




# **Wildlife Management Division**

**Bighorn  
19.31.17 NMAC**


**May 15, 2014**

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting  
Albuquerque, NM**



**2014-15 Amendment:  
Bighorn  
19.31.17 NMAC**

Amend current season for Culebras hunt  
from 8/15/14 to 9/30/14 to 8/15/14 to 1/31/15



# **2014-15 Amendment: Bighorn 19.31.17 NMAC**

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“Move to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.17 NMAC as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.”

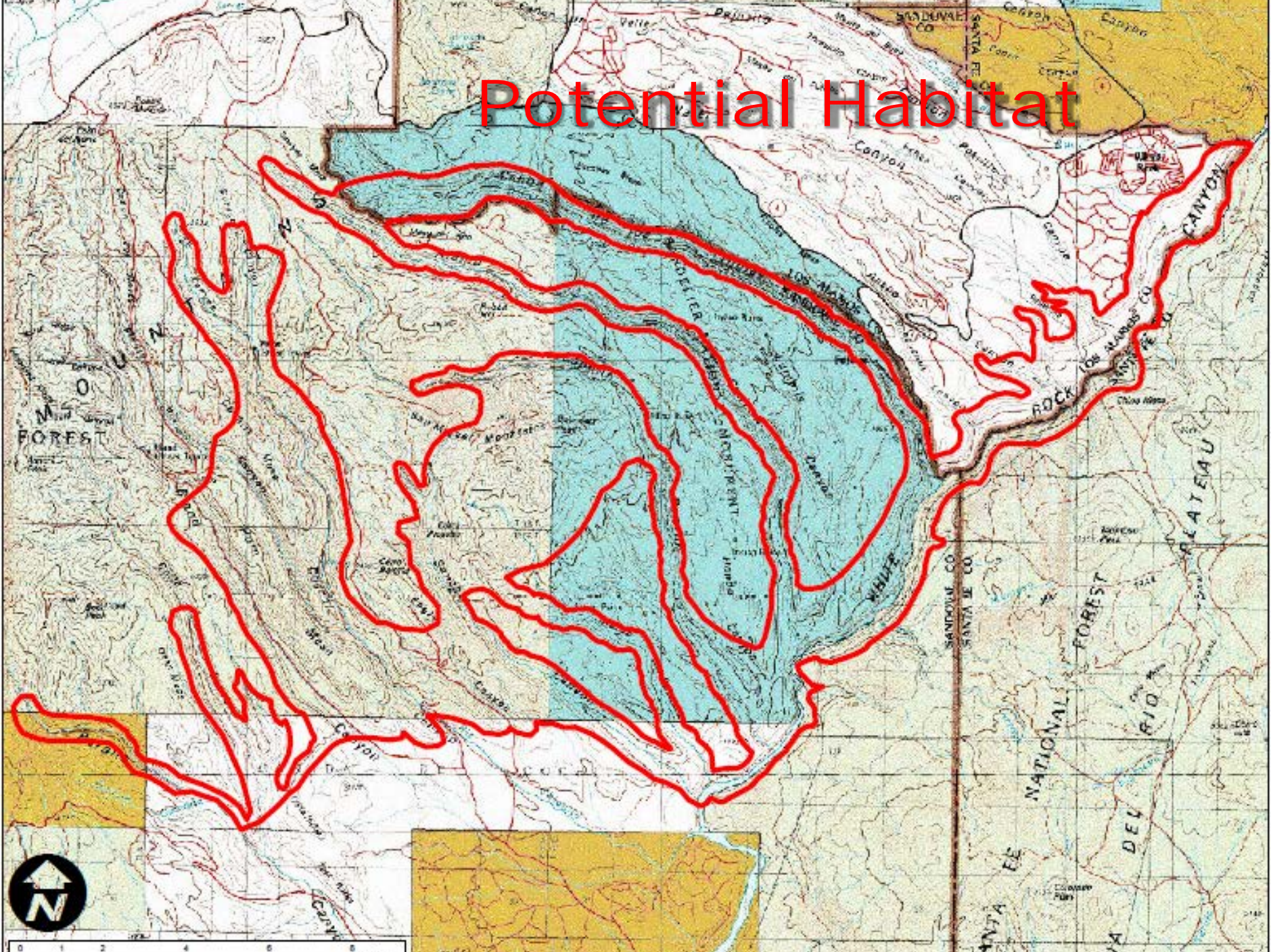


# Proposed Translocation

- Contingent on source herd
- Proposed public land release
- Trap dates Aug 11-14
- 30-40 sheep



# Potential Habitat








# Public Comment

## 42 comments received as of May 12

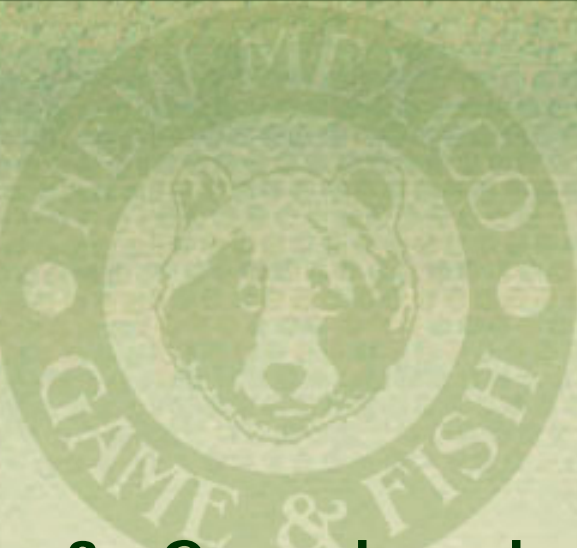
- Most comments surround resident/non-resident quota
- Support increasing desert bighorn populations and/or # of hunting licenses
- Concern over public access in the Dry Cimarron
- Concern about allocation of monies for waters for new herd(s)
- Concern about RGG hunt relative to Nat'l Monument status and public viewing of this herd
- Increase youth opportunity for rams and ewes consider separate ewe hunt



# **Draw structure: Bighorn 19.31.17 NMAC**

1. No change, maintain hunt codes as in current rule
2. Group by subspecies/sex by hunt code and can only apply to one hunt code
  - a. Rocky Ram BHS hunt code with hunt selections by GMU or mountain range
  - b. Desert Ram BHS hunt code with hunt selection by GMU or mountain range
  - c. Rocky Ewe BHS hunt code


In all the above mentioned hunt codes the Youth hunts would be a hunt selection and limited to the YO requirements.



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3. Group by subspecies/sex by hunt code and assign lucky hunters
  - a. Rocky Ram BHS hunt code
  - b. Desert Ram BHS hunt code
  - c. Rocky Ewe BHS hunt code





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- Adjust seasons for calendar dates
- Extending length of all Rocky hunts
- Split Latir ram hunts
- Create new Latir archery ewe hunt

The logo of the New Mexico Game & Fish Department is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a bighorn sheep's head facing forward. The words "NEW MEXICO" are written in a semi-circle above the head, and "GAME & FISH" is written in a semi-circle below it. The entire emblem is rendered in a light green, semi-transparent style.

# **Proposed Amendments: Bighorn 19.31.17 NMAC**

- New Ram hunt in the Rio Grande Gorge
- New Ram hunt in Dry Cimarron
- Reopening Turkey Creek/San Francisco





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- Change boundary descriptors to GMU's not mountain range



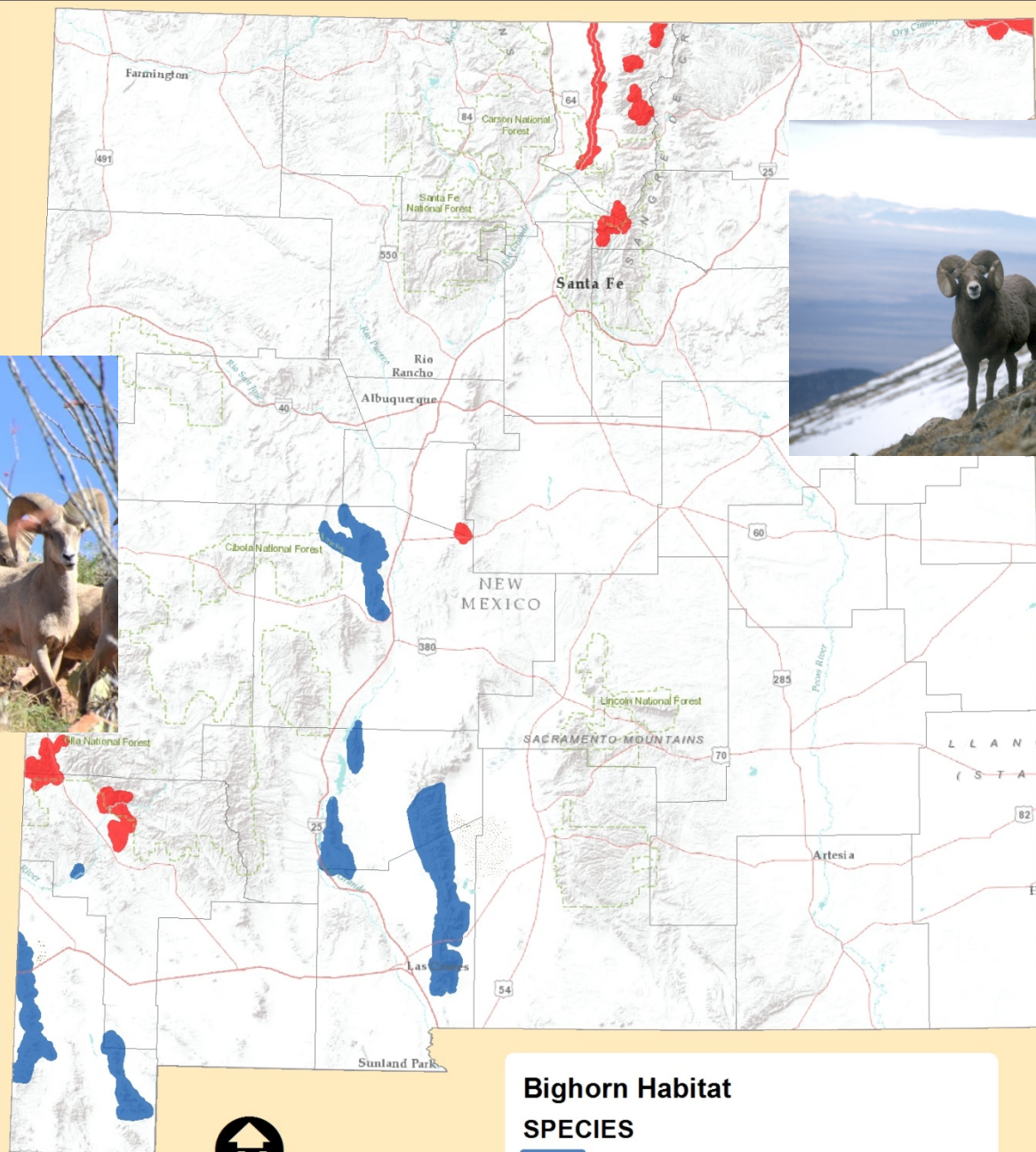
***Questions?***





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**Bighorn Habitat SPECIES**

- DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP

Sources: Esri, DeLorme, USGS, NPS, Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA