

2017 ELK, MOOSE AND BIGHORN SHEEP PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to North Dakota law and the recommendation of the Game and Fish Director, I hereby declare an open season for the issuance of 389 elk, plus additional landowner licenses for elk unit E4, 247 moose and 2-8 bighorn sheep (to be determined on September 1, 2017) licenses. Except as provided hereinafter or otherwise by law, no person shall hunt, kill, take, possess, or so attempt to hunt, kill, take, transport or possess any elk, moose, or bighorn sheep or parts thereof.

DEFINITIONS. As hereinafter used, unless the content or subject matter otherwise requires: "Game" shall include any of those species of big game, small game, or furbearers as defined in section 20.1-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code. "Edible flesh" (big game animals) shall be both front quarters, both hind quarters, and back straps but does not include meat ruined by bullet or natural causes. "Common Carriers" are shipping companies, commercial meat processors and taxidermists. "Processed and Packaged Meat" is meat which has been cut/ground and wrapped. It is not quartered or boned out pieces of meat.

1. SEASON DATES, TIMES, OPEN AREAS:

HOURS OF HUNTING are one-half (½) hour before sunrise to one-half (½) hour after sunset.

SEASON	UNITS	OPENS	CLOSES	RESTRICTIONS
<i>Elk Bow Season</i>	E1E, E1W E2, E6	Sept. 1	Sept. 24	Restricted to bows only during this time period. Restricted to unit and type of elk as designated on license. E1E, E1W, E2 and E6 license holders are allowed to hunt during the bow and regular season but must stay within their unit and use appropriate legal archery equipment or firearms. Orange clothing is not required.
<i>Antlerless Elk Season</i>	E1E, E1W, E2	Aug. 4	Sept. 24	Only private lands determined by the Director to be severely impacted by elk are to be open after other measures have been attempted and determined ineffective. The Director may authorize individuals with valid antlerless elk licenses to participate in their respective unit. Orange clothing required.

SEASON	UNITS	OPENS	CLOSES	RESTRICTIONS
<i>Elk Regular Season</i>	E1E, E1W, E2	Oct. 6	Dec. 31	Restricted to unit and type of elk as designated on license. E1E, E1W, and E2 license holders are allowed to hunt during the bow and regular season but must stay within their unit and use appropriate legal archery equipment or firearms. Orange clothing required.
	E3, E4	Sept. 1	Dec. 31	Note: Beginning Sept. 5, E3, E4 lottery license holders may hunt in either unit. Landowner preference license holders may only hunt in their unit. Orange clothing required.
	E5	Sept. 1	Dec. 31	Open to all lottery license holders from all units. Hunters may only take the type of elk on their license and use appropriate legal archery equipment or firearms. Orange clothing required.
	E6	Oct. 6 Nov. 27	Nov. 9 and Dec. 31	Restricted to unit and type of elk as designated on license. E6 license holders are allowed to hunt during the bow and regular season but must stay within their unit and use appropriate legal archery equipment or firearms. Orange clothing required. This will be a split season.
<i>Moose Bow Season</i>	M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11	Sept. 1	Sept. 24	Restricted to unit and type of moose as designated on license. License holders are allowed to hunt during the bow and regular season but must stay within their unit and use appropriate legal archery equipment or firearms. Orange clothing is not required.

SEASON	UNITS	OPENS	CLOSES	RESTRICTIONS
<i>Moose Regular Season</i>	M5, M6 M8, M9, M10, M11	Oct. 13	Nov. 5	Restricted to unit and type of moose as designated on license. License holders are allowed to hunt during the bow and regular season but must stay within their unit and use appropriate legal archery equipment or firearms. Orange clothing required.
<i>Bighorn Sheep Regular Season</i>	B1, B3, B4	Nov. 3	Dec. 31	Restricted to male bighorn sheep. Restricted to unit designated on license. Any legal firearm or archery equipment. Orange clothing required. (See Section 12)

2. ELIGIBILITY.

Who May Apply (Elk and Moose)--Only North Dakota residents shall be eligible. A person may apply for a license to hunt either or both species (elk and/or moose); however, they may not apply for a species (elk and/or moose) for which they have received a license in previous years.

Who May Apply (Bighorn Sheep)--Both residents and nonresidents who have never received a bighorn sheep license in North Dakota shall be eligible to apply for one bighorn sheep license issued by lottery. The number of licenses to be issued by lottery shall be determined on September 1, 2017. No more than one license may be issued to a nonresident in accordance with N.D.C.C. 20.1-08-04.1.

Applicants will not be applying for a particular bighorn sheep unit as the number of licenses and open units will not be determined until September 1, 2017. After the population survey is complete and license numbers are determined, the lottery will be held and the selected hunters will be contacted individually.

There remains a possibility that a circumstance, such as a reoccurrence of bacterial pneumonia, may negatively deplete the bighorn sheep population. If the Game and Fish Department Director determines that contemporary bighorn sheep population surveys show that a season is no longer justified, the bighorn sheep season shall be cancelled. If such a circumstance would occur and the bighorn sheep season is accordingly cancelled, in accordance with N.D.C.C. 20.1-03-12.2, the \$5 resident and \$100 nonresident application fee shall not be refunded.

3. LICENSES.

A lottery procedure will be determined by the game and fish director. The deadline for submitting lottery applications to the Game and Fish Department's Bismarck office is March 22, 2017. Because of sometimes delayed postmarking procedures, applications postmarked March 23 and earlier will be accepted. A person may submit only one application per species. A \$5 nonrefundable application fee in the form of a credit card, personal check, certified check, or money order must accompany each resident application. A \$100 nonrefundable application fee in the form of a credit card, personal check, certified check, or money order must accompany each nonresident application for bighorn sheep. Applicants issuing an insufficient funds check, which the collection agency is unable to collect, will be ineligible to apply for either of the species for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Licenses are non-transferable. No person may give, barter, or sell an issued license to another person. If elk licenses remain after the lottery, the Department may issue these on a first come-first served basis to any eligible person.

Moose and Elk (E1E, E1W, and E2) Seasons--All moose and elk E1E, E1W, E2 and E6 license holders will get the option to hunt during the Bow Season (using legal archery equipment only) and during the Regular Season (using any legal archery equipment or firearms) but hunters are still restricted to the unit and type of moose or elk as designated on the license.

Landowner Preference License for Elk--Persons who own, or lease for agricultural purposes and actively farm or ranch, a minimum of 150 acres of land in the following areas shall be eligible to apply for one of 10 licenses in Unit E1E, one of 6 licenses in Unit E1W, one of 21 licenses in Unit E2, one of 18 licenses in Unit E3 or one of 1 licenses in Unit E6. These licenses are issued only through the Department's Bismarck office and are subtracted from the maximum number of elk licenses available for Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E3 and E6. Preferential licenses are valid for the entire unit and either sex, regardless of age. Preferential licenses for E1E, E1W, E2 and E6 may be used until filled, in both bow and gun season subject to the rules of the season.

Landowner preference licenses for Unit E4 will be issued in accordance with exemptions provided under N.D.C.C. 20.1-03-11(7). These exemptions include:

- Not restricted to 15 percent of total licenses.
- Not restricted to once-in-a-lifetime.
- No more than 1 license may be issued on all parcels of land owned by any landowner even if the amount of land is in excess of 150 acres of land.
- Recipients of landowner preference licenses for elk in Units E3 and E4 may use this license to harvest an elk causing depredation in either Unit E3 or E4 from May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017. The following conditions apply to harvest of elk during this time period-
 - A landowner preferential elk license for either Unit E3 or E4 is required.
 - Elk may be taken in Units E3 and E4 with landowner preferential license from May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017.
 - Landowners and other preferential license holders who intend to harvest depredating elk must notify the Department 24 hours prior to harvesting an animal and must notify the Department within 24 hours after harvesting an animal to verify the kill.

Qualifying Areas

E1E

Pembina County

- T.161 N. R.55 W. Sec. 31 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.161 N. R.56 W. Sec. 1-4 & 9-11, 14 N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 17 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 22, 23 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 27 N $\frac{1}{2}$
- T.162 N. R.55 W. Sec. 18 W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, 30 & 31
- T.162 N. R.56 W. All except Sec. 1-9, 17-20, 30, 31
- T.162 N. R. 55 W. Sec 17 SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Cavalier County

- T.159 N. R.57 W. Sec. 11 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 14
- T.160 N. R.57 W. Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 14 N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, 35 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 36 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.161 N. R.57 W. Sec. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20 E $\frac{1}{2}$, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36

Cavalier County Contd.

Bottineau County

- T.164 N. R. 74 W. Sec. 27 S $\frac{1}{2}$, 33 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.162 N. R. 74 W. Sec 1 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.162 N. R. 74 W. Sec 1 SE $\frac{1}{4}$

- T.162 N. R.57 W. Sec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 E $\frac{1}{2}$, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 E $\frac{1}{2}$, 33, 34, 35
- T.162 N. R.58 W. Sec. 25 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.163 N. R.57 W. Sec. 18 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 19 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 31, 32, 33, and south and west of the Pembina River in Sec. 30.
- T.163 N. R.58 W. Sec. 3 W $\frac{1}{2}$, 9, 12 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 15, 16, 20 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, and south and west of the Pembina River in Sec. 4, 10, 14, 24
- T.163 N. R.59 W. Sec. 1
- T.164 N. R.58 W. Sec. 33 S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.164 N. R.59 W. Sec. 25 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 26 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 27 SE $\frac{1}{4}$

E1W

Rolette County

- T.163 N. R.73 W. Sec. 3 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 4 NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 15 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 27 E $\frac{1}{2}$
- T.164 N. R.72 W. Sec. 28 S $\frac{1}{2}$, 32 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 36 SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.164 N. R.73 W. Sec. 28 S $\frac{1}{2}$, 31 S $\frac{1}{2}$, 32 NW $\frac{1}{4}$

E2

Dunn County

- T.145 N. R.97 W. Sec. 1-24
- T.146 N. R.94 W. Sec. 15 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.94 W. Sec. 28 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.94 W. Sec. 32 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.94 W. Sec. 34 SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.95 W. Sec. 10 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T. 146 N. R.95. W. Sec 20 SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.95 W. Sec. 22 SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.95 W. Sec. 23 SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.95 W. Sec. 36 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.96 W.
- T.146 N. R.97 W.
- T.147 N. R.94 W. NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.147 N. R.94 W. Sec. 35 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.147 N. R.95 W. Sec. 22 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.147 N. R.95 W. N & W of Hwy 22 plus Sec.
23 W $\frac{1}{2}$, 33 N $\frac{1}{2}$
- T.147 N. R.95 W. Sec. 25 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.147 N. R.96 W.
- T.147 N. R.97 W.
- T.148 N. R.96 W.
- T.148 N. R.97 W.

McKenzie County

- T.145 N. R.99 W. Sec. 29 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 32 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.146 N. R.98 W.
- T.146 N. R.99 W. Sec. 3 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 5 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 8 SE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.147 N. R.98 W. Sec. 31 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 36 N $\frac{1}{2}$
- T.147 N. R.102 W. Sec. 34 SE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.148 N. R.98 W.
- T.149 N. R.95 W.
- T.149 N. R.96 W.
- T.149 N. R.97 W.
- E $\frac{1}{2}$ of T.149 N. R.98 W. plus Sec.28, 29, 32, 33
- S $\frac{1}{2}$ of T.150 N. R.95 W.
- S $\frac{1}{2}$ of T.150 N. R.96 W.
- S $\frac{1}{2}$ of T.150 N. R.97 W.

Slope County

- T.136 N. R.101 W. Sec. 4 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.133 N. R.104 W. Sec. 1 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.136 N. R.102 W. Sec. 20 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.136 N. R.103 W. Sec. 9 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 15 NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
17 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 18 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 19 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 30 NW $\frac{1}{4}$

E3

Golden Valley County

- T.136 N. R.105 W. Sec. 25 SE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.137 N. R.103 W. Sec. 2 SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.141 N. R.104 W. Sec. 11 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 24 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 25 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.142 N. R.103 W.
- T.142 N. R.104 W. Sec. 4 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 8 SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.143 N. R.104 W.
- T.143 N. R.105 W. Sec. 1 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.144 N. R.103 W.
- T.144 N. R.104 W.

Billings County

- T.137 N. R.100 W. Sec. 7, 8 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 20 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 28 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 28 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 29 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.137 N. R.101 W. Sec. 26, 30 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 32 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.137 N. R.102 W. Sec. 4
- T.138 N. R.101 W. Sec. 8 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 34
- T.138 N. R.102 W. Sec. 3 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 6 E $\frac{1}{2}$, 19, 29 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.139 N. R.100 W. Sec. 1, 19 NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Billings County

- T.140 N. R.102 W. Sec. 6
- T.141 N. R.100 W. Sec. 30
- T.141 N. R.101 W. Sec. 2, 3, 6, 20, 24
- T.141 N. R.102 W. Sec. 17, 32
- T.142 N. R.101 W. Sec. 31
- T.142 N. R.102 W. Sec. 19, 23, 25

Sioux County

- T.130 N. R.81. W. Sec 4 SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Billings County Contd.

- T.139 N. R.101 W. Sec. 3 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.139 N. R.102 W. Sec. 8 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 15 W $\frac{1}{2}$, 21 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 28 S $\frac{1}{2}$, 31 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 32 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.140 N. R.100 W. Sec. 1-17, 28 N $\frac{1}{2}$
- T.140 N. R.102 W. Sec. 33 S $\frac{1}{2}$
- T.141 N. R.99 W. Sec. 21 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 30 W $\frac{1}{2}$, 31 N $\frac{1}{2}$, 32 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.141 N. R.100 W. Sec. 1-18, 20-29, 32-36
- T.142 N. R.100 W. Sec. 3-10, 15-22, 27-34
- T.142 N. R.101 W. Sec. 1-24
- T.142 N. R.102 W. Sec. 1-18
- T.143 N. R.99 W. Sec. 7 W $\frac{1}{2}$, 19
- T.143 N. R.100 W. Sec. 4, 5 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 10 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 14 N $\frac{1}{2}$, 17 E $\frac{1}{2}$, 31-34
- T.143 N. R.101 W. Sec. 8 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 21 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 33 W $\frac{1}{2}$
- T.143 N. R.102 W. Sec. 7 NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 16, 36 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.144 N. R.100 W. Sec. 13 SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 17 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 21 N $\frac{1}{2}$, 35 NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.144 N. R.101 W. Sec. 31 NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T.144 N. R.102 W. Sec. 5, 8, 17, 29

E4

Golden Valley

- T.140 N. R.103 W. Sec. 2, 4
- T.141 N. R.103 W. Sec. 26

E6

Landowner Preference License for Moose--Persons who own, or lease for agricultural purposes and actively farm or ranch, a minimum of 150 acres of land in the following units are eligible to apply for one of the preferential moose licenses to hunt only upon qualifying lands described on their application. These licenses are issued only through the Department's Bismarck office in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 20.1-03-11. Preferential licenses are valid for either sex, regardless of age.

Landowner Preference Licenses Available for Moose

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number Available</u>
M5	0
M6	1
M8	2
M9	12
M10	12
M11	8

Any person who receives a lottery license or a landowner preference license shall not be eligible to apply for that species again in either the regular lottery or for landowner preference licenses for the same species, except under the exemptions provided for certain landowner preferential licenses.

4. FIREARMS AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT.

Nonlicensees--No elk, moose or bighorn sheep licensee hunting in the field during the elk, moose or bighorn sheep season may be accompanied by a nonlicensee carrying the same type of firearm or archery equipment as the licensee. For the purpose of this section "type of firearm or archery equipment" means one of the following: a) centerfire rifles, b) handguns, c) muzzleloading firearms, d) archery equipment, or e) shotguns. A nonlicensee is a person not having an elk, moose or bighorn sheep license for the same season and unit as the person with the license.

Legal Firearms (Elk and Moose)--Centerfire rifles of .25 caliber or larger are legal for elk and moose. Centerfire rifles of .50 caliber or larger using smokeless powder are prohibited. Muzzleloading rifles or single shot muzzleloader pistols of .50 caliber or larger are legal for both species. Rifles must have a minimum barrel length of 16 inches. Rifled slugs of 20 gauge or larger are legal for shotguns. Minimum barrel length of shotguns is 18 inches. Handgun (pistol, revolver, or single shot) cartridge cases under .40 caliber must be at least 1.285 inches in length and bullets must be at least .257 inches in diameter. Handgun cartridge cases of .40 caliber or larger must be at least .992 inches in length. Fully automatic firearms, full metal jacketed bullets which are nonexpanding, as well as altered projectiles are prohibited.

Legal Firearms (Bighorn Sheep)--Centerfire rifles of .243/6mm caliber or larger are legal for bighorn sheep. Centerfire rifles of .50 caliber or larger using smokeless powder are prohibited. Muzzleloading rifles or single shot muzzleloader pistols of .50 caliber or larger are legal. Rifles must have a minimum barrel length of 16 inches. Rifled slugs of 20 gauge or larger are legal for shotguns. Minimum barrel length of shotguns is 18 inches. Handgun (pistol, revolver, or single shot) cartridge cases under .40 caliber must be at least 1.285 inches in length and bullets must be at least .257 inches in diameter. Handgun cartridge cases of .40 caliber or larger must be at least .992 inches in length. Fully automatic firearms, full metal jacketed bullets which are nonexpanding, as well as altered projectiles are prohibited.

Legal Archery Equipment--A bow must be pulled, held, and released by hand. Any release aid may be used providing it is hand operated, the shooter supports the draw weight of the bow, and the release is not attached to any part of the bow other than the bowstring. The bows used for hunting moose and elk must have at least 50 pounds of draw at 28 inches or less draw length. Arrows must be at least 24 inches long, tipped with a metal broadhead, with at least two sharp cutting edges, and have a cutting diameter of at least 3/4 inch (i.e., not able to pass through a 3/4 inch ring.) Broadheads used for hunting bighorn sheep, moose, and elk must be unbarbed and have fixed blades (i.e., broadheads with mechanical, or retractable blades manufactured to stay open are illegal). Telescopic sights, range finding devices, battery-powered or electronically lighted sights or other electronic devices attached to the bow, or the arrow, are not permitted. Exception: a lighted nock and recording devices which do not aid in range finding, sighting or shooting the bow are permitted. Handheld range finding devices are legal. Arrows capable of causing damage or injury to the animal in excess of that inflicted by the cutting edges of the broadhead, are prohibited while hunting big game with a bow (e.g., explosive arrow points, arrows tipped with drugs or chemicals, and pneumatic or hydraulic shafts are illegal). No firearms, except handguns, may be in the hunter's possession while hunting big game with a bow license. However, handguns may not be used in any manner to assist in the harvest of a big game animal on an archery license. Crossbows are not legal, except with a permit from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department Director. When permitted, crossbows must: a) have a peak draw weight of at least 75 pounds, b) be equipped with a working safety to prevent accidental firing, c) have a stock at least 14 inches long, d) use arrows or bolts at least 14 inches in length, e) battery-powered and electronic-lighted sight pins and telescopic sights not exceeding a maximum power of four by thirty-two millimeters may be attached to crossbows used for hunting, and f) crossbow hunters must comply with all other archery equipment regulations listed above.

Americans with Disabilities--The Director may make reasonable accommodations to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

5. AIRCRAFT, MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES, AND LIGHTS.

- * It shall be illegal to use all types of aircraft, manned or unmanned, for spotting game 72 hours prior to and during the hunting season. A licensee cannot hunt the same day they are airborne over their hunting unit with the exception of their scheduled passenger airline flight. It is illegal to drive, concentrate, rally, raise, stir-up, or disturb game with all types of aircraft, manned or unmanned.
- * Motor-driven vehicles may not be used to pursue game.

- * It is illegal to shoot with bow and arrow or firearm while in or on a motor-driven vehicle.
- * Unless otherwise authorized under N.D.C.C., no person may carry a firearm with a cartridge in the chamber in or on a motor-driven vehicle while hunting big game animals. The entire cylinder of a revolver is considered the chamber, requiring the revolver to be completely unloaded. Handguns with removable magazines or clips must have the magazine or clip removed from the firearm if the magazine or clip contains any loaded shells. It is illegal to carry any muzzleloading firearm in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a percussion cap or primer on the nipple or powder in the flash pan.
- * No person may use a motor-driven vehicle in the process of hunting big game or aid another in the process of hunting big game unless the motor-driven vehicle is on an established trail.
- * No person may use motor-driven vehicles on North Dakota Game and Fish Department Conservation PLOTS (Private Land Open To Sportsmen) property without permission from the landowner. These areas have been entrusted to the public for walking access through written agreements by private landowners. The boundaries of these properties are delineated in the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's annual PLOTS Guide and on-site by large yellow triangular signs.
- * It shall be illegal to engage in shining for big game with any artificial light for the purpose of locating or observing big game between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next.
- * Use of night vision equipment, electronically enhanced light gathering optics or thermal imaging equipment for locating or hunting big game is prohibited.

6. BAG LIMITS.

ELK. One elk restricted to type of elk described on license. Type of elk includes either antlerless or any elk (antlerless or antlered*).

MOOSE. One moose restricted to type of moose described on license. Type of moose includes either antlerless or any moose (antlerless or antlered*).

* All elk or moose with at least one visible antler are considered antlered.

BIGHORN SHEEP. One male bighorn sheep.

7. TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.

Immediately after an animal has been killed, the hunter must indicate the date of kill by cutting out the appropriate month and day from the tag provided with the license and securely attach it to the antler on an antlered animal, the horn on a horned animal, or in a slit in the ear on an antlerless animal to prevent its removal. The tag, placed immediately upon the antler, horn, or slit in ear, shall remain with the antlers, horns, or head until March 31, 2018. After the antlers, horns, head, or hide have been removed from the carcass, the carcass tag shall remain with the carcass or processed meat until consumed or until March 31, 2018.

In no case is it legal to possess or transport an elk, moose or bighorn sheep unless it is properly tagged. The carcass tag must remain with the carcass until it is cut up and packaged as food. The carcass tag must be kept for inspection until all meat is consumed or until March 31, 2018. No person may reuse or attempt to reuse any tag issued. Tags are non-transferable. Any person who violates this requirement may be convicted of a noncriminal offense and a \$250 fine.

Anyone who harvests a bighorn sheep in North Dakota must have it plugged by North Dakota Game and Fish Department personnel.

When any part of an animal is mounted, if the tag is removed from the antlers, horns, or ear, the tag must be securely fastened to the back or bottom of the mount and remain there.

Mandatory Elk and Moose Harvest Reporting. Elk and moose lottery license holders are required to provide hunter harvest information no later than February 1, 2018. Failure to do so may result in loss of eligibility for all lottery licenses in 2018.

8. TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE.

License holders must accompany their game animal, or parts thereof, (excluding hide) during transportation, unless a permit for the transportation of game is issued by the Department upon request. Game may be shipped by common carrier in receipt of proper bill of lading. An elk, moose, or bighorn sheep carcass must be accompanied by the head to the final place of storage. No resident of the state may ship big game or parts thereof (other than hides) out of state without a permit from the Department. It is illegal to possess or transport another's game animal, or parts thereof, (excluding hide) without the license holder accompanying or as otherwise permitted. Processed and packaged meat of legally taken game may be gifted to another. Unprocessed, unpackaged game meat may be gifted as follows: 1) Prior to reaching the licensee's personal residence a transportation permit must be obtained and accompany the game meat. 2) After reaching the licensee's personal residence if accompanied by the name and address of the licensee.

Commercial processors and common carriers may possess any person's legally taken possession limit of game.

9. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING.

Federal or state properties such as refuges, sanctuaries, military installations, parks, or historic sites posted to trespassing or hunting are closed to hunting.

In accordance with N.D.C.C. 20.1-08-04.9, nonresidents shall be prohibited from hunting from October 14, 2017 through October 20, 2017 on Game and Fish Department wildlife management areas or Conservation PLOTS (Private Land Open To Sportsmen) areas.

10. HUNTING IN UNHARVESTED CROPS.

It is illegal to hunt in unharvested cereal and oilseed crops without the owner's consent. Crops also include alfalfa, clover, and other grasses grown for seed.

11. HUNTING OVER BAIT.

Hunting big game over bait on Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) is prohibited. Hunting big game over bait is defined as the placement and or use of bait(s) for attracting big game and other wildlife to a specific location for the purpose of hunting. Baits include but are not limited to grains, minerals, salts, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other natural or manufactured foods. The designation does not apply to the use of scents and lures, water, food plots, standing crops, or livestock feeds being used in standard practices.

12. ORANGE CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS.

All big game hunters are required to wear a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline of solid daylight fluorescent orange color, totaling at least 400 square inches. This requirement doesn't apply during the elk and moose bow seasons (September 1, 2017 through September 24, 2017).

13. WANTON WASTE.

No person shall kill or cripple any big game animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve and retain the big game animal in his or her actual custody. No person shall waste, destroy, spoil, or abandon the edible flesh of a big game animal at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his or her permanent residence, (b) a taxidermist, (c) a common carrier, or (d) a commercial processor.

14. LICENSES AVAILABLE BY SPECIES AND UNIT.

ELK	Unit E1E	- 70 licenses - (20) any elk (50) antlerless elk
	Unit E1W	- 40 licenses - (15) any elk (25) antlerless elk
	Unit E2	- 140 licenses - (50) any elk (90) antlerless elk
	Unit E3	- 120 licenses - (70) any elk (50) antlerless elk
	Unit E4	- 10 licenses - any elk
	Unit E6	- 7 licenses – (2) any elk (5) antlerless elk
	RMEF Raffle ¹	- 1 license - any elk
	OAF License ²	- 1 license - any elk

389 licenses

¹ One additional elk license is authorized to be raffled by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the North American Wildlife Enforcement Memorial Museum and Educational Center in accordance with N.D.C.C. 20.1-08-04.6. This license is valid for any open unit and any elk regardless of age or sex. The recipient of this license may hunt in either the bow season or the regular season.

² One additional elk license is authorized in accordance with N.D.C.C. 20.1-08-04.13 to the Outdoor Adventure Foundation to be issued to a qualifying youth who has cancer or a life-threatening illness. This license is valid for any open unit and any elk regardless of age or sex. The recipient of this license may hunt in either the bow season or the regular season.

MOOSE	Unit M1C	- Closed due to low population
	Unit M4	- Closed due to low population
	Unit M5	- 5 licenses - any moose
	Unit M6	- 10 licenses - any moose
	Unit M8	- 15 licenses - (15) any moose
	Unit M9	- 80 licenses - (45) any moose (35) antlerless moose
	Unit M10	- 80 licenses - (55) any moose (25) antlerless moose
	Unit M11	- 55 licenses – (35) any moose (20) antlerless moose
	RMEF Raffle ¹	- 1 license - any moose
	OAF License ²	- 1 license - any moose

247 licenses

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² One additional moose license is authorized in accordance with N.D.C.C. 20.1-08-04.13 to the Outdoor Adventure Foundation to be issued to a qualifying youth who has cancer or a life-threatening illness. This license is valid for any open unit and any moose regardless of age or sex. The recipient of this license may hunt in either the bow season or the regular season.

BIGHORN SHEEP

Unit B1 – To be determined on September 1, 2017

Unit B3 – To be determined on September 1, 2017

Unit B4 – To be determined on September 1, 2017

Auction¹

– 1 license

To be determined September 1, 2017

¹ One bighorn sheep license is authorized to be auctioned by the Wild Sheep Foundation - Midwest Chapter in accordance with N.D.C.C. 20.1-08-04.1. The recipient of this license may hunt in all open units. The amount raised shall not be paid to the Department until the population survey results are complete and the number of lottery licenses is determined. If, due to the recurrence of pneumonia and the Department determines that a season closure is warranted, the Department would not collect the funds associated with the auction license.

15. UNIT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS.

ELK

Unit E1E--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 U.S. Highway 2 crosses the Red River, then west along U.S. Highway 2 to ND Highway 1, then north to ND Highway 17, then west to the junction of ND Highway 17 and ND Highway 20, then north to Canada.

Unit E1W – Rolette County and those portions of Bottineau, Towner, Ramsey, Pierce and Cavalier counties bordered on the north by Canada on the east by ND Highway 20 on the south by ND highway 17, then west to the junction of ND highway 17 and ND Highway 60, then continuing west along ND Highway 60 to ND Highway 5, then west to ND Highway 14, then north to Canada.

Unit E2--McKenzie and Dunn counties, excluding all of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Unit E3--Billings, Golden Valley and Slope counties. Except that portion of Unit E4 in Billings and Golden Valley counties and Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Unit E4--An area in Billings and Golden Valley counties north of Interstate 94, excluding all of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Composed of land in the following:

Golden Valley County

T. 140N. R. 103W. All N. of I-94
T. 141N. R. 103W. Sec. 25-27 & 34-36

Billings County

T. 141N. R. 100W. Sec. 19, 30 & 31
T. 141N. R. 101W. All except T.R.N.P.
T. 142N. R. 101W. Sec. 25-36
T. 140N. R. 102W. All except T.R.N.P. and south
of I-94
T. 141N. R. 102W. All except T.R.N.P.
T. 142N. R. 102W. Sec. 19-36

Unit E5--The remainder of the state not included in a designated unit.

Unit E6—The portion of Sioux County east of ND highway 31.

MOOSE

Unit M1c--**CLOSED in 2017.** Those portions of Cavalier, Pembina, Ramsey, and Walsh counties bordered on the east by Minnesota, on the north by Canada, on the west by ND Highway 1 and on the south by ND Highway 17.

Unit M4--**CLOSED in 2017.** Those portions of Bottineau and Rolette counties bordered on the west by ND Highway 14, on the south by ND Highway 5, on the east by ND Highway 30, and on the north by Canada.

Unit M5--Those portions of Grand Forks, Nelson, Ramsey, and Walsh counties bordered on the north by ND Highway 17, on the west by ND Highway 1, on the south by U.S. Highway 2, and on the east by Minnesota.

Unit M6--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 Highway 200A near Washburn, then north on ND Highway 200A, then east on ND Highway 200, then north on U.S. Highway 281, then east on U.S. Highway 2 to the Minnesota line.

Unit M8--Those portions of Bottineau, Cavalier, Pierce, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner counties bordered on the east by ND Highway 1, on the north by Canada and Unit M4, on the west by ND Highway 60, and on the south by ND Highway 17.

Unit M9--Those portions of Benson, Bottineau, McHenry, McLean, Towner, Pierce, Ramsey, Renville, Sheridan, Ward and Wells counties bordered on the east by ND Highway 1 and Unit M6, on the north by Unit M8, Unit M4 and Canada. The western and southern borders are composed of ND Highway 256 and U.S. 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 Highway 200A, then east on ND Highway 200 to the junction of U.S. Highway 281 at Carrington. Mallard Island is included within this unit.

Unit M10—Divide and Burke Counties and those portions of Bottineau, Mountrail, Renville, Ward and Williams counties, bordered on the east by Unit M9, the north by Canada and the west by Montana and on the south by U.S. Highway 2.

Unit M11 – Those portions of Dunn, McKenzie, Mercer, McLean, Mountrail, Ward and Williams counties, bordered on the east by Unit M9, the north by U.S. Highway 2 and the west by Montana. The southern border starts at the junction of Montana and ND Highway 200, then east along ND Highway 200 to U.S. Highway 85, then south along U.S. Highway 85 to ND Highway 200, then east along ND Highway 200 to the Missouri River east of Pick City (Unit M9).

BIGHORN SHEEP

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 U.S. 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 U.S. Highway 85, then south to ND Highway 200, then east to ND Highway 22, then north to McKenzie County Road 53, then west and north to ND Highway 23 (excluding area within Fort Berthold Indian Reservation), then west to U.S. 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.

16. SPECIAL ELK DEPREDATION MANAGEMENT LICENSE.

Special elk depredation management licenses may be issued as allowed by N.D.C.C. 20.1.08.04.6 by lottery from the current year's applicant list when a wild elk is deemed by the Director to be a nuisance to farmed elk operations and other non-lethal measures have been attempted and determined to be ineffective. The Director shall establish specific requirements for each individual license.

17. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

The following violations have the listed penalties:

- * Hunting before or after legal hours (Section 1) up to 30 minutes--penalty--\$100.
In excess of 30 minutes--Class B misdemeanor.
- * Use of motor-driven vehicle in a restricted area (Section 5)--penalty--\$50.
- * Fail to accompany, possessing or transporting another's game animal or parts thereof
excluding hides (Section 8)--penalty--\$100.
- * Use of illegal equipment (Section 4)--penalty--noncriminal--\$100.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota this 2nd day of March, 2017.



Doug Burgum
Governor

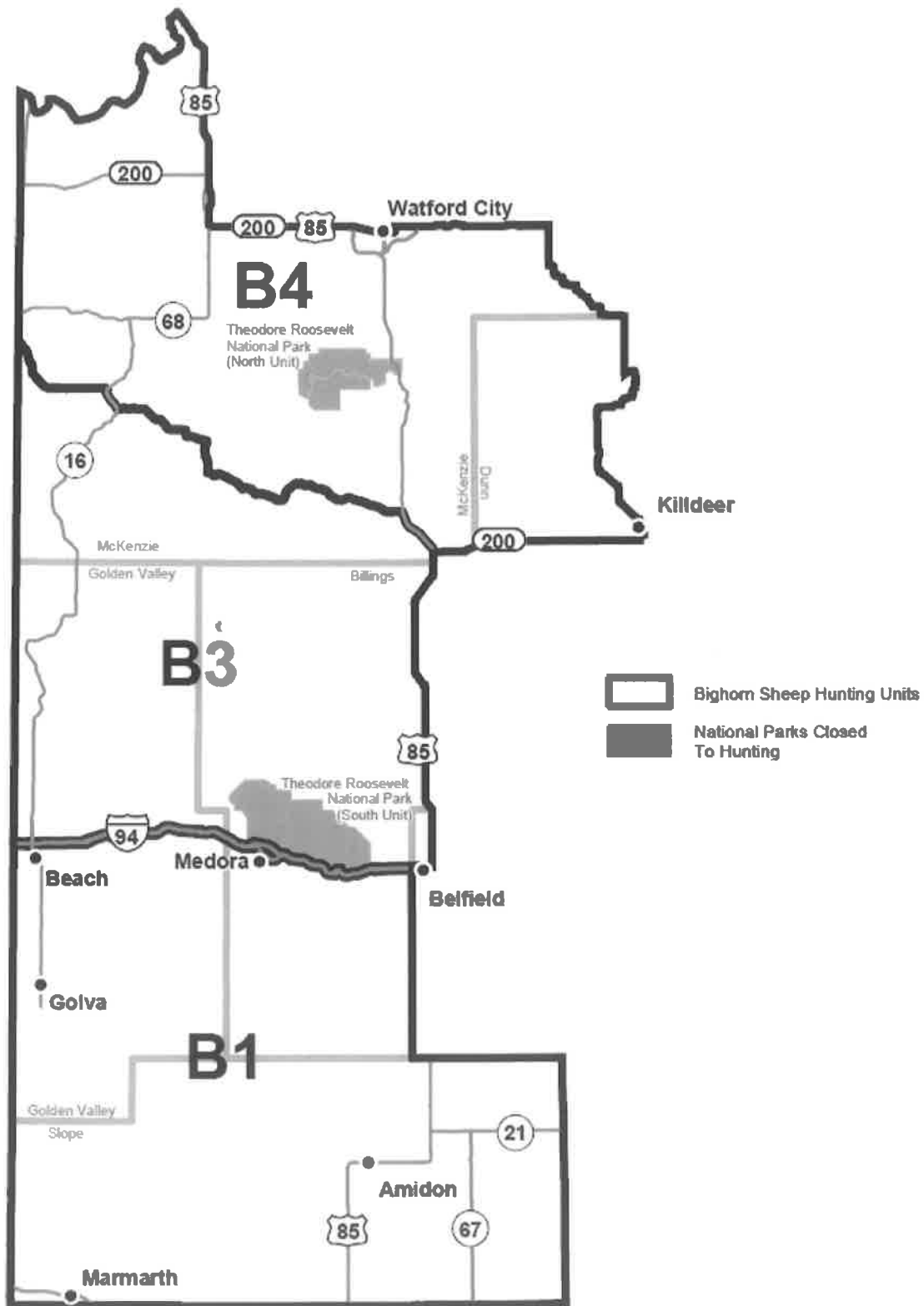
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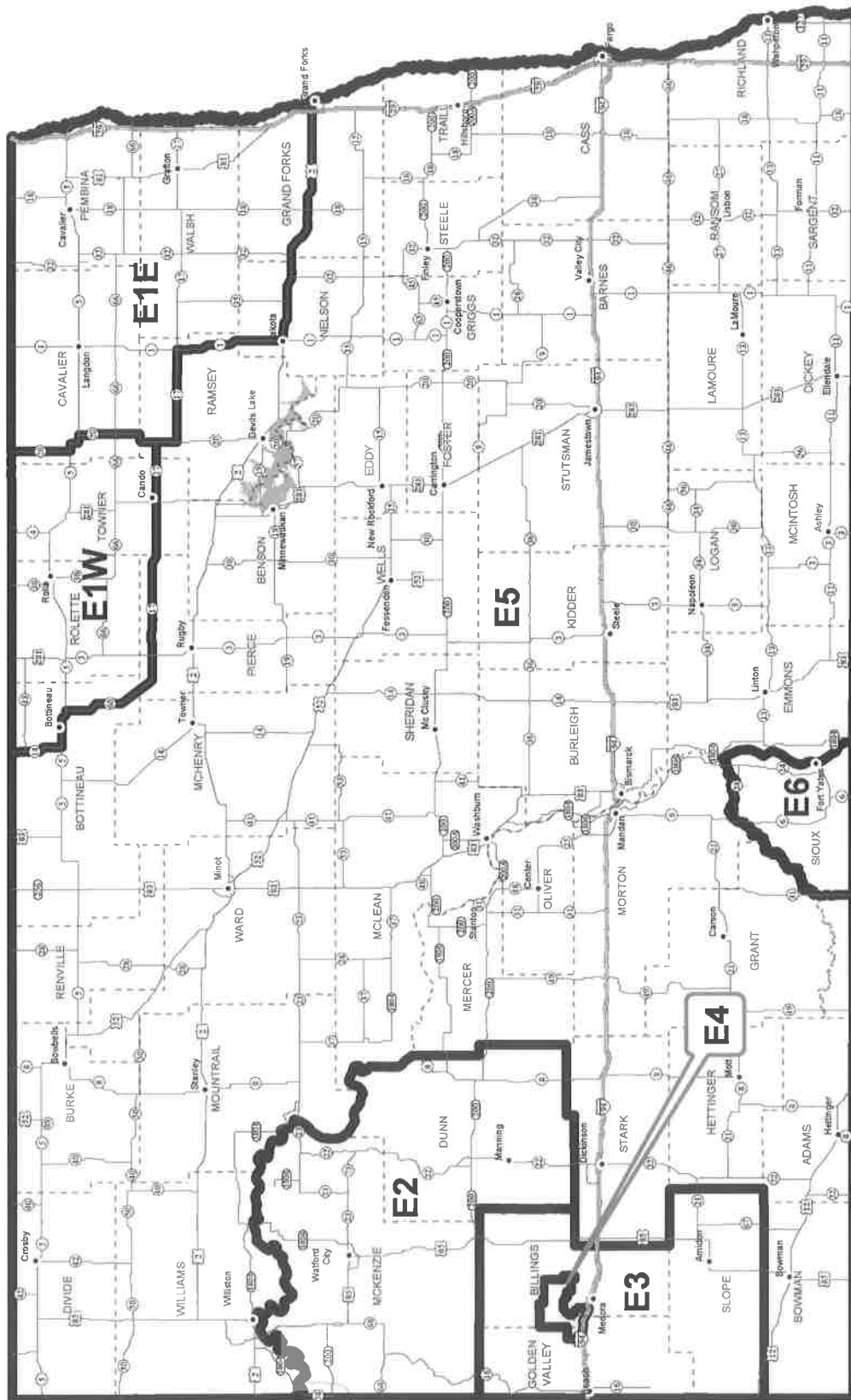
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Deputy

Bighorn Sheep Hunting Units



Elk Hunting Unit



Moose Hunting Unit

