

NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
2023 SPRING BEAR HUNT

SEASON DATES: **May 8 –June 18, 2023**

MANAGEMENT UNITS OPEN: **Units 1-5 and 12**

PERMIT COST: Navajo (census # required) 20 Permits = \$52.00
Navajo Senior Citizen & Veteran = \$26.00
Navajo Spouse 1 Permit \$52.00
Non-Navajo 2 Permits = \$1,000.00

Permit Cost includes a non-refundable application fee of \$15.00
Senior Citizens must include documentation of proof of age
Veterans must provide copy of DD-214
Spouses must include marriage license, spouses CIB and affidavit

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **April 7, 2023 by 5 PM.** We will not accept
Postmarked applications.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cashier's Check or Money Order made out to
The Navajo Nation for the entire cost of the hunt.

Credit Card Authorization Form.
Credit card Payment will take out the \$15
application fee at the time of application. Upon
being drawn for the hunt, the remaining amount due
will be charged to the credit card. If the credit card
declines, the applicant will be rejected and replaced
by the next applicant.

LEGAL METHOD OF TAKE: Any legal weapon for big game as defined in the
Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation
Booklet.

BAG LIMIT: One any bear. Cubs and sows with cubs may not be
taken.

- ❖ Permits will be issued to eligible applicants on a random drawing basis (if necessary).
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- ❖ Group applicants will be drawn together.
- ❖ No transferring of permits, no refunds on issued permits.
- ❖ Left-over permits will be available on a first-come-first-served basis on April 15, 2022.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

- The Navajo Nation Fall Hunting Proclamation is a supplement to the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation Booklet. Any changes outlined in this proclamation supersede the Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- ATV's are not allowed during big game hunts, except by special permit, or to retrieve downed game. Possession of a firearm, bow or muzzleloader during retrieval is prohibited.
- Small game hunting, including furbearers, is permitted year-round with proper small game permit.
- It is illegal to bait big game for the purpose of hunting or scouting. Baiting is defined as placing a natural or artificial food source or supplement utilized to attract a big game animal.
- Immediate family is defined as spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother. Aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, friends, are not considered immediate family. It is illegal to accompany a non-Navajo in the field while hunting or scouting if that person is not an immediate family member.
- It is a violation for any non-Navajo to guide or use their hounds to hunt game for any other hunter, unless they are immediate family *or they have the same permit that authorizes them to be hunting.*
- Non-Navajo hunters using illegal guides or hounds-men who make a kill and subsequently remove the carcass from the Navajo Nation are in violation of both Navajo Nation and federal wildlife laws and will have their hunting privileges revoked. Non-Navajos accompanying big game hunters will be issued a citation for illegal guiding under this provision.