

# 2023 Nonresident General Tags and Tags Allocated to Outfitters

To be used in conjunction with the  
Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons & Rules Brochure



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## To use this supplement:

This supplement provides tag quotas and limits by location for general-season elk, regular deer, and white-tailed deer tag types. It is intended to be used as a cross reference with the **Idaho Big Game Seasons and Rules brochure**, which specifies hunt seasons and boundaries, as well as wildlife laws and other useful information. Visit [idfg.idaho.gov/rules/big-game](https://idfg.idaho.gov/rules/big-game) to view the brochure.

Nonresident tag limits published here were set using the previous year's (2022) seasons and rules. Big game seasons for 2023 will be set by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission in March 2023. The Fish and Game Commission retains emergency authority to modify or eliminate hunts within the season-setting cycle. Nonresident tag limits *may* change for the 2023 season in response to the 2023 season setting process.

**Please verify that your hunt has not been changed or eliminated when the Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons and Rules brochure is published in April 2023.**

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## Definitions:

**Cap:** The total number of resident, nonresident, and outfitter elk tags available by capped elk zone.

**Limit:** The total number of nonresident tags available by unit for deer or uncapped zone for elk.

**Quota:** The total number of nonresident deer or elk tags available statewide.

## Idaho Nonresident Deer and Elk Tags

### Nonresident General Season Hunts (including capped elk zones)

Nonresident hunters in general-season deer and uncapped elk zone hunts are limited to 10 or 15 percent of the total hunters in each game management unit or elk zone. Some backcountry deer units have been limited to the five-year average number of nonresidents where overall hunter numbers have been relatively low. When purchasing a nonresident tag, the buyer must choose the unit or zone from those available.

The statewide nonresident general-season quota for elk is 12,815 and 15,500 for deer (14,000 regular deer or white-tailed deer tags and 1,500 white-tailed deer tags to be made available for sale when the initial 14,000 tags are sold out).

### Nonresident Capped Elk Zones

Tags are limited for both residents and nonresidents in capped elk zones. When caps are implemented to restrict the number of tags within a zone, the total number of tags under the new cap is allotted proportionally among resident hunters, nonresident hunters, and outfitted hunters based on historical participation in the zone. Subsequent changes to the overall cap are applied proportionately.

To view real-time tag availability, sign into the online purchase site [GoOutdoorsIdaho.com](https://GoOutdoorsIdaho.com).

## Nonresident Controlled Hunts

For controlled hunt tag numbers and nonresident information, see Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons and Rules, published in April, 2023. Visit [idfg.idaho.gov/rules/big-game](https://idfg.idaho.gov/rules/big-game).

## Tags Allocated to Outfitted Hunters

Deer and elk tags are allocated for outfitted hunters in general-season hunts, capped elk zones, and controlled hunts. A portion of the statewide general-season nonresident quotas for deer and elk are set aside for allocation to outfitted hunters for general-season hunts. Currently, 1,985 deer tags and 2,900 elk tags are set aside to be allocated. The 2,900 elk tags include capped elk zones.

### Outfitter Tags - General-season Hunts (including capped elk zones)

General-season deer and elk tags are allocated for use by outfitted hunters based on the highest outfitted use in each deer unit or uncapped elk zone in 2020 and 2021. Allocation in capped elk zones is based on the proportion of resident, nonresident, and outfitter participation at the time the cap was implemented.

Remaining tags will be made available as a first tag for nonresidents or as a second tag at nonresident prices for both residents and nonresidents for use in units or zones where the Fish and Game Commission has not restricted



use of second tags. Tags remain subject to the overall nonresident quota and limits on individual units and zones for nonresidents.

### **Outfitter Tags - Controlled Hunts**

Tags allocated to outfitted hunters in controlled deer and elk hunts are available only to persons that have entered into a signed agreement for the services of a licensed outfitter. Tag numbers are set at the level of the individual controlled hunt.

Unsold and/or returned controlled-hunt tags allocated to outfitters are not sold or otherwise made available for purchase by the general public.

### **Additional Information**

The 2023 hunting seasons and rules will be approved in March 2023 and posted on IDFG's website in April of 2023 ([idfg.idaho.gov/big-game](https://idfg.idaho.gov/big-game)). It is the tag holder's responsibility to know the rules for the tag they have purchased, including season dates and restrictions. IDFG will contact tag holders only if the tag holder's hunt is eliminated entirely and inform them of available options.

For complete laws and rules, see Idaho laws and administrative code [idfg.idaho.gov/title36](https://idfg.idaho.gov/title36) and [adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/13/](https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/13/).





## REGULAR DEER

### Regular deer tags available to nonresidents and outfitters by unit.

Nonresident tags in all units will be considered “sold out” if/when the statewide quota is reached.

Refer to the **Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons & Rules** for Regular Deer seasons and hunt boundaries.

Verify seasons and restrictions for your tag when the Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons and Rules brochure is published in April 2023

**Nonresident tags go on sale December 1, 2022.**

Unit	Nonresident Tags	Outfitter Allocation Tags	Total
1	689	4	693
2	327	0	327
3	316	0	316
4	275	53	328
4A	39	17	56
5	229	0	229
6	332	44	376
7	34	31	65
8	51	0	51
8A	57	8	65
9	19	0	19
10	37	45	82
10A	75	26	101
12	6	47	53
15	76	2	78
16	18	4	22
16A	70	10	80
17	115	149	264
19	186	22	208
19A	120	44	164
20	68	62	130
20A	4	72	76
21	86	31	117
21A	108	3	111
22	148	6	154
23	172	70	242
24	190	0	190
25	71	27	98
26	69	66	135
27	270	187	457
28	199	52	251
29	131	10	141

Unit	Nonresident Tags	Outfitter Allocation Tags	Total
30	134	0	134
30A	17	0	17
31	124	0	124
32	270	5	275
32A	280	0	280
33	105	21	126
34	29	23	52
35	17	35	52
36	113	54	167
36A	61	34	95
36B	183	13	196
37	31	5	36
37A	25	12	37
38	81	0	81
39	1308	0	1308
40	246	6	252
41	60	0	60
42	33	1	34
43	604	14	618
46	178	0	178
47	4	9	13
48	197	7	204
49	194	52	246
50	193	10	203
51	80	13	93
52A	121	0	121
53	46	0	46
55	76	0	76
56	201	0	201
57	17	0	17
58	49	0	49
59	112	0	112



## Regular deer tags available to nonresidents and outfitters by unit.

Nonresident tags in all units will be considered “sold out” if/when the statewide quota is reached. Refer to the **Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons & Rules** for Regular Deer seasons and hunt boundaries.

Verify seasons and restrictions for your tag when the Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons and Rules brochure is published in April 2023

**Nonresident tags go on sale December 1, 2022.**

Unit	Nonresident Tags	Outfitter Allocation Tags	Total
59A	48	1	49
60	106	0	106
60A	119	0	119
61	126	1	127
62	46	8	54
62A	30	1	31
63	34	0	34
64	46	0	46
65	29	0	29
66	121	37	158
66A	58	45	103
67	56	20	76
68	58	0	58
69	186	53	239

Unit	Nonresident Tags	Outfitter Allocation Tags	Total
71	115	0	115
72	86	0	86
73	73	0	73
73A	169	0	169
74	109	14	123
75	108	63	171
76	459	51	510
77	99	46	145
78	27	15	42





## WHITE-TAILED DEER

### White-tailed deer tags available to nonresidents and outfitters by unit.

Nonresident tags in all units will be considered “sold out” if/when the statewide quota is reached.

Refer to the **Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons & Rules** for White-tailed Deer seasons and hunt boundaries.

Verify seasons and restrictions for your tag when the Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons and Rules brochure is published in April 2023

Nonresident tags go on sale December 1, 2022.

Unit	Nonresident Tags	Outfitter Allocation Tags	Total
1	140	2	142
2	73	0	73
3	82	0	82
4	30	16	46
4A	15	0	15
5	141	0	141
6	132	4	136
7	1	7	8
8	241	0	241
8A	429	19	448
9	6	0	6
10	76	1	77
10A	741	26	767
11	167	0	167
11A	149	42	191
12	61	1	62
13	39	15	54
14	118	24	142
15	294	8	302
16	130	3	133
16A	6	1	7
17	20	0	20
18	56	9	65
19A	14	0	14
20	3	0	3
20A	3	4	7
21	10	0	10
21A	10	0	10
22	25	0	25
23	52	2	54
24	29	0	29

Unit	Nonresident Tags	Outfitter Allocation Tags	Total
26	5	0	5
28	11	0	11
29	20	8	28
30	31	0	31
32	4	0	4
32A	9	0	9
33	12	0	12
35	1	0	1
36A	2	0	2
36B	3	0	3
37	9	0	9
37A	5	0	5
50	4	0	4
51	5	0	5
58	2	0	2
59	3	0	3
59A	2	0	2
60	18	0	18
60A	14	0	14
61	11	0	11
62	9	0	9
62A	8	0	8
63	7	0	7
63A	62	0	62
64	6	0	6
65	5	0	5
66	3	0	3
67	8	0	8
69	6	0	6

# CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE UPDATE

## Hunting in a CWD Management Zone

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing is required for deer, elk, and moose harvested in a designated Idaho CWD management zone (**Units 14 and 15** as of October 2022) within 10 days of harvest.

## Should I get my deer, elk or moose tested for CWD if I didn't harvest in Units 14 or 15?

- **Yes**, if you harvest in a unit adjacent to Units 14 or 15.
- **Yes**, if you harvest a deer, elk, or moose in any unit that borders Montana, Wyoming, or Utah.
- **Yes**, if you harvest in a unit included in the current rotation strategy for CWD sampling. See [idfg.idaho.gov/cwd/sampling](https://idfg.idaho.gov/cwd/sampling) for a map of units or contact a regional office.
- **Yes**, if you hunt in any other units and are concerned about whether your deer, elk, or moose may be infected with CWD.

## Transporting game from CWD areas

It is unlawful to transport deer, elk, or moose out of a designated CWD management zone (currently Units 14 and 15). However, there are exceptions for meat and some other animal parts. See [idfg.idaho.gov/cwd/rules](https://idfg.idaho.gov/cwd/rules) or the **Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons and Rules** booklet for details.



**For up-to-date CWD information and sampling instructions go to [idfg.idaho.gov/cwd](https://idfg.idaho.gov/cwd)**





## Elk tags available to nonresidents and outfitters by zone.

Nonresident and outfitter tags by elk zone, including resident limits for capped elk zones.  
Refer to the **Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons & Rules** for Elk Zone seasons and hunt boundaries.

Verify seasons and restrictions for your tag when the Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons and Rules brochure is published in April 2023

**Nonresident tags go on sale December 1, 2022.**

Elk Zone		Nonresident Tags	Outfitter Allocated Tags	Resident Tags*	Total
Panhandle Zone	A Tag	643	71	-	-
	B Tag	1109	79	-	-
Palouse Zone	A Tag	105	8	-	-
	B Tag	189	17	-	-
Lolo Zone	A Tag	216	60	128	404
	B Tag	222	236	630	1,088
Dworshak Zone	A Tag	139	36	-	-
	B Tag	215	47	2,118	2,380
Elk City Zone	A Tag	77	6	545	628
	B Tag	261	40	1,131	1,432
Selway Zone	A Tag	254	214	179	647
	B Tag	284	303	480	1,067
Middle Fork Zone	A Tag	174	209	1,168	1,551
	B Tag	267	444	925	1,636
Salmon Zone	A Tag	67	41	-	-
	B Tag	627	88	1,792	2,507
Weiser River Zone	A Tag	290	4	-	-
	B Tag	430	10	3,560	4,000
McCall Zone	A Tag	346	75	-	-
	B Tag	320	113	-	-
Lemhi Zone	A Tag	137	126	-	-
	B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone			
Beaverhead Zone	A Tag	265	10	-	-
	B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone			
Brownlee Zone	A Tag	51	0	-	-
	B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone			
Sawtooth Zone	A Tag	77	48	875	1,000
	B Tag	197	81	1,522	1,800

\* Note: Zones that also display Resident Tags are Capped Elk Zones.



## Elk tags available to nonresidents and outfitters by zone.

Nonresident and outfitter tags by elk zone, including resident limits for capped elk zones. Refer to the **Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons & Rules** for Elk Zone seasons and hunt boundaries.

Verify seasons and restrictions for your tag when the Idaho Big Game 2023 Seasons and Rules brochure is published in April 2023.

Elk Zone		Nonresident Tags	Outfitter Allocated Tags	Resident Tags*	Total
Pioneer Zone	A Tag	196	130	-	-
	B Tag	12	21	2,467	2,500
Boise River Zone	A Tag	26	0	-	-
	B Tag	342	0	-	-
Smoky - Bennett Zone	A Tag	173	32	-	-
	B Tag	6	2	692	700
South Hills Zone	A Tag	56	5	-	-
	B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone			
Big Desert Zone	A Tag	17	0	-	-
	B Tag	5	0	495	500
Snake River Zone	A Tag	86	0	-	-
	B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone			
Island Park Zone	A Tag	234	8	-	-
	B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone			
Palisades Zone	A Tag	45	27	-	-
	B Tag	38	23	-	-
Tex Creek Zone	A Tag	145	45	-	-
	B Tag	151	49	-	-
Bannock Zone	A Tag	176	2	-	-
	B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone			
Bear River Zone	A Tag	118	66	-	-
	B Tag	55	54	441	550
Diamond Creek Zone	A Tag	459	47	1,330	1,836
	B Tag	No B Tags in this Zone			

\* Note: Zones that also display Resident Tags are Capped Elk Zones.





## NONRESIDENT LIMITS AND LICENSES COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Nonresident Licenses and Tags

**Question:** I am a nonresident, wanting to purchase a tag during the Nonresident tag sale on December 1st. How should I purchase my tag? What information should I know about how this sale operates?

**Answer:** Nonresident tags are available for purchase beginning at 10 am Mountain time on December 1st. Hunters logging in online will be entered into the virtual waiting room up to 30 minutes prior to the sale, and will be assigned a place in line once the sale begins. There is no advantage to logging in at any particular time prior to the sale, but be mindful that any customer entering the site after 10 am will be placed at the end of the line. Note that each hunter will need to log into their own customer account to purchase a tag, and that the ability to purchase multiple tags under the same customer account is not currently available. Tags may also be purchased in-person at our license vendor locations ([license.gooutdoorsidaho.com/Licensing/LocateAgent.aspx](https://gooutdoorsidaho.com/Licensing/LocateAgent.aspx)), at IDFG regional offices [idfg.idaho.gov/offices](https://idfg.idaho.gov/offices), or over the phone at 1-800-554-8685.

**Question:** How will I know if there are tags available to nonresidents?

**Answer:** Customers can view real-time availability by signing in to the online purchase site [GoOutdoorsIdaho.com](https://GoOutdoorsIdaho.com) and selecting a deer or elk tag for purchase. The number of available tags by unit (deer) and zone (elk) will be displayed. Sold out units and zones will indicate “sold out.” There are also *statewide* nonresident tag quotas for elk and deer. When the *statewide* quota is reached, tags will show as “sold out”.

IDFG will also post weekly updates about nonresident tag availability on IDFG’s website at [idfg.idaho.gov/tag/quotas-nonresident](https://idfg.idaho.gov/tag/quotas-nonresident).

**Question:** Can the nonresident limits for deer tags by unit and elk tags by zone increase or decrease?

**Answer:** Yes. Any change to limits requires a decision from the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. The limits will be evaluated during the big game season setting cycle.

**Question:** What happens if my season is changed or eliminated when the Idaho Fish and Game Commission sets season and tag limits in March 2023?

**Answer:** It is your responsibility to know the rules for the tag you have purchased, including season dates and

restrictions. IDFG will contact you *only* if your hunt is eliminated entirely and inform you of available options.

**Question:** What tag options do I have if I am a nonresident Disabled American Veteran (DAV)?

**Answer:** Beginning in the 2021 season, nonresident DAV priced tags are limited to 500 deer tags, and 300 elk tags. Once those 800 tags have been sold, DAV license holders can purchase available general nonresident tags at the nonresident price.

**Question:** What requirements are there for Junior Mentored hunting tags?

**Answer:** Junior Mentored tag holders, age 10 to 17, must be accompanied by a licensed adult aged 18 or older. The licensed adult must have a valid current year tag, for the same species as the Junior Mentored tag holder. See the current Big Game Seasons and Rules for additional details on youth hunt information.

**Question:** Will there be a difference between archery, any weapon, and muzzleloader tags?

**Answer:** Some deer and elk tags have archery, muzzleloader, and/or general weapon seasons that should be reviewed within the current Big Game Seasons and Rules brochure prior to purchase. Some tags may require a hunter to purchase an additional archery or muzzleloader permit, which allows the hunter to hunt in seasons limited by weapon type.

**Question:** Are controlled hunt tags for nonresidents part of the nonresident limits by deer unit and elk zones?

**Answer:** No. Tags for nonresidents who successfully draw a controlled hunt are not counted as part of the nonresident quota, and they are not part of the limits placed on deer units and uncapped elk zones for nonresidents. However, nonresidents are limited to 10% of the overall tags in controlled hunts.

### Outfitted Hunt Questions

**Question:** How do I obtain the services of an outfitter?

**Answer:** You should contact the outfitter directly to inquire about hunts. The Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board provides an online search function of outfitters by species hunted and hunt area at [idfg.idaho.gov/ifwis/ioglb/](https://idfg.idaho.gov/ifwis/ioglb/).

**Question: Does the outfitter provide the deer or elk tag? Can I hire an outfitter even if I already have a tag?**

**Answer:** The outfitter may be able to provide hunters with outfitter-allocated deer and elk tags depending on what each individual outfitter has available. Outfitters may also offer services to hunters who have bought their own tags; contact outfitters for your tag area to discuss specific arrangements.

## **Nonresident Tags Sold Out, Refunds & Exchange Questions**

**Question: Do I have to purchase my license before I try to buy a limited tag, or can I purchase both at the same time?**

**Answer:** Customers may purchase a license and tag at the same time. License fees cannot be refunded, per Idaho rule, even if you are unable to purchase your desired tag. IDFG encourages you not to pre-purchase a license, and instead purchase the license during your tag transaction.

**Question: I haven't purchased my license or tag yet. Do I need to add my license to my shopping cart before I add my tag?**

**Answer:** Yes, you will need to add your license prior to adding a tag to your cart. If you select a tag first, the system will prompt you to choose a license, then you can proceed to the tag selection portion of your purchase.

**Question: I have never purchased a license in Idaho before, but want to compete for a limited tag. What information will I need to provide?**

**Answer:** It is recommended that you complete your profile setup before nonresident tags go on sale to expedite your checkout process. Required information includes your name, address, gender, eye color, hair color, height, weight, email address, last 4 digits of your social security number (other documentation is also accepted such as Travel Visa, non-US driver license, passport, tax ID & green card), hunter education number with issuing state, and phone number.

**Question: Will I get a refund on my license and tag if the rest of my hunting party cannot get a tag for the same area?**

**Answer:** No refund on the license is available. A refund of a portion of the tag fee may be available, depending on the date the refund is requested. Details on refund requests can be found at [idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/forms/nonresident-refund](https://idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/forms/nonresident-refund).

**Question: Will I get a refund on my license and tag if I got the wrong zone/unit and cannot exchange the tag for the area I want?**

**Answer:** No refund on the license is available. A refund of a portion of the tag fee may be available, depending on the date the refund is requested. Details on refund requests can be found at: [idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/forms/nonresident-refund](https://idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/forms/nonresident-refund).

**Question: How do I request a refund on my tag?**

**Answer:** Refund requests must be mailed in with the tag and a refund request form. See [idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/forms/nonresident-refund](https://idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/forms/nonresident-refund) for details on requesting a refund.

**Question: What are my options if I do not get the tag for the area I want?**

**Answer:** A hunter can apply for a controlled hunt, Super Hunt, select a different available unit or zone, or try to purchase a tag for the desired area if one is returned to IDFG through a returned tag sale. Hunters must have a valid hunting license to apply for controlled hunts. No license is required to purchase a Super Hunt application. More information on returned tag sales can be found at [idfg.idaho.gov/tag/returns](https://idfg.idaho.gov/tag/returns).

**Question: Will I still be able to exchange my tag from one zone/unit to another?**

**Answer:** Yes, exchanges are available for a fee, subject to tag availability in the other unit/zone. Please note that if an exchange is an option, the hunter will need to return the original tag to IDFG before receiving the new tag. Tags may be exchanged at IDFG offices and by mail. Some tags may be exchanged online during a returned tag sale.

**Question: What is the period for me to do an exchange?**

**Answer:** Tag exchanges for units/zones that are not sold out are allowed before the beginning of any portion of the hunting season of the tag held. Exchanges can be done via mail and in-person at IDFG regional offices. Online exchanges can be completed during returned tag sales. More information on returned tag sales, including sale dates, can be found at [idfg.idaho.gov/tag/returns](https://idfg.idaho.gov/tag/returns).

**Question: I bought a regular deer tag but meant to get a white-tailed deer tag. How does that work?**

**Answer:** Check the current Big Game Seasons and Rules brochure to see which tag you want before exchanging. If the nonresident deer limit has not sold out, contact IDFG at [licenses@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:licenses@idfg.idaho.gov).





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*The information contained in this brochure summarizes the rules pertaining to Nonresident tags and tags allocated to Outfitters or the taking of deer, and elk. The official rules are available from the Division of Statewide Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Refer to the Game Management Unit boundary descriptions in the Annual Big Game Seasons brochure for legal boundaries and seasons associated with the tag that is purchased. Idaho Fish and Game adheres to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap. If you feel you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility of Fish and Game, or if you desire further information, please write to: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707; OR Chief, Public Civil Rights Division, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC, 20240.*

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