

**Zuni Tribal  
Coyote, Predator, & Trapping  
Proclamation**



Approved: November 2, 2022

## General Information

**Important information you need to know before applying for any hunting and fishing activities on the Zuni Reservation.**

**The Zuni Indian Reservation** is Tribal Land and is not open to unauthorized public use. All visitors are expected to abide by all Zuni Fish & Wildlife, Game & Fish Department and other Tribal Rules and Regulations. All game, fish, wildlife, natural resources, shed antler(s), skulls with antlers, all archeological artifacts and sites are protected on the Pueblo of Zuni by Tribal and Federal Law and may not be taken, possessed or transported by Non-Zuni Tribal members without proper permitting and documentation.

**The sole purpose of this document is to provide written documentation for the Tribal Coyote, Predator, and Trapping activities provided by the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department (ZFWD) on an annual basis. Upon the Tribal Councils approval, this document will govern the activities of Tribal, Non-Zuni Residents, and Non-Zuni Spouse hunting and trapping activities administered through the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department.**

**The license year of the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Tribal Coyote, Predator, and Trapping Proclamation will begin November 1, 2022 and will end March 30, 2023.**

By the **Coyote, Predator, and Trapping Proclamation** that has been set forth and approved by the Tribal Council, only the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department (ZFWD) may issue Coyote, Predator, and Trapping permits.

**The Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department** offers a variety of hunting and fishing opportunities. Hunting permits for Zuni Tribal Members, Non-Zuni Residents, and Non-Zuni Spouses are available for coyote, predator, and trapping. A Zuni Habitat Stamp is required for all hunting, fishing, and trapping activities. The sale of the habitat stamps will fund habitat improvement projects throughout the Zuni Reservation.

*All applicants are responsible for reading and understanding the Proclamation Rules and Regulations before applying. The Proclamation Rules and Regulations, permit numbers, and permit costs are approved through end of 2022-2023 season.*

## Permit listing

Type of License	Zuni Tribal Member	Non-Zuni Resident/Spouse
<b>COYOTE, PREDATOR &amp; TRAPPING SEASON PERMITS</b> (issued only at FWD, call for appointment)		
<b>Coyote Hunting</b>	\$10.00	\$50.00
<b>Predator</b>	\$20.00	No Permits Available
<b>Trapping</b>	\$50.00	\$300.00
<b>Juvenile Trapper (12-17 years)</b>	\$25.00	\$150.00
<b>HABITAT STAMP</b>		
<b>Habitat Stamp</b>	\$5.00	\$5.00

<b>Coyote, Predator, &amp; Trapping Season Dates</b>	
<b>Coyote</b>	Valid for One Year from Date of Purchase
<b>Badger, Bobcat, Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Beaver</b>	November 1, 2022 – March 15, 2023

## Important Reminders

- It is a violation of tribal and federal law to disturb archeological sites or remove any artifacts, including potshards. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of all applicable laws/penalties.
- Zuni Bluehead Sucker fish, Chiricahua Leopard Frog, Mexican Spotted Owl, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Zuni Fleabane, and Mexican Grey Wolf are threatened or endangered species categorizing them as protected.
- Hiking, biking, and the use of any motor vehicle (ATV, UTV) on any established trails, BIA routes, & off-roading by the **General Public** is restricted on the Zuni Reservation. Walking/running by General Public is restricted to established roads and trails recognized by the Zuni Youth Enrichment Program (ZYEP). For more information please visit <https://www.zyep.org/> or call **(505)782-8000**. Pet owners must keep dogs on appropriate restraints (leashes/harnesses) at all times.
- The use of All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles (ATV/UTV) are allowed only on established road(s). ATV/UTV's may only be driven off established roads to retrieve big game animals.
- **Non-Zuni Residents & Spouses:** Eligible to fish, hunt, and trap on the Zuni Reservation with proof of information requested below.
  - **Non-Zuni Residents:** Individuals who reside within the Zuni community (with proof of one (1) year residency), OR individuals who are employed within the Zuni community (with proof of one (1) year current employment) but do not reside within the Zuni community.
  - **Non-Zuni Spouses:** must provide legal marriage documentation in order to apply for and participate in any hunt.

# Important Coyote, Predator & Trapping Reminders

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- **Trapping:** Permit is only issued at the ZFWD and the season are set in the fall and generally coincide with NM State Game & Fish season for Furbearer. Species is limited to **coyotes, foxes, bobcats, badgers, racoon, skunk, and beaver.**
- **Coyote Hunting:** Permit is only issued at the ZFWD and the season is set in the fall and generally coincide with NM State Game & Fish seasons.
- **Predator Hunting:** This is only issued to Zuni Tribal Members through the ZFWD and is limited to **coyotes, foxes, bobcats, and badgers.** Season coincides with NM State Game & Fish furbearer season. If a coyote permit fee is paid for, a \$10.00 additional fee is required for a predator permit. Mountain Lion and Bear hunts are regulated through the ZFWD and the Zuni Game & Fish Department (ZG&F).
- **Follow** all season opening and closing dates for all hunting activities.
- **Hunting is prohibited (Not Allowed)** at the constructed wetlands, waste water lagoons (sewer ponds), and Black Rock Lake Bed.
- **All Traps and Snares** must be removed from the field by sundown on the last day of the season. Any traps and snares found in the field after the last day of the season will be confiscated.
- Beware of livestock.
- **Close All Gates.**

## General Coyote, Predator & Trapping Information

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### License Information

1. **Zuni Coyote, Predator, and Trapping Licenses** are nontransferable and nonrefundable if they are lost, stolen, or neglected in anyway.
2. **Zuni Coyote, Predator, and Trapping Licenses** are only valid on the Zuni Reservation. Licenses are not valid on any other tribal land(s), the State of New Mexico, or any other state.
3. **All Trappers and Hunters** must have a current season license with a current Habitat Stamp when trapping, predator and coyote hunting.
4. **Zuni Trappers License** is required for all furbearer trappers 18 years of age and older. The license will indicate if you are authorized to trap and hunt, or hunt only.
5. **Zuni Juvenile Trapper License** is required for all furbearer trappers 12-17 years of age. The license will indicate if you are authorized to trap and hunt, or hunt only.
6. **Senior Citizens (65 and over), Handicapped/Disabled/Active Military & Veteran's permit:** These persons receive a 50% discount on all permits, except Big Game Hunting and the Habitat Stamps. Must show proof of disability & handicap from a physician or Division of Motor Vehicle designation. Must show proof of Active military status and veteran status (DD-214).
7. **Zuni Trappers and Juvenile Trappers** will be issued ZFWD issued user identification number. If any trapper has a NMDGF user identification number, please provide that identification number to ZFWD. Trappers will now be required to permanently mark or tag traps and snares with the ZFWD or NMDGF identification number or the name and address of the trapper.
8. **Trapper Education Certificate:** All trappers, for the 2023-2024 season and seasons to come, will need to complete a New Mexico Trapper Education Certificate in order to trap on the Zuni Reservation. All trappers, Zuni Tribal Members, Non-Zuni Residents, Non-Zuni Spouses, and

all Juvenile Trappers must show proof of their Trapper Education Certificate for the 2023-2024 season and years to come.

## **General Regulations**

### **It is unlawful:**

#### **Trapping License**

- To hunt, trap, or kill any furbearer without a trapping license.
- To hunt, trap, or kill any species outside of established season(s).
- For the General Public to trap for any species without possessing a Zuni Trapping License.
- For the General Public to hunt, kill, or possess any coyote, predator, or trapping species identified within this proclamation without having a coyote, predator, or trapping license.

#### **Hunting, Season, and Hours**

- To hunt for furbearers outside of the legal shooting hours.
- To shine, spotlight, or other artificial lights into areas where wildlife may be with or without the possession of any sporting arm.
- To kill any endangered species.

#### **Motor Vehicle and Land Use**

- To shoot at game from a motor vehicle.
- To shoot game on/from/across any graded or maintained road or within the right of way.
- To drive off any established road.
- For any person to litter Zuni lands with any type of household or yard waste anywhere on the Zuni Reservation except at the Zuni Tribal Transfer Station.
- Leave fire unattended or improperly handle fire. Please be aware of fire ordinances that may be in effect.
- Pollute streams, lakes, banks, and other water bodies.

#### **Checking Traps**

- To not check land sets every 48 hours.
- To not release or remove any captured animal during the time the trap is checked.
- For any trapper to not have a catch pole or other release devices while trapping.

#### **Trap and Snare Restriction**

- To set traps or snares on land without proper anchoring, drags, chains and stakes to prevent any furbearer captured to escape with the trap.
- To use any foothold trap with a jaw spread over 6.5 inches, or 7 inches if the outside jaws are laminated in land sets.
- To use any body grip trap with a jaw spread over 7 inches on land.
- To use any body grip trap with a jaw spread over 6-7 inches on land without being recessed in a cubby at least 8 inches from the entrance.
- To use any foothold trap on a land set with a jaw spread of 5.5 inches or greater that does not have at least a 1/8-inch offset unless the trap has padded jaws.
- To use any trap or snare that is not permanently marked with or doesn't have a tag securely attached with a ZFWD or NMDGF issued user identification number or the name and address of the trapper using the trap or snare.
- To set any snare on land that does not have a breakaway device or lock that has been designed to fail at 350 pounds (lbs.) or less.

#### **Method of Take**

- To place poison to kill any furbearer.
- To recklessly or carelessly handle any firearm or sporting arm.
- To set or maintain any land set within 30 feet of any bait over two ounces in weight that is visible to airborne raptors.
- To possess or transport any live furbearer.

- Have any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while hunting, fishing, or trapping on the Zuni lands. Anyone in possession or under the influence of alcohol/drugs will be reported to the appropriate authorities and permits will be immediately suspended with NO Refund.

### **Tampering with Traps and Snares**

- To destroy, damage, disturb, steal, or remove any trap, snare, or trapped wildlife without the consent of the owner of the trap or snare. However, domestic animals may be released from a trap or snare by anyone.

Tribal & Non-Tribal Members found in violation of the Pueblo of Zuni Law will be prosecuted in the Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Courts. The Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department has the right to refuse the sale or issuance of hunting, fishing, and trapping permits to anyone.

## **Coyote, Predator, & Trapping Rules and Regulations**

- **The Pueblo of Zuni** has the right to refuse the sale or issuance of hunting permits to anyone.
- **All hunters, trappers, and anglers** must/shall obey all applicable Tribal, state, federal laws and rules and regulations.
- **All hunters under the age of 18 years of age or younger** must have successfully completed a Hunter Safety Program. Proof of hunter education certification (CIN #) must be in your possession while out in the field hunting or trapping.
- **Legal Shooting Hours** for Big & Small Game, Dove, Waterfowl, and Trapping are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- **Camping** is permitted at all tribal lakes and other designated camp sites as long as one member of the party has a valid Zuni big/small, predator, game hunting, fishing, or trapping license.
- **Tampering** with traps or snares to destroy, damage, steal, or remove trapped wildlife without the consent of the owner of the trap or snare is illegal. However, domestic animals caught in traps may be released at any time.
- **Size Restrictions – Land Set:** No foothold trap with an outside jaw spread large than 6 ½ inches or 7 inches maximum if laminated above the surface of the jaw in land sets.
- **Body Grip traps:** No body grip traps with inside jaw spreads greater than 7 inches on land sets. Body grip traps with inside jaw spreads between 6 – 7 inches on land sets must be recessed in a cubby at least 8 inches from the entrance.
- **Foothold Traps:** All footholds with an inside jaw spread equal to or greater than 5 ½ inches used on land sets shall have a minimum off-set of 1/8 of an inch between the point of contact of closed jaws. Unless the jaws have been constructed or modified so that a portion of the jaw is padded with a soft material (i.e. rubber or canvas).
- **Bait:** Land sets within 30 feet of any bait over 2 ounces in weight which is visible to airborne raptors is unlawful. Bones entirely free of bait are legal.
- **Swivels:** Foothold land sets must have at least two separate swivel points in the anchor chain. One of the swivels must be at least 6 inches from the trap.
- **Anchoring:** Traps or snare land sets must use stakes, chains, drags or other means of anchoring that will prevent from any furbearer caught from escaping with the trap.
- **Breakaways:** Snare land sets must have a lock or a break-away device that will release or fail when a maximum of 350 pounds of pressure is applied. Locks or break-away must be attached in a way where no part of the snare is attached to the animal when it releases or fails. All snares must be anchored securely and not attached to a drag.
- **Water Sets:** No foothold traps with a jaw spread larger than 7 ½ inches or a body grip trap with a jaw spread greater than 12 inches shall be used on water sets. Body grip traps with a jaw spread of 8 inches or more must be submerged in water to the jaw pivot or deeper.

**PENALTIES**

Violation of any provision of this Code or any regulation or proclamation issued there under by the Tribal council shall, unless otherwise designated, be a class B offense and may in addition to any other prescribe penalties, be punishable by revocation of fishing, hunting, trapping licenses, confiscation and forfeiture of all equipment. The provisions for penalties herein shall apply to all persons, both members and non-members of the Tribe alike, unless otherwise provided herein. At the time an arrest is made and/or citation issued for violation of this code, the arresting officer may confiscate any fishing equipment, rifles, weapons or other fishing or hunting equipment or paraphernalia as reasonably appears to have been involved in the commission of the violation for which the arrest was made and shall give the person from whom such things are taken an itemized receipt for all such confiscated items. The court, when hearing the case concerning the alleged violation may, in addition to any other penalty imposed upon finding of guilt, order the forfeiture to the Department of all or part of the confiscated items.

The Zuni Indian Reservation is Tribal Land and is not open to unauthorized public use. All visitors are expected to abide by all Fish and Wildlife Department and other Tribal Regulations. Please see Section on Hiking for additional Rules and Regulations. This proclamation will remain in effect until a subsequent proclamation is approved.

PROCLAMATION:  APPROVED / DISAPPROVED

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Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor November 2, 2022  
Date

**Authorized License Vendor locations**

**Speedway Store & Gas Station**

1189 NM-53 Zuni, NM 87327  
(505)782-4416

**Halona Market Place**

1276 NM-53 Zuni, NM 87327  
(505)782-4547

**REPORT ILLEGAL HUNTING & FISHING ACTIVITIES**

**24 hours/7 day a week**

**Zuni Police Dispatch**

**Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm**

**Zuni Fish & Wildlife**

**Zuni Game & Fish Rangers**

**Phone Numbers:**

**Emergency**

**911**

**Zuni Fish and Wildlife**

**(505) 782-5851**

**Zuni Game and Fish**

**(505)782-7224**

**Zuni Police Dispatch**

**(505) 782-4493/4494**

**Zuni BIA Fire Dispatch**

**(505) 782-3375/3355**

For any questions or additional information.

Contact:

Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department

Bldg. 06A, Route 301 N.

P.O. Box 339

Zuni, New Mexico 87327

Phone: (505) 782-5851

Open: M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

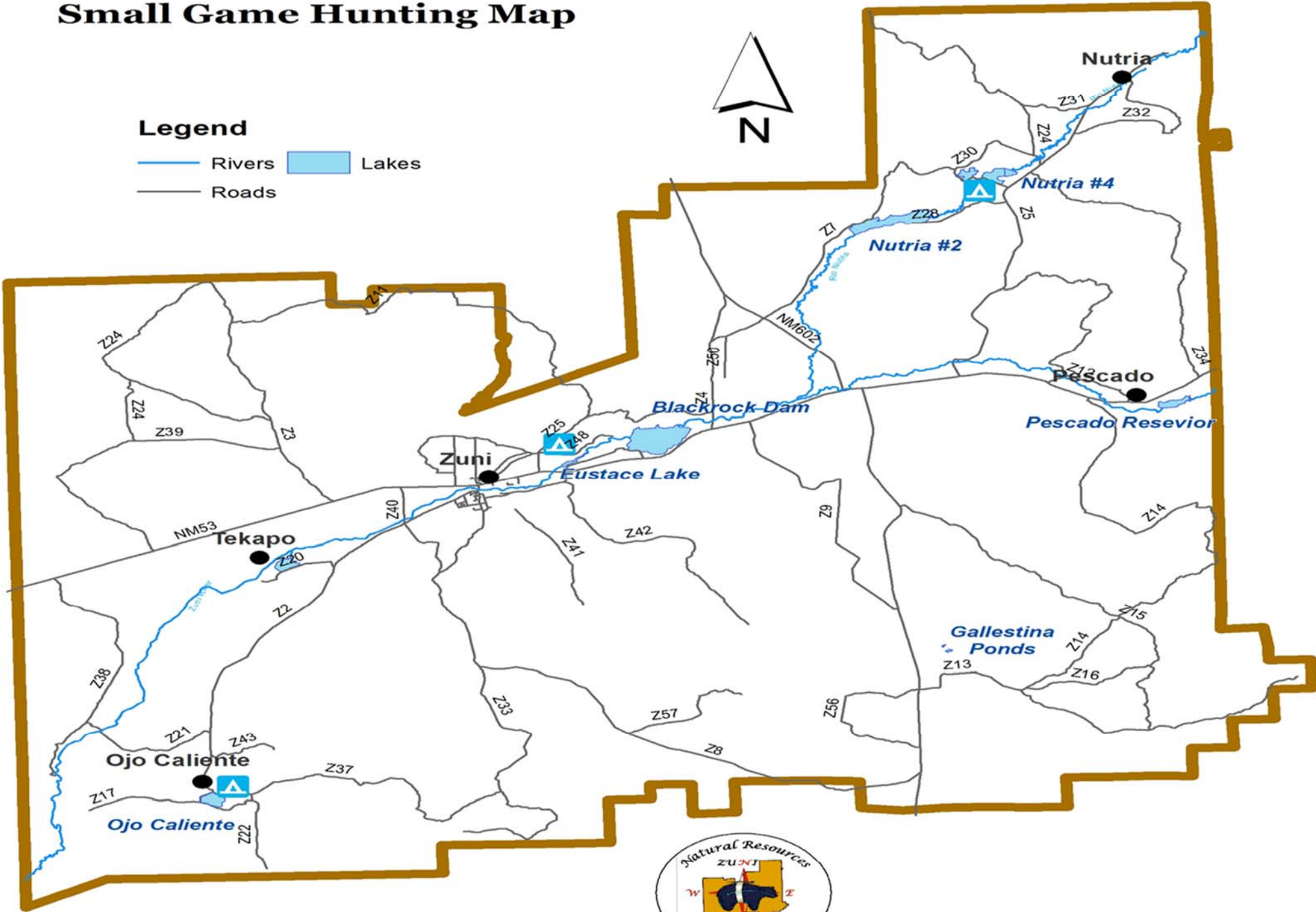
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<http://www.ashiwi.org/FishandWildlife.ht>

# Zuni Fish and Wildlife Small Game Hunting Map

## Legend

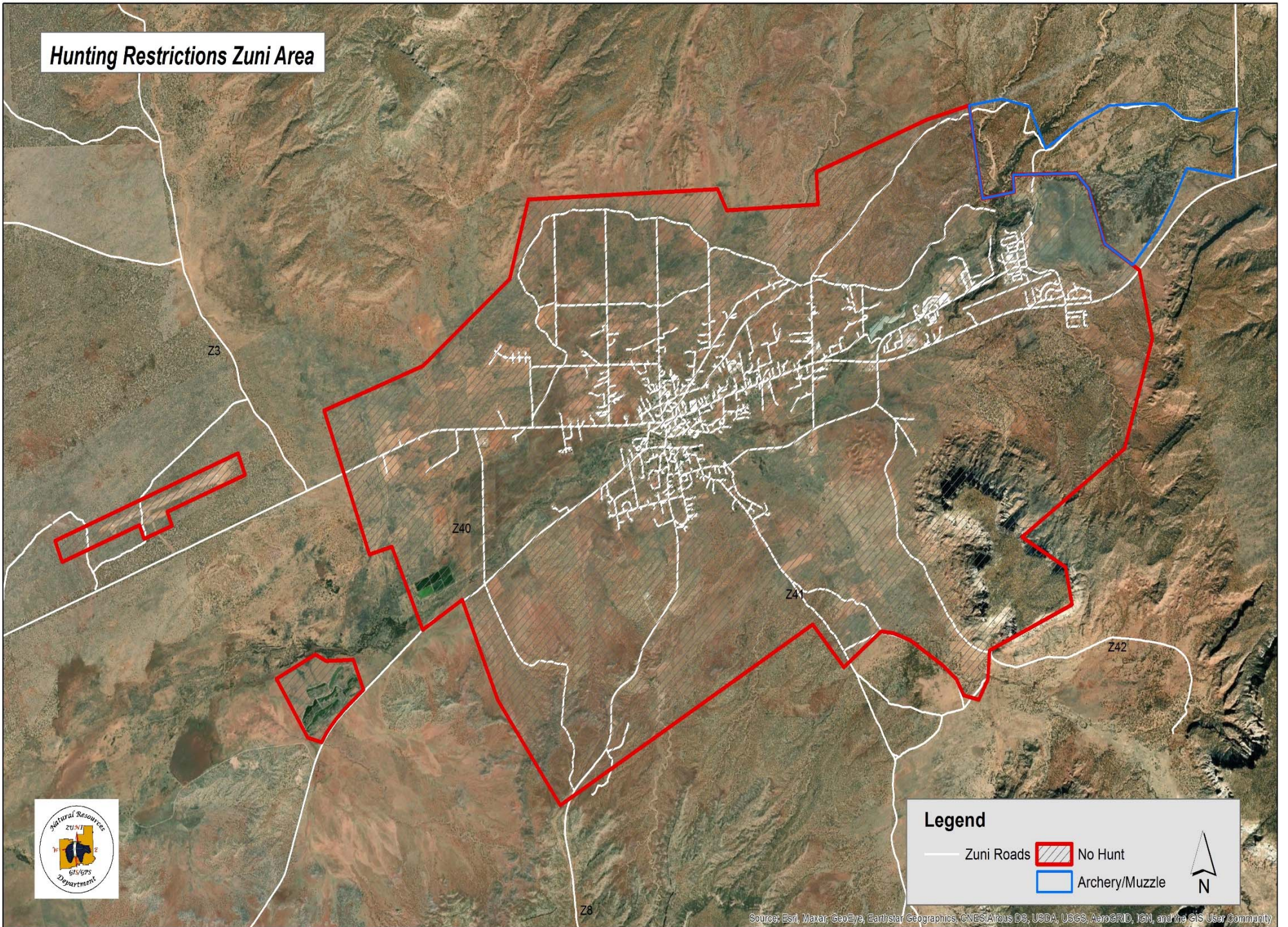
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-  Lakes
-  Roads



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# Hunting Restrictions Zuni Area



**Big Game Proclamation Map  
with BIA Roads  
Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department**

