

**Current Rule (2010/11) versus Proposed Changes to Game Hunting Rules for (2011/12 – 2014/15)  
GROUP A RULES: Javelina, Upland Game, and Turkey**

**All Rules:**

	<b>Current Rule (2010/11)</b>	<b>Proposed Rule (2011/12 – 2014/15)</b>	<b>Justification of change</b>
1.	Covers 2 hunting seasons	Covers 4 hunting seasons	Allows sufficient time to monitor impacts of any rule change (3yr vs. 1yr), public may plan ahead and reduces time to developing/evaluating rules.
2.	Legal hunting hours ends @ sunset	Legal hours extended to ½ hr after sunset	Most states have adopted these hunting hours and allows increased hunting opportunity.
3.	Crossbow legal only for mobility impaired hunters	Crossbows legal for all hunters during the firearm seasons.	This legal weapon should be available to all hunters.

**JAVELINA:**

	<b>Current Rule (2010/11)</b>	<b>Proposed Rule (2011/12 – 2014/15)</b>	<b>Justification of change</b>
1.	Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina in same Rule	Split Rule into Pronghorn Antelope (19.31.15 NMAC) and Javelina (19.31.21 NMAC)	Simplify development, administration and enforcement of Rules.
2.	Lesser Prairie Chicken Area Complex closed to hunting javelina	Opens Complex to hunting javelina	Increases hunting opportunity without disturbance to lesser prairie chicken populations.

**UPLAND GAME:**

	<b>Current Rule (2010/11)</b>	<b>Proposed Rule (2011/12 – 2014/15)</b>	<b>Justification of change</b>
1.	List of huntable squirrel species does not include Arizona gray, fox, or eastern gray.	Adds Arizona gray, fox, and eastern gray squirrels as legal game.	Populations of Arizona gray, fox, & eastern gray squirrels have increased sufficiently to allow sport harvest.
2.	GS-1 Experimental hunt	Removes the GS-1 Experimental hunt.	Establishes consistency in dates statewide.
3.	Upland bird season starts on a Saturday, thus the start date was not consistent annually.	Upland bird season permanently established at Nov. 15 through Feb. 15, annually.	Moves back to historic hunt dates – easy to remember each year.

**TURKEY:**

	<b>Current Rule (2010/11)</b>	<b>Proposed Rule (2011/12 – 2014/15)</b>	<b>Justification of change</b>
1.	Allows hunting turkeys over bait	Prohibits hunting turkeys over bait	Establishes fair chase hunting for turkeys.
2.	Spring bag limit for turkeys varies across state.	Establish consistent spring bag limit to two turkeys (except in the Valles Caldera).	Consistent bag limit is easier to remember, enforce, and does not adversely impact turkey population.
3.	1 week fall shotgun season in September.	Establishes a fall archery season (Sept 1-30) and lengthens and moves fall shotgun season (Nov. 1-30)	Establishes hunting opportunity during November when birds have 'flocked up'. This allows increased opportunity for hunters interested in a 'true' fall turkey hunt without adversely impacting turkey populations.
5.	GMUs 6A, 6C, 32, and 33 are not open for fall hunting.	Open these units for fall hunting.	Increases hunting opportunity without adversely impacting turkey populations.
6.	Portion of GMU 2 open for spring draw hunt.	Open portions of GMUs 2A and 2C during spring and fall seasons, unlimited, over-the-counter.	To reduce population of non-native, pen-raised and released turkeys.