

Wyoming Grizzly Bear Supplement

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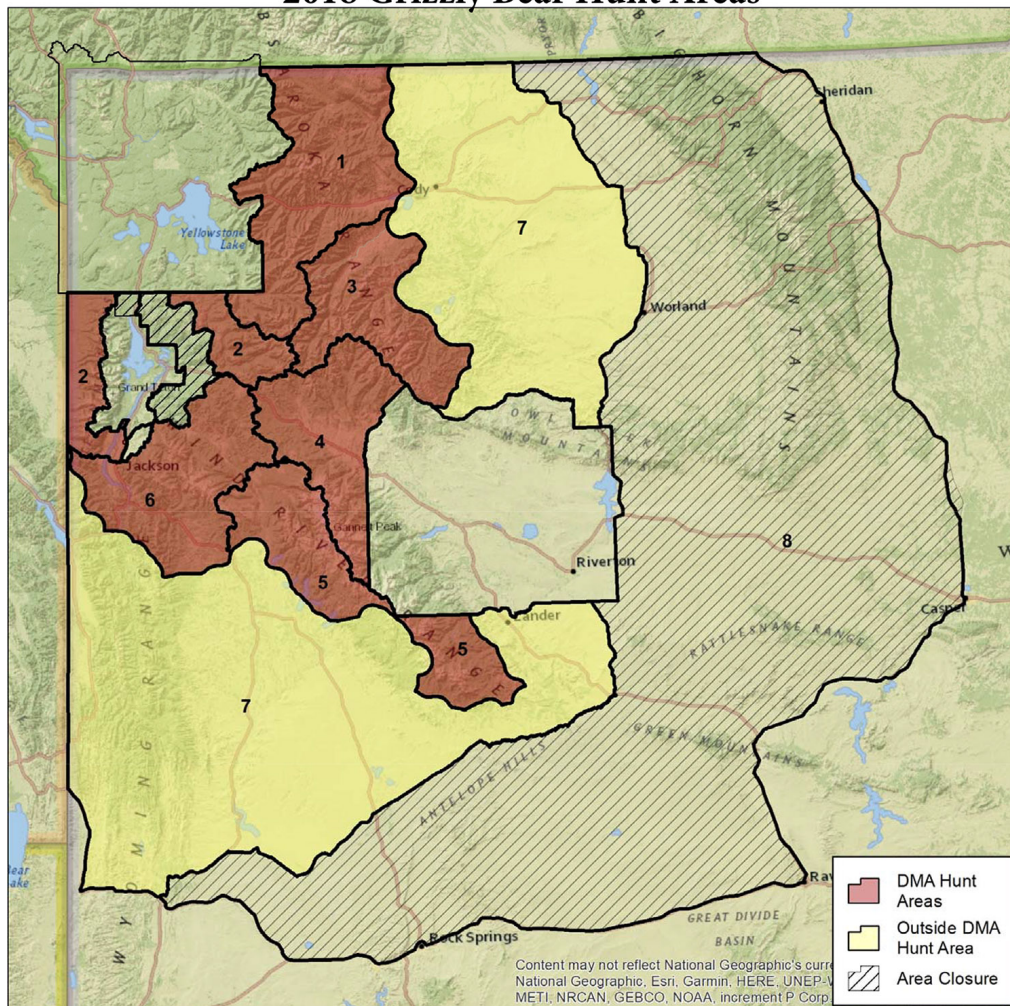
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Grizzly Regulations: For regulations regarding hunting Grizzly Bears, go to https://wgfd.wyo.gov/WGFD/media/content/REGULATIONS_CH68.pdf

2018 Grizzly Bear Hunt Areas



2018 Resident and Nonresident Tag/License/and required fees

	Nonresident	Resident
Grizzly Application Fee	\$15	\$5
Grizzly License Fee (if successful)	\$6,000	\$600

Application Period: July 2-16, 2018

New for 2018: Wyoming is moving forward with conducting a draw for Grizzly bear tags for 2018.

Application Instructions/How to Apply: Applicants must apply between July 2-16, 2018 by going online to <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/apply-or-buy>. Applicants contacted by the Department who have accepted the possible opportunity to hunt a grizzly bear shall be required to submit a cashier's check or money order for their license fee and to show proof of having earned a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms, unless exempt by statute or otherwise authorized, to the License Section at Headquarters within ten consecutive days from the date they are contacted by the Department. An applicant may only apply for the grizzly bear license issuance list for hunt areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, or the limited quota drawing for hunt area 7, but not both.

How the Draw System Works: After the drawings for the grizzly bear license issuance lists are completed, the Department shall contact applicants in the order of their ranking on the lists and advise them of the possible opportunity to hunt grizzly bears. Applicants contacted by the Department who have accepted the possible opportunity to hunt a grizzly bear shall be required to submit a cashier's check or money order for their license fee and to show proof of having earned a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms, unless exempt by statute or otherwise authorized, to the License Section at Headquarters within ten consecutive days from the date they are contacted by the Department.

Draw Results: Applicants shall be notified by mail of their placement on the grizzly bear license issuance lists by the Department. Applicants on the grizzly bear license issuance list shall be notified by phone (including text message), or email in order of their random number placement when the Department determines a grizzly bear hunting opportunity may exist. If an applicant cannot be contacted by the day after the last attempt was made, the Department shall attempt to contact the next individual on the list.

Resident/Nonresident Quotas: The Department shall issue at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the available licenses to residents prior to issuing a nonresident license. Licenses shall be issued until mortality limits are reached or until the close of the season. Nonresident license issuance shall only be permitted in hunt areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 when 25% of the total annual mortality limit equals or exceeds one license.

Preference Points: There are no preference points or bonus points associated with Grizzly bears.

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Baiting: No person shall take a grizzly bear by the use of or aid of baiting, including any legally placed black bear bait in hunt areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. Baiting may be permissible in limited

circumstances in hunt areas 7 and 8 and shall require a Department baiting authorization permit.

The use of Dogs: No person shall take a grizzly bear by the use of or aid of dogs.

Traps/Snares: No person shall take a grizzly bear with a trap or snare.

Legal Bears: Hunters may take any grizzly bear except dependent young and female grizzly bears with dependent young.

Harvest Reporting: Licensees harvesting a grizzly bear shall report the harvest within twenty-four hours of harvest.

Our Take on Grizzly Hunting in Wyoming: If Grizzly hunting continues to be offered in Wyoming after this year, we will incorporate the application information into our regular state research portion of Epic Outdoors Magazine. History is being made by hunters being allowed to apply for and hunt Grizzly bears in Wyoming! This is a great opportunity for a few individuals to hunt grizzlies in the lower 48 states. The draw will be a random drawing with applicants placed in order of being drawn on either a resident or nonresident list, depending on residency.

In units 1-6, up to 10 male bears maybe killed before the quota is filled. If a female is killed, then the hunts within units 1-6 will be closed. The first 3 tags drawn will be drawn from the resident list and the 4th tag will be drawn from the nonresident list. There is a possibility that 2 nonresidents may be drawn if hunters only shoot boars. More than 10 licenses could be issued if there are a few hunters that do not fill their tag. Hunters will be assigned 10 day hunt seasons within Sept 15-Nov 15. The best opportunity to harvest a bear is in these units.

In unit 7, there will be 9 resident tags and 3 nonresident tags issued to hunters. There are no other quota limitations. Unit 7 is outside the Grizzly bear Demographic Monitoring Area (DMA) or core area with lower bear densities. However, hunters that draw in unit 7 will know for fact they can at least hunt since there are no quota or harvest limitations.

Hunters should be aware that a significant portion of the good hunting country in both hunting areas 1-6 and 7, is wilderness and any nonresident bear hunters that want to hunt the wilderness will need to hire an outfitter or be accompanied by a resident of Wyoming.

If you are interested in learning more regarding Grizzlies in Wyoming, you can listen to an incredibly informative podcast we did with Brian Nesvik, who is the Chief of the Wildlife Division, as well as the Chief Game Warden in Wyoming. The podcast can be found by going to <http://epicoutdoors.libsyn.com/ep-70-wyoming-grizzly-bear-hunt-proposal-with-wyoming-game-and-fish> or any of the major podcast venues.

Unit(s)	Total Tags	Hunt Dates	Harvest Restrictions
1-6	Up to 10 (one female taken will close the hunt)	Assigned 10 days within Sept 15-Nov 15	Any Grizzly bear except dependent young and female Grizzly bears with dependent young.
7	12	Sept 1-Nov 15	Any Grizzly bear except dependent young and female Grizzly bears with dependent young.