

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 7: Bighorn Sheep

### General Bighorn Sheep

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,12)	9 and 10	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,8,9,13)	12A and 12B West	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,8,10)	12B East	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,12,13)	13A	Any ram	5	2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,8,13)	13B (north of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any ram	5	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,8,12)	13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,12)	15A and 15B (east of Temple Bar Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	15B (west of Temple Bar Road)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	15C (north of Cottonwood Road)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	15C (south of Cottonwood Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	15D	Any ram	5	-2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	16B	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	22	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	24B North (north and west of AZ Hwy 88)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	24B South (south and east of AZ Hwy 88)	Any ram	1	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	31 and 32	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	37A	Any ram	2	1
No Hunt	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	39 (east of AZ Hwy 85)	Any ram	0	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	39 (west of AZ Hwy 85)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,3,8)	40A (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,3,13)	40B Gila Mtns (north of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,3,13)	40B Mohawk and Copper Mtns (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,3)	40B Tinajas Altas Mtns (south of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	41E (east of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd [Clanton Hills Rd])	Any ram	2	-2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,4,13)	41W (west of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd [Clanton Hills Rd] and south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,4)	43A (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,4,13)	43B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	5	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	44A East (Harquahala Mtns, Little Harquahala Mtns, Harcuvar Mtns, and Granite Wash Mtns)	Any ram	1	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	44A West (west of Swansea Rd. and south of Bill Williams River Rd.)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	44B (north of I-10)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	44B (south of I-10 and that portion of 45A and 45B north of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	45A (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	5	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	45B (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	1	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	45C (Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	4	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,3,5,13)	46A (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,3,5,13)	46B (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	6	0
	Nov 1 - Nov 30, 2007	(1,6)	Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27	Any ram	1	0

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	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	23 and 24A	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,11)	Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 15, 2007	(1,13)	27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191/666) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 16 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191/666) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,7,13)	Foote Creek Hunt Area in Unit 27 North	Any ram	5	0
Total					96	3

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

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) Bighorn Sheep 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:

- All bighorn sheep hunters must personally check out within 3 days following the close of the season in accordance with R12-4-308. Unsuccessful hunters and those who did not hunt must also check out either in person or by telephone.
- The Bill Williams River, Cabeza Prieta, Havasu, Imperial and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to bighorn sheep hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
- 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.
- The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to bighorn sheep 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 and coordination with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must check in with the YPG Hunting Program by calling the toll-free number prior to conducting any hunting activities on the range. 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).
- Due to travel restrictions in the Wilderness Area, those persons interested in hunting bighorn sheep on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge should contact the Refuge Manager (520) 387-6483 for information regarding special refuge regulations prior to applying.
- Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27 - That portion of Units 1 and 27 beginning at the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary and FR 82; east on FR 82 to FR 25; east on FR 25 to FR 24 (Buffalo Crossing); north on FR 24 to FR 249E; east on FR 249E to FR 249; east on FR 249 to FR 403; east on FR 403 to FR 276; south on FR 276 to FR 37; south on FR 37 to FR 405; south on FR 405 to FR 24; south on FR 24 to FR 25; northwest on FR 25 to FR 25D; west on FR 25D to the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary; north along the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary to FR 82.
- Foote Creek Hunt Area in Unit 27 North - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 180 and the New Mexico state line; south along the New Mexico state line to FR 232; west on FR 232 to FR 281; south on FR 281 to FR Trail 75; west on FR Trail 75 to FR Trail 76; west on FR Trail 76 to U.S. Hwy 191/666; north on U.S. Hwy 191/666 to U.S. Hwy 180; east on U.S. Hwy 180 to the New Mexico state line.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM road 1065 and north of U.S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S.Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.
- 12B East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying east of BLM road 1065 and south of the segment of U.S. Hwy 89A between the Kaibab National Forest Boundary easterly to Navajo Bridge.
- Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR Trailhead 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.
- This unit has a low density bighorn sheep population in a remote area with difficult access. Hunters should be prepared for backcountry camping and extensive strenuous hiking in an extremely remote, harsh hunting environment.
- Non-residents: Permits are available within these hunt numbers for which you may be drawn in accordance with R12-4-114(E).

BIGHORN BAG LIMIT: One (1) desert bighorn sheep in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120. One (1) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

DEFINITION: RAM - means any male bighorn sheep, excluding male lambs.