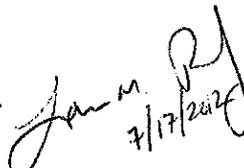


**TO:** Larry D. Voyles, Director

**FROM:** Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director  
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**PRESENTER:** Amber A. Munig, Big Game Management Supervisor

**TITLE:** Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9, for Spring 2013 Hunting Seasons.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9 (spring turkey, spring javelina, spring buffalo, and spring bear) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for spring 2013. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at Department offices.

**DATE:** July 17, 2012

Summary:

The following text describes Department recommendations for Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9 (see attached proposed Commission Orders) for spring turkey, javelina, buffalo, and bear. An open house was held in each region where the public could review these hunt recommendations prior to the Commission meeting. The recommendations were also posted on the Department web site and press releases were provided to let the public know of their availability.

The Commission provided the Department with direction through the hunt guidelines approved in August 2011, as amended in December 2011. The accompanying proposed Commission Orders (attached) were formulated in accordance with that guidance and any deviation is noted in the species-specific summaries below.

**Commission Order 5 – Spring Turkey**

For spring turkey seasons in 2012, the Commission authorized 5,434 limited weapon shotgun shooting shot and over-the-counter juniors-only seasons in specified units. These draw hunts had 10,186 first choice applicants, 4,125 hunters that participated, and an average of 17% hunt success. These hunters spent 16,535 days hunting to harvest 686 turkeys. In spring 2012, preliminary data indicates 390 youth purchased turkey nonpermit tags and 294 went afield; 56 hunted in more than one unit. These youth harvested 14 turkeys in 1,205 days of hunting for a 5% hunt success. For archery over-the-counter spring turkey hunts in 2011, preliminary data indicates 1,342 archers purchased turkey nonpermit tags and 247 went afield; 29 of these hunters

hunted in more than 1 unit. These archers harvested 5 turkeys in 777 days of hunting. Total harvest for 2011 was 705 turkeys, a decrease of 287 turkeys over spring 2011.

For 2013, spring limited weapon shotgun shooting seasons are recommended as a decrease of 249 permits statewide. Units 1 and 27 experienced high hunt success, indicating healthy spring turkey populations, but permits are not recommended for an increase yet while allowing more time for recovery following the 2011 Wallow Fire. All spring seasons permits are recommended during stratified seasons occurring April 26–May 2 and May 10–23 or May 3–23, 2013.

Spring seasons are again recommended for Gould's turkeys in Units 29 and 30A, 31, 33, 34A, and 35A. The total number of permits recommended for Gould's turkeys is 34, a 6-permit increase from last year. Units 29 and 30A are recommended for increased permits.

The Department is recommending maintenance of the stratified seasons in Unit 13B (north of Wolfhole-Jacobs Well Road) for the Rio Grande subspecies with 1 permit in each hunt. Preliminary results indicate at least one hunter in that unit was successful this year.

Nonpermit limited weapon shotgun shooting seasons for juniors-only are recommended in Units 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 10, and 12A. These permits would be unlimited in number and could be purchased over the counter. Recommended permit hunts for juniors-only seasons remain identical to last year, with a total of 460 permits in Units 1 and 27, 3C, 6A, and 23. The season dates for the juniors-only season are recommended to be April 19–25 and May 10–23, 2012. There were no units in 2012 for which greater than 35% of the total spring turkey harvest was attributed to juniors.

Over-the-counter permits are recommended for archery spring turkey hunts in Units 1, 4A, 4B, 6A, 12A, 23, and 27. Archery seasons are recommended to occur May 10–23, 2013.

#### Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDER 5 – SPRING TURKEY, AS PRESENTED.**

#### **Commission Order 6 – Spring Javelina**

In 2012, the Department issued about 98% of the 11,571 general permits authorized by the Commission, 83% of the 9,391 archery permits, 88% of the 5,545 handgun, archery, and muzzleloader (HAM) permits, and 90% of the 1,050 juniors-only permits. Last year, 9,964 general season hunters harvested 2,363 javelina for a 24% hunt success, 4,276 HAM hunters took 847 javelina for a 20% hunt success, and 6,900 archery hunters harvested 2,197 javelina for a 32% hunt success. For youth, 804 juniors-only hunters took 325 javelina for a 40% hunt success.

Although there were fewer leftover permits in spring 2012 than in spring 2011, the Commission had directed the Department to explore options for marketing additional sales. The Department is recommending an increase in the bag limit for javelina in 2013 to 2; however, hunters may obtain only a single permit through the draw. Additional permits would have to be acquired through the first come, first served permit issuance. Finally, the recommended bag limit would allow for only 1 javelina to be taken with a permit for a given hunt number; subsequent permits would only be issued for a separate hunt number. Although this recommendation is not identified within the hunt guidelines last amended in December 2011, this idea has been suggested by several individuals in the hunting public.

The Commission directed the Department to equitably distribute permits according to statewide demand. Based on the 5-year average of application demand, the Department targeted about 44% general, 31% archery, 21% HAM, and 4% junior (for the spring). Actual permits (percentages) recommended for spring 2013 include 11,705 (44.2%) general, 9,400 (35.5%) archery, and 5,375 (20.3%) HAM. This is a 150-permit increase for general, and 170-permit decrease for HAM, and a 25-permit increase archery. The Department also recommends 1,060 juniors-only javelina permits (10-permit increase from last spring), which comprises 3.9% of the total permits recommended. When considering the 850 fall juniors-only permits plus the 575 javelina companion tags to deer hunts authorized by the Commission for fall 2012, this brings the total allocation of juniors-only permits to 8.6% of the total permits recommended. This allocation is less than the 10% directed by the Commission, but exceeds the number of permits sold to juniors-only hunters in the last few years.

Archery seasons are recommended to occur during January 1–24, 2013, juniors-only seasons during January 25–February 3, 2013, HAM seasons during February 8–17, 2013, and general seasons during February 22–28, 2013. Over-the-counter permits are recommended for archery hunts in Units 1–5, 7, 9, 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M. Season dates for these units correspond with other archery season dates, specifically January 1–24, 2013. A yearlong general season with over the counter permits is also recommended for September 1–December 31, 2012 and extending from January 1–December 31, 2013 in the Mohawk Valley Hunt Area in Unit 41.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDER 6 – SPRING JAVELINA, AS PRESENTED.**

### **Commission Order 8 – Spring Buffalo**

During spring 2011, 14 spring permits were authorized for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd in Units 12A and 12B. All hunters participated and 9 adult bulls and 1 adult cow were harvested. The Department recommends 14 any buffalo permits again for spring 2013, with season dates that will run from January 1–June 14, 2013.

For 2012, 6 spring permits were authorized for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd in Units 5A and 5B. The Department recommends 4 permits for spring 2013: 2 yearling-only permits during February 8–10 and 2 yearling-only permits during March 8–10, 2013.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDER 8 – SPRING BUFFALO, AS PRESENTED.**

### **Commission Order 9 – Spring Bear**

Spring bear harvest is relatively low in Arizona with an average 17 bears harvested annually over the last 5 years. In 2012, 6 female and 8 male bears have been taken to date. Four bears were harvested during the March 23–May 3 season in which most hunts where nonpermit tags offered over-the-counter. Ten bears were harvested during the permitted archery season that runs from May 4–July 31, 2012. Units 23N, 24A, and 35A/35B closed because the female harvest limit was met. For spring 2012, 735 nonpermit bear tags have been issued and another 885 nonpermit bear tags have been issued in conjunction with the sale of super conservation licenses. There were 369 applicants for the 285 spring bear permit tags offered in 2012.

The Department recommends no changes to seasons or season structure, female harvest limits, or permits for spring 2012. General bear hunts (Units 10, 18A, and 19B, 17A, 17B, 18B, 20A, and 20B, 19A, 22, 23N, 24A, 27, 29 and 30A, 31, 32, 34A, and 35A and 35B [except Fort Huachuca]) and archery (Units 3B and 3C, and 33) are recommended to offer over-the-counter permits during the March 23–May 3 season. On average, less than 5 bears have been harvested annually during this time period, with few being female. Generally three times more male than female bears are taken. Each hunt will have a female harvest limit, and any female bears taken during this time will apply to the annual female harvest limit that if met would close subsequent hunts.

One permitted general bear hunt is recommended in Unit 6B (except Camp Navajo) with 5 permits and a female harvest limit of 1. Permitted archery-only bears hunts are recommended in Units 3B and 3C, 4B, 22, 23N, 33, 34A, 35A and 35B (except For Huachuca), and Fort Huachuca; total permits are recommended at 280. Over the last 5 years, about one third of the bears harvested during this later season are females.

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Female harvest limits total 17 for general hunts and 14 for archery hunts (Fort Huachuca harvest limits are a subset of Unit 35A). This is no change from 2012. Annual female harvest limits are also recommended for no change.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDER 9 – SPRING BEAR, AS PRESENTED.**

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Attachment

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 5: Turkey

### Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		1	Bearded turkey	200	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		1	Bearded turkey	200	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		3B	Bearded turkey	125	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		3B	Bearded turkey	100	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		3C	Bearded turkey	175	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		3C	Bearded turkey	175	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		4A and 4B	Bearded turkey	150	-25
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		4A and 4B	Bearded turkey	150	-25
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		5A	Bearded turkey	100	-50
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		5A	Bearded turkey	150	-50
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		5B	Bearded turkey	100	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		5B	Bearded turkey	100	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		6A	Bearded turkey	250	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		6A	Bearded turkey	250	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(1)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Bearded turkey	60	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(1)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Bearded turkey	70	-20
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		7	Bearded turkey	100	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		7	Bearded turkey	100	-25
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		8 and 10	Bearded turkey	200	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		8 and 10	Bearded turkey	100	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		9	Bearded turkey	50	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		9	Bearded turkey	40	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		12A	Bearded turkey	275	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		12A	Bearded turkey	275	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(2)	13A	Bearded turkey	25	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(2)	13A	Bearded turkey	15	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(2)	13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Bearded turkey	20	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(2)	13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Bearded turkey	15	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		17A, 17B, and 18B	Bearded turkey	10	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		17A, 17B, and 18B	Bearded turkey	10	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		20A	Bearded turkey	10	0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		20A	Bearded turkey	10	0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10, 2013 - May 24, 2012		22	Bearded turkey	100	-30
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		22	Bearded turkey	100	-30

### Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		23	Bearded turkey	225 0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		23	Bearded turkey	225 0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		24A	Bearded turkey	2 0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		24A	Bearded turkey	2 0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		27	Bearded turkey	200 0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013		27	Bearded turkey	200 0
	Apr 26 - May 23, 2013	(1)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Bearded turkey	
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(3)	29 and 30A (north of AZ Hwy 80)	Bearded turkey	5 3
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(3)	29 and 30A (north of AZ Hwy 80)	Bearded turkey	5 3
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(3)	31	Bearded turkey	3 0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(3)	31	Bearded turkey	3 0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(3,5)	33	Bearded turkey	3 0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(3,5)	33	Bearded turkey	3 0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(3)	34A	Bearded turkey	1 0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(3)	34A	Bearded turkey	1 0
	Apr 26 - May 2, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(3)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Bearded turkey	5 0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(3)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Bearded turkey	5 0
	Apr 26 - May 23, 2013	(3,4)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Bearded turkey	
	Apr 26 - May 2, 2013	(6)	13B (north of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Bearded turkey	1 0
	May 3 - May 23, 2013	(6)	13B (north of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Bearded turkey	1 0
			Total		4700 -249

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Juniors-Only Limited Weapon Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Apr 19 - Apr 25, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		1 and 27	Bearded turkey	100 0
	Apr 19 - Apr 25, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		3C	Bearded turkey	125 0
	Apr 19 - Apr 25, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		6A	Bearded turkey	110 0
	Apr 19 - Apr 25, and May 10 - May 23, 2013		23	Bearded turkey	125 0
			Total		460 0

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

### ***Juniors-Only Nonpermit Tag Required (Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot) Turkey***

**Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Apr 19 - Apr 25, and May 10 - May 23, 2013	(1)	4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 10, and 12A	Bearded turkey

**LAWFUL TAKING METHODS:** Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

**LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:** Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Turkey nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

**ELIGIBLE HUNTERS:** Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

### ***Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Spring Turkey***

**Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
May 10 - May 23, 2013		1, 4A, 4B, 6A, 12A, 23, and 27	Bearded turkey

#### **Notes:**

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to turkey hunting only to properly licensed hunters who meet the qualifications as "Authorized Participants" according to the installation hunting policies outlined on the Camp Navajo website. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Hunters must agree to the Camp Navajo hunting policies during the required registration at [http://www.campnavajo.com/index.php?which\\_page=recreation](http://www.campnavajo.com/index.php?which_page=recreation). After registering, hunters will gain access to the hunt numbers required when submitting the application. All hunters are required to show proof of attendance to a hunter safety education course during paperwork submission for the Camp Navajo permit. Increases in Force Protection Conditions, training missions and industrial operations may result in partial or complete hunt cancellation at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
2. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
3. Turkeys in Units 29, 30A (north of AZ Hwy 80), 31, 33, 34A, and 35A are Gould's turkeys.
4. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to turkey hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: IMWE-HUA-PWB (Hunting), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7010, [www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html](http://www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html), (520) 533-7083, (520) 533-8763, (520) 533-1867 or [dis-enrd@conus.army.mil](mailto:dis-enrd@conus.army.mil).
5. The following county parks and county preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Unit 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, and Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33. Hunting in County Parks is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
6. Turkeys in Unit 13B (north of Wolfhole-Jacob Well Road) are Rio Grande turkeys.

**TURKEY BAG LIMIT:** One (1) turkey per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 6: Javelina

### General Spring Javelina

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), and 8	Any javelina	150	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	10 and 18A	Any javelina	250	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	16A	Any javelina	350	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	17A and 17B	Any javelina	500	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	18B	Any javelina	450	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013		19A	Any javelina	350	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	19B	Any javelina	250	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	20A	Any javelina	350	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	20B	Any javelina	625	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	20C	Any javelina	275	25
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(3,18)	21	Any javelina	550	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	22	Any javelina	550	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	23	Any javelina	325	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	24A	Any javelina	200	-25
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	24B	Any javelina	225	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	27	Any javelina	125	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	28	Any javelina	200	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	29	Any javelina	100	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	30A	Any javelina	350	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	30B	Any javelina	175	50
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(8,18)	31	Any javelina	225	50
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(8,13,18)	32	Any javelina	450	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(13,18)	33	Any javelina	650	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	34A	Any javelina	550	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(13,18)	34B	Any javelina	100	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(1,18)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina	75	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	35B	Any javelina	100	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(2,13,18)	36A	Any javelina	475	50
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(2,13,14,18)	36B	Any javelina	475	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(2,13,18)	36C	Any javelina	275	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(3,12,13,15,18,19 )	37A	Any javelina	880	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(7,18)	37B	Any javelina	1000	0
	Feb 22 - Feb 28, 2013	(18)	42 and 44A (except National Wildlife Refuges)	Any javelina	100	0
	Feb 15 - Feb 21, 2013	(1,18)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any javelina		
				Total	11705	150

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### General Nonpermit Tag Required Javelina

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Sep 1, 2012 - Dec 31, 2013	(20)	Mohawk Valley Hunt Area in 41	Any javelina	0	0

### General Nonpermit Tag Required Javelina

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
				Total	0 0

### Juniors-Only Spring Javelina

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), and 8	Any javelina	75 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	10, 17A, 17B, 18A, 19A, 19B, and 20A	Any javelina	100 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	16A (except National Wildlife Refuges)	Any javelina	50 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	18B	Any javelina	100 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	20B and 21	Any javelina	125 10
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	20C	Any javelina	100 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	22 and 23	Any javelina	75 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	24A and 24B	Any javelina	50 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	27	Any javelina	25 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(2,8,13,18)	28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, and 32	Any javelina	100 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(7,12,13,15,18,19)	33, 37A, and 37B	Any javelina	150 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(13,18)	34A and 34B	Any javelina	40 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(18)	35A (except Fort Huachuca) and 35B	Any javelina	20 0
	Jan 25 - Feb 3, 2013	(2,13,14,18)	36A, 36B, and 36C	Any javelina	50 0
				Total	1060 10

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

### HAM Spring Javelina

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), and 8	Any javelina	50 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	10 and 18A	Any javelina	100 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	16A (except National Wildlife Refuges)	Any javelina	100 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	17A and 17B	Any javelina	100 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	18B	Any javelina	250 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013		19A	Any javelina	100 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	19B	Any javelina	100 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	20A	Any javelina	150 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	20B	Any javelina	325 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	20C	Any javelina	325 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(3,18)	21	Any javelina	225 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	22	Any javelina	350 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	23	Any javelina	200 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	24A	Any javelina	125 -20
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	24B	Any javelina	100 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	27	Any javelina	50 0

**HAM Spring Javelina**

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	28	Any javelina	85 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	29	Any javelina	40 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	30A	Any javelina	100 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(2,18)	30B	Any javelina	75 -50
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	31	Any javelina	80 -50
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(8,13,18)	32	Any javelina	250 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(13,18)	33	Any javelina	380 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	34A	Any javelina	285 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(13,18)	34B	Any javelina	30 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(1,18)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina	80 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(18)	35B	Any javelina	80 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(2,13,18)	36A	Any javelina	115 -50
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(2,13,14,18)	36B	Any javelina	150 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(2,13,18)	36C	Any javelina	115 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(3,12,13,15,18,19 )	37A	Any javelina	360 0
	Feb 8 - Feb 17, 2013	(7,18)	37B	Any javelina	500 0
				Total	5375 -170

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

**Archery-Only Spring Javelina**

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013		6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), and 8	Any javelina	500 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(3,6,16)	10, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A, 18A, 39, 40A, 40B, 41, 42, 43A, 43B, 44A, and 44B (except National Wildlife Refuges)	Any javelina	1000 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013		17A, 17B, 18B, 19A, 19B, and 20A	Any javelina	1500 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(17)	20B	Any javelina	475 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013		20C	Any javelina	300 25
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(3)	21	Any javelina	400 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013		22	Any javelina	450 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013		23	Any javelina	200 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013		24A	Any javelina	125 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013		24B	Any javelina	175 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013		27	Any javelina	75 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(2,8,13)	28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, and 32	Any javelina	1200 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(7,13)	33 and 37B	Any javelina	1200 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(3,12,13,15)	34A and 37A	Any javelina	700 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(1,13)	34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), and 35B	Any javelina	300 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(2,13,14)	36A, 36B, and 36C	Any javelina	800 0
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2013	(1)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any javelina	
				Total	9400 25

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Spring Javelina

**Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jan 1 - Jan 24, 2013	(3,4,5,9,10,11,12, 15,17)	1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 7, 9, 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any javelina

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

#### Notes:

- The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to javelina hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: IMWE-HUA-PWB (Hunting), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7010, [www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html](http://www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html), (520) 533-7083, (520) 533-8763, (520) 533-1867 or [disenrd@conus.army.mil](mailto:disenrd@conus.army.mil).
- The Buenos Aires Refuge is open to javelina hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 3 East.
- A portion of Unit 47M is closed to hunting. Hunting is not permitted in the following area of Unit 47M: an unincorporated portion of land west of Loop 202 (San Tan Freeway) known as the Elliot and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
- Entry into portions of units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) for hunting access. A) Weapons impact areas on the Air Force side of the BMGR, to include the East Tactical Range (including the Paradise Well area), are closed to entry at all times. All persons desiring to hunt outside weapons impact areas but within the boundaries of the BMGR located in Units 40A and 40B or to cross the BMGR to access Units 46A and 46B are required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement and obtain a Special Use Range Permit. More information about the Special Use Range Permit may be obtained by calling the 56th Fighter Wing Range Management Office Public Affairs person at (623) 856-8516 or (623) 856-8520. B) Access to the Air Force's one public recreation area (Area B) or the Marine Corps side of the BMGR does not require a Special Use Range Permit but still requires a Recreational Permit that can be obtained by calling: the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma at (928) 269-7150; the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office at (623) 580-5500; the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge at (520) 387-6483; the Public Lands Information Center at (602) 417-9300; or the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field at (928) 683-6200.
- The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at (602) 267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov) (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
- Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4400 or [www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm).
- Tucson Mountain Park in Unit 38M is open to hunting for archery-only. Archery javelina hunters planning to hunt in the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area in Unit 38M must check in with the Arizona Game and Fish Department Tucson Regional Office prior to going afield. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
- Hunting is not permitted in Units 25M, 26M, and 47M in the following described area: beginning at the junction of I-17 and Loop 303; west and south on Loop 303 to Bell Road; west on Bell Road to the Beardsley canal; south on the Beardsley canal to Indian School Road; west on Indian School Road to South Jackrabbit Trail; south on South Jackrabbit Trail to Tuthill Road; south on Tuthill Road to the Gila River; east along the Gila River to 115th Avenue/Salt River junction; east along the Salt River to 51st Avenue; south on 51st Avenue to Pecos Road; east on Pecos Road to the I-10/Loop 202 junction; east, north, and then west on the Loop 202 to Gilbert Road; north on Gilbert Road to AZ Highway 87; east on AZ Highway 87 to Fort McDowell Road; north on Fort McDowell Road to Rio Verde Drive; west on Rio Verde Drive to Dynamite Road; west on Dynamite Road to Pima Road; north on Pima Road to Cave Creek Road; west and south on Cave Creek Road to Deer Valley Road; west on Deer Valley Road to 7th Street; north on 7th Street to Happy Valley Road; west on Happy Valley Road to I-17; north on I-17 to the Loop 303. Base and Meridian Wildlife Area falls within the boundary described above but is open to hunting. County islands within this boundary are also open to hunting provided the hunter does not discharge a firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied farmhouse, residence, cabin, lodge, or building without permission of the owner or resident. Privately held lands within county islands may be closed by the landowner.

11. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area in the City of Maricopa: that portion of the city east of Green Road, south of Smith Enke Road, and east of the Cobblestone subdivision and that portion of the city north of Farrell Road and west of White and Parker Road.
12. Hunting is not permitted in Units 25M and 37A in the following described area in the Town of Eloy: beginning with the intersection of Cornman Road and LaPalma Road; south on LaPalma Road to Milligan Road; west on Milligan Road to Overfield Road; north on Overfield Road to Cornman Road; east on Cornman Road to LaPalma Road.
13. The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33, Emperita Ranch in Unit 34B, Bar V Ranch in Unit 34B, Sands Ranch in Unit 34B, Clyne Ranch in Unit 34B, Diamond Bell Ranch in Unit 36A, Marley Ranch in Units 36A and 36B, Rancho Seco in Units 36A and 36B, Kings 98 Ranch in Unit 36C, Old Hayhook Ranch in Unit 36C, Verdugo in Unit 36C, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochise Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
14. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 36B in the following described area: in the posted portion of Sopori Ranch south of Arivaca Road in Sections 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 11 East. The remainder of Sopori Ranch is open to hunting.
15. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 37A in the following described area in the Town of Marana: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
16. Hunting is not permitted in Units 43A and 44B in the following described area in the Town of Quartzsite: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 West.
17. The following parks and preserves in Maricopa County are open to hunting for archery-only: Lake Pleasant, White Tank Mountains, McDowell Mountain, and Estrella Mountain Regional parks and McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Hunting in parks and preserves opened by this Commission Order is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
18. Areas of private property within the municipal boundaries are closed to javelina hunting during the general, juniors-only, HAM, and muzzleloader seasons. These areas will be open statewide during the archery only season structure.
19. The area in Unit 37A in the Town of Marana is subject to temporary closures in February for special events. All state lands located south of Cochie Canyon Trail in Township 11 South, Range 12 East.
20. Mohawk Valley Hunt Area in Unit 41 -That portion of Unit 41 west of Avenue 57 East and south of the Yuma Proving Grounds. The number of javelina in this hunt area are very low; hunt success is expected to be low. Hunt access may be restricted on private property; ensure you obtain permission to hunt on private land. More information on this hunt is available on the Department's website at [www.azgfd.gov/otc](http://www.azgfd.gov/otc).

JAVELINA BAG LIMIT: Two (2) javelina per calendar year with no more than one (1) per Hunt Number except as prescribed in R12-4-120. No more than one (1) permit-tag may be issued during the initial limited draw.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 8: Buffalo

### General Spring Buffalo

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Feb 8 - Feb 10, 2013	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Yearling buffalo only	2 0
	Mar 8 - Mar 10, 2013	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Yearling buffalo only	2 0
	Jan 11 - Jan 13, 2013	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	0 -2
	Jan 1 - Jun 14, 2013	(2,3)	12A, 12B, and 13A (House Rock Wildlife Area Herd)	Any buffalo	14 0
Total					18 -2

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Buffalo hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Notes:

1. A hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd shall be accompanied by an authorized Department employee who shall designate the animal to be harvested and shall hunt in the order scheduled by the Department in accordance with R12-4-306. Hunters that desire a more challenging hunt should apply for the House Rock Wildlife Area hunts.
2. An unsuccessful hunter, or hunter who did not hunt, with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful buffalo hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within five business days after taking the buffalo either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the buffalo taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information (R12-4-306).
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BUFFALO BAG LIMIT: One (1) buffalo in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

HOUSE ROCK BUFFALO HUNT SPECIAL NOTE: During the fall and spring hunts at the House Rock Wildlife Area (HRWA), a significant portion of the herd has in the past moved to the Grand Canyon National Park where hunting is not allowed. Hunters are advised that if this occurs, their ability to successfully harvest a buffalo may be significantly impacted. As with any hunt, circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Game and Fish Department may prevent the permit holder from being successful. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission disclaims any responsibility to reissue or replace a permit, to reinstate bonus points, to refund any fees, or to provide any other form of relief.

The HRWA buffalo hunt is considered to be one of the most difficult hunts in the state. Buffalo can be difficult to locate. Plan on spending the entire season hunting, as an abbreviated hunt will lower your chances of success. Buffalo hunters must dress and care for their own animals; the Department will not assist. Take time to improve your physical condition. Hunters are often required to walk considerable distances (up to 8 miles) every day over rugged terrain. House Rock hunters should be prepared for remote and primitive conditions.

High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Some portions of HRWA are included in the U.S. Forest Service wilderness system that does not preclude hunter access but does limit their means of transportation and equipment usage. For more information, call the Flagstaff Regional Office at 928-774-5045.

BUFFALO SPECIALREGULATIONS: Buffalo meat taken under this Order may be sold as prescribed in R12-4-305. SEE BUFFALO HUNT REGULATIONS UNDER R12-4-306.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 9: Bear

### General Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	Fem Harv Limit
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any bear except sows with cubs	5	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,4,7)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any bear except sows with cubs		1
Total					5	

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Bear hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### General Nonpermit Tag Required Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	10, 18A, and 19B	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	17A, 17B, 18B, 20A, and 20B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	22	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,6,7,9)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	29 and 30A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,5,7,9)	31	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	1,2,3,5,7,8,9	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,9)	34A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,4,7,9)	35A and 35B (except Fort Huachuca)	Any bear except sows with cubs	2

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

### Archery-Only Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	Fem Harv Limit
	May 3 - Jul 31, 2013	(1,2,3,7)	3B and 3C	Any bear except sows with cubs	100	1
	May 3 - Jul 31, 2013	(1,2,3,7)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	10	2
	May 3 - Jul 31, 2013	(1,2,3,7)	22	Any bear except sows with cubs	50	1
	May 3 - Jul 31, 2013	(1,2,3,6,7)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	50	1
	May 3 - Jul 31, 2013	(1,2,3,7,8)	33	Any bear except sows with cubs	10	2
	May 3 - Jul 31, 2013	(1,2,3,7)	34A	Any bear except sows with cubs	20	2
	May 3 - Jul 31, 2013	(1,2,3,4,7)	35A and 35B (except Fort Huachuca)	Any bear except sows with cubs	40	3
	May 3 - Jul 31, 2013	(1,2,3,4,7)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any bear except sows with cubs		1

**Archery-Only Spring Bear**

**Open Areas do not include** areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
					280

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Spring Bear hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

**Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Spring Bear**

**Open Areas do not include** areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7)	3B and 3C	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	(1,2,3,7,8)	33	Any bear except sows with cubs	1

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

**Notes:**

1. No person shall knowingly use any substance as bait at any time to attract or take bear (R12-4-304).
2. The use of dogs is prohibited during Bear hunts from January 1 to July 31 (R12-4-318).
3. When the number of female bears equaling the female harvest limit for a particular hunt has been reported killed, by either hunters or the Department, the unit(s) will be closed at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open. The female harvest limit is combined for Unit 35A/35B and Fort Huachuca hunts, and both hunts will close when the female harvest limit is reached for Unit 35A/35B.
4. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to bear hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Fort Huachuca contact information: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: IMWE-HUA-PWB (Hunting), Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7010, [www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html](http://www.huachuca.army.mil/usag/dpw/hunting.html), (520) 533-7083, (520) 533-8763, (520) 533-1867 or [disenrd@conus.army.mil](mailto:disenrd@conus.army.mil).
5. Unit 31 and 32 hunts -- Access to Aravaipa Canyon Wildlife Area (as prescribed in R12-4-802) is allowed by permit only, available through the Safford Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact the Safford Field Office at (928) 348-4400 or [www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.htm).
6. 23 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located north of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
7. Annual Female Harvest Limit – If the Annual Female Harvest Limit for a given unit is met during a calendar year, that unit or portion thereof will close to bear hunting for the current and future bear seasons during that calendar year. The Annual Female Harvest Limit is comprised of any female bear killed by a hunter or the Department. Refer to the table below for the Annual Female Harvest Limit by unit.
8. The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, and Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33. Hunting in County Parks is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
9. Areas of private property within the municipal boundaries are closed to hunting during the general, juniors-only, HAM, and muzzleloader seasons. These areas will be open statewide during the archery only season structure.

BEAR SPECIAL REGULATIONS: As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) within 48 hours of taking a bear. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the bear taken, management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a bear, the hunter shall present the bear's skull, hide, and attached proof of sex to a designated Arizona Game and Fish Department employee for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

BEAR BAG LIMIT: One (1) bear per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

2013 ANNUAL FEMALE BEAR HARVEST LIMIT (refer to Note 10)					
Unit	Limit	Unit	Limit	Unit	Limit
3B	10	22N	10	31	9
3C	4	22S	4	32	6
4B	6	23N	15	33	4
6B	6	23S	12	34A	5
10, 18A, 19B	3	24A	8	35A, 35B, FTHU	7
17A, 17B, 18B, 20A, 20B	8	27	25		
19A	6	29, 30A	10		

**2013 SPRING SEASONS, SEASON DATES, AND PERMIT NUMBERS PROPOSED ON MILITARY LANDS**

<u>Open Area</u>	<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Legal Wildlife</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>	<u>Permits</u>
<b><u>SPRING TURKEY</u></b>				
Fort Huachuca	Limited Weapon – Shotgun Shooting Shot	Bearded turkey	Apr 26 - May 23, 2013	3 military Post permit req.
Camp Navajo	Limited Weapon – Shotgun Shooting Shot	Bearded turkey	Apr 26 - May 23, 2013	10 military, 6 civilian National Guard permit req.
<b><u>JAVELINA</u></b>				
Fort Huachuca	Archery	Any javelina	Jan 1-31, 2013	14 military Post permit req.
Fort Huachuca	General	Any javelina	Feb 15 - 21, 2013	14 military Post permit req.
<b><u>SPRING BEAR</u></b>				
Fort Huachuca	General	Any bear except sows with cubs	Mar 22 - May 2, 2013	2 military Post permit req. FHL - 1
Fort Huachuca	Archery	Any bear except sows with cubs	May 3 - July 31, 2013	2 military Post permit req. FHL - 1