

BIG GAME REGULAR SEASON OPENING DAY HUNT LOTTERY NOTICE

The Opening Day Hunt Lottery returns in 2026! The lottery allows hunters to secure a spot on Regular Firearm Big Game Season Opening Day. No Lines. No Rush. **LOTTERY IS SET FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2026 @ 06:00 PM VICTOR CONSTANT SKI AREA LODGE.** To register, call MWR: (315) 774-9524.

Eligibility: Priority I - Active duty military personnel. **Priority II** - Retired military personnel, Drilling Reserve and Guard personnel, and West Point Civilian Personnel. General Public Hunters and Guests are ineligible.

Group Chip: Hunters may enter the lottery as a group receiving a single chip, and may sign out an area as a unit, provided the area has open capacity and proxy rules (below) are followed. Mixed priority groups

Proxy: An individual present may serve as proxy for at most one person unable to attend to reserve a spot for the non-attendant. Individuals may not serve as proxy for two or more people in an area.

LOTTERY PROCESS:

BEFORE THE LOTTERY

1. **Register** - Hunters call the **MWR Office at Round Pond - (315) 774-9524** to register for a lottery number starting Monday, October 19, 2026. Each hunter receives a priority and lottery number.

AT THE LOTTERY (Thursday, November 5, 2026)

2. **Attend** - Hunters attend **Lottery at the MWR Ski Lodge at 06:00 PM.** Hunters must check in with MWR. Hunters assume responsibility to have all licenses/permits.
3. **Participate** – Lottery numbers are drawn by chosen hunter. MWR staff calls the number and places chips on table in order they are drawn. When drawn, the hunter will select spot in their area.
4. **Reserve** - When their number is drawn, a hunter proceeds to chart to choose a spot in hunting area. MWR marks “x” on chosen area and the hunter prints, signs name in record book next to chosen area.

AFTER THE LOTTERY:

- **Late Register/Change Spot** - After the lottery, hunters who unable to attend lottery may register and hunters looking to change spot to different area may do so at MWR - Round Pond during business hours.
- 5. **Early Check-in Friday – on November 20, 2026** – the day before Opening Day - hunters may check in early for Opening Day via paper sign in s at Hunt Control (Bldg 1666 at the Rte 293-Mine Torne Rd Jct).

ON OPENING DAY (Saturday, November 21, 2026)

6. **In-Person Check-in:** Hunters who early-checked on Friday may go straight to spot. With iSportsman down, all other check-ins are in person at Hunt Control. Reserved areas not claimed open up at 0900.
7. **In-Person Check-Out:** With iSportsman down, all hunters will need to check out in person on at Hunt Control. Harvests are reported on iSportsman and in Regular Season, also deer brought to Hunt Control.

REST OF SEASON:

8. **Normal Check-in/Check-out Procedures Resume:** For the rest of Regular Season and every other day of the year, the iSportsman system is up and running and all check-in/out is through iSportsman.
- **Mandatory Regular Season Harvest Check** – all big game (deer or bear) harvest must be reported on iSportsman and during Regular Season, also brought in to Hunt Control for mandatory harvest check.

**** For Any Questions About the Hunt Lottery or to reserve a spot in the Lottery, Call MWR at Round Pond at (315) 774-9524.**