



## 2024 HOPI TRIBAL HUNTING PROCLAMATION

The Hopi Tribe Wildlife & Ecosystem Management Program (WEMP) of the Hopi Tribe's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are pleased to offer 2024 hunting opportunities for Hopi Tribal members and non-Hopi Tribal members on the Hopi reservation. This Proclamation informs the public of the annual 2024 tribal hunting activities and enforces compliance of regulations by the Hopi Tribe.

Upon Tribal Council approval, this document will govern the activities of Big Game Hunts for elk and deer administered through WEMP. The license year for the Hopi Tribal Hunting Proclamation will begin on August 12, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024. By the Hopi Tribal Hunting Proclamation that has been set forth, only WEMP may issue hunting permits for big game species on the Hopi Reservation.

The fees collected from the 2024 Hunting Proclamation will be deposited into the Wildlife Fund recognized in the Hopi Tribe's Ordinance #48 (Wildlife) Section 10.00. The funds will be used by WEMP to support the wildlife management needs of the Tribe that include administering a hunting program and preserving wildlife resources.

Mandatory Orientation is required for new applicants, failure to attend will result in no permit being issued as well as no refund. Mandatory Check-in of all successful harvested deer/elk and Post-Hunt Survey are required. Failure to check-in harvest within 24 hours of harvest and submit survey by 5 pm on the first Friday after your hunt ends will result in ineligibility to hunt that species in 2025.

Please read the 2019-2024 Hopi Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet for hunter eligibility and other pertinent information. It is the Hunter's responsibility to be educated and informed on the Hopi Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

### What's New for 2024

The Hopi Wildlife Ecosystems Management Program Office has a **set total amount** of permits available for **all hunts** on a **First-Come, First-Serve** process, Monday through Friday, regular business hours, Arizona time.

#### **PERMIT SALE DATES**

All permits sales will start at 9 am, Monday, August 12, except for Any Left-Over General Elk permits (see below). All permits will available until they are sold out for each hunt or until 12 pm, Friday, the last day of sale for that hunt.

A complete application package <u>for all Archery permits</u> must be submitted prior to receiving a permit. Complete packages include a properly completed 1) Hunt Application and 2) Permit Fee (includes processing fee in permit)

Deer/Elk Archery Hunt: Open to enrolled Hopi Tribal Members only.

• Archery Application Package Deadline

#### August 30, 2024

A complete application package <u>for all General permits</u> must be submitted prior to receiving a permit. Complete packages include a properly completed 1) Hunt Application, 2) Application Processing Fee (\$20.00) and 3) Permit Fee.

<u>Minor Any Elk/Deer</u>: Open to Hopi members **ages 14-17** (at the time off hunt), must show and carry proof of completion of hunter education to hunt. 13 year olds may apply, however they must turn 14 before they can hunt. They must also be accompanied by a responsible adult while hunting.

Minor Any Elk Application Package Deadline     September 6, 2	024
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Minor Antlered Deer Application Package Deadline
 September 13, 2024

<u>All General Elk</u>: Open to enrolled Hopi Tribal Members **first**. Hopi Tribal Members and members enrolled with Federal Recognized or Canadian First Nations Tribe may apply for a permit through the Left-Over Permit sales process.

• All General Elk Application Package Deadline

#### September 6, 2024

Any Left-Over General Elk permits, which were not purchased by Hopi Tribal members, will be made available on the First-Come, First-Serve process beginning at 9 am Monday, September 9, 2024 until 12 pm, September 13, 2024 for Non-Tribal members, who are members of federally recognized Native American Tribes or Canadian First Nations Tribes. This does not exclude Hopi Tribal Members from purchasing permits.

• Any Left-Over General Elk permits will sell very quickly. Applicants are advised to check with the Department before submitting an application for Left-Over permits.

**Deer Hunt:** Open to enrolled Hopi Tribal Members **only**.

• General Deer Application Package Deadline

#### September 13, 2024

#### **2024 HOPI HUNTING PERMITS FEES**

The following are the **fees** for the 2024 Hopi Big Game Hunting Season open to Hopi Tribal Members and Non-Hopi Members. Reminder to read the 2019-2024 Hopi Hunting & Trapping Regulations packet for more detailed information on hunting on the Hopi Reservation.

Hunt #	Species	Hunt Date	Game Unit	No. of Permits	Fee: Hopi Member	Fee: Non-Hopi Member
110	Archery Antlered Deer	Sept 12-22, 2024, Nov. 21-27, 2024	1&2	10	\$75	N/A
210	Archery Any Elk	Sept 12-22, 2024, Nov. 21-27, 2024	1 &2	10	\$75	N/A
231	Minor Any Elk*	Sept 19-29, 2024	1 &2	20	\$55	N/A
201	Antlered Elk*	Oct. 10 - 20, 2024	1	20	\$125	\$300
202	Antlered Elk*	Oct. 10 - 20, 2024	2	20	\$125	\$300
220	Antlerless Elk*	Oct. 31-Nov. 11, 2024	1	20	\$100	\$200
221	Antlerless Elk*	Oct. 31-Nov. 11, 2024	2	20	\$100	\$200
133	Minor Antlered Deer*	Dec. 26-31, 2024	1&2	10	\$35	N/A
101	<b>Antlered Deer*</b>	Dec. 26-31, 2024	1	15	\$75	N/A
102	<b>Antlered Deer*</b>	Dec. 26-31, 2024	2	15	\$75	N/A

#### **OBTAINING PERMITS: Elk/Deer Hunt Permit Sales**

Applications may be obtained at the WEMP office, the Hopi Tribal WEMP website, or may be requested by email.

Applications will be accepted at the WEMP office, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, or until 12 pm, Friday, the last day of sale for that hunt or by mail with normal processing and mailing delay.

Applications and permit fees may be mailed to:

#### Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program Attn: Permit Application P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

#### **PAYMENTS**

**ONLY checks, money orders, or copies of the receipts from the Hopi Treasurer's Office for credit/debit card and/or CASH payments** will be accepted as proof of payment when submitting your application to WEMP.

Single payments for multiple Application Processing Fees and/or applicable permit fees are allowed. All checks, money orders or payments paid at Hopi Treasurers Office must include the following information:

Name of Applicant
Fee Amount
Type of Hunt: deer, elk

If you are paying for any type of fees for someone other than yourself with a check, money order or payments paid at Hopi Treasurers Office, please provide the following information:

Name of Applicant
Fee Amount
Type of Hunt: deer, elk

- Please make checks or money orders payable to: The Hopi Tribe
- All checks and/or money order payments submitted to WEMP for Hunting application and permit fees will be sent to the Hopi Tribal Treasurers Office at the end of the work week for deposits and processing of payment.
- A \$30.00 fee will be imposed on all returned checks.
- Individuals may pay through the Treasurer's Office by credit/debit card by calling (928) 734-3124 or 3122 from **9am to 3pm (Arizona time)**, Monday through Friday.
- The Treasurer's Office will be closed on all Tribal recognized holidays.

#### ANY LEFT-OVER GENERAL ELK Permits for Tribal/Non- Hopi Tribal Members

Available General Elk permits not sold by **September 6, 2024** will be available for purchase through a first-come, first-serve process at the WEMP office beginning at **9 am, Monday, September 9, 2024** until **12 noon on Friday, September 13, 2024**.

**Non- Hopi Tribal Members**: must provide a copy of their Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)/Tribal Census card from respective tribal affiliation with application.

#### MANDATORY HUNTER ORIENTATION

**New applicants** who are successful in obtaining a general or minor season elk and deer hunting permit shall attend the **Mandatory Hunter Orientation** to be held at the **Hopi Wellness Center Conference Room in Kykotsmovi, Arizona on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7 pm.** 

Upon completion of the orientation, participating hunters will receive their permit. Permitted hunters are required to provide verification of enrollment and state issued ID/License to receive permit.

Mandatory orientation for **previous applicants will not be required** this year unless not in good standing with WEMP or if wildlife violations have occurred in the past year. All permitted individuals will be **required** to sign for and pick up their permit in person after background check has been completed. No other person will be authorized to obtain your permit. Archery permit holders **will not** require orientation.

#### **SALES FINAL**

All permit sales are final. No refunds will be processes after a permit is issued. No permit will be transferred to another person for any reason.

#### **DUPLICATE PERMITS**

Lost or damaged deer and elk permits can be replaced for a **\$20.00 fee** but only prior to the start of the season for which the lost or damaged permit was issued. A signed affidavit testifying that the permit was lost, destroyed, or stolen is required.

#### **ANNUAL BAG LIMIT- Deer and Elk**

**Deer** – A Tribal member may purchase no more than one (1) deer permit per calendar year. The annual bag limit for deer shall be one (1) when a person has purchased one (1) permit.

Elk - A Tribal member over age 18 may purchase no more than two (2) elk permits per calendar year provided at least one (1) of the permits is an archery, general antlered or general antlerless. The annual bag limit for elk shall be two (2) when a person has purchased two (2) elk permits.

**Minor Elk** - A Tribal minor member may purchase no more than one (1) elk permit per calendar year. The annual bag limit for elk for a minor Tribal member shall be one (1) when a person has purchased one (1) permit.

**Non-Tribal Elk Hunters** – A Non-Tribal member, who is enrolled with a Federally recognized tribe or Canadian First Nations Tribe are limited to one (1) elk permit per calendar year. The annual bag limit for Non-tribal members for elk shall be one (1) when a person has purchased one (1) elk permit.

#### MANDATORY CHECK-IN OF ALL DEER AND ELK

The Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program is implementing a **MANDATORY CHECK-IN of all successful harvested deer and elk. Hunters will be required to check-in their harvest within 24 hours.** The check-in process will be provided along with your permit.

**Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)** is a prion disease which affects the nervous system of deer and elk. It has been found in some areas of North America and cases have been reported as close as extreme southeastern Utah. It may take over a year before an infected animal develops symptoms, which can include drastic weight loss (wasting), stumbling, listlessness and other neurologic symptoms. CWD can affect animals of all ages and is always fatal. There are no treatments or vaccines.

To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in people. However, some animal studies suggest CWD poses a risk to certain types of non-human primates, like monkeys, that eat meat from CWD-infected animals or come in contact with brain or body fluids from infected deer or elk. These studies raise concerns that there may also be a risk to people. Since 1997, the World Health Organization has recommended that it is important to keep the agents of all known prion diseases from entering the human food chain. In addition to CWD, in Arizona, 5 tick-borne diseases have infected humans, with over 60 percent being Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF). Human RMSF infections have been recurrently diagnosed on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations.

**Tick** samples from harvested deer and elk carcasses will be collected during the Mandatory check-in process. Collecting tick samples is part of WEMP's participation with the State of Arizona, University of Arizona and other agencies in conducting surveillance for ticks. The ticks collected and submitted will be identified and tested for Rickettsia species (including RMSF), *Ehrlichia* species, and *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*. Participation in the tick surveillance is the key to monitoring changes in the spread and prevention of various vector borne diseases.

#### **MANDATORY SURVEY**

Completion of a post-hunt survey is MANDATORY from all deer and elk permit holders regardless of participation or success. Surveys must be completed and returned to WEMP by 5 p.m. on the first Friday after you hunt ends. If you do not submit a completed harvest report by 5 pm on the first Friday after your hunt ends will result in ineligibility to hunt for one year. A \$75.00 late harvest report fee must be paid to waive the one-year ineligibility penalty.

#### POACHING

Poaching hurts everyone! Poaching is ILLEGAL and defined as taking or attempting to take an animal without a valid permit, hunting on another person's permit, or attempting to take species that are not indicated on the issued big game/small game permit.

Poaching will result in the following: immediate termination of the hunt and seizure of any firearms in possession at the time of violation. Other civil penalties will apply.

- Repeat poachers will lose Hopi hunting privileges for 5 years
- Be aware of what is legal and what is not. All hunters are responsible for knowing all rules and regulations before going into the field.
- Only a permitted hunter is allowed to shoot.
- Persons witnessing any illegal or suspicious activity have the responsibility to call Hopi Law Enforcement Services.
- Questions regarding the hunting proclamation may be directed to the WEMP.

#### **BACKGROUND CHECK**

All applicants are subject to a background check through Tribal Courts to avoid any conflicts with game violations or courts ordered restricted applicants. Any individuals providing false information will be subjected to hunting revocation and/or fines depending on the severity of the violation. No refund will be given if the applicant is unable to participate in a hunt for which they have already paid.

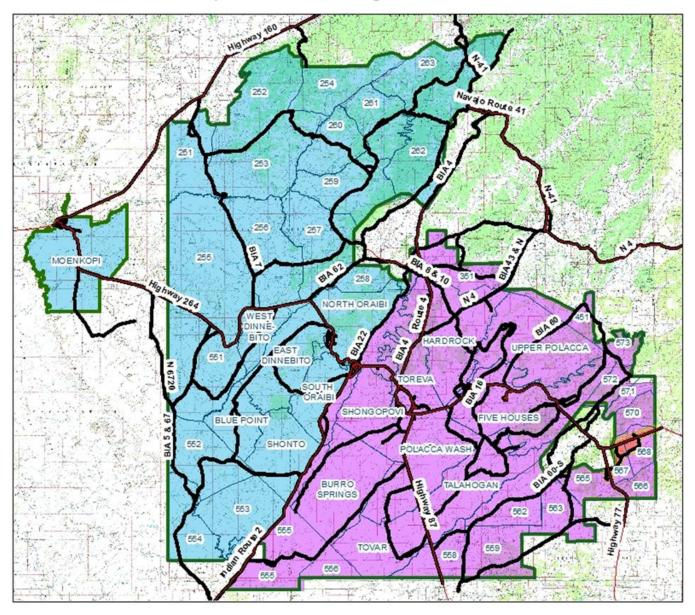
#### Game Management Unit (GMU) Boundary Legal Descriptions

**Unit 1:** Beginning at the junction of BIA Route 22 and Arizona Hwy. 264; north along BIA Route 22 to the northern Hopi Reservation boundary; initially westerly following along the Hopi Reservation Boundary in a generally counter clockwise direction to the intersection of the southern Hopi Reservation Boundary and BIA Route 2; north along BIA Route 2 to the junction of BIA Route 2 and Arizona Hwy. 264; West along Arizona Hwy. 264 to the Junction with BIA Route 22.

**Unit 2:** Beginning at the junction of BIA Route 2 and Arizona Hwy. 264; initially easterly along Arizona Hwy. 264 to the junction with BIA Route 22 junction; north along BIA Route 22 to the Hopi Reservation boundary; east along the Hopi Reservation boundary in a generally clockwise direction to the intersection of the southern Hopi Reservation Boundary with BIA Route 2; north along BIA Route 2 to the junction with Arizona Hwy. 264.

More detailed individual GMU maps may be purchased from the Hopi Land Information Systems, by contacting their office at (928) 734-3651/3653/3654.

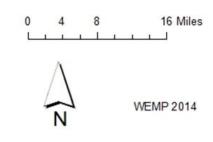
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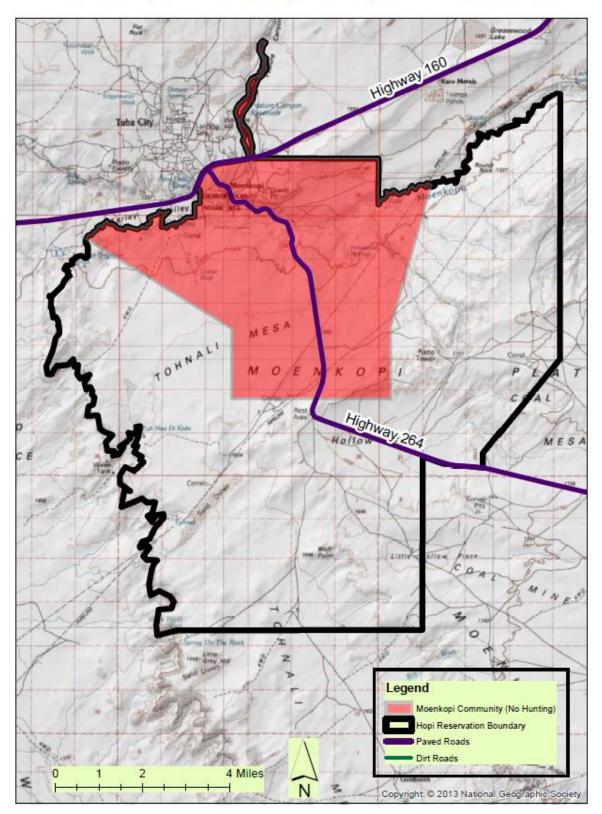


### Legend









# Moenkopi Community Area (NO HUNTING)

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