

PLEASE READ

If you receive a license to hunt bighorn sheep, elk, or moose, be prepared to hunt long and hard. You should be in good physical condition as the terrain can be very rugged and weather conditions variable. You should plan to scout the area you intend to hunt in advance to increase your odds and to get to know landowners. There is no guarantee that you will bag an animal and the chances of shooting a trophy are small. If you do harvest an animal, you will probably need assistance in retrieving it. Also, under current law, no licensee shall be accompanied by any other person carrying the same type of firearm or archery equipment as the licensee. (By complying with this regulation, you will not only enhance your chances of being successful, but will also enhance your chances of gaining access to private land for this once-in-a-lifetime hunt).

2017 BIGHORN SHEEP

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

A bighorn sheep hunting season is scheduled to open in 2017, unless there is a recurrence of bacterial pneumonia, which closed the season in 2015. The status of the bighorn sheep season will be determined by September 1, 2017, after summer population surveys have been completed.

Applicants may apply for a license at this time, but not in a specific unit. We anticipate a total of between 2 - 8 licenses to be available in the three units shown on map page at right and described below. Once available licenses are determined for each unit (by September 1), the bighorn lottery will then be held and successful applicants will be contacted for their hunting unit.

If a recurrence of pneumonia takes place and the Department determines that a complete season closure is warranted, your \$5.00 application fee remains nonrefundable. (According to state law the application fee is nonrefundable regardless of whether a season is held or not, or otherwise cancelled for any reason.)

Anticipated Open Areas:

Unit B1 - All of Slope County and those portions of Billings and Golden Valley counties south of Interstate 94.

Unit B3 - Those portions of Golden Valley, Billings, Stark and McKenzie counties starting at a point where Interstate 94 enters North Dakota, then following Interstate 94 east to US Highway 85, then north to McKenzie County Road 50, then west to McKenzie County Road 27—Red Wing Road, then north to McKenzie County Road 38—Hay Draw Road, then west and north to Montana State Line, then south to point of origin.

Unit B4 - Those portions of McKenzie and Dunn counties starting at the intersection of McKenzie County Road 38—Hay Draw Road and the Montana State Line, then south and east to McKenzie County Road 27—Red Wing Road, then south and east to McKenzie County Road 50, then east to US Highway 85, then south to ND No. 200, then east to ND No. 22, then north to McKenzie County Road 53, then west and north to ND No. 23 (excluding area within Fort Berthold Indian Reservation), then west to US Highway 85, then west and north to the south bank of the Missouri River (Lake Sakakawea), then west along the south bank of the Missouri River to the Montana State line, then south to the point of origin.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Only male bighorn sheep shall be legal.

Regular season license holders may use legal archery equipment or firearms, are required to wear orange clothing and are restricted to their designated unit for the entire season.

Each successful bighorn sheep hunter will be required to submit the head of their animal to a checking station or department representative where it will be registered as a legally taken animal.

2017 MOOSE

Open Areas:

Unit M5 (5 any (bull/cow/calf) licenses total) - Those portions of Grand Forks, Nelson, Ramsey, and Walsh counties bordered on the north by ND No. 17, on the west by ND No. 1, on the south by US Highway 2, and on the east by Minnesota.

Unit M6 (10 any (bull/cow/calf) licenses total) - Those portions of Barnes, Benson, Burleigh, Cass, Dickey, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, McLean, Nelson, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Sheridan, Steele, Stutsman, Traill and Wells counties bordered on the east by Minnesota, on the south by South Dakota, on the west by the Missouri River, and on the north by Units M5 and M9 (or described as a line starting at the intersection of US Highway 83 and ND No. 200A near Washburn, then north on ND No. 200A, then east on ND No. 200, then north on US Highway 281, then east on US Highway 2 to the Minnesota line.).

Unit M8 (15 any (bull/cow/calf) licenses total) - Those portions of Bottineau, Cavalier, Pierce, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner counties bordered on the east by ND No. 1, on the north by Canada and Unit M4, on the west by ND No. 60, and on the south by ND No. 17.

Unit M9 (80 licenses total - 45 any (bull/cow/calf), 35 antlerless (cow/calf)) - Those portions of Benson, Bottineau, McHenry, McLean, Towner, Pierce, Ramsey, Renville, Sheridan, Ward, and Wells counties bordered on the east by ND No. 1 and Unit M6, and on the north by Units M8, M4, and Canada. The western and southern borders are composed of ND No. 256 and US Highway 83 to the point where the highway crosses the southern portion of Lake Sakakawea, then west along Lake Sakakawea and south along the Missouri River to Washburn, then north on ND No. 200A, then east on ND No. 200 to the junction of US Highway 281 at Carrington. Mallard Island is included within this unit.

Unit M10 (80 licenses total - 55 any (bull/cow/calf), 25 antlerless (cow/calf)) - Divide and Burke counties and those portions of Bottineau, Mountrail, Renville, Ward, and Williams counties bordered on the east by Unit M9, on the north by Canada, on the west by Montana, and on the south by US Highway 2.

Unit M11 (55 licenses total - 35 any (bull/cow/calf), 20 antlerless (cow/calf)) Those portions of Dunn, McKenzie, Mercer, McLean, Mountrail, Ward and Williams counties bordered on the east by Unit M9, on the north by US Highway 2, and on the west by Montana. The southern border starts at the junction of Montana and ND No. 200, then east along ND No. 200 to US Highway 85, then south along US Highway 85 to ND No. 200, then east along ND No. 200 to the Missouri River east of Pick City (Unit M9).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Moose license holders are able to hunt during both the regular season (legal archery equipment or firearms) and the bow season (legal archery equipment only) but are restricted to their designated unit and the type of moose as designated on license.

Orange clothing is required during the regular season, but not during the bow season.

One license in Unit M6, two licenses in Unit M8, 12 licenses in Unit M9, 12 licenses in Unit M10, and eight licenses in Unit M11 will be issued to landowners.

A bull is any moose with at least one visible antler (all others are considered antlerless).

All moose lottery license holders must provide hunter harvest information prior to February 1, 2018.

2017 ELK

Open Areas:

Unit E1E (70 licenses total - 20 any (bull/cow/calf), 50 antlerless (cow/calf)) - Cavalier, Pembina and Walsh counties, and those portions of Grand Forks, Nelson and Ramsey counties bordered on the north by Canada, on the east by Minnesota, and on the south and west by a line starting where US Highway 2 crosses the Red River, then west along US Highway 2 to ND No. 1, then north to ND No. 17, then west to the junction of ND No. 17 and ND No. 20, then north to Canada.

Unit E1W (40 licenses total - 15 any (bull/cow/calf), 25 antlerless (cow/calf)) - Rolette County and those portions of Bottineau, Towner, Ramsey, Pierce and Cavalier counties bordered on the north by Canada, on the east by ND No. 20, on the south by ND No. 17, then west to the junction of ND No. 17 and ND No. 60, then continuing west along ND No. 60 to ND No. 5, then west to ND No. 14, then north to Canada.

Unit E2 (140 licenses total - 50 any (bull/cow/calf), 90 antlerless (cow/calf)) - McKenzie and Dunn counties, excluding all of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Unit E3 (120 licenses total - 70 any (bull/cow/calf), 50 antlerless (cow/calf)) - Billings, Golden Valley and Slope counties, except that portion of land known as Unit E4 and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Unit E4 (10 any (bull/cow/calf) licenses total) - An area in Billings and Golden Valley counties north of Interstate 94 (excluding all of Theodore Roosevelt National Park), composed of the following land:

Golden Valley County	T.141 N.R.103 W. Sec. 25-27 & 34-36
T.140 N.R.103 W. All N. of I-94	
Billings County	T.140 N.R.102 W. All except TRNP & south of I-94
T.141 N.R.100 W. Sec. 19, 30 & 31	
T.141 N.R.101 W. All except TRNP	
T.142 N.R.101 W. Sec. 25-36	T.142 N.R.102 W. Sec. 19-36

Unit E5 - Open to all elk lottery license holders from all units. (Unit E5 is the remainder of the state excluding Units E1E, E1W, E2, E3, E4 and E6. See map page at right.)

Unit E6 (7 licenses total - 2 any (bull/cow/calf), 5 antlerless (cow/calf)) - That portion of Sioux County east of ND No. 31.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All E1E, E1W, E2, and E6 licensees may hunt during both the regular season and the bow season.

Regular season hunters may use legal archery equipment or firearms and are required to wear orange clothing.

Bow season hunters are restricted to legal archery equipment only and are restricted to their designated unit. They are not required to wear orange clothing.

Beginning September 5, E3 and E4 lottery license holders may hunt in either unit.

Unit E5 is open to all elk lottery license holders from all units from September 1 - December 31. See map page at right for description of hunting Unit E5.

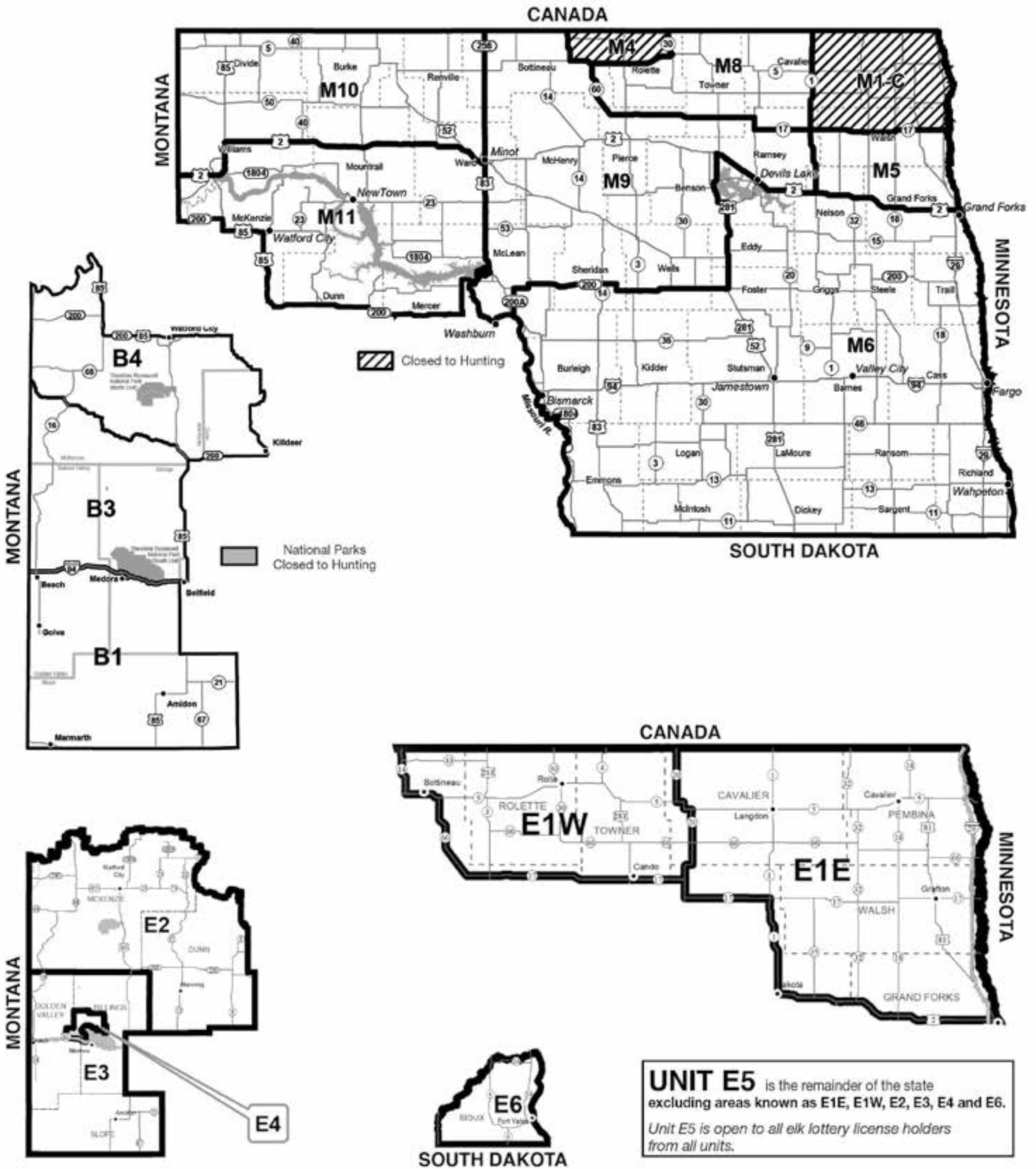
For either the regular or bow seasons, only the type of elk designated on license shall be legal.

Ten licenses in Unit E1E, six licenses in Unit E1W, 21 licenses in Unit E2, 18 licenses in Unit E3, additional licenses in Unit E4, and one license in Unit E6 will be issued to landowners.

A bull is any elk with at least one visible antler (all others are considered antlerless).

All elk lottery license holders must provide hunter harvest information prior to February 1, 2018.

2017 BIGHORN SHEEP, ELK AND MOOSE SEASON UNITS



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2017 RESIDENT BIGHORN SHEEP AND/OR ELK AND/OR MOOSE LICENSE APPLICATION INFORMATION


APPLICATION must be postmarked NO LATER than March 22, 2017.

Please note that some post offices use the following days postmark if mailed after regular hours.
Mail your application early to ensure a proper postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted.

2017 SEASON DATES

- Bighorn Sheep: B1, B3, B4 — Anticipated Regular Season (Legal Archery Equipment or Firearms): November 3 — December 31.
- Elk: E1E, E1W, E2 — Regular Season (Legal Archery Equipment or Firearms): October 6 — December 31.
E1E, E1W, E2, E6 — Bow Season (Legal Archery Equipment Only): September 1 — September 24.
E3, E4 — Regular Season (Legal Archery Equipment or Firearms): September 1 — December 31.
E5 — Regular Season (Legal Archery Equipment or Firearms): September 1 — December 31.
E6 — Regular Season (Legal Archery Equipment or Firearms): October 6 — November 9 and November 27 — December 31.
- Moose: M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11 — Regular Season (Legal Archery Equipment or Firearms): October 13 — November 5.
M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11 — Bow Season (Legal Archery Equipment Only): September 1 — September 24.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION (If you need any assistance in filling out this application, contact the ND Game & Fish Department.)

- 1. AGE:** The applicant must be at least 14 years of age on or before December 31 of this year.
- 2. ELIGIBILITY:** Make sure you meet all the eligibility requirements listed in the “AS AN APPLICANT I CERTIFY THAT” section of the application.
- 3. PARTIES:** Only ONE application will be accepted for each individual. There is no provision to apply as a party.
- 4. HUNTING UNIT CHOICE:** Consult map on back and note unit boundary descriptions carefully. Indicate your choice of hunting unit in the box on application (exception: Successful bighorn sheep applicants will be contacted after September 1 for their choice of unit.). All bighorn sheep licensees must hunt in their chosen unit for the entire season. All elk licensees must hunt in their designated unit for the entire season (exceptions: Beginning September 5, Unit E3 and E4 lottery license holders may hunt in either unit. Unit E5 is open to all elk lottery license holders from all units.). All moose licensees must hunt in their designated unit for the entire season.
- 5. SPECIES AND SEASON/LICENSE TYPE CHOICES:** You may apply for any one, two, or all three species on this application. Please note that all moose hunters and Unit E1E, E1W, E2, and E6 elk hunters may hunt during both the regular season and the bow season. Successful bighorn sheep applicants will be contacted after September 1 for season details. Indicate your choice of corresponding elk season(s) by checking the appropriate box. Both moose seasons are the same for all units. If applying for elk in Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E3, or E6, you are allowed a choice of either “any elk” (bull/cow/calf) or “antlerless elk” (cow/calf) licenses. If applying for elk in Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E3, or E6, use the corresponding letter code (A or C) and indicate your license type choice in the appropriate box. Any Elk is allowed in Unit E4. If applying for moose in Unit M9, M10, or M11, you are allowed a choice of either “any moose” (bull/cow/calf) or “antlerless moose” (cow/calf) licenses. If applying for moose in Unit M9, M10, or M11, use the corresponding letter code (A or C) and indicate your license type choice in the appropriate box. Any moose is allowed in Unit M5, M6, and M8.
- 6. APPLICANT INFORMATION:** Please fill out all required information in the “Applicant Information” section of the application. In accordance with state law NDCC 20.1-03-35 and 42 US Code 666 (a) (13) and (16), the Department is required to collect social security numbers from all persons obtaining hunting, fishing, or other recreational type licenses. Your social security number serves as your principal identification number to determine license eligibility. It is kept confidential, however it may be provided to law enforcement agencies and the State Disbursement Unit to enforce child support obligations.
 Also in accordance with state law (NDCC 20.1-02-05), a resident who is 18 years of age or older must submit a ND drivers license number or a ND nondriver photo ID number when applying for a license.
If any part of the application or fee(s) is incomplete or in error, the application will not be processed and will be returned to sender.
- 7. HUNTER EDUCATION: ATTENTION!** If you were born after December 31, 1961, you must fill in your hunter education certificate number, and the state or province in which you received it. Required hunter education certification must be completed prior to application being submitted. ATTENTION: Compliance is enforced by verification with state enforcement agencies. If your certificate is unnumbered, write “NONE” and the year and state in which you were certified. If you have a change in last name since completing the course, attach a note to the application.
- 8. SIGNATURES:** Read carefully the “AS AN APPLICANT I CERTIFY THAT” portion of the form, the applicant should then sign and date the application. If you are not a US citizen, you must apply online.
- 9. FEE:** You must submit a \$5.00 nonrefundable application fee for each species applied for, i.e., if you apply for one species you must submit \$5.00, if you apply for two species you must submit \$10.00, and if you apply for all three species you must submit \$15.00. Successful applicants will be notified and will then be required to submit a \$30.00 license fee, except for an applicant under age 16 the fee is \$10.00 (Successful bighorn sheep applicants will be notified after September 1.). Do not send the license fee with your application. Do not send cash. Personal checks, cashier’s checks or money orders will be accepted. Make payable to North Dakota Game and Fish Department.



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You can also apply for your Bighorn Sheep, Elk or Moose license via the internet – 24 hours a day – 7 days a week, making sure your application is in before the deadline. Visa, Discover and MasterCard accepted.



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at gf.nd.gov

Regular application fees
apply with no service charge added.