

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 10: Mountain Lion

### General Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area 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	Harvest Obj
Sep 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008	10,11,12,13,	Statewide (except National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M, and any hunt listed below in Commission Order 10 with a harvest objective)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,12)	6A South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	15
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,6,7)	13B South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	15B (west of Temple Bar Rd), 15C, and 15D	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,15)	16A South and 18B South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	15
Sep 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008	(2,4,13)	16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B (except for National Wildlife Refuges)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	1
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	22 (south of AZ Hwy 87 and FR 143, and west of AZ Hwy 188)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	12
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,10)	Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	5
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,11)	Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,6,13)	40A	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	4
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	42 (south of the Buckeye-Aguila Rd and west of 355th Ave)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	2

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Harvest Obj
			Total	84

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 Mountain Lion nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

## Archery-Only Mountain Lion

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Harvest Obj
Sep 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008	(5,8,9)	11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	
			Total	

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 Mountain Lion nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

### Notes:

1. Camp Navajo is open to mountain lion hunting. For information on access and special regulations on Camp Navajo, go to [www.campnavajo.com](http://www.campnavajo.com) and select Hunting.
2. When the number of mountain lions equaling the harvest objective has been reported, Units 16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B will close at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open.
3. When the number of mountain lions equaling the harvest objective for a particular hunt has been reported, that hunt will revert to the statewide bag limit of one (1) lion per calendar year at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to determine if the harvest objective for their desired hunt unit is still in effect.
4. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to mountain lion hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148, or [www.yuma.army.mil/hunting\\_program.htm](http://www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm).
5. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
6. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
7. 13B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 13B south of the following line: beginning at the junction of the Arizona/Nevada state line and county road 101. Northeast along county road 101 to county road 5. Southerly on county road 5 to county road 257. Southerly on county road 257 to BLM road 1045. Southerly on BLM road 1045 to the bottom of Whitmore Canyon. South in Whitmore Canyon to the Colorado River.
8. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the city of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
9. 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 4 East.
10. Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR trail 76 at Hannagan Meadow; east-northeast on FR trail 76 to FR trail 75; east on FR trail 75 through Grant Creek drainage to FR 281 (the Blue Road); north on FR road 281 to FR trail 52; east-southeast on FR trail 52, in Lanphier Canyon, to FR trail 55; south-southwest on FR trail 55 through Bear Valley to Blue River; north-northwest in Blue River to FR trail 20; west on FR trail 20 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to FR Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow.

11. Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR trail 20; east on FR trail 20 to Blue River; south in Blue river to FR trail 55; east-northeast on FR trail 55 to FR trail 41; east-southeast on FR trail 41 to the Arizona-New Mexico stateline; south on the Arizona-New Mexico stateline to the San Francisco River; west in the San Francisco River to Blue River; north in Blue River to FR 475 (the Juan Miller road); west on FR 475 to U.S. Hwy 191; north U.S. Hwy 191 to FR trail 20.
12. 6A South Hunt Unit - That portion of 6A east of I-17 and south of FR 213 (Stoneman Lake Road).
13. Entry into portions of units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.
14. 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 (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
15. Unit 16A South and 18B South Hunt Unit -- Those portions of Units 16A and 18B beginning in Wikieup at Chicken Springs Road and U.S. Hwy 93; north on U.S. Hwy 93 for 2.2 miles to Pump Station Road; east on Pump Station Road for 0.9 miles to Back Road; north on Back road for 1.8 miles to Boner Canyon road (unmarked); northeast on Boner Canyon Road to Bogles Ranch Road near SV Ranch headquarters (stay right at each road fork); south on Bogles Ranch Road for 3.5 miles to Black Canyon drainage; northeast in Black Canyon drainage to Francis Creek; southeast on Francis Creek to Burro Creek; northeast on Burro Creek to Conger Creek; southeast on Conger Creek to Conger Springhead; south on access road to Bozarth Mesa Road; east on Bozarth Mesa Road to Camp Wood (Yolo) Road, the Unit 17B-18B boundary; southwest on Camp Wood Road to AZ Hwy 96 in Bagdad; southeast on AZ Hwy 96 to the Santa Maria River; southwest along Santa Maria River to Alamo Lake; westerly along the north shore of Alamo Lake to Alamo Road; northwest on Alamo Road to Chicken Springs Road; southeast on Chicken Springs Road to U.S. Hwy 93.

**MOUNTAIN LION BAG LIMIT:** One (1) mountain lion per calendar year statewide. Units 16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B will close to the take of mountain lions following the reported harvest of a mountain lion. In units with a harvest objective greater than one (1), hunters may take one (1) mountain lion per day until the harvest objective is reached. Once the harvest objective has been reached in units with a harvest objective greater than one (1), the season will remain open and revert to calendar year bag limit of one (1) mountain lion. Mountain lions taken under the one (1) per day bag limit do not apply towards the calendar year bag limit until the harvest objective is reached.

**MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL REGULATION:** As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-877-438-0447 within 48 hours of taking a lion. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the lion taken, management unit where the lion was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a lion, the hunter shall present the lions skull, hide, and attached proof of sex 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.

**MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL NOTE:** Hunters may encounter mountain lions wearing radio collars around Flagstaff, Prescott, Payson, and Tucson. The lions instrumented with these collars are part of several ongoing research projects. The collars are used to track lion movements as researchers try to learn how the lions use various habitat types and urban interface areas. The longevity of these lions is important to the ongoing research, and data collected will help to improve Arizona's management of lions in the future. If you would like more information about any of these research efforts please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department Research Branch at (602) 789-3247. Also, if one of these animals is harvested, the hunter is asked to return the collar, as well as any other marking device, such as an ear tag, to a Department office or officer when doing the required physical check-in of the carcass parts.