

## 2016 Hunting Schedule

Big game hunting for 2016 in the Santa Fe National Forest is on-going through December in areas monitored by Site Stewards.

As you plan your site visits we encourage you to be especially aware of your surroundings. Stewards should wear some international orange clothing article and avoid "typical big game colors" white, black, tan, brown. Note that the "any legal sporting arm" hunts for elk and deer start on a Saturday and end on Wednesday at sundown. Thursday and Friday are not hunting days except for bear and bow hunting. Hunting is most intense during early morning hours and late afternoon, so mid-day hikers are less likely to encounter hunters.

Big game (deer, elk, turkey, and bear) hunt dates are available from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at:

[http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/publications/rib/2016/hunting/2016\\_17-New-Mexico-Hunting-Rules-And-Info.pdf](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/publications/rib/2016/hunting/2016_17-New-Mexico-Hunting-Rules-And-Info.pdf)