

New Mexico Deer Population and Management Archive

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2022

[Jaguars May Return to the U.S., Making a Comeback in New Mexico](#) December 13, 2022 New Mexico, Green Matters

... [there were once jaguars in the U.S](#) ... the Center for Biological Diversity petitioned the USFWS to help bring the jaguar back to its rightful home. With a few possibly living in Mexico, it could be made possible ...

[Game and Fish rescue deer in hammock](#) December 1, 2022 New Mexico, KRQE Blogs
... New Mexico Game and Fish officers came to the rescue of a deer stuck in a hammock..buck in Los Alamos ...

[NM commits to safe passage for people and for its wildlife](#) October 23, 2022 New Mexico, Albuquerque Journal

... the Wildlife Corridors Act, Senate Bill 228, a first-of-its-kind legislation in America. The law mandated that New Mexico's agencies develop monitoring protocols, analyze economic benefits, identify movement barriers and create maps to better conserve migratory habitats used by big game animals like elk, mule deer and pronghorn...

[Has New Mexico 'Privatized' Its Elk Herd?](#) October 17, 2022 MeatEater

... he New Mexico Wildlife Federation and the New Mexico Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) published a [bombshell report](#) last week slamming the state's Department of Game and Fish for "privatizing elk hunting opportunities." ...

[New Mexico Supreme Court Upholds \\$74,000 Restitution Owed In Cody W. Davis Poaching Case](#) September 15, 2022 Los Alamos Daily Post

... This civil restitution included \$20,000 for the trophy mule deer that was killed out of season ... An additional \$54,000 was assessed as reimbursement to the department for the extensive investigation required for this case...

[Firefighters rescue 'Cinder' the elk calf from fire's ashes](#) May 25, 2022 New Mexico, TheSpec.com

... Firefighters have rescued an abandoned newborn elk calf found amid the ashes of the nation's largest wildfire as calving season approaches its peak in New Mexico and fires rage across the American West...

[Mule Deer in New Mexico](#) 2022. College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, New Mexico State University

... In general, mule deer have been declining in numbers in New Mexico since populations peaked around the 1960s, similar to declines seen throughout the West (Heffelfinger and Messmer, 2003). Because of population declines, harvests of mule deer have also declined; deer harvests (mostly mule deer), estimated to be as high as 55,000 in 1960, declined to <10,000 in 2013. Despite declines, mule deer are still present in all 33 counties in New Mexico...

[Proposed changes to hunts for deer, elk and exotic prey open for public comment](#) April 27, 2022 New Mexico, YAHOO!News

... In April Game and Fish announced a proposal to adjust some rules in deer hunting, that includes a reduction in the number of licenses issued to hunt deer in southeast New Mexico..,

[Shed hunting in New Mexico: Turning antlers into cash](#) April 2, 2022 The Santa Fe New Mexican

... A fresh, brown antler from a bull elk, for example, can fetch as much as \$18 a pound
... there are five wildlife management areas in the northern part of the state where public access, including shed hunting, is prohibited to protect wintering wildlife...

2021

[Wildfires can be destructive, but may ultimately benefit wildlife](#) November 14, 2021 New Mexico, Santa Fe New Mexican

... Although some fires can be very intense, sterilizing the ground for several years before new growth can occur, at some point, they all create a wildlife paradise...
Following a timber harvest or fire, deer and elk will gather to feed on the new shoots of quaking aspen growing along with the parent tree's root system...

[Resource-area-dependence analysis of desert mule deer habitats in the San Andres Mountains, New Mexico, USA](#) 2021 - Journal of Arid Environments

... determine habitats most associated with decreasing home range sizes (i.e., increasing quality) for adult male and female mule deer in the San Andres Mountains (SAM) of south-central New Mexico, USA... Quality of female ranges was associated with pinyon-juniper and oak-mountain mahogany. Quality of male home ranges was associated with grama grasslands. Female mule deer balanced food and cover needs; males emphasized food over cover...

[US proposes changes to Mexican gray wolf management](#) October 28, 2021 KOB 4

... A survey done earlier this year showed at least 186 Mexican gray wolves in New Mexico and Arizona...

[New Mexico hunting season in full swing](#) September 28, 2021 KOAT

... an increase in people wanting to harvest game this year compared to previous years... a 20% increase in draw permits this year. ...

[Habitat improvements crucial to health of wildlife](#) September 19, 2021 New Mexico, The Santa Fe New Mexican

... a 1,000-acre tree-thinning project to benefit deer and elk... “Habitat improvements have done, and continue to do, great things for the deer and elk in GMU 2,” ...

[Legislative committee discusses wildlife management reform, funding](#) August 16, 2021 New Mexico, New Mexico Political Report

... “The needs of wildlife are exceeding what funding is provided by sportsmen,” said Colleen Payne, the regional director of the Mule Deer Foundation.... “It’s not fair that a minority of New Mexicans who buy licenses should be expected to contribute most of the department’s revenue,” ...

[Report a wildlife crime, earn a reward](#) August 8, 2021 New Mexico, The Santa Fe New Mexican

... The study found that around 34,000 deer were poached every year in New Mexico... call the Operation Game Thief hotline at 800-432-GAME (4263) or submit a report online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us...

[New Mexico Wilderness Area Grows by 50% After Largest-Ever Land Donation](#) July 28, 2021 Good News Network

... Sabinoso Wilderness Area in New Mexico, an inaccessible and tiny refuge just five years ago, has grown by almost 10,000 acres ... home to black bears, mountain lion, elk, mule deer, and turkey ...

[Co-op researchers at NMSU train future scientists while protecting wildlife](#) June 19, 2021 New Mexico, Las Cruces Sun-News

... “Our job is producing the future scientists who are going to enhance, conserve and protect elk, deer, bear and fish. That’s our job,” said Caldwell, who joined the New Mexico unit in 1994 and became its leader in 2006. “We also provide free teaching and mentoring of graduate students and undergrads ...

[Fire Managers Proceed with Prescribed Burn on the New Mexico-Colorado State Line](#)

May 27, 2021 Nevada, nmfireinfo.com

... This prescribed fire will improve elk and deer winter range and reduce woody debris left from forest thinning projects... Prescribed fire is part of a science-based framework for managing ponderosa pine and dry mixed-conifer forests ...

[New Study Advocates Reintroducing Jaguars in Arizona and New Mexico](#) May 20, 2021

Field & Stream

... A new study published in the scientific journal, Conservation Science and Practice ... Arizona currently has an estimated population of 85,000 Coues deer, 105,000 mule deer, and 30,000 elk, while New Mexico has up to 15,000 Coues deer, 100,000 mule deer, and 106,000 elk..,

[Food and Water: How Much Does Wildlife Need?](#) May 4, 2021 New Mexico Wildlife

... In mule deer, four to eight pounds of food are needed daily, and they need about half a gallon of water per 100 pounds of their body weight per day. For an average deer, that might be one and a half gallons imbibed every day...

[National Park Service warns of fines for removing antlers from New Mexico sites](#) April

29, 2021 Santa Fe New Mexican

... The law applies to national parks, monuments, preserves and recreation areas, where no items — including rocks, artifacts and plants — can be taken. In New Mexico, violators can be fined up to \$200 plus \$50 per pilfered antler...

[Join the hunt: Citizen tips are key to catching poachers](#) April 8, 2021 New Mexico,

Yahoo News

... Rewards are set at \$750 for cases involving elk and bighorn sheep, \$500 for deer and oryx ... see [Operation Game Thief](#) ... 1-800-432-GAME ...

[New Mexico Wildlife Heritage Act Modernizes State Wildlife Management](#) February 3,

2021 New Mexico, KRWG

... Repeals a widely unpopular provision that allows landowners to kill deer, elk and other protected wildlife without department permission or oversight because the wildlife posed a perceived threat to their crops...

[New Mexico Elk Migration Corridor Protected, Opened to Access](#) January 12, 2021

KRWG

... Nearly 1,200 acres of vital elk winter range in northern New Mexico is now permanently protected and opened to public access. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation worked with the Bureau of Land Management and three families to make it happen...

2020

[Elk Habitat Conserved in New Mexico](#) December 17, 2020 KRWG

... Thanks to the actions of conservation-minded landowners, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation helped permanently protect 970 acres of important elk habitat in southcentral New Mexico...

[Western Big Game Benefits from New Tracking Tool](#) December 2, 2020 New Mexico, Public News Service

... [A new report published by the U.S. Geological Survey](#) includes detailed maps of Global Positioning System tracked migration routes for mule deer, elk, pronghorn, moose and bison... Forest fires, many due to climate change, also affect big game migration in New Mexico. That's another important reason to maintain habitat connectivity ...

[North Dakota man ordered to pay \\$74K in restitution for killing mule deer](#) July 9, 2020 New Mexico, KRQE News 13

... ordered to pay \$74,000 in restitution for poaching a trophy mule deer buck in northwestern New Mexico ... was ordered to make a \$3,000 donation to the Operation Game Thief program. The investigation started in 2015 with a tip...

[Photographic Evidence of the White-tailed Deer in the Sandia Mountain Range of Bernalillo County, New Mexico](#) May, 2020, The Southwestern Naturalist

The white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) has been documented as occurring in 21 of 33 counties in New Mexico. In the Sandia Mountains of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, a camera trap captured 25 images of a male *O. virginianus* in November 2017. This represents a new occurrence for Bernalillo County and the Sandia Mountains.

[Researchers discover how vegetation thinning affects New Mexico mule deer population](#) May 8, 2020 Phys.org

... As the treatment started to age, we saw that their use of these treated areas declined. We know they constantly preferred to be closer to water sources ... the deer tended to be a little bit closer to developed areas...

[Mule Deer Habitat Selection Following Vegetation Thinning Treatments in New Mexico](#)

GE Sorensen, DW Kramer, JW Cain III, CA Taylor... - Wildlife Society Bulletin, 2020

Mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*) survival and population growth in north-central New Mexico, USA, was previously reported to be limited by nutritional constraints due to poor forage conditions in degraded habitats... Deer selected areas closer to water and developed areas, northeast aspects, on gentle slopes, and at lower elevations. Creating a savanna-like cover type may elicit a positive deer response as a result of their strong avoidance of dense, closed canopy pinyon–juniper woodlands...

[Land exchange would acquire critical elk and deer habitat](#) February 8, 2020 New Mexico, The Durango Herald

... The proposed Valle Seco 2019 Land Exchange would secure important winter rangeland, a crucial migration corridor for elk and mule deer and additional public access for motorized use in the Valle Seco area...

[New Mexico ranchers say hungry elk are damaging property](#) January 31, 2020 Santa Fe New Mexican

... on the fringes of Carson National Forest ... They have asked for more hunting permits to be issued and say they should be compensated for the loss of hay and for damage

caused by elk that try to jump fences and access pens... “We estimate from past migration up to 1,000 elk.” ...

[BLM's Carlsbad plan must balance oil and wildlife](#) January 13, 2020 New Mexico, Albuquerque Journal

... The Bureau of Land Management is preparing to release a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Carlsbad area ... wants to make nearly 97% of the planning area available to oil and gas leasing... key habitat for pronghorn, deer and a variety of upland game birds, and that habitat has been increasingly stressed by energy development...

[Eddy County Game and Fish officers get new tools to fight poachers](#) November 29, 2019 New Mexico, Carlsbad Current-Argus

... Funds raised during a Mule Deer Foundation banquet earlier this year bought four thermal imaging scopes ... used to pick up heat signatures at night ... “We were able to see vehicle and the individuals clearly ...

[Thousands Of New Mexicans Call For Wildlife Protections In Santa Fe; Carson National Forest Plans](#) November 8, 2019 New Mexico, Los Alamos Daily Post

... “Connectivity is the key to protecting and restoring wildlife and their habitat. The elk, mule deer ... and other wildlife that call the Upper Rio Grande Watershed home need protected migration corridors to thrive... The Carson National Forest’s draft management plan includes key protections for the Valle Vidal and San Antonio Management Areas ...

[Moose From Southern Colorado Wander Into New Mexico](#) October 5, 2019 New Mexico, Los Alamos Reporter

... The native range of moose has never included New Mexico; however, over the last several years, a few members of the species have ventured south across the Colorado border into the northern part of our state... they are protected under state statutes ...

[Local national forest plans need more coordination](#) September 22, 2019 New Mexico, Albuquerque Journal

... it is critical that the three national forests comprising almost 5 million acres across northern New Mexico and southern Colorado coordinate their forest planning and management efforts to protect critical habitat and wildlife migration routes from new road building, mineral extraction and energy development...

[Tribes are leaders in wildlife management](#) September 2, 2019 New Mexico, New Mexico Political Report

... The Southern Ute Tribe has spent the past 20 years identifying corridors between tribal and federal lands to help manage the deer and elk populations. The tribe conducted an extensive study between 2004 and 2010 using GPS radio collars to track mule deer movements, Johnson said. The tribe began a similar study for elk in 2013...

[To protect wildlife, state agencies pledge collaboration in wildlife corridors](#) August 22, 2019 New Mexico, New Mexico Political Report

... Much of the state's big game species, such as elk, deer and bighorn sheep, move freely across Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado ... In the spring of 2019, New Mexico became the first state to adopt a comprehensive, cross-jurisdiction program to identify wildlife corridors ...

[New Mexico Game And Fish: Deer, Elk And Bighorn Enhancement Raffle Tickets Now Available](#) June 10, 2019 Los Alamos Daily Post

... All proceeds from enhancement hunts are used solely for habitat enhancement, conservation, research and management projects in New Mexico for the species raffled...

[Forest restoration, wildfire, and habitat selection by female mule deer](#) New Mexico, TM Roerick, JW Cain III, JV Gedir - Forest Ecology and Management, 2019

... Historical forest management actions contributed to degraded habitat for mule deer. ... Decades of fire suppression, logging, and overgrazing have led to increased

densities of small diameter trees which have been associated with decreases in biodiversity, reduced habitat quality for wildlife species, degraded foraging conditions for ungulates, and more frequent and severe wildfires...

[Poll: New Mexicans Want Wildlife Corridors Protected](#) April 23, 2019 New Mexico, Public News Service

... 400 likely voters in ... New Mexico and Colorado ... "Seventy-seven percent support protecting migration-corridors in rural parts of these two states, and 87 percent non-rural," ...

[Another Disaster Looms at Interior Department](#) April 13, 2019 New Mexico, Martinsville Bulletin

... In the year since the order, nearly 20 percent of the Interior Department leases to oil and gas have been within these corridors. In New Mexico, 82 percent of the leases threaten mule deer, elk and pronghorn migrations...

[New Mexico governor Lujan Grisham asks game commission members to resign](#) March 26, 2019 El Paso Times

... The seven-member game commission serves at the pleasure of the governor, and last week she requested they submit their resignations...

[NMSU researchers work to restore fire-damaged forests](#) February 17, 2019 New Mexico, Las Cruces Sun-News

... elk are really responding to the wildfire burned areas, because they like the new grass growth ... The mule deer avoid the wildfire areas completely after the fire ... will visit prescribed burn areas, particularly those burned within the previous two years. Deer select thinned areas, but only those thinned more than five years previous, once the shrubs have grown back...

2018

[Coues Deer Hunt in Mexico](#) September 12, 2018 New Mexico, PetersenHunting.com

...The Coues whitetail has a distinct range, usually found in mountains, in elevations from 4,000 to 8,000 feet. It is ideally adapted to desert environment, thinly distributed in arid habitat...

[New deer and elk hunt rules considered in New Mexico](#) July 23, 2018

Ruidoso News

... Department officials are seeking public comments on proposed revisions to the deer, elk, and elk private lands use system ... [proposal available here](#) ... Comments should be received before the [November 15, 2018 Game Commission Meeting](#)...

[Nontypical antlers on mule deer and elk can grow in bizarre shapes](#) July 17, 2018 New

Mexico, Ruidoso News

... extreme variations in antler shape, along with abnormal protrusions that appear in every direction," ... Elk and deer with these abnormalities in their headgear are said to have 'nontypical' antlers." The most common cause is tied to a damaged pedicle or base where the antlers grow..

[Officials work to ensure wildlife have water during drought](#) June 26, 2018 New Mexico,

The Santa Fe New Mexican

... the Arizona Elk Society have hauled about 100,000 gallons to 78 water catchments since February just in the Flagstaff area ... Our goal is to have available water no greater than 2 to 3 miles apart ...

[Conservatism took hold here 1000 years ago. Until the people fled.](#) June 1, 2018 New

Mexico, Washington Post

... During the eighth century, a new kind of civilization arose in New Mexico's Chaco Canyon ... As the population grew, people cleared nearby forests to plant corn. It seemed like a good idea until Chacoans belatedly realized that the forests were home to the deer whose meat and hides they prized. Just as the deer supply began to dwindle, a drought hit in the 1100s, devastating crops...

[New wildlife area added](#) April 5, 2018 New Mexico, Valley Courier

... In San Luis Valley, a new state wildlife area now protects 17,019 acres ... The property's hilly shrublands provide important winter range for mule deer, pronghorn and Rocky Mountain elk herds that move from higher elevations to the valley floor in winter months...

[Five years later — more than a monument](#) March 31, 2018 New Mexico, Santa Fe New Mexican

... Río Grande del Norte National Monument ... provides important habitat for Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, black bear and cougar. It serves as an important wildlife corridor ...

[The Department That Cried Wolf: Tenth Circuit Vacates Preliminary Injunction in Absence of Likely Injury in New Mexico Department of Game & Fish v. United States](#) ...

C Cranston - Boston College Law Review, 2018

... In the 2017 case, New Mexico Department of Game & Fish v. United States Department of the Interior, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit held that the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish ("New Mexico Department") was not entitled to a preliminary injunction that barred the United States Fish and Wildlife Service from releasing endangered Mexican gray wolves into the wild on federal lands within New Mexico...

[New Mexico Mule Deer Hunt Raffle](#) March 26, 2018 Sporting Classics Daily

... proceeds raised from the raffle of this tag will be used for deer management and conservation within the state of New Mexico...

[Severe drought conditions could lead to more wildlife in your backyard](#) March 17, 2018 New Mexico, KOB 4

... a large section of red in the Four Corners, as well as other portions of New Mexico, indicating extreme-to-exceptional drought conditions... The deer and elk are going to start foraging on mountainous shrubs or ornamental shrubs ...

[Southern New Mexico wildlife projects entice all kinds of critters](#) January 8, 2018 Las Cruces Sun-News

... The Habitat Stamp Program is a partnership between the state and federal wildlife agencies, including the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service, to enhance wildlife habitat... projects rejuvenate deer forage or reduce dense vegetation in desert bighorn sheep habitat through prescribed fire...

[Deer, elk illegally killed, carcasses left to rot in Otero County](#) January 4, 2018 New Mexico, KOB 4

... multiple deer and elk were killed and their bodies left to rot... bull elk had an arrow in its neck and both antlers were broken off ... deer was shot and killed with its head removed and meat left to waste...

2017

[Demographics of mule deer puma prey in south-central New Mexico](#) TW Perry, NT Vogt, Department of Biology, Furman University, Greenville, SC

...Our data suggest that pumas select mid to late age classes (specifically 6 year olds) disproportionately to their availability ($\chi^2 = 62.745$, d.f. = 10, $P < 0.001$). This trend is supported by the data of Logan and Sweanor ($\chi^2 = 515.92$, d.f. = 10, $P < 0.001$). Pumas have a dramatically reduced impact on deer population growth as a result of selecting age classes with lower reproductive value. Understanding the prey selectivity of pumas gives insight into their effects on prey population dynamics and should be considered by game managers...

[Mule Deer Impacted by Development on Public Lands](#) December 13, 2017 New Mexico, New Mexico Wildlife Federation

... energy development has caused a decrease in muleys across the West. The main reason for this decline is severe habitat fragmentation and a general loss of habitat quality...

[Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation awards grants to help enhance elk habitat](#) in New Mexico November 7, 2017 Silver City Sun-News

... “Nearly a third of our projects this year focus on improving water sources for elk and other wildlife.” ...

[NMSU professor leads wildlife research effort in Jemez Mountains](#) September 9, 2017 New Mexico, Las Cruces Sun-News

... Because of decades of fire suppression ... forests have become overgrown, so the canopy is really dense ... prevents sunlight from reaching the floor, which results in essentially no forage or vegetation growing underneath the canopy... an impact for wildlife that utilize forage on the forest floor, it also results in increased fire danger... looking at how the vegetation responds to the thinning and prescribed burns, and then how the herbivores respond ...

[Hey hunters, don't vote against protecting public lands](#) August 23, 2017 New Mexico, High Country News

... It means that if we value the mule deer that summer in the South San Juans, we must value every bit as much, the sage flats east of San Antonio Mountain that carry them through the winter. And it means that we must rely on data wherever that data may take us. Even if it flies in the face of our expectations...

[New Mexico To Receive More Than \\$1 Million For Native, State Wildlife Conservation](#) Projects August 23, 2017 Los Alamos Daily Post

... The funds, which are provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, give support for a diverse array of species and habitats across the country. The Pueblo of Tesuque will receive \$199,754 for mule deer management and the habitat enhancement program...

[Zinke Supports Opening Access to New Mexico Wilderness Site](#) August 9, 2017 New Mexico, U.S. News & World Report

... the 16,000-acre ... Sabinoso Wilderness is surrounded by private property. It is home to rugged canyons, mesas topped with pinon and juniper trees and wildlife that include deer, elk, mountain lions and turkey...

[New wolf plan angers both sides](#) July 22, 2017 New Mexico, Albuquerque Journal

... endangered Mexican gray wolf ... The plan gives ultimate authority to New Mexico and Arizona to “determine the timing, location and circumstances of releases of wolves into the wild within their respective states.” ...

[The elk herd returns to Ruidoso](#) July 19, 2017 New Mexico, Ruidoso News

... Rocky Mountain elk ... “Although a private ranch started the reintroduction, Territorial Game Warden Thomas Gable made the first public releases in 1911, distributing 12 animals to three spots in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains,”... Reintroduction was necessary because of relentless hunting pressure late in the 19th Century..,

[Officials warn against picking up young ones](#) July 10, 2017 New Mexico, Silver City Daily Press and Independent

... July and August are when 90 percent of baby deer are born ... Wildlife leave their babies for hours on end. Fawn are born without scent and they are camouflaged. They need to be left alone.” ...

['Land that time forgot'](#) [border wall] April 30, 2017 New Mexico, Albuquerque Journal

... a border wall ... Wildlife experts say a physical barriercould devastate both plant and animal life by reducing or isolating habitats, blocking migration routes ... A subspecies of white-tailed deer, Coues aren't endangered but their habitat is limited to parts of New Mexico and Arizona, stretching into Mexico...

[Poaching becomes felony in New Mexico](#) April 17, 2017 The Spokesman-Review

... legislation elevating the wasting of game from a misdemeanor to a felony ... poaching an elk, antelope, bighorn sheep, deer ...

[Study of mammals in Jemez gets funding](#) February 22, 2017 New Mexico, Albuquerque Journal

... We are conducting a project to assess the responses of mule deer, elk, and black bears to large-scale forest restoration treatments and recent wildfires on lands managed by the Valles Caldera National Preserve and Santa Fe National Forest ...

2016

[Government and industry join to study mule deer](#) December 24, 2016 New Mexico, Farmington Daily Times

...Scientists from Western Ecosystems Technology, Inc., or WEST, an environmental and statistical consulting service, are spearheading the ongoing study, which examines how oil and gas operations affect the mule deer population in the Rosa, N.M., area ...

[New Mexico revokes hunting privileges in poaching case](#) November 26, 2016 CT Post ... drove about 300 miles and shot three deer in three separate counties. Authorities say one was shot with a crossbow in downtown Cimarron ...

[New research sheds lights on doe movements related to breeding, hunting pressure](#) September 4, 2016 South Carolina, Index-Journal

... Does typically increased movement rate, probability of activity, and likelihood of being out of their seasonal home range as their dates of conception approached... about half of the females made an excursion and temporarily left their home ranges around their conception dates... [read the research](#) [PDF]

[Biologists caution against moving deer during fawning](#) July 23, 2016 New Mexico, Silver City Daily Press and Independent

... a baby deer left alone is actually safer, and is very rarely abandoned... The mother has a very strong smell after she's given birth ... she purposefully stays away, because a predator can find her but she can run from that predator a lot better than the little fawn. So the baby has this instinct to stay down on the ground and not move ...

[State officials hope to stop feds from releasing wolves in New Mexico](#) May 26, 2016

New Mexico, KRQE News 13

... It's now up to a federal judge ...

[Rewards paid to catch New Mexico poachers](#) April 23, 2016 New Mexico, KRQE News 13

... [Operation Game Thief, in short, is the "Crime Stoppers for wildlife."](#) ... Antelope tips are \$350. The reward increases to \$500 for deer and oryx. Tips involving prosecutions related to elk and bighorn sheep are up to \$750...

[Fish and Wildlife says it's just a part of the process, while wildlife advocates say the process needs to change](#) February 20, 2016 New Mexico, Santa Fe Reporter

... This year's annual count found just 97 Mexican wolves in the wild ... allow for killing wolves in response to "unacceptable impacts" to deer and elk. None of the new provisions were used this year ... [press release](#) from FWS about Mexican wolf recovery ...

2015

[Bill Would End Cougar Protection](#) March 6, 2015 New Mexico, Times-Leader

... Under House Bill 586, cougars would effectively be treated like other unprotected species such as coyotes or skunks. The Department of Game and Fish would no longer regulate their hunting nor monitor and manage their population... there are estimated to be between 3,000 and 4,500 cougars in the state....

[Coyote Kill](#) January 5, 2015 New Mexico, Las Cruces Sun-News

... When I was a child, hunters killed off the coyote population in New Mexico and the deer started starving because the usual prey of the coyotes eat what deer eat. Without coyotes to control the rodents like jack rabbits, they ate everything in site. It is a delicate balance here....

[Ecology of Adult Female Rocky Mountain Mule Deer Following Habitat Enhancements](#)

... 2015, New Mexico, Open Access Theses and Dissertations

... Populations of Rocky Mountain mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus hemionus*) are currently declining across the West and throughout New Mexico. Specific reasons for the decline of mule deer are unclear but hypotheses which have been developed include predation, overhunting, competition with other large herbivores, habitat loss and deterioration, fire exclusion, extreme weather, and declining nutrition. Multiple factors may be interacting ... Total survival for the duration of the study from March 2011 to February 2014 was 0.83 (SE = 0.029) and was best explained by total precipitation and age as well as body mass and ingesta-free body fat at time of capture...

[Eight Clovis Men Convicted of Unlawful Hunting](#) February 10, 2015 New Mexico, New Mexico Game and Fish

Eight Clovis men will pay penalties and fines totaling \$7,189 after pleading guilty to numerous poaching and other charges, including killing a deer and turkey out of season and hunting without licenses.

[Feds push Game Commission to allow Mexican gray wolf releases](#) August 29, 2015 New Mexico, Santa Fe New Mexican

... commissioners want Fish and Wildlife to provide more information about how increased wolf populations will affect deer and elk populations in the area. "I think if we exceed these numbers or even double the population, we're going to see severe impacts on the ungulate [elk and deer] population," said Commissioner Ralph Ramos ...

[Game Commission considers proposal for cougar trapping](#) May 3, 2015 New Mexico, ABQJournal

... Under the proposed rule change, traps and snares would be allowable on public land in certain cougar management zones ... Another proposed change would allow licensed deer and elk hunters to also hunt mountain lions during hunts for the other animals...

[History and Management of Public Rangelands in the United States: A Case Study from New Mexico](#) April, 2015 Student Pulse

... The mule deer are browsers and feed on a different set of vegetation than do livestock, with some overlap. Elk are grazers, and are in direct competition with livestock for forage... many of the country's extensive rangelands are severely disturbed

landscapes, suffering from a long history of overgrazing, current drought and desertification, and an increasingly changing climate...

[Hunting season opens in New Mexico](#) August 31, 2015 New Mexico, Santa Fe New Mexican

... Game and Fish officials said they expect an estimated 36,000 elk hunters, 27,000 deer hunters, 4,400 pronghorn antelope hunters, and 30,000 small-game and bird hunters this season...

[Legislation would open federal land to hunters, anglers](#) March 11, 2015 New Mexico, Quincy Herald Whig

... Sen. Martin Heinrich ... New Mexico Democrat is working with a bipartisan group of Senate ... The bill would allow hunters to carry their bows and crossbows across National Park Service land, and hunters with legal firearms would be able to take them on land that's managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for water projects...

[New Mexico Department of Game and Fish evaluates bear and cougar rules](#) May 13, 2015 Farmington Daily Times

... The department will host public meetings in Ruidoso, Silver City and Raton to solicit input, and comments can be submitted at wildlife.state.nm.us... "It's just devastated their deer herd to the point that I don't know if they'll ever come back in our lifetime," ... Ernie Current, the former president of the New Mexico Trappers Association ...

[New Mexico wildlife panel denies federal wolf permit appeal](#) September 30, 2015 Arizona Daily Sun

... federal government vowing Tuesday to move ahead with plans to recover the endangered species despite the refusal of state wildlife officials to issue permits allowing for the release of wolves in New Mexico...

[Pearce bill would open New Mexico land for development](#) September 12, 2015 New Mexico, Albuquerque Journal

... Rep. Steve Pearce wants to loosen development restrictions on federal lands in southwestern New Mexico's Luna and Hidalgo counties ... New Mexico's other senator, Democrat Martin Heinrich, said, " ...the Big Hatchet Mountains, Peloncillo Mountains and Cooke's Peak represent some of the finest Coues deer, Mearns quail and desert bighorn sheep habitat in the state ...

[Proposed new rules would ease limits on bear, cougar hunting](#) June 6, 2015 New Mexico, The Taos News

... It used to be that livestock interests in New Mexico were upset because a carnivore might threaten their herds, Ray said [Sierra Club, Mary Katherine Ray]. "Now, we're seeing hunters upset because a lion or a bear might kill a deer."

Ruisoso, [Removal procedure mulled for dead deer](#) December 15, 2015 New Mexico, Ruidoso News

... Removal of dead mule deer from private property may strain the dividing line between private and public responsibility, but the overriding issue deals with sanitation ... The population this summer went (to higher elevations), because there was plenty of water and food, but they have moved down ...

[Senate panel advances bills to ban coyote-killing contests, hunting with drones](#) February 4, 2015 New Mexico, Deming Headlight

... Senate Bill 253 ... makes it illegal to hold or participate in a coyote-killing contest, in which a prize is offered. But the bill doesn't stop ranchers and farmers from killing coyotes ... The senators unanimously supported an amended version of SB 82, sponsored by Sen. Howie Morales, D-Silver City, that would ban the use of drones for tracking animals like elk or deer and transmitting the information for use in hunting...

[Senators try to open sportsmen's access to public lands](#) March 15, 2015 New Mexico, Herald and News

... The bill would be a boon for hunters and anglers, opening federal lands and requiring the federal government to set aside money to make land more accessible...

[We're letting another predator go down](#) June 2, 2015 New Mexico, High County News ... the New Mexico Game and Fish Department unveiled its latest proposal to benefit hunters who think lions are taking too many deer and elk: leg-hold traps. Though they would only be permitted on private land, these traps are known to cause terrible suffering; some unfortunate animals are so desperate that they even bite off their own legs in order to escape...

2014

[Comment on Hunting Rule Development](#) July 1, 2014 New Mexico Game & Fish

... The Department is seeking public comments on several big-game hunting rules like Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn antelope, and oryx. The Department is also seeking comments for the turkey and migratory bird rules. The Department revises rules for hunting game every 4 years and migratory game birds (waterfowl) each year...

Notable proposed changes to the Deer rule are as follows:

Proposing deer license reductions in select GMUs (see presentation link below for specific GMU's under consideration). The exact license reductions have not been determined, but as further data becomes the Department will update the website with specific proposed license reductions. Proposing allowing archery hunters to select either a September or January hunt. [Comment Now!](#). [Click](#) to see presentation given at the May 15th commission meeting on proposed changes.

Notable proposed changes to the Elk rule are as follows: Standardizing archery hunts to be a 2-hunt period September 1-15 and 16-24 (except GMUs that currently have 1 archery hunt period) Reduce GMU 9 antlerless (A) licenses (and make all antlerless hunts muzzleloader) Redistribute antlerless licenses in Northcentral herd (GMU's 4, 5B, 50, 51, and 52) to account for elk distribution across Northcentral landscape ... [Comment Now!](#) [Click](#) to see presentation given at the May 15th commission meeting on proposed changes

[ESPN Outdoors 2005-2006 Whitetail Forecast](#) October 4, 2005

These figures are from the 2003/2004 hunting season ...

Bow harvest: ~ 600 deer.

Muzzleloader harvest: ~ 1,200 deer.

Firearm harvest: ~ 6,800 deer.

[Total Deer Harvest: 8,600]

Number of licensed deer hunters: Statewide for all sporting arms types: ~ 41,400 hunters.

Deer hunter success rates: Statewide for all sporting arms types: ~ 20.9 percent.

Number of bowhunters: ~ 4,400.

Bowhunter success rates: ~ 14 percent.

Number of muzzleloader hunters: ~ 5,100.

Muzzleloader success rates: ~ 24 percent.

Number of firearm hunters: ~ 32,100.

Firearm success rates: ~ 21 percent.

[Expect Roadblocks Statewide During Hunting Seasons in New Mexico](#) October 15, 2014
AmmoLand.com

... The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will conduct roadblocks throughout the state during hunting seasons to collect harvest data and to detect wildlife law violations ...

[Game agency considers deer hunting reduction](#) May 20, 2014 New Mexico, KOAT 7
... The department said it's considering a reduction in deer hunting licenses because of declining deer populations...

[Hunters must apply for draw licenses by March 19 for most animals](#) March 12, 2014
New Mexico, Farmington Daily Times

... "We are lucky as New Mexicans to enjoy cheap hunting because of expensive out-of-state licences. ... A non-New Mexico hunter is paying a large amount of money

that goes to conservation and habitat improvement ... and that keeps the resident fees down ...

[Monument status has been good for hunting, fishing in New Mexico](#) October 8, 2014

New Mexico, The San Gabriel Valley Tribune

... Contrary to the fears spread by some, hunting and fishing continue on these public lands as they have for generations, though with one big difference: with a monument designation, our public lands are permanently protected from development. They will remain public and open for hunting and fishing forever...

Mule Deer in New Mexico, May, 2014

... densities of mule deer ranged from an estimated <1.2 deer/mi² on private land in Colfax County to <1.9 deer/mi² on New Mexico State University's Corona Range and Livestock Research Center (CRLRC), while a recent minimum count found 3.7 deer/mi² in higher-density areas of the San Andres Mountains (Bender et al., 2011, 2012; L. Bender, unpublished data). On CRLRC, mule deer densities declined from 1.9 deer/mi² in 2005 to 0.7 deer/mi² in 2008, highlighting the variation possible in deer populations in response to drought and other factors. In general, mule deer have been declining in numbers in New Mexico since populations peaked around the 1960s, similar to declines seen throughout the West (Heffelfinger and Messmer, 2003). Because of population declines, harvests of mule deer have also declined; deer harvests (mostly mule deer), estimated to be as high as 55,000 in 1960, declined to <10,000 in 2013. Despite declines, mule deer are still present in all 33 counties in New Mexico...

[New Mexico Bans Use of Drones in Hunting](#) July 2, 2014 OutdoorHub

... Last Thursday the New Mexico Game Commission voted 5-1 to prohibit the use of drones in harassing wildlife or assisting in the harvest of game animals... hunters in New Mexico say they see more aircraft in the skies every season...

[New Mexico hunting license applications increase](#) April 23, 2014 KFDA

... 169,463 applications for 63,772 licenses to hunt deer, elk, antelope and other big game...

[New Mexico Hunting. Buy a Tag](#) August 8, 2014 Petersen's Hunting

... If you don't draw a tag [antelope] you can purchase a private land voucher from a landowner. This is unique to NM... To draw a rifle tag in a good unit, the odds average between 8 and 12 percent ...Typically vouchers for good areas range from \$500 to \$2,000 each plus you still have to buy the actual tag from the state for a total of \$290...

[New Mexico takes aim at drone use in hunting](#) May 3, 2014 The Missoulian

... New Mexico is in line to become the next state to take aim at the use of drones for hunting big game animals. Alaska, Colorado and Montana already have outlawed the use of drones in hunting ...

[New Mexico to sell leftover hunting licenses](#) June 17, 2014 ABQJournal

... about 1,000 javelina licenses and more than 3,000 deer licenses ...

[New Mexico Weighs Legal Action in Federal Land Dispute](#) May 22, 2014 Newsmax.com

... U.S. Forest Service for refusing to open a gate blocking their cattle from reaching water ... The new fencing is short enough to allow elk and deer to leap over, but too tall for cattle to get access ...

[New Plan Gives Mexican Wolves More Room in New Mexico, Arizona](#) November 24, 2014 Center for Biological Diversity

... A new federal [plan](#) for managing endangered [Mexican gray wolves](#) in the Southwest would expand the areas where wolves could be released and roam, including farther south, east and west in both Arizona and New Mexico. But the plan, released today by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, makes clear that wolves will not be allowed north of Interstate 40. As documented in a [report](#) recently issued by the Center for Biological Diversity, this runs directly counter to a draft recovery plan developed by a team of expert scientists in 2012, which determined that establishing additional populations in Grand Canyon National Park and northern New Mexico is critical to the ultimate recovery of Mexican wolves... The Fish and Wildlife Service also proposes to grant broad authority to state agencies to kill wolves, including for "unacceptable impacts" to herds of elk or deer. "Wolves are the engine of evolution, honing the alertness of deer and the strength of elk that evolved with them over thousands of years," said Robinson...

[NM officials investigate anonymous tip that poachers getting word of MNSP](#)

[investigations](#) January 29, 2014 New Mexico, Greenfield Daily Reporter

... State authorities are investigating whether the New Mexico State Police has a mole leaking word on illegal hunting investigations to game poachers in northern New Mexico...

[Obama declares the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks region of N.M. a national](#)

[monument](#) May 22, 2014 New Mexico, Washington Post

... protecting nearly 500,000 acres of land in southern New Mexico... It is filled with wildlife including antelope, deer, falcons and mountain lions. Billy the Kid inscribed his name in what is now called outlaw rock ...

[Sportsmen support ban on drones](#) June 19, 2014 New Mexico, El Defensor Chieftain

... "We'd prefer to see New Mexico follow the lead of Alaska, Colorado and Montana and implement an outright ban on the use of drones for any hunting ... at the May meeting the commissioners heard from a number of New Mexico hunters and outfitters who wanted to see the agency protect hunting tradition and fair chase from the "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles." ...

[State opens trust lands to licensed hunters, anglers](#) January 16, 2014 New Mexico, Santa Fe New Mexican.com

... an easement that opens the state's trust lands to properly licensed hunters and anglers. In essence, it allows anyone with permission to gain access to land that is typically off limits ... hunting, fishing, hiking and general use access... What is most readily going to change is the hunting ... pronghorns (antelopes), deer and javelinas...

2013

[Anti-poaching bill introduced WARNING: GRAPHIC PHOTOS](#) January 18, 2013 New Mexico, New Mexico Watchdog

... New Mexico Game and Fish investigators have always battled poachers but in recent years, they've seen a spike in stomach-churning cases of big game animals that have

had their heads cut off with their bodies left to rot. "It's been a more common occurrence in the last couple years," Field Operations Colonel Robert L. Griego told New Mexico Watchdog.

[De La Tierra: Lions and martens and bears, oh my!](#) January 17, 2013 New Mexico, taosnews

... New Mexico is one of the last places in the United States where the Mountain lion seems to be holding its own... These big cats need the equivalent of about one deer a week to survive, and mountain lion densities in the Rocky Mountains tend to correlate with deer densities. Mountain lions are adaptable creatures that may hunt by day or night...

Draft Emergency Elk Management Environmental Assessment for
[Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge](#) January 9, 2013 New Mexico

... The United States Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) is proposing a population management hunt through Special Use Permit (SUP) and staff culling of elk at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). The elk population on the Refuge is currently compromising the Refuge's ability to produce the grain crops used to support wintering sandhill crane. Therefore, the purpose of this action is emergency short-term strategies to reduce the elk population until long-term strategies are determined through the Refuge's 15-year comprehensive conservation plan. Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge is located in Socorro County five miles south of San Antonio, NM and is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Providing foraging and roosting habitat for wintering and migrating sandhill cranes and migratory waterbirds is the management focus of the Refuge. Additionally, the Refuge maintains the pristine nature of three wilderness areas. The area surrounding the Refuge is primarily rural with main conomic drivers of agriculture and ranching... The Service is authorized to take animal species which are surplus or detrimental to the management program of a refuge (50 CFR 31.14).

[Elk kill off remains a mystery](#)September 5, 2013 New Mexico, Southwest Farm Press
... unexplained kill off of about 100 elk ... "So far this remains a mystery," reports Dr. Kerry Mower, animal health specialist for the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish... he has ruled out any type of human involvement... All the elk were found dead within a small area on a ranch near Las Vegas, New Mexico ...

[Famed Investor Backs Fund Focused on Ranches](#) July 15, 2013 New Mexico, World Property Channel

... T. Boone Pickens is one of the initial investors in a fund looking to profit from converting swatches of pristine Western wilderness into sports ranches for hunting and fishing. In the last year Sporting Ranch Capital has used its initial \$30 million fund to buy four ranches in New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho and Utah ...

[G&F Forecast: Best Deer Hunting in New Mexico & Arizona in 2013](#) October, 2013 New Mexico

... Although the prolonged drought is a concern, fawn survival has been good and deer numbers are holding their own, explained Taylor. The Zuni Mountains of Unit 10 is no doubt a bright spot in the region. According to Taylor, the latest management survey showed a buck/doe ratio right at 36:100 ... The latest buck/doe ratio across Unit 6 hovered around 25:100 ... Unit 5B also yielded a buck/doe ratio of 25:100, and last season overall hunter success was over 70 percent... prolonged drought conditions have hampered mule deer recovery in the southwest corner of the state ...

[Game & Fish Dept. plans roadblocks in Taos County as hunting season begins](#) October 9, 2013 New Mexico, taosnews

... Officers from the Department of Game and Fish will install roadblocks on forest service roads and some state highways to collect harvest data... Shockley said the most common infractions include hunting out of season without a license, exceeding the bag limit and waste by only collecting a single body part...

[Game and Fish Asks Court to Vacate Terk Decision](#) May 28, 2013 New Mexico, Cibola County Beacon

... The Department of Game and Fish filed a motion Thursday seeking to have the U.S. District Court vacate an injunction from 1977 that prevents New Mexico from allocating ibex, oryx and bighorn sheep licenses based on residency... Other states discriminate based on residency, as New Mexico does now for antelope, elk and deer hunting licenses ...

[How a plan to kill every wild pig in New Mexico earned across-the support](#) July 30, 2013 New Mexico, Santa Fe Reporter

... For every farmer who's lost a crop to feral hogs, there's a landowner who puts corn in a deer feeder. Baiting deer with corn is illegal in New Mexico, but Texans put out more than 300 million pounds of corn every year..... animal rights groups supported restrictions on the hogs and didn't oppose the eradication plan, though, doesn't mean they're happy with the situation. The success of an effort to wipe out an invasive species should prompt some hard questions about the way we interact with animals, Jennings says...

[Hunting season begins this Sunday](#) August 30, 2013 New Mexico, KOB.com

... Hunting Rules and Information book at www.wildlife.state.nm.us ... More than 28,000 deer hunters and 32,000 elk hunters will be in the field from September through December...

[New Mexico Deer Season 2013: Hunting Forecast](#) October 4, 2013, Outdoor Life

... Last year 9,300 mule deer and Coues deer were harvested in New Mexico ... About 80,000 mule deer and 12,000 Coues' call New Mexico home...

[New Mexico is the driest of the dry](#) August 6, 2013 Los Angeles Times

... Wildlife managers are hauling water to elk herds in the mountains and blaming the drought for the unusually high number of deer and antelope killed on New Mexico's highways, surmising that the animals are taking greater risks to find water... The last three years have been the driest and warmest since record-keeping began here in 1895...

[New Rio Grande National Monument sets stage for Browns Canyon Proposal](#) March 31, 2013 New Mexico, Denver Post

... U.S. Senator Mark Udall, D-Colo., introduced legislation Thursday that would protect 22,000 acres surrounding Browns Canyon of the Arkansas River between Salida and Buena Vista... will protect more than 60 miles of trout stream and critical habitat for game such as pronghorn, mule deer, migratory waterfowl, bighorn sheep, turkey and elk...

[NM Trophy Deer Poacher Ordered To Donate \\$1,000 To Operation Game Thief](#) July 1, 2013 New Mexico, AmmoLand.com

... "A lot of these cases might go unsolved if it wasn't for the helpful information that the public ... " Chavez also faces \$6,000 in civil penalties for killing a deer considered a trophy pursuant to Safari Club International standards and state law that allows civil penalties up to \$10,000 for poaching deer that are considered "trophies." ...

[Officials: Poaching greater threat to deer than drought](#) November 6, 2013 New Mexico, Clovis News Journal

... Game and Fish officials are investigating 22 cases across the state involving elk, deer and antelope carcasses found headless and left to rot ... Buff said the animals are being killed before they have the chance to breed, which prevents the trophy bucks genes from being passed on with the potential to produce future game stock...

[Poachers steal New Mexico's wildlife, despite prevention efforts](#) November 6, 2013 Silver City Sun News

... "We find an average of 100 headless poached trophy animals a year," Field Operations Col. Robert Griego said. "Poachers continue to kill trophy animals solely for their heads, despite increased civil penalties and our efforts at roadblocks and artificial wildlife operations where we catch violators in the act." ...

[Public land open for hunting season](#) October 15, 2013 New Mexico, Sangre de Cristo Chronicle

... One of northeast New Mexico's prime hunting areas is the White Peak region in Colfax and Mora counties ... Over 75 percent of land in Colfax county is private. Land

owners are able to participate in programs in conjunction with the New Mexico Game and Fish that allows permits for the general public to hunt on private land...

[State officers search Santa Cruz home for evidence of deer poaching](#) October 25, 2013
New Mexico, Santa Fe New Mexican.com

... The search was prompted by a poaching report in mid-October ... One of the residents later found a deer carcass near his house with the head cut off. A Game and Fish conservation officer who investigated found three more mule deer carcasses with the heads cut off and the meat left to rot... People can report poaching anonymously to Operation Game Thief at 800-432-GAME or by filling out an online form at <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us>

2012

[An Economic Nightmare for New Mexico?](#) [feral hogs] March 5, 2012, Public News Service, ROSWELL

The New Mexico Agriculture Department wants to expand its ongoing battle against feral hogs. The list of plants and animals they threaten directly and indirectly is long. It includes deer, reptiles, rabbits and the food sources of eagles ...the state director for USDA Wildlife Services, calls the hogs an "environmental and economic disaster." ...

[Deer decoy operation leads to arrests](#) December 21, 2012 New Mexico, KRQE
... A decoy deer placed near roadways to catch illegal hunters ... it was 36-year-old Billy George Jr. who stopped the truck he was driving, so his 14-year-old nephew could take a shot. Kline said the teen stood up in the truck bed and shot from there.

[Gila Wildfires Threaten Wildlife Industry](#) June 12, 2012 New Mexico, KVIA El Paso
The oaks and the pines are not the only things dying in the Gila National Forest ... It has currently burned more than 278,000 acres and is only 37-percent contained. The fires have pushed out wildlife unique to the area -- elk, deer and bears are all migrating away from the fires, officials say.

[Guidelines for Monitoring Elk and Mule Deer Numbers in New Mexico](#)[PDF] October, 2012 Cooperative Extension Service

Methods range from trend indices, which provide information on whether a population is increasing, stable, or declining, to abundance estimators, which provide a population estimate (Lancia et al., 1996). Population estimates are preferable to trend estimators for several reasons. First, they allow direct calculation of harvestable surplus.

Population estimates can also be converted to densities, and relationships between resource

availability (forage, etc.) and population size can be determined. Ultimately, it is the per capita resource (food, water) availability that determines individual body condition and thus population productivity, harvestable surplus, and animal (trophy) quality (Bender, 2011).

[Investigation: Illegal hunters](#) November 7, 2012 New Mexico, KOB.com

Every year in New Mexico, Game and fish officers write scores of tickets to hunters shooting animals from the roadway and often time- from inside their vehicles. Last year over 70 citations were issued ... Under state law in order for a licensed hunter to kill a deer on public land, they must be either 40 feet from the road or on the inside of a fenced right-of-way...

[NM coyote killing contest back on under new sponsor](#) October 29, 2012 New Mexico, Las Cruces Sun-News

... Mark Chavez, owner of Gunhawk Firearms in Los Lunas, N.M., has stepped up to fill the void left when Calibers Gun Shop of Albuquerque bowed to public pressure and canceled a planned hunt in December... Chavez said the public outcry against Calibers planned hunt, and its cancellation of the event, spurred him into action to keep the hunt going. Decreasing the coyote packs across New Mexico will benefit ranchers as well as recreational hunters who go after the state's deer and antelope herds, he said.

[Promoter of coyote hunt pledges to use fallen animals for fur clothing](#) November 14, 2012 New Mexico, Carlsbad Current Argus

It's a coyote management hunt," he said. Chavez says he likes to hunt mule deer, but their population in New Mexico has dropped by two-thirds in the last 50 years, to about 100,000. In that span, coyotes adapted and flourished, in part by preying on fawns.

[Reorganization of NM agency rekindles debate over sportsmen needs, wildlife priorities](#) July 21, 2012 New Mexico, The Republic

"The Martinez administration is failing to address the public's desire to protect and conserve the broad array of New Mexico wildlife... This is a narrowing of the agency's mission and it's turning elk and deer into a commodity to fuel the agency's coffers [Wendy Keefover of the environmental group [WildEarth Guardians](#)] ...

[Return of the Mule Deer](#) January 25, 2012 New Mexico, Dave Open Air

Mule Deer in New Mexico began a sharp decline in the early 90's that worsened in the beginning of this century. That decline spread throughout the west and biologist began to panic.... Northern New Mexico seems to have bottomed out and mule deer populations are starting to increase ...

[Wilderness designation critical for wildlife](#) March 15, 2012 New Mexico, Taosnews.com

... I've spent considerable time hiking, camping, skiing, photographing and radio

tracking wildlife in the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Study Area ... the area is good habitat for game species such as elk and deer in summer ... Wilderness designation for the entire WSA is critical for wildlife... especially the Gold Hill to Bull-of-the-woods and Long's Canyon portion, would greatly reduce the value of the area for wildlife... Jon Klingel, of Santa Fe, is a retired wildlife biologist.

[Wildfires create bounty for hunters](#) November 30, 2012 New Mexico, Farmington Daily Times

... New Mexico and Colorado had record-setting wildfires in the past two years ... "Fires that burn really hot can really sterilize that ground," said Ross Morgan, northwest spokesman for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. "Where they burn a little slower, they burn off the old growth and let the new growth come through.... It created a lot of good habitat," ...

2011

[New Mexico law to affect hunters](#) June 11, 2011 San Angelo Standard Times

The New Mexico Wildlife Federation site said, "Gov. Susana Martinez has signed SB 196 which will significantly increase hunting opportunity for New Mexico residents," and "Residents will receive more than 3,000 additional licenses " The new law reads: "Beginning with the licenses issued from a special drawing for a hunt code that commences on or after April 1, 2012: (1) licenses shall be issued as follows: "(a) Ten percent of the licenses to be drawn by nonresidents AND residents who will be contracted with a New Mexico outfitter PRIOR to application; and (b) six percent of the licenses to be drawn by nonresidents who are not required to be contracted with an outfitter; and (2) a minimum of 84 percent of the licenses shall be issued to residents of New Mexico."

Other

[Behaviour and Cause-Specific Mortality of Mule Deer Fawns .. North-Central New](#)

[Mexico](#) [PDF] CA Taylor, 2013

... Predation was the major source of neonate mortality accounting for 86.8% of deaths. Black bear were the source of highest predation on fawns (57.5%, n=19) and total mortality (49.9%), verifying our hypothesis. Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) were the second highest source of predation (36.3%, n=12) and total mortality (31.6%). The mean eight month survival estimate was 24.4%. These survival estimates were slightly higher than those from a previous investigation in the same area (Bender 2006)...

Legislature Approves Bill to Increase Poaching Penalties, [Highlights of 51st](#) New

Mexico Legislature March 16, 2013 Danbury News Times

... Increase penalties on poachers who take the heads and antlers of elk, deer and other trophy animals and leave the meat behind to rot...

Mule and Blacktail and Deer Estimates from

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Year	New Mexico	
Link to Source	Range	Estimate
2015	80,000 - 100,000	90,000
2016	80,000 - 100,000	90,000

2017	80,000 - 100,000	90,000
2018	80,000 - 100,000	90,000
2019	80,000 - 100,000	90,000
2020	80,000 - 100,000	90,000