

Mountain Lion Regulations, Seasons, Licenses: 1965-2011

1965-1966	16 Oct '65 - 31 Mar '66: W of Cont. Divide: 23 Oct '65 - 31 Mar '66: E of Cont. Divide:	1 lion E/X, east or west
1966-1967	1 Jan '66 - 31 Dec '66: W of Cont. Divide, SLV, NP Counties: 22 Oct '66 - 28 Feb '67: E of Cont. Divide (not above counties):	3 lion E/X east or west
1967-1968	1 Sept '67 - 31 Mar '68: Statewide: 1 Apr '68 - 31 May '68: W of Hwy 13, N of US 6:	1 lion E/X
1968-1969	1 Sept '68 - 31 Mar '69: Statewide:	1 lion E/X
1969-1970	1 Sept '69 - 31 Mar '70: Statewide:	1 lion E/X
1970-1971	Concurrent with deer & elk seasons: Statewide 1 Sept '70 - 31 Dec '70: 1 Mar '71 - 30 Apr '71:	1 lion E/X 43 GMUs, 1 lion E/X 24 GMUs, 1 male lion
1971-1972	1 Sept '71 - 12 Oct '71 & 12 Nov '71 - 31 Dec '71: 1 Feb '72 - 30 Apr '72: Also limited licenses good in above seasons:	33 GMUs, 1 lion E/X] Unlmt 22 GMUs, 1 male lion] 8 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, 15 Ltd. Lics.
1972-1980	Concurrent with Rifle deer & elk seasons: Statewide,	1 lion E/X
1972-1973	1 Feb '73 - 30 Apr '73: 13 Nov '72 - 31 Dec '72 & 1 Feb '73 - 30 Apr '73: 13 Nov '72 - 31 Dec '72 & 1 Feb '73 - 30 Apr '73: 13 Nov '72 - 31 Dec '72 & 1 Feb '73 - 30 Apr '73:	16 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, Unlmt 9 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, 24 Ltd. Lics. 6 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, quota = 31 6 GMUs: 1 male lion, quota = 24
1973-1974	12 Nov '73 - 31 Dec '73 & 1 Feb '74 - 30 Apr '74: 12 Nov '73 - 31 Dec '73 & 1 Feb '74 - 30 Apr '74: 12 Nov '73 - 31 Dec '73 & 1 Feb '74 - 30 Apr '74: 12 Nov '73 - 31 Dec '73 & 1 Feb '74 - 30 Apr '74:	6 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, Unlmt 10 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, 24 Ltd. Lics. 23 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, quota = 82 7 GMUs: 1 male lion, quota = 22
1974-1975	9 Nov '74 - 30 Apr '75: 9 Nov '74 - 30 Apr '75: 9 Nov '74 - 30 Apr '75:	10 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, 25 Ltd. Lics. 37 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, quota = 160 4 GMUs: 1 male lion, quota = 10
1975-1976	5 Nov '75 - 30 Apr '76: 5 Nov '75 - 30 Apr '76:	57 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, quota = 236 1 GMU: 1 male lion, quota = 6
1976-1977	10 Nov '76 - 30 Apr '77: 10 Nov '76 - 30 Apr '77:	47 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, quota = 242 11 GMUs: 1 male lion, quota = 13
1977-1978	1 May '77 - 11 Oct '77 & 19 Nov '77 - 30 Apr '78: 19 Nov '77 - 30 Apr '78: 19 Nov '77 - 30 Apr '78:	19 GMUs: 2 lions E/X, quota = 110 39 GMUs: 1 lion E/X, quota = 147 7 GMUs: 1 male lion, quota = 13
1978-1979	1 May '78 - 10 Oct '78 & 18 Nov '78 - 30 Apr '79: 18 Nov '78 - 30 Apr '79: 18 Nov '78 - 30 Apr '79:	17 GMUs, 2 lions E/X, quota = 100 48 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 136 5 GMUs, 1 male lion, quota = 14

1979-1980	1 May '79 - 9 Oct '79 & 17 Nov '79 - 30 Apr '80: 17 Nov '79 - 30 Apr '80: 17 Nov '79 - 30 Apr '80:	17 GMUs, 2 lions E/X, quota = 100 49 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 132 5 GMUs, 1 male lion, quota = 17
1981-1985	Concurrent with Rifle deer & elk seasons: Statewide (except GMU 62), 1 lion E/X	
1980-1981	1 May '80 - 7 Oct '80 & 15 Nov '80 - 30 Apr '81: 15 Nov '80 - 30 Apr '81:	17 GMUs, 2 lions E/X, quota = 100 56 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 103
1981-1982	1 May '81 - 6 Oct '81 & 14 Nov '81 - 30 Apr '82: 14 Nov '81 - 30 Apr '82:	19 GMUs, 2 lions E/X, quota = 108 56 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 150
1982-1983	1 May '82 - 12 Oct '82 & 20 Nov '82 - 30 Apr '83: 1 May '82 - 12 Oct '82 & 20 Nov '82 - 30 Apr '83:	16 GMUs, 2 lions E/X, quota = 115 60 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 188
1983-1984	1 May '83 - 9 Oct '83 & 19 Nov '83 - 30 Apr '84: 1 May '83 - 9 Oct '83 & 19 Nov '83 - 30 Apr '84:	19 GMUs, 2 lions E/X, quota = 128 60 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 188
1984-1985	1 May '84 - 7 Oct '84 & 17 Nov '84 - 30 Apr '85: 1 May '84 - 7 Oct '84 & 17 Nov '84 - 30 Apr '85: 1 May '84 - 7 Oct '84: 17 Nov '84 - 30 Apr '85:	19 GMUs, 2 lions E/X, quota = 128 3 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 15 1 GMU, 1 lion E/X, quota = 5 57 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 172
1985-1986	1 May '85 - 6 Oct '85 & 16 Nov '85 - 30 Apr '86: 1 May '85 - 6 Oct '85 & 16 Nov '85 - 30 Apr '86: 1 May '85 - 6 Oct '85: 16 Nov '85 - 30 Apr '86:	19 GMUs, 2 lions E/X, quota = 128 3 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 15 1 GMU, 1 lion E/X, quota = 5 57 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 163
1986	Concurrent with Rifle deer & elk seasons: Statewide (except GMUs 29, 38, 39, 46, 51, 62), 1 lion E/X	
1986-1987	15 Nov '86 - 30 Apr '87: 1 May '86 - 10 Oct '86 & 15 Nov '86 - 30 Apr '87:	37 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 122 45 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 163
1987-1988	1 May '87 - 14 Aug '87 & 15 Nov '87 - 30 Apr '88:	93 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 317
1988-1989	1 May '88 - 12 Aug '88 & 15 Nov '88 - 30 Apr '89:	103 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 341
1989	1 Jan - 22 Aug & 13 Nov - 31 Dec:	104 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 357
1990	1 Jan - 22 Aug & 12 Nov - 31 Dec:	111 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 382
1991	1 Jan - 22 Aug & 11 Nov - 31 Dec:	113 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 407
1992	1 Jan - 22 Aug & 9 Nov - 31 Dec:	117 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 459
1993	1 Jan - 27 Aug & 15 Nov - 31 Dec:	131 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 513
1994	1 Jan - 26 Aug & 14 Nov - 31 Dec:	131 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 547
1995	1 Jan - 31 Mar & 13 Nov - 31 Dec:	132 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 595
1996	1 Jan - 31 Mar & 11 Nov - 31 Dec:	134 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 626

1997	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 10 Nov – 31 Dec:	134 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 657 (1 extra lion E/X if taken in portion of GMU 40)
1998	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 9 Nov – 31 Dec:	135 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 738 (1 extra lion E/X if taken in portion of GMU 40)
1999	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 8 Nov – 31 Dec:	136 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 782 (1 extra lion E/X if taken in portion of GMU 40)
2000	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 16 Nov – 31 Dec:	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 794 (1 extra lion E/X if taken in portion of GMU 40)
2001	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 15 Nov – 31 Dec:	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 791 (1 extra lion E/X if taken in portion of GMU 40)
2002	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 14 Nov – 31 Dec:	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 790 (1 extra lion E/X if taken in portion of GMU 40), or 39, 46, 50, 51, 104, 391, 461, 500, or 501
2003	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 13 Nov – 31 Dec:	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 790 (1 extra lion E/X if taken in portion of GMU 40), or 39, 46, 50, 51, 104, 391, 461, 500, or 501
2004	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 11 Nov – 31 Dec:	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 790 (1 extra lion E/X if taken in portion of GMU 40), or 39, 46, 50, 51, 104, 391, 461, 500, or 501
2005	1 Jan – 31 Mar & 17 Nov – 31 Dec: (GMU 40 close=30 Apr)	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 567
2006	1 Jan – 31 Mar (GMU 40 close=30 Apr)	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 557
'06-'07	20 Nov – 31 Mar (GMU 40 close=30 Apr)	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 556
'07-'08	19 Nov – 31 Mar (GMU 40 close=30 Apr)	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 559
'08-'09	17 Nov – 31 Mar (GMU 40 close=30 Apr)	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 564
'09-'10	16 Nov – 31 Mar	143 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 576
'10-'11	22 Nov – 31 Mar	145 GMUs, 1 lion E/X, quota = 592
'11-'12	21 Nov – 31 Mar	

Licenses & Permits

-1965	Small game license required for hunters. Lion classified as predator.
1965-1966	Lion classified as big game. Lion license required for hunters.

1967-1971	Lion license or Sportsman's license.
1971-1974	Limited licenses in certain units.
1975	Limited license system dropped with seasons beginning in fall of 1975.
1972-1975	Lion license, Sportsman's license, & permit for controlled quota units (Quota system begins in 1972 for certain units and grows in number of units throughout this period.)
1976-1996	Lion license & permit.
1997-present	Lion license, permit not required-hunter calls toll free number to find out if a unit is open or closed.

Mandatory Check

1968-1970	Harvested lion must be taken to an officer or office for inspection and reporting w/in 48 hours of harvest.
1971-1996	Harvested lion must be taken to officer or office for inspection, reporting <u>and seal</u> w/in 48 hours of harvest.
1997-present	Hunters must report harvest to DOW w/in 48 hours of kill, harvested lion must be taken to officer or office w/in 5 days for inspection, report, and seal.
2006-2007	Voluntary collection of tooth from lion for aging.
2008-present	Tooth collection mandatory.

Game Damage Kills

-1965	Lion classified as a predator - June 30, 1965. No license required by landowner for take.
1929-1965	Bounty on lion until June 30, 1965.
1971-1972	Killing depredating lions w/o license authorized for landowners. Reporting to game agency required w/in 30 days after take. Lion carcass is property of the State unless reported and sealed.
1973-1996	Reporting of depredating lions killed w/o license changed to w/in 5 days of take. Lion carcass remains property of the State unless sealed.
1997-present	Depredating lion may be taken by owner or agent. Same reporting period. Only lions taken by owner may be sealed and possessed lawfully.

Use of Dogs

1965-1966	Use of dogs unrestricted
1967-present	Use of dogs prohibited when deer or elk season in progress
1967	Number of dogs restricted to 5 or less
1969-present	Number of dogs restricted to 8 or less

Kittens

1970-present Illegal to kill a lion accompanied by kittens, or to kill a kitten.

Evidence or Sex

1997-present Evidence of sex naturally attached to carcass required for lion.

Hunter Participation

2004-present The hunter intending to take the cat must be present when dogs are released and through pursuit of the cat. Must kill or release cat when treed/bayed.

Hunter Education

1971-present Standard hunter education course passage required before hunting any species with firearm if born on or after January 1, 1949.

2007-present Mandatory lion hunter education course passage required before hunting lions.