



# Wild Turkey Management

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New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Roswell, NM



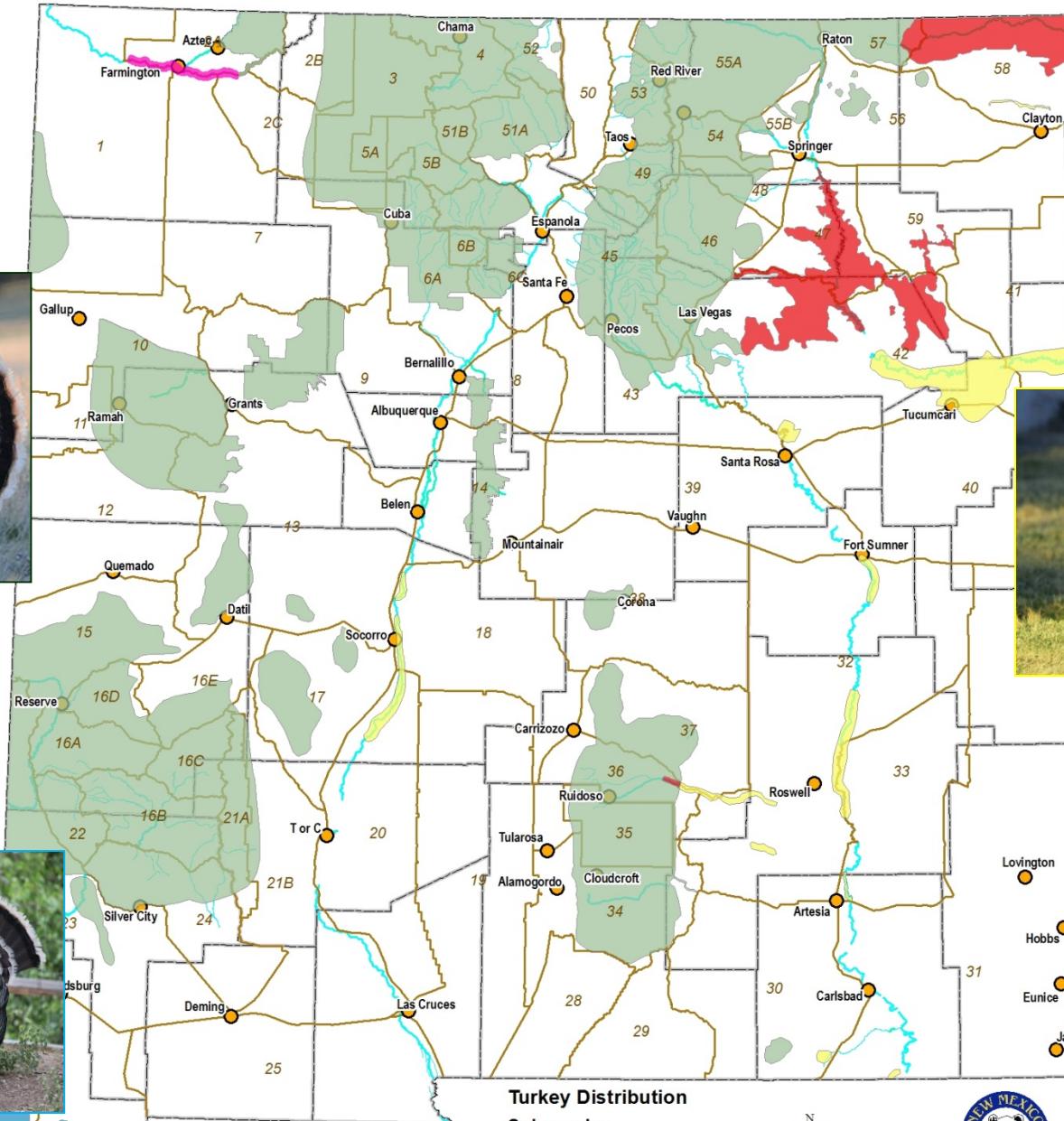
**Merriam's**



**Rio Grande**



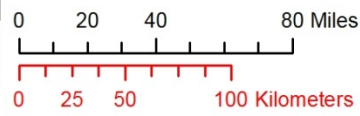
**Gould's**



**Turkey Distribution**

**Subspecies**

- Gould's
- Merriam's
- Rio Grande
- Rio Grande X Domestic Hybrid
- Overlapping Distribution of Rio Grande and Merriam's—Potential Hybridization



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Propose to Amend:  
Manner and Method  
19.31.10 NMAC

- **Prohibit possession and sale of wild turkey subspecies**
- **Exception: scientific and educational permits**
- **Exception: temporary possession**
- **Exception: commercial sales outside of New Mexico**



# Issues with pen-reared wild subspecies

## Artificial hybridization

- Loss of genetic integrity
- Decreased hunter satisfaction

## Disease transmission

- Increased mortality  
of wild flocks







*Questions?*