

CR 17-06 2018 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of the wildlife resource. NRS 502.250 authorizes the Wildlife Commission to designate the number of Wildlife Heritage tags to allocate each year.

Hunting Hours: Big game mammals: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables. Wild Turkey: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables.

Limit: One animal per tag.

Legal Weapon: Big game species: Any legal weapon may be used throughout the season. Wild Turkey: Any legal weapon per NAC 503.187 or shotgun or longbow and arrow may be used throughout the season.

Species	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota	Organization
Mule Deer	Any Mule Deer	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	To be determined at June Commission mtg
					To be determined at June Commission mtg
Pronghorn Antelope	Any Pronghorn Antelope	Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	To be determined at June Commission mtg
					To be determined at June Commission mtg
Rocky Mountain Elk	Elk with at least one antler	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk except for Unit 091 which is closed.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	To be determined at June Commission mtg
					To be determined at June Commission mtg
Nelson Bighorn Sheep #1	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except the hunt unit where Desert Heritage Tag No. 1 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota in the prior year for that unit is less than ten (10).	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 except for units 252, 280, 281, 282 which will be the season dates as established by the Commission for Hunt 3151	1	To be determined at June Commission mtg
Nelson Bighorn Sheep #2	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except the hunt unit where Desert Heritage Tag No. 2 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for the prior year for that unit is less than ten (10).	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 except for units 252, 280, 281, 282 which will be the season dates as established by the Commission for Hunt 3151	1	To be determined at June Commission mtg
California Bighorn Sheep	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for California bighorn sheep except for the hunt unit where California Heritage Tag was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for that unit is less than seven (7) and unit 041.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	1	To be determined at June Commission mtg
Wild Turkey	Any Wild Turkey	Any management unit where there is an open season for Wild Turkey	March 24, 2018 – May 6, 2018	5	To be determined at June Commission mtg
Total				14	

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR EACH TAG:

1. Unless his privilege is revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to submit a bid for a Wildlife Heritage tag. The bid includes the fee for a combination hunting and fishing license and the fees for processing the Wildlife Heritage tag.
2. The bid must be delivered to the Organization at the auction.

The Organization shall submit the full amount of the bid as well as the name of the designated hunter to the Department of Wildlife no later than 30 days after the auction is held. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the Department initiating a sealed bid process for the Wildlife Heritage hunt tag.

3. Should a sealed bid process become necessary, sealed bids will be accepted by the Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Ste. 120, Reno, Nevada 89511, on or before 5:00 p.m., on the third Friday following the deadline established in subsection 2. In the event of an identical sealed bid, the tag will be awarded based on the bid having the earliest postmark or date stamp.

The successful bidder of the sealed bid shall submit the full amount of his bid within 10 calendar days after notification by the Department. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the tag being awarded to the next highest bidder.

4. The successful bidder for each tag type may hunt statewide in units where a season is established by Commission for that species except those areas closed to hunting in NAC 504.340 and identified in this regulation.

* Fallon NAS - There are portions of unit 181 in Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon where public access is restricted. To hunt Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep in **the NAS portions of** this unit, the tag holder is required to attend a NAS hunter safety briefing.

*Portions of Hunt units 252, 280, 281, 282 are within the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) where public access is **restricted**. Hunters and everyone in their respective hunting parties, must comply with all Nevada hunting requirements and all NTTR safety and security requirements including the following: 1) consent to and pass a criminal history background check, 2) be at least 14 years old on opening day of the respective hunting season, 3) attend the Nellis Air Force Base hunter safety briefing, and 4) within the NTTR portion of unit 252 limit party size to 5 including tag holder. Additional party members may complete background check and safety briefing, but only maximum of 5 party members including tag holder may be present within the NTTR portion of unit 252 at any given time.

*Hunters and members of their parties who fail to comply with these requirements may be denied access to the NTTR. Hunters and members of their parties may not access the NTTR after a tag is filled and animal has been removed and in possession of tag holder. No pets are allowed on NTTR. It is the hunter's responsibility to meet and/or comply with all NTTR eligibility requirements. In some units there may be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations. The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners hereby delegates authority to the Nevada Department of Wildlife to adjust season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations so long as there is no change to the overall length of the season.

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5. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
6. There shall be no refunds except as authorized by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
7. Eligibility restrictions as established by the Commission in NAC 502.341, 502.345 and 502.361 regulations do not apply to these tags.