & Fish office which includes; tag/permit, lodging, meals, guide and hunt transportation.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**I. A Mountain Lion or Black Bear tag, up to a maximum of 2 tags for each species per hunter, may be purchased for \$500.00 per tag. See sections G8. A. and G9. A. respectively for information regarding legal bears and mountain lions.**

**G5. PRONGHORN ANTELOPE**

**TROPHY BUCK ANTELOPE**

**SEASON DATES:**

Any three (3) consecutive days in August, 2016.

**LEGAL ANTELOPE/BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) Mature Buck, as determined by a Tribal Game & Fish guide, per tag per calendar year with a maximum of one (1) Pronghorn Antelope tag per person per calendar year. Legal Buck will **NOT** have an identification ear tag and/or collar.

**NUMBER OF PACKAGES:**

**One (1).**

**PACKAGE COST:**

\$4,000.00.

**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:**

Official applications will be available beginning July 7, 2016 at the Game & Fish Office in Whiteriver, on-line, by mail, or fax.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Reservation-wide.

**HUNT PACKAGE:**

Only the tag/permit, a Tribal Game & Fish guide and hunt transportation are provided.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**I. A Mountain Lion or Black Bear tag, up to a maximum of 2 tags for each species per hunter, may be purchased for \$500.00 per tag. See sections G8. A. and G9. A. respectively for information regarding legal bears and mountain lions.**

## **G6. BIGHORN SHEEP**

**SEASON DATES:**

May 1 through December 31, 2017.

**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) Full-Curl Ram per tag per calendar year.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

**1 (one).**

**PACKAGE COST:**

\$40,000.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$20,000.00 is due prior to the beginning of the hunt with the remaining balance due immediately upon harvest.

**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:**

Official applications will be available beginning August 5, 2016 at the Game & Fish Office in Whiteriver, on-line, by mail, or fax.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Reservation wide.

**HUNT PACKAGE:**

Tag/permit, lodging, meals, guide and hunt transportation will be provided for a 14-day hunting period within the season.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**I. A Mountain Lion or Black Bear tag, up to a maximum of 2 tags for each species per hunter, may be purchased for \$500.00 per tag. See sections G8. A. and G9. A. respectively for information regarding legal bears and mountain lions.**

## **G7. SPRING GOBBLER**

### **A. GUIDED MERRIAMS TURKEY HUNT**

**SEASON DATES:**

HUNT # 1: April 1 through April 4, 2017.

HUNT # 2: April 6 through April 9, 2017.

HUNT # 3: April 27 through April 30, 2017.

**LEGAL TURKEY/BAG LIMIT:**

One (1) Gobbler per tag. Two (2) Gobblers per Hunter per Package/Season.

**NUMBER OF PACKAGES:**

**50.**

**PERMIT COST:**

\$1,700.00. Packages may be split between two (2) individuals for an additional fee of \$350.00, space at camps permitting.

**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:**

Official applications will be available beginning August 5, 2016 at the Game & Fish Office in Whiteriver by mail or fax. The application deadline is close of business December 9, 2016.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Reservation-wide except the Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 which is **CLOSED** to all Hunting activities.

**HUNT PACKAGE:**

Fully guided/outfitted 4-day hunt, booked through the Game & Fish office which includes; tags/permits, lodging, meals, guide and hunt transportation. Hunts are conducted out of 3 separate camps; Maverick, West End and Christmas Tree Lake.

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

**I. A Mountain Lion or Black Bear tag, up to a maximum of 2 tags for each species per hunter, may be purchased for \$500.00 per tag. See sections G8. A. and G9. A. respectively for information regarding legal bears and mountain lions.**

## **G8. BLACK BEAR**

### **A. GUIDED BLACK BEAR - GENERAL**

<b>SEASON DATES:</b>	April 1 through August 30, 2017. <b>AND</b> October 10 through November 30, 2017.
<b>LEGAL BEAR/BAG LIMIT:</b>	Any Black Bear, except sows with cubs. One (1) Black Bear per tag; a maximum of two (2) Black bears per Hunter per calendar year.
<b>NUMBER OF PERMITS:</b>	<b>200.</b>
<b>PERMIT COST/Application Fee:</b>	\$400.00/\$5.00 Paid through your Game & Fish registered Outfitter.
<b>LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:</b>	Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.
<b>UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:</b>	Reservation-wide except the Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 which is <b>CLOSED</b> to all Hunting activities.
<b>HUNT PACKAGE:</b>	All <u>General Black Bear Hunts must be booked through registered/licensed Tribal Game &amp; Fish registered Outfitters</u> (see page xxx). Hunters must be accompanied by a registered/licensed Tribal Game & Fish registered Outfitter at all times during their hunt.
<b><u>SPECIAL REGULATION:</u></b>	<b>PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI AND KINISHBA BURN AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME &amp; FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS, DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN THIS AREA.</b>

## **G9. MOUNTAIN LION**

### **A. GUIDED MOUNTAIN LION - GENERAL**

<b>SEASON DATES:</b>	January 1 through December 31, 2017.
<b>LEGAL LION/BAG LIMIT:</b>	Any Lion except females with kittens. One (1) Lion per tag, maximum of two (2) Lions per Hunter per calendar year.
<b>NUMBER OF PERMITS:</b>	<b>100.</b>
<b>PERMIT COST/Application Fee:</b>	\$400.00/\$5.00 Paid through your Game & Fish registered Outfitter.
<b>LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:</b>	Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.
<b>UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:</b>	Reservation-wide except the Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 which is <b>CLOSED</b> to all Hunting activities.
<b>HUNT PACKAGE:</b>	All <u>General Mountain Lion Hunts must be booked through registered/licensed Tribal Game &amp; Fish Reservation Outfitters</u> (see page xxx). Hunters must be accompanied by a registered/licensed Tribal Game & Fish Reservation

**SPECIAL REGULATION:**

Outfitter at all times during their hunt.

**PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI AND KINISHBA BURN AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS, DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN THIS AREA.**

**B. ELK SEASON - DEPREDATION MOUNTAIN LION COMBINATION**

**SEASON DATES:**

October 6 through November 20, 2016. Available only to the following valid 2016 elk tag holders: **West End General – Archery, West End Archery Raghorn, Youth Raghorn and West End General, (BG. 2, 4, 5 and 6)**, for the duration of their respective hunts.

**LEGAL LION/BAG LIMIT:**

Any Lion except females with kittens. One (1) Lion per West End General – Archery, West End Archery Raghorn, Youth Raghorn or West End Depredation per calendar year.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**

**180.**

**PERMIT COST:**

\$1.00.

**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:**

Elk Season – Depredation Mountain Lion Combination tags will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis, beginning **September 1, 2016**, at the Game & Fish Offices in Whiteriver and Hon Dah. Tribal Game & Fish staff members may not purchase or reserve these tags for anyone.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**

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

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Units for which the valid elk tag is open to only.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

**I. Elk Season – Depredation Mountain Lion tag holders are not required to be accompanied by a Tribal Game & Fish licensed/registered Guide. The use of dogs and/or bait for this hunt is prohibited.**

**II. Once a valid West End General – Archery, West End Archery Raghorn, Youth Raghorn or West End General, (BG. 2, 4, 5 and 6), elk tag holder harvests an elk or the respective season ends, the Elk Season Depredation Mountain Lion Season also ends.**

**III. PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI BURN AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT**

**PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS, DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN THIS AREA.**

### **G10. BOBCAT**

**SEASON DATES:** November 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.  
**LEGAL BOBCAT/BAG LIMIT:** Any bobcat, except females with kittens. One (1) bobcat, maximum of two (2) bobcats per Hunter per calendar year.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** **25.**  
**PERMIT COST/Application Fee:** \$75.00/\$5.00 Paid through your Game & Fish registered Outfitter.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Reservation-wide except the Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 which is **CLOSED** to all Hunting activities.  
**HUNT PACKAGE:** All Bobcat Hunts must be booked through registered/licensed Tribal Game & Fish Reservation Outfitters (see page xxx). Hunters must be accompanied by a registered/licensed Tribal Game & Fish Reservation Outfitter at all times during their hunt.  
**SPECIAL REGULATION:** **I. Non-member taking of bobcat is restricted to stalking and/or calling hunting methods only. Trapping of any type is strictly prohibited. Bobcats must have a WMAT Export Tag attached prior to transporting off the Reservation. Export tags can be obtained at the Game & Fish office for \$25.00.**

## SELF-GUIDED BIG GAME HUNTS

### **BG1. JAVELINA**

**SEASON DATES:** January 7 through February 5, 2017.  
**LEGAL JAVELINA/BAG LIMIT:** Any Javelina. One (1) per hunter per season.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** **25.**  
**PERMIT COST/Application Fee:** \$100.00/\$5.00.  
**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:** Tags will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis beginning **November 30, 2016**, at the Game & Fish Office in Hon Dah.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in section R1.A.  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Units 12 and 10 ONLY.

## **BG2. WEST END ARCHERY ELK - GENERAL**

<b>SEASON DATES:</b>	October 6 through October 20, 2016.
<b>LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:</b>	Cow, Calf, or Spike <b>ONLY</b> . 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 <b>ANY</b> points coming off of either beam. One (1) per tag.
<b>NUMBER OF PERMITS:</b>	<b>70.</b>
<b>PERMIT COST/Application Fee:</b>	\$375.00/\$5.00.
<b>PERMIT AVAILABILITY:</b>	West End Archery Elk – General tags will be issued by Special Draw (refer to Section A1.E1.). Official draw applications will be available beginning <b>August 5, 2016</b> at the Game & Fish Office in Whiteriver, on-line, by mail, or fax. The application deadline is close of business <b>August 19, 2016</b> . Applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the Tribal Game & Fish office in Whiteriver and be post marked on or before August 19, 2016 with corresponding permit/application fees being paid at the time of application.
<b>LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:</b>	Any legal bow & arrow as described in R1.B. <b>ALSO REFER TO SECTION R3.Q.</b>
<b>UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:</b>	Units 9 and 11. Maps of the hunting area will be available at the Game & Fish office in Whiteriver.
<b><u>SPECIAL REGULATIONS:</u></b>	<b>I. ALL HUNTERS MUST PRESENT PROOF OF HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPROVED BASIC HUNTER SAFETY COURSE AT APPLICATION.</b> <b>II. PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI BURN AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME &amp; FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS, DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN THIS AREA.</b> <b>III. Valid West End Archery General Elk tag holders may also purchase a Mountain Lion Depredation Combination Permit. See section G8.B for more details.</b>

## **BG3. EAST END ARCHERY ELK – ‘RAGHORN’ BULL CLOSED**

## **BG4. WEST END ARCHERY ELK – ‘RAGHORN’ BULL**

**SEASON DATES:** October 6 through October 20, 2016.  
**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:** 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. One (1) 'Raghorn Bull' per tag. **40.**

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** **40.**  
**PERMIT COST/ Application fee:** \$500.00/\$5.00.  
**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:** West End Archery Elk – Raghorn tags will be issued by Special Draw (refer to Section A1.E1.). Official draw applications will be available beginning **August 5, 2016** at the Game & Fish Office in Whiteriver, on-line, by mail, or fax. The application deadline is close of business **August 19, 2016**. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the Tribal Game & Fish office in Whiteriver and be post marked on or before August 19, 2016 with corresponding permit/application fees being paid at the time of application.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal bow & arrow as described in R1.B. **ALSO REFER TO SECTION R3.Q.**

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Units 9 and 11. Maps of the hunting area will be available at the Game & Fish office in Whiteriver.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

**I. ALL HUNTERS MUST PRESENT PROOF OF HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPROVED BASIC HUNTER SAFETY COURSE AT APPLICATION.**

**II. PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI BURN AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS, DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN THIS AREA.**

**III. Valid West End Archery Raghorn Elk tag holders may also purchase a Mountain Lion Depredation Combination Permit. See section G8.B for more details.**

## **BG5. YOUTH RIFLE ELK – ‘RAGHORN’ BULL**

**SEASON DATES:** October 29 through November 6, 2016.  
**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:** 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

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**  
**PERMIT COST/ Application fee:**  
**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:**

maximum four (4) points. One (1) 'Raghorn Bull' per tag.  
**20.**

\$400.00/\$5.00.

Tags are limited to Juvenile Hunters who are between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age (inclusive), as defined in Section R3.C., herein. All Youth Rifle 'Raghorn Bull' Elk tags will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis (subject to preceding Hunt Unit limits), beginning **August 15, 2016**, at the Game & Fish office in Hon Dah. Official Application forms are available on-line, by mail or fax. Applications must be hand delivered in person or by mail, with corresponding permit/application fees being paid at the time of application. (Phoned in, faxed or mailed in applications will not be accepted.)

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Any legal firearm as described in R1.B.

Units 1, 2, 3, & 4. Maps of the hunting area will be available at the Game & Fish office in Whiteriver.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

**I. ALL HUNTERS MUST PRESENT PROOF OF HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPROVED HUNTER SAFETY COURSE AT APPLICATION.**

**II. Valid Youth Raghorn – Rifle Elk tag holders may also purchase a Mountain Lion Depredation Combination Permit. See section G8.B for more details.**

## **BG6. WEST END ELK - GENERAL**

### **A. GENERAL PUBLIC - DRAW**

**SEASON DATES:**  
**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:**

November 5 through November 20, 2016.

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. One (1) per tag.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:**  
**PERMIT COST/Application Fee:**  
**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:**

**50**, issued by Special Draw (refer to Section A1.B.3.).  
\$325.00/\$5.00.

West End Elk – General tags will be issued by Special Draw (refer to Section A1.E1.) Official draw applications will be available beginning **August 5, 2016** at the Game & Fish Office in Whiteriver, on-line, by mail, or fax. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the Tribal Game & Fish office in Whiteriver and be post marked on or before **August 19, 2016** with corresponding permit/application fees being paid at the time of application.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:**  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:**

Any legal firearm as described in section R1.B.

Units 9 and 11. Maps of the hunting area will be available at the Game & Fish office in Whiteriver.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

**I. ALL HUNTERS MUST PRESENT PROOF OF HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN APPROVED BASIC HUNTER SAFETY COURSE AT APPLICATION.**

**II. PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI BURN AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN**

**RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS, DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN THIS AREA.**

**III. Valid West End Depredation General Elk tag holders may also purchase a Mountain Lion Depredation Combination Permit. See section G8.B for more details.**

## **BG7. NON-MEMBER SPOUSE - GENERAL ELK**

<b>SEASON DATES:</b>	October 29 through November 13, 2016.
<b>LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:</b>	Cow, Calf, or Spike <b>ONLY</b> . 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 <b>ANY</b> points coming off of either beam. One (1) per tag.
<b>NUMBER OF PERMITS:</b>	<b>25</b> , issued on a first-come-first-served basis (refer to Section A.1., herein).
<b>PERMIT COST/Application Fee:</b>	\$200.00/\$5.00.
<b>PERMIT AVAILABILITY:</b>	Non-Member Spouse – General Tags will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis beginning <b>September 1, 2016</b> at the Game & Fish offices in Whiteriver and Hon Dah.
<b>LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:</b>	Any legal firearm as described in section R1.B.
<b>UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:</b>	Units 9 and 11. Maps of the hunting area will be available at the Game & Fish office in Whiteriver.
<b><u>SPECIAL REGULATIONS:</u></b>	<p><b>I.</b> Non-member Spouses are not required to be accompanied by their Tribal Member Spouse for this hunt and are limited to hunting assigned/designated Hunt Units only, (9 and 11).</p> <p><b>II. PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI BURN AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME &amp; FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO</b></p>

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS,  
DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN  
THIS AREA.**

**BG8. LATE WEST END AFFILIATE – GENERAL ELK**

**SEASON DATES:** December 10 through December 25, 2016.  
**LEGAL ELK/BAG LIMIT:** 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. One (1) per tag.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** **50**, issued on a first-come-first-served basis (refer to Section A.1.B., herein).  
**PERMIT COST/Application Fee:** \$250.00/\$5.00.  
**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:** Late West End Affiliate – General Elk Tags will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis beginning **September 1, 2016** at the Game & Fish office in Hon Dah. All unsold Late West End Affiliate tags will go on sale to the general public on **November 28, 2016** at the Game & Fish office in Hon Dah.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal firearm as described in section R1.B.  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Units 9 and 11. Maps of the hunting area will be available at the Game & Fish office in Whiteriver.  
**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**  
**I. Refer to Section D1.B. for the definition of an Affiliate.**  
**II. PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI BURN AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS, DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN THIS AREA.**

**SMALL GAME & PREDATOR HUNTS**

**SG1. PREDATORS**

**A. COYOTE and FOX**

**SEASON DATES:** November 5, 2016 through February 5, 2017.  
**AND**  
May 5 through June 30, 2017.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Coyotes: Unlimited.  
Fox: 5 per Season per Tag.

**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** **30.**

**PERMIT COST/Application Fee:** \$100.00/\$5.00.

**PERMIT AVAILABILITY:** Applications will be available **August 5, 2016, 2016** at the Game & Fish office in Whiteriver. Successful applicants will be notified via mail.

**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.C.

**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** **November 5, 2016 through February 5, 2017; Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 ONLY.**  
**And**  
**May 5 through June 30, 2017; Units 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 ONLY** except the Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 which is **CLOSED** to all Hunting activities.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:**

**I. Predator permit applicants must be reviewed and approved by the White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Game Rangers. Predator permit holders may not be accompanied by non-Predator permit holders 17 years or older. Predator permit holders are prohibited from using any type of capturing, snaring or holding devices. Predator permit holders may only camp in designated campgrounds. The use of horses snowmobiles and ATV's is prohibited. Predator permit holders may hunt during daylight hours only. See section R2.C. 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 a harvest report form on or before July 13, 2017 to the Tribal Game & Fish Department.**

**II. PERSONS ENTERING THE RODEO/CHEDISKI AND KINISHBA BURN AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS HUNTING THIS AREA UTILIZE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GROUND FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND PARKING. DUE TO THE POTENTIAL FOR FLASH FLOODING, PERSONS ENTERING THIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE AWARE OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PLAN THEIR TRAVEL ROUTES ACCORDINGLY. THE TRIBAL GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY LOSS, DAMAGE OR BODILY HARM INCURRED IN THIS AREA.**

**SG2. SMALL GAME**

## SMALL GAME PERMITS REQUIRED FOR ALL SPECIES

Annual Permit: \$100.00 (Calendar Year Permit)

Daily Permit: \$20.00 (12am to 12am)

### **A. COTTONTAIL RABBIT**

**SEASON DATES:** October 15, 2016 through January 8, 2017.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Ten (10) per day.  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Twice Daily bag limit after opening day, of which no more than ten (10) may be taken in one day.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** Unlimited.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.C.  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Units 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12 except the Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 which is **CLOSED** to all Hunting activities.

### **B. TREE SQUIRREL**

**SEASON DATES:** October 15 through November 13, 2016.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Ten (10) per day.  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Twice Daily bag limit after opening day, of which no more than ten (10) may be taken in one day.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** Unlimited.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.C.  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Reservation-wide, except areas designated as Closed Areas and the Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 which is **CLOSED** to all Hunting activities.

### **C. QUAIL**

**SEASON DATES:** October 15, through December 31, 2016.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Seven (7) quail per day in the aggregate.  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Twice Daily bag limit after opening day, of which no more than seven (7) may be taken in one day.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** Unlimited.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.  
**LEGAL QUAIL:** Gambel's and Mearns' quail only.  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Units 10 and 12 only.

## **SG3. MIGRATORY BIRDS**

### **A. DOVES and PIGEONS**

**SEASON DATES:** Generally in September. Specific, Federally approved season dates will be available in August 2016.  
**BAG LIMIT:** Specific, Federally approved bag limits will be available in August 2016.  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Specific, Federally approved possession limits will be available in August 2016.  
**NUMBER OF PERMITS:** Unlimited.  
**LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:** Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.  
**UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:** Specific Hunt Units will be established upon receiving Federally approved regulations. Available in August 2016.

### **B. WATERFOWL**

**SEASON DATES:** Generally mid-November 2016 through mid-January 2017. Specific, Federally approved season dates will be

<b>BAG LIMIT:</b>	available in August 2016. Specific, Federally approved bag limits will be available in August 2016.
<b>POSSESSION LIMIT:</b>	Specific, Federally approved possession limits will be available in August 2016.
<b>NUMBER OF PERMITS:</b>	Unlimited.
<b>LEGAL TAKING DEVICE:</b>	Any legal weapon described in section R1.D.
<b>UNITS OPEN TO HUNTING:</b>	Specific Hunt Units will be established upon receiving Federally approved regulations. Available in August 2016.
<b><u>SPECIAL REGULATION:</u></b>	<b>I. A Federal duck stamp, small game permit, waterfowl permit, and the use of non-lead shot are required to hunt waterfowl on the reservation.</b>

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

### **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 .17 HMR rimfire, .22 rimfire magnum rifles and 5mm rimfire rifles.
- vi. Turkeys may be taken with shotguns NOT larger than 10 gauge shooting shot.

**B. ELK** may be legally taken with the following weapons:

- i. Center fire rifles having a caliber of .270 or greater. For RIFLE caliber restrictions and MUZZLELOADER requirements during the Guided Hunts, contact the Tribal Game & Fish 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.  
**Mechanical/expandable 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 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 legally taken with the following weapons:

- i. Shotguns NOT larger than 10 gauge shooting any **non-lead** shot for Migratory Waterfowl only.
- ii. Lead shot is allowed for Upland Game Birds; Quail, Doves and Pigeons only.
- iii. 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 and/or snares.

## **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.

- 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, and shotguns capable of holding more than two (2) 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 (5) shells.
- v. Contrivances designed to silence, muffle, or minimize the report of a firearm.
- vi. Poisoned or chemically treated arrows or arrows with explosive tips.
- vii. Crossbows and other bows having devices attached to mechanically hold the bow in drawn position.
- viii. The use and/or possession of any artificial light source to spotlight wild animals or birds.
- ix. Rifles and shotguns having a total length less than 24 inches from the butt of the stock to the tip of the barrel due to modification from a factory-state/condition.
- x. The use of elk/deer urine and elk/deer urine products is prohibited.
- xi. The use of unmanned aerial systems (commonly referred to as drones) is prohibited.

**C.** **TIME PERIODS FOR TAKING OF GAME**

- i. Big game, predators and small game species not included Migratory game birds may be legally taken 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 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 relatives of tribal-members such as husband, wife, children, brother or sister (immediate family).
- B. BLAZE ORANGE** must be worn at all times by all persons in the hunting party entering the field for all Small Game, Migratory Bird and Self-Guided Big Game hunts **EXCEPT** for the following hunts: **G1, G2A&B, G3A&B, G4, G5, G6,G7A, BG2, BG4 and SG1**. All hunters and persons accompanying hunters must wear one of the following blaze orange articles: Hat, Bandanna, Jacket, Vest, Pullover, Coveralls, or Pants.
- C. JUVENILE (Youth) HUNTING.** The minimum age requirement for obtaining any Tribal hunting tag or permit is ten (10) years old, and is subject to the Juvenile successfully completing an accredited hunter education course. All hunters under the age of eighteen (18) years must be accompanied, at all times, by an adult while in the field.
- D. PRE-HUNT SCOUTING** is allowed **TWO (2)** days prior to the start date of the applicable Self-Guided Big Game hunt season, and requires each member of the scouting party to possess a Scouting Special Use Permit (\$20.00/person/day). The Scouting Special Use Permit may also serve as a general fishing and camping permit for the permit holder (valid only in general fishing and camping areas – see WMAT “Outdoor Recreation Regulations” for details and definitions). Scouting Special Use Permits are available only to persons possessing valid Self-Guided Big Game tags, and up to a maximum of two (2) companions who must accompany (in the same vehicle) the licensed hunter at all times during scouting activities on the reservation. The Scouting Special Use Permit allows the hunter (and permitted companions) to access all areas within their assigned hunting unit (including any “Closed Areas”) during the 2-day pre-scout period. **Scouting Special Use Permits may be purchased at the Game & Fish office at the time of Big-Game tag purchase.**
- E. CAMPING PERMITS** are not required DURING THE HUNT SEASON for persons possessing a valid Tribal Game & Fish Big Game hunting tag and who are camping at a designated Reservation campsite for hunting purposes only:
  - Hunt-season camping is only allowed in designated camping areas during established hunt season dates.
  - Licensed hunters are allowed to have a maximum of two (2) companions camping with them, as long as they accompany the hunter in the same vehicle;
  - 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 (up to a maximum of two [2]) are not required to possess Reservation permits, 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 any animal or animal part that is not biologically/anatomically tied to legally harvested game. **This prohibition includes shed antlers, skulls, skulls with horns/antlers attached, and/or any animal or type/form of animal part not associated with legally harvested game.**

**H.** **HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENT.** All Non-tribal member big-game hunt applicants 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 big-game hunts.

**I.** **ALL BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS** must be validated by the Holder, by signing the tag or permit, prior to entering the field and conducting any hunting activities on the Reservation. In addition, **all game must be immediately tagged** in accordance with instructions on the permit or tag, or as otherwise noted herein.

**J.** **GUIDING OR OUTFITTING of any type** is strictly prohibited without proper registration/licensing through the White Mountain Apache Tribe Game & Fish office. Violators will be cited, prosecuted and be further subject to having Tribal hunting and/or fishing & outdoor recreation privileges permanently revoked.

**K.** **CLOSED AREAS**

- Only persons hunting Trophy Bull Elk – Auction, East & West End Trophy Elk, East & West End Management/Cull Bull Elk, Pronghorn Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Spring Gobbler, Black Bear, Mountain Lion, West End General – Archery Elk, West End Archery Raghorn Elk, Youth Raghorn Elk, West End General Elk, Nonmember Spouse General Elk, Late West End Affiliate – General Elk and their lawfully permitted companions, have access to all Closed Areas within their designated Management Unit(s) for the duration of their hunt.
- **ALL OTHER NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING ALL CLOSED AREAS AT ALL TIMES, except as provided under R.3.D., above.**
- All Hunt/Management Units, except Unit 10, are closed to all types of hunting during the Tribal, (consult the applicable Tribal Member hunting regulations), and Nonmember Trophy Elk Hunt seasons (Hunts G1, G2 and G3).
- The Cedar Fire Burn Area in Unit 8 is **CLOSED** to all Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation activities.

**L.** **PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO**

- It is unlawful for any person, not engaged in lawful hunting activities, to knowingly molest, chase, harass, tape, video, photograph or call any animal.
- Any form of photography, video or audio taping of any Reservation wildlife or landmark for commercial purposes or uses is prohibited, unless approved in advance, in writing, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

**M.** **SPOTLIGHTING and the use of ARTIFICIAL LIGHT,** of any type or form, is prohibited at all times in all areas of the Reservation.

**N.** **PORTABLE TREE STANDS/BLINDS** are allowed for archery hunts only.

Stands must be completely removed by the hunter when vacating the hunt area. Permanent stands of any form are strictly prohibited.

**O.** **ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT** are prohibited for the use of; scouting, photographing, and taking video, harassing and chasing, game on the reservation.

**P.** **MAPS.** The White Mountain Apache Tribe Game & Fish Department may provide maps as a courtesy only. The Tribal Game & Fish Department and the White Mountain Apache Tribe is in no way obligated to provide maps, nor do the Tribal Game & Fish Department and the White Mountain Apache Tribe assume any responsibility for the accuracy of these maps or the conditions of the roads in the areas open to hunting.

**Q.** Individuals possessing a valid West End General Archery Elk (BG2) or a West End Archery Raghorn Bull Elk (BG4) tag and individuals in their party may not possess any firearms, either on their person or in their vehicle, while on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and engaging in any hunting/scouting related activities associated with the above mentioned hunts, (BG2 & BG4).

**R.** Trophy Elk Hunt Clients may hold a maximum of three (3) "Trophy" class elk tags per year with one of the tags a regular "Trophy" elk tag and the other tag(s) being one or both of the Chairman's Elk tags.

## DEFINITIONS

### **D1. DEFINITIONS**

#### **A.** **NON-MEMBER SPOUSE**

For purposes of purchasing NON-MEMBER SPOUSE hunting permits, as noted in the Tribal Game & Fish Recreation and Hunting regulations, a "**NON-MEMBER SPOUSE**" is defined as 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 and tag purchase.

***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.** An **AFFILIATE** is defined as non-Tribal members who are active, full-time employees of one of the following organizations:

- Apache County Sheriff's Office, District 1 only.
- Arizona Game & Fish Department, Region 1 only.
- Arizona Department of Transportation, Hon-Dah and Show Low yards only.
- Clergy and employees from full-time church branches permanently located within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- Department of Public Safety, Show Low and Springerville sub-stations only.
- Fort Apache Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- Hon-Dah Resort/Casino.
- Indian Health Services, EMS & Native Air, Whiteriver and Cibecue only.
- Navajo County Sheriff's Office, District 3 only.
- Navopache Electric Cooperative.
- Pinetop Police Department.

- Pinetop Fire Department.
- School employees of full-time Fort Apache Indian Reservation schools only.
- Show Low Police Department.
- United States Fish & Wildlife Service; Alchesay and Williams Creek Fish Hatcheries and the Pinetop AZFRO office employees only.
- White Mountain Apache Tribe employees and other Fort Apache Indian Reservation full-time store employees.

**C. JUVENILE or YOUTH** is defined as a person a minimum of ten (10 years of age or a maximum of seventeen (17) years of age (inclusive). All hunters under the age of eighteen (18) years must be accompanied, at all times, by an adult while in the field.

**D. HUNTING PARTY** is defined as all non-licensed persons accompanying licensed hunters.

## HUNT APPLICATIONS & TAG/PERMIT PURCHASES

SELF-GUIDED HUNT #/description	Season Dates	Applications Start/ Deadline	Tag Payment Deadline	Notes
BG1. JAVELINA	1/7/17 to 2/5/17	November 30, 2016 start applications/ First-come-first-served until sold-out	At application	Tags sold on a first-come-first-served basis.
BG2. WEST END ARCHERY ELK - GENERAL	10/6/16 to 10/20/16	August 5, 2016 start applications/ Deadline August 19, 2016	September 16, 2016	Tags sold on a first-come-first-served basis. 2015 Hunter Success: 33%
BG3. EAST END ARCHERY ELK - 'RAGHORN' BULL		<b>CLOSED</b>		
BG4. WEST END ARCHERY ELK - 'RAGHORN' BULL	10/6/16 to 10/20/16	August 5, 2016 start applications/ Deadline August 19, 2016	September 16, 2016	Tags sold on a first-come-first-served basis. 2015 Hunter Success: 25%
BG5. YOUTH RIFLE - 'RAGHORN' BULL	10/29/16 to 11/6/16	August 15, 2016 start applications/ First-come-first-served until sold-out	At application	Tags sold on a first-come-first-served basis. 2015 Hunter Success: 40%
BG6. WEST END ELK - GENERAL	11/5/16 to 11/20/16	August 5, 2016 start applications/ Deadline August 19, 2016	September 16, 2016	2015 Success Rate: 55%
BG7. NON-MEMBER SPOUSE - GENERAL ELK	10/29/16 to 11/13/16	September 1, 2016 start applications/ First-come-first-served until October 7, 2016	At application	Tags sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

BG8. LATE WEST END AFFILIATE – GENERAL ELK	12/10/16 to 12/25/16	September 1, 2016 start applications/ First –come-first- served until October 7, 2016	At application	Tags sold on a first- come-first-served basis.
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ANY UNCLAIMED/LEFTOVER SELF-GUIDED, SPECIAL DRAW TAGS remaining after the payment deadline will be issued according to the applicable Draw Alternate List beginning **September 26, 2016** (see Section A1.E. for details.).

## A1. HUNT APPLICATIONS and DRAWS

- A. ***Non-member spouse Applications and Tag purchases*** for the General Elk hunt (BG7.) will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis, beginning **September 1, 2016** and ending **October 7, 2016**. Non-Member Spouse tag sales will be processed subject to the limits noted herein (25 tags total). *Non-member Spouse applicants* must present required affidavit or other appropriate documentation at the time of hunt application and tag purchase.
  - B. ***Late West End Affiliate Applications and Tag purchases*** for the General Elk hunt (BG8) will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis, beginning **September 1, 2016** and ending **October 7, 2016**. Late West End Affiliate tag sales will be processed subject to the limits noted herein (50 tags total). All Affiliate tag applicants must provide documented proof of employment, on company letterhead, from their immediate supervisor at the time of application/tag purchase. All unsold Late West End Affiliate Elk tags will go on sale to the general public on November 28, 2016 at the Game & Fish Substation in Hon Dah.
  - C. ***Pronghorn Antelope***. Contact the Tribal Game & Fish office for information pertaining to application availability and payment deadline.
  - D. ***Bighorn Sheep***. Contact the Tribal Game & Fish office for information pertaining to application availability and payment deadline.
  - E. ***Special Draw Hunt*** tags will be issued by a live, random draw of valid hunt applications.
1. **Draw Hunts:**
- **West End Archery Elk – General, West End Archery Elk – Raghorn, West End General Elk:**
    - Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Tribal Game & Fish office in Whiteriver or post-marked on or before **AUGUST 19, 2016**. Applications must include a non-refundable application fee of \$5.00, payable at the time of application.
    - The live draw of valid hunt applications, for these Special Draw Hunts, will occur on **AUGUST 30, 2016**.
    - The drawing will follow the following order:
      - 1. West End Archery Elk – General.
      - 2. West End Archery Elk – Raghorn.
      - 3. West End General.
    - **MULTIPLE ELK TAGS:** Nonmembers may hold a maximum of two (2) White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Department Self-Guided elk tags per calendar year with one of the tags being a Late Elk West End Affiliate – General (BG8) tag if:

1. The nonmember qualifies as an Affiliate OR,
  2. There are any left-over Late Elk West End Affiliate – General (BG8) tags available, subject to the established quota.
  3. No other self-guided elk tag combinations are allowed.
- Once a nonmember is successfully drawn for 1 hunt they will be automatically disqualified for all other draw hunts.
  - **Only individual applicants will be drawn, not by group.**
  - Only one (1) applicant per application.
  - The list of successfully drawn applicants will be posted on our website, www.wmatoutdoors.org, as soon as possible after the draw is executed.
  - Successfully drawn applicants will be notified by phone, email or standard mail immediately thereafter (notifications will be mailed to addresses provided on applications).
  - Successfully drawn applicants may purchase their tags beginning September 3, 2015.
  - Successfully drawn applicants must deliver required tag payments (hand-delivered or post-marked) on or before **SEPTEMBER 16, 2016.**
  - Unclaimed Special Draw Hunt tags will be issued as outlined in section A1.E., below, beginning **September 26, 2016.**

**E. Any Unclaimed/Leftover Self-Guided and/or Special Draw Elk Tags** remaining after the payment deadline will be issued according to the applicable Draw Alternate List beginning **September 26, 2016.**

- **UNCLAIMED/LEFTOVER SPECIAL DRAW TAGS** will be issued by an alternate draw list for each hunt, in the descending order that the alternates were drawn and not in alphabetical order. Alternates may be assigned into groups (determined by the Wildlife Biologist) based on the number of available tags for a particular hunt. Alternate groups will be contacted by telephone by the Game & Fish Department and will have 2 business days from the date of notification to purchase the tag they are eligible for, any remaining tags after the 2 business day period will go to the next alternate group, etc until the alternate list for that particular hunt is exhausted. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide accurate and up-to-date contact information. **It is not the WMAT Game & Fish Department's responsibility to attempt to contact an applicant if incomplete and/or incorrect information is given on an application.**
- Applicants will be required to submit proof of successful completion of a Hunter Education Course as required in Section R.3.H., herein.

## **A2. HUNT TAG & PERMIT PURCHASES, TRANSFERS DUPLICATES & REFUNDS**

- A. Hunting Application Forms** may be obtained at the Tribal Game & Fish office in Whiteriver and on our website, www.wmatoutdoors.org. Official Hunt Application Forms must be presented in person, mailed or faxed together with applicable application fee(s) as instructed. No substitute applications accepted.
- B. Big-Game, Predator and Small Game Hunting Tags and Permits:**
  - a.** Big-Game hunting tags/permits may be purchased at the White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Department Office in Whiteriver or Substation in Hon Dah where noted.
  - b.** Small Game hunting permits can be obtained at the White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Office in Whiteriver, the Hon Dah Ski & Outdoor Sport Shop and at other Authorized Permit Dealers listed in the WMAT "Outdoor Recreation Regulations" booklet.
  - c.** Predator tags/permits are available only at the Tribal Game & Fish Substation in Hon Dah.
  - d.** White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Department office hours (928-338-4385) are

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Hon Dah Game & Fish Substation hours (928-369-5087) are Monday through Sunday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

- C. **Transfer of Hunting Tags** is allowed subject to a \$50.00 transfer-processing fee. Hunting tag transfers are limited to one (1) transfer per tag, with NO TRANSFERS BEING ALLOWED AFTER THE START OF THE APPLICABLE HUNT SEASON. Hunt applications and any applicable non-refundable application fee(s) are required of all persons accepting transferred Hunt tags. Non-member Spouse and Affiliate hunt tags may only be transferred to persons meeting the respective Non-member Spouse and/or Affiliate requirements.
- D. **DUPLICATE TAGS WILL NOT BE ISSUED ON ANY HUNTING TAG OR PERMIT** without a Tribal Game & Fish Biologist physically inspecting and validating the original permit/tag. A duplicate may be issued in cases where the original tag/permit is damaged, provided the original tag/permit is presented to a Tribal Game & Fish Biologist and that the original tag/permit can be verified as valid by a Tribal Game & Fish Biologist or the Director (Whiteriver Office ONLY). The WMAT Game & Fish Department reserves the right to reject any unreadable or overly damaged originals for duplication.
- E. **REFUNDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED ON ANY HUNTING TAGS OR PERMITS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- F. **The White Mountain Apache Tribe Game & Fish Department reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.**
- G. **The White Mountain Apache Tribe Game & Fish Department reserves the right to void any permit/tag for any reason at any time.**
- H. **Enrolled members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are prohibited from purchasing any WMAT Game & Fish Department Nonmember hunting permits/tags.**

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!**

In providing the enclosed hunting opportunities, the WMAT Game & Fish Department does not extend any assurances or guarantees on the relative success of hunts OR on the relative quality of weather, road and other environmental conditions that may exist during hunting seasons. *Refunds are NOT granted on any hunting permit or tag – no exceptions.*

The Reservation is managed under multiple-use practices, through which a number of resource and land management agencies conduct a variety of field activities that may coincide with Tribal and Non-Tribal hunting seasons and impact hunting activities. The WMAT Game & Fish Department will make every reasonable effort to alert hunters of major field activities that may occur during hunting seasons (i.e. controlled burns, logging activity, etc.), *to the extent that we have received advance notification of these activities.* However, the timing, location and duration of these activities *are subject to change at any time by these various management agencies without advance notice to Tribal Game & Fish Department and/or the public.*

**~ Prescribed fire benefits wildlife and prevents wildfire ~**

This booklet is a synopsis of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Hunting Regulations and does not contain all of the laws and regulations relating to hunting and recreation. For complete laws and codes, consult the White Mountain Apache Tribe Game and Fish Code or contact the White Mountain Apache Tribe Game & Fish Department. These regulations apply to all non-tribal members and to those non-members who have been granted hunting privileges by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

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**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!**

**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)**