



VERMEJO



TURNER RANCH
OUTFITTING

VERMEJO DEER HUNTS

PREMIUM MULE DEER

- Second only to our premium bull elk hunts in regard to demand, our most popular premium hunts occur in close proximity to the mule deer rut which peaks in early December each year.
- Archery hunts occur in early September and require far more skill in stalking to get within bow range of an animal. Mule deer in September are still in velvet.
- Mule deer tend to be more abundant in certain habitat types. Due to the size of the ranch, hunters should expect to spend much of the time in the truck and “glassing” for bucks. The best way to hunt deer at Vermejo is by covering a lot of country to locate, then to stalk your animal.
- Vermejo maintains a reasonably healthy mule deer population currently on property; our bucks are representative of those found in this region of New Mexico. A hunter can expect the average hunt to include opportunities at a mule deer between 160” and 180” (B&C gross) class bucks.
- A premium hunt includes targeting mature (5 years or older) bucks defined as having a 4X4 (not counting eye guards) antler frame or one with obviously high scoring nontypical antlers. However, on a premium mule deer hunt the hunter can take any mature mule deer buck he/she chooses.
- All hunts are performed from a modern, 4x4 vehicle* with experienced Vermejo hunt guides, who we try to pair with hunters based on the needs and abilities of our hunting guests.
- Vermejo limits the number of premium hunts on the ranch to 24 or fewer per year. All premium mule deer hunts are offered as 5-day hunts.
- We do not sell antlers or guarantee success, we sell an experience; if you are simply looking for an enormous trophy animal, Vermejo is not the place for you.

MANAGEMENT MULE DEER

- Vermejo defines a management mule deer as:
 - o Any older, mature (5 years or older) buck without a G-3 or G-4 point (does not include younger bucks who may not have developed a full antler configuration or large non-typical bucks that could be considered “trophy class”)
 - o OR any deer still in velvet after October 1 is a management buck
 - o Deer with broken points are NOT management bucks
 - o Ultimately, it’s up to your Vermejo guide to determine whether a buck qualifies as a “management buck”

MANAGEMENT MULE DEER (cont.)

- Vermejo offers between 40 and 50 management mule deer hunts each year.
- There is an early September archery hunt and three pre-rut (October/November) rifle hunts.
- These hunts can be difficult as we are very selective in our management criteria, however they are an amazing opportunity to see much of the ranch and get the Vermejo experience at a reduced price point.